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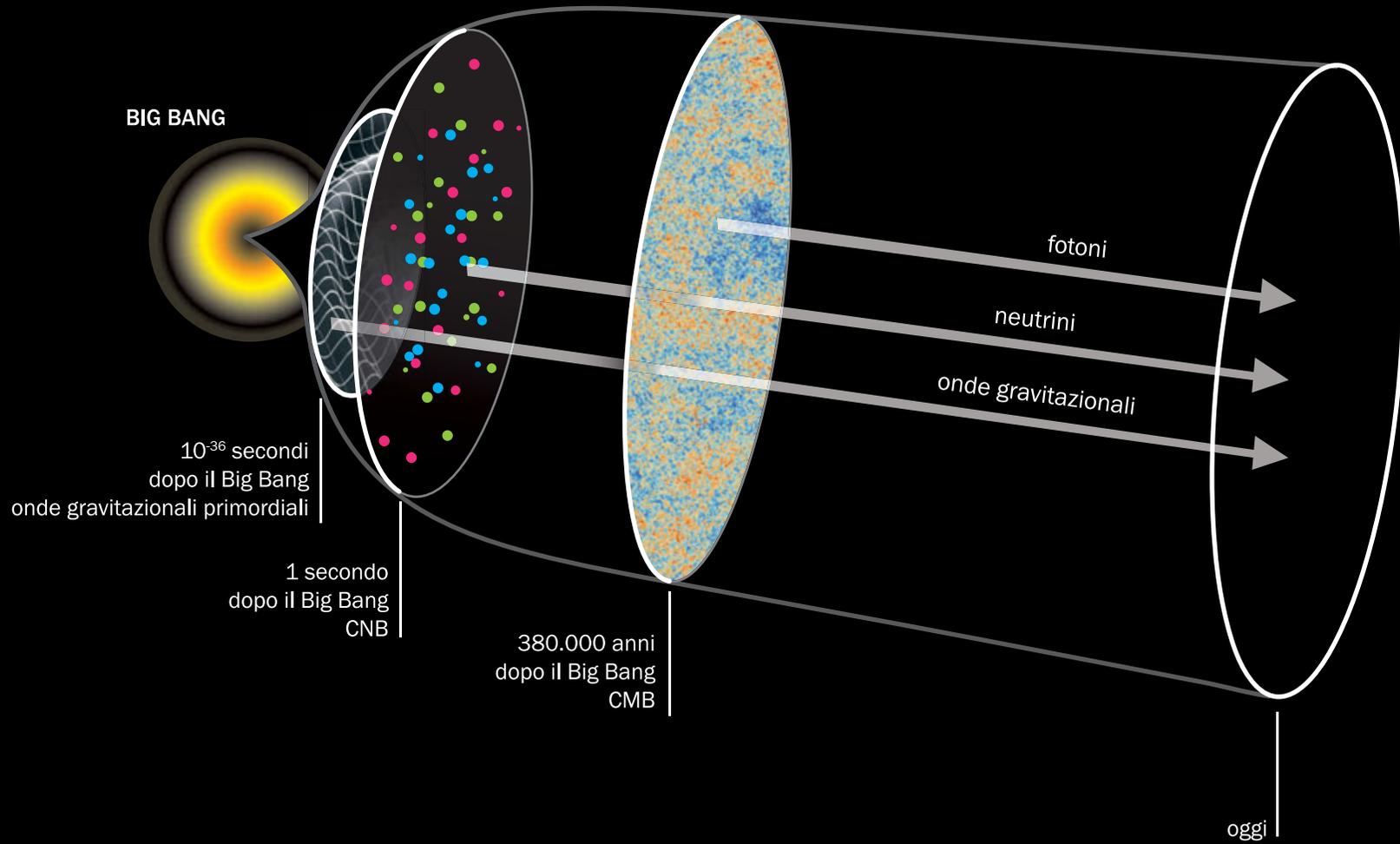
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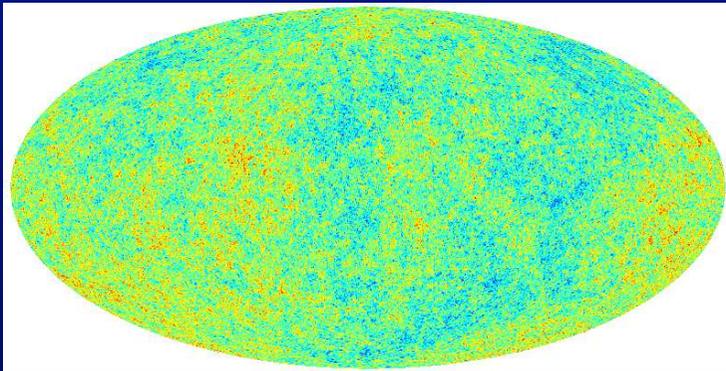
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Looking Back in Time

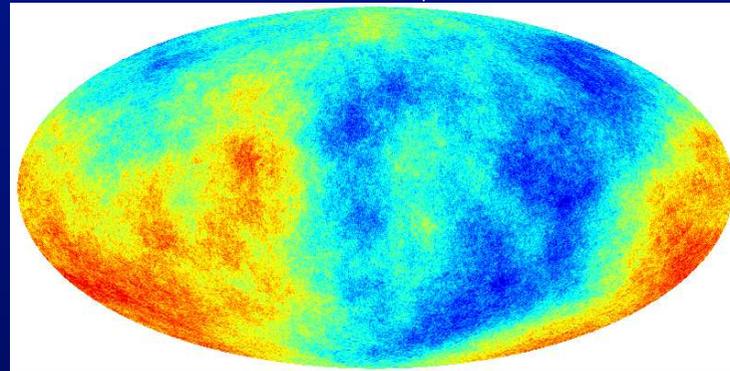


The Neutrino Sky

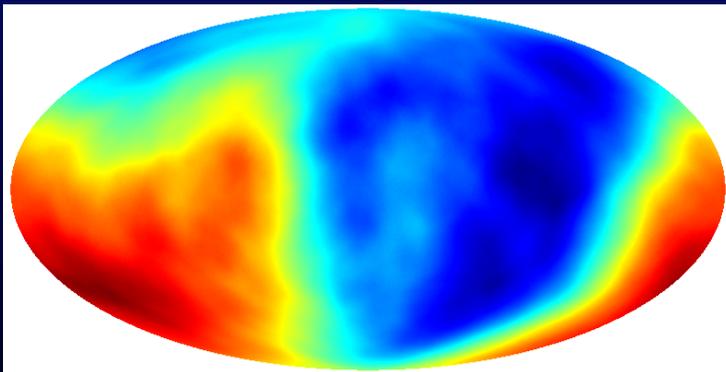
$m_\nu < 0.00001$ eV



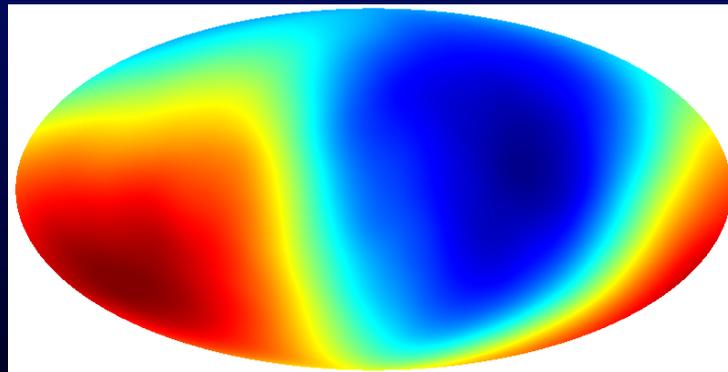
$m_\nu \sim 0.001$ eV



Hannestad, Brandbyge (2009)

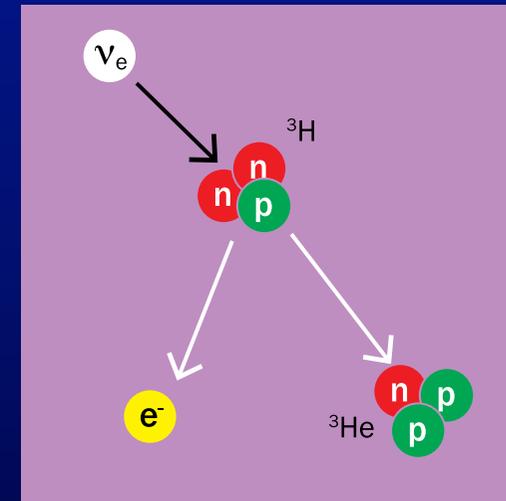
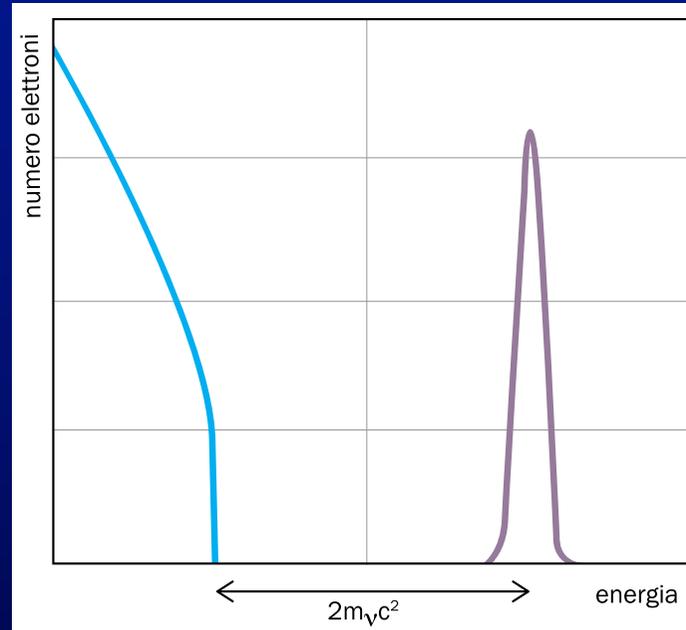
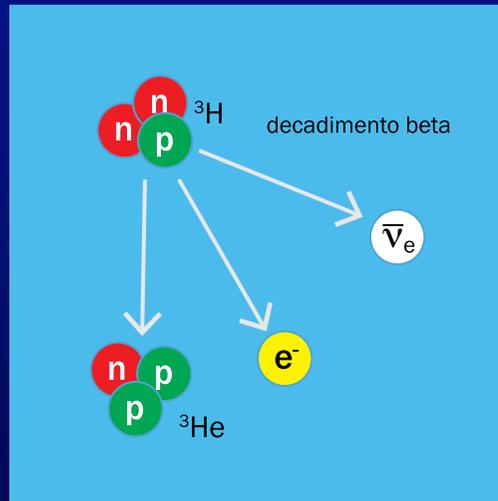


$m_\nu \sim 0.01$ eV

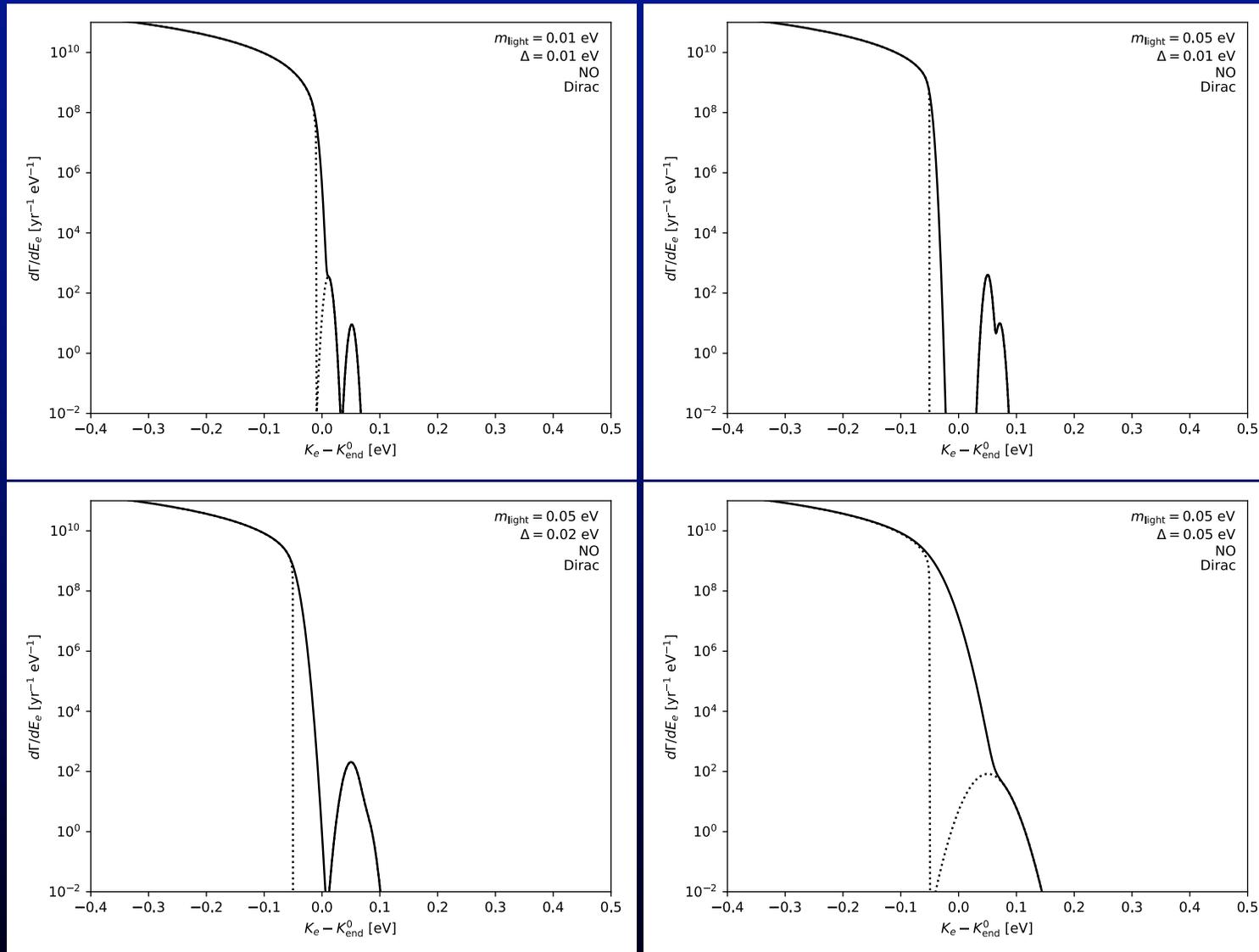


$m_\nu \sim 0.1$ eV

Detection Concept: Neutrino Capture



Challenges: Resolution and Backgrounds

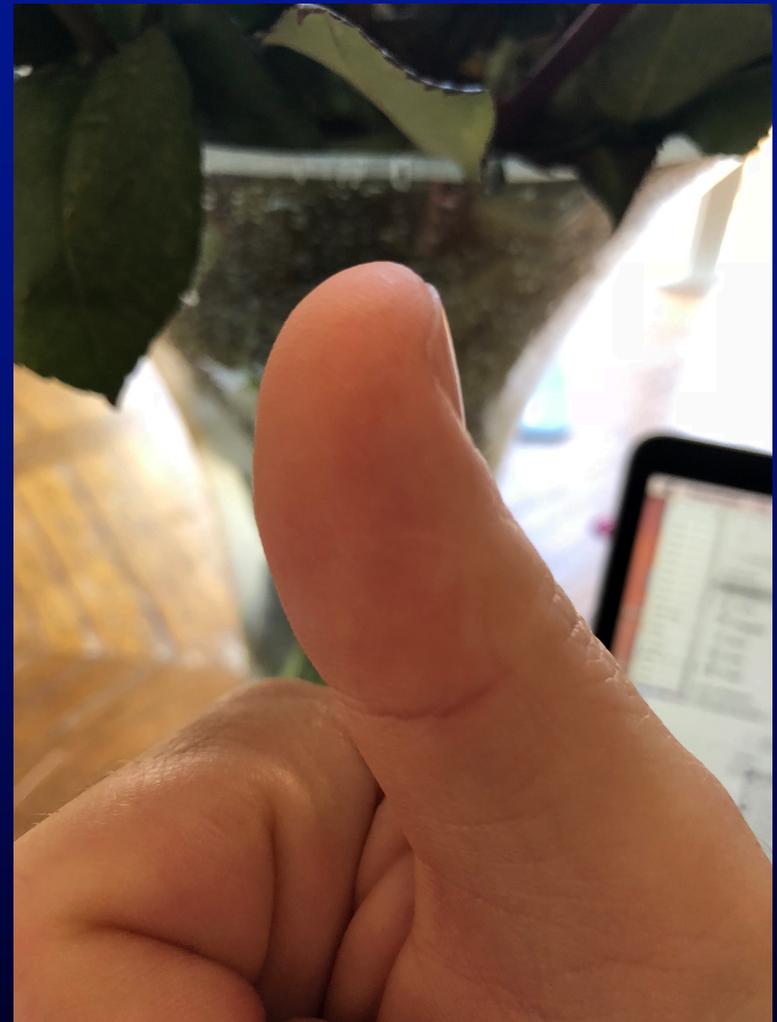
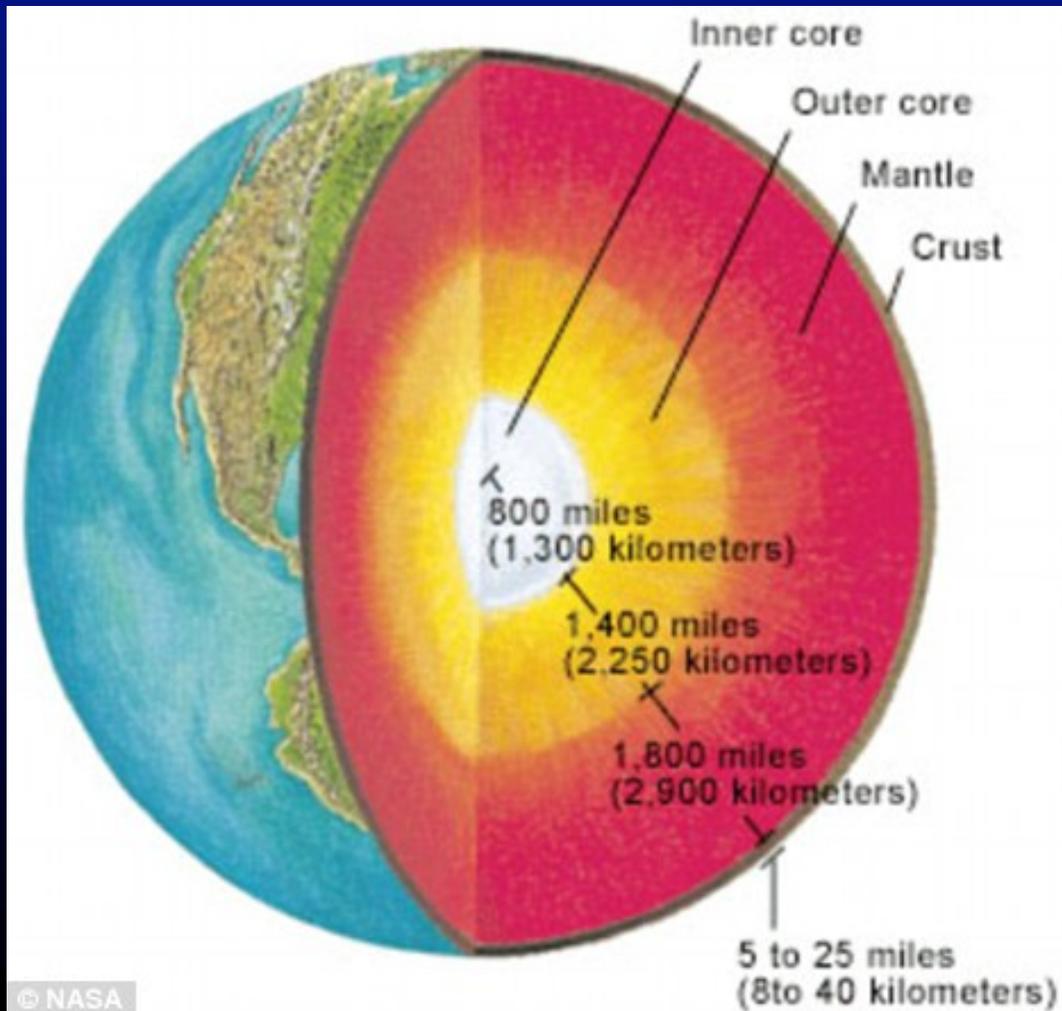


Normal Ordering

High Radio-Purity Carbon

Thumb radioactivity (1 per second \rightarrow 1 per 100 years)

Graphene fabrication from $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{CH}_4$

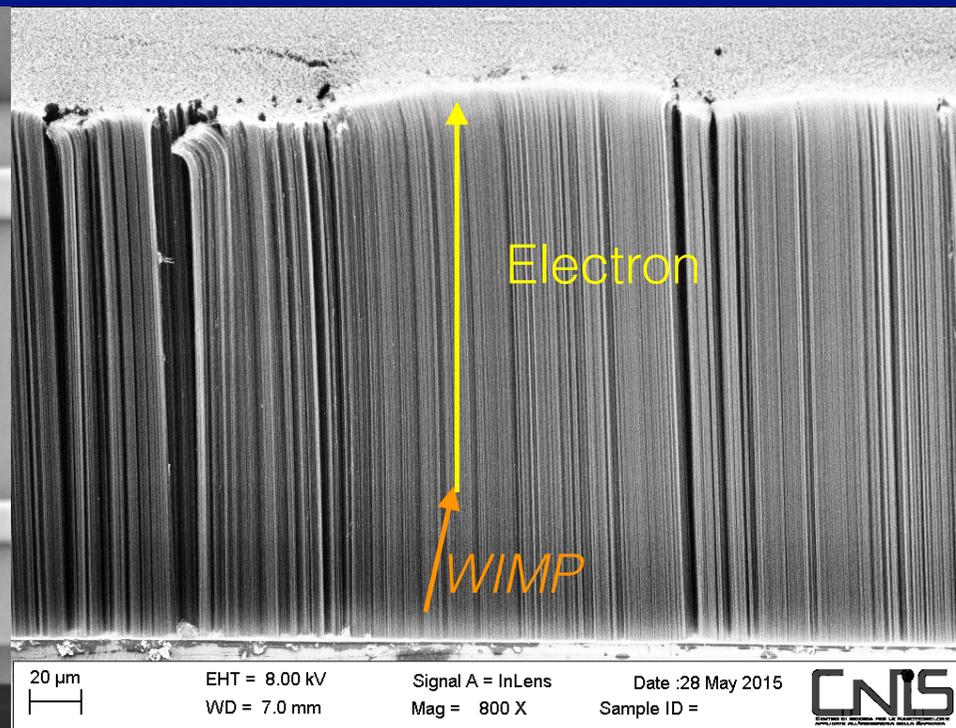
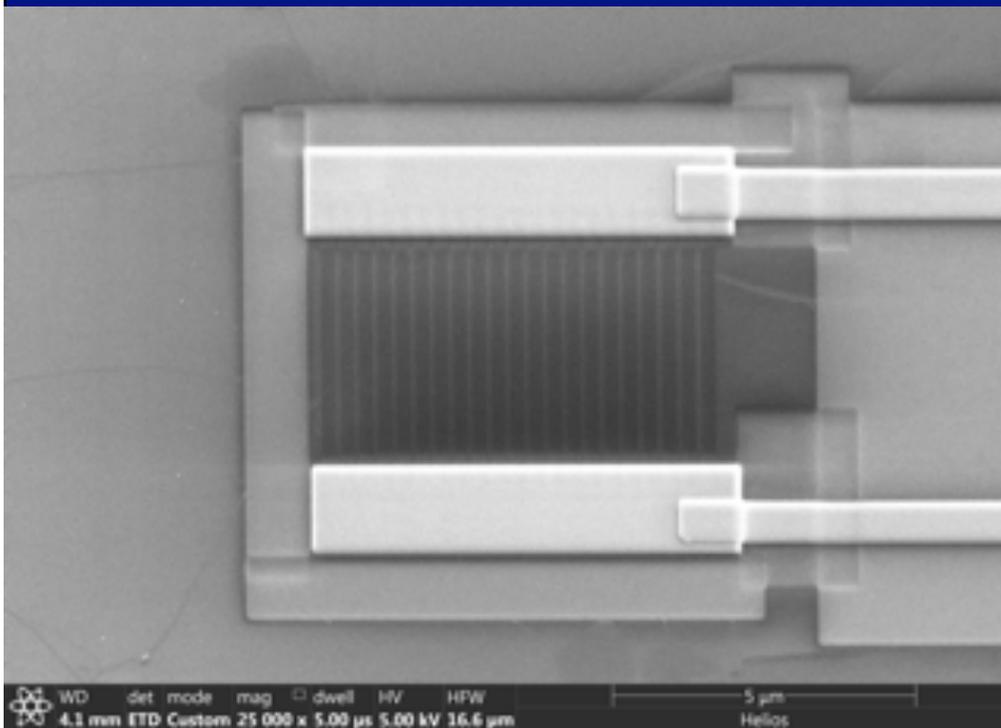


Kinder Morgan Doe Canyon CO_2 facility in southwestern Colorado

Graphene Targets: Two Concepts

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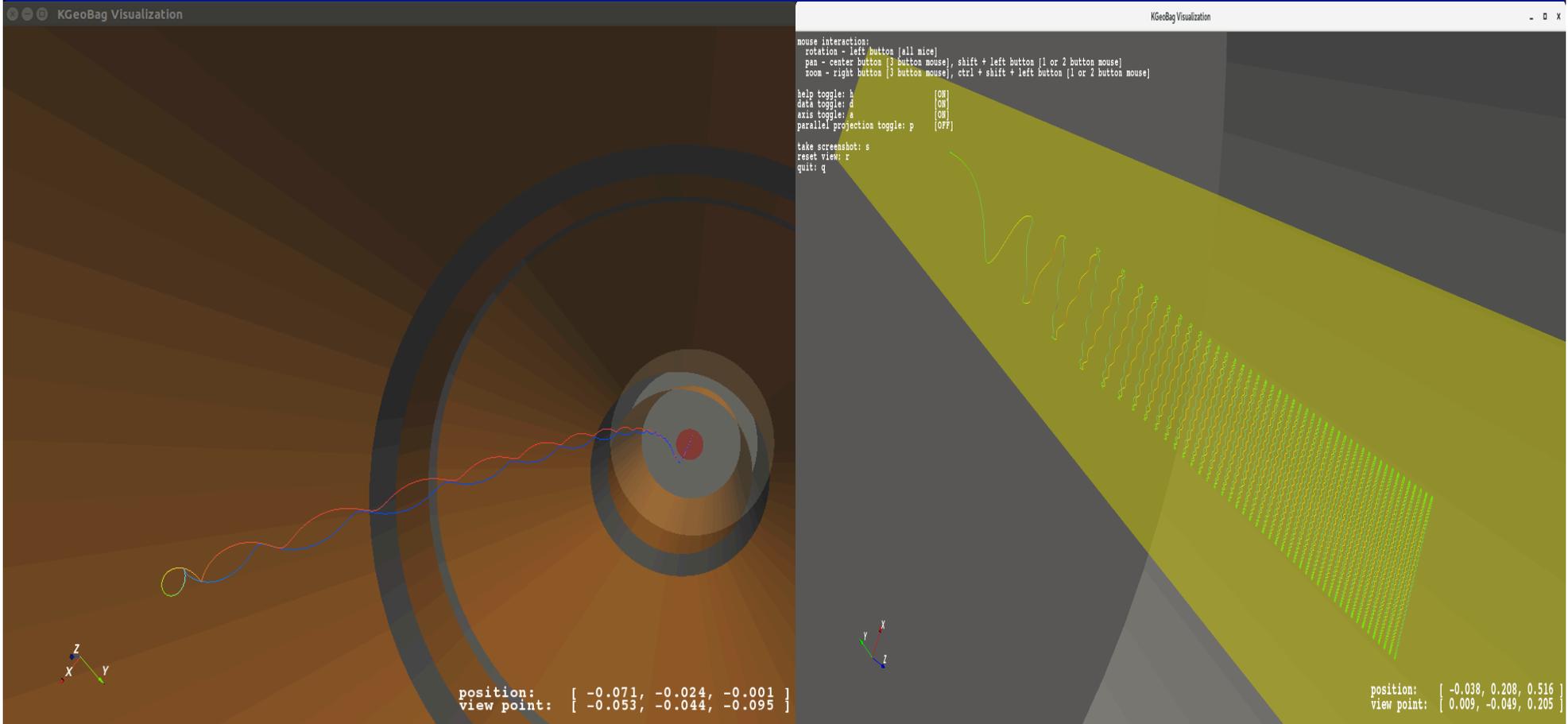
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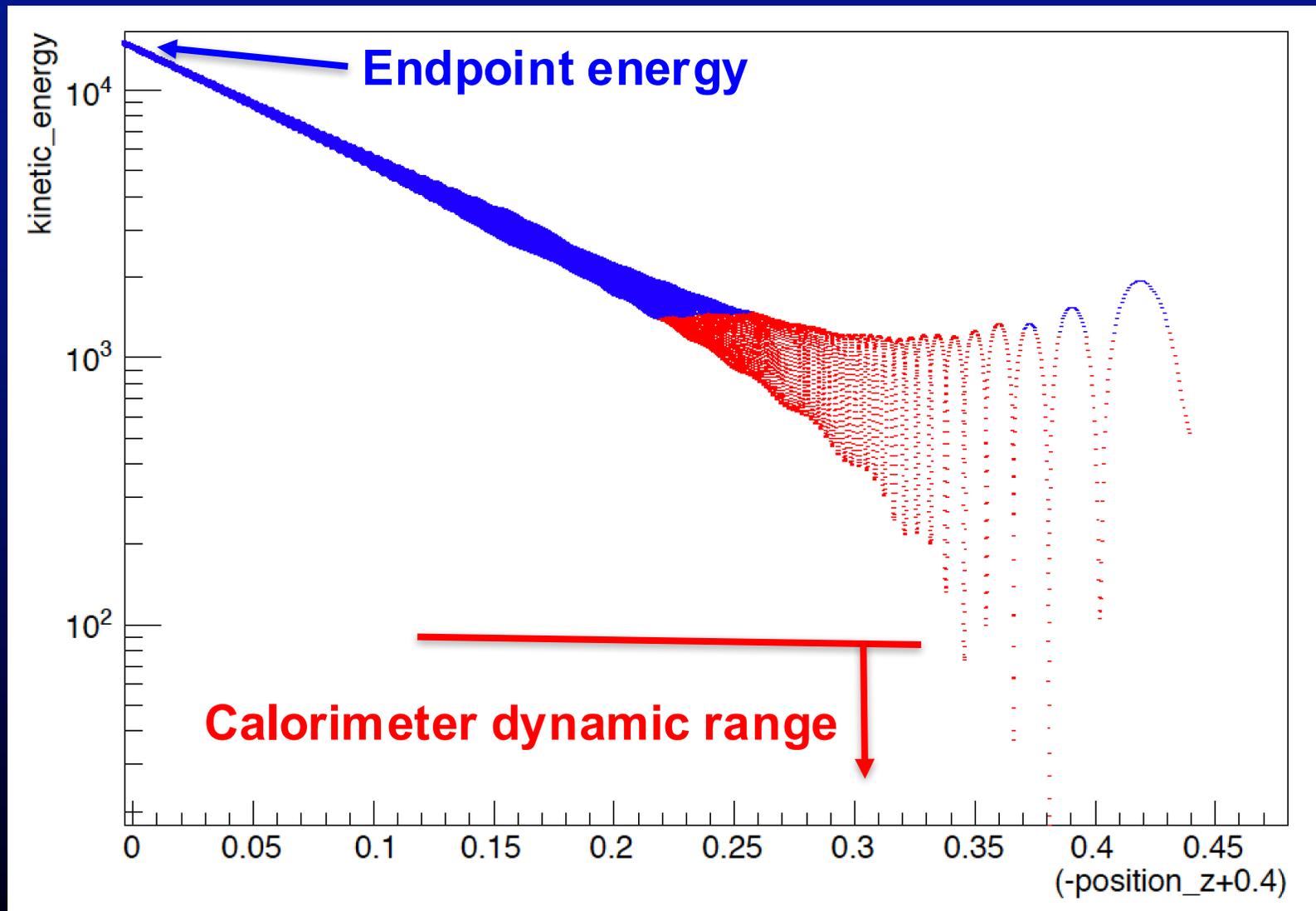
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Anisotropy of aligned CNTs

Electromagnetic Telescope Optics

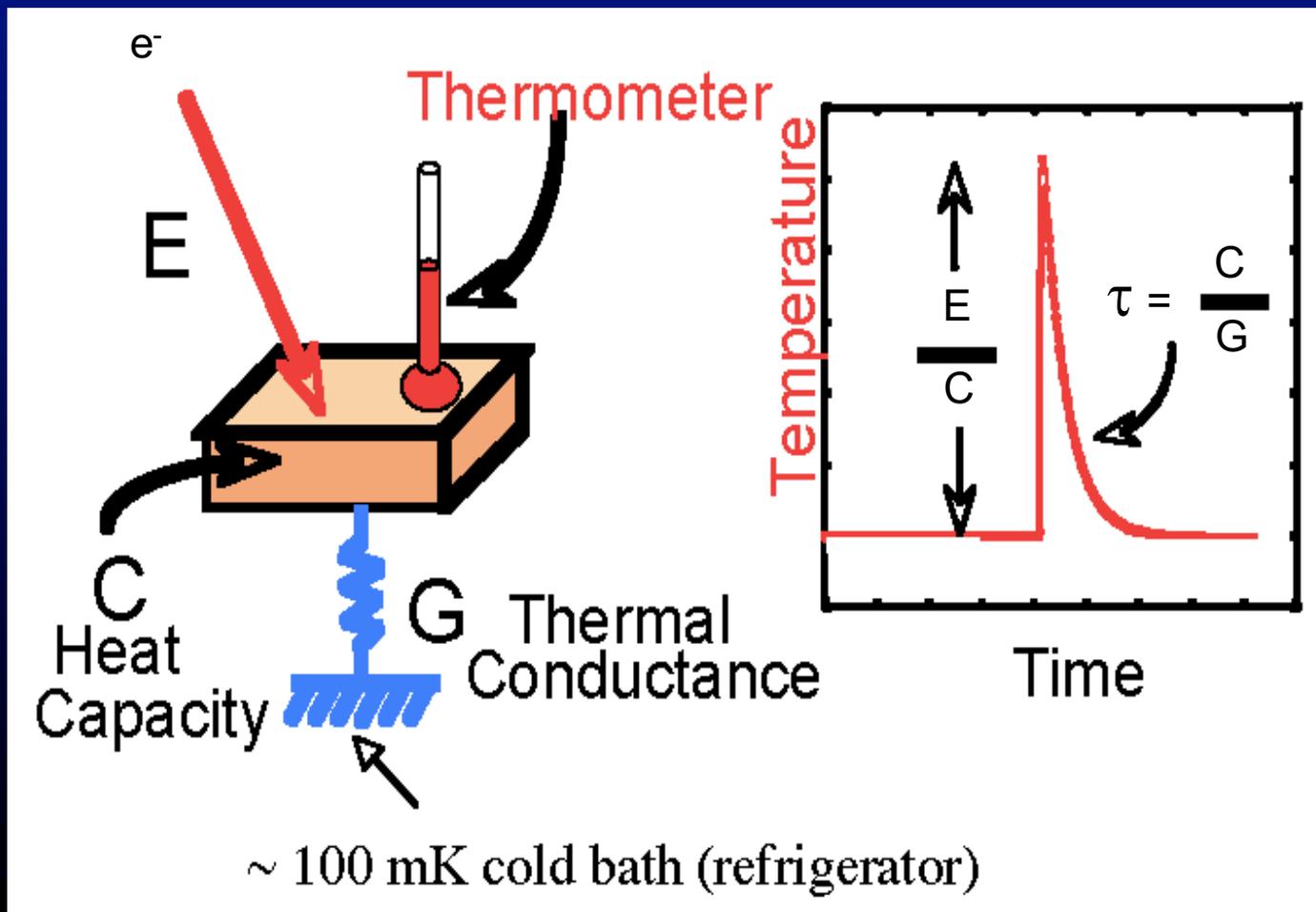


Measurement of Endpoint Energies



Microcalorimetry

- Optimize Transition-Edge Sensors for low energy electron calorimetry with an energy resolution sufficient to resolve the neutrino mass



Thin sensors:
~1 eV electron
can be stopped
with very small C

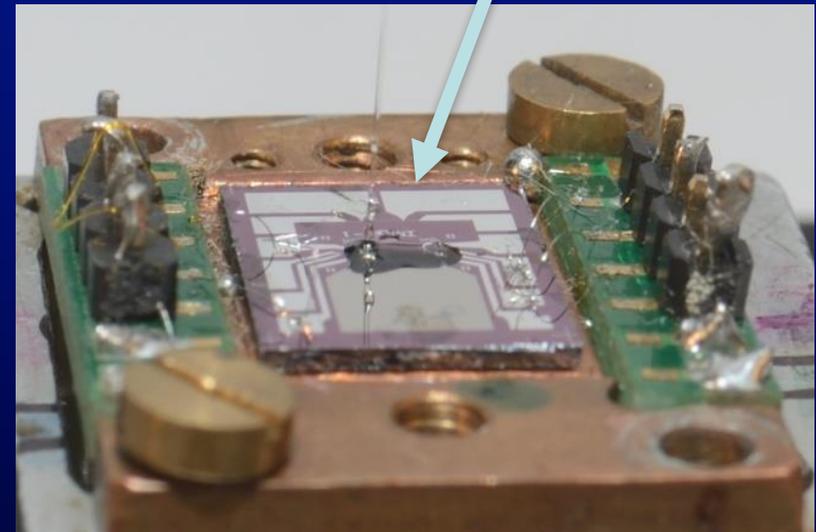
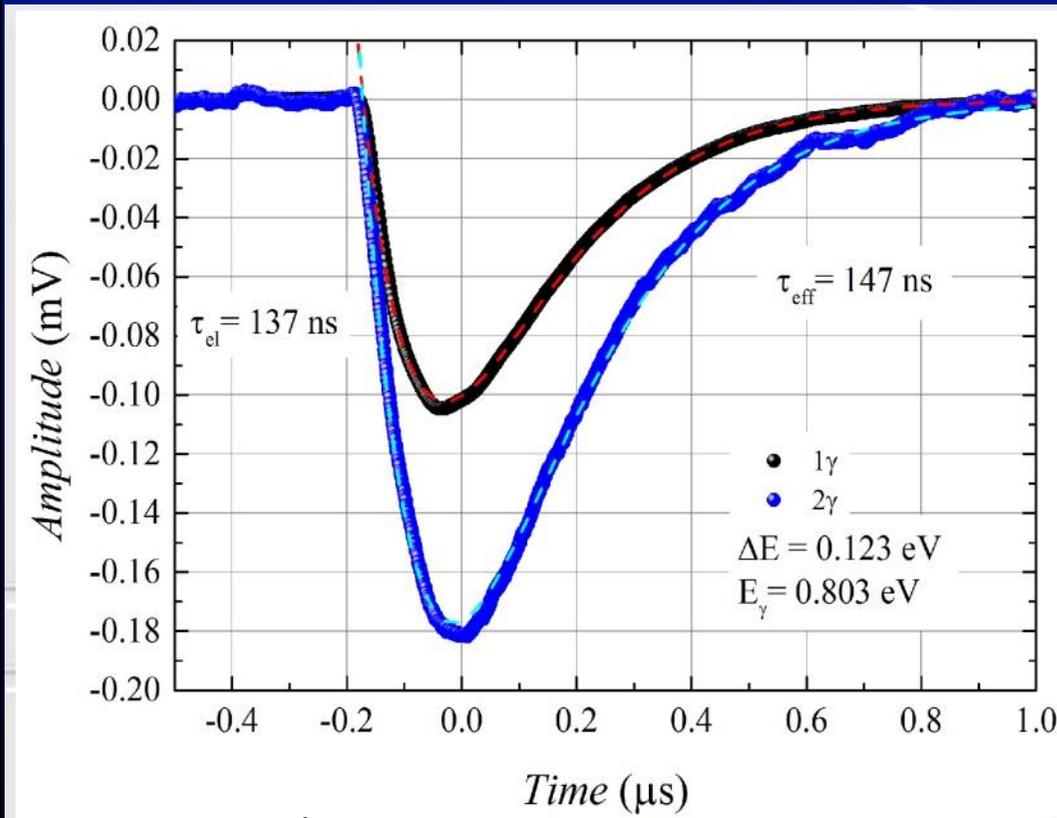
**Fast time
response:**

Time response (τ)
also small ($< \mu\text{sec}$)

Single Infrared Photon Detectors

Results from INRIM (Torino) -
Istituto Nazionale di Ricerca
Metrologica

Transition-Edge Sensor

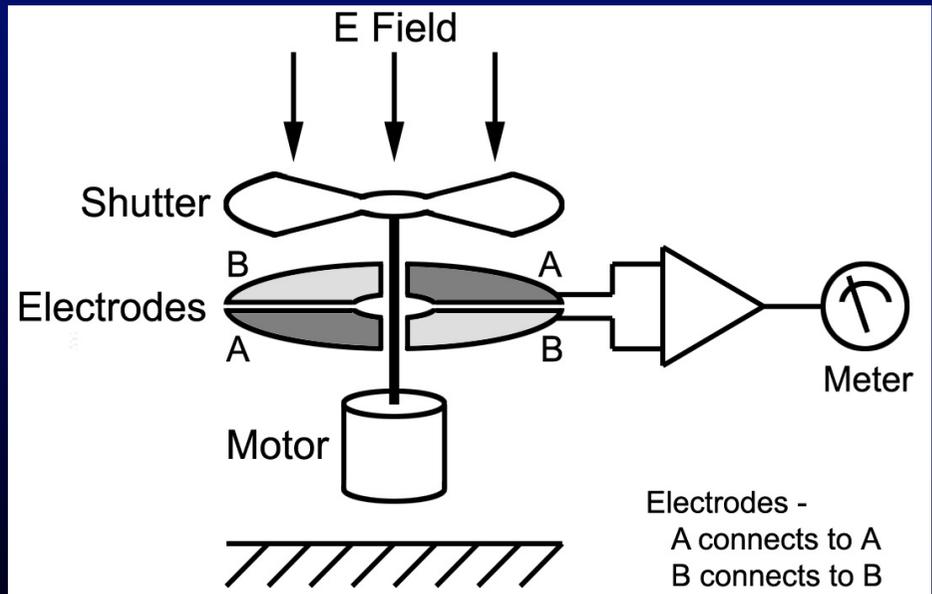
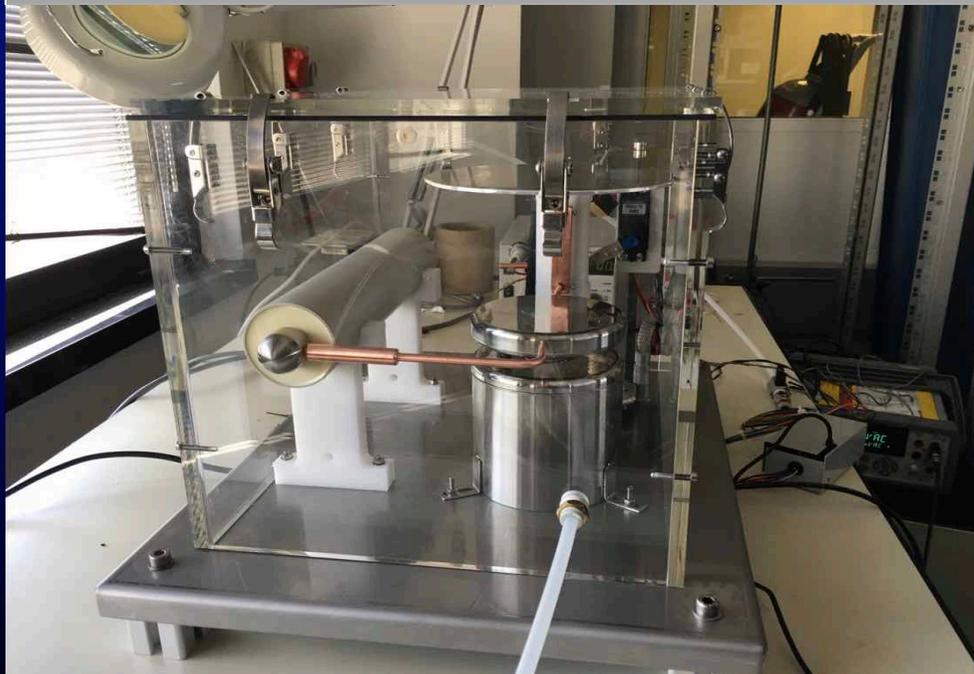
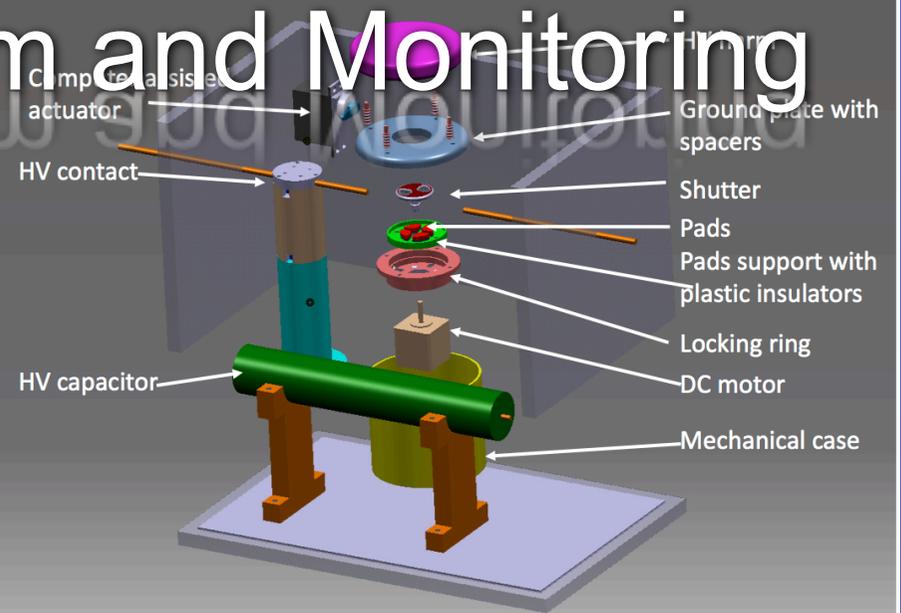
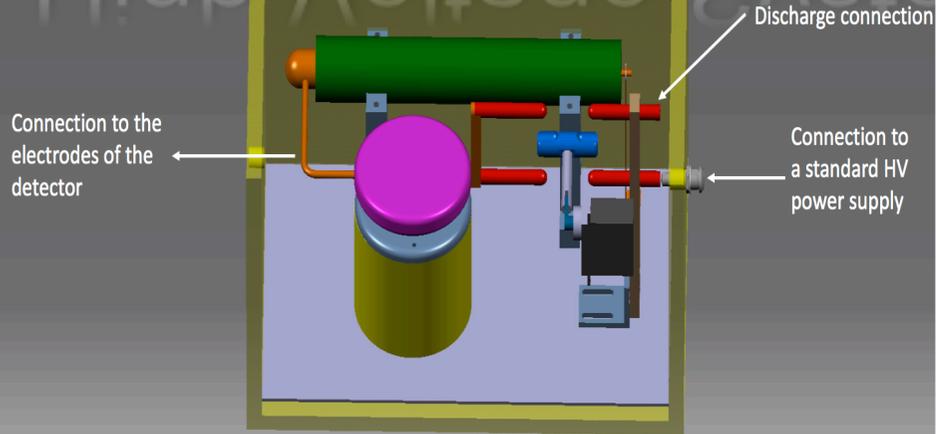


Infrared Photons $E=0.8\text{eV}$

$\sigma_E = 0.05 \text{ eV} @ 300\text{mK}$

→ Exceeding goals for
energy resolution

High Voltage System and Monitoring



PTOLEMY Prototype

(Princeton Team →)

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

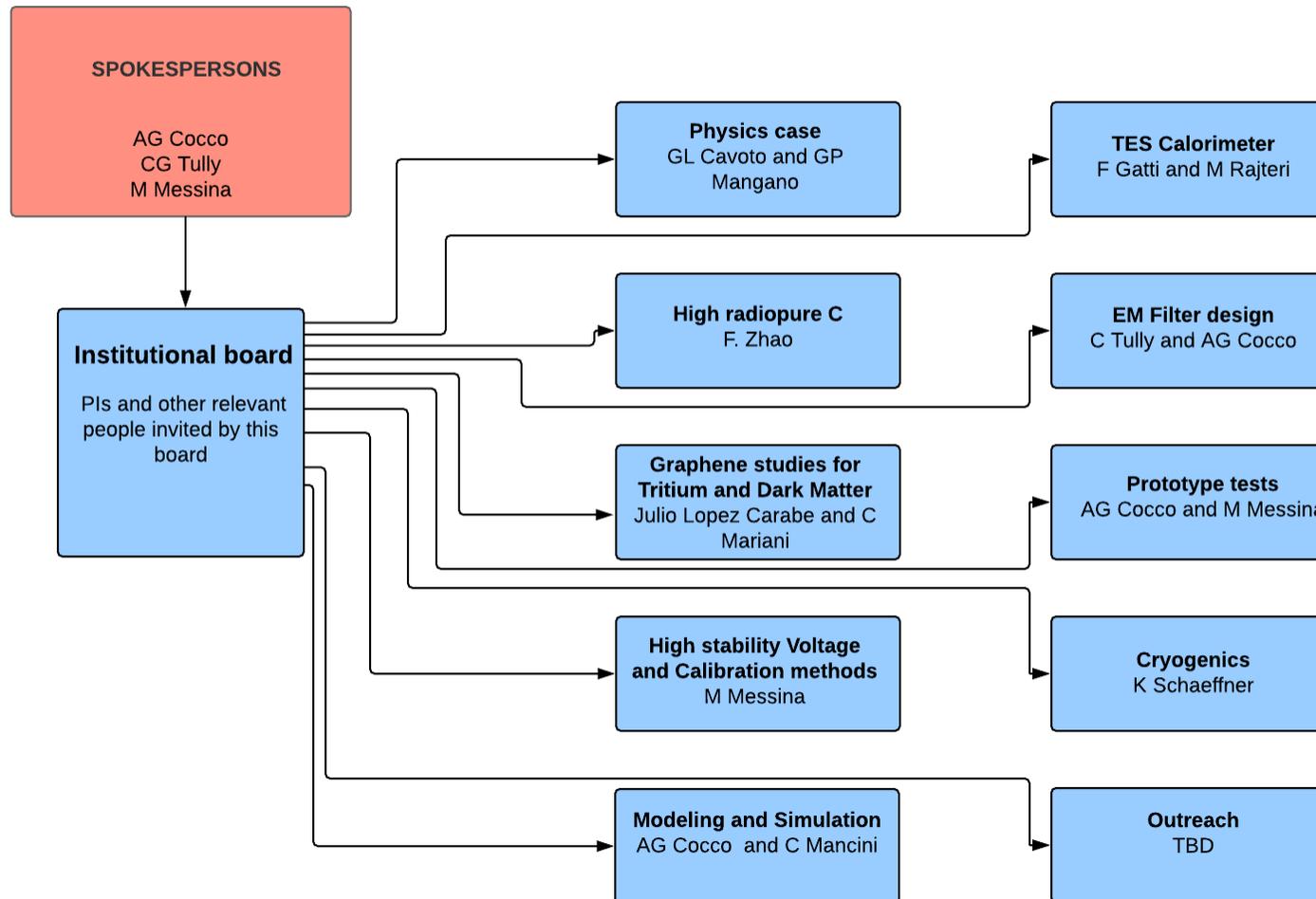
R&D Prototype @ PU
(June 7, 2017)

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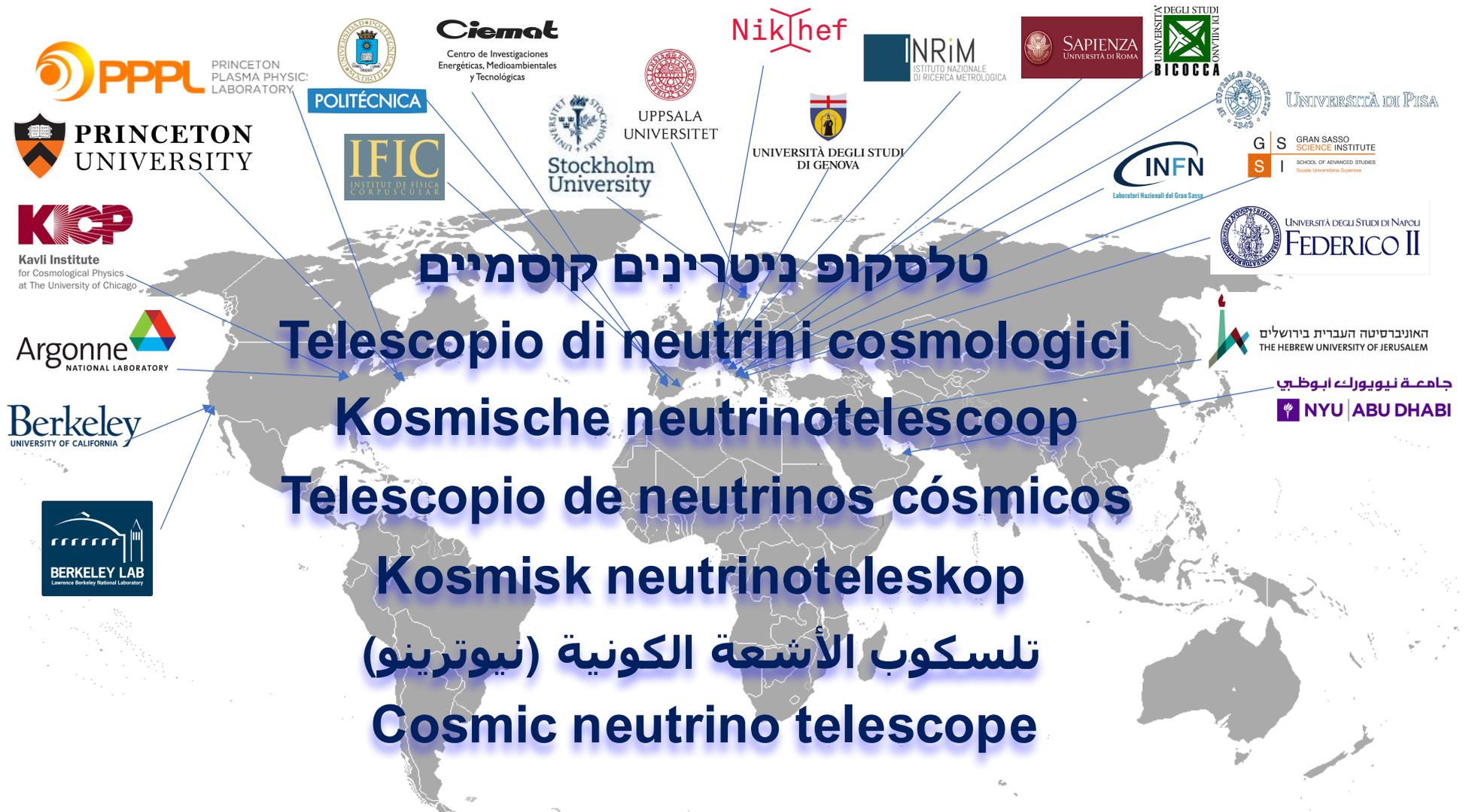
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PTOLEMY ORGANIZATION CHART

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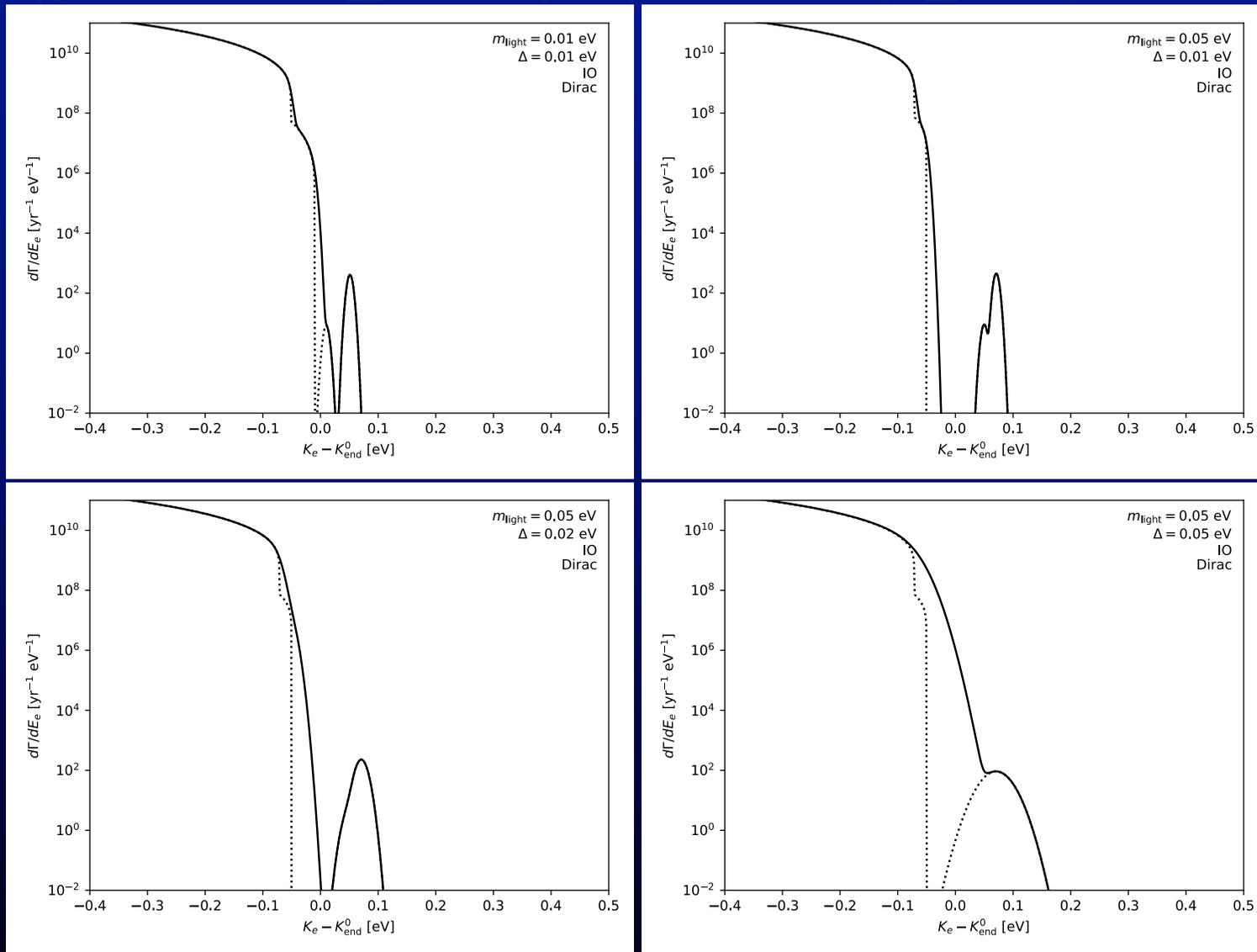


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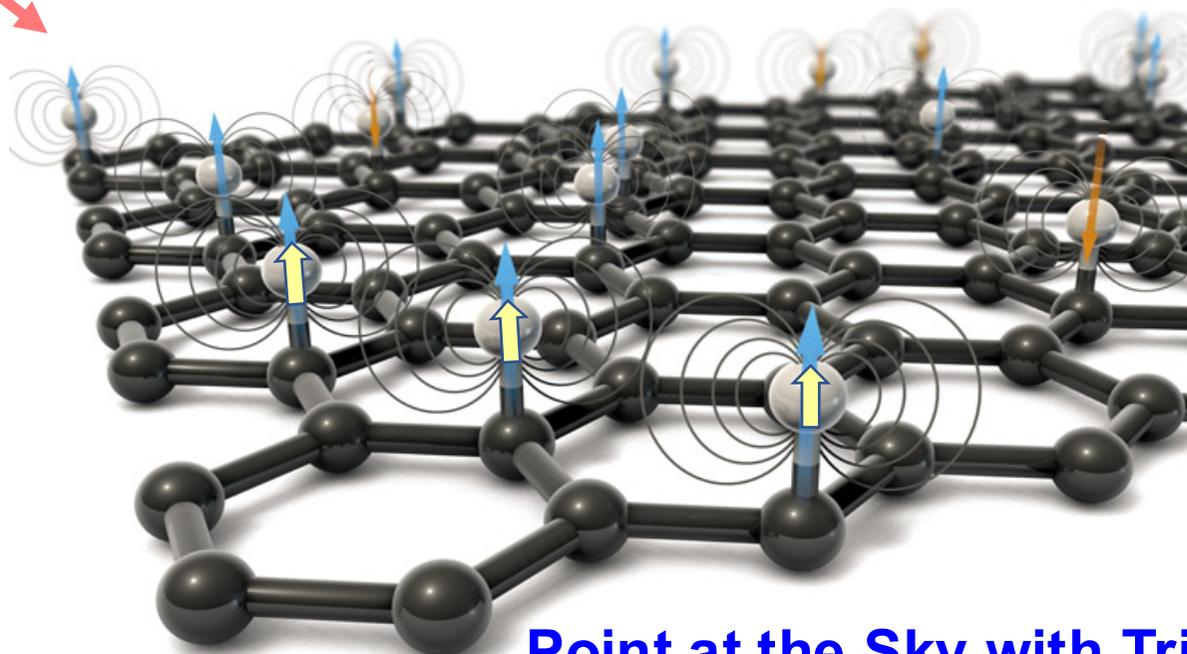
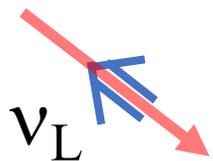
Commentary

Challenges: Resolution and Backgrounds



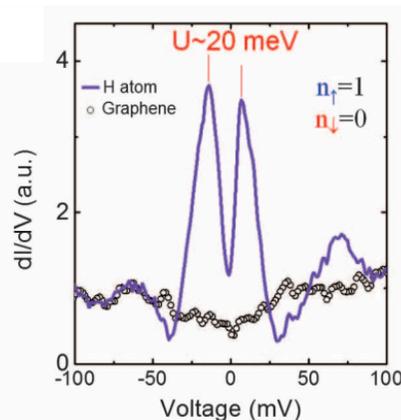
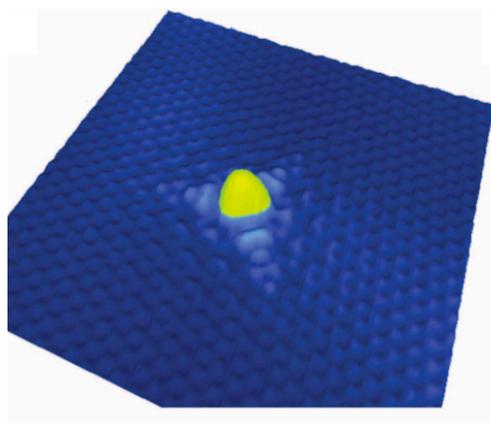
Inverted Ordering

Polarized Tritium Target



Lisanti, Safdi, CGT, 2014.

Point at the Sky with Tritium Nuclear Spin 



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).

Polarized ${}^3\text{H}$ Decay

$$\frac{d^5\omega}{dE_e d\Omega_e d\Omega_\nu} = \frac{G_F^2}{(2\pi)^5} p_e E_e (\Delta m - E_e)^2 \xi [1 + a\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\nu}} + \hat{\mathbf{P}} \cdot (A\boldsymbol{\beta} + B\hat{\boldsymbol{\nu}})] , \quad (1)$$

where G_F is the Fermi constant, Δm is the difference between the ${}^3\text{H}$ and ${}^3\text{He}$ mass, p_e (E_e) is the electron impulse (energy), $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ ($\boldsymbol{\nu}$) is the electron (neutrino) three-velocity, and $\hat{\mathbf{P}}$ is the ${}^3\text{H}$ polarization versor. The quantities ξ , a , A and B contain the nuclear matrix elements, and can be written in terms of the “standard” Fermi (F) and Gamow-Teller (GT) matrix elements as

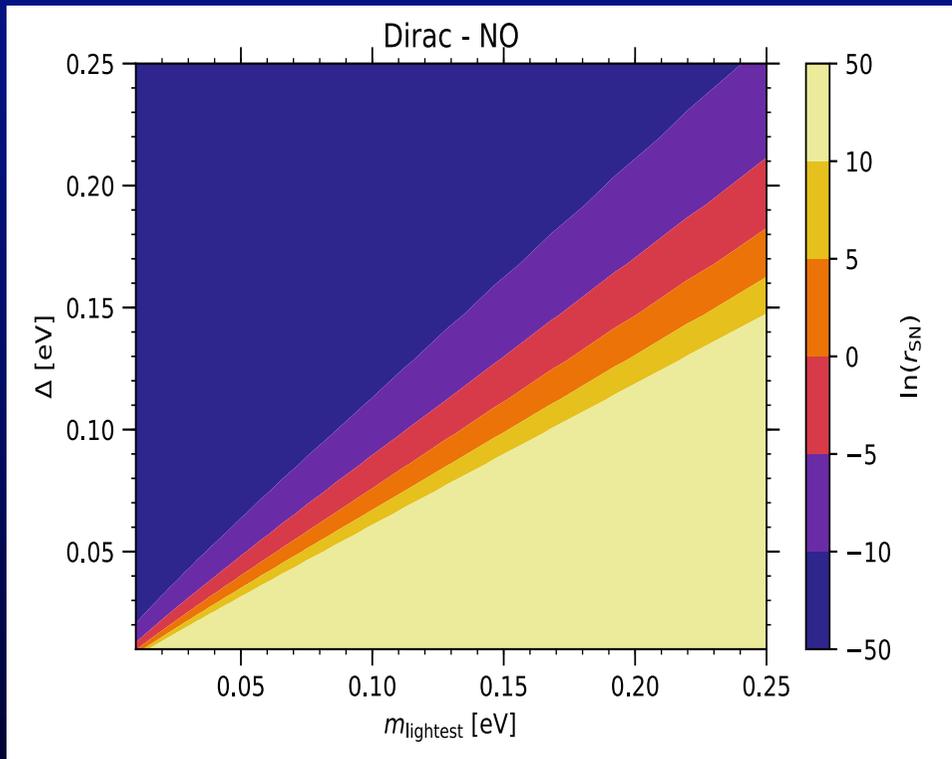
$$\xi = |F|^2 + g_A^2 |GT|^2 , \quad (2)$$

$$a\xi = |F|^2 - \frac{g_A^2}{3} |GT|^2 , \quad (3)$$

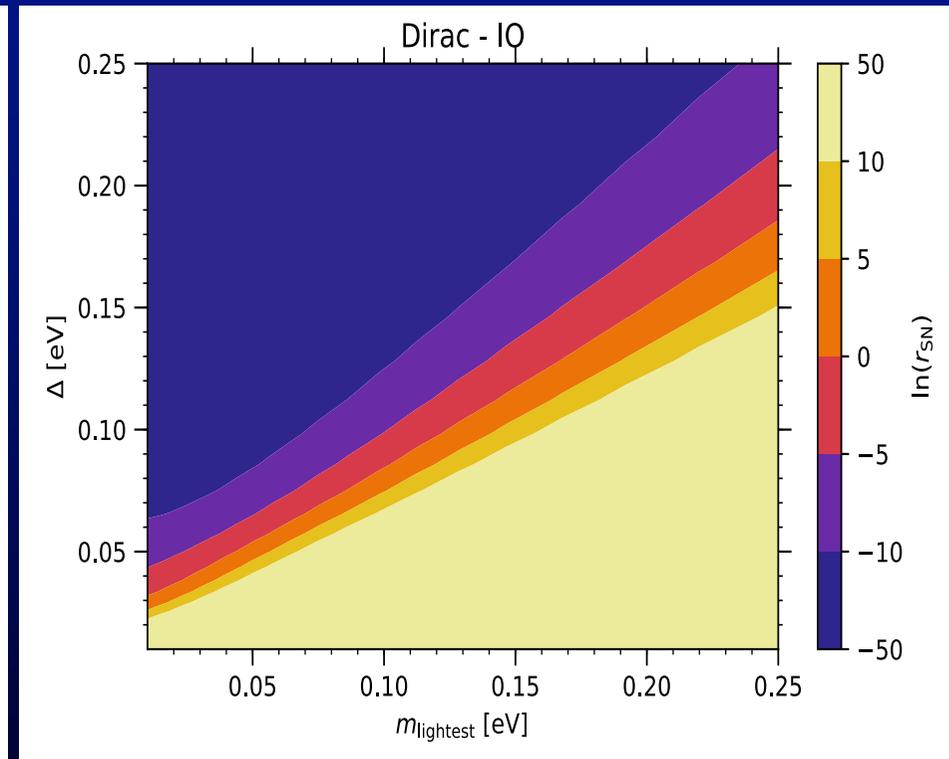
$$A\xi = -\frac{2}{3} g_A^2 |GT|^2 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} |GT||F| , \quad (4)$$

$$B\xi = +\frac{2}{3} g_A^2 |GT|^2 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} |GT||F| . \quad (5)$$

CNB Signal-to-Noise

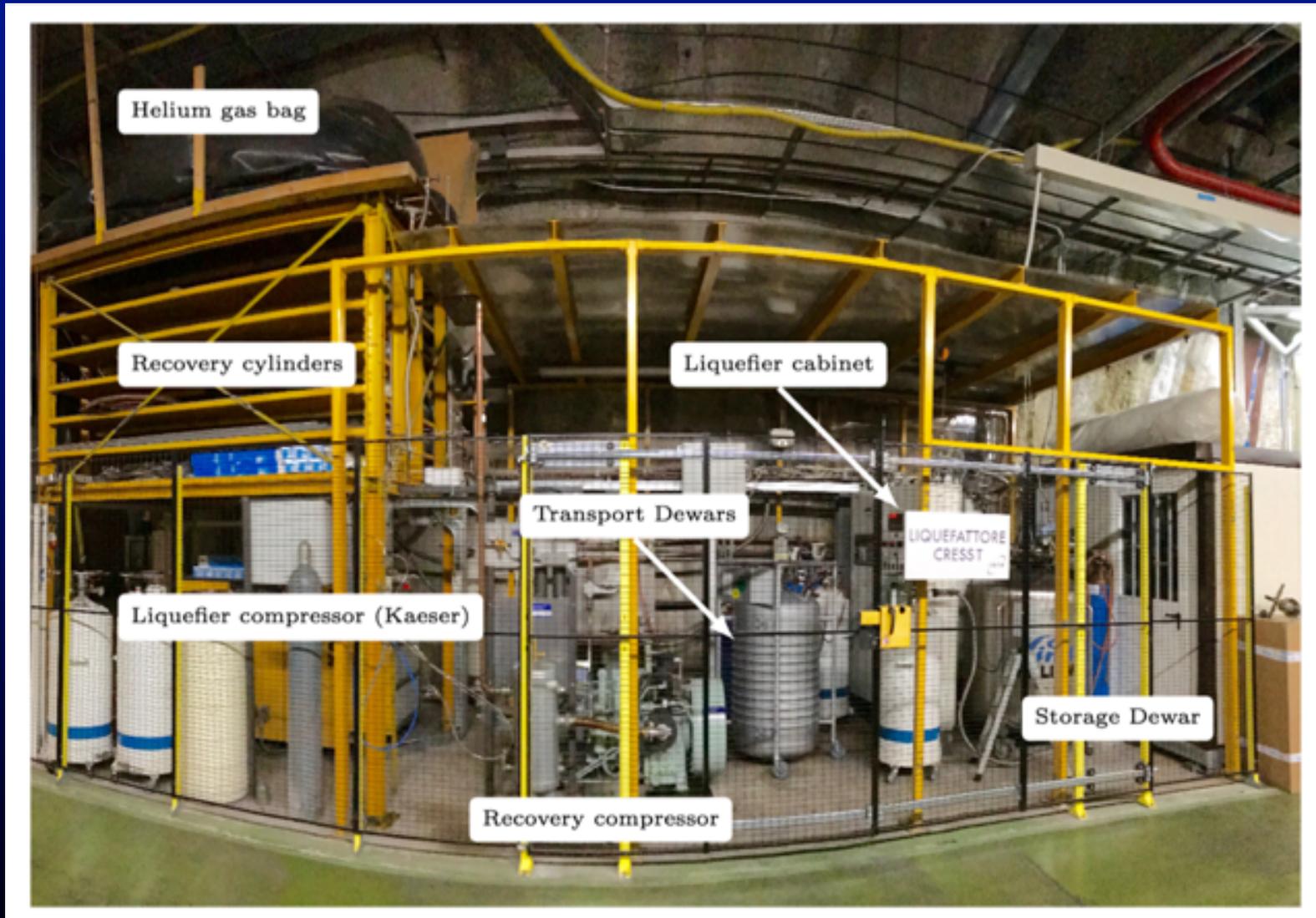


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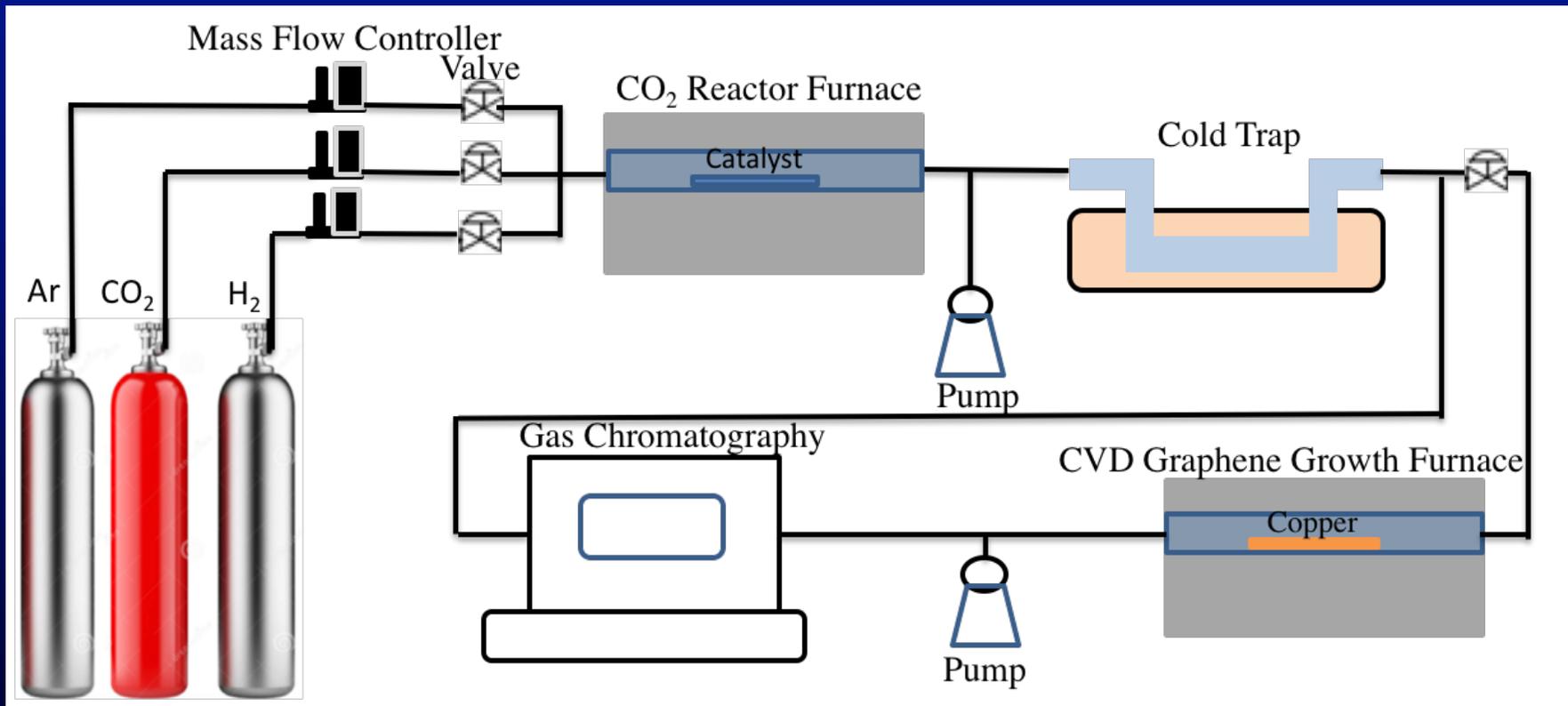


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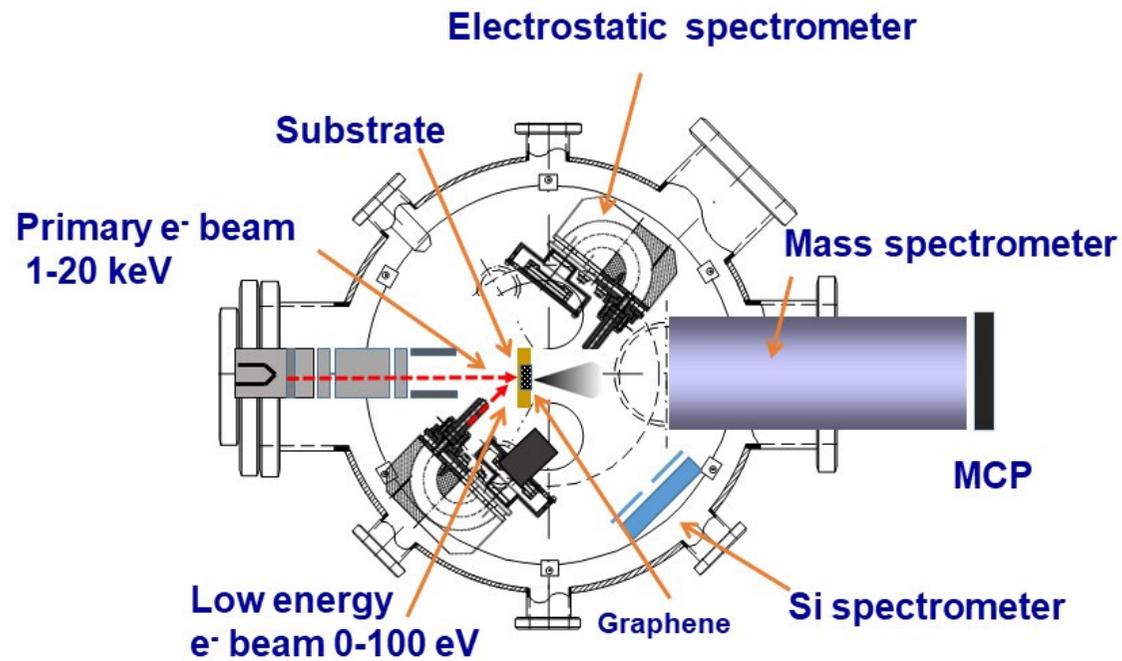
Cryogenic System of CRESST



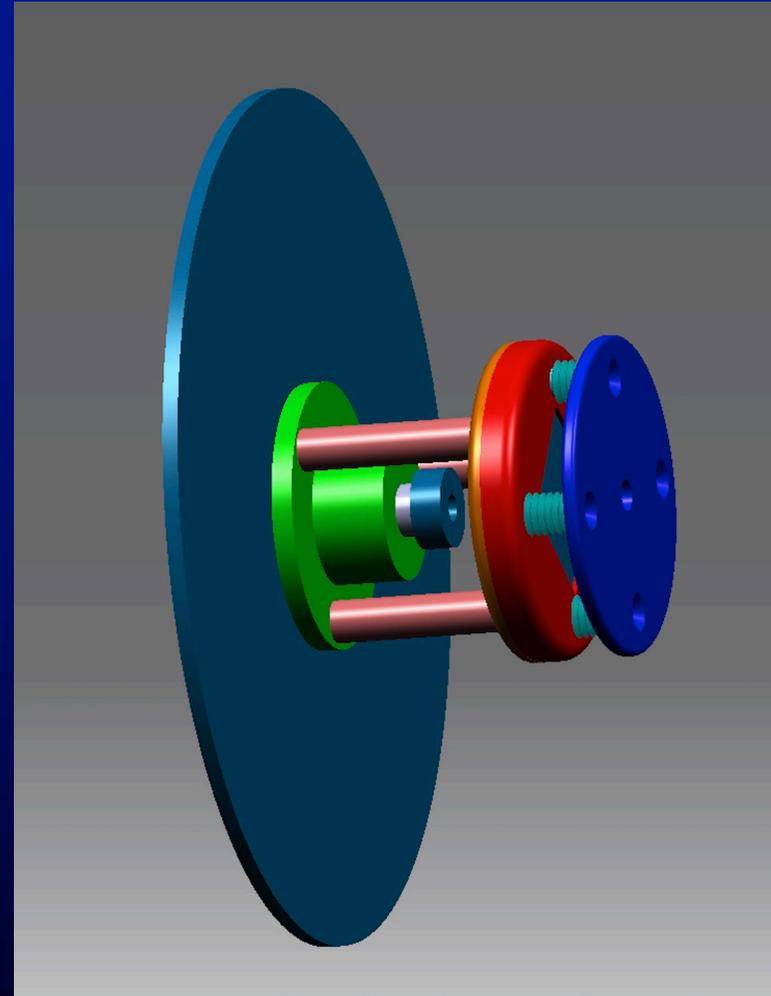
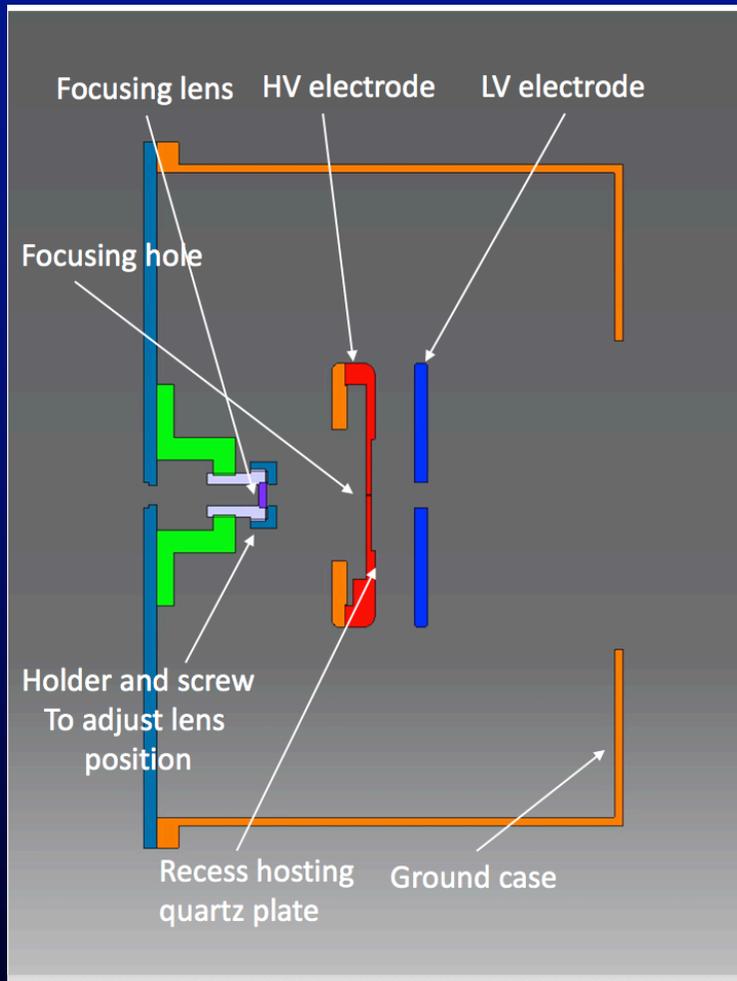
High Radio-Pure ^{12}C ($\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_4$)



Electron-Graphene Interaction Chamber

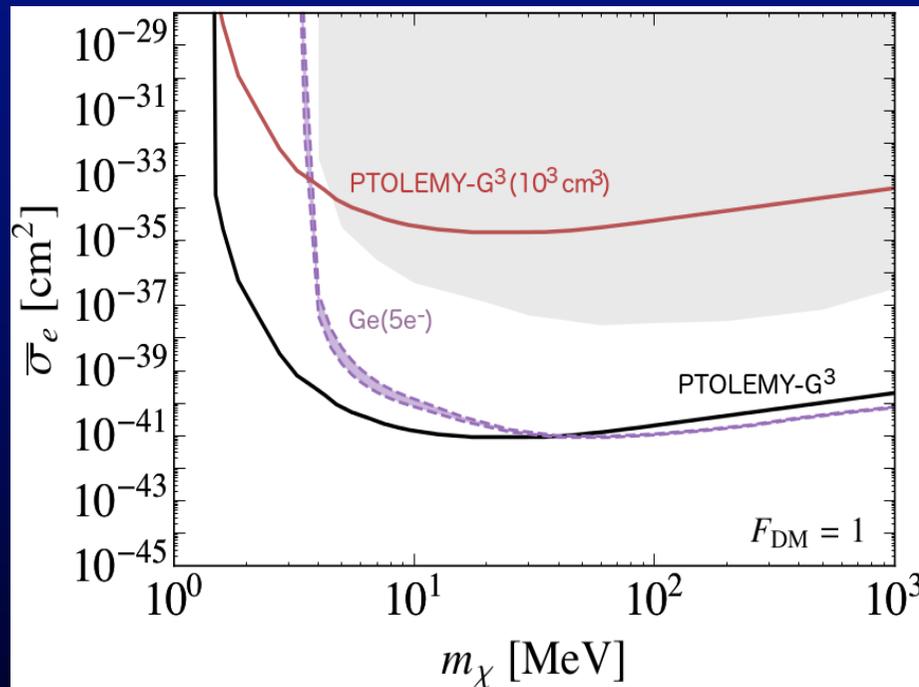


Electron Gun

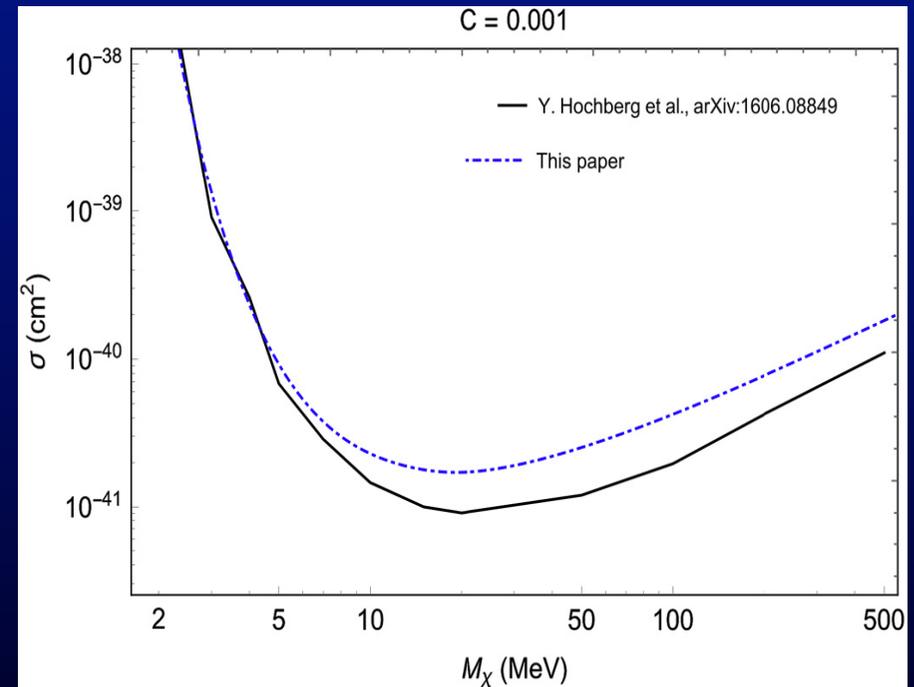


Direction Detection MeV Dark Matter Searches

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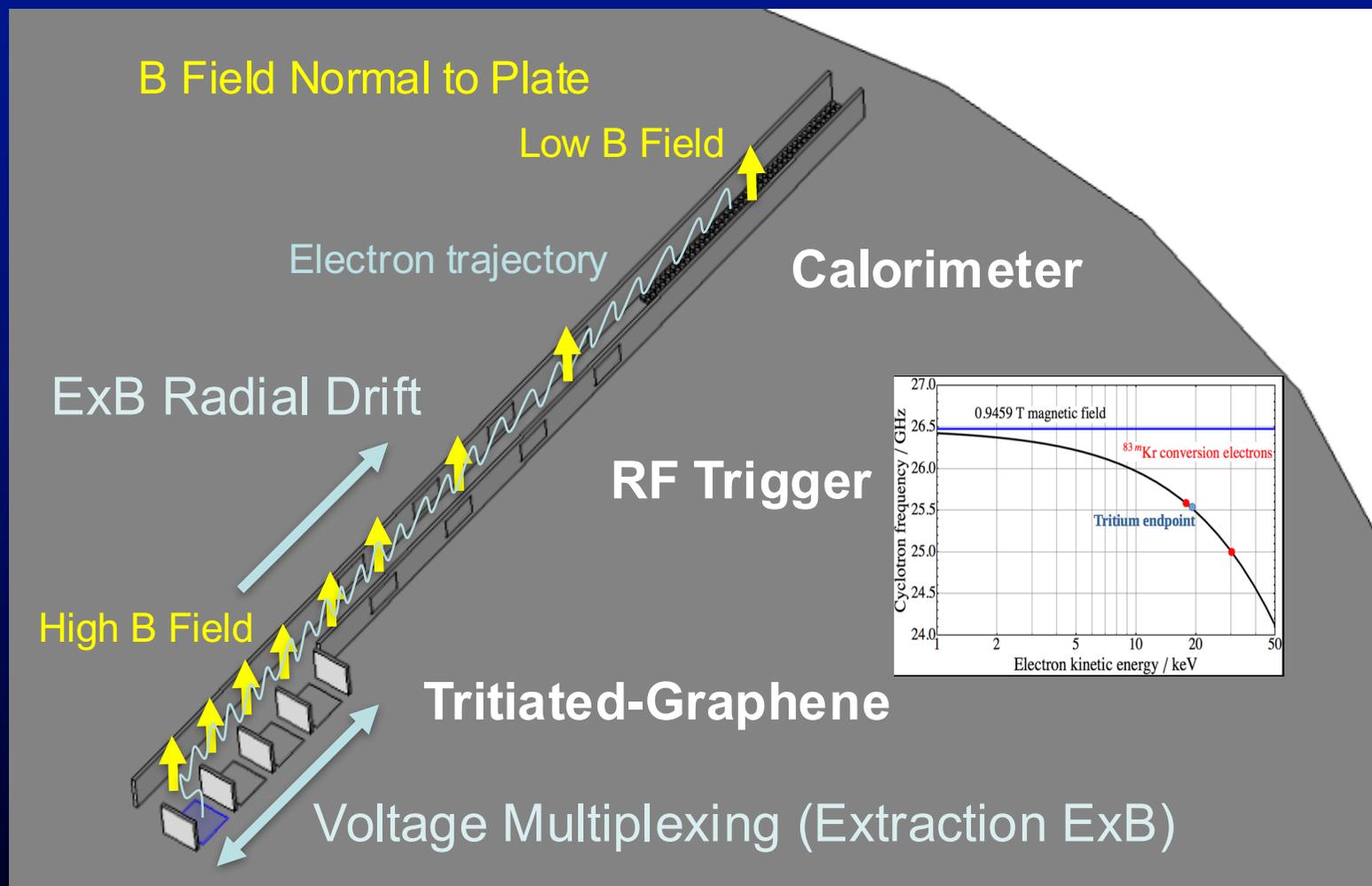
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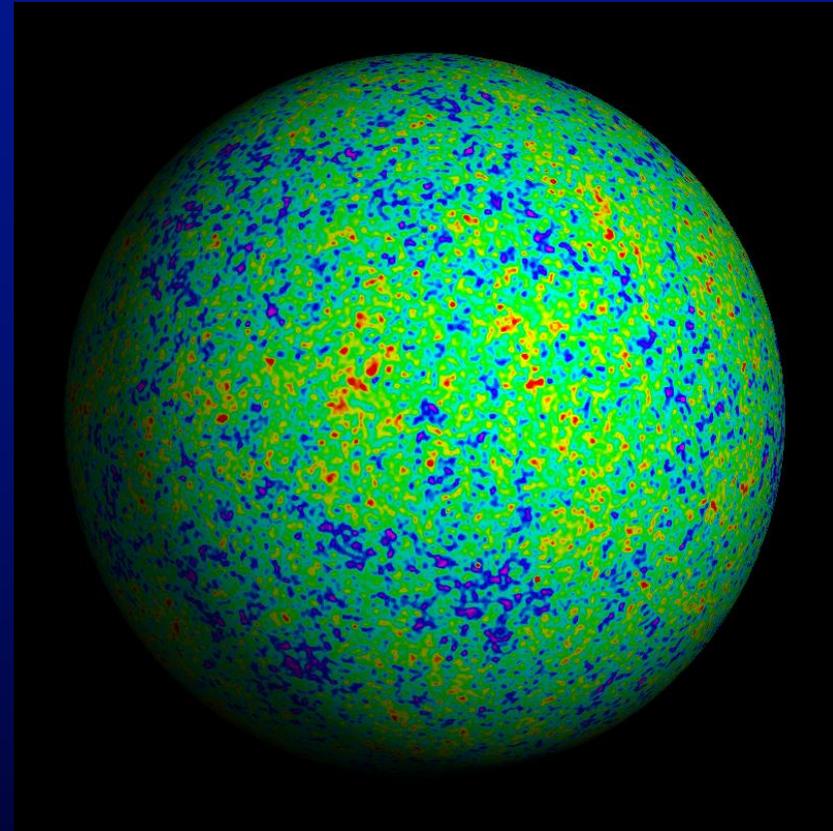
Scalable Underground Design



Celestial Globes



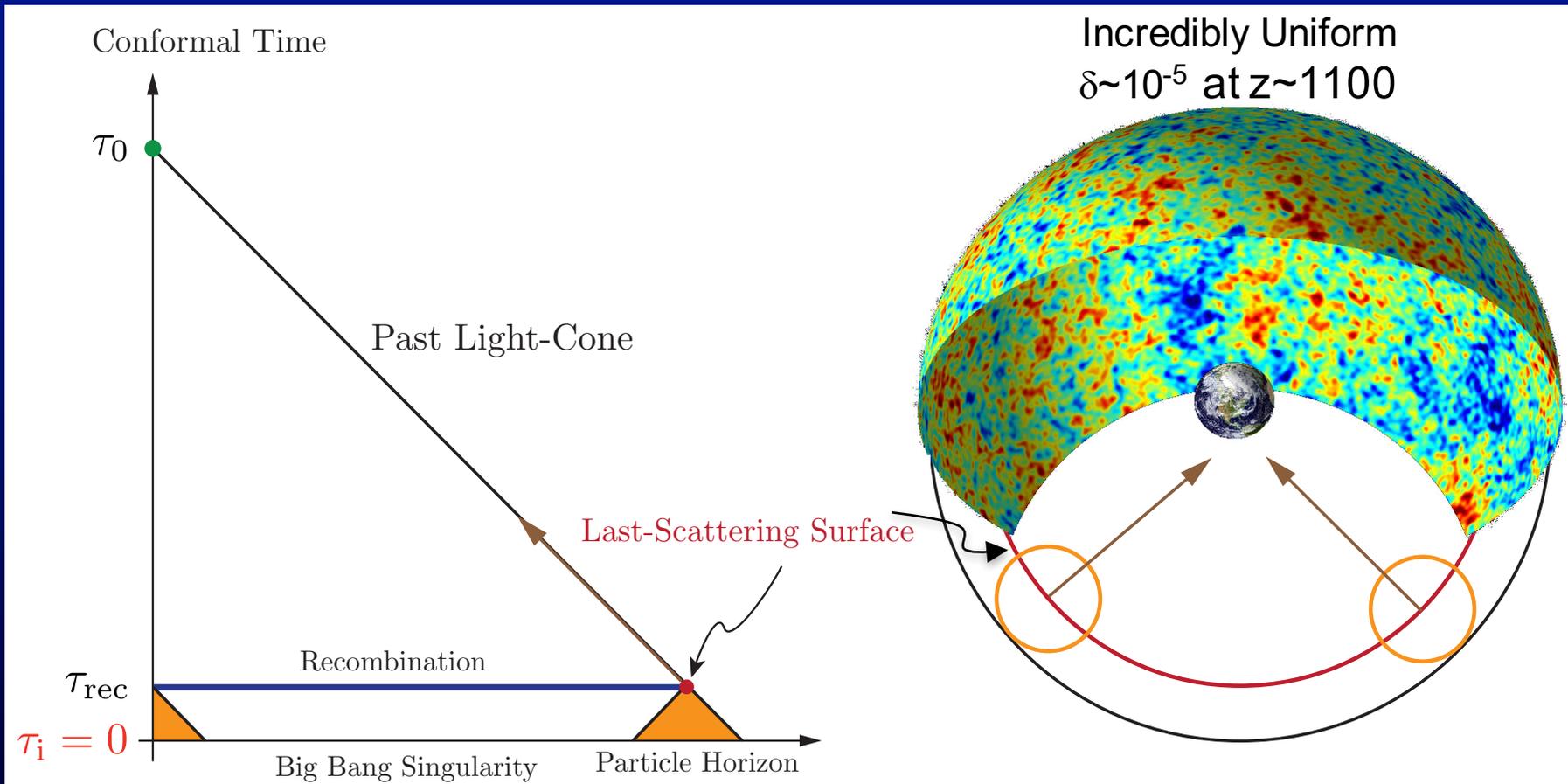
Johann Schöner, c. 1534



Adiabatic Density Anisotropies $\delta \sim 10^{-5}$
at $z \sim 1100$

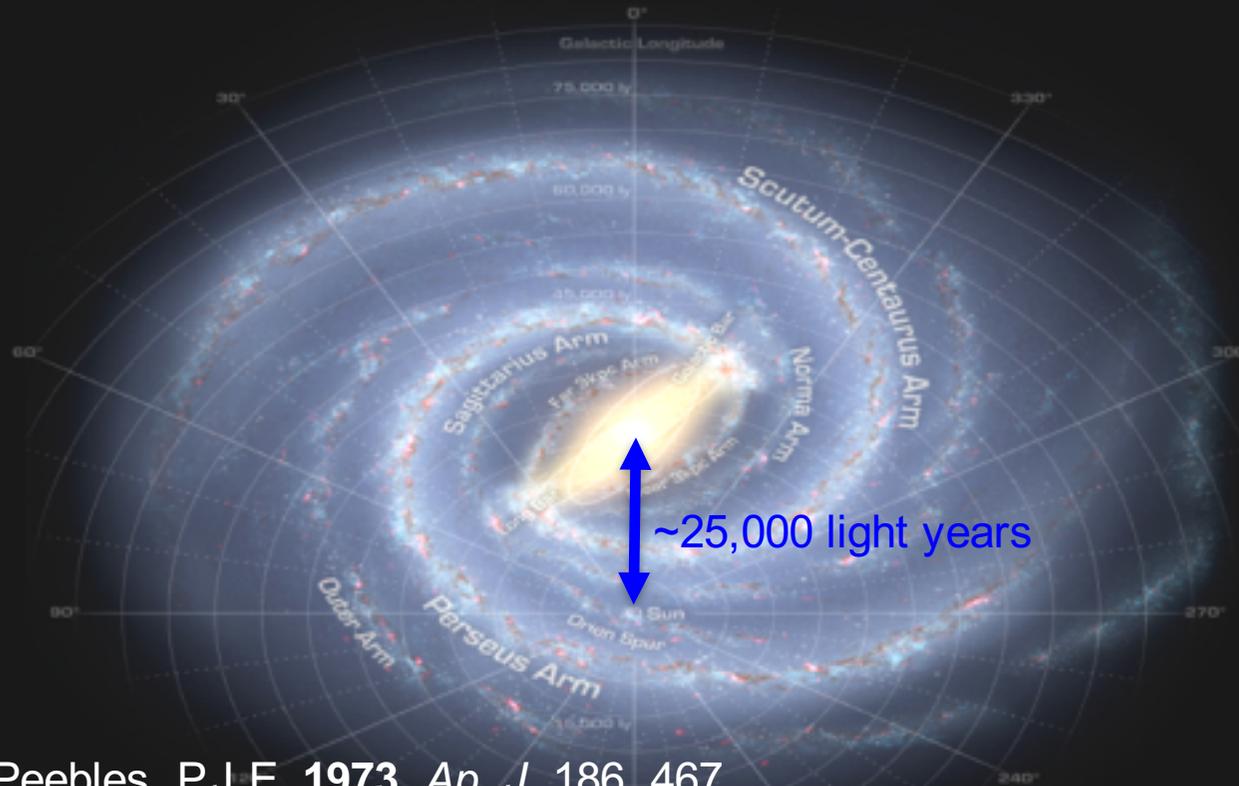
WMAP, c. 2009

Big Bang Cosmology



Common Past?

Our Home in the Universe



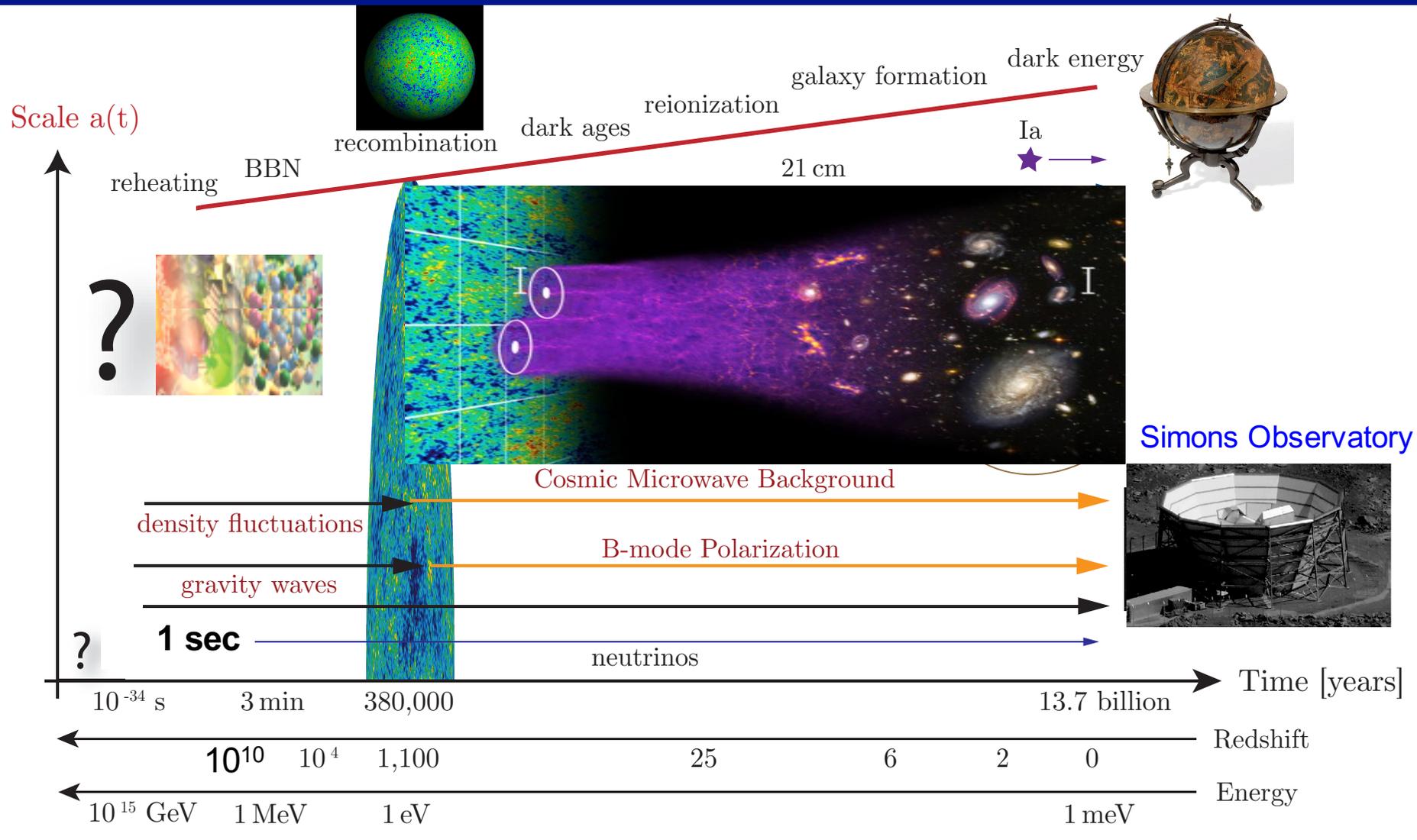
Ostriker, J.P. & Peebles, P.J.E. 1973, *Ap. J.* 186, 467.

To study the stability of flattened galaxies, we have followed the evolution of simulated galaxies containing 150 to 500 mass points. Models which begin with characteristics similar to the disk of our Galaxy (except for increased velocity dispersion and thickness to assure local stability) were found to be rapidly and grossly unstable to barlike modes. These modes cause an increase in random kinetic energy, with approximate stability being reached when the ratio of kinetic energy of rotation to total gravitational energy, designated t , is reduced to the value of 0.14 ± 0.02 . Parameter studies indicate that the result probably is not due to inadequacies of the numerical N -body simulation method. A survey of the literature shows that a critical value for limiting stability $t \simeq 0.14$ has been found by a variety of methods.

Models with added spherical (halo) component are more stable. It appears that halo-to-disk mass ratios of 1 to $2\frac{1}{2}$, and an initial value of $t \simeq 0.14 \pm 0.03$, are required for stability. If our Galaxy (and other spirals) do not have a substantial unobserved mass in a hot disk component, then apparently the halo (spherical) mass *interior* to the disk must be comparable to the disk mass. Thus normalized, the halo masses of our Galaxy and of other spiral galaxies *exterior* to the observed disks may be extremely large.

Subject headings: galactic structure — stellar dynamics

Origin of Large Scale Structure



Expanding Universe

Expansion rate of the Universe: \dot{a}

→ Kinetic Energy $\propto \dot{a}^2$

Energy density of the Universe:

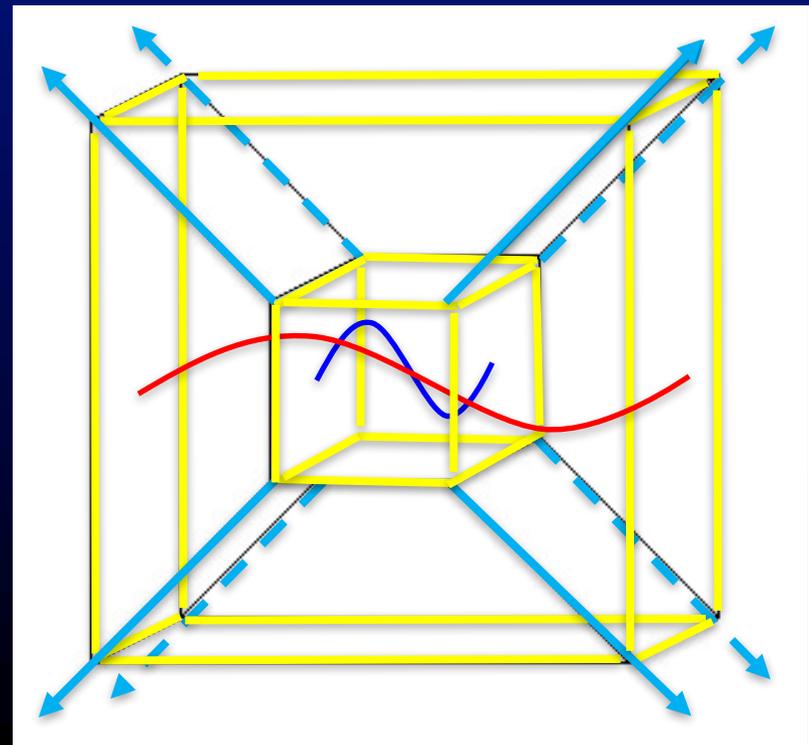
→ Potential Energy $\propto \rho$

$$\rho_{\text{matter}} \propto 1/a^3$$

sum from all matter,
radiation and
vacuum energy

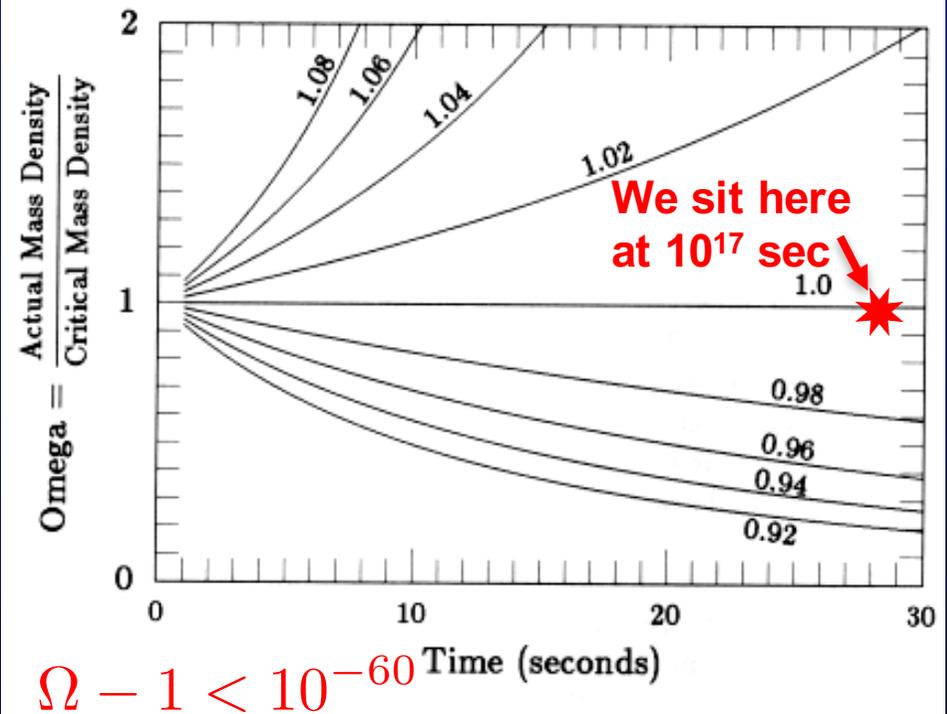
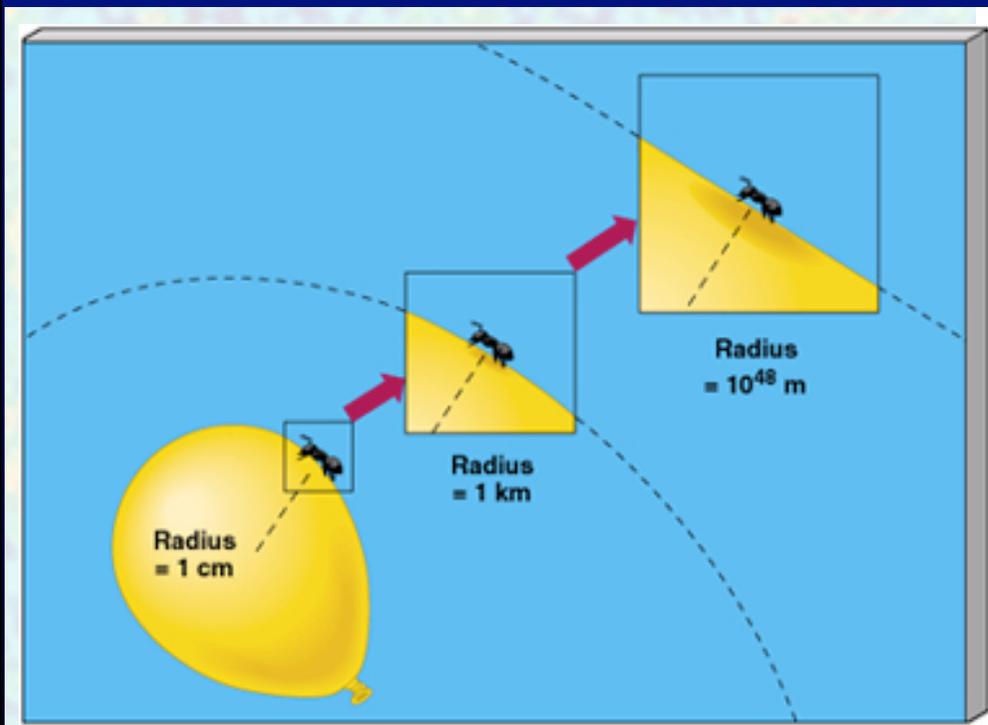
$$\rho_{\text{radiation}} \propto 1/a^4$$

$$\rho_{\Lambda} \propto \text{constant}$$



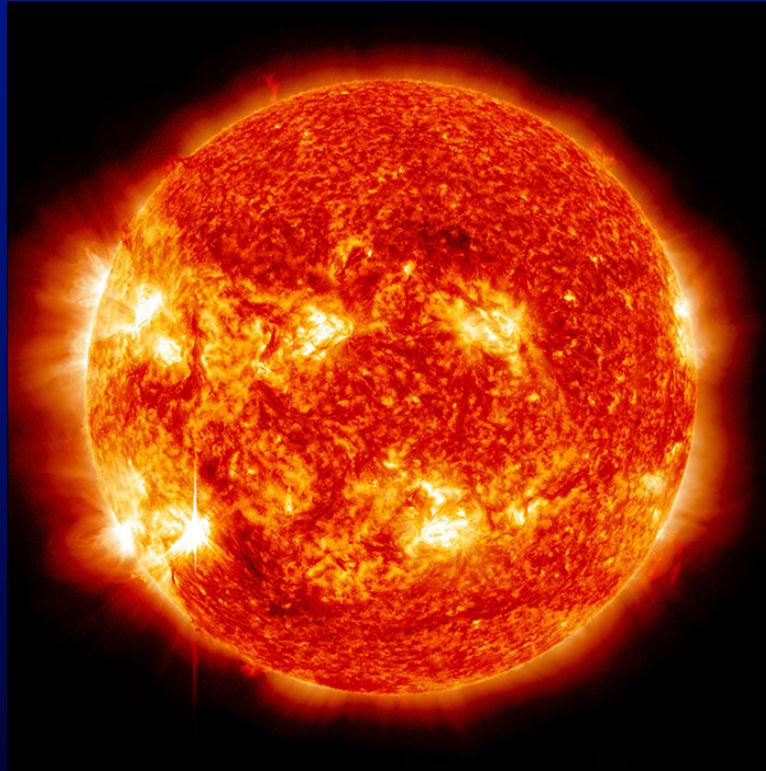
Balance of Kinetic and Potential Energy

(ratio) $\Omega = 1.000(3)$ (known to better than 0.3%)



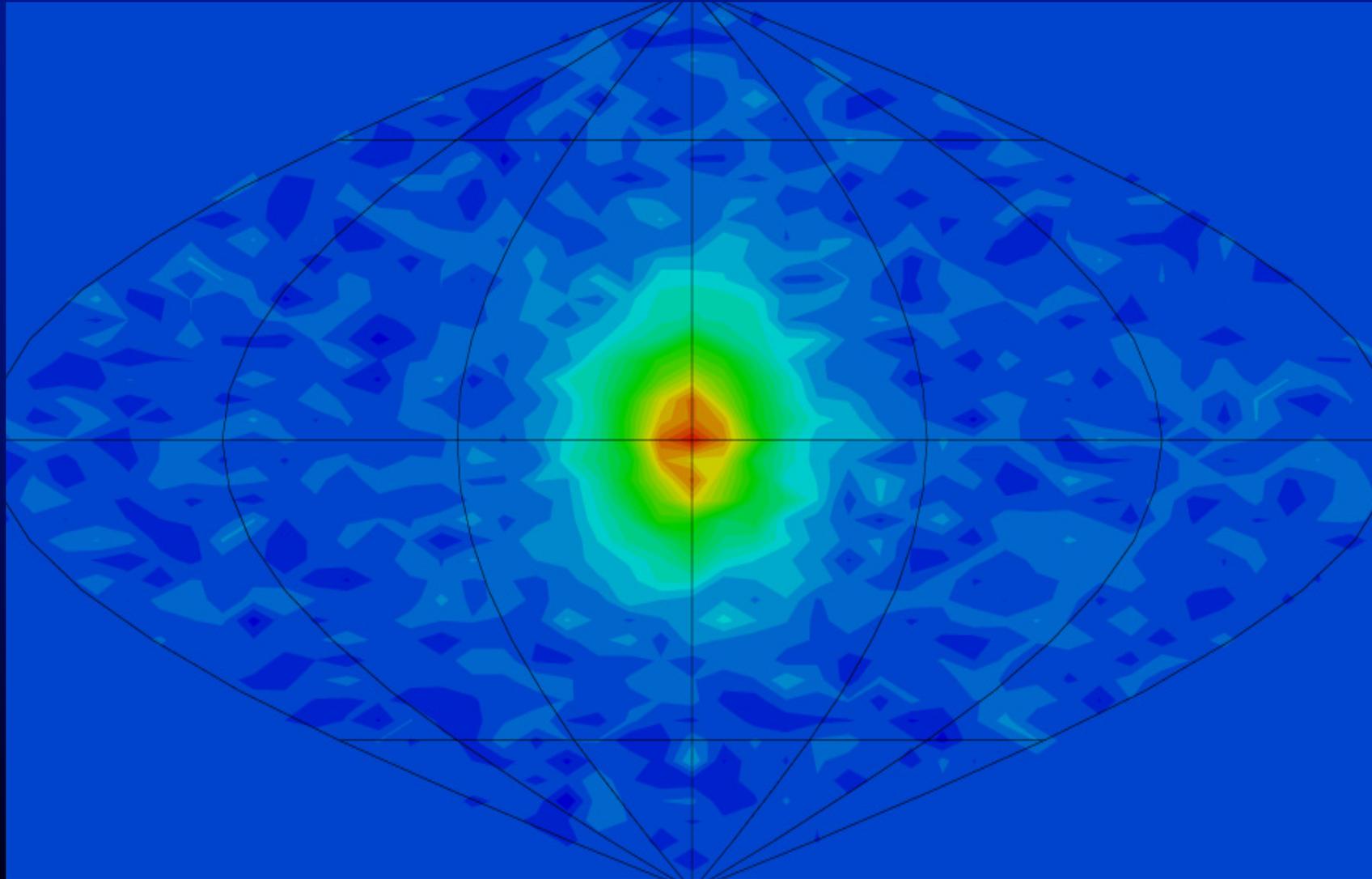
Expansion in a dark energy (cosmological constant) dominated Universe

View of the Sun

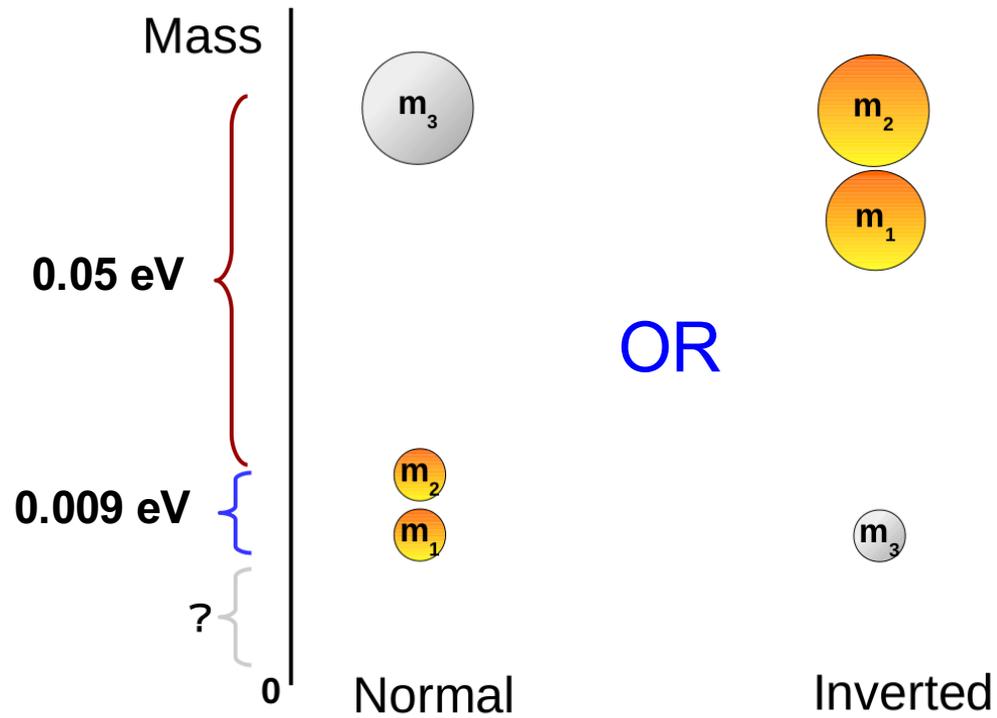


~8 min. away

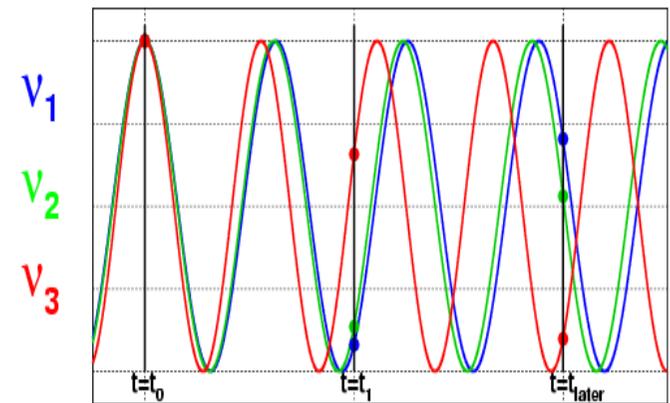
Neutrino view of the Sun



Neutrino Masses from Oscillations



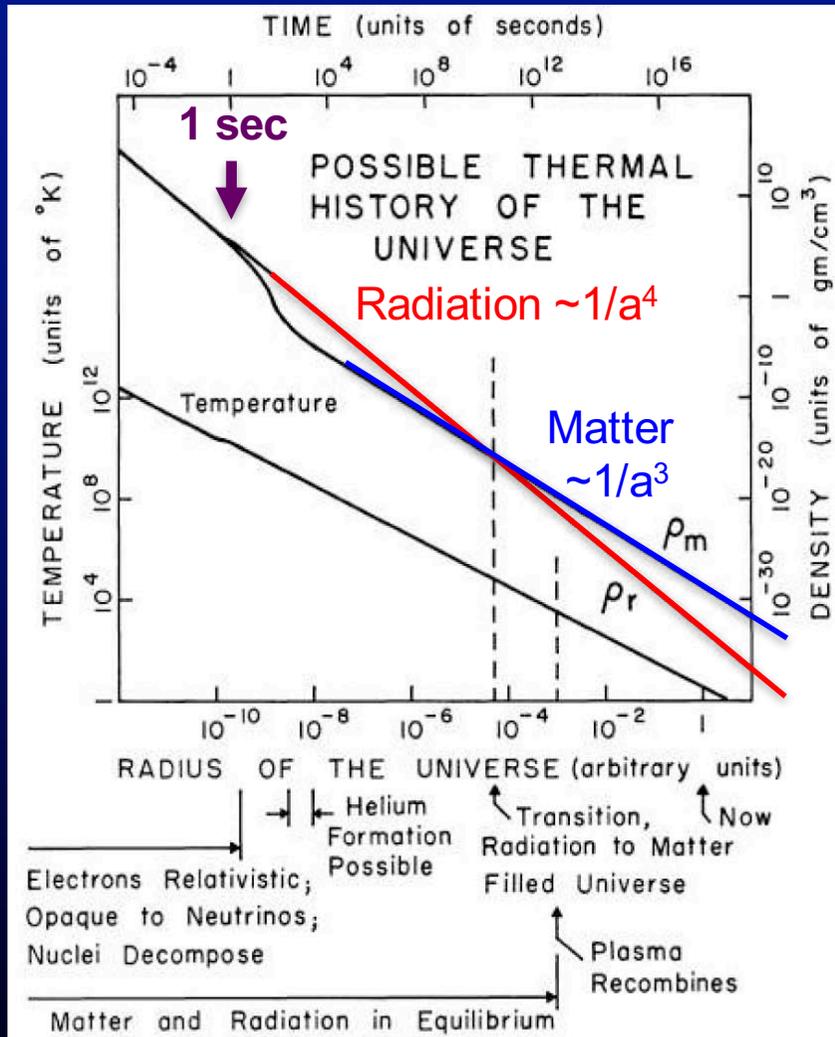
3 masses
X
3 flavors
(electron, muon, tau)



The absolute neutrino masses are not known.

It's not known at this time whether neutrinos masses are "Normal" or "Inverted".

Cosmic Neutrino Background



Number density:

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

Temperature:

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

Time of decoupling:

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

neutron/proton ratio

@start of nucleosynthesis

Velocity distribution:

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

Dicke, Peebles, Roll, Wilkinson (1965)

Cosmic Elements

3 element theory

γ (photons)

ν (neutrinos)

p,n (baryons)

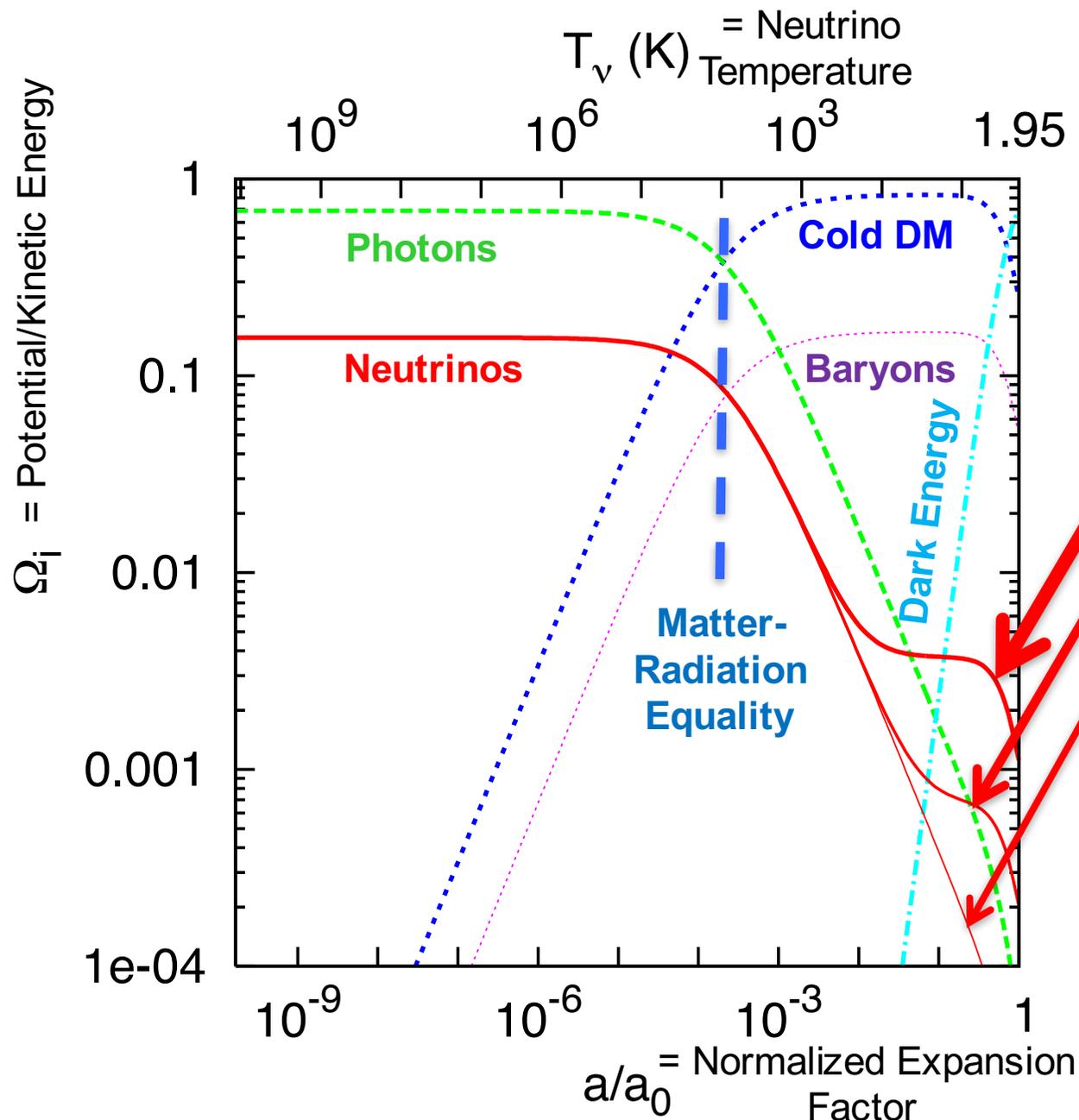
4 element theory

χ (cold dark matter)

5 element theory (+Aether/Void)

Λ (dark energy)

Cosmic Elements



J. Lesgourgues

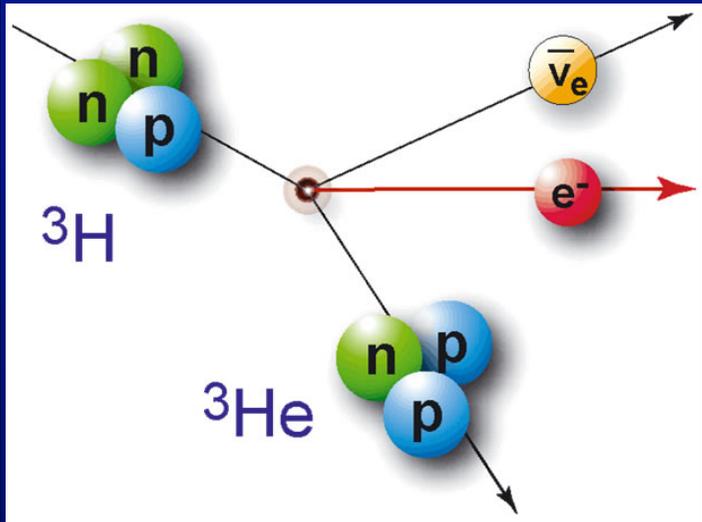
Individual neutrino contributions assuming Normal Hierarchy and

$$m_3 = 0.05 \text{ eV},$$

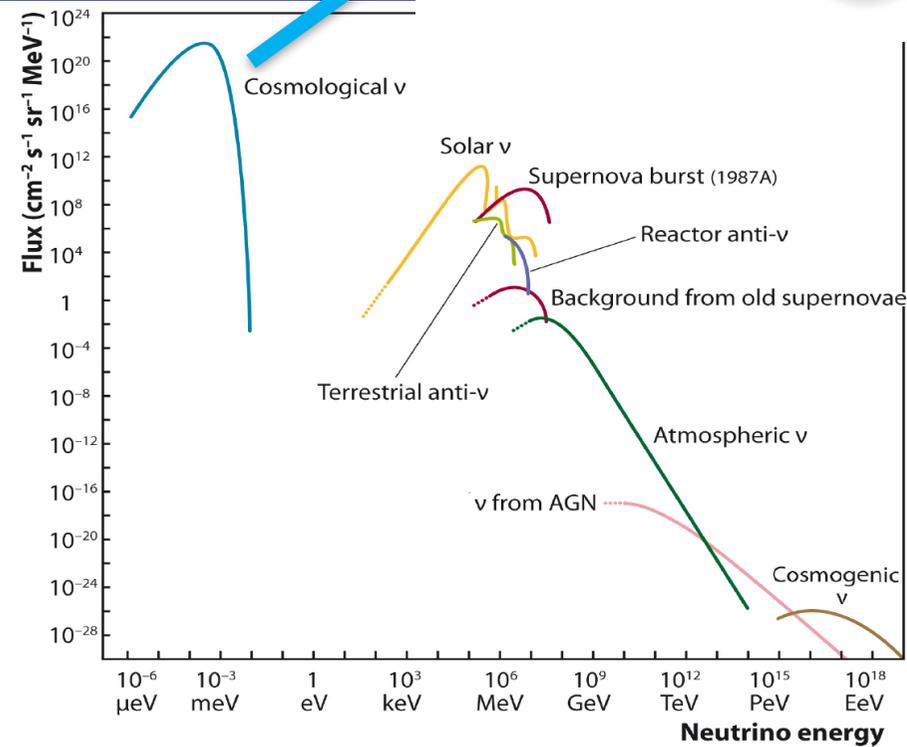
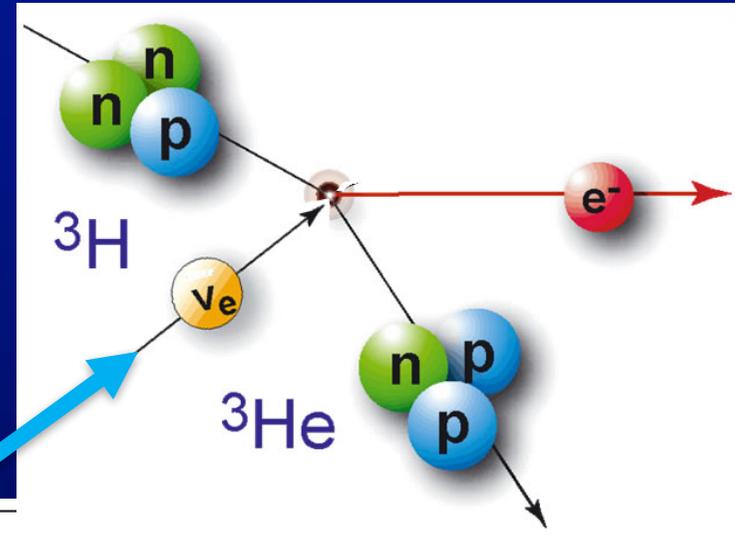
$$m_2 = 0.009 \text{ eV},$$

$$m_1 = 0$$

Neutrino capture on Tritium

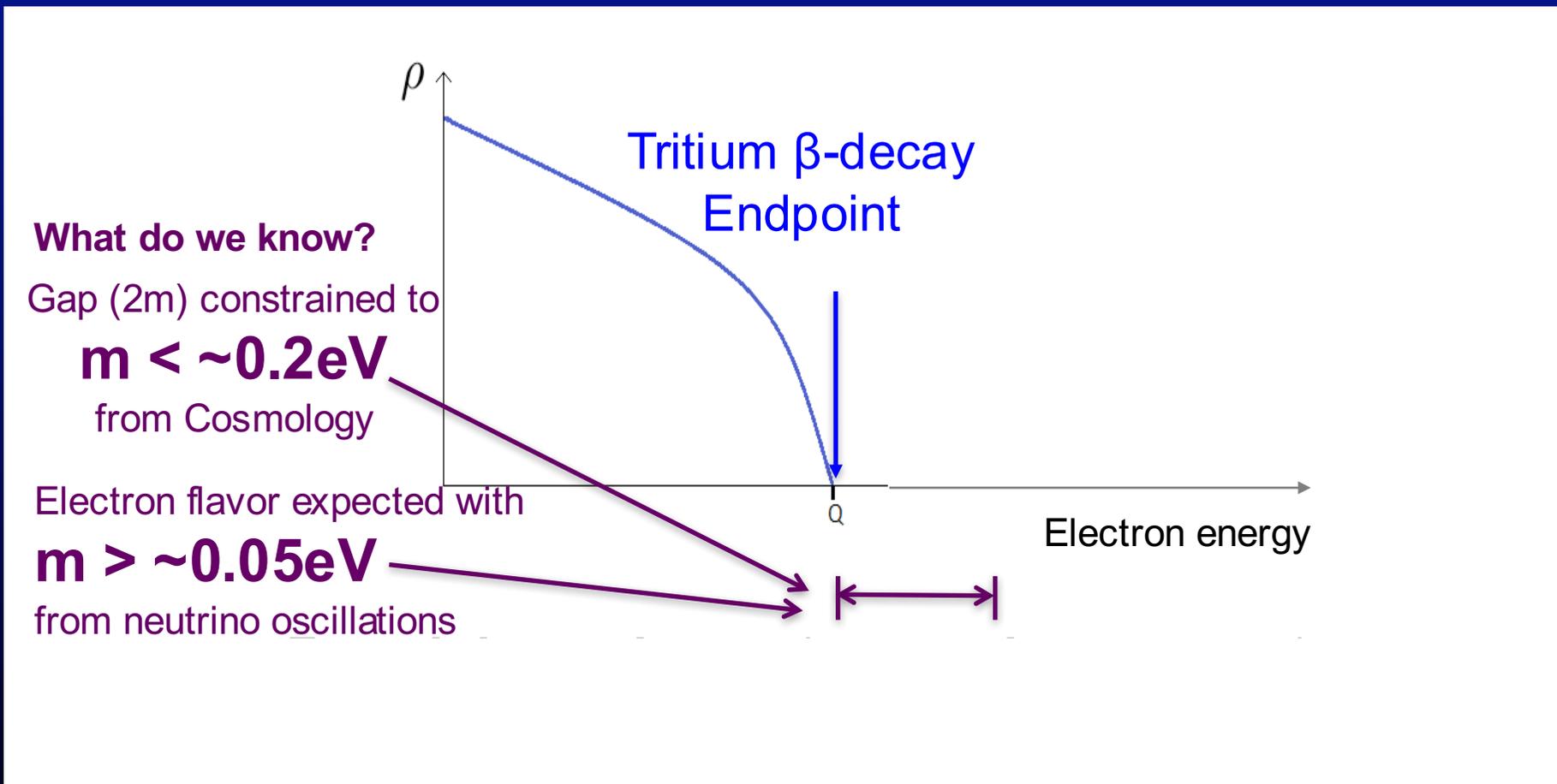


Tritium β -decay
(12.3 yr half-life)



Relic Neutrino Detection

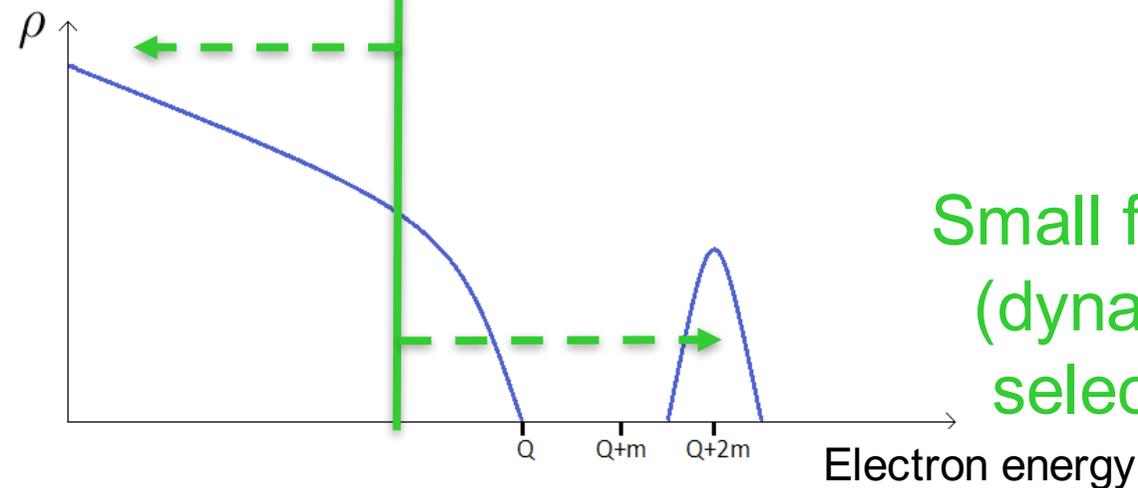
- Basic concepts for relic neutrino detection were laid out in a paper by Steven Weinberg in **1962** [*Phys. Rev.* 128:3, 1457]



Experimental Perspective

Too much rate
(need to filter)

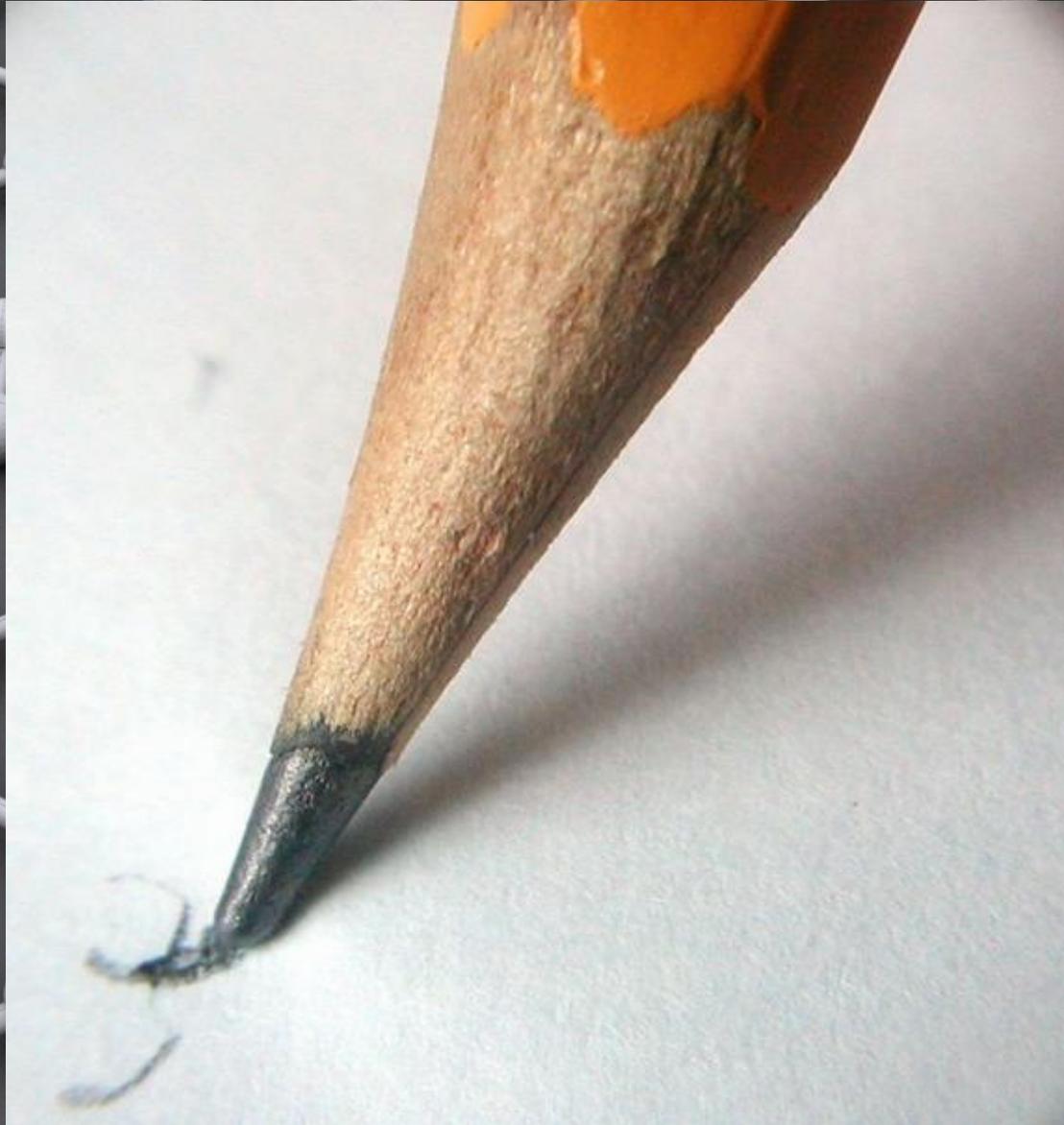
Need very high energy
resolution ($\sigma \sim m_\nu$)



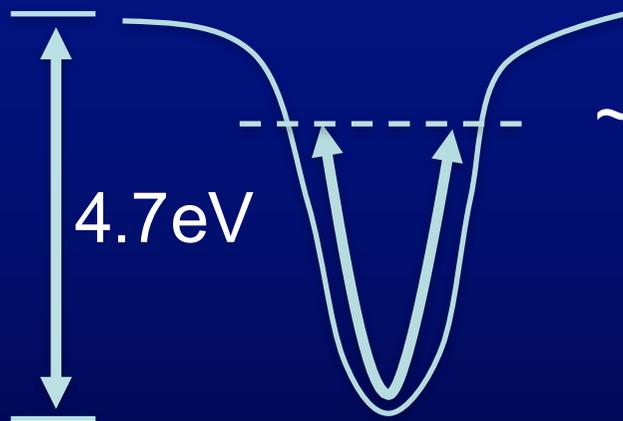
Small fraction
(dynamical
selection)

Emitted electron density of states vs kinetic energy for neutrino capture on beta decaying nuclei. The spike at $Q + 2m$ is the CNB signal

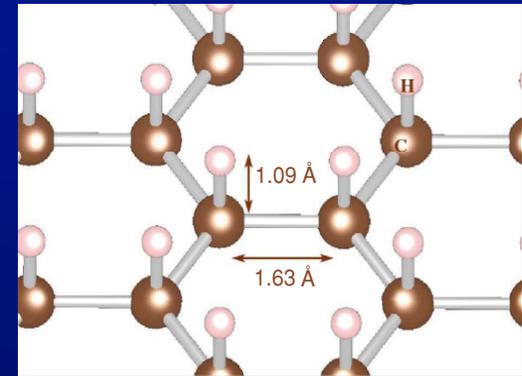
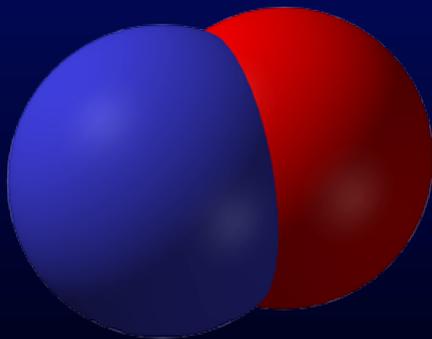
Graphene (2-D Material)



Molecular Broadening

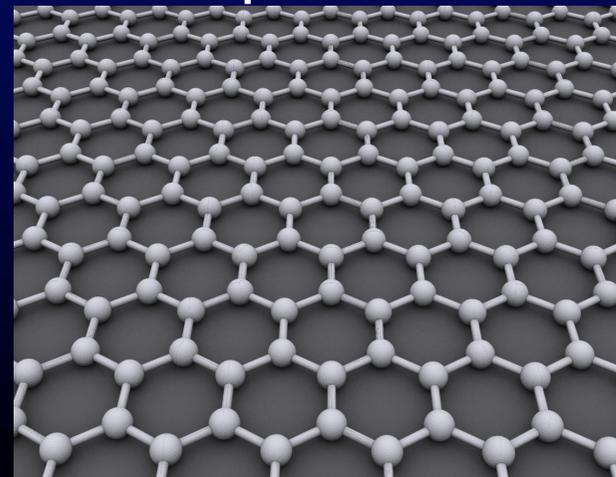


~3eV He³ recoil
at endpoint

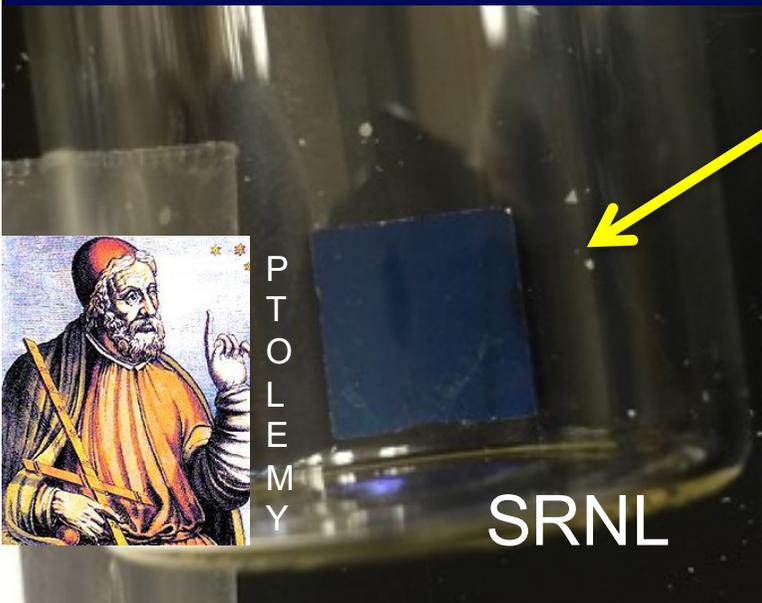
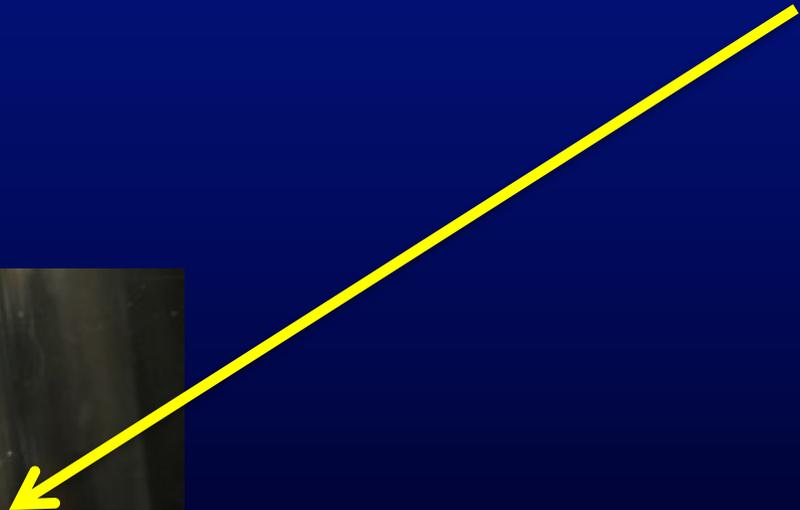
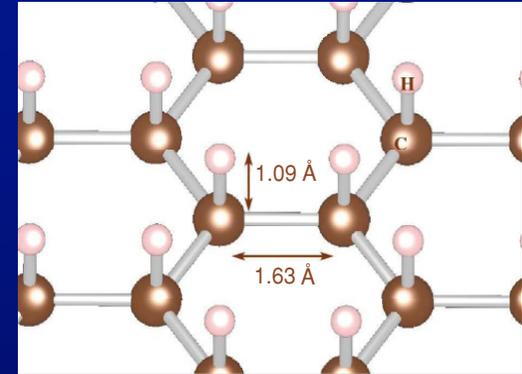


<3eV binding
energy

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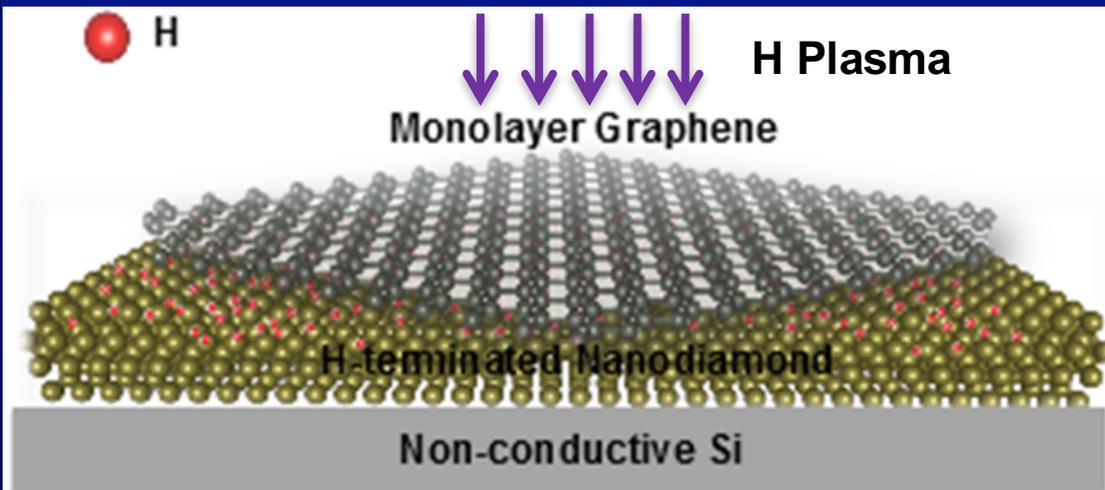


Molecular Broadening



First Tritiated-Graphene Samples
Produced by SRNL

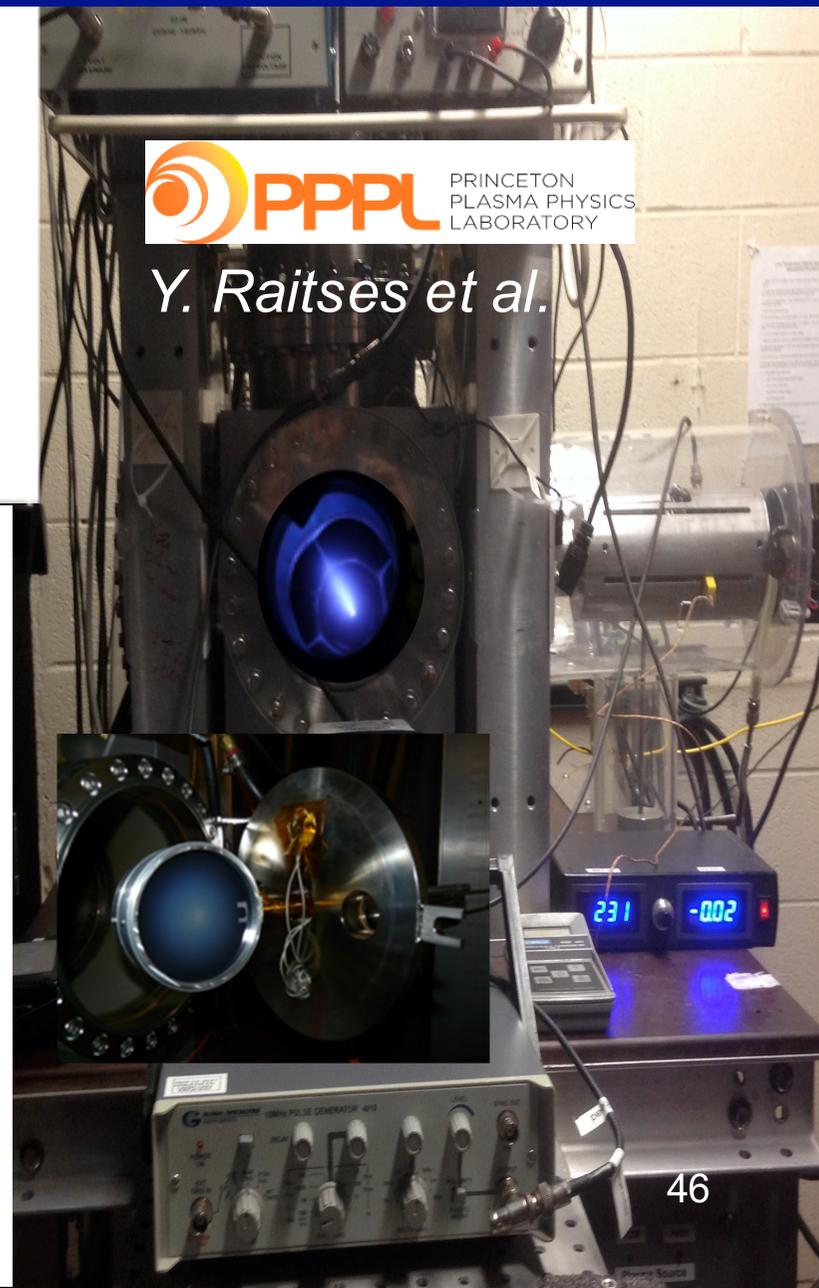
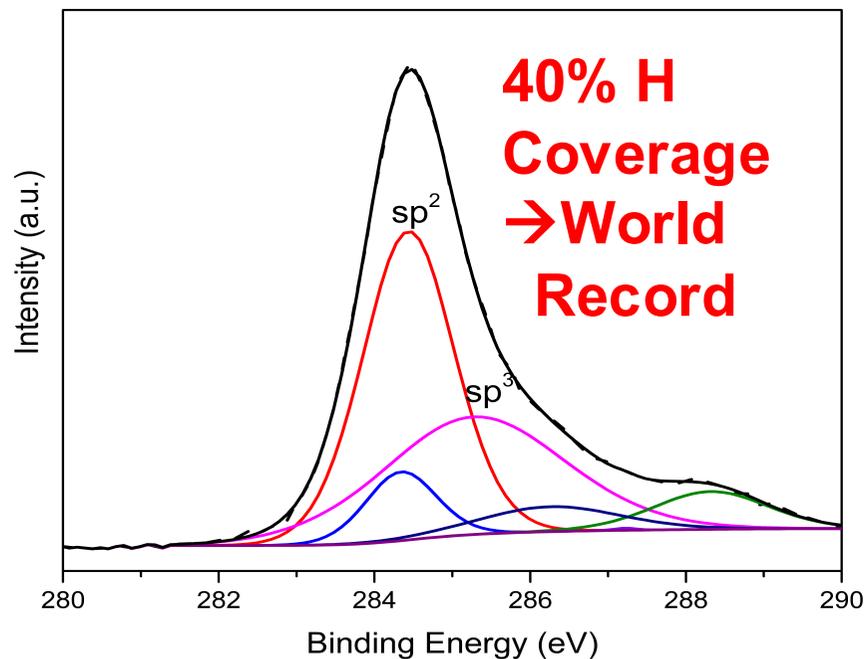
Cold Plasma Loading



 PRINCETON
PLASMA PHYSICS
LABORATORY

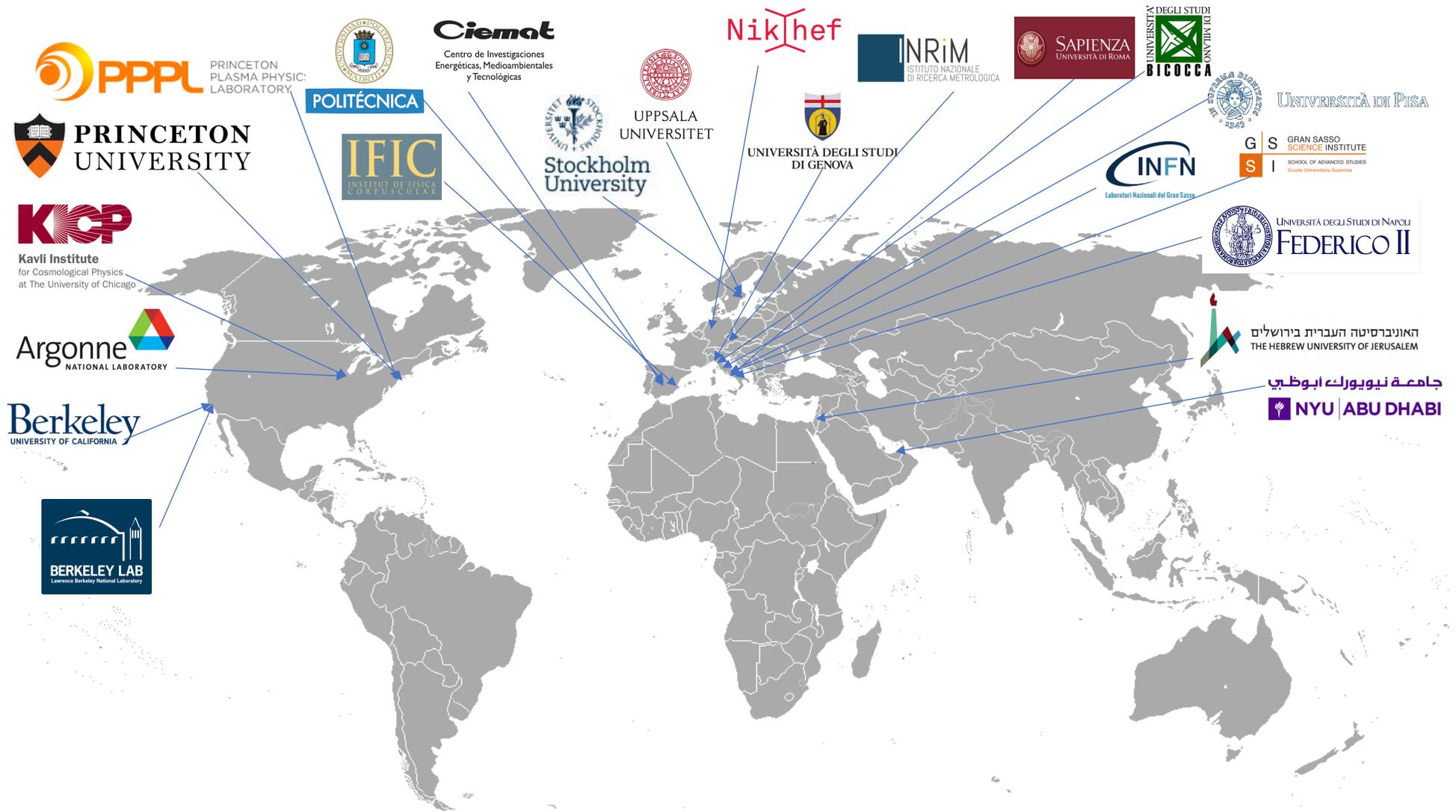
Y. Raites et al.

XPS Hydrogenation Results from Princeton



PTOLEMY World-Wide Collaboration

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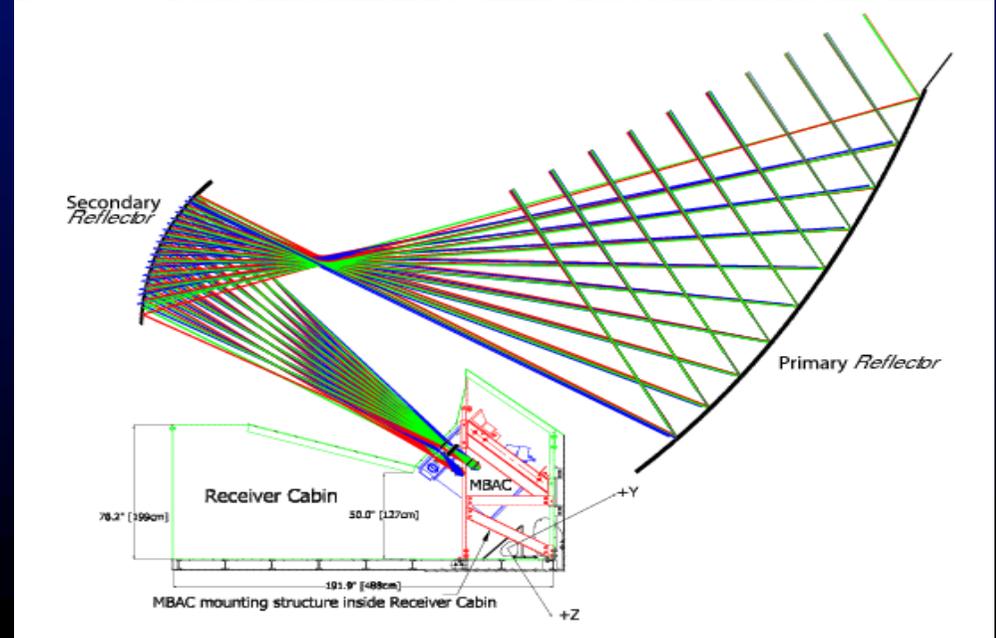
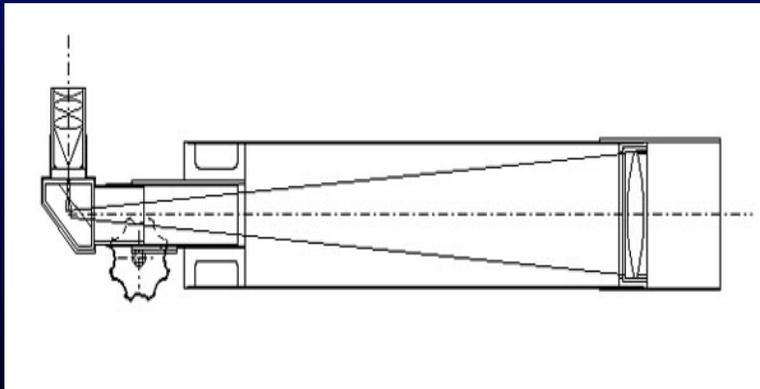
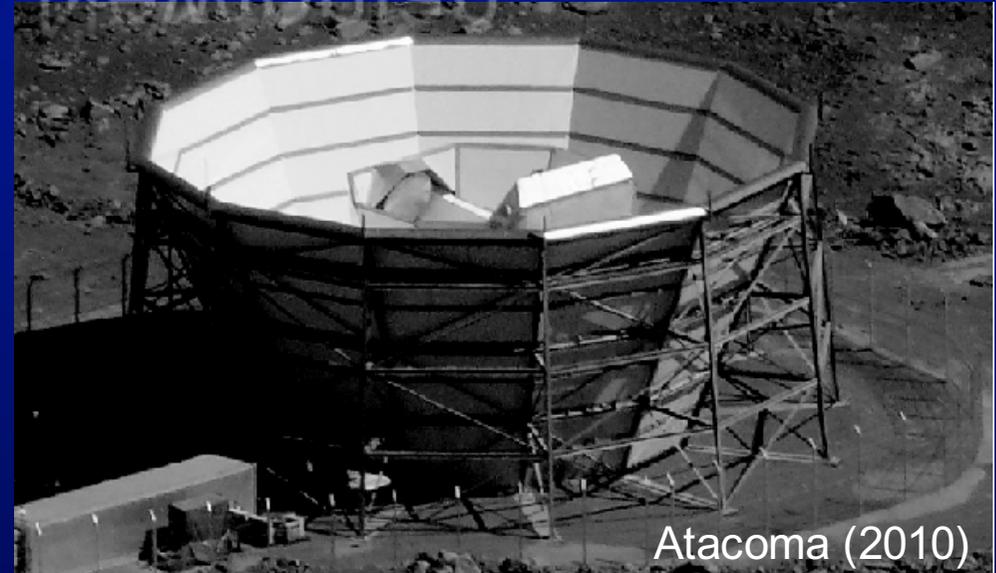
Underground Environment

Gran Sasso
National Laboratory, Italy

PTOLEMY kick-off meeting
11-12 December 2017
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Refractor → Reflector Telescopes

Galilean → Newtonian

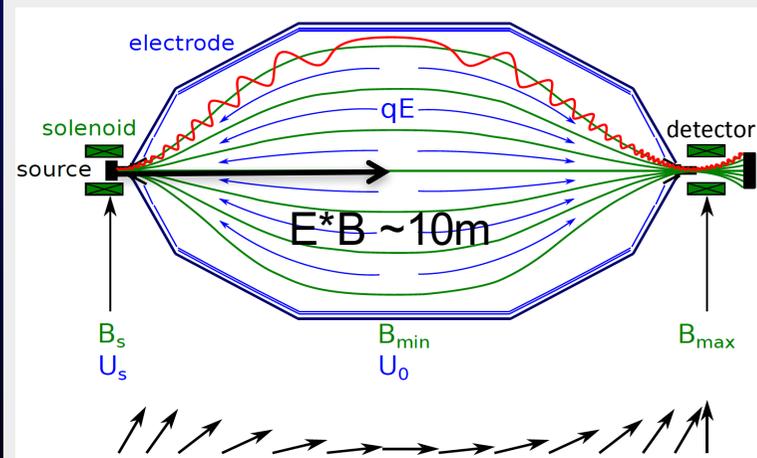


MAC-E “Telescope”



MAC-E filter technique

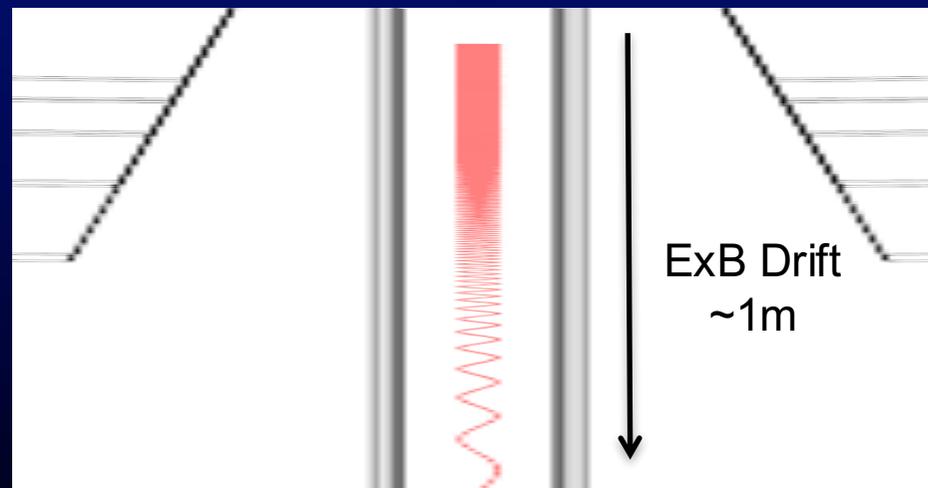
Magnetic Adiabatic Collimation with Electrostatic filter
 Picard et al., NIM B63 (1992) 345



$$\mu = \frac{E_{\perp}}{B} = \text{const.}$$

PTOLEMY implements a “reflector” method that is four orders of magnitude more compact along the direction of the B field

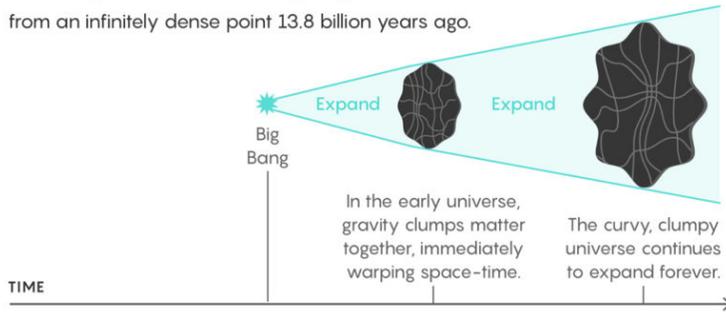
$E*B \sim 1\text{cm}$
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Filtering of the energy is in the vertical direction

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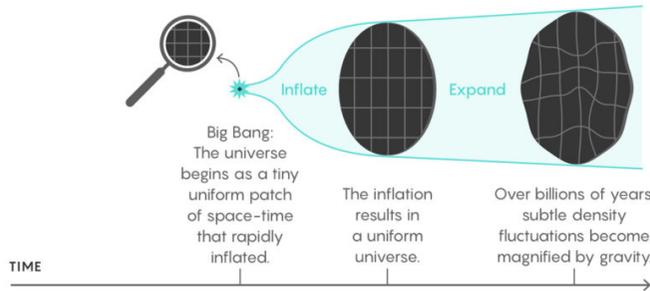
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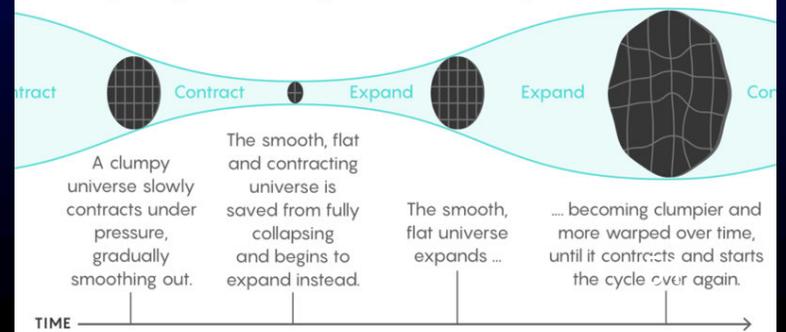
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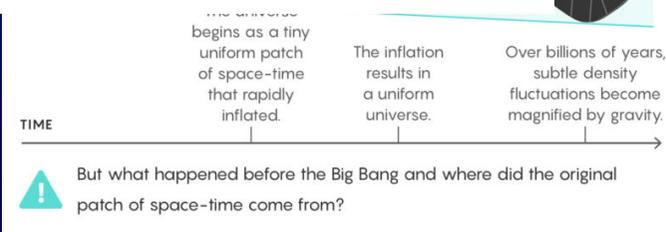
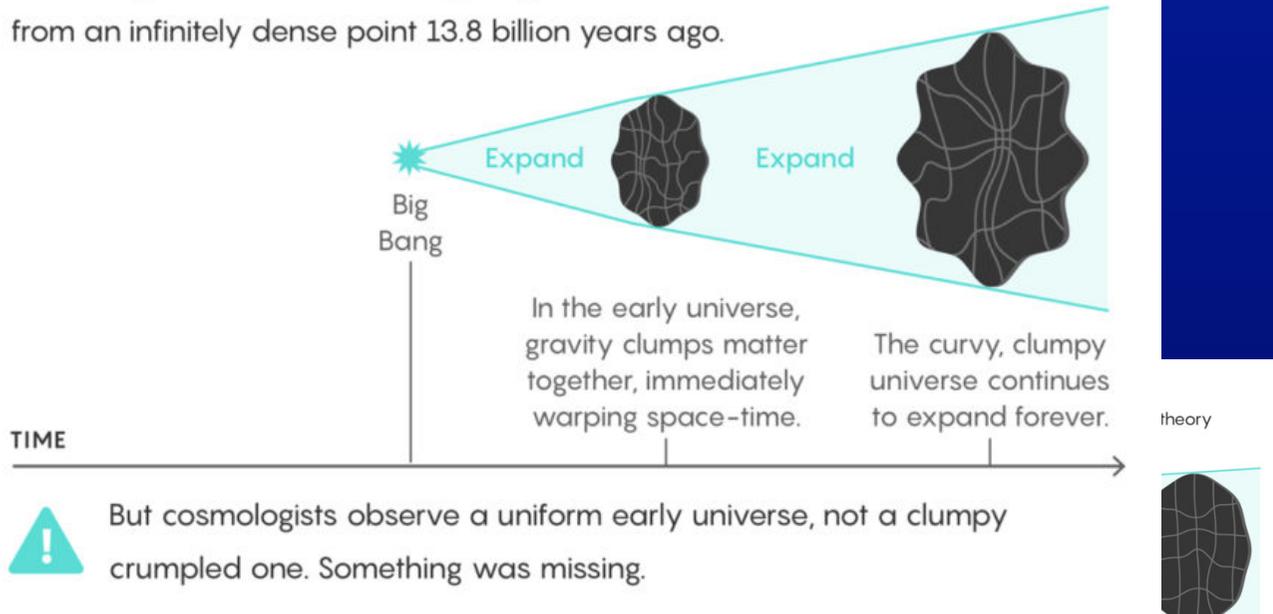
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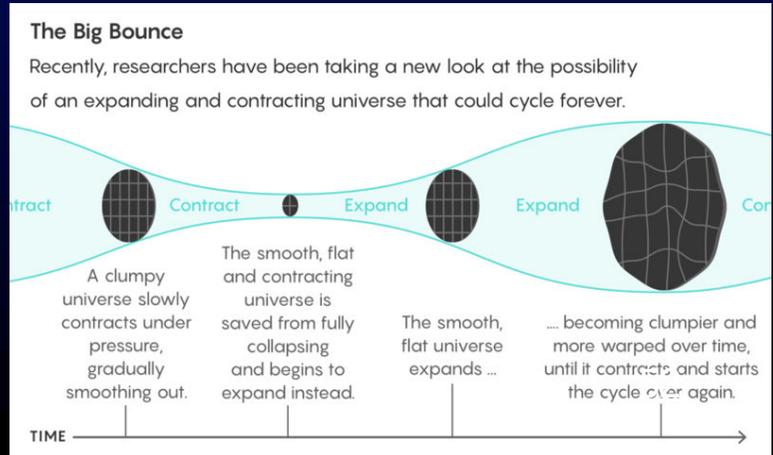


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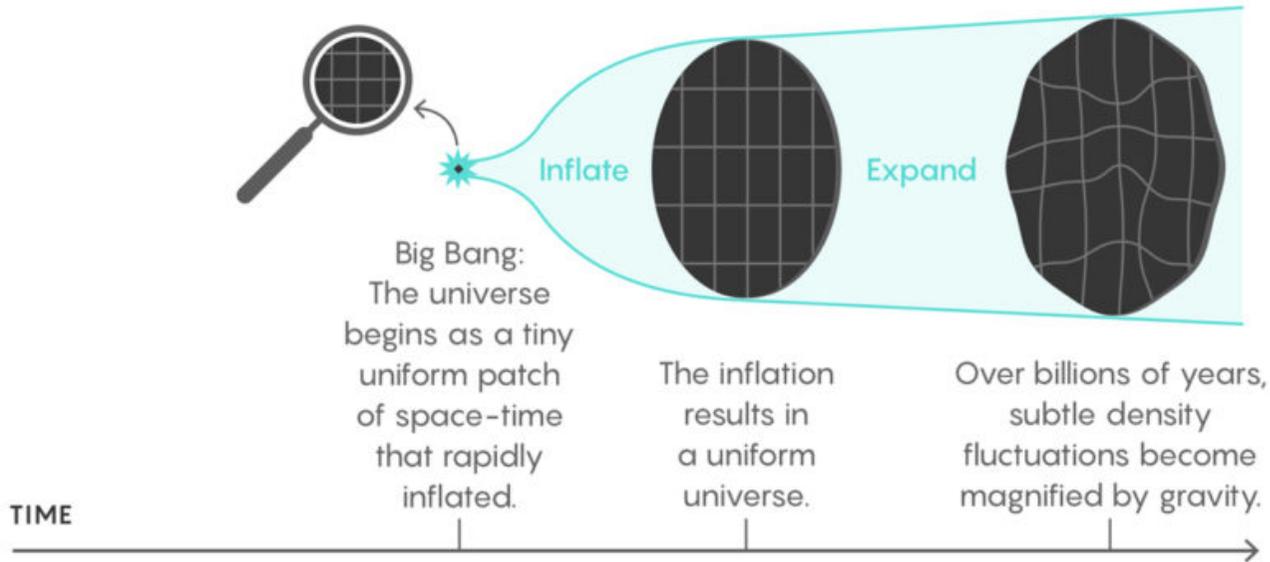


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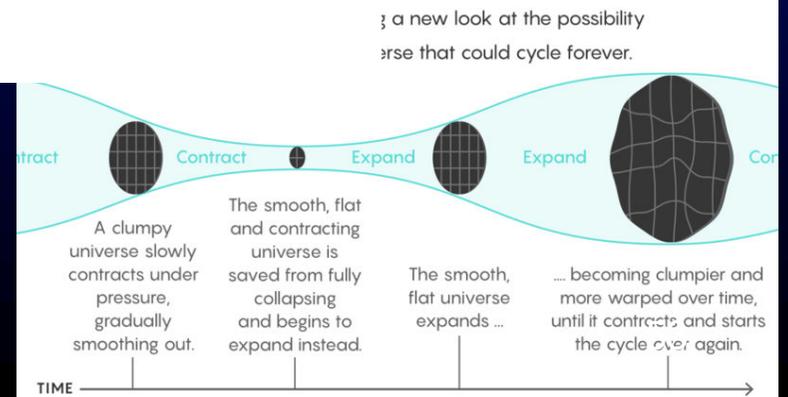
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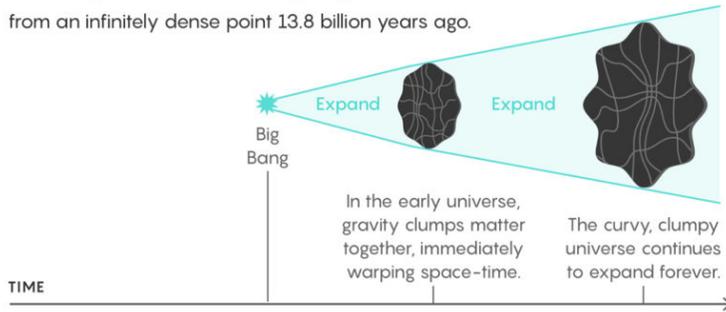
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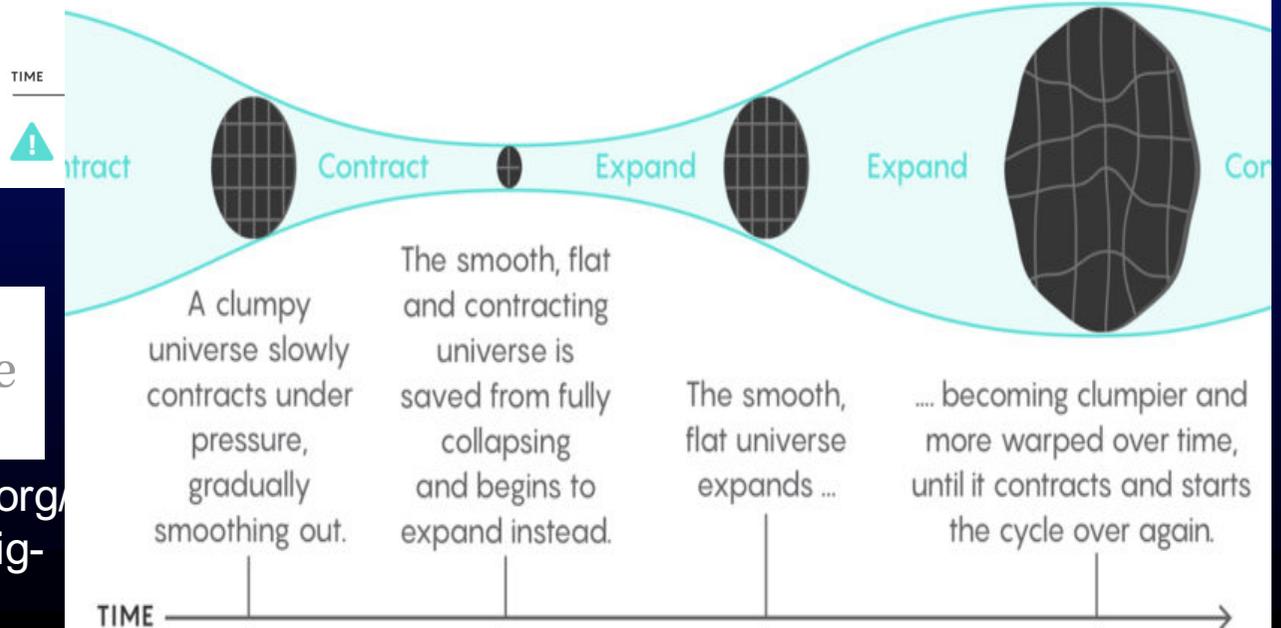
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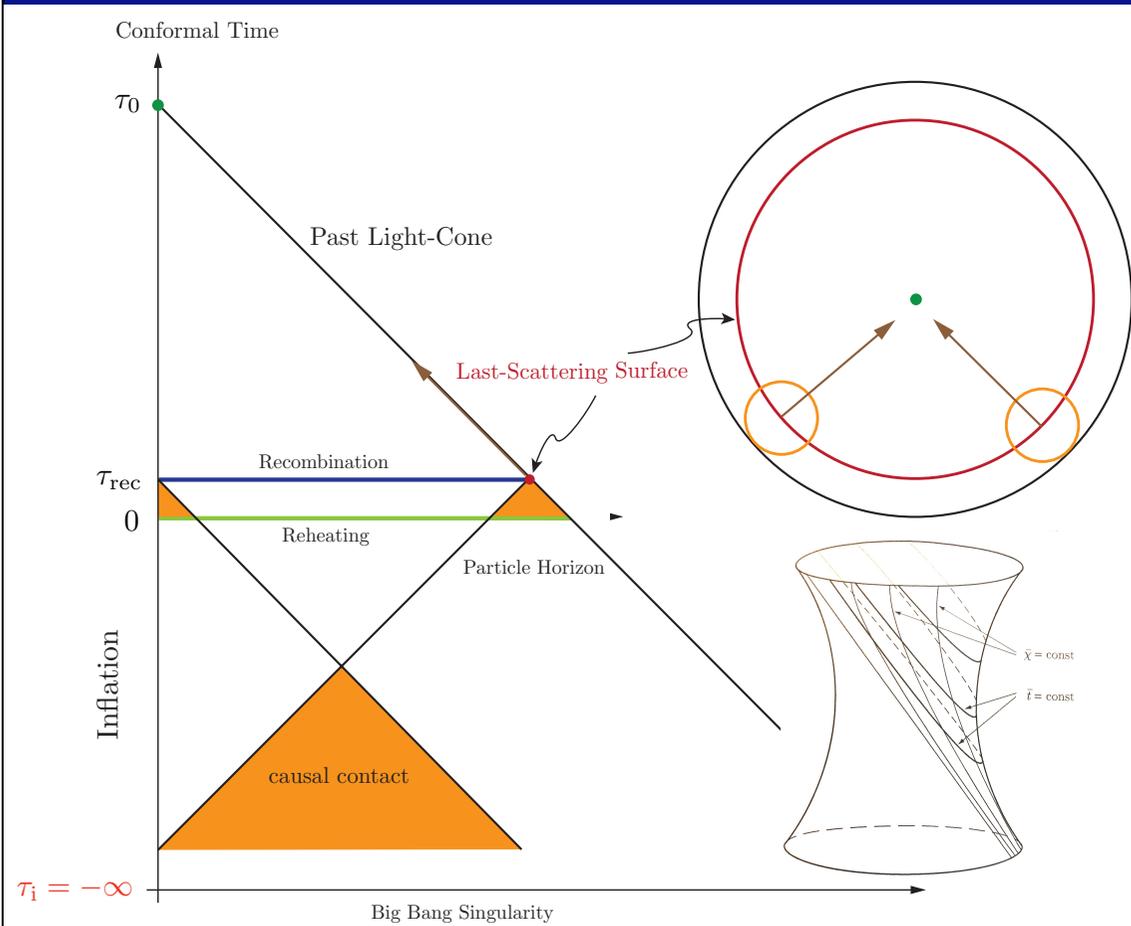
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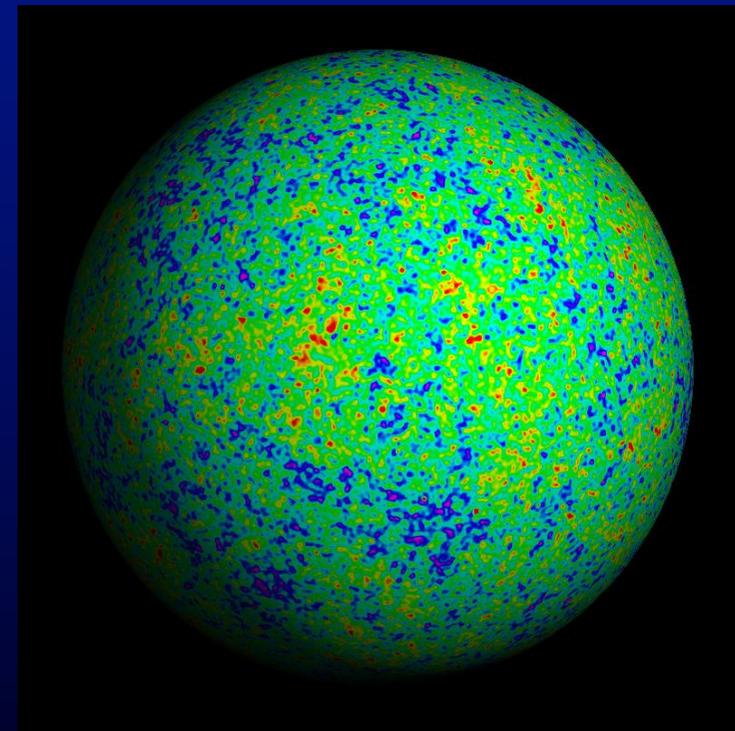
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Big Bang Cosmology

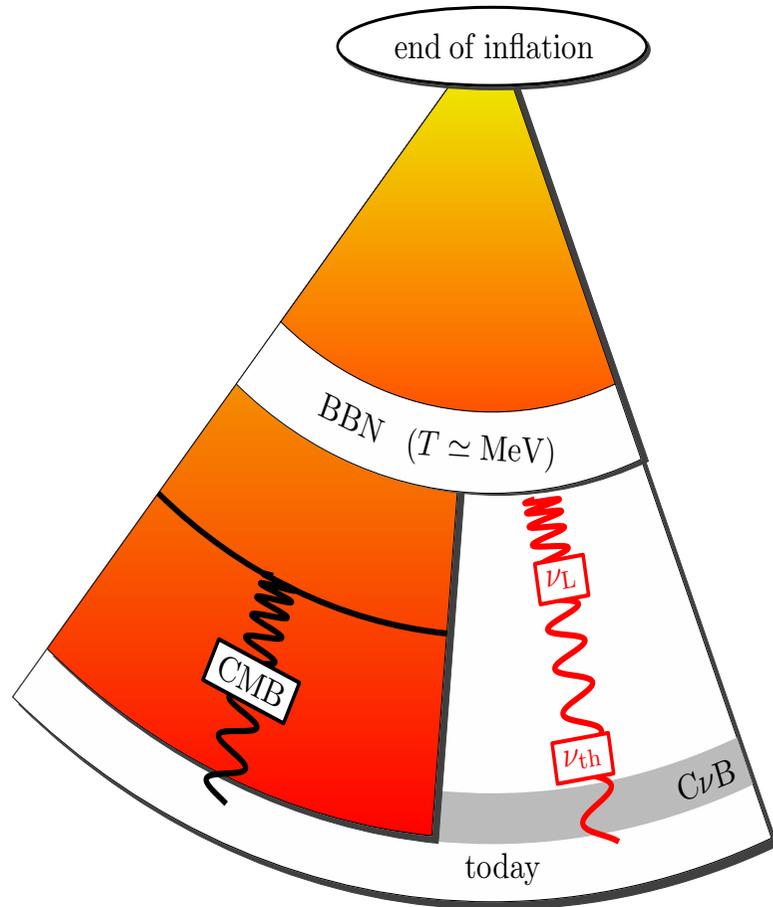


Adiabatic Density Anisotropies
 $\delta \sim 10^{-5}$ at $z \sim 1100$

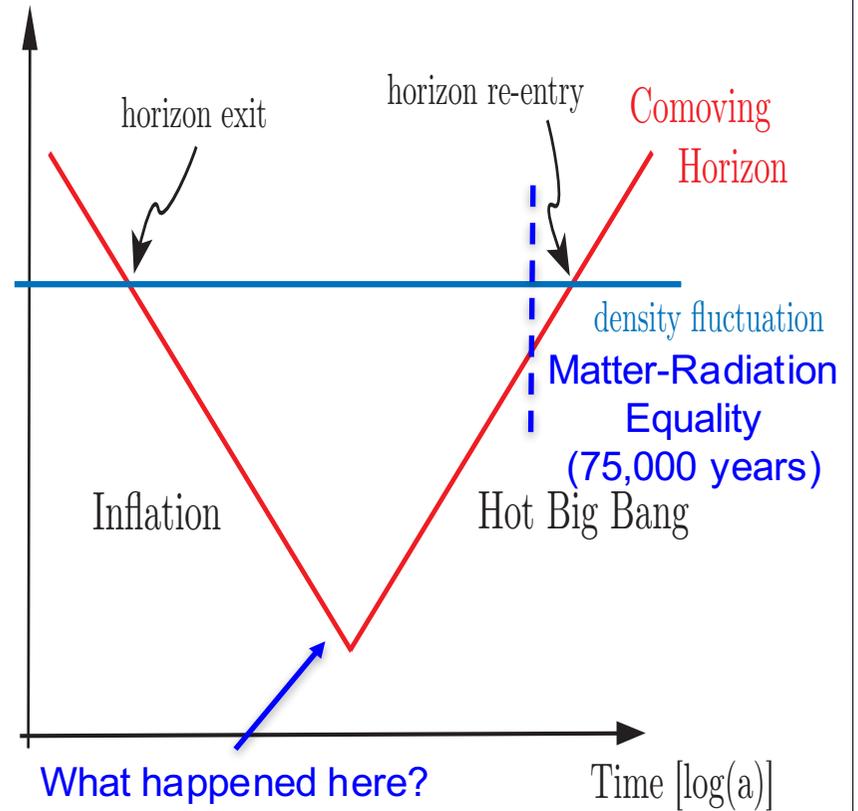


Where we think there is an initial $\tau_i = 0$ Big Bang Singularity is believed to be the “end” of an inflation period that slowly pulled out (>60 e-folds $a(\tau) \sim e^{H\tau}$) of a “de Sitter”-like spacetime

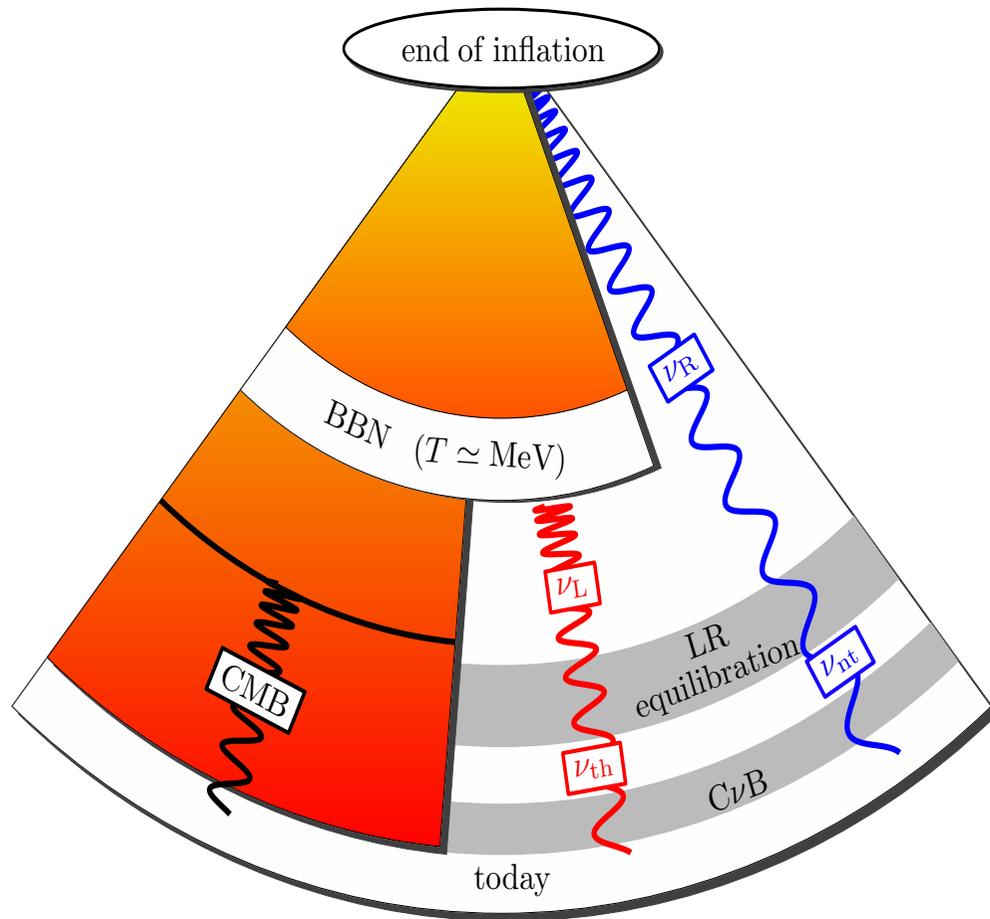
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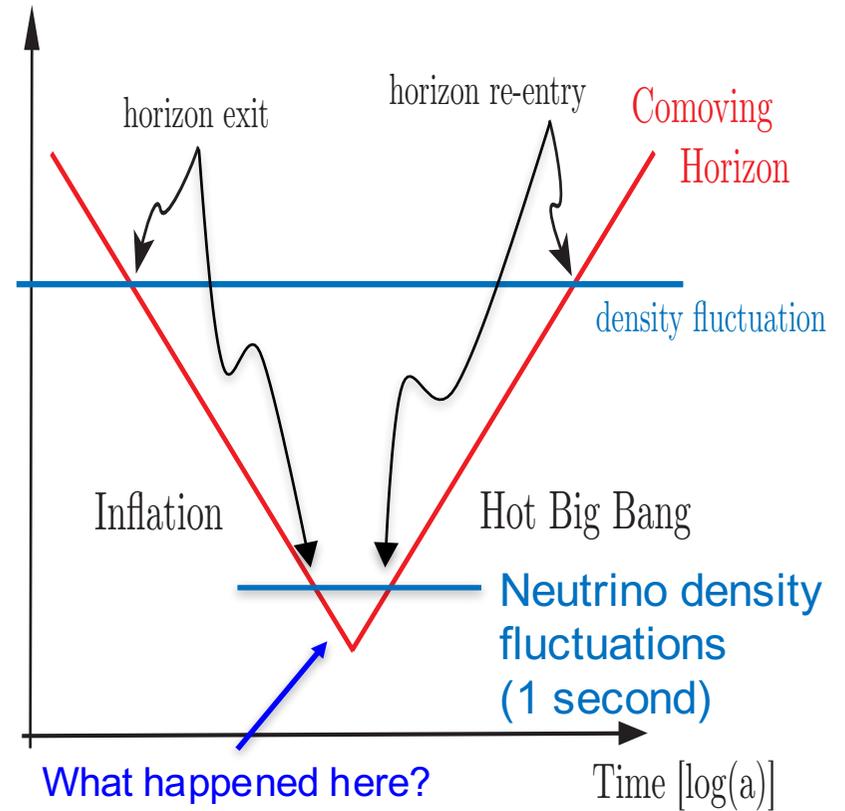
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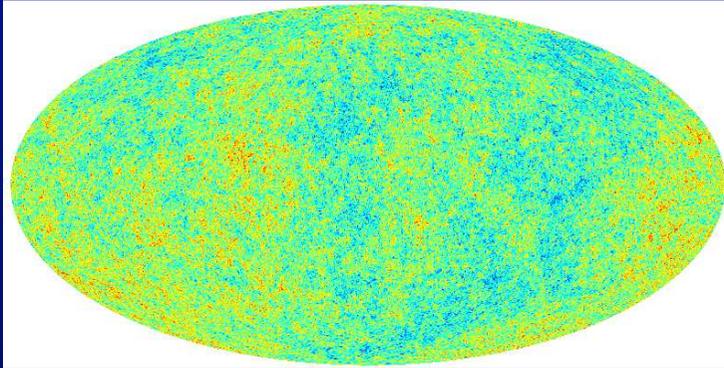


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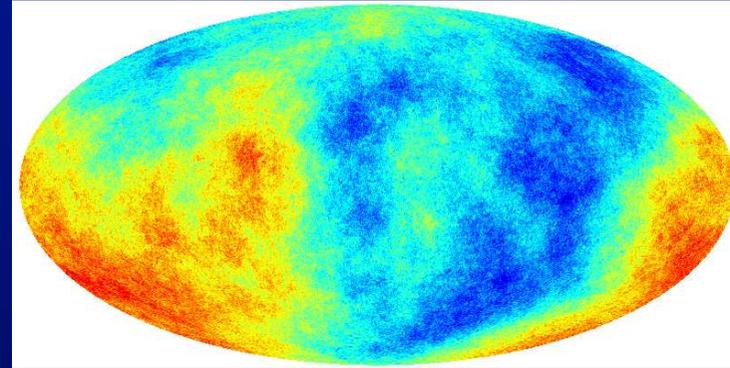
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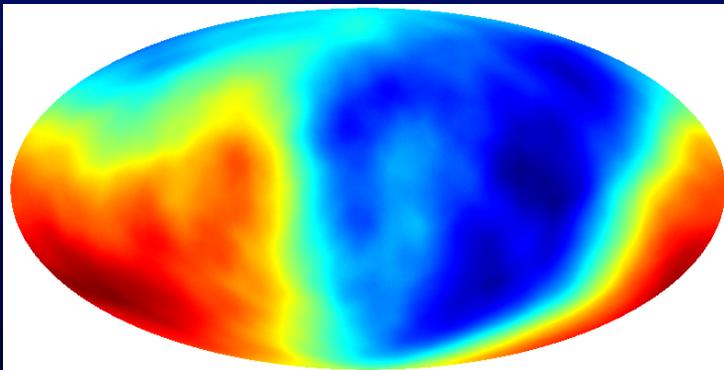
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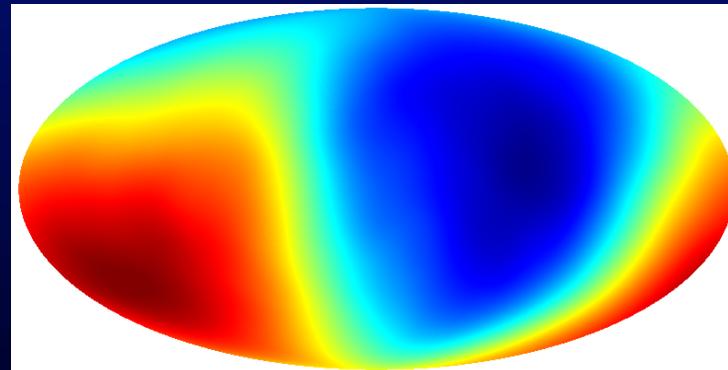
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Hannestad, Brandbyge (2009)



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