

# **PTOLEMY: A Proposal for Thermal Relic Detection of Massive Neutrinos and Directional Detection of MeV Dark Matter**

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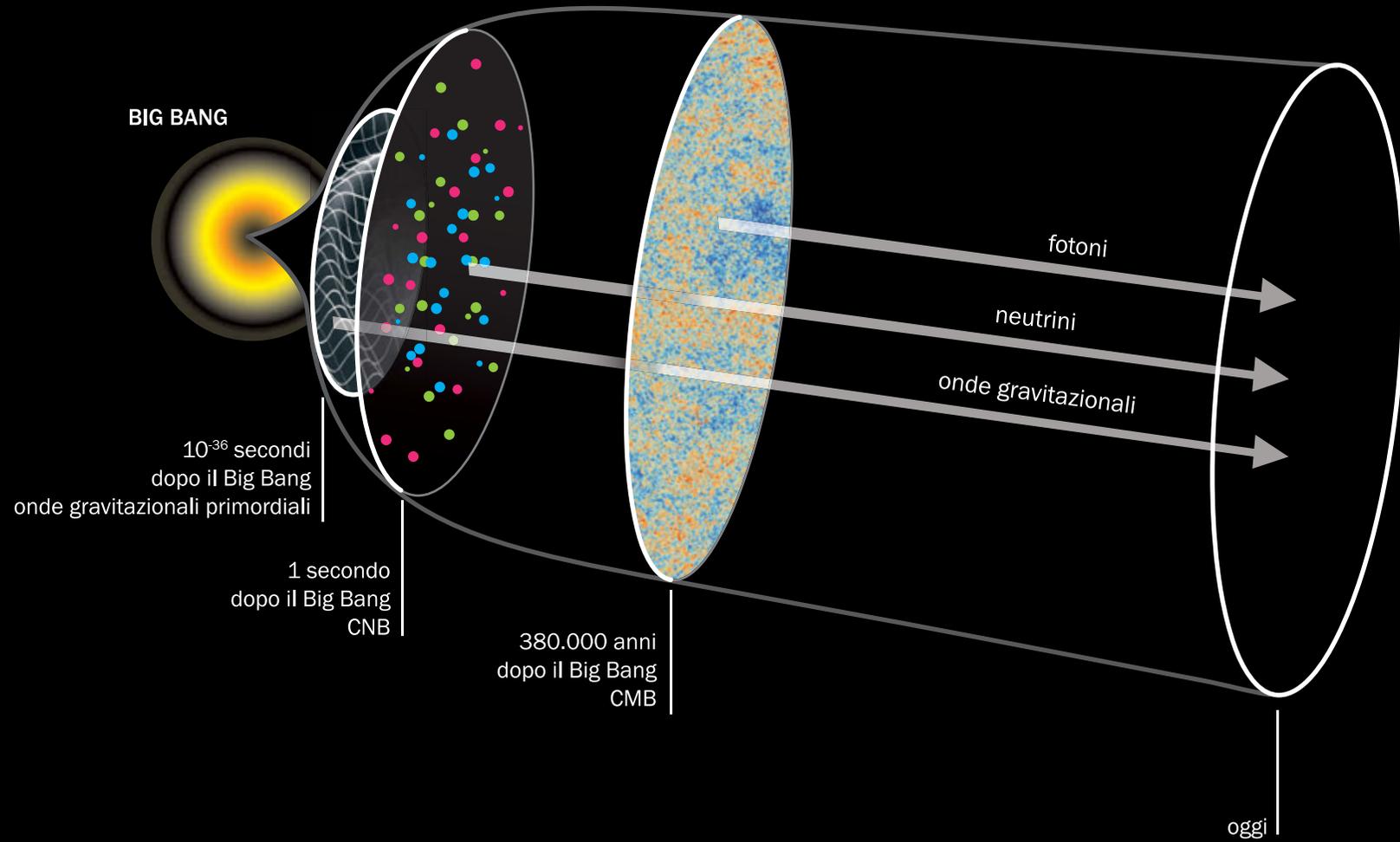
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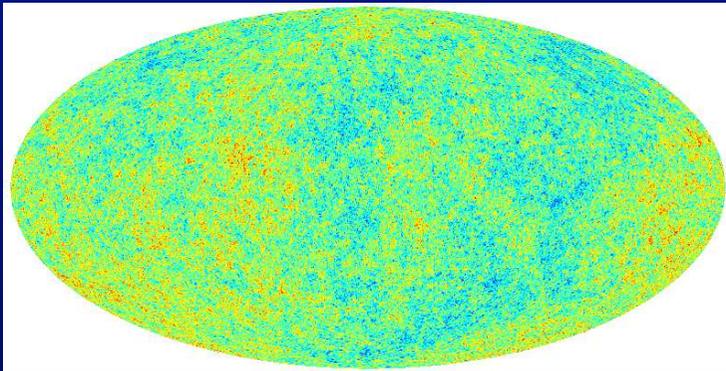
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# Looking Back in Time

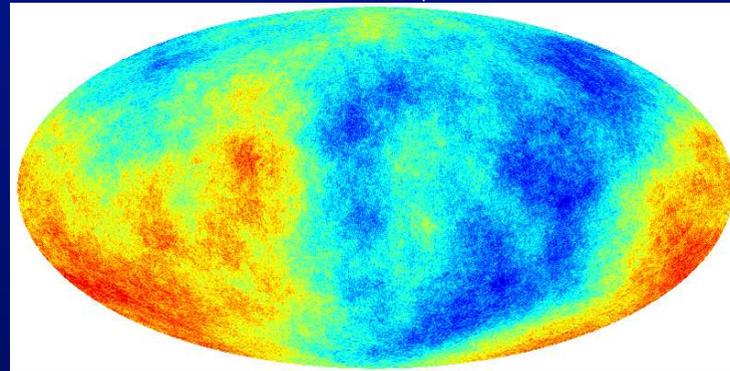


# The Neutrino Sky

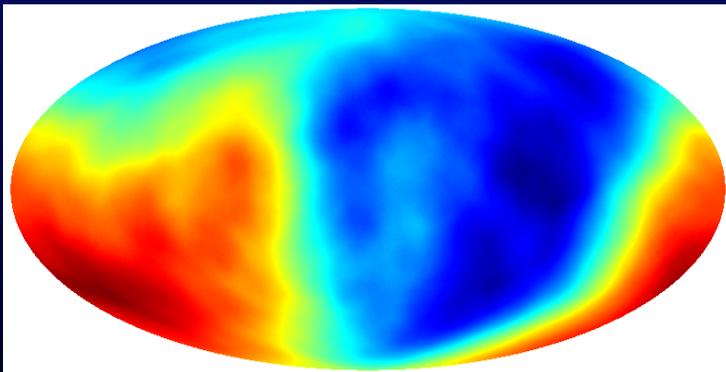
$m_\nu < 0.00001$  eV



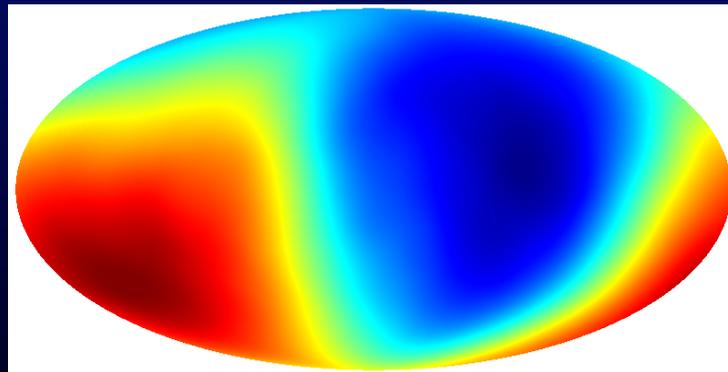
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Hannestad, Brandbyge (2009)

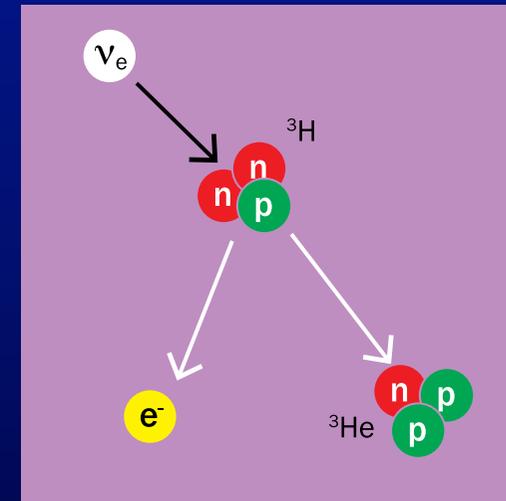
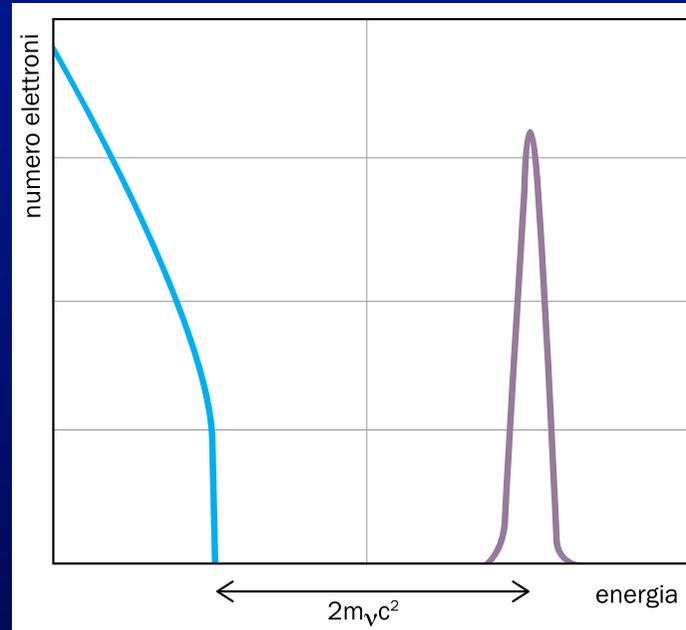
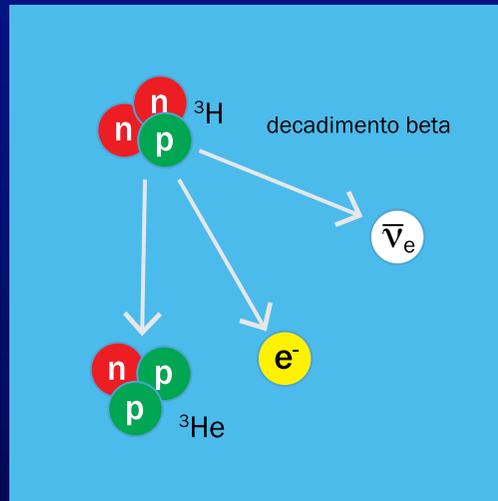


$m_\nu \sim 0.01$  eV

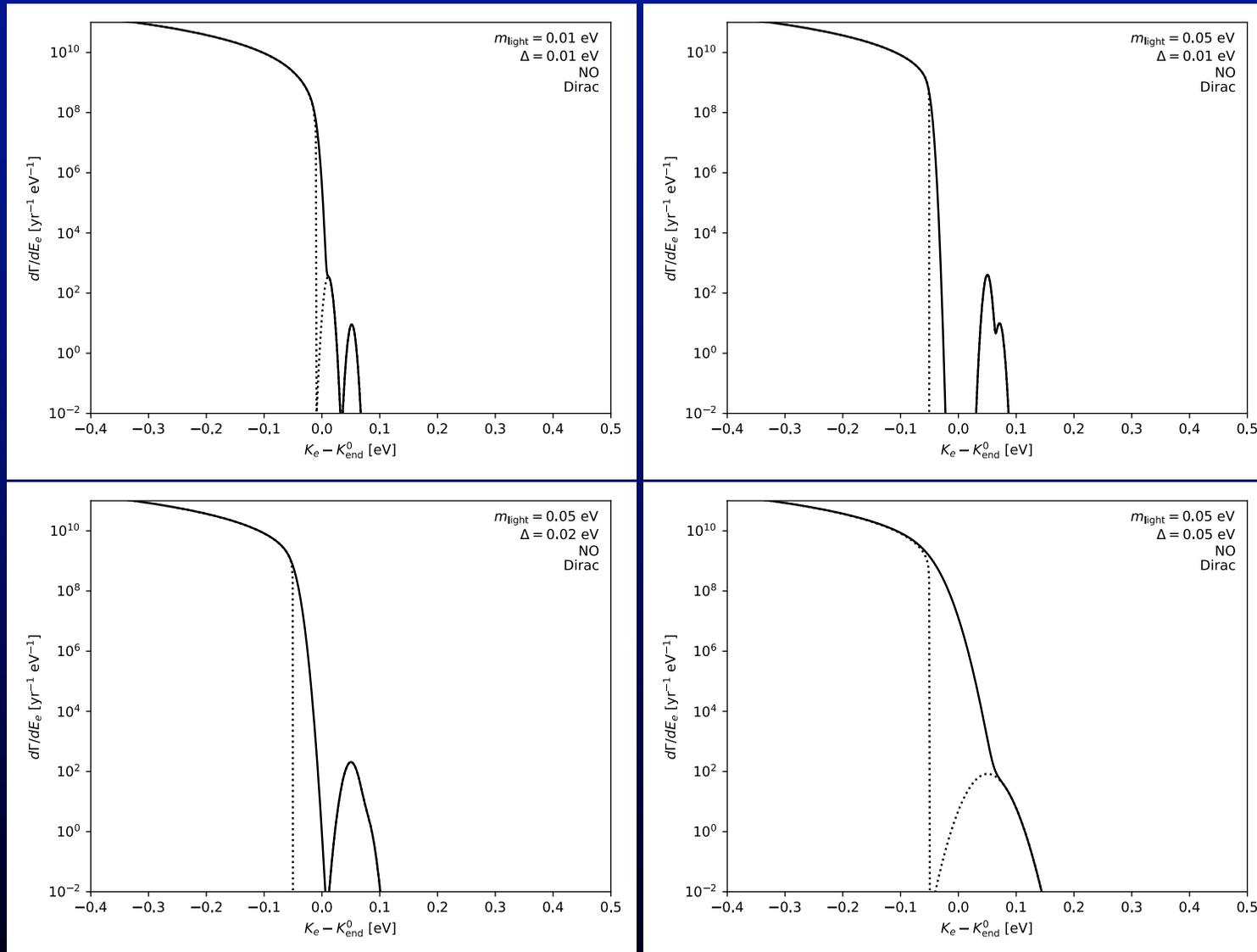


$m_\nu \sim 0.1$  eV

# Detection Concept: Neutrino Capture



# Challenges: Resolution and Backgrounds

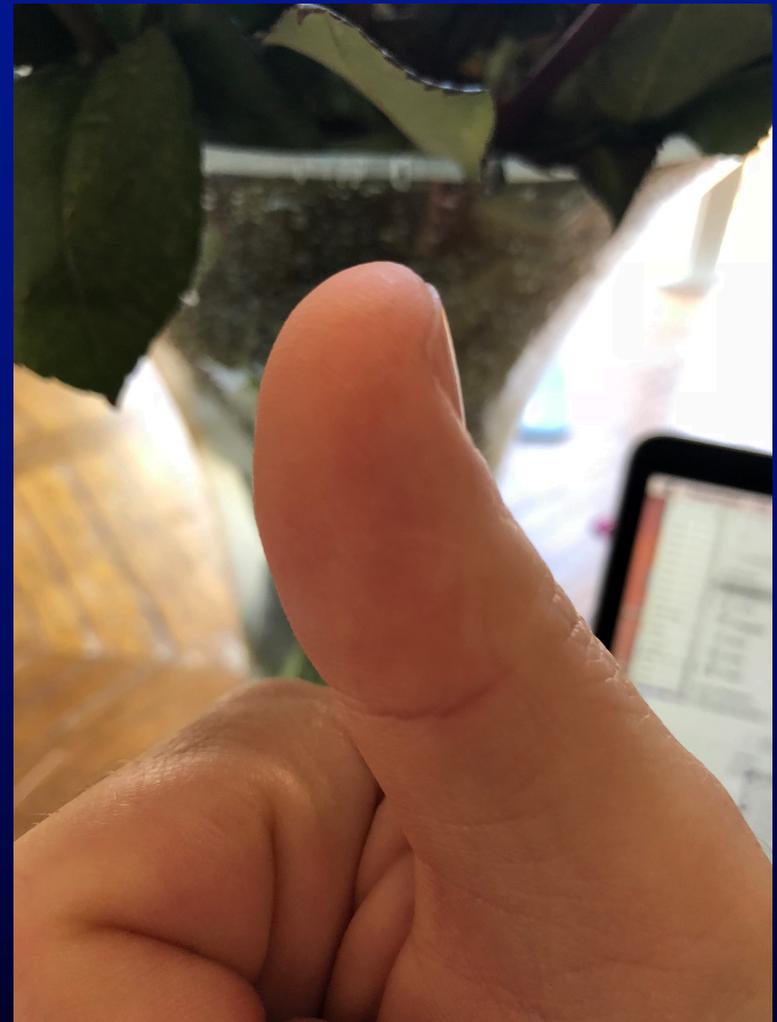
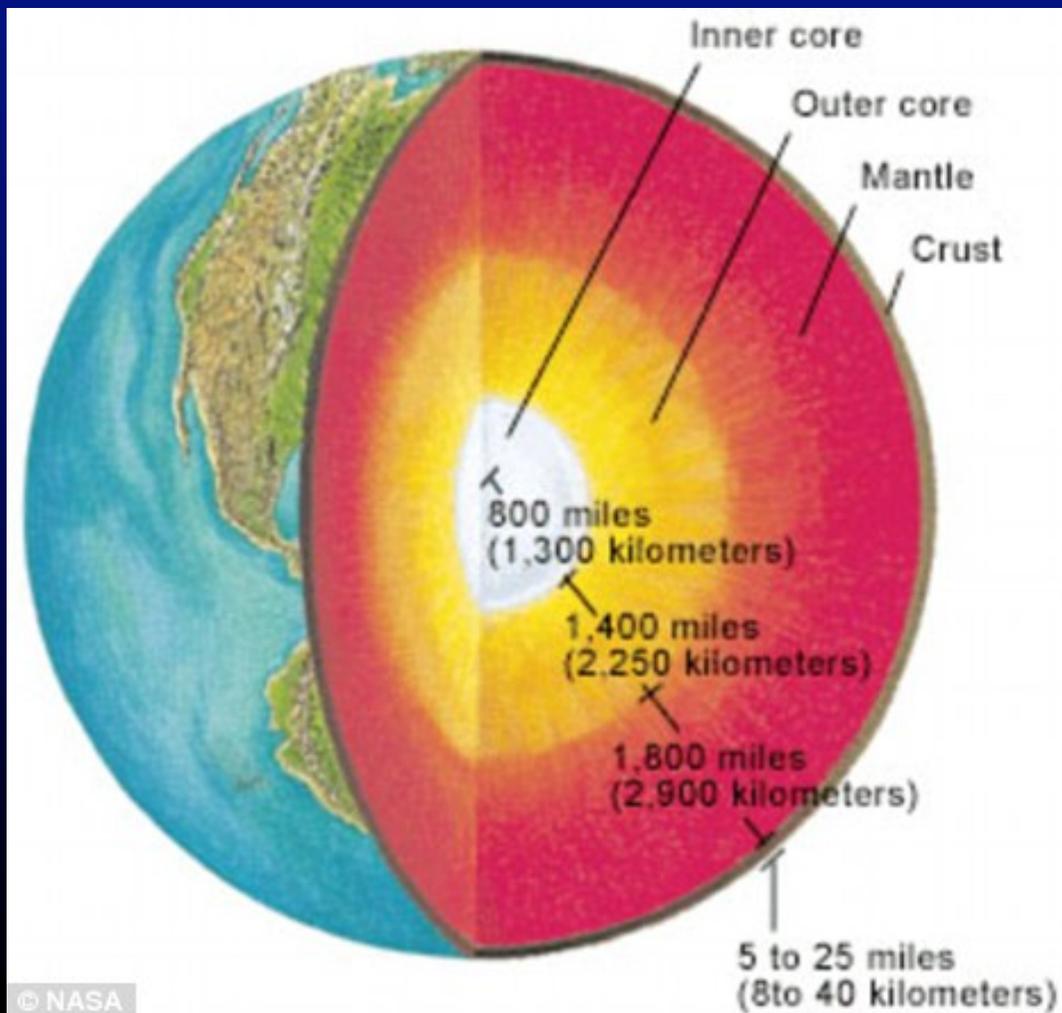


Normal Ordering

# High Radio-Purity Carbon

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

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

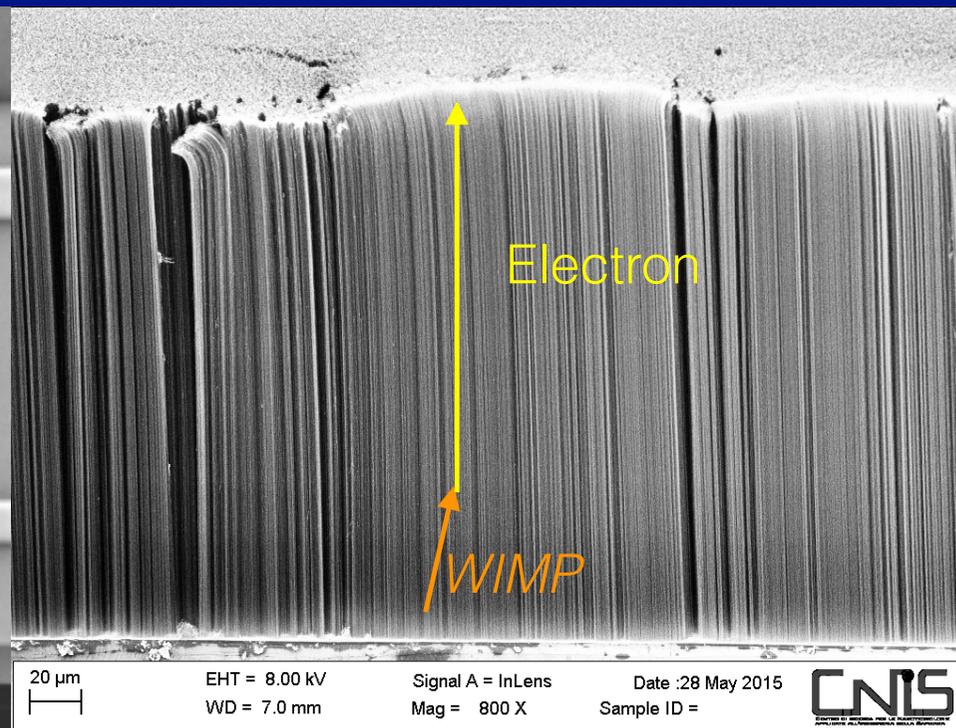
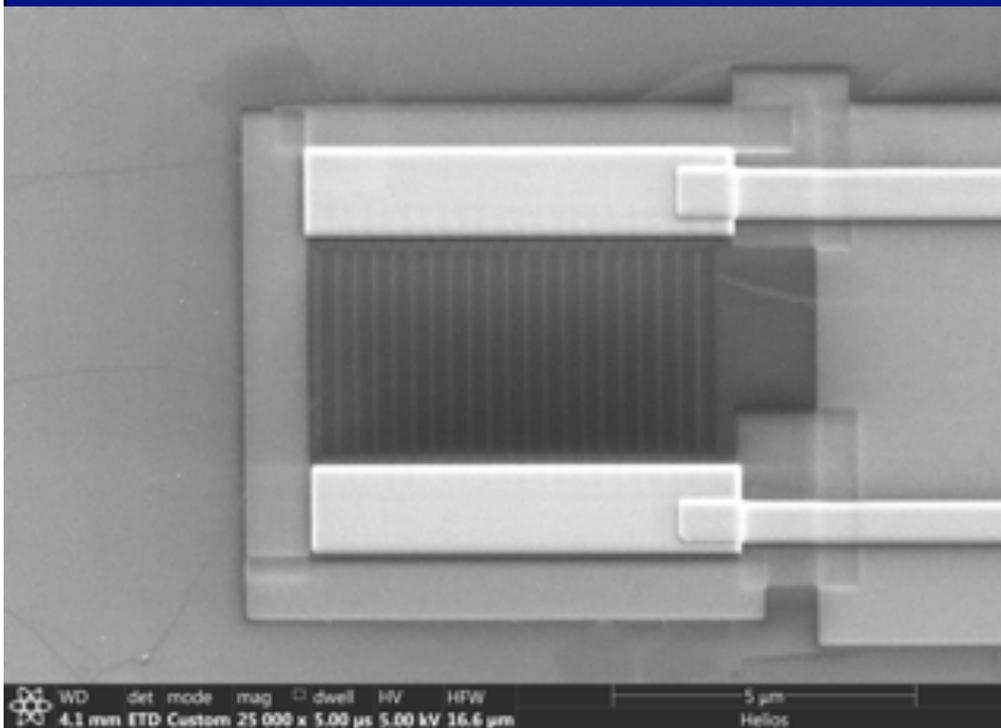


Kinder Morgan Doe Canyon  $\text{CO}_2$  facility in southwestern Colorado

# Graphene Targets: Two Concepts

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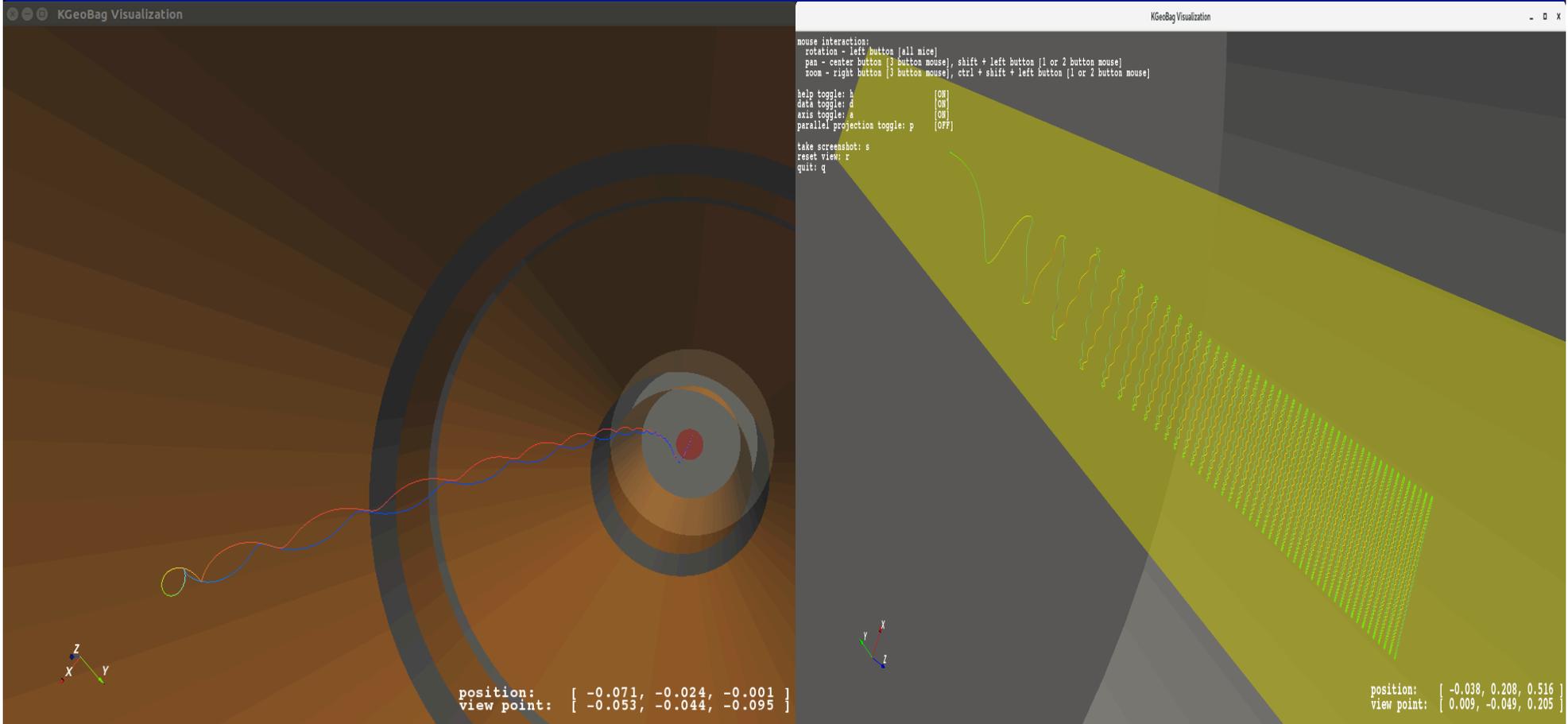
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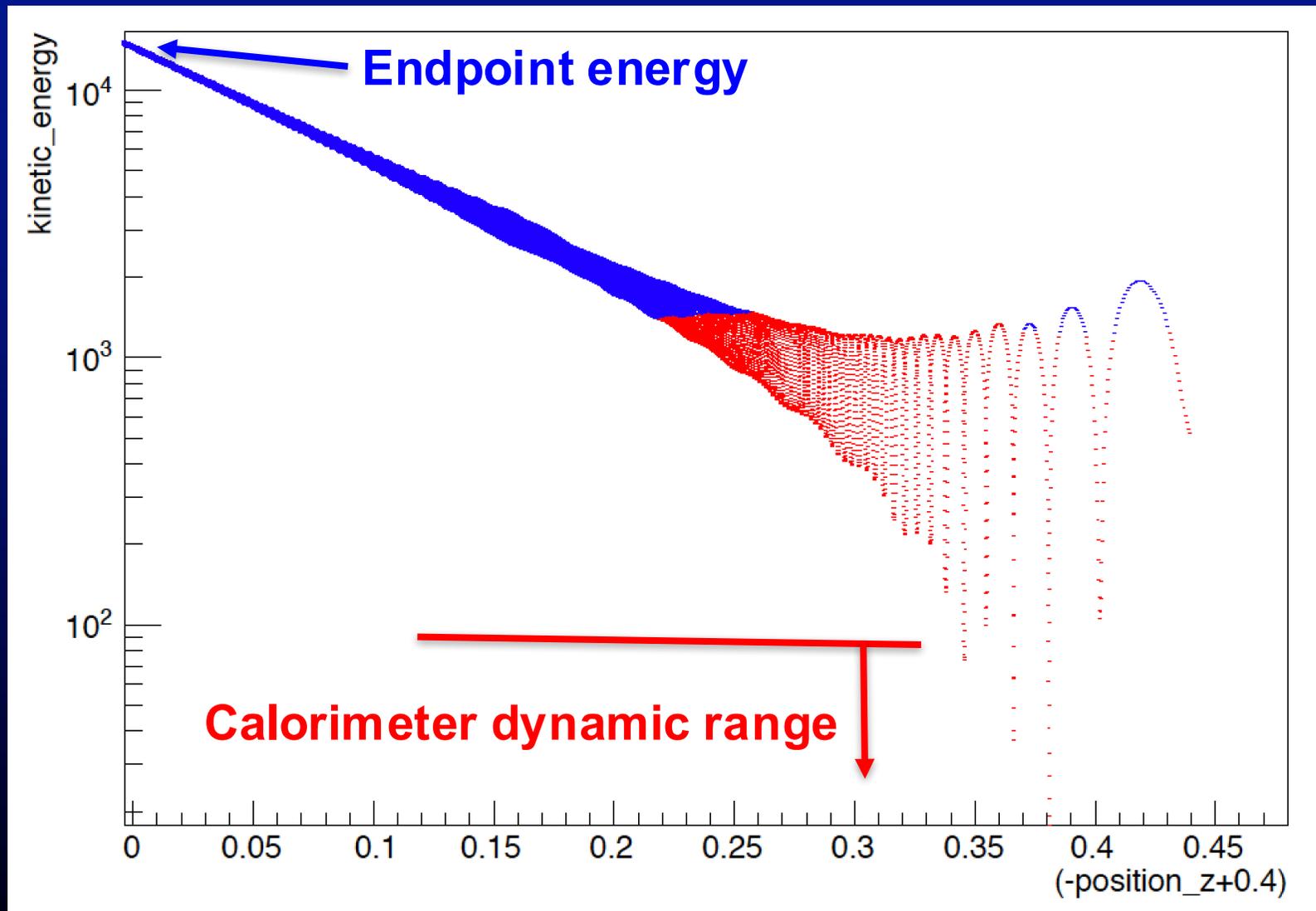
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Anisotropy of aligned CNTs

# Electromagnetic Telescope Optics

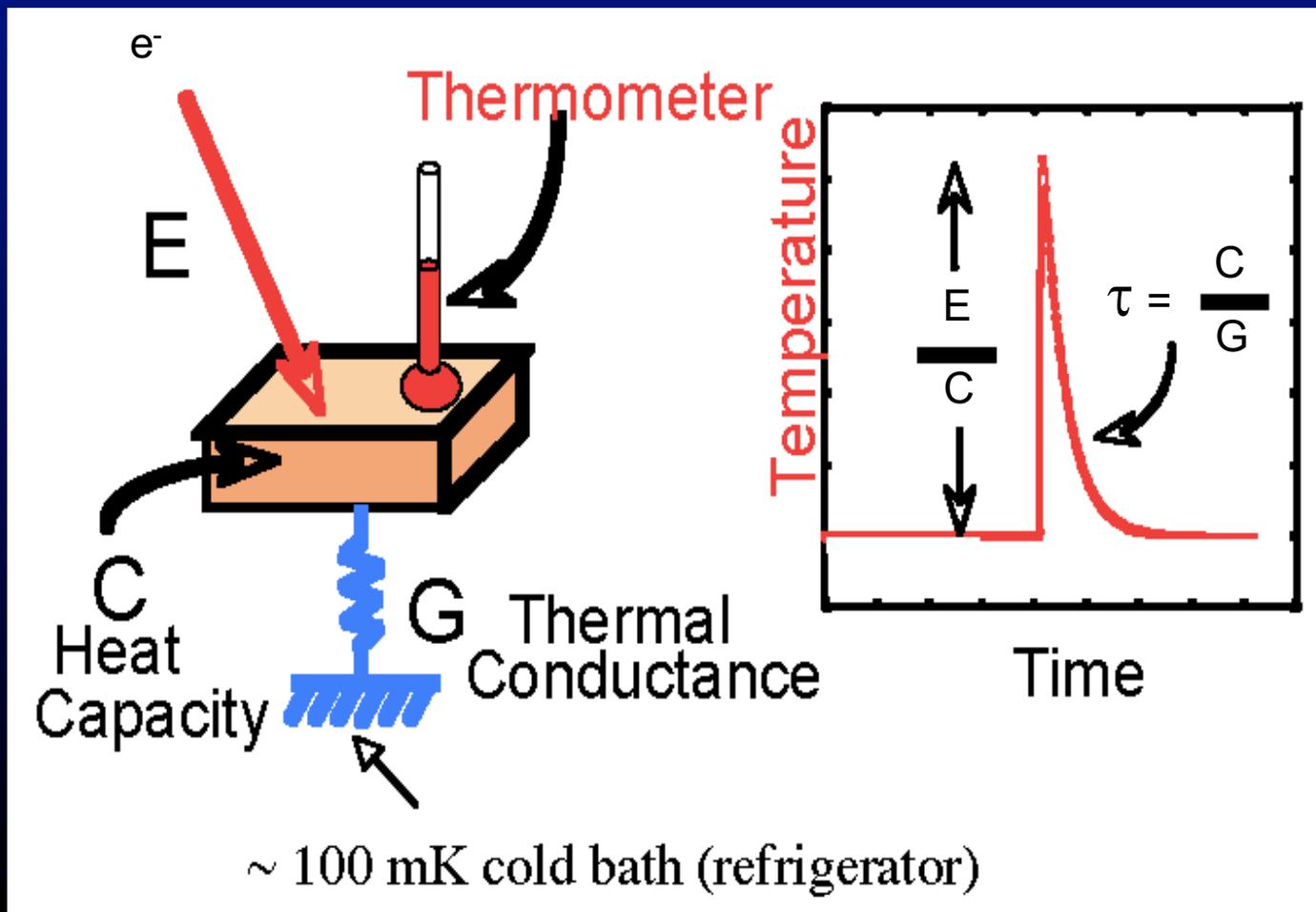


# Measurement of Endpoint Energies



# 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  $C$

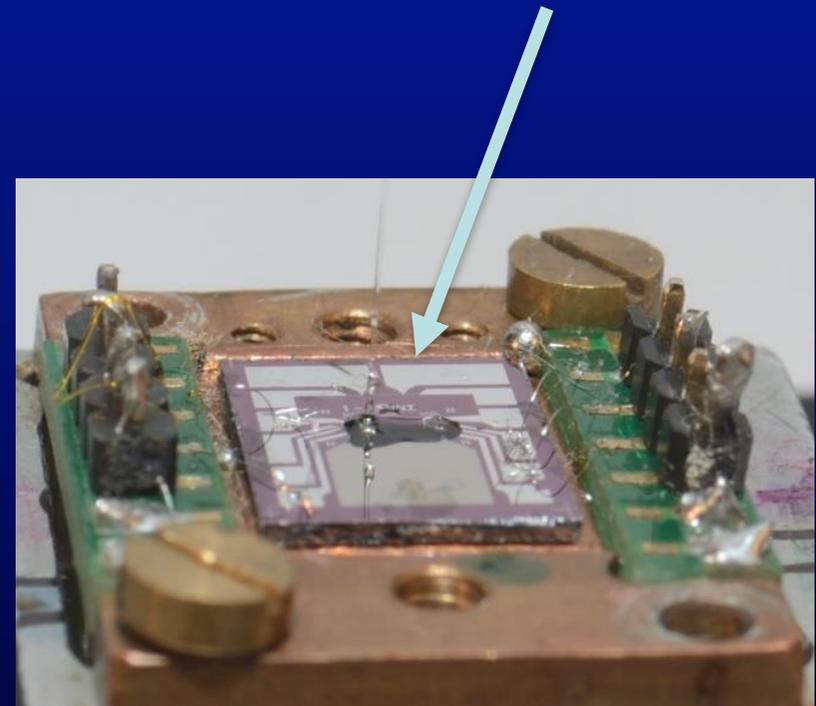
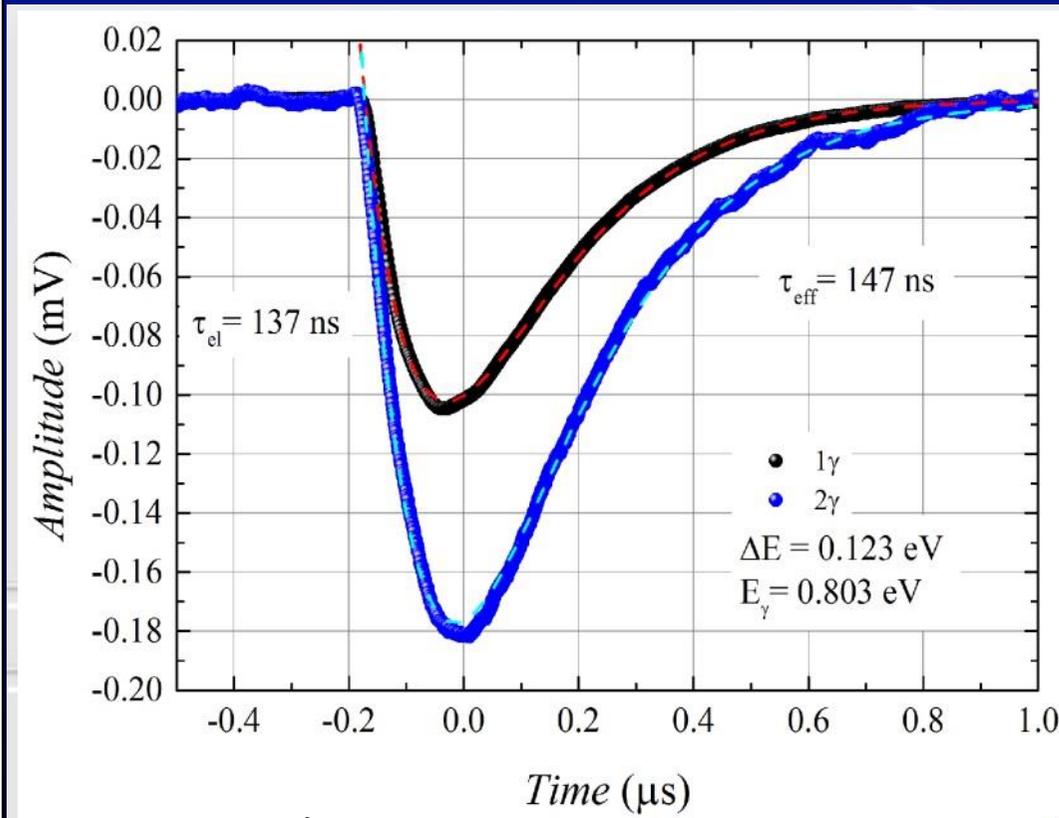
**Fast time  
response:**

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

# Single Infrared Photon Detectors

Results from INRIM (Torino) -  
Istituto Nazionale di Ricerca  
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## Transition-Edge Sensor

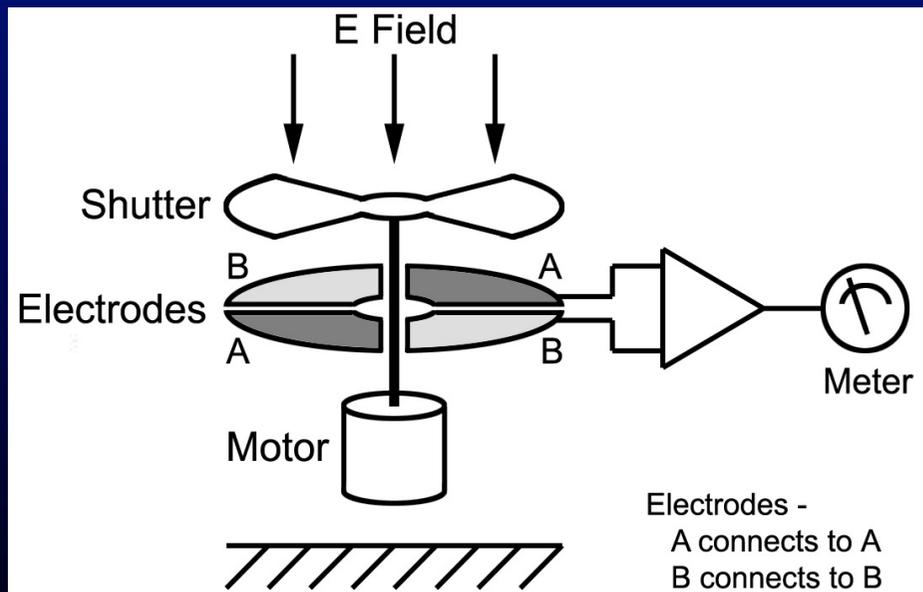
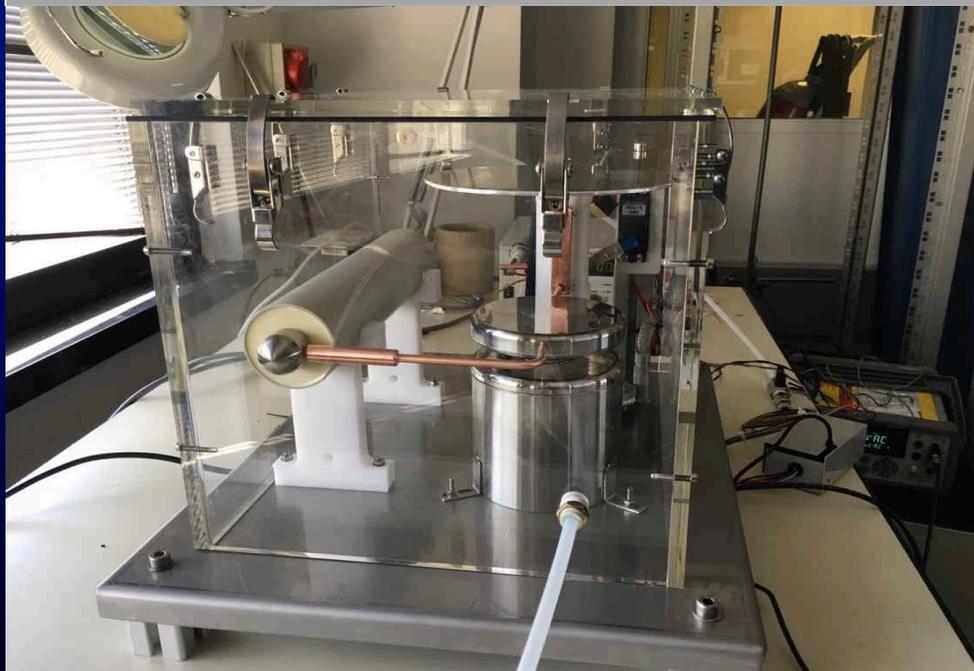
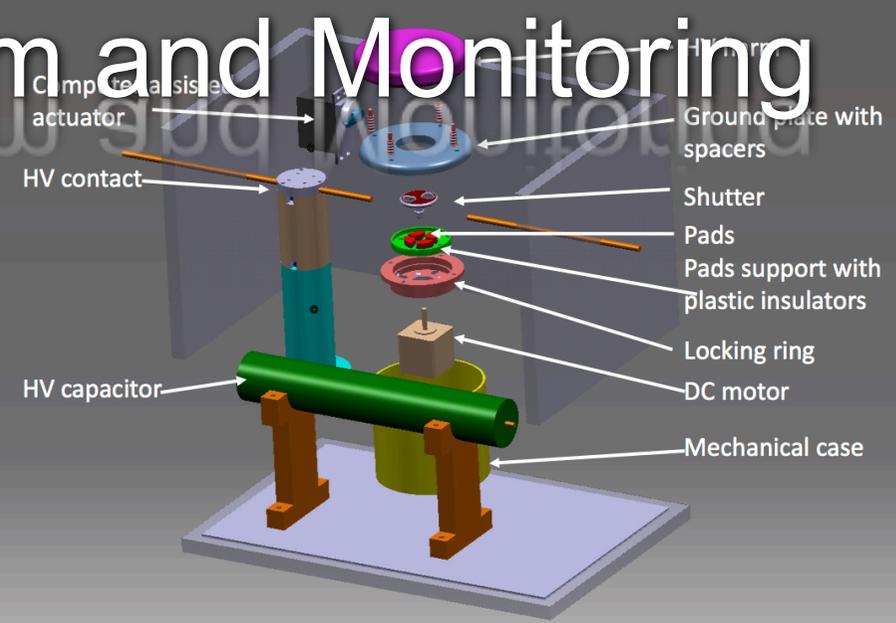
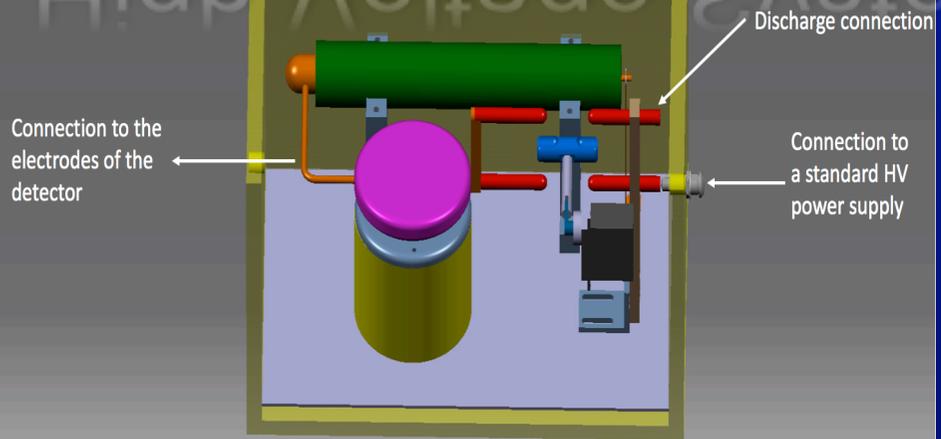


Infrared Photons  $E=0.8\text{eV}$

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

→ Exceeding goals for  
energy resolution

# High Voltage System and Monitoring



# PTOLEMY Prototype

(Princeton Team →)

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

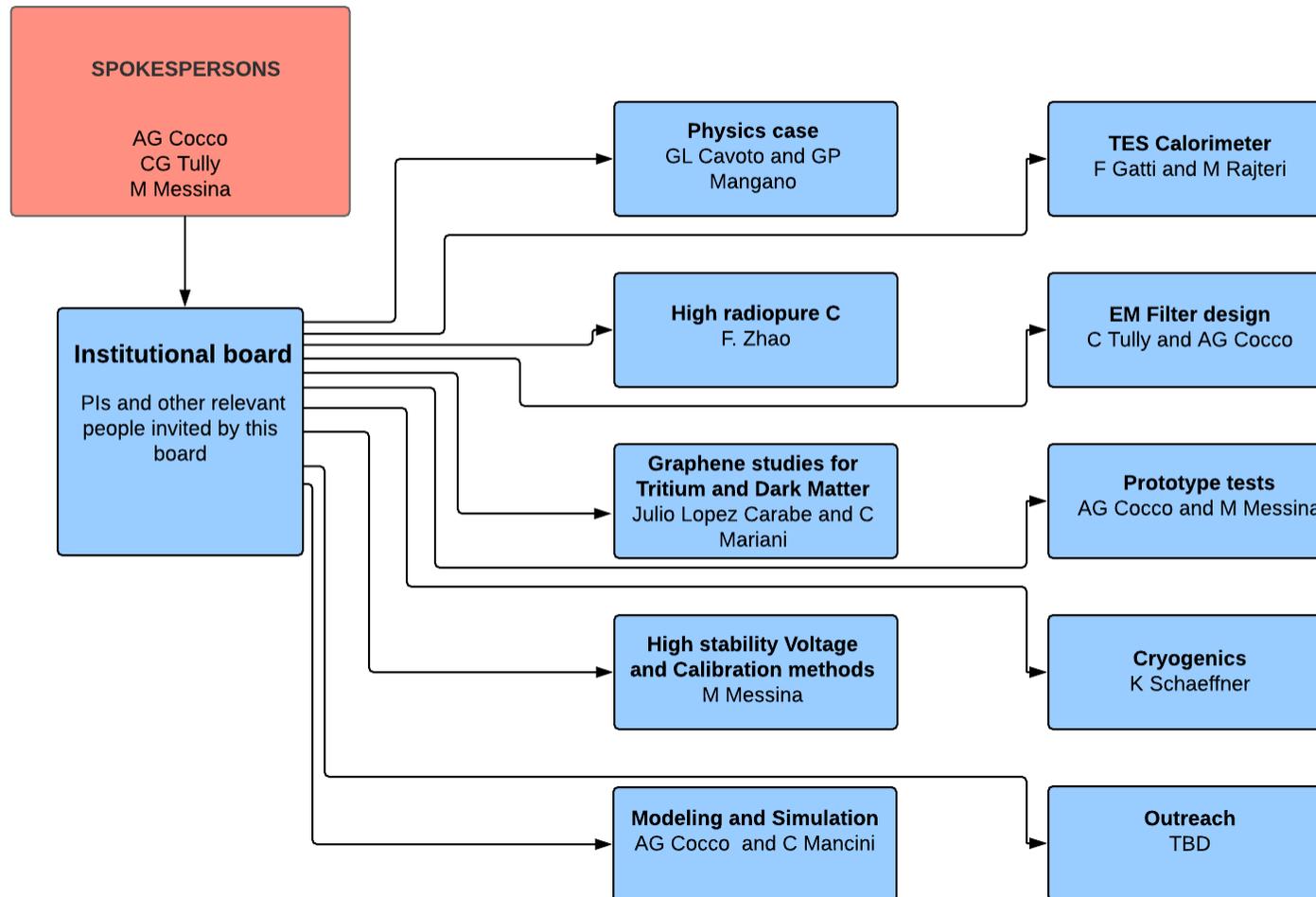
R&D Prototype @ PU  
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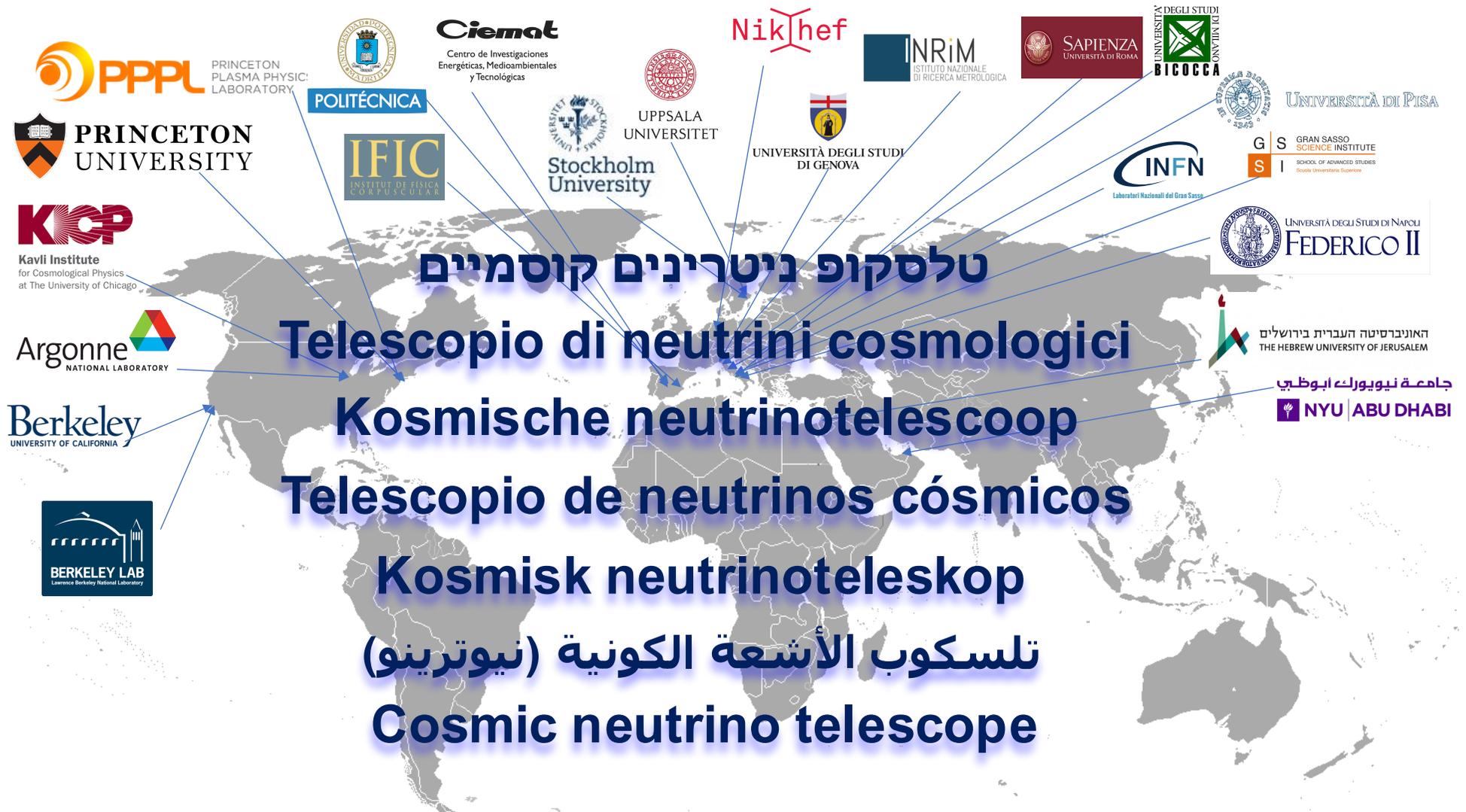
# PTOLEMY Working Groups

## PTOLEMY ORGANIZATION CHART

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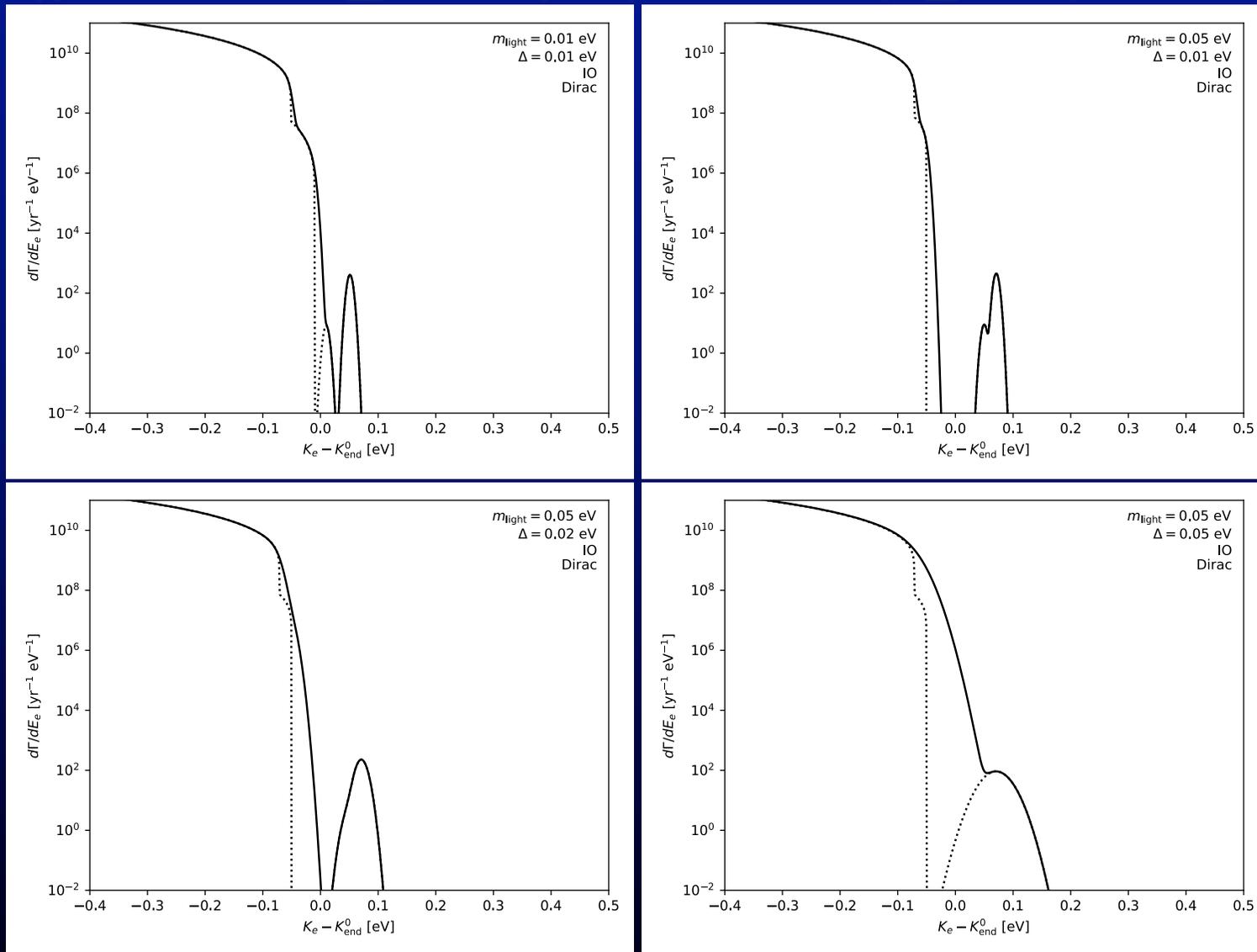


# PTOLEMY Collaboration



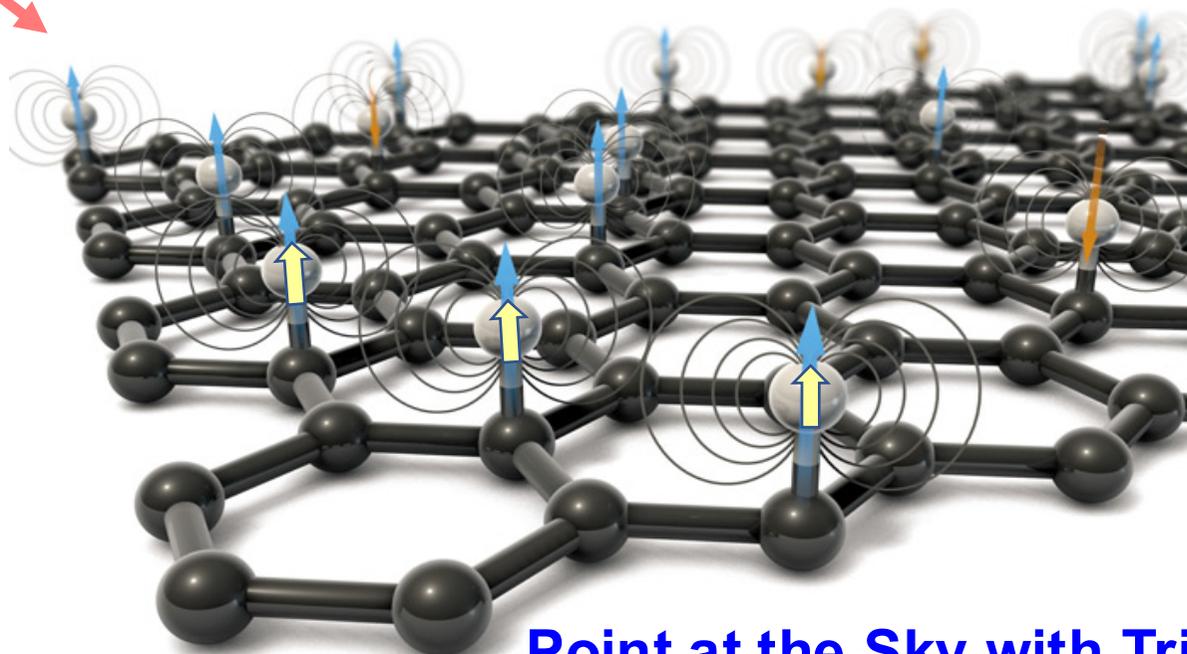
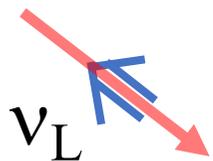
# Commentary

# Challenges: Resolution and Backgrounds



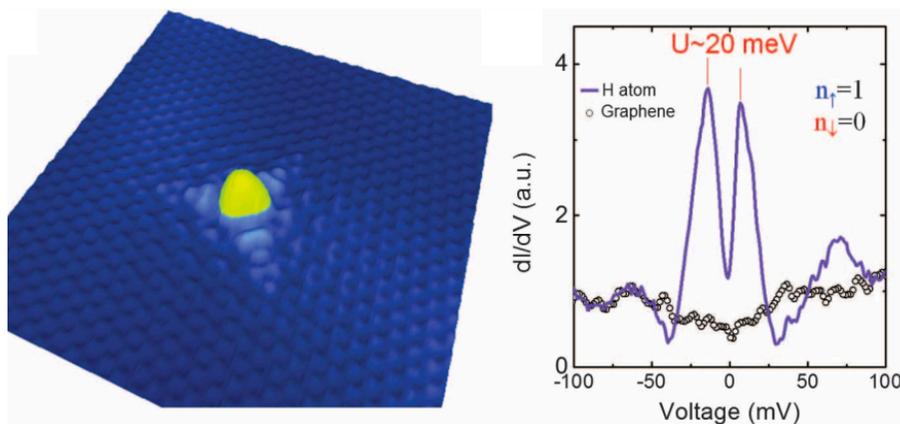
Inverted Ordering

# Polarized Tritium Target



Lisanti, Safdi, CGT, 2014.

Point at the Sky with Tritium Nuclear Spin  $\uparrow$



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,  $\Delta m$  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  $\xi$ ,  $a$ ,  $A$  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

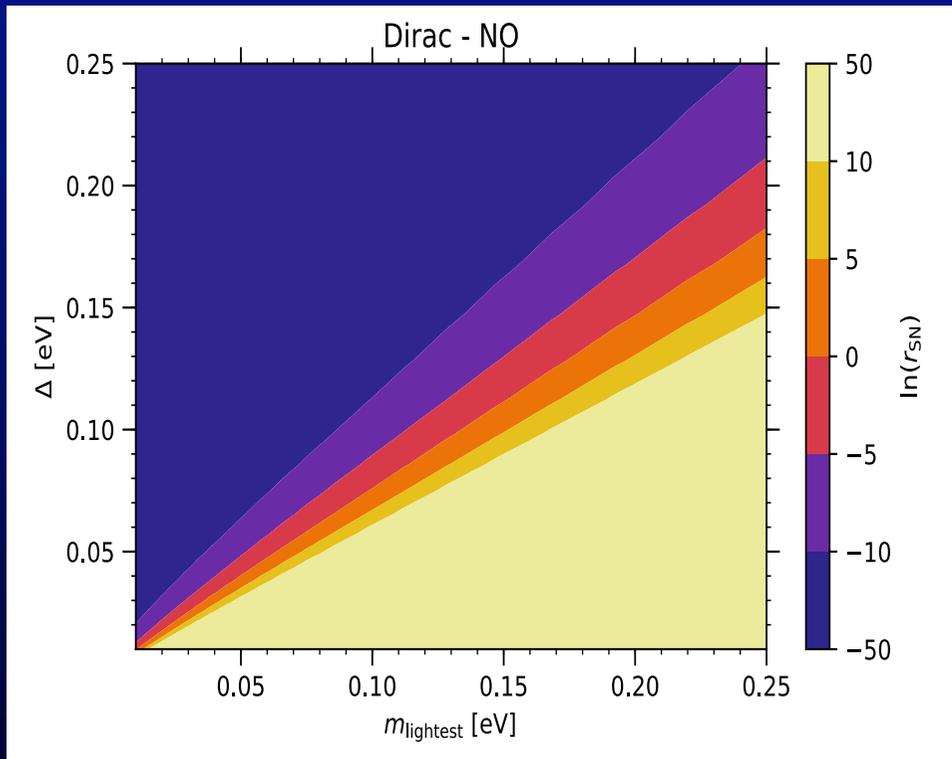
$$\xi = |F|^2 + g_A^2 |GT|^2 , \quad (2)$$

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

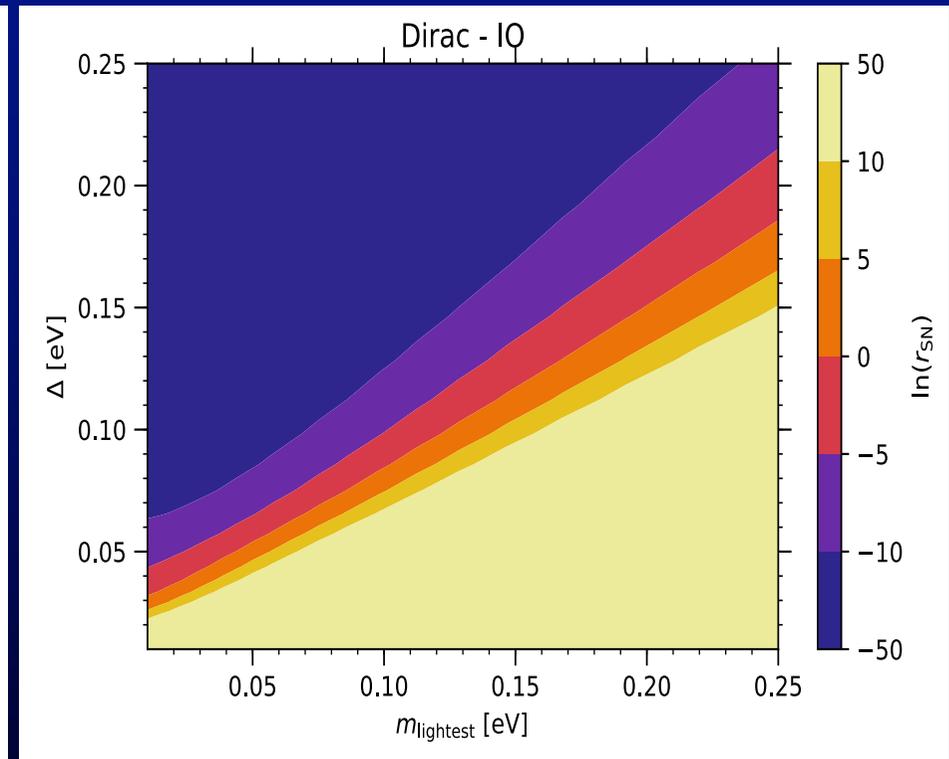
$$A\xi = -\frac{2}{3} g_A^2 |GT|^2 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} |GT||F| , \quad (4)$$

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

# CNB Signal-to-Noise

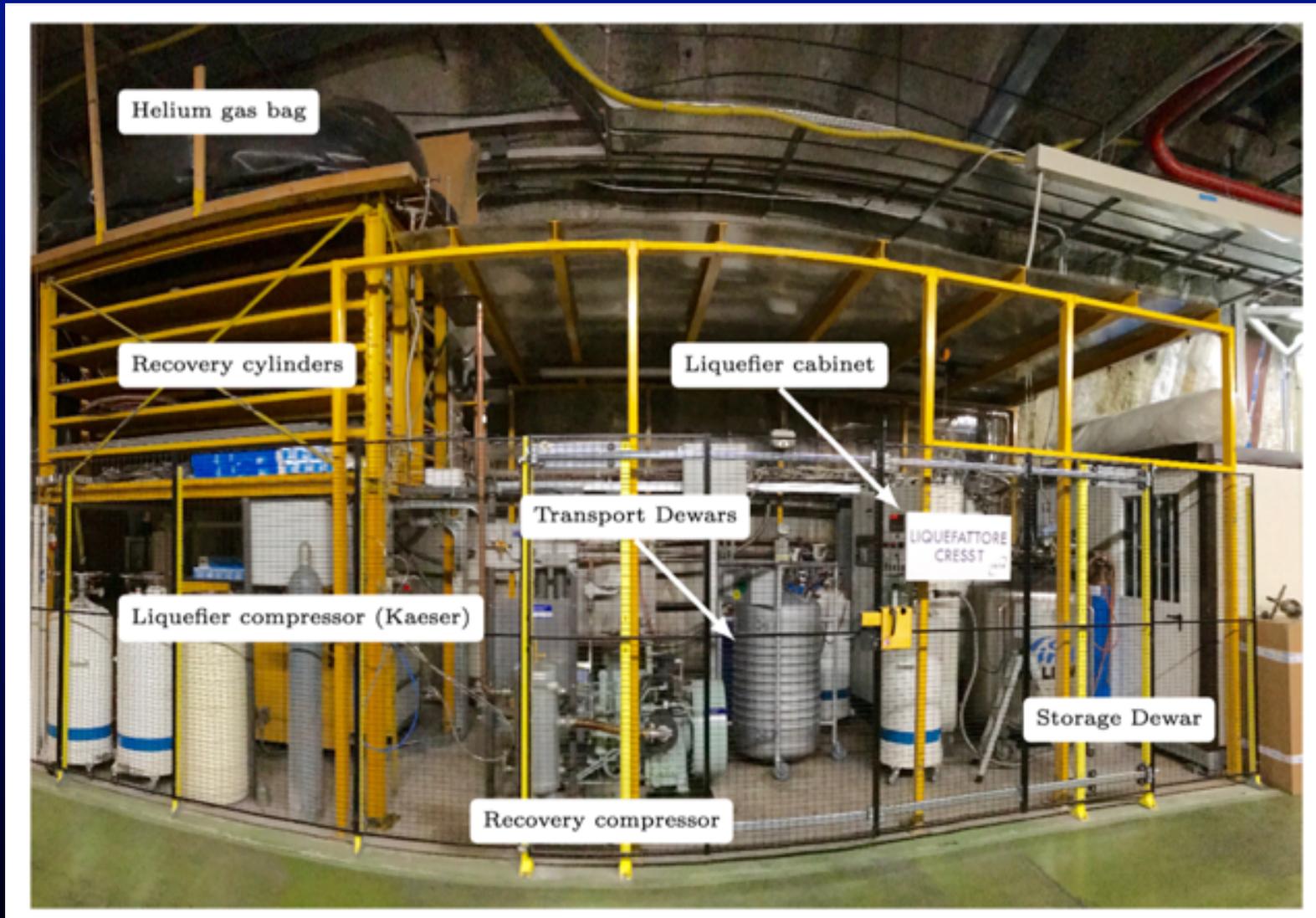


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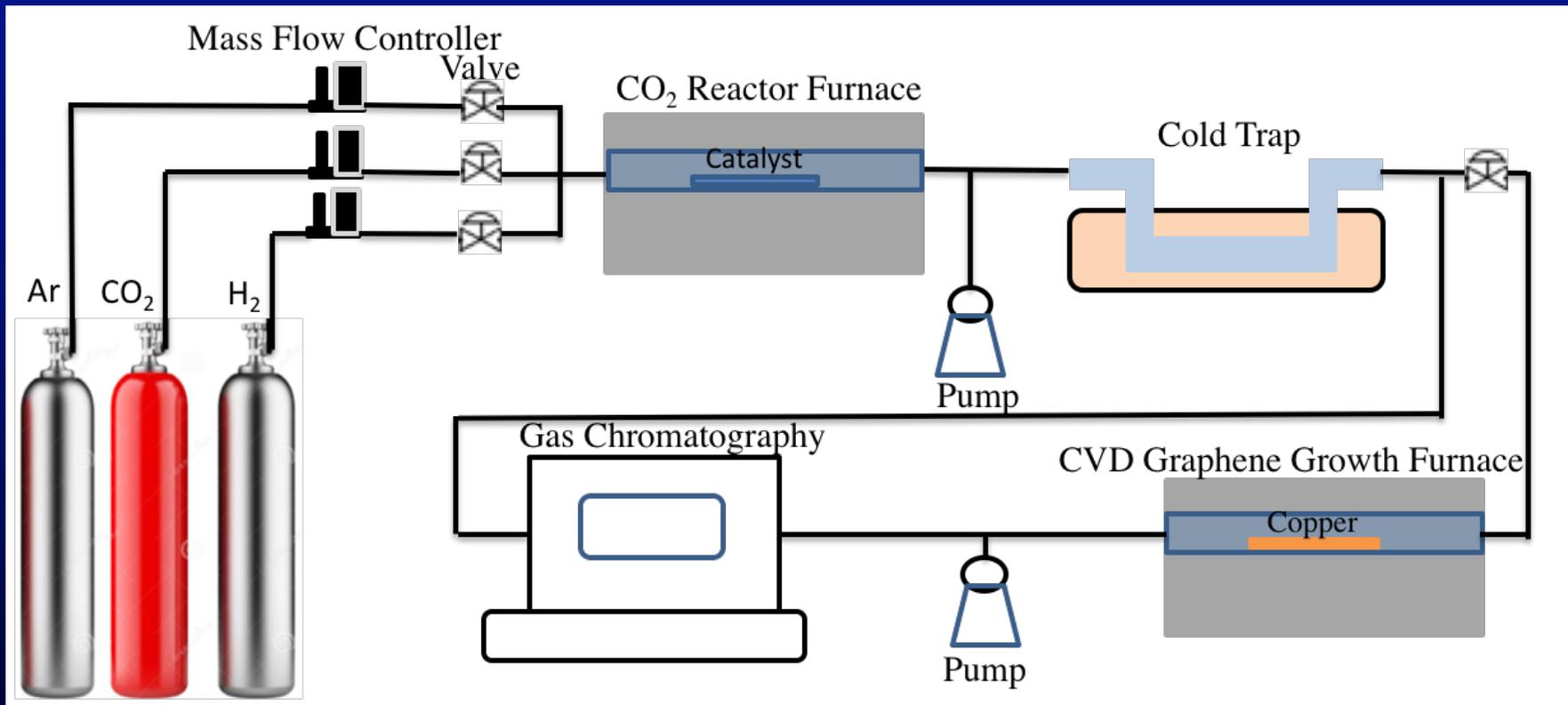


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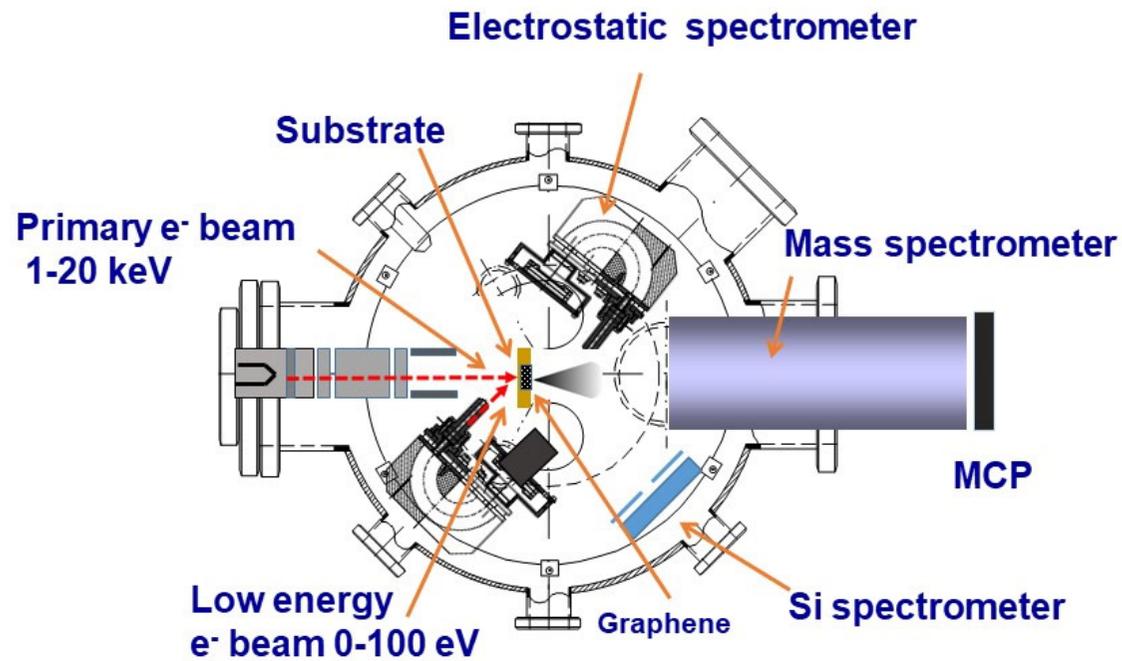
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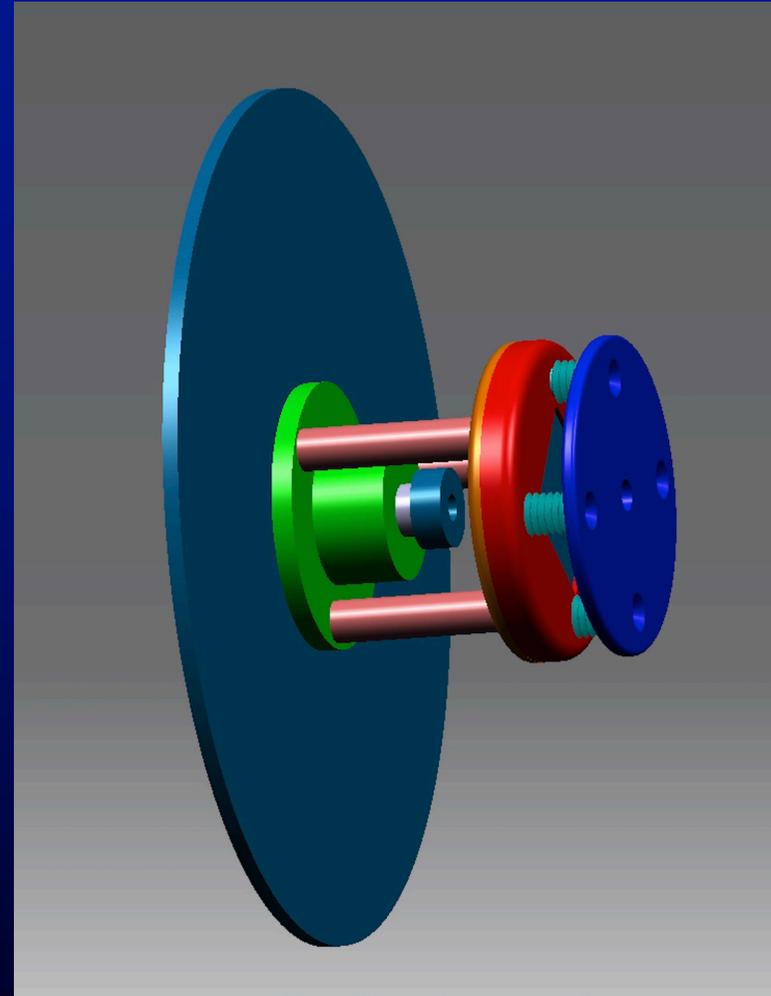
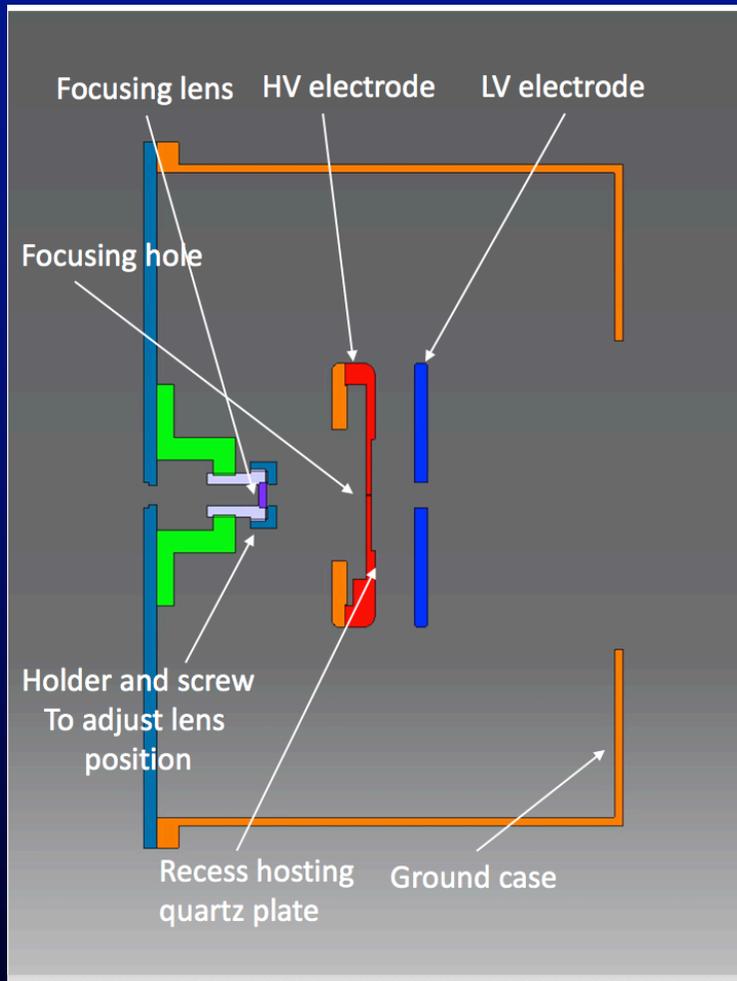
# High Radio-Pure $^{12}\text{C}$ ( $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_4$ )



# Electron-Graphene Interaction Chamber

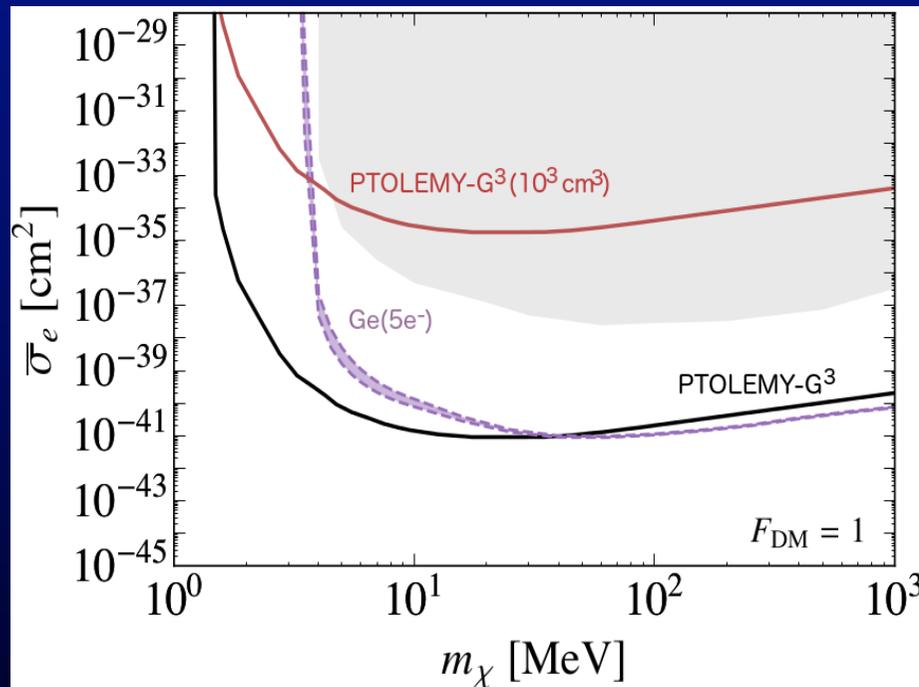


# Electron Gun

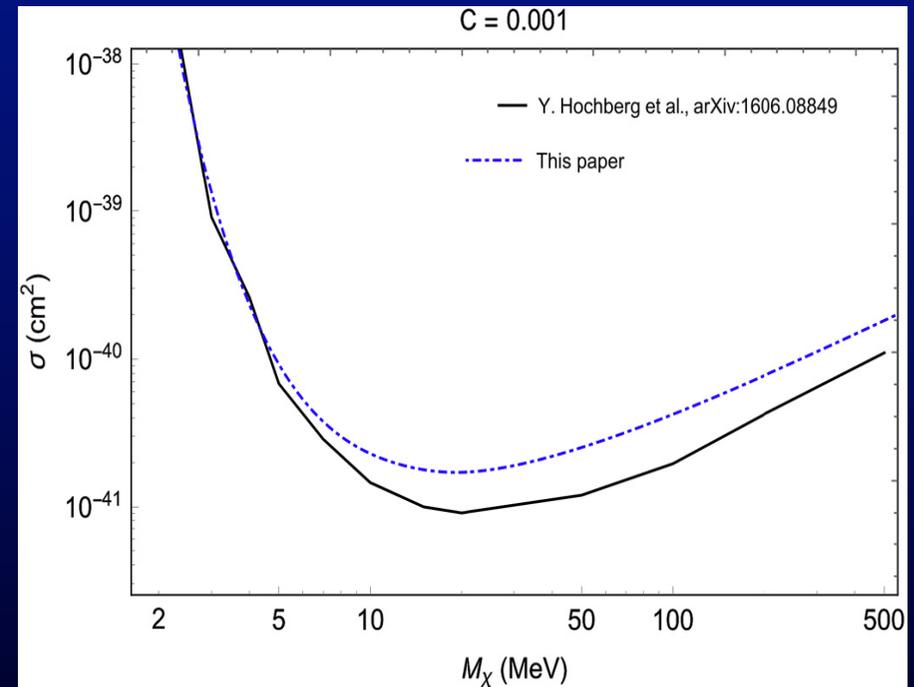


# Direction Detection MeV Dark Matter Searches

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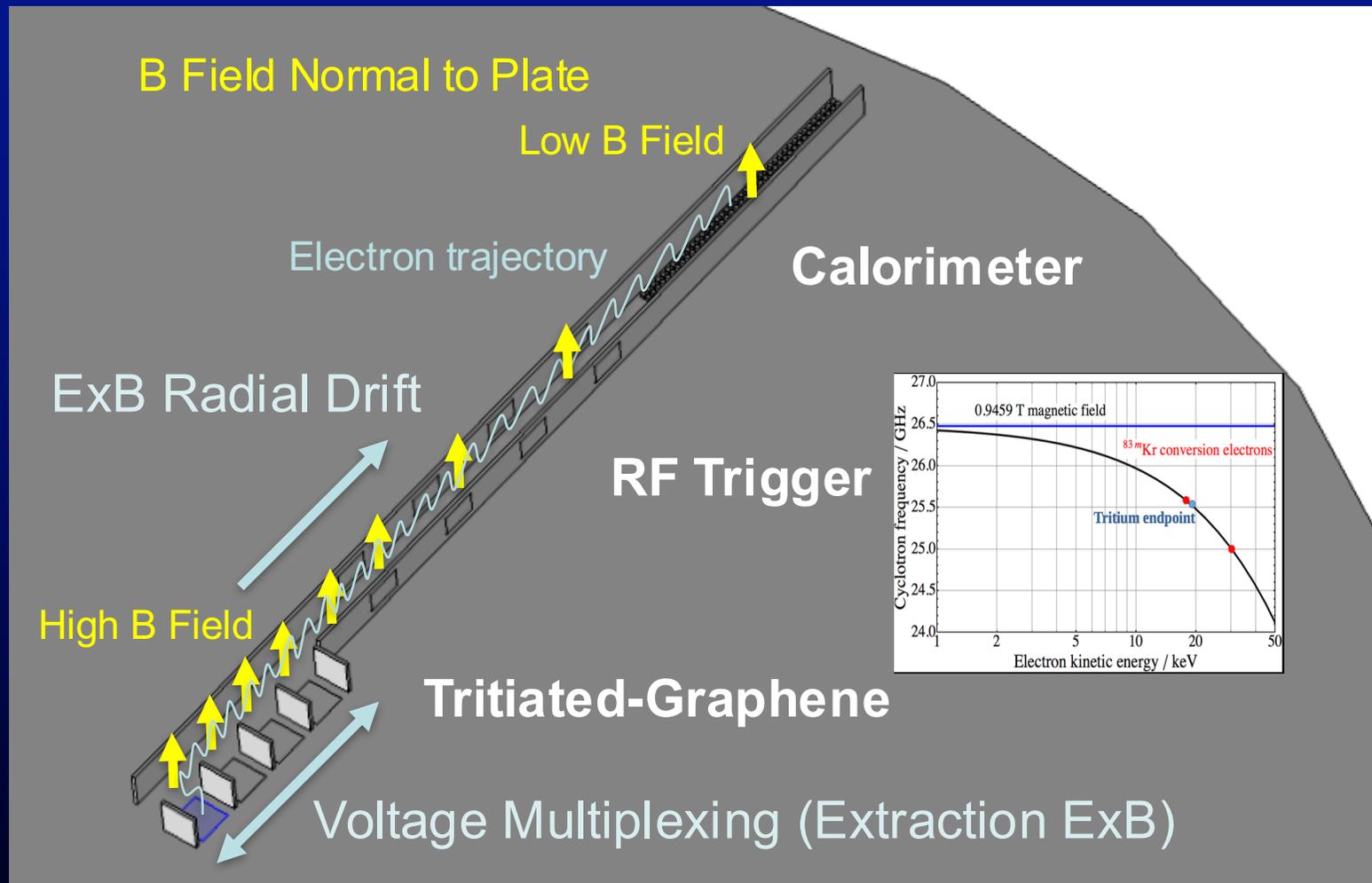
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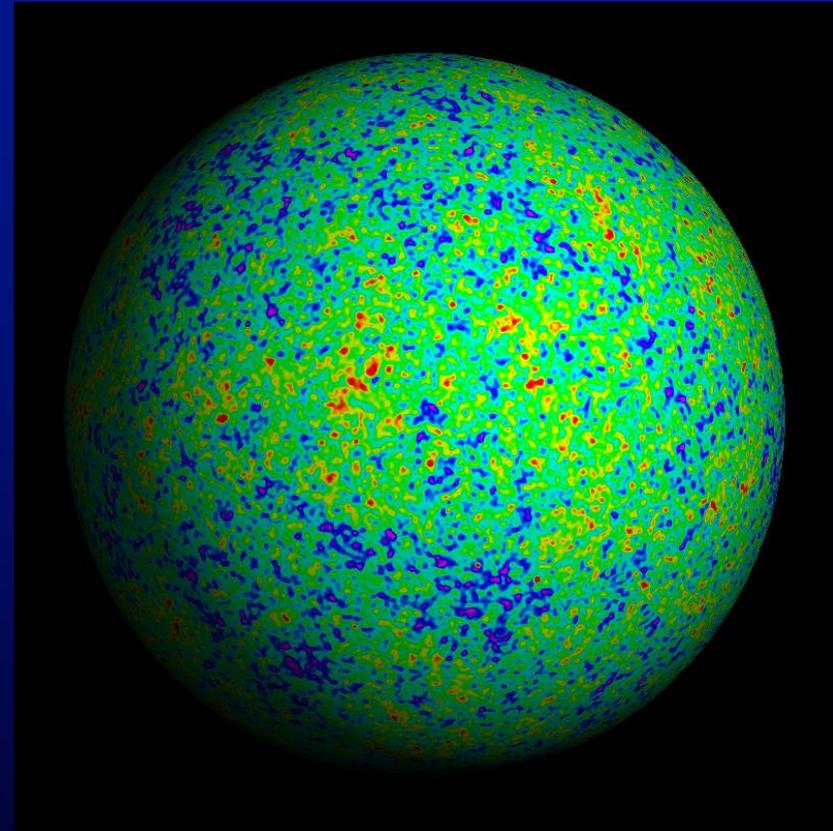
# Scalable Underground Design



# Celestial Globes



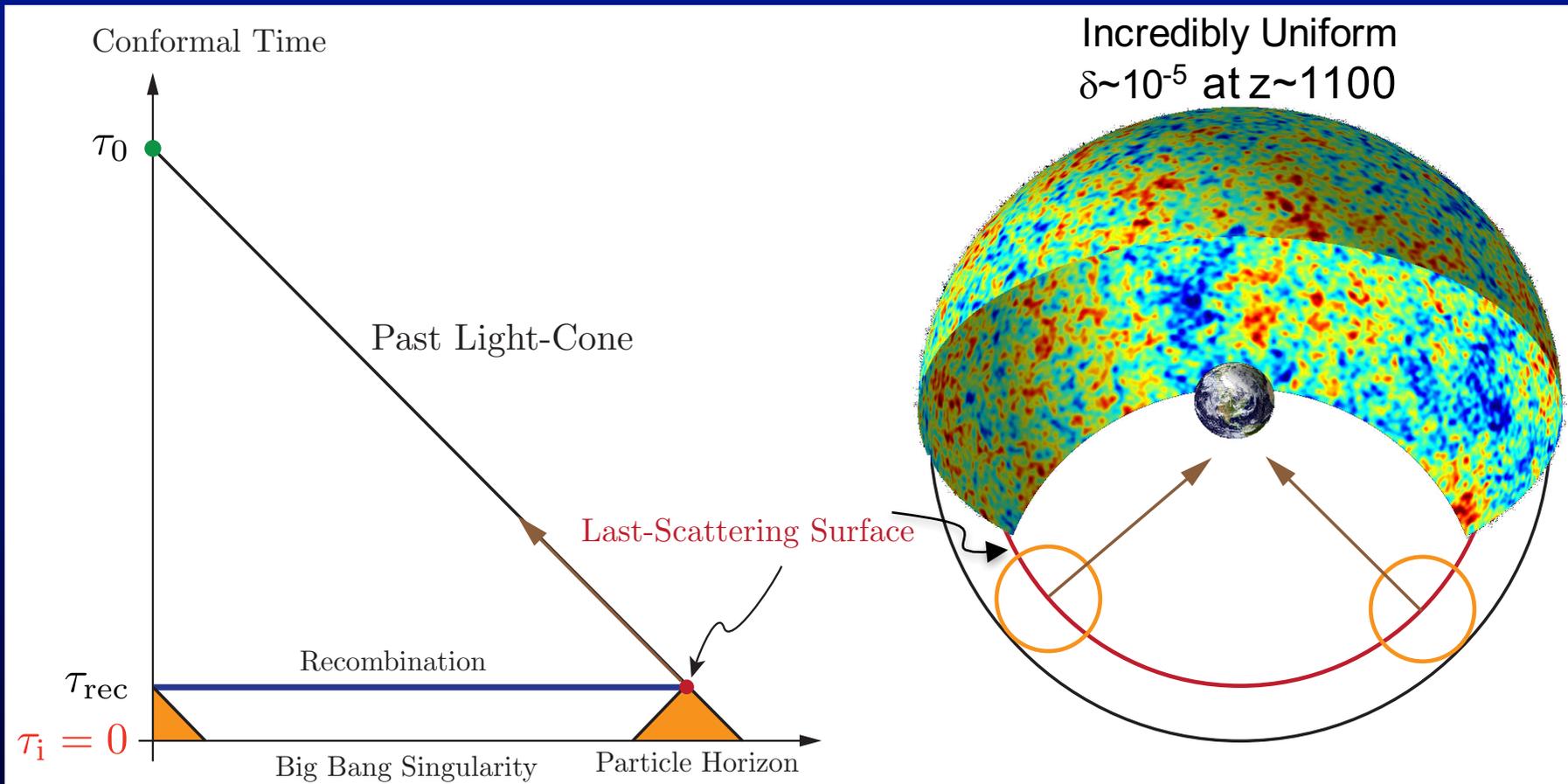
Johann Schöner, c. 1534



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

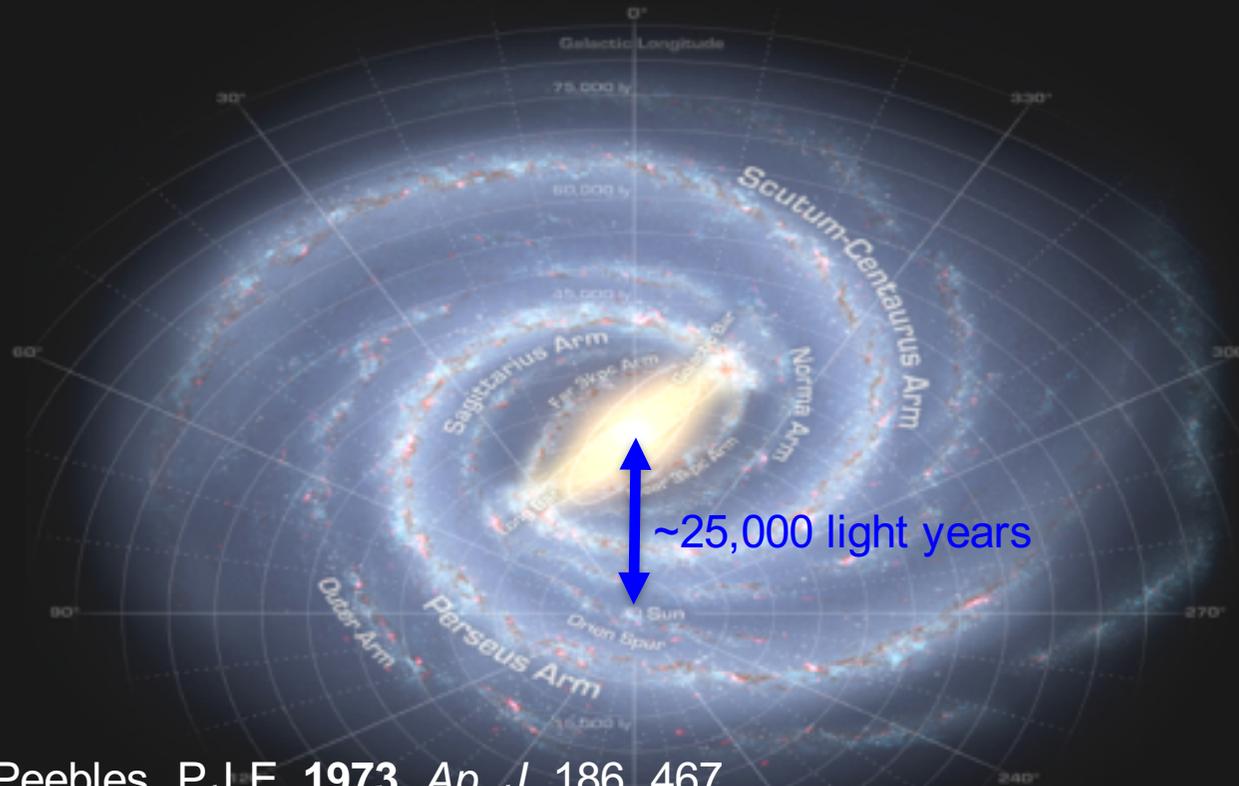
WMAP, c. 2009

# Big Bang Cosmology



Common Past?

# Our Home in the Universe



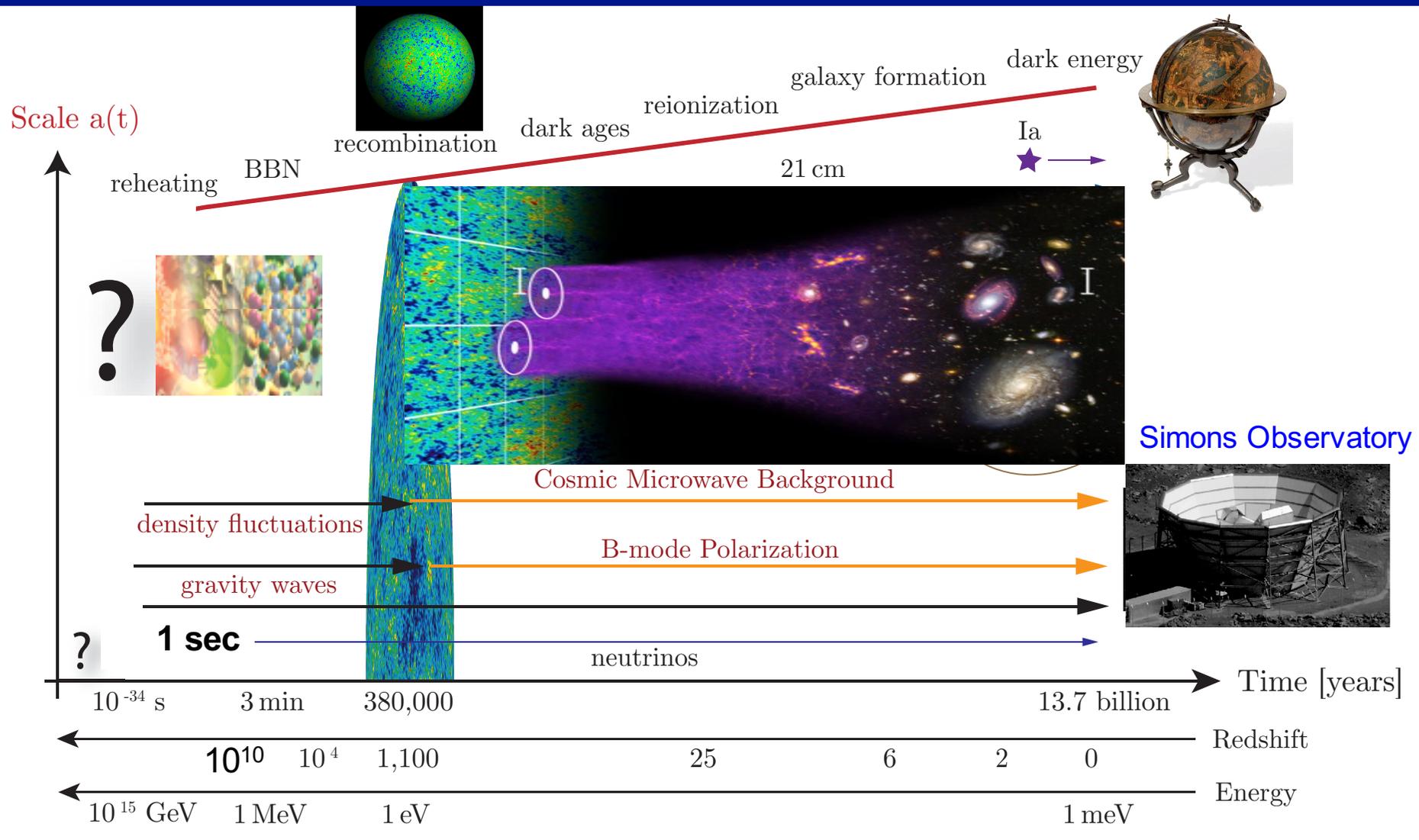
Ostriker, J.P. & Peebles, P.J.E. 1973, *Ap. J.* 186, 467.

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  $0.14 \pm 0.02$ . 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:

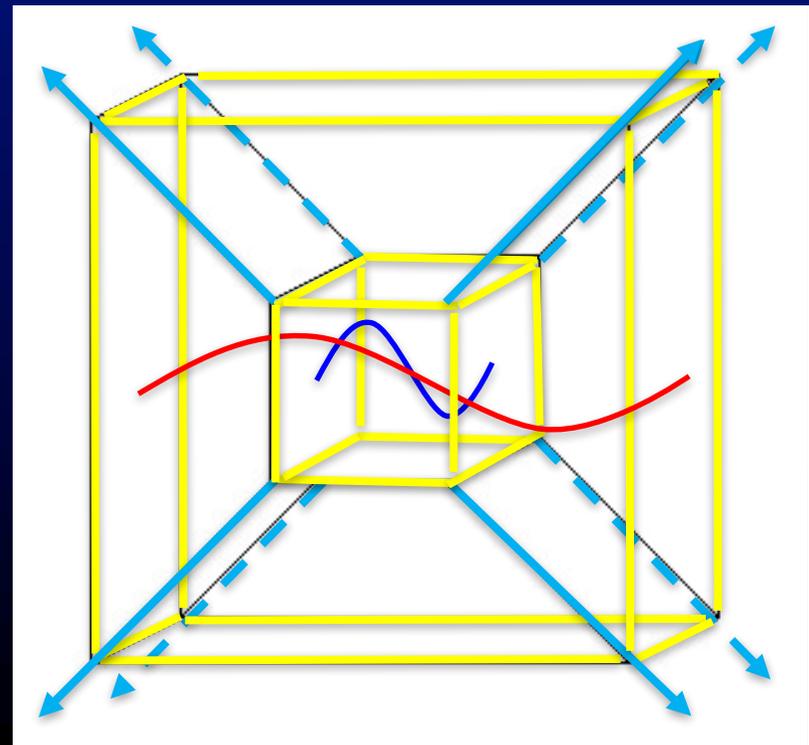
→ Potential Energy  $\propto \rho$

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

sum from all matter,  
radiation and  
vacuum energy

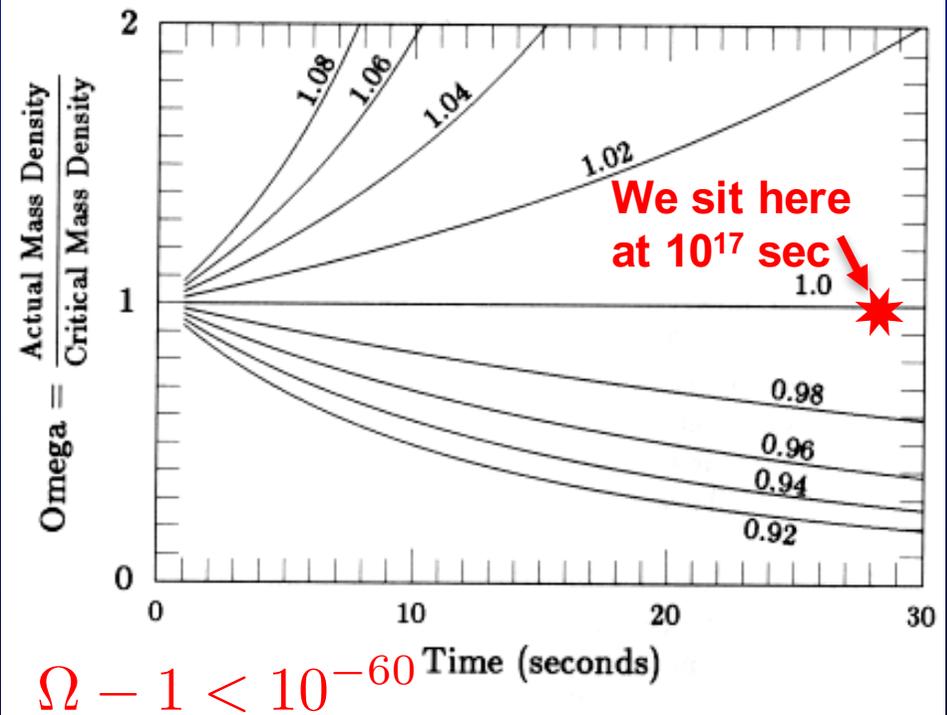
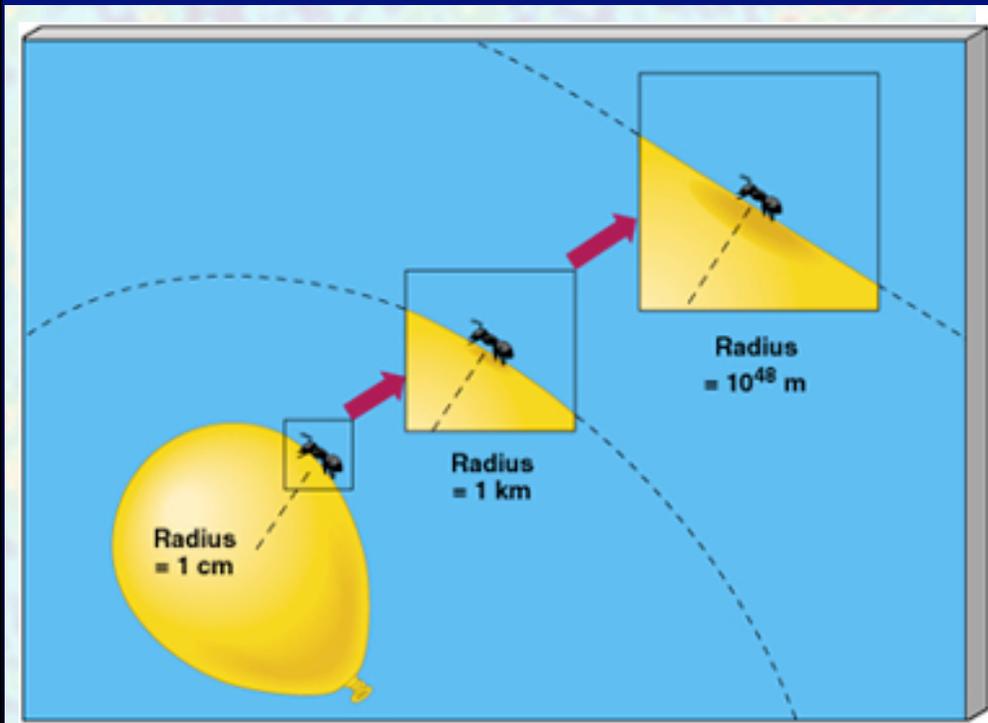
$$\rho_{radiation} \propto 1/a^4$$

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



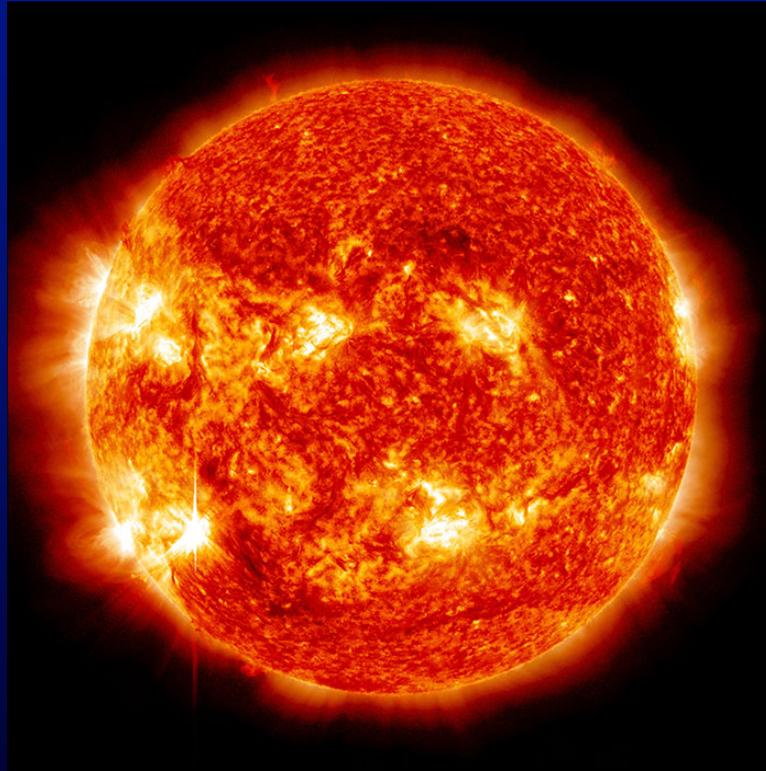
# Balance of Kinetic and Potential Energy

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



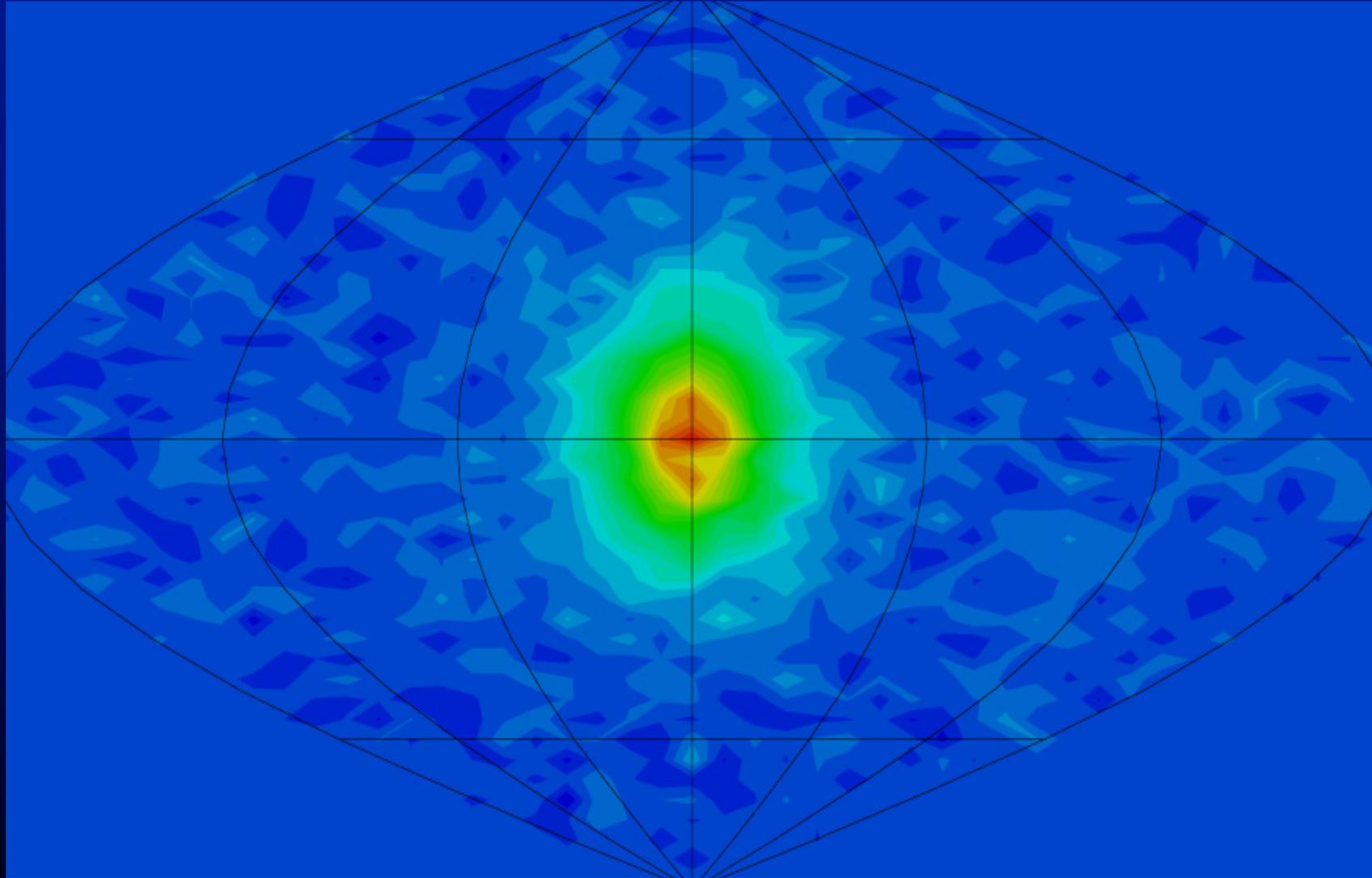
Expansion in a dark energy (cosmological constant) dominated Universe

# View of the Sun

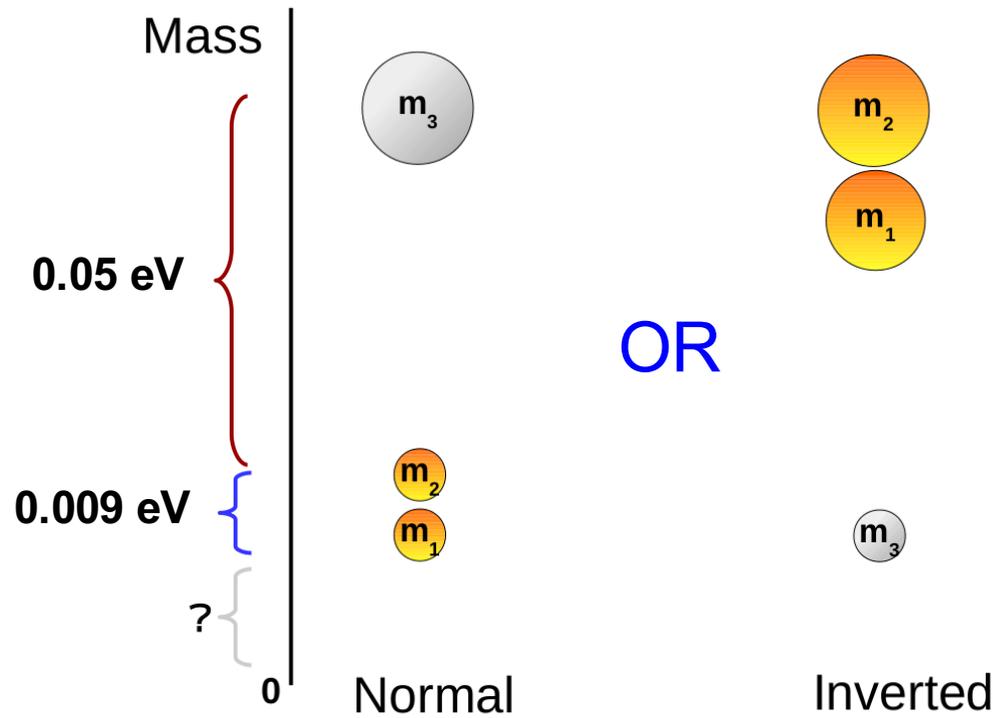


~8 min. away

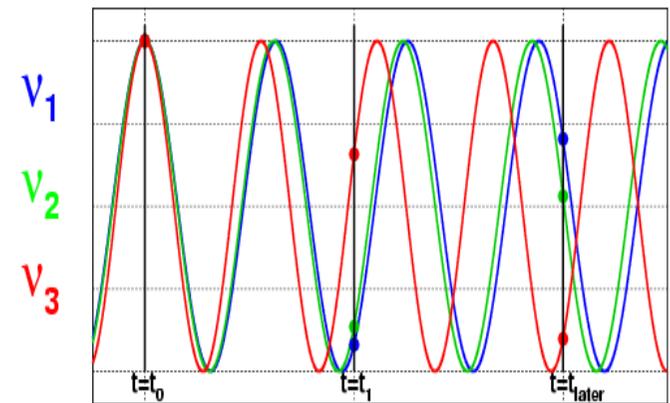
# Neutrino view of the Sun



# Neutrino Masses from Oscillations



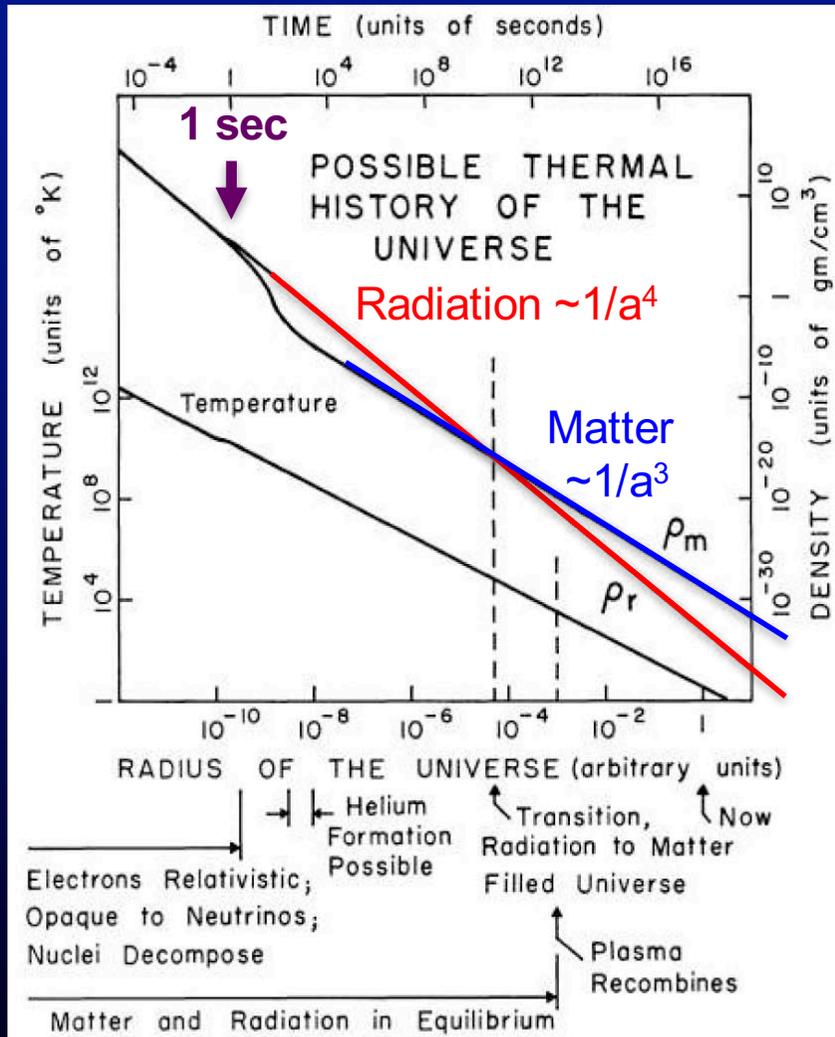
3 masses  
X  
3 flavors  
(electron, muon, tau)



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

$\gamma$  (photons)

$\nu$  (neutrinos)

p,n (baryons)

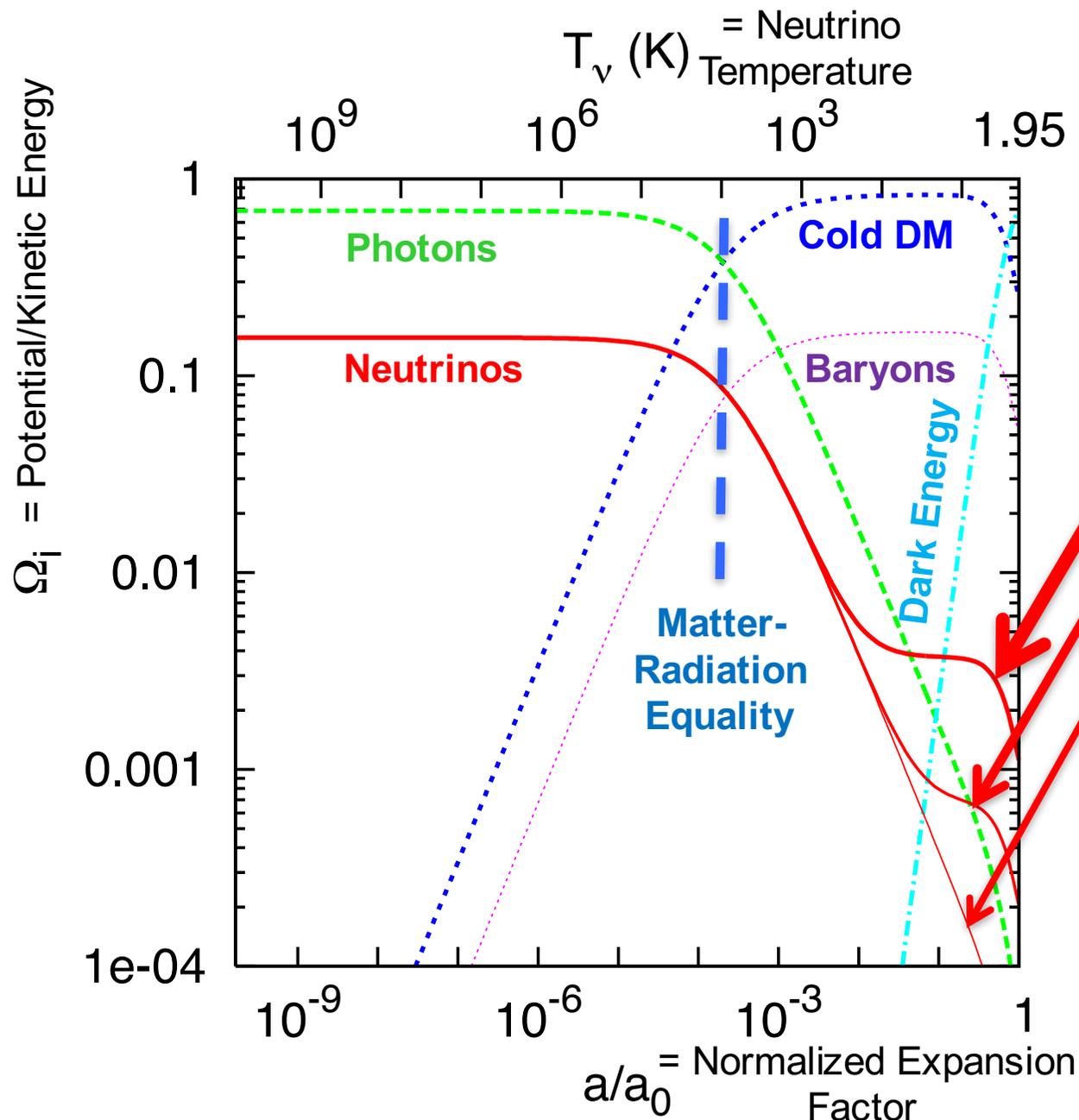
4 element theory

$\chi$  (cold dark matter)

5 element theory (+Aether/Void)

$\Lambda$  (dark energy)

# Cosmic Elements



J. Lesgourgues

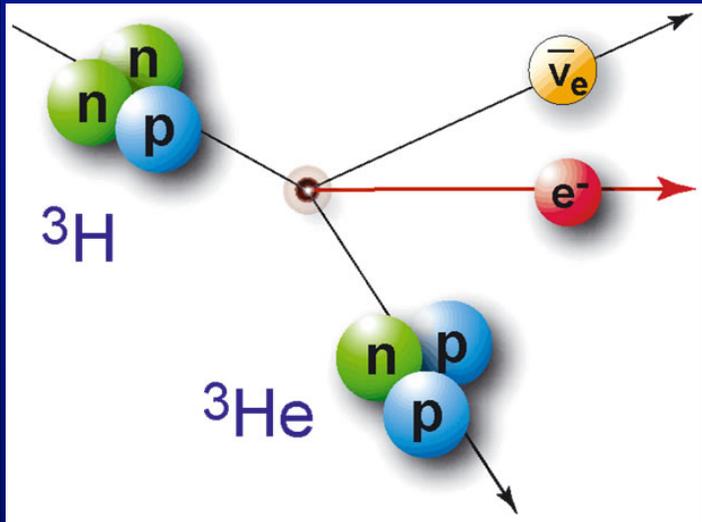
Individual neutrino contributions assuming Normal Hierarchy and

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

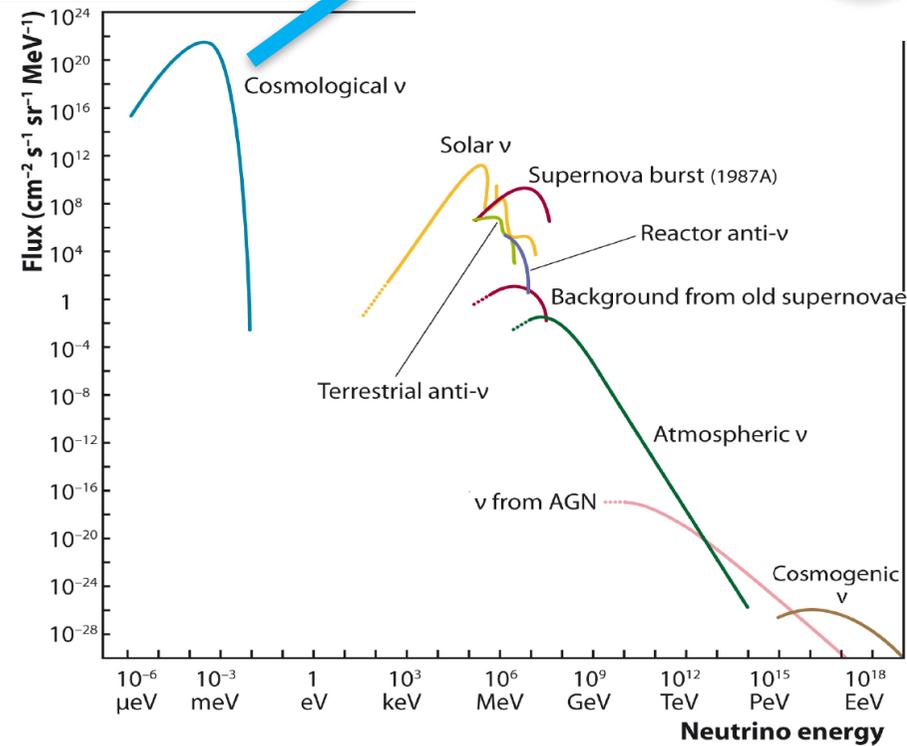
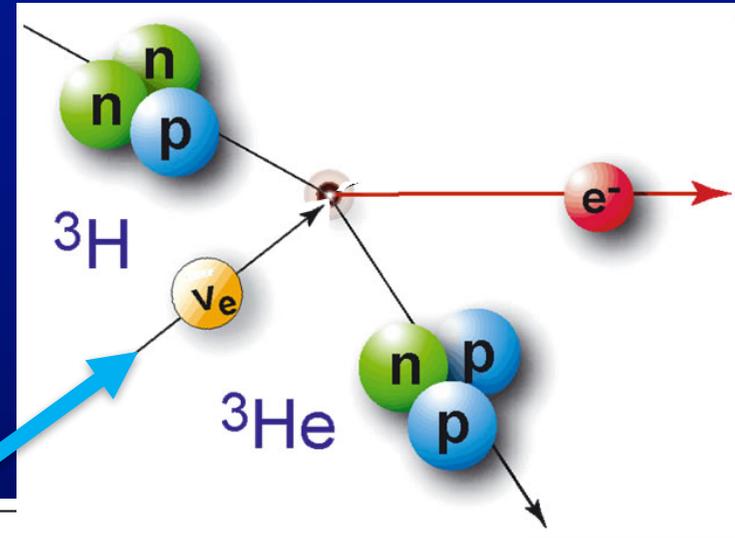
$$m_2 = 0.009 \text{ eV},$$

$$m_1 = 0$$

# Neutrino capture on Tritium

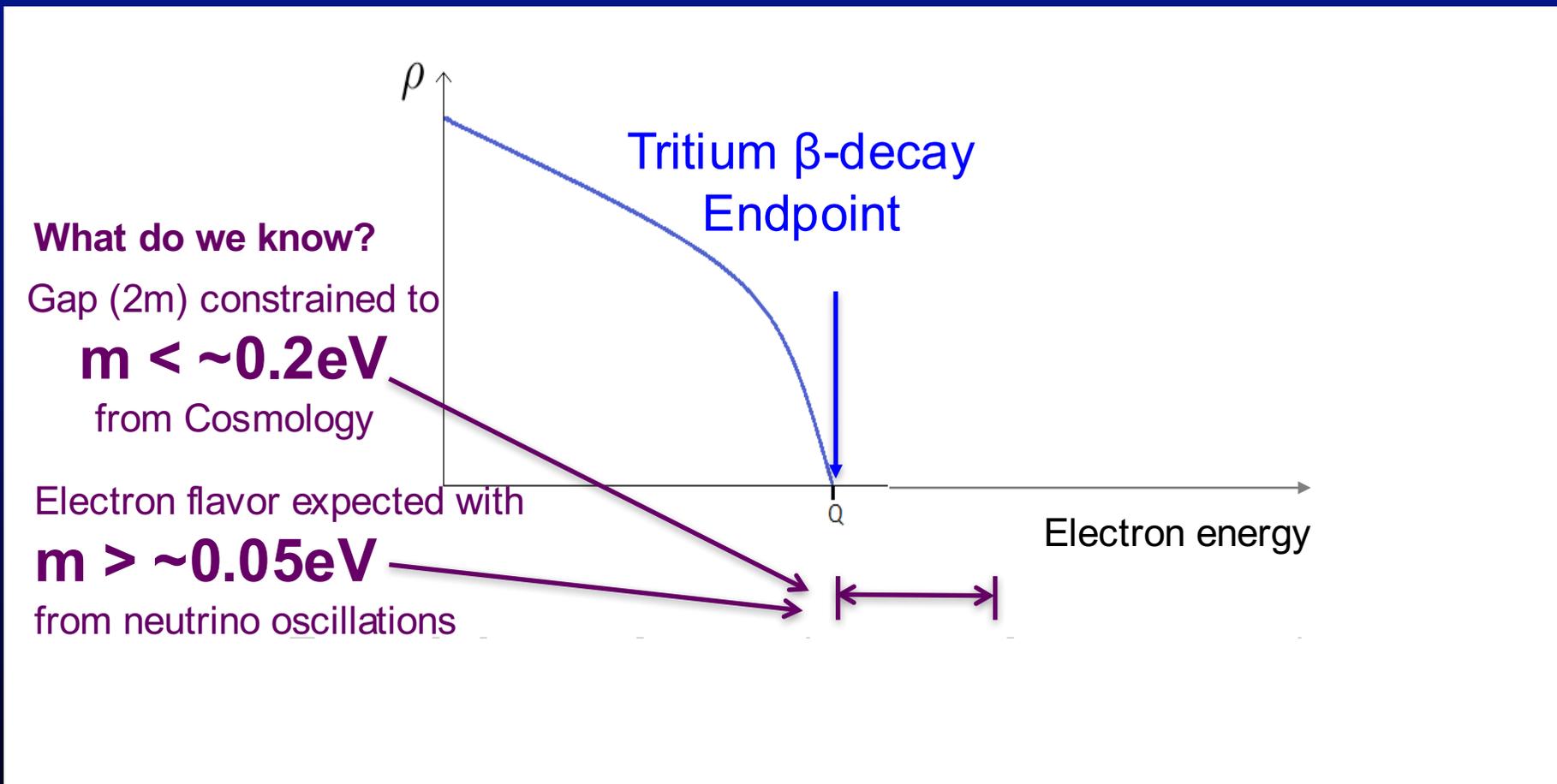


Tritium  $\beta$ -decay  
(12.3 yr half-life)



# Relic Neutrino Detection

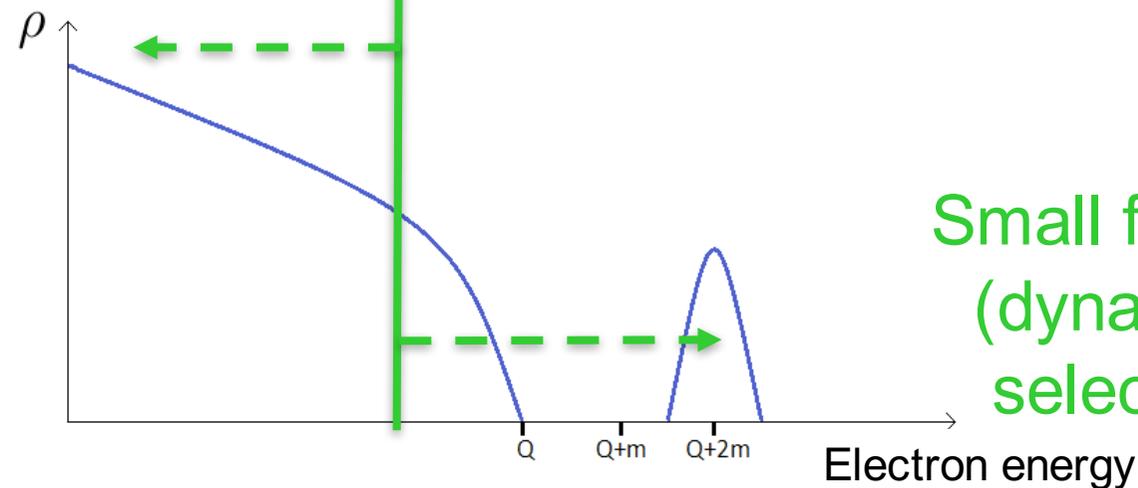
- Basic concepts for relic neutrino detection were laid out in a paper by Steven Weinberg in **1962** [*Phys. Rev.* 128:3, 1457]



# Experimental Perspective

Too much rate  
(need to filter)

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



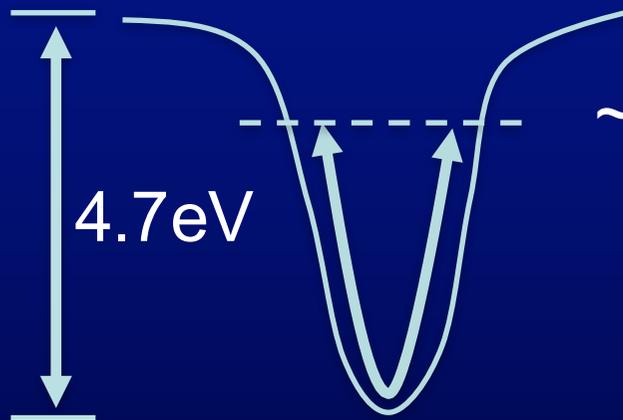
Small fraction  
(dynamical  
selection)

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

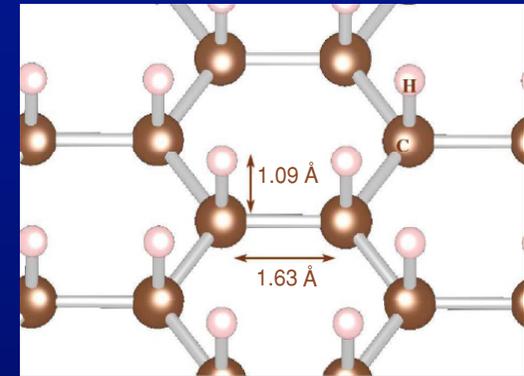
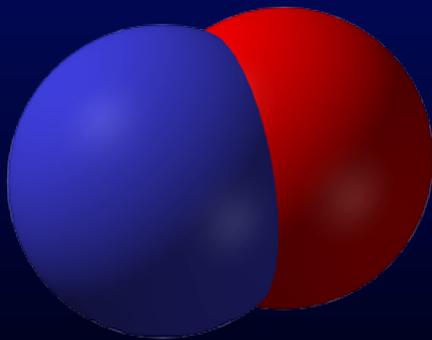
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# Molecular Broadening

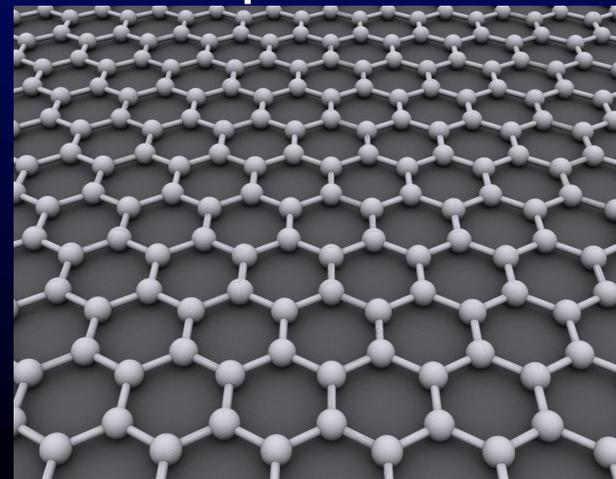


~3eV He<sup>3</sup> recoil  
at endpoint

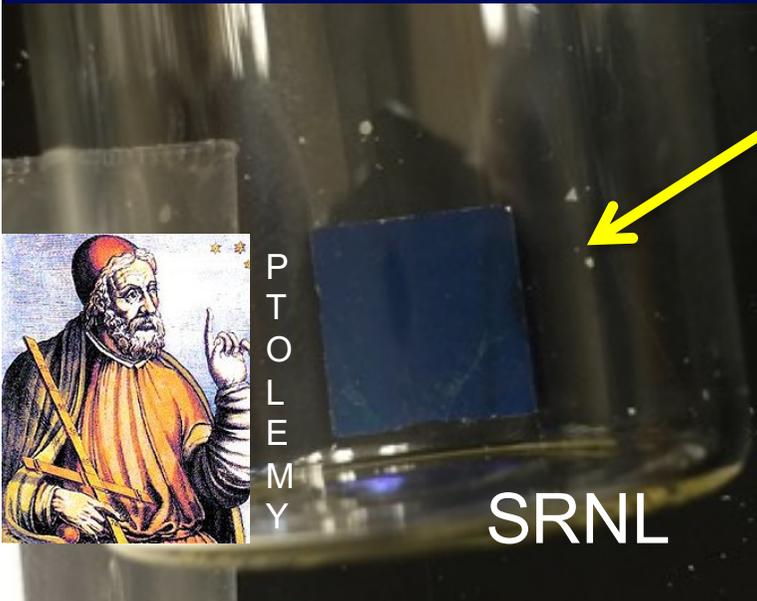
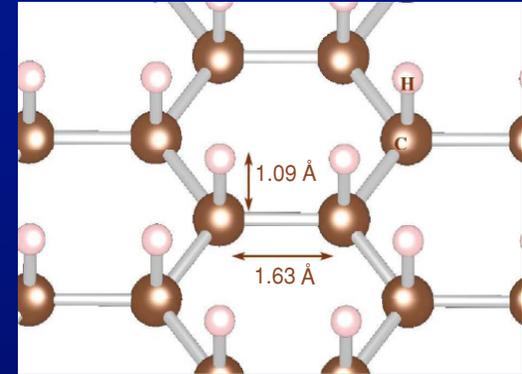


<3eV binding  
energy

Graphene

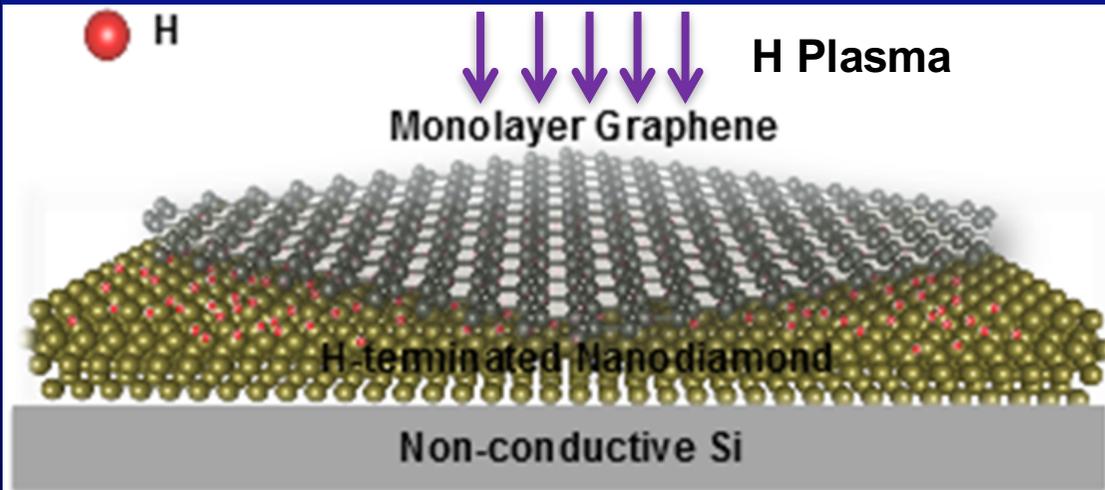


# Molecular Broadening



First Tritiated-Graphene Samples  
Produced by SRNL

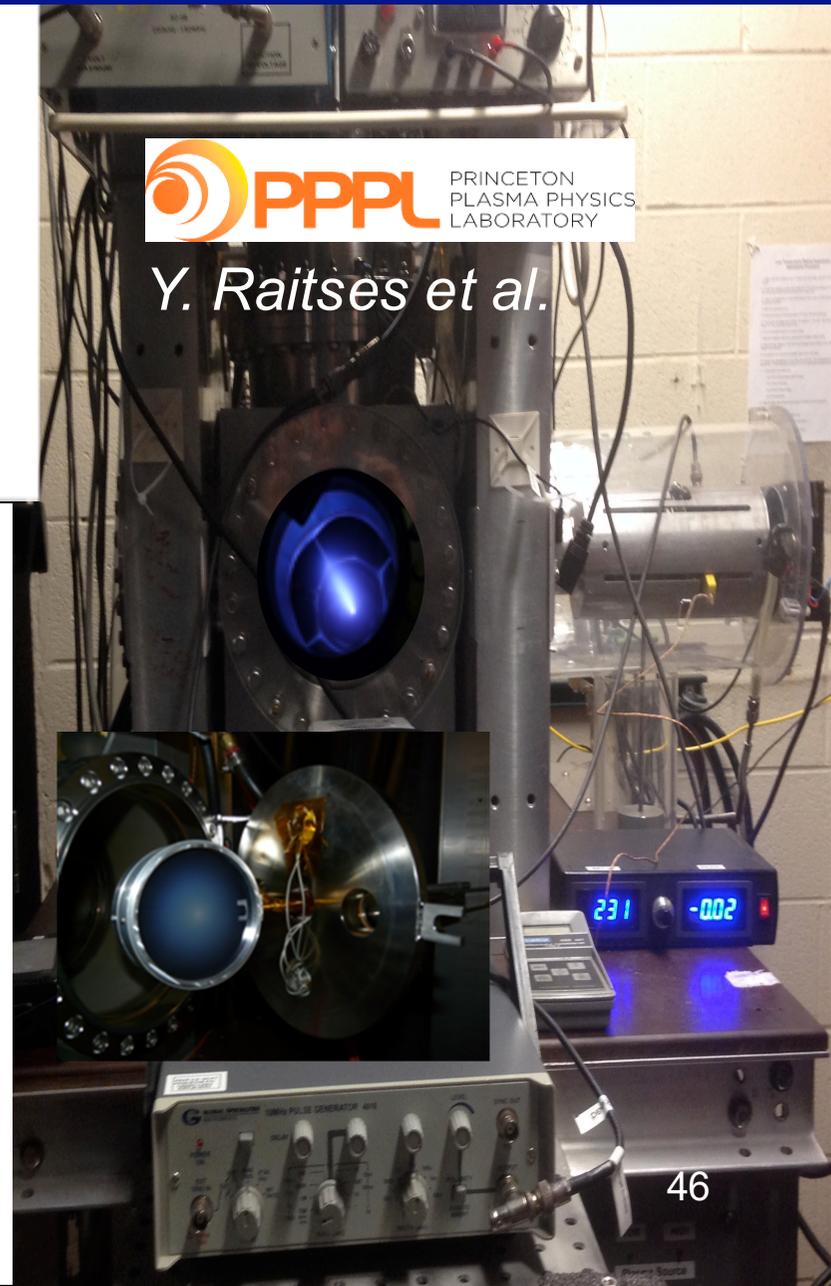
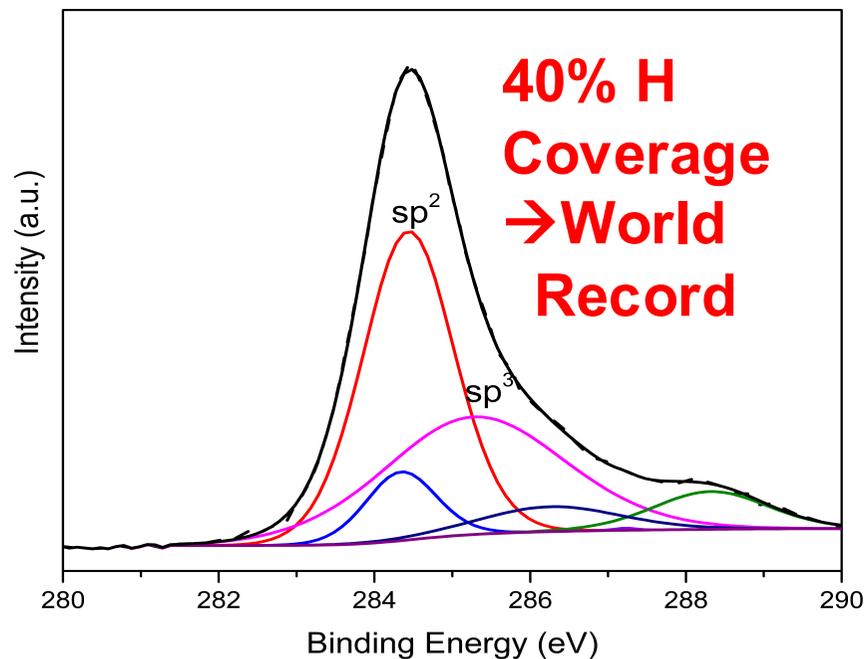
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**PPPL** PRINCETON  
PLASMA PHYSICS  
LABORATORY

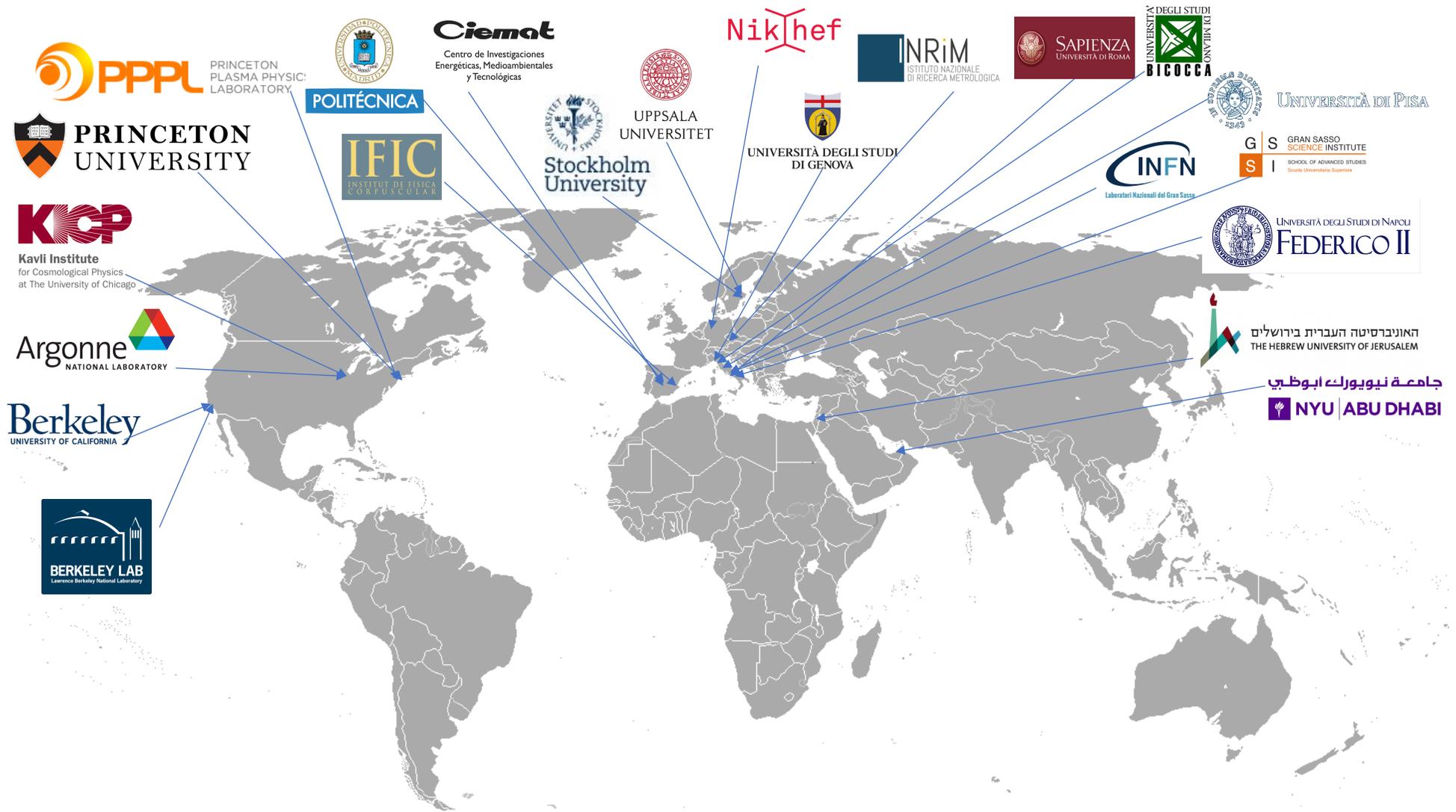
*Y. Raitsev et al.*

XPS Hydrogenation Results from Princeton



# PTOLEMY World-Wide Collaboration

2015 Targeted Grant Award from the SIMONS FOUNDATION



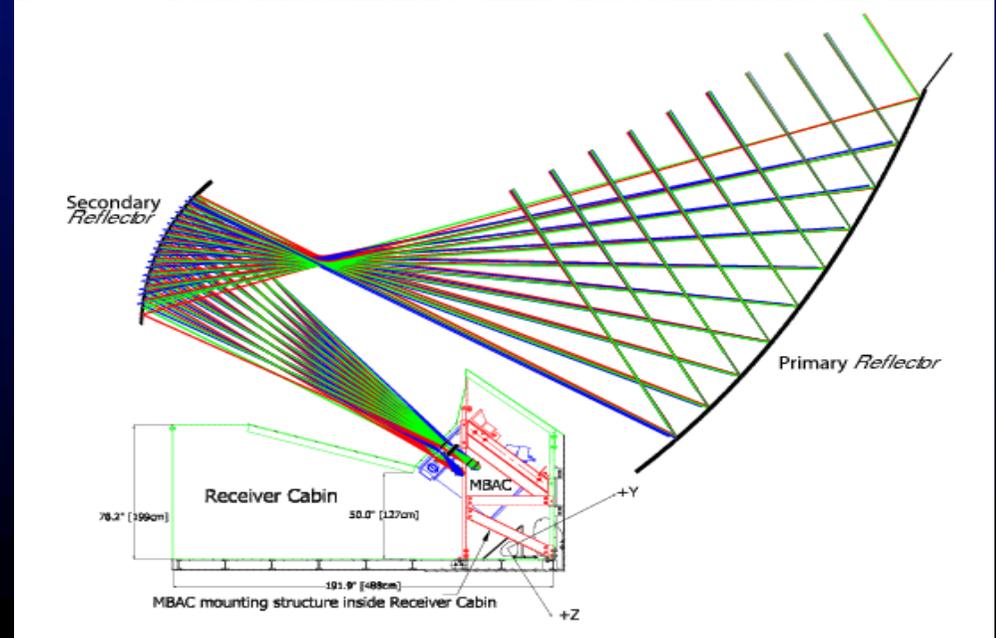
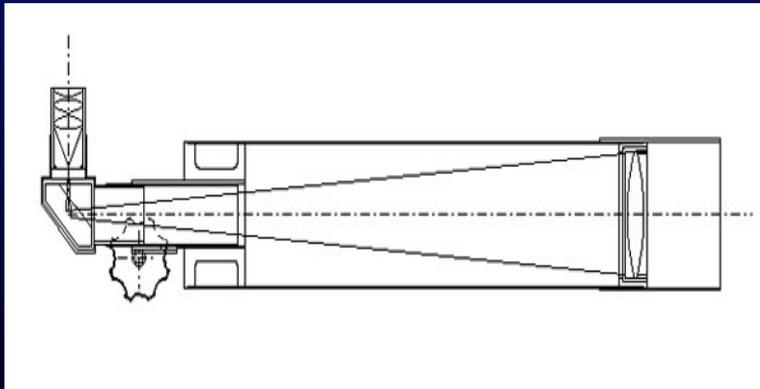
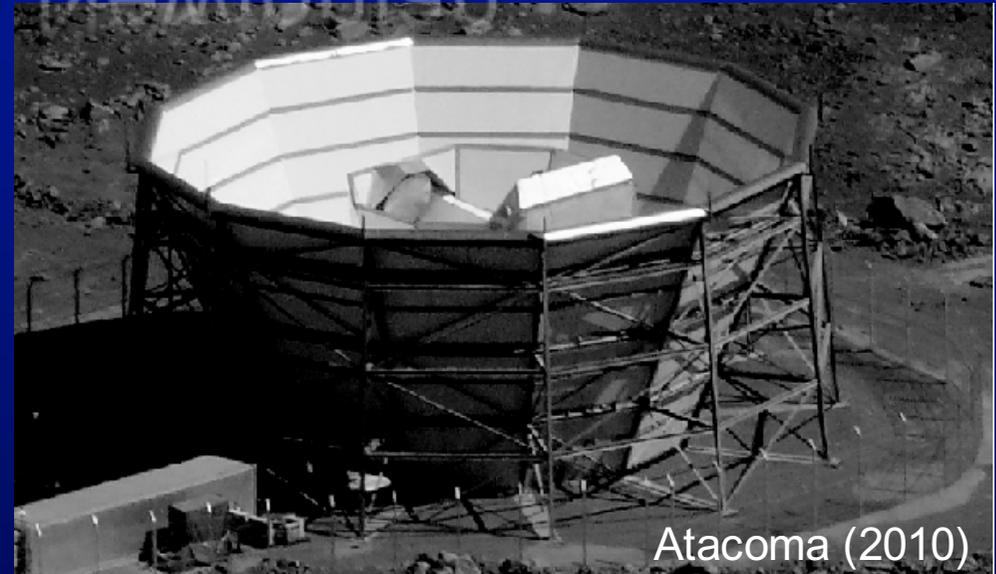
# Underground Environment

Gran Sasso  
National Laboratory, Italy

PTOLEMY kick-off meeting  
11-12 December 2017  
<http://ptolemy.lngs.infn.it>

# Refractor → Reflector Telescopes

## Galilean → Newtonian

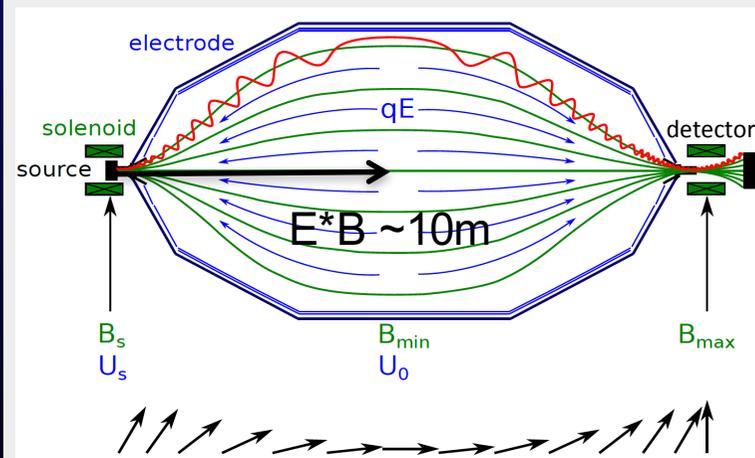


# MAC-E “Telescope”



## MAC-E filter technique

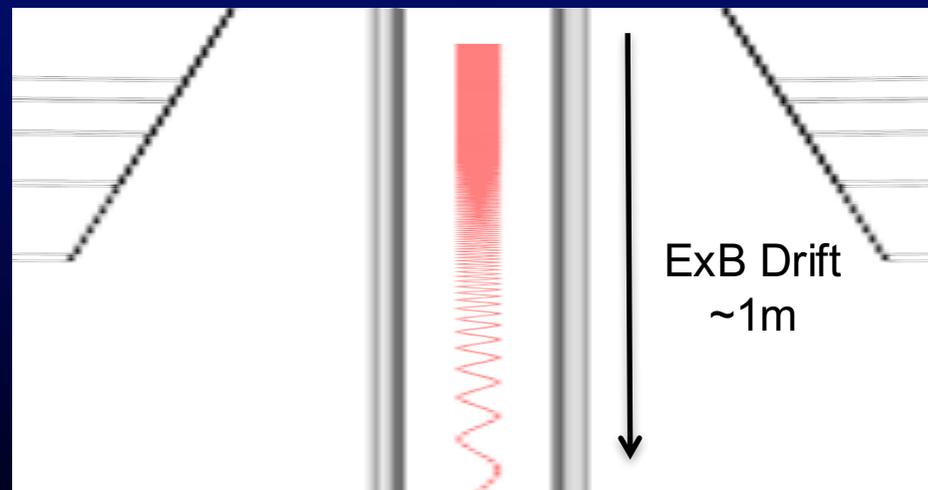
Magnetic Adiabatic Collimation with Electrostatic filter  
 Picard et al., NIM B63 (1992) 345



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

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

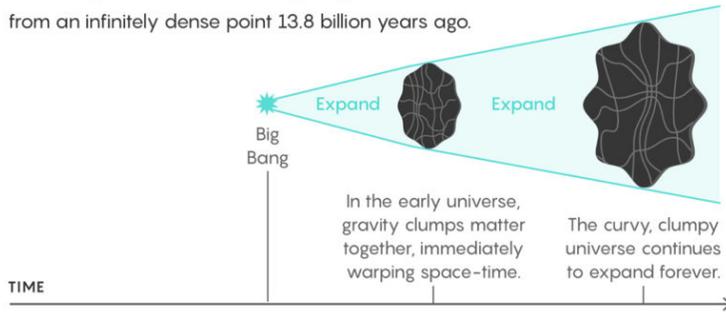
$E*B \sim 1\text{cm}$   
 $\leftrightarrow$



Filtering of the energy is in the vertical direction

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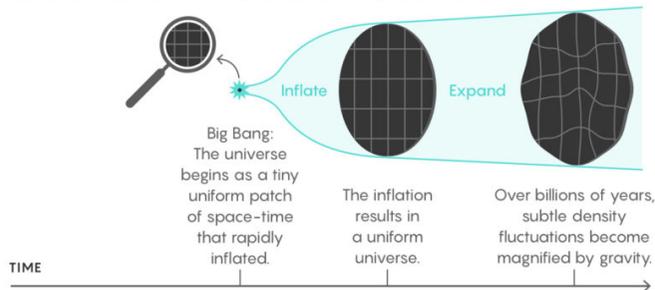
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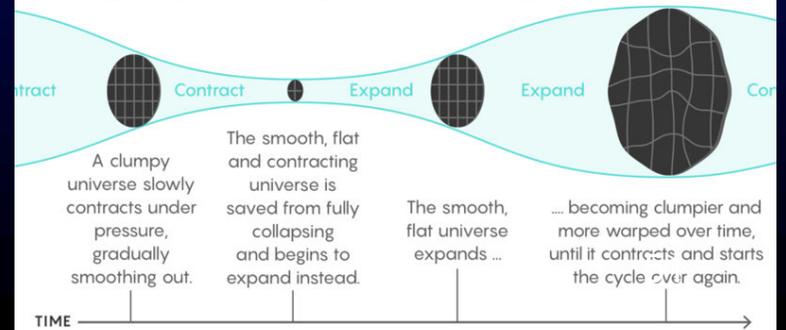
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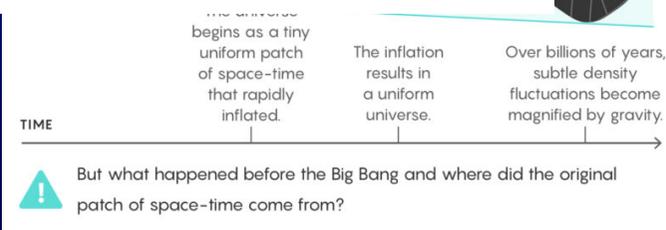
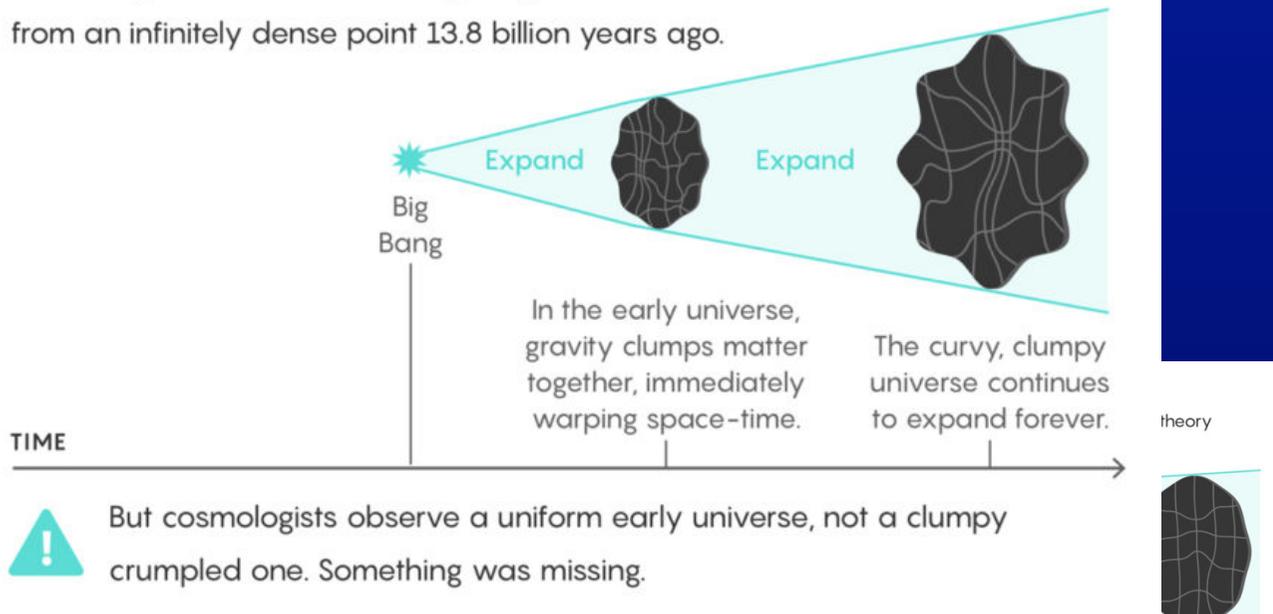
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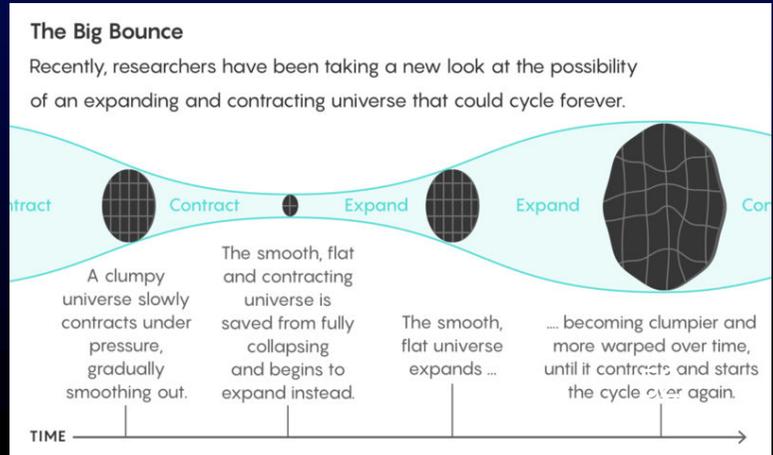


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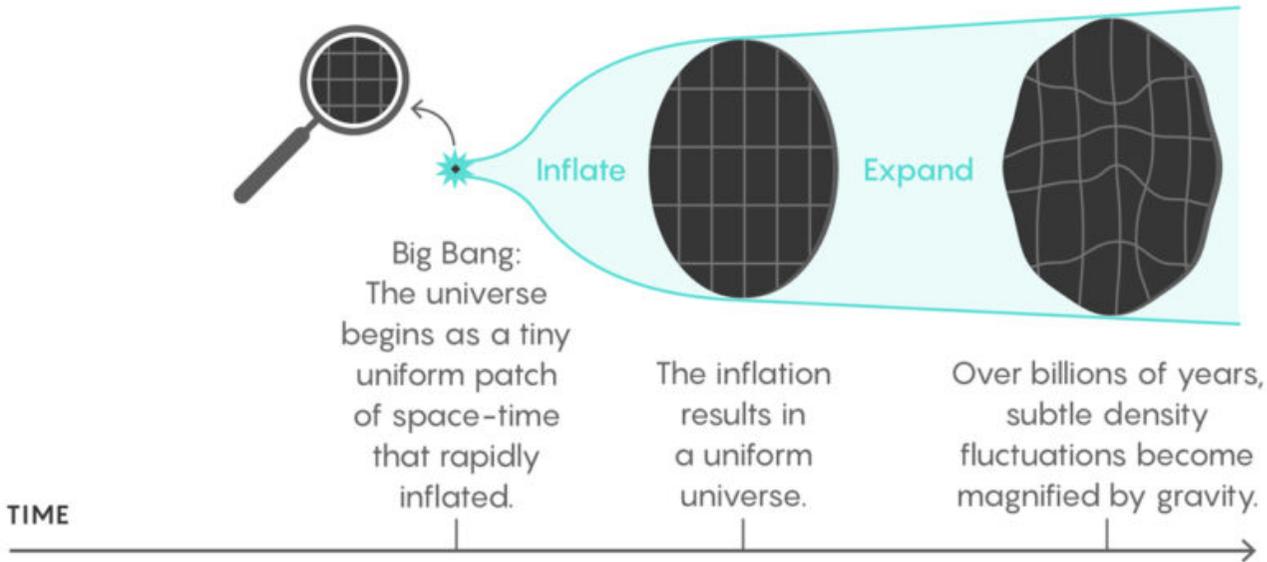


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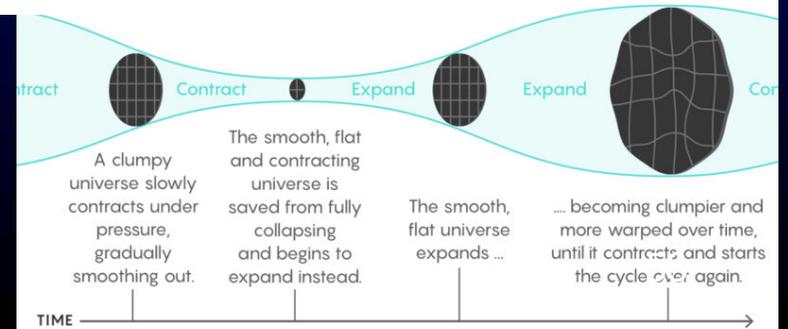


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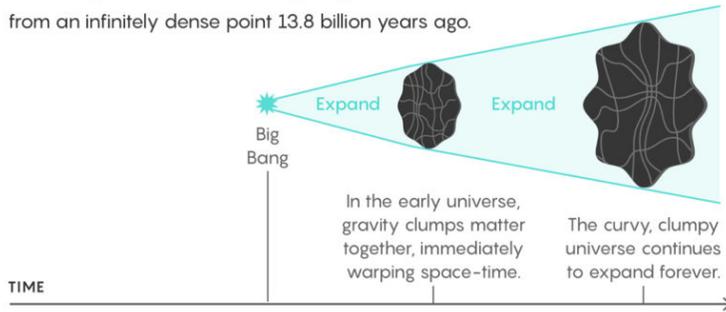
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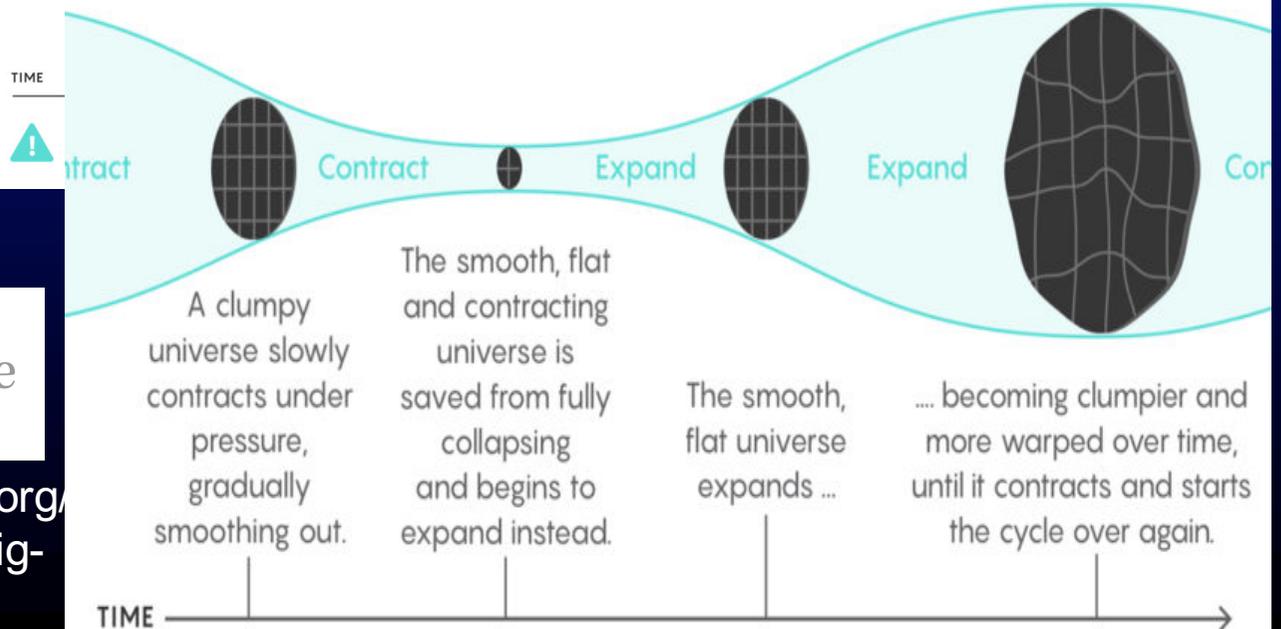
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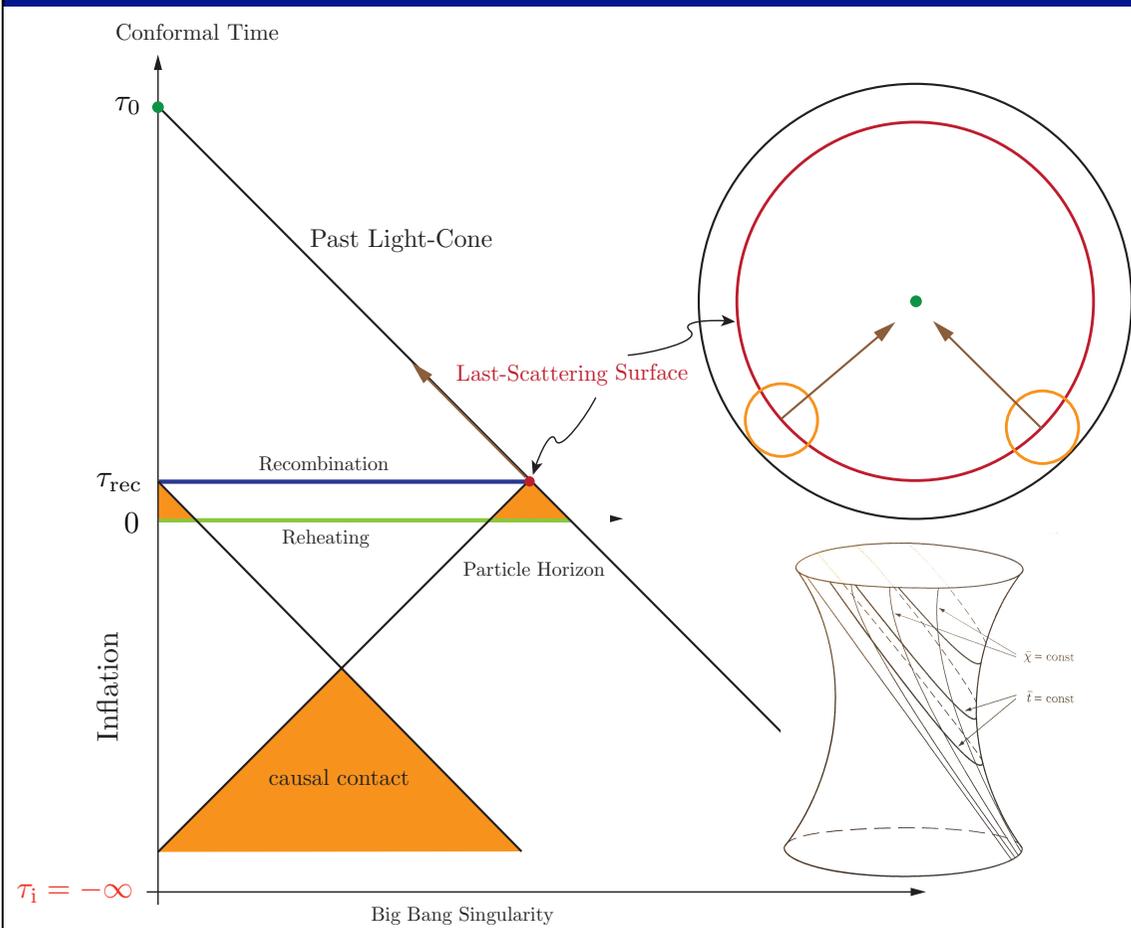
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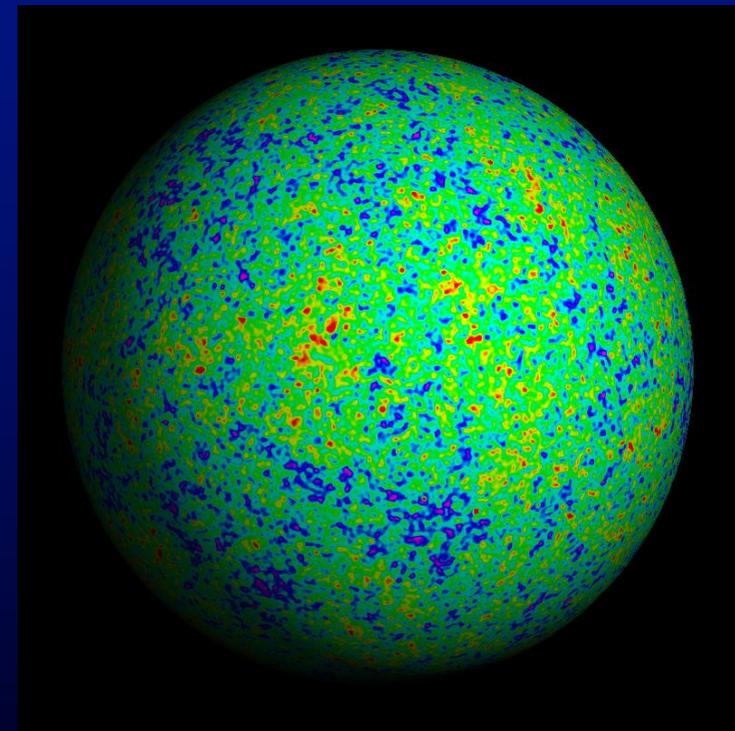
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# Big Bang Cosmology

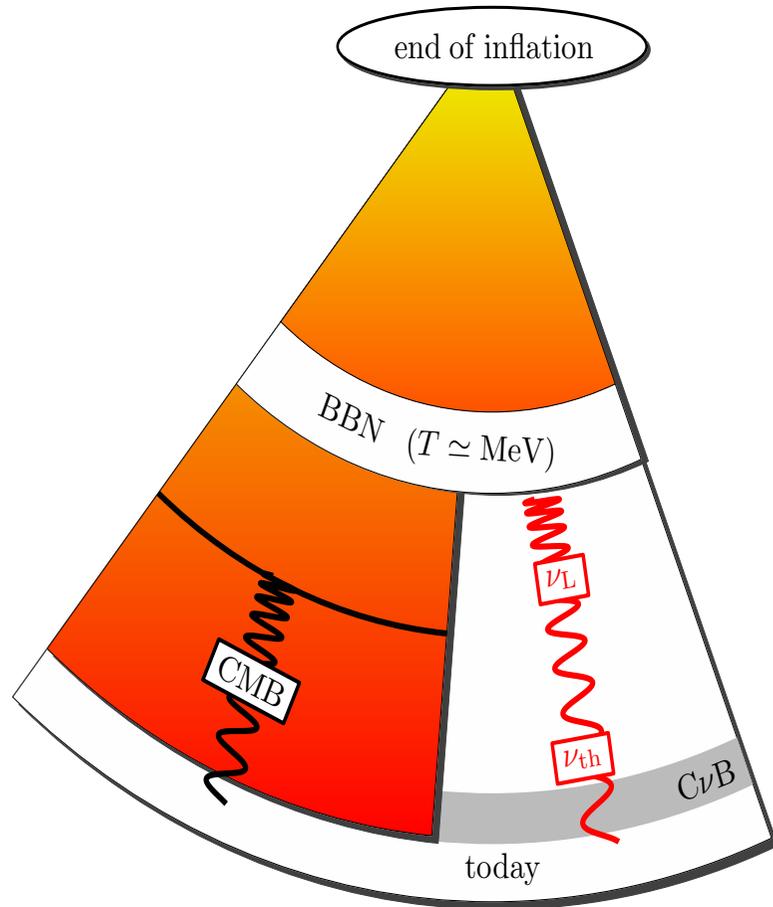


Adiabatic Density Anisotropies  
 $\delta \sim 10^{-5}$  at  $z \sim 1100$

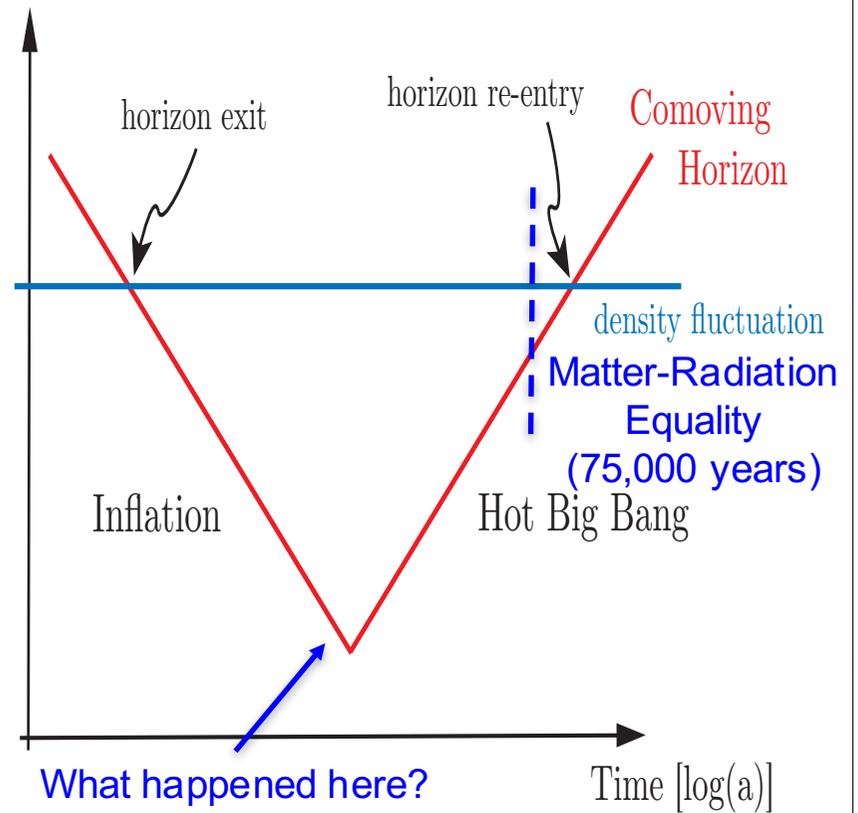


Where we think there is an initial  $\tau_i = 0$  Big Bang Singularity is believed to be the “end” of an inflation period that slowly pulled out ( $>60$  e-folds  $a(\tau) \sim e^{H\tau}$ ) of a “de Sitter”-like spacetime

# Inflation $\rightarrow$ Hot Big Bang

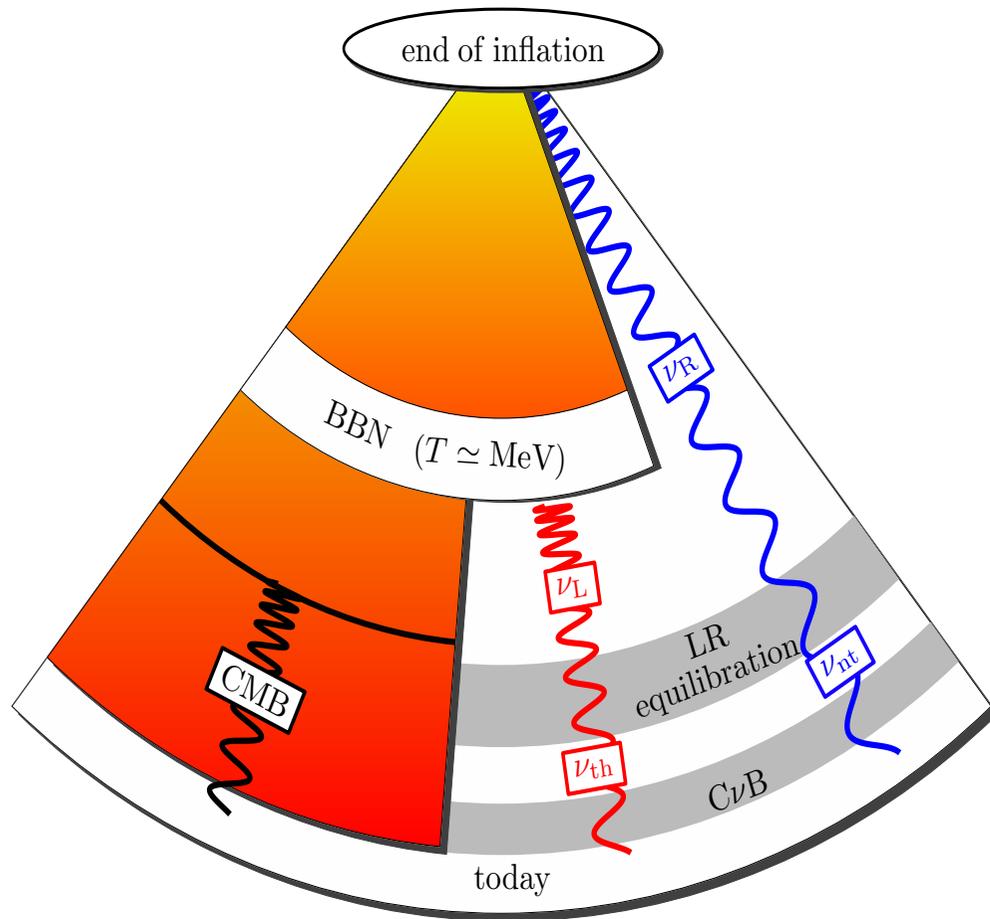


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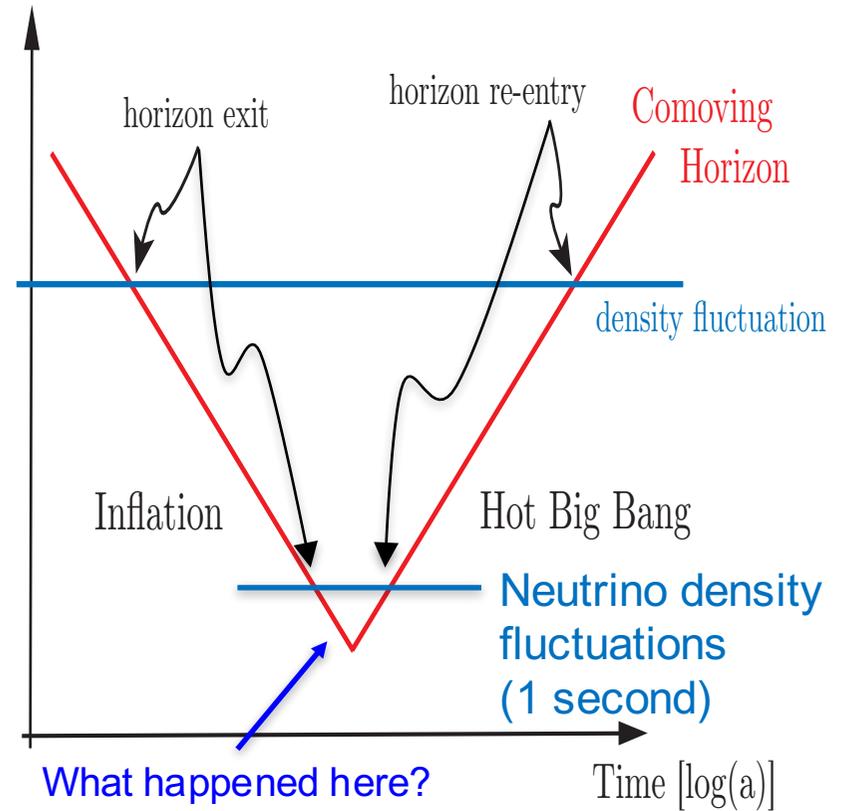


Baumann  
(TASI 2012)

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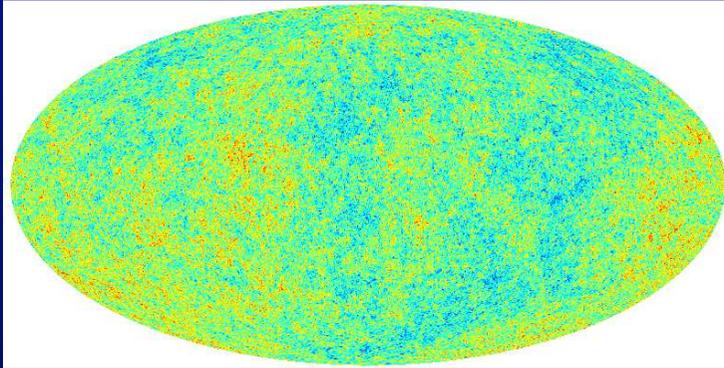


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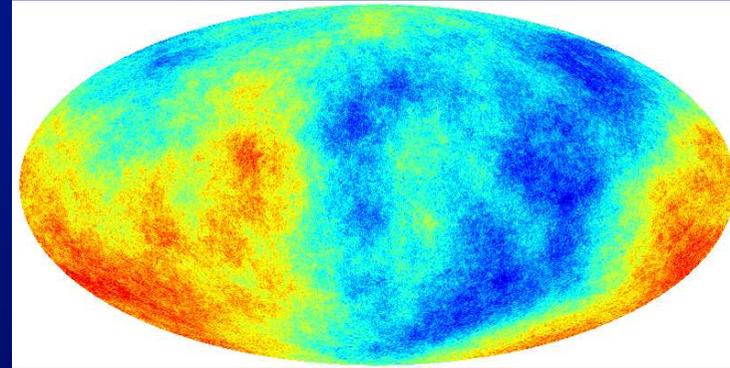
# The Future: Celestial Globes from Neutrinos

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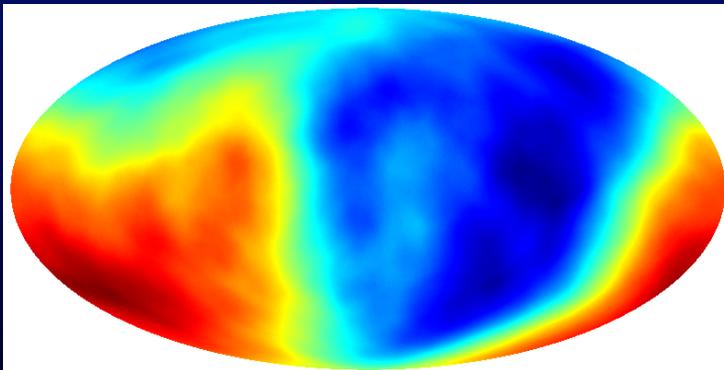
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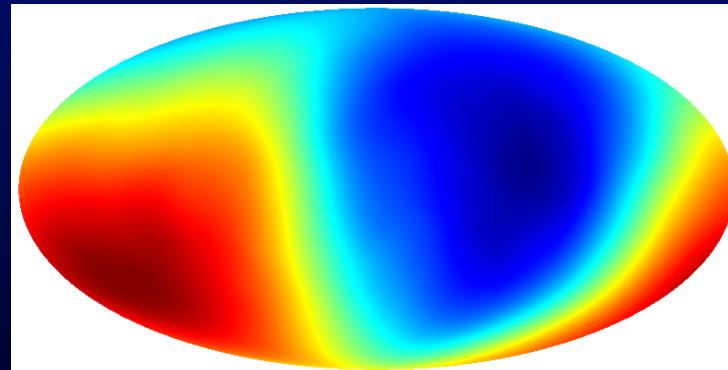
$m_\nu \sim 0.001$  eV



Hannestad, Brandbyge (2009)



$m_\nu \sim 0.01$  eV



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