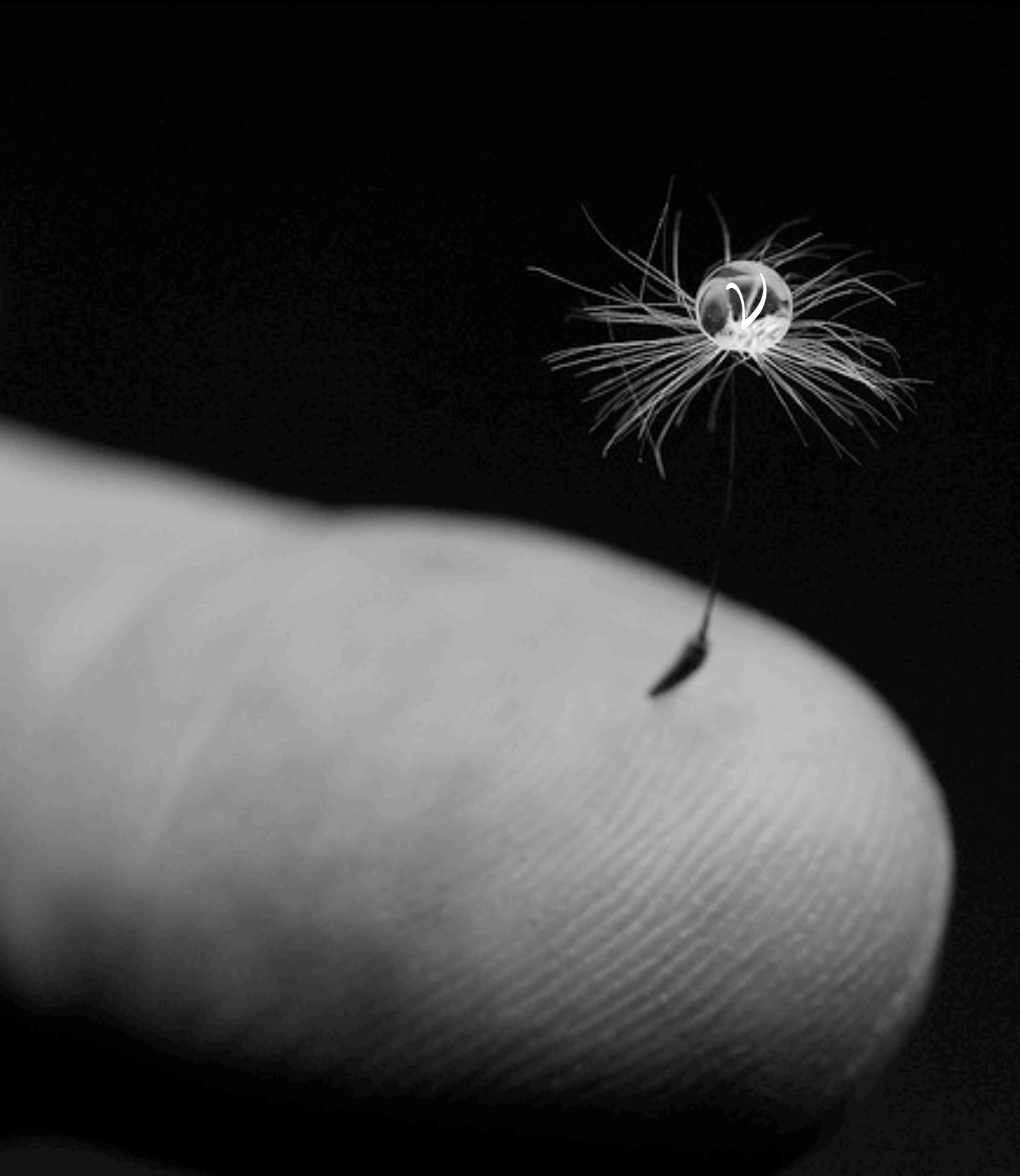


Weighing Neutrinos

Columbia University
April 13th, 2011

J.A. Formaggio
MIT



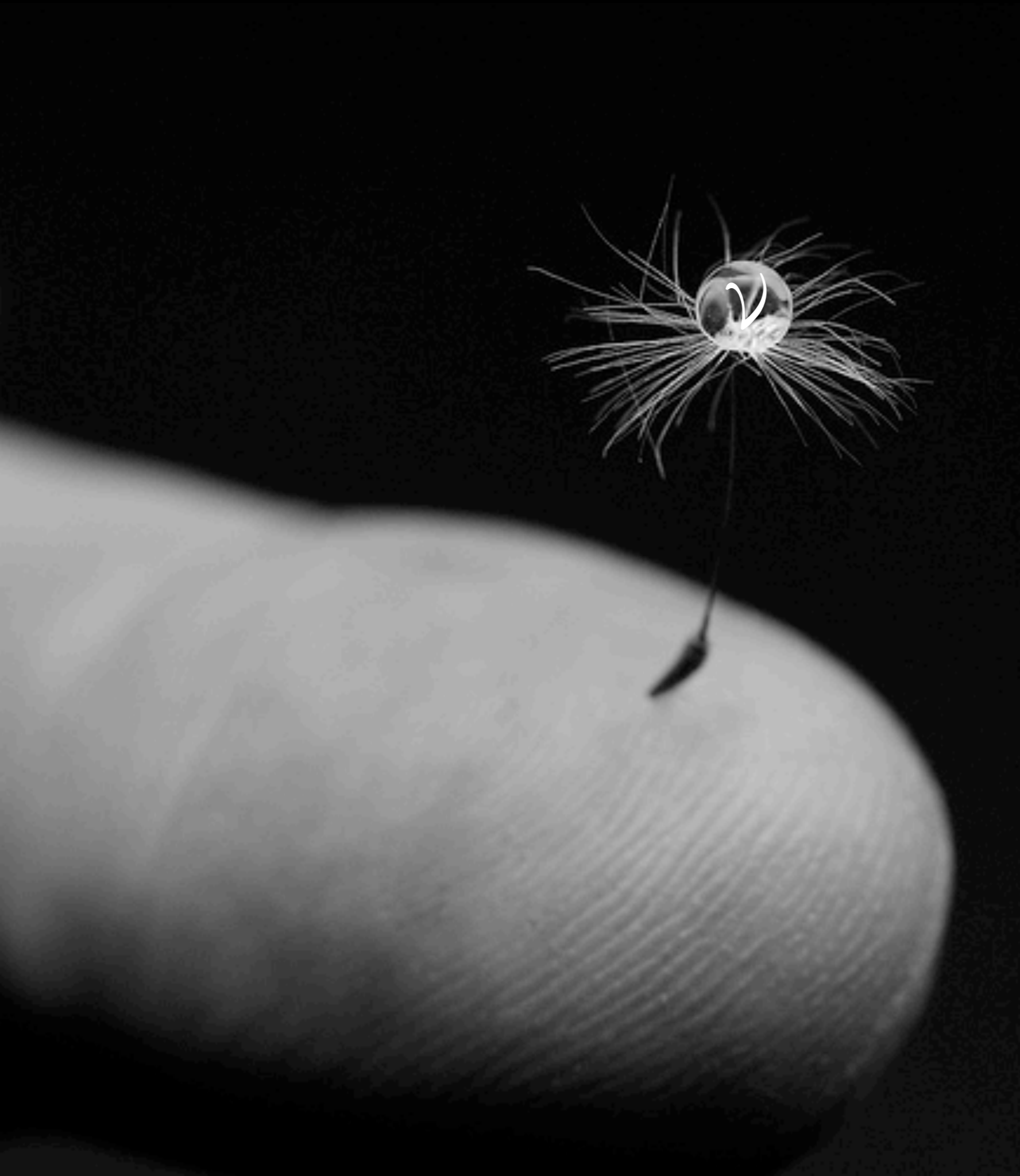
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Measuring neutrinos from the Heavens

Measuring neutrinos on Earth

Connecting back?



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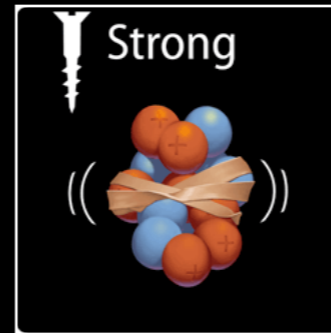
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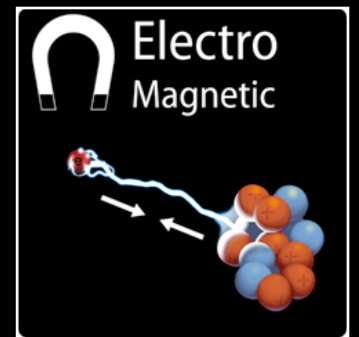
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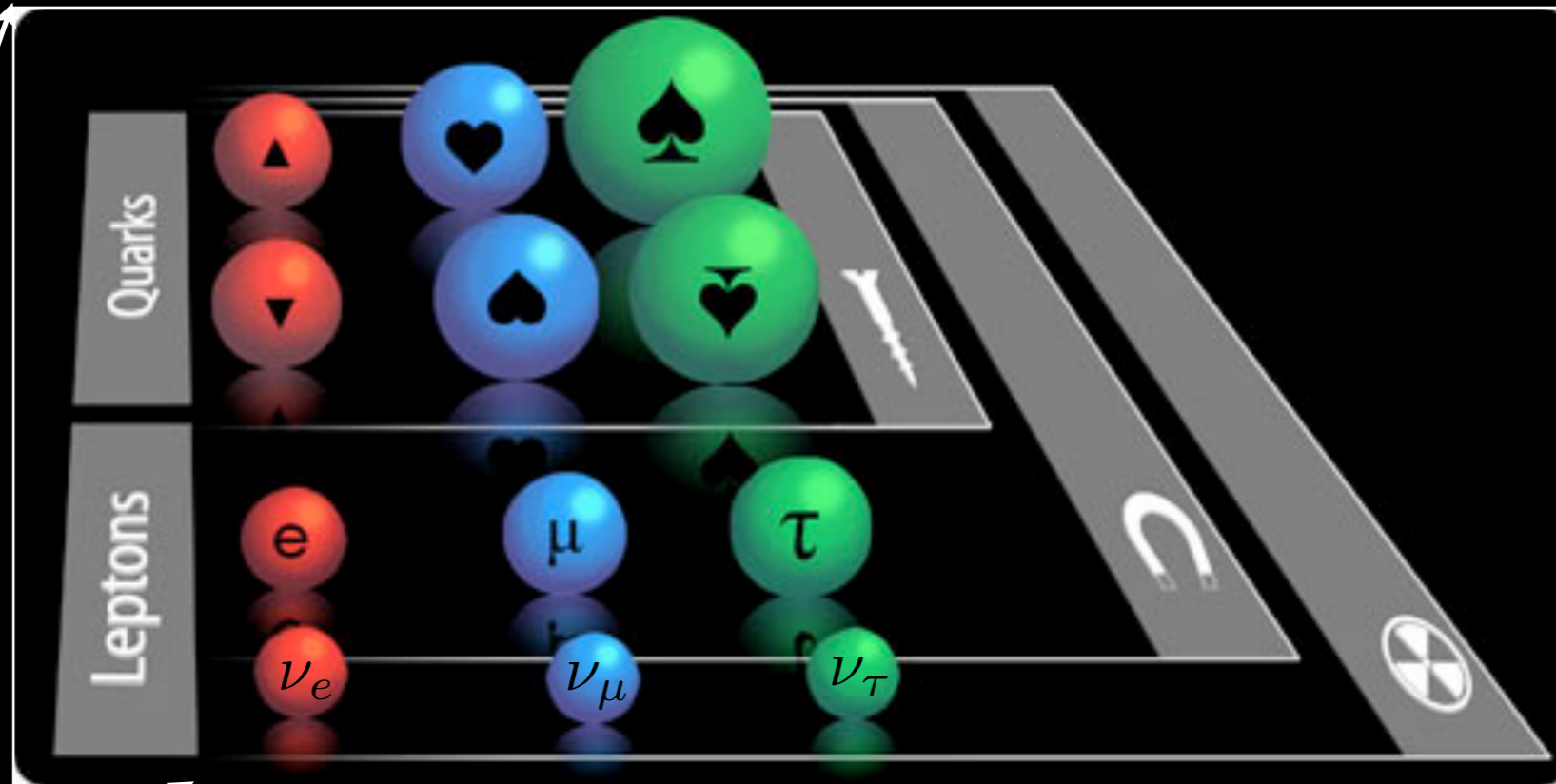
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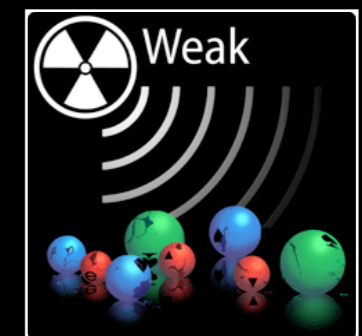
Binds nuclei;
mediated by gluons;
only couples to quarks



Couples to charge;
mediated by photons;
felt by quarks and leptons



Spin 1



Common to all particles;
mediated by the W^{\pm}/Z^0 bosons.

Spin 1/2

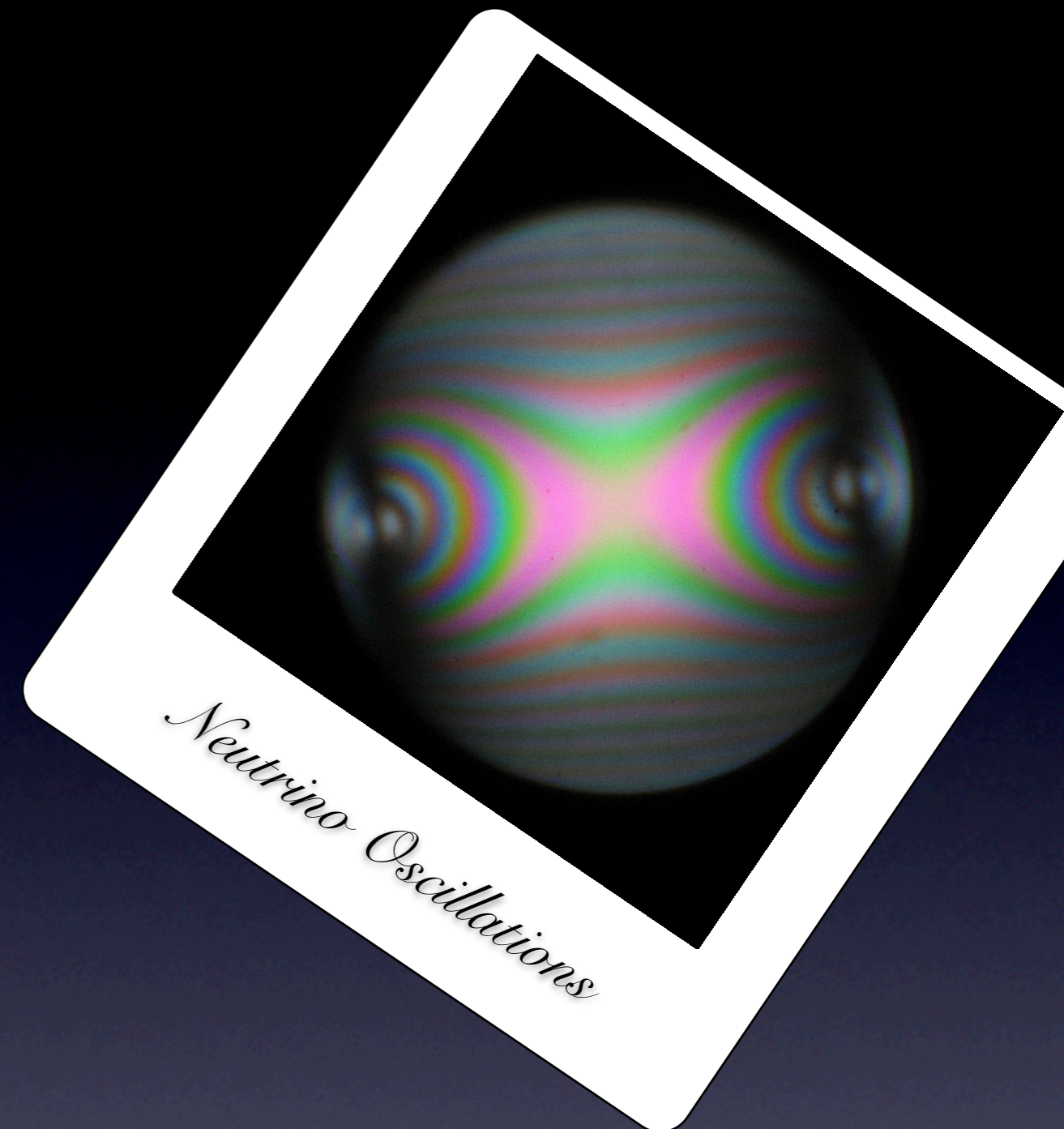
The First Crack of the Standard Model



- Experiments, in particular oscillation experiments carried out over the last forty years, have revealed that neutrinos do possess a small and finite mass.
- Neutrino mass has provided the first contradiction in the Standard Model. What else can we learn from neutrino masses?

How do we measure masses?

Neutrino mass can be measured using several different but complimentary techniques.



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Neutrino Oscillations

- In general, we have a 3×3 matrix that describes neutrino mixing (the Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata-Pontecorvo, or MNSP mixing matrix):
- However, the picture simplifies if one of the mixing angles is small...



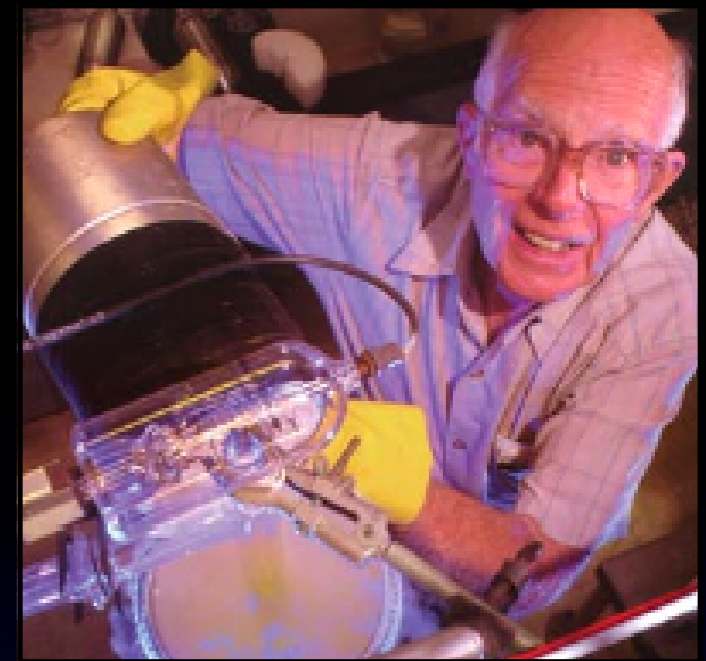
Bruno Pontecorvo

$$= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{atmospheric, long baseline}} \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \sin \theta_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -e^{i\delta_{CP}} \sin \theta_{13} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{reactor, accelerator}} \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{solar, KamLAND}} \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\alpha/2+i\beta} \end{pmatrix}}_{0\nu\beta\beta}$$

- Depends only on two fundamental parameter and two experimental parameters (for a given neutrino species).

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{surv}} = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m^2}{4E_\nu} L \right)$$

A Rich History... Solar Sector



Raymond Davis, Jr.

Ray Davis begins
construction of
Homestake

Bahcall provides solar
flux predictions

Solar puzzle begins

Homestake (^{37}Cl)
measurements

SAGE (^{71}Ga) begins
operations

MSW mechanism
proposed

Helioseismology
models compared

GALLEX (^{71}Ga) online

Super-K (H_2O) online

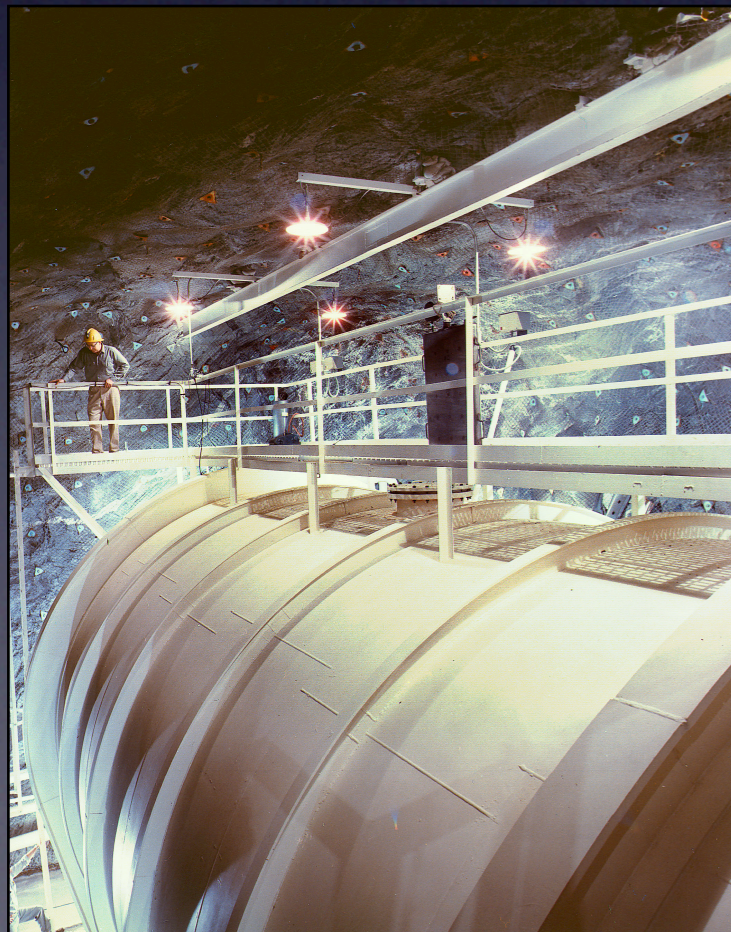
GNO operational

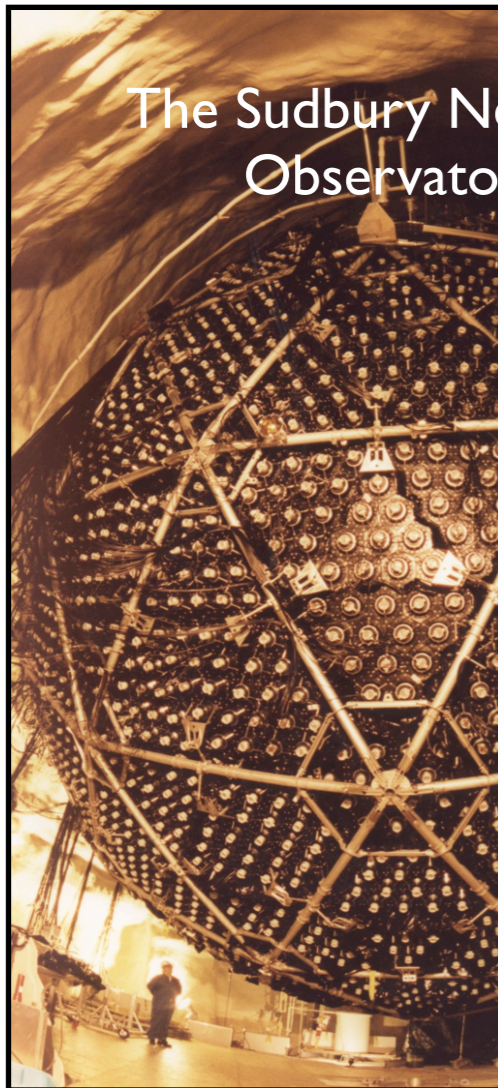
SNO (D_2O) takes data

1st results from
KAMLAND

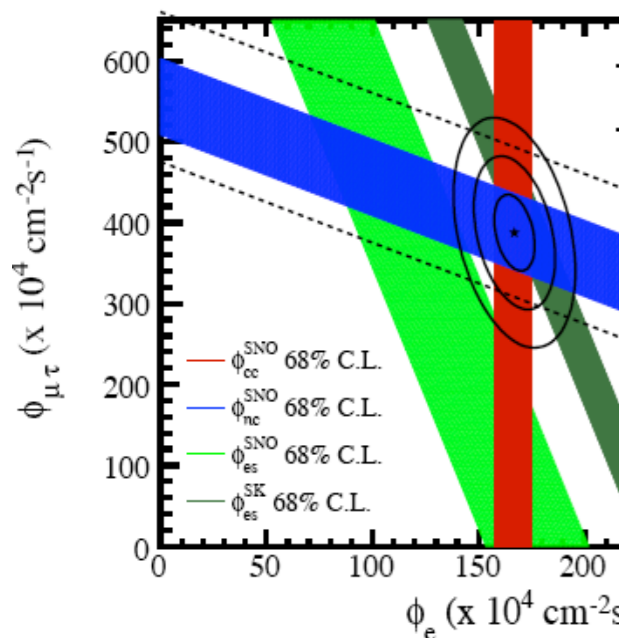
Solar puzzle
SOLVED

Borexino!



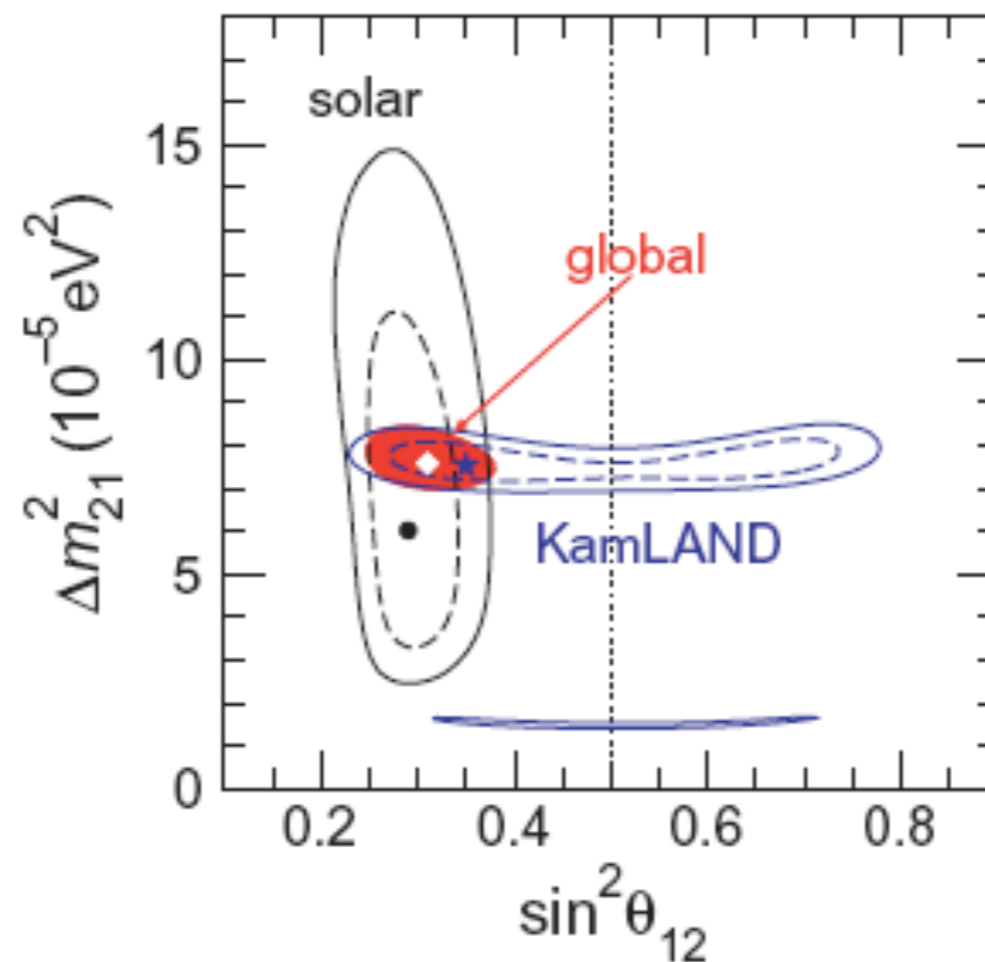


The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory



Phys. Rev. Lett 101:111301 (2008)

Solar & Reactor Data

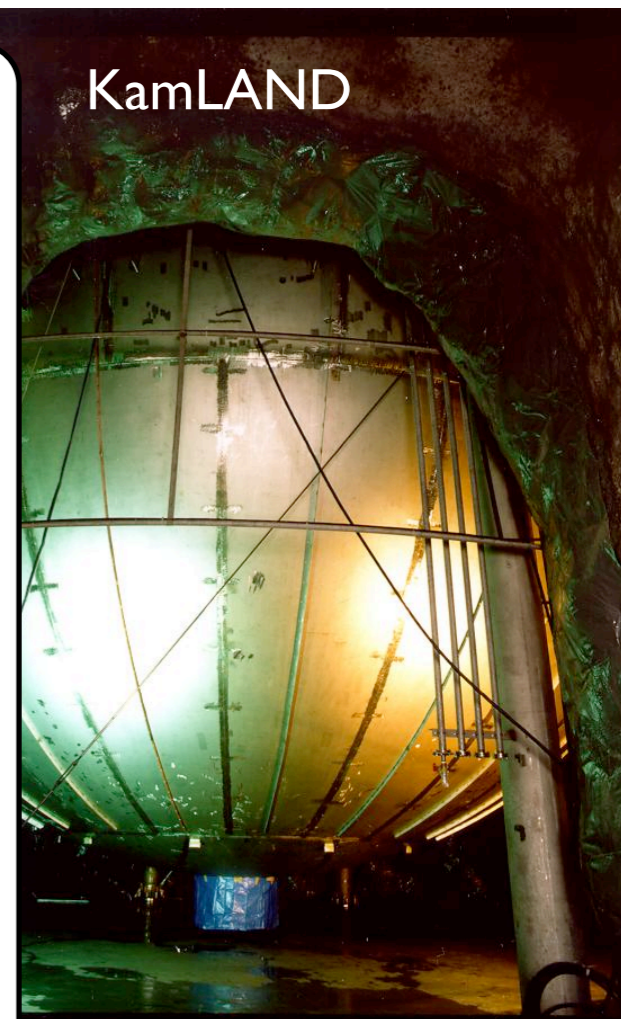


Fit Results:

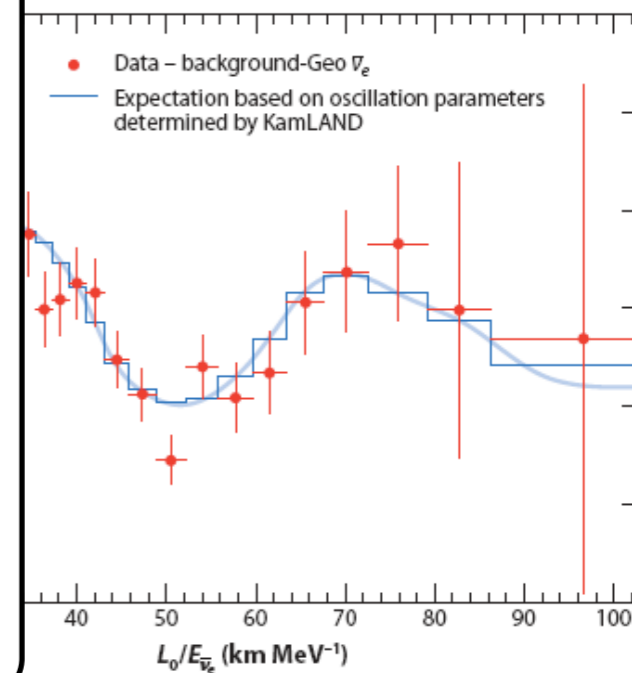
$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.304^{+0.022}_{-0.016}$$

$$\Delta m_{12}^2 = 7.65^{+0.23}_{-0.20} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

Schwetz et al, NJP 10 (2008) 113011



KamLAND

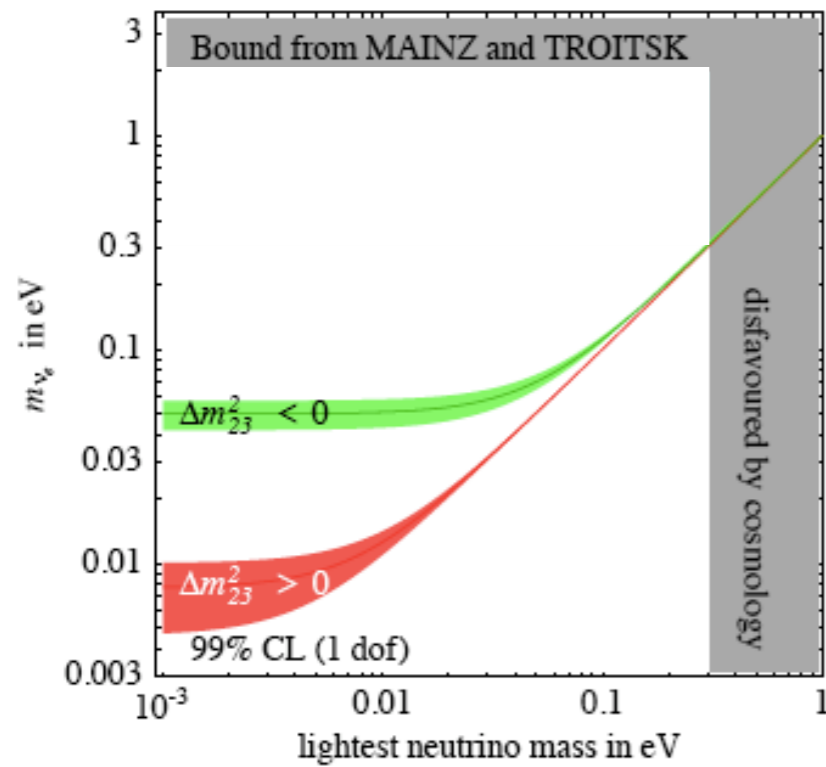


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Q & A

What We Know

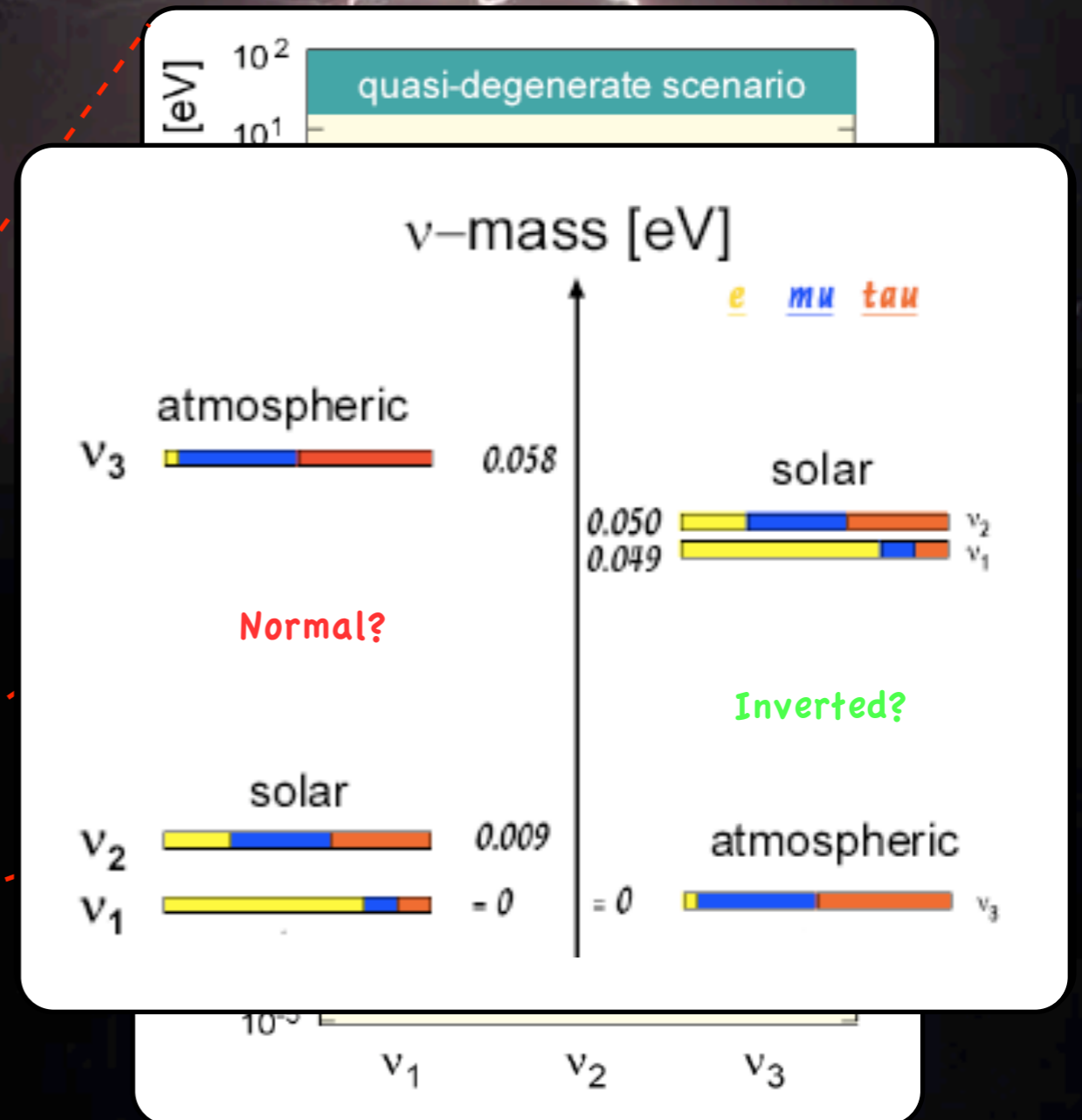
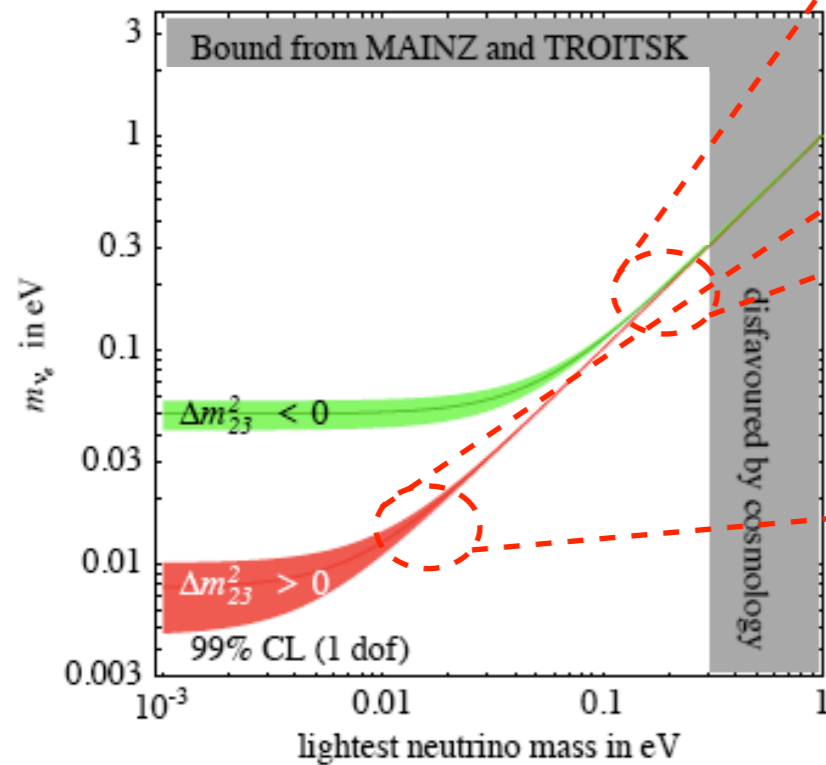
- (1) Neutrinos *do* have mass (and we measure these mass differences very well).
- (2) Neutrinos mix (and we know most of those mixing constants very well)



Q & A

What We Don't Know

- (1) What is the absolute scale of neutrinos?
- (2) What is the hierarchy (normal or inverted)?
- (3) What is the nature of neutrino mass?



Generally...
Know << Don't Know



“...the ancient of days” W.
Blake

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The Triumph of Cosmology

- The combination of the standard model of particle physics and general relativity allows us to relate events taking place at different epochs together.
- Neutrinos leave their imprint on each of these processes.

Microwave Background

400 kyr
 $z = 1100$

Nucleosynthesis

3-30 min
 $z = 5 \times 10^8$

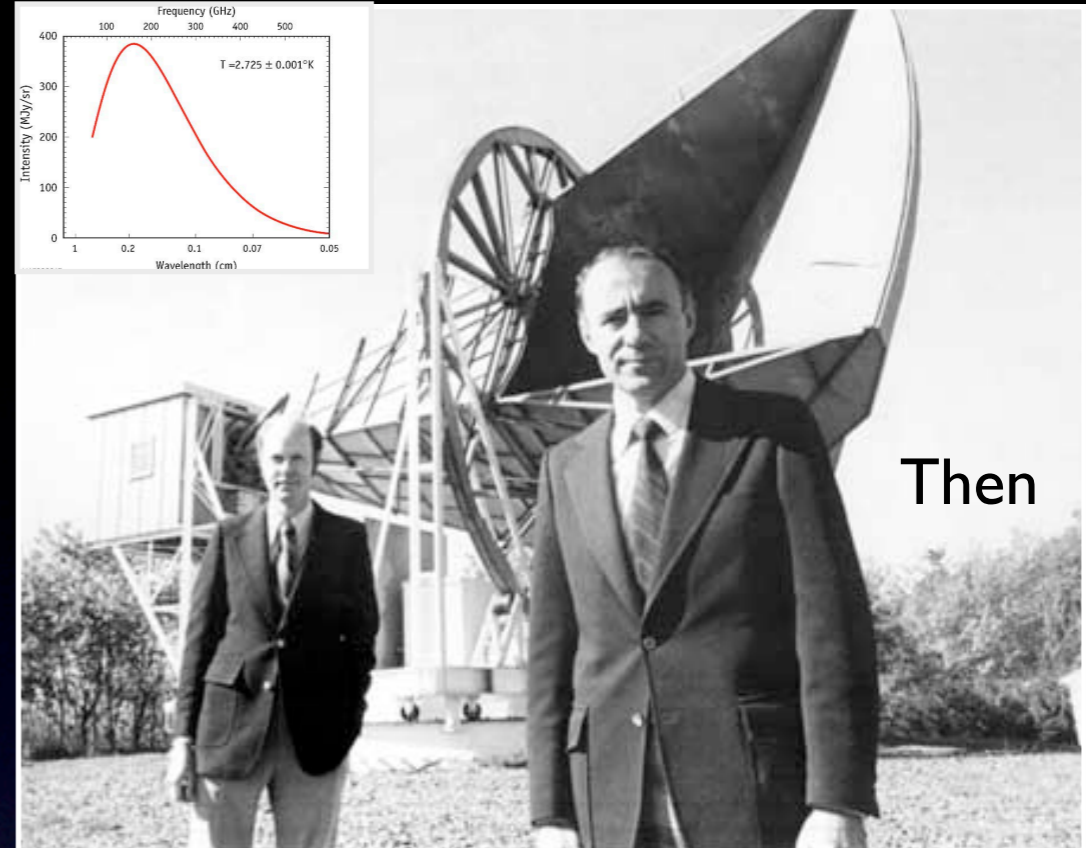
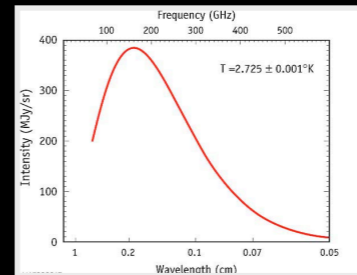
Relic Neutrinos

0.18 s
 $z = 1 \times 10^{10}$



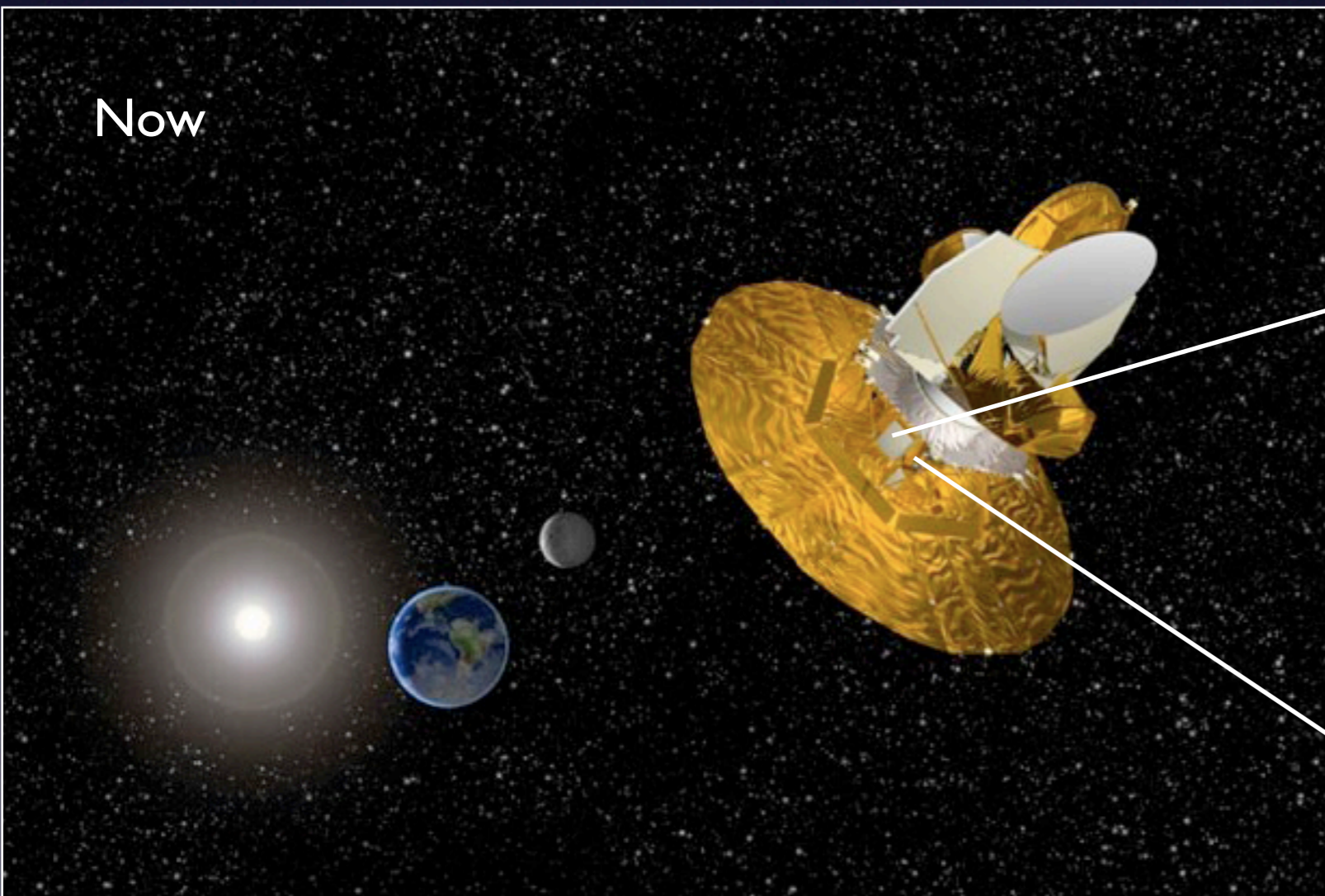
The Cosmic Microwave Background

- Mapping the cosmic microwave background has reach unprecedented precision and, along with that, great predictive power.

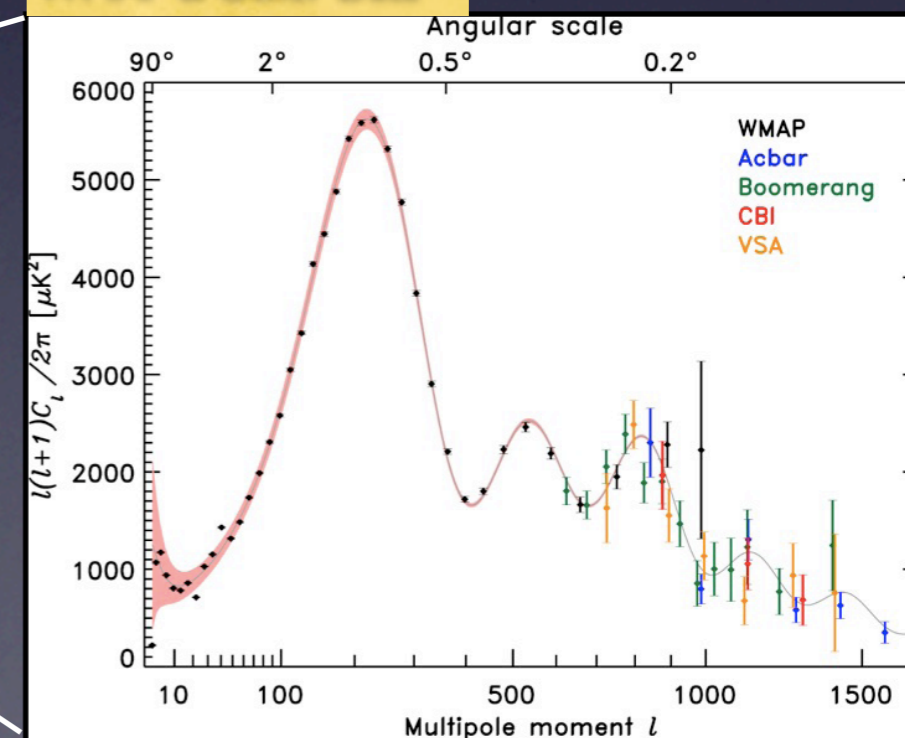


Wilson and Penzias

Now

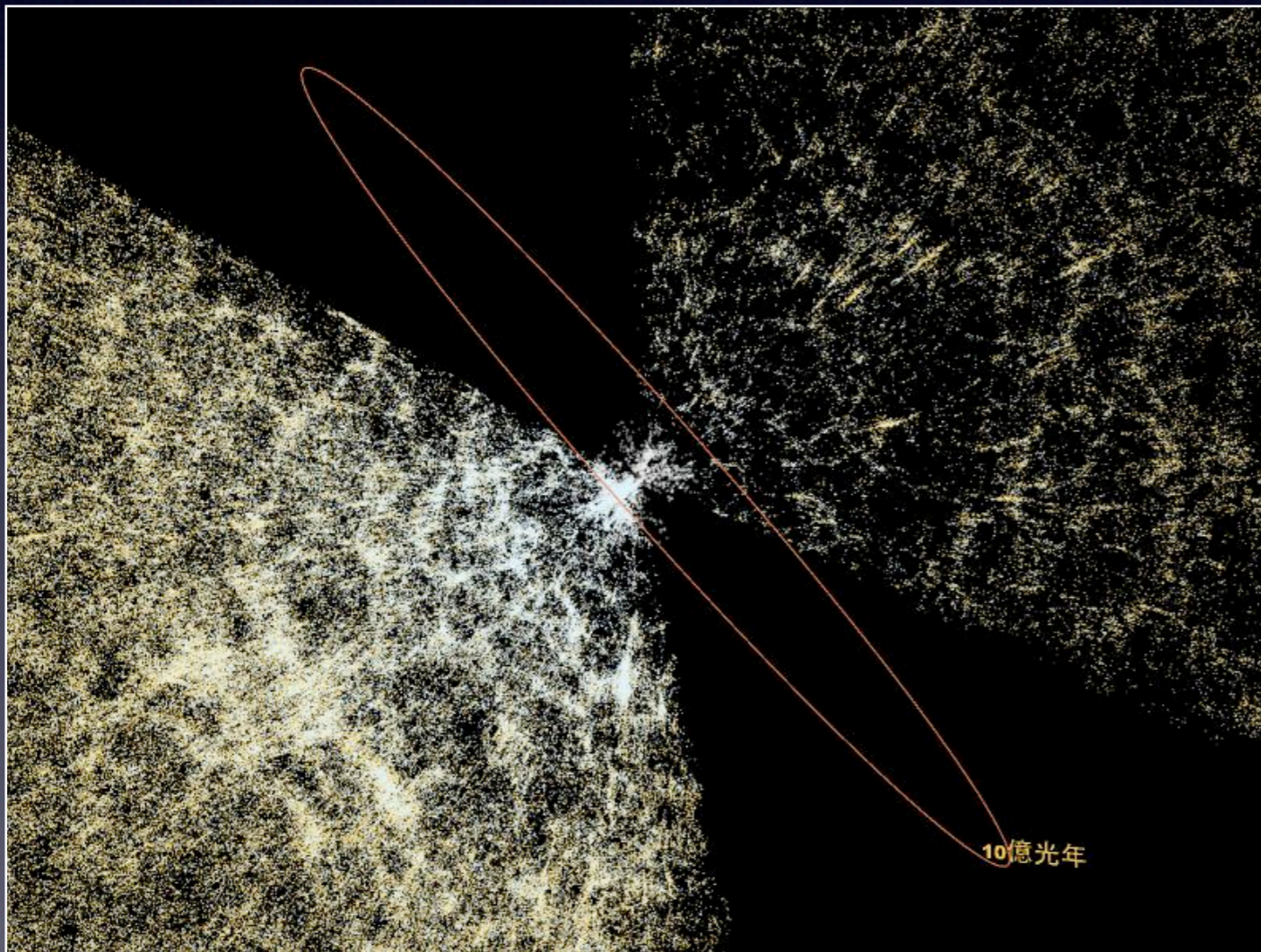


WMAP & Other Data



Large Scale Structure

- Neutrinos can also affect the clustering of galaxies (affected both by the number of neutrino species and the mass of the neutrinos)

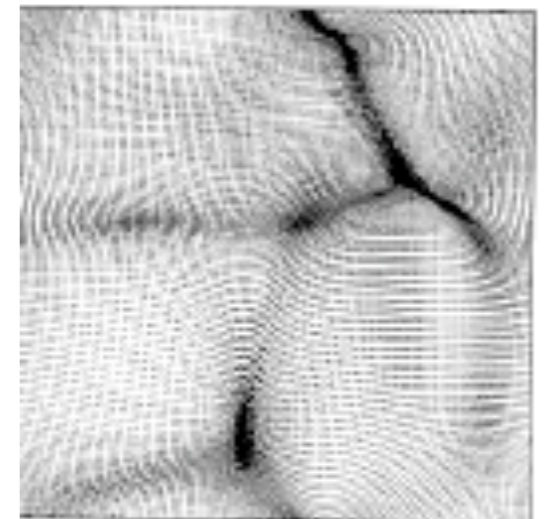
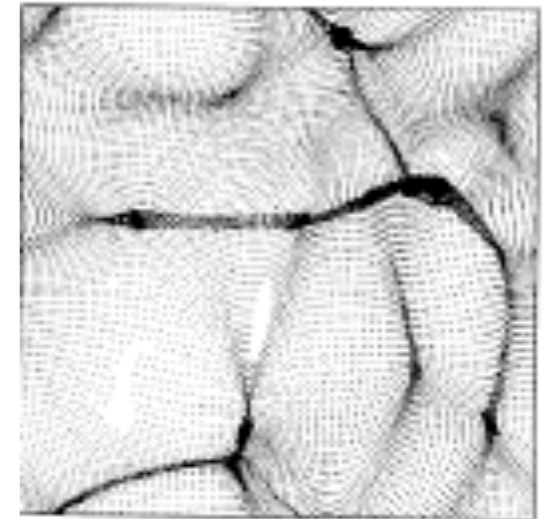
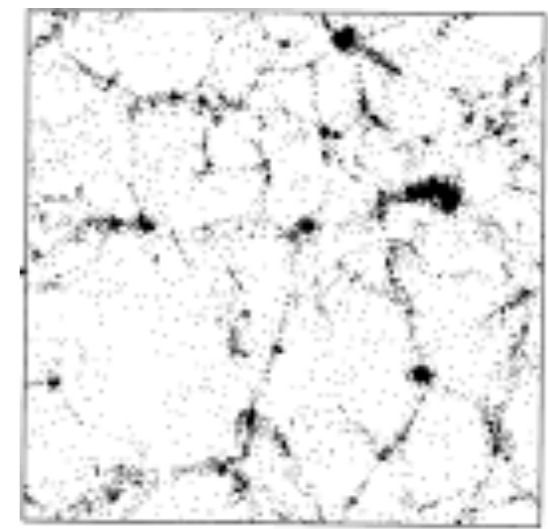


Large Scale Sctructure

Just cold dark matter



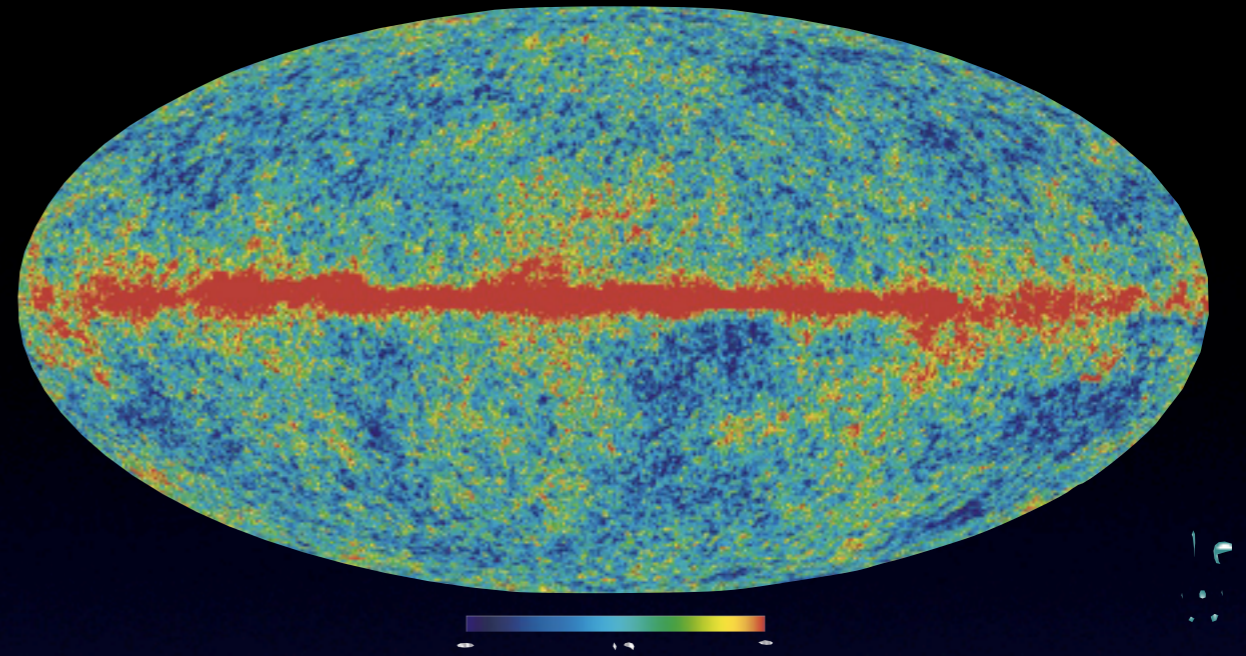
Cold dark matter with neutrino mass



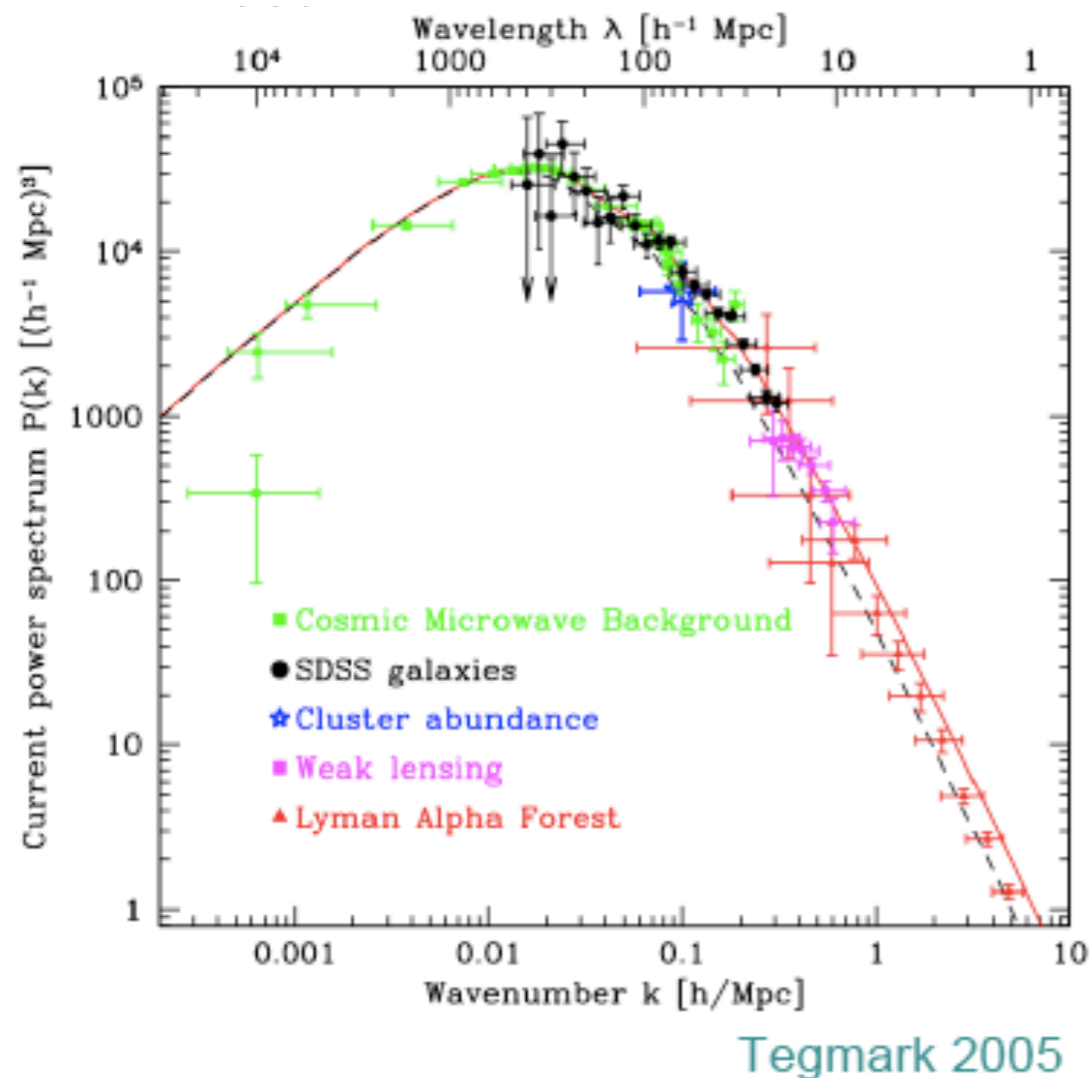
Colombi, Dodelson, & Widrow 1995

$$\Omega_\nu = \frac{\rho_\nu}{\rho_{\text{critical}}} = \frac{\sum_i^{n_\nu} m_{\nu,i}}{\rho_{\text{critical}}}$$

Neutrino Mass Sensitivity



WMAP Temperature Map (2006)



$$\Omega_{\nu} = \frac{\rho_{\nu}}{\rho_{\text{critical}}} = \frac{\sum_i^{n_{\nu}} m_{\nu,i}}{\rho_{\text{critical}}}$$

Cosmology places constraints on the energy density of neutrinos.

Limits & Datasets

- Strong limits can be further achieved by combining data collected from WMAP, Sloan Digital Sky survey (SDSS), and others.
- Tensions in data highlighted by change in limits.
- Relaxation of certain assumptions also highlights string model dependencies.

(Fogli, arXiv:060806v1)

$$\Sigma m_\nu < 2.3 \text{ eV (WMAP5)}$$

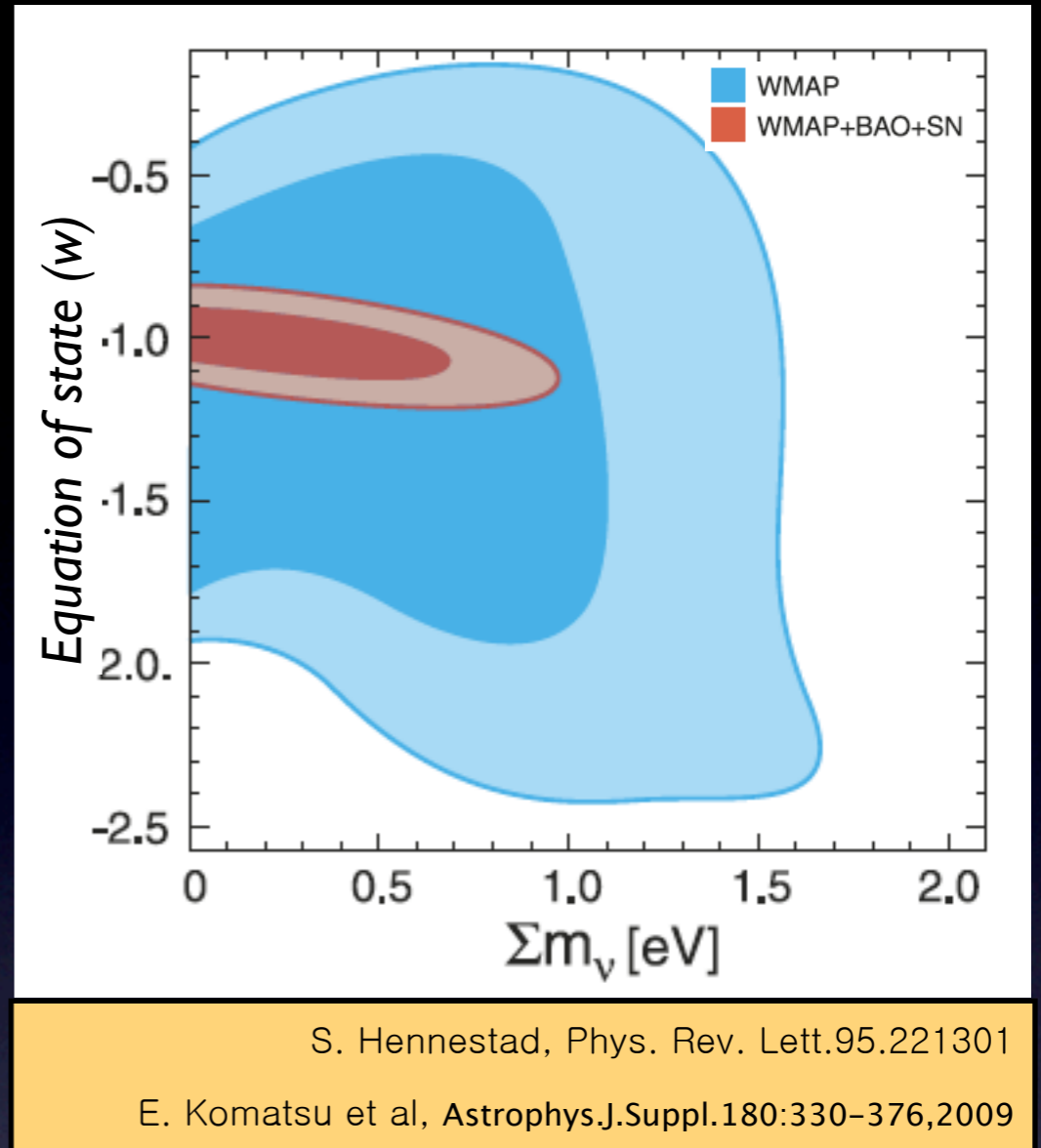
2 σ Limits

$$\Sigma m_\nu < 1.2 \text{ eV (WMAP5+SDSS)}$$

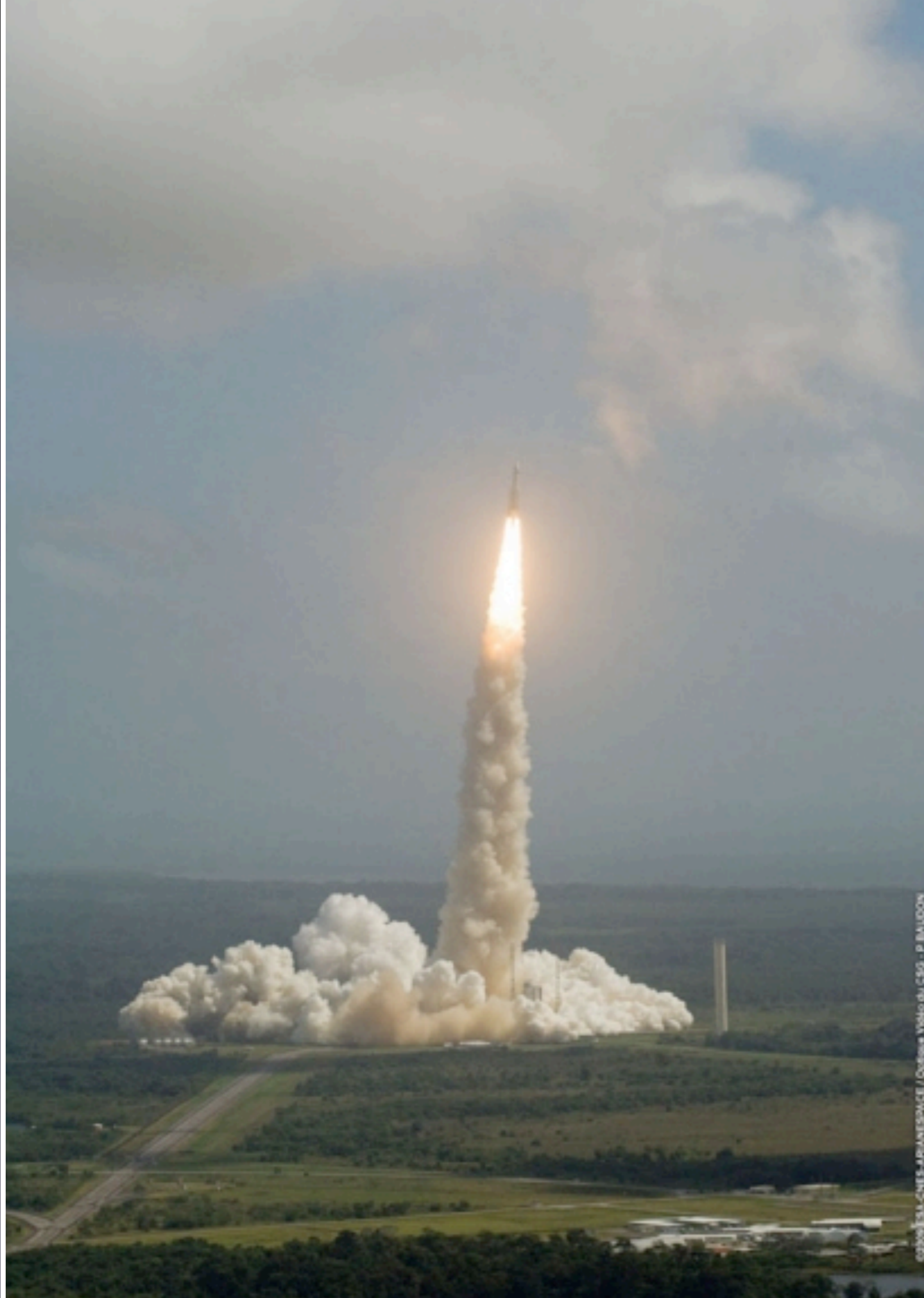
$$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.8 \text{ eV (WMAP5+SDSS+SN+BBN)}$$

$$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.6 \text{ eV (CMB+LSS+SNIa+BAO)}$$

$$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.2 \text{ eV (CMB+LSS+SNIa+Ly-}\alpha\text{)}$$



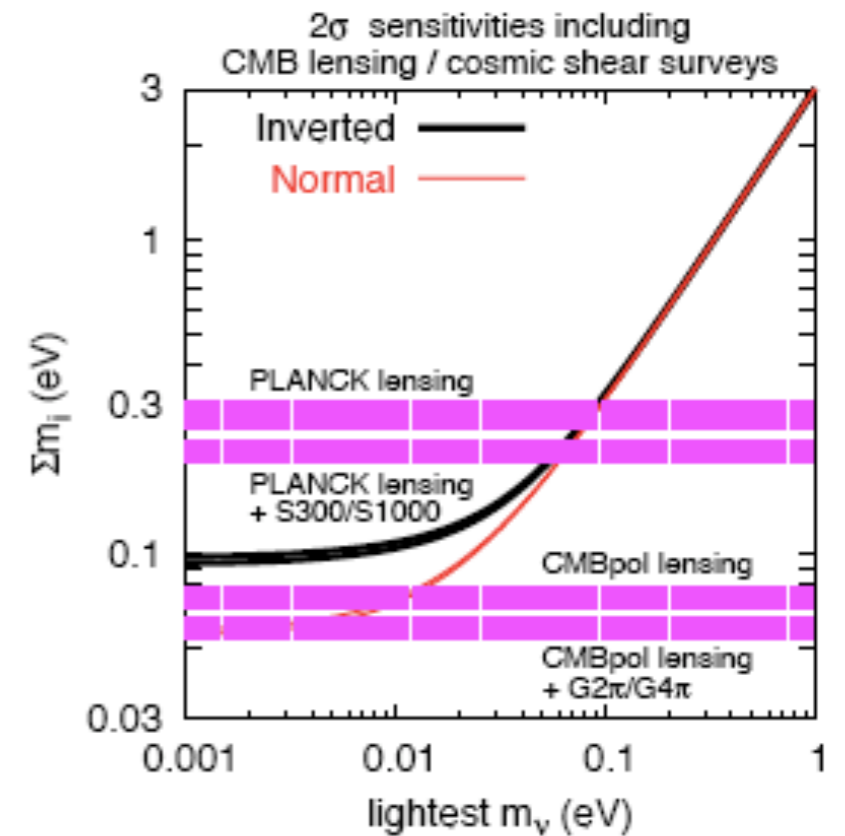
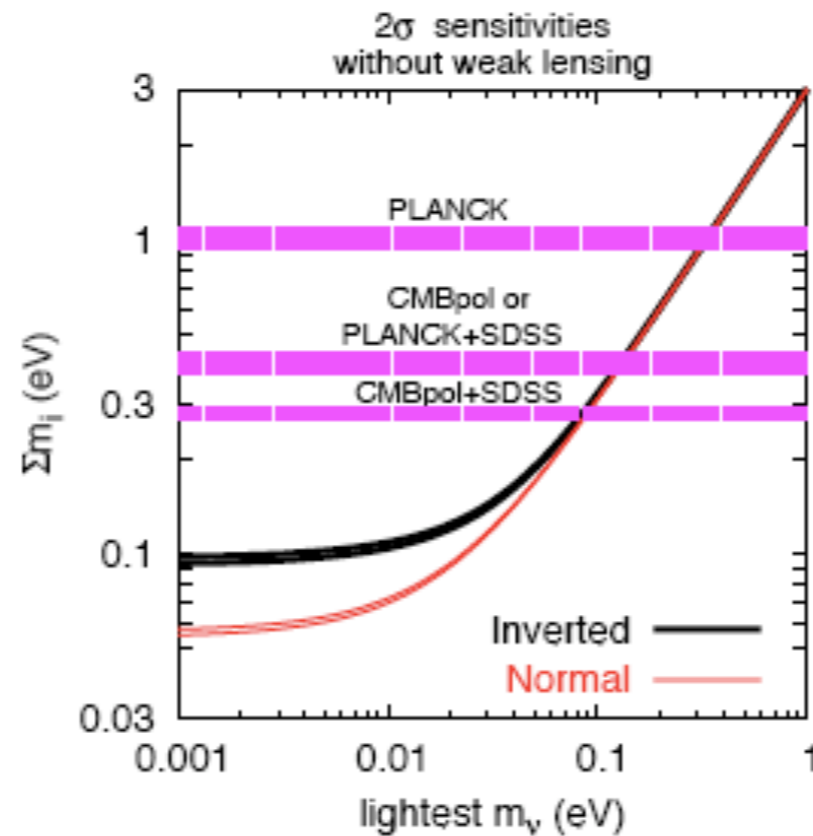
New Frontiers



Planck Satellite:

Launched May 14th, 2009

New Frontiers



- Enhanced sensitivity to the microwave background should provide stronger constraint on neutrino mass from cosmological sources:
- Should be able to push down to $\Sigma m_\nu \sim 100$ meV at 95% C.L. by combining with other observations.



“...down they fell, driven headlong from
the pitch of heaven, down into this
deep...”, Paradise Lost

What we will cover:

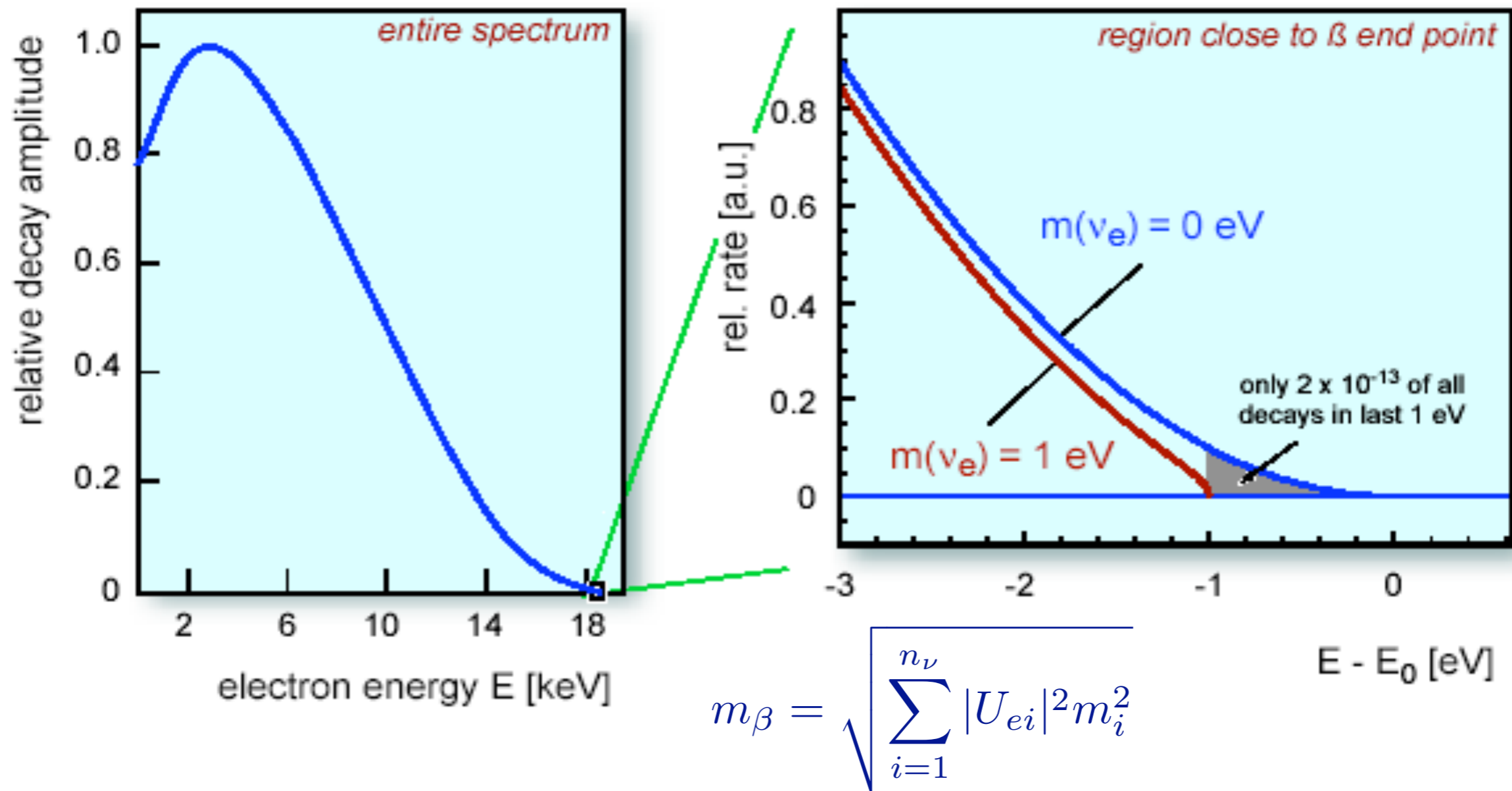
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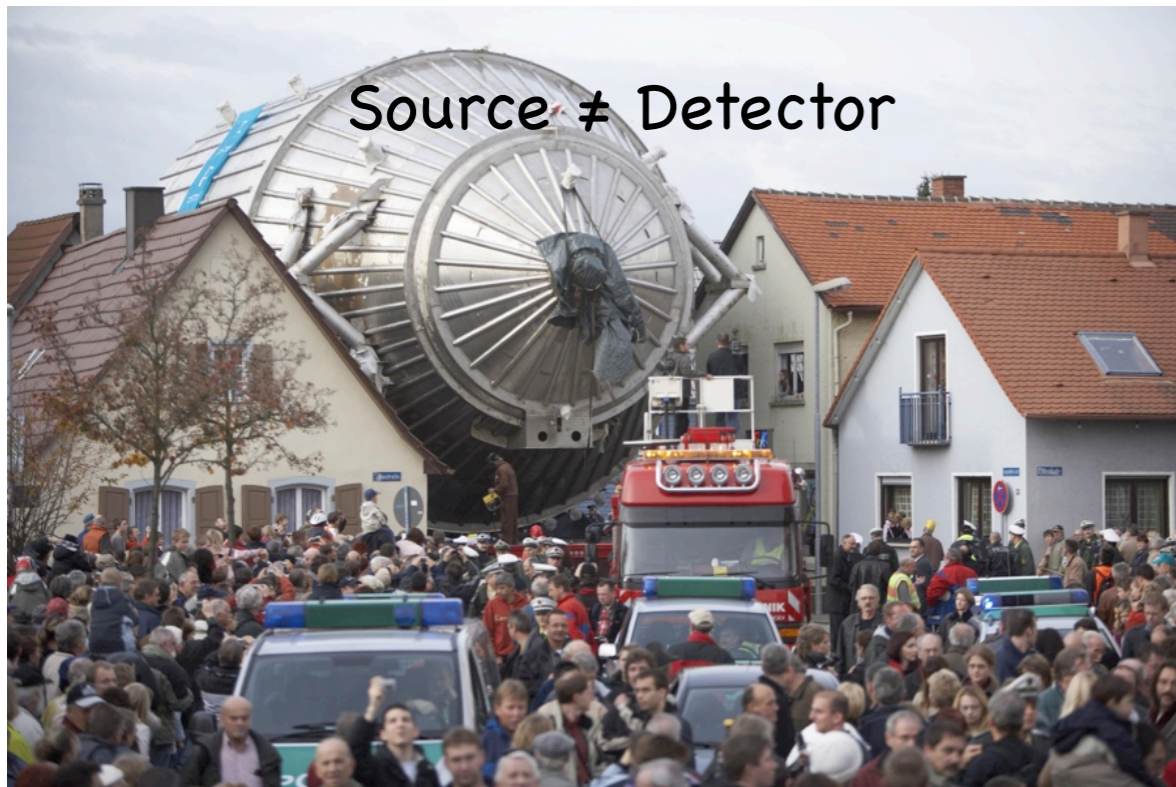
Direct Probes



Beta decay allows a *kinematic* determination of the neutrino mass

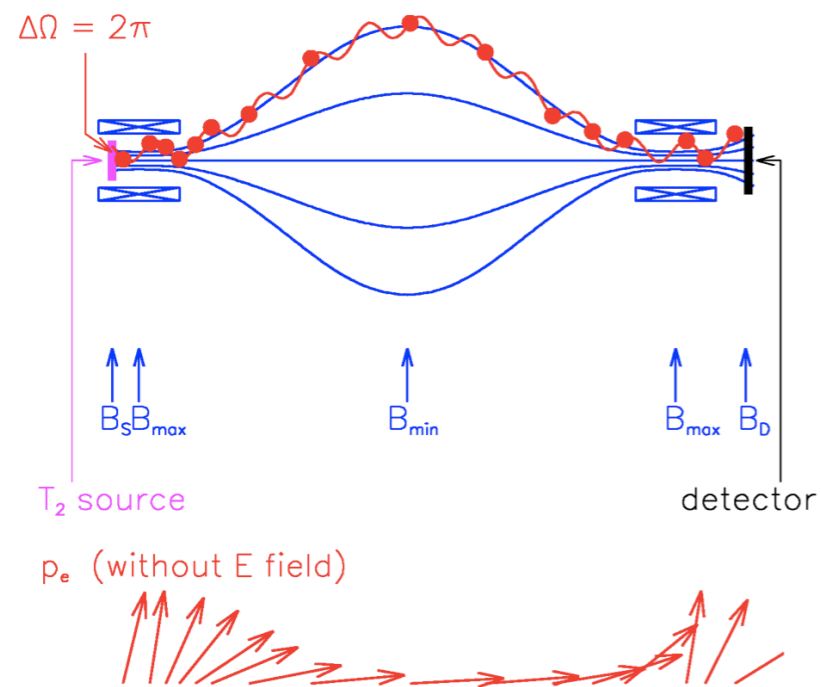
No dependence on cosmological models or matrix elements

Source \neq Detector

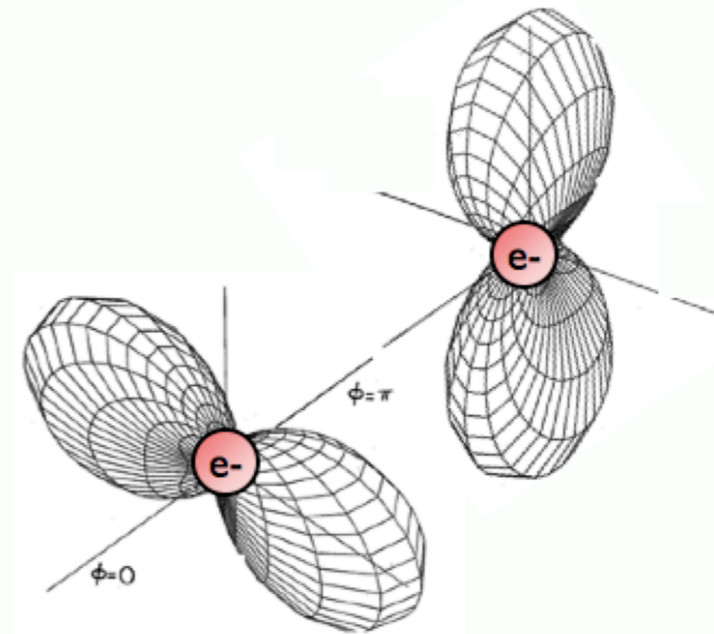


KATRIN

Spectroscopy

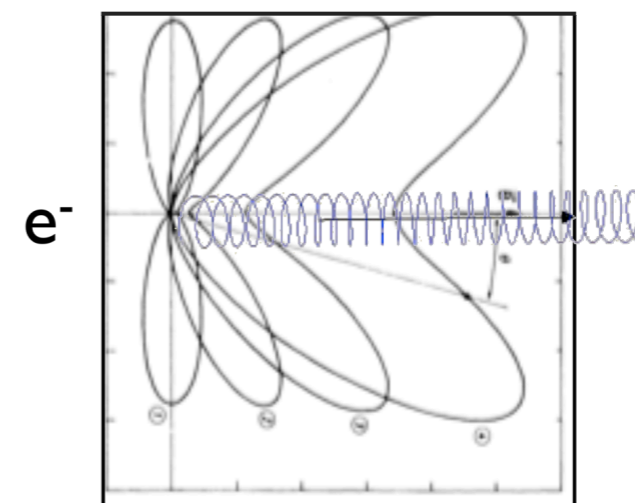


Source = Detector



Project 8

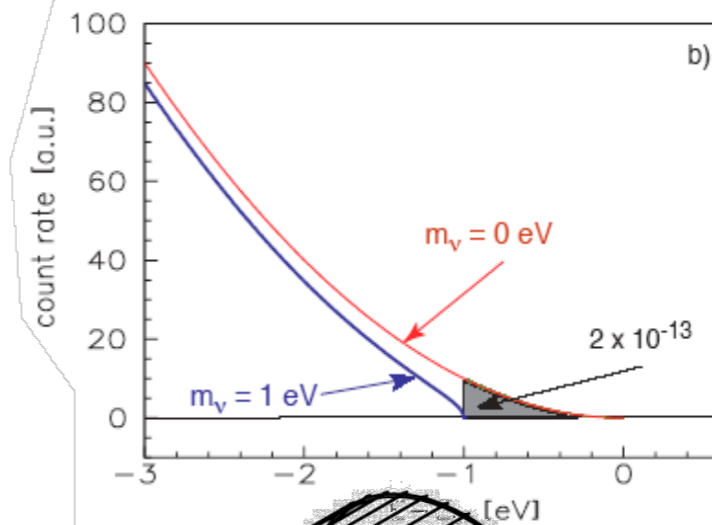
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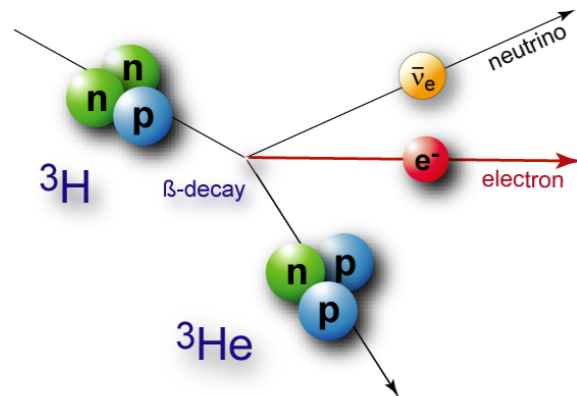
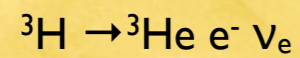
The KATRIN Experiment



Electron Beta Decay Spectrum



Tritium Beta Decay



Electron Detector

Spectrometer

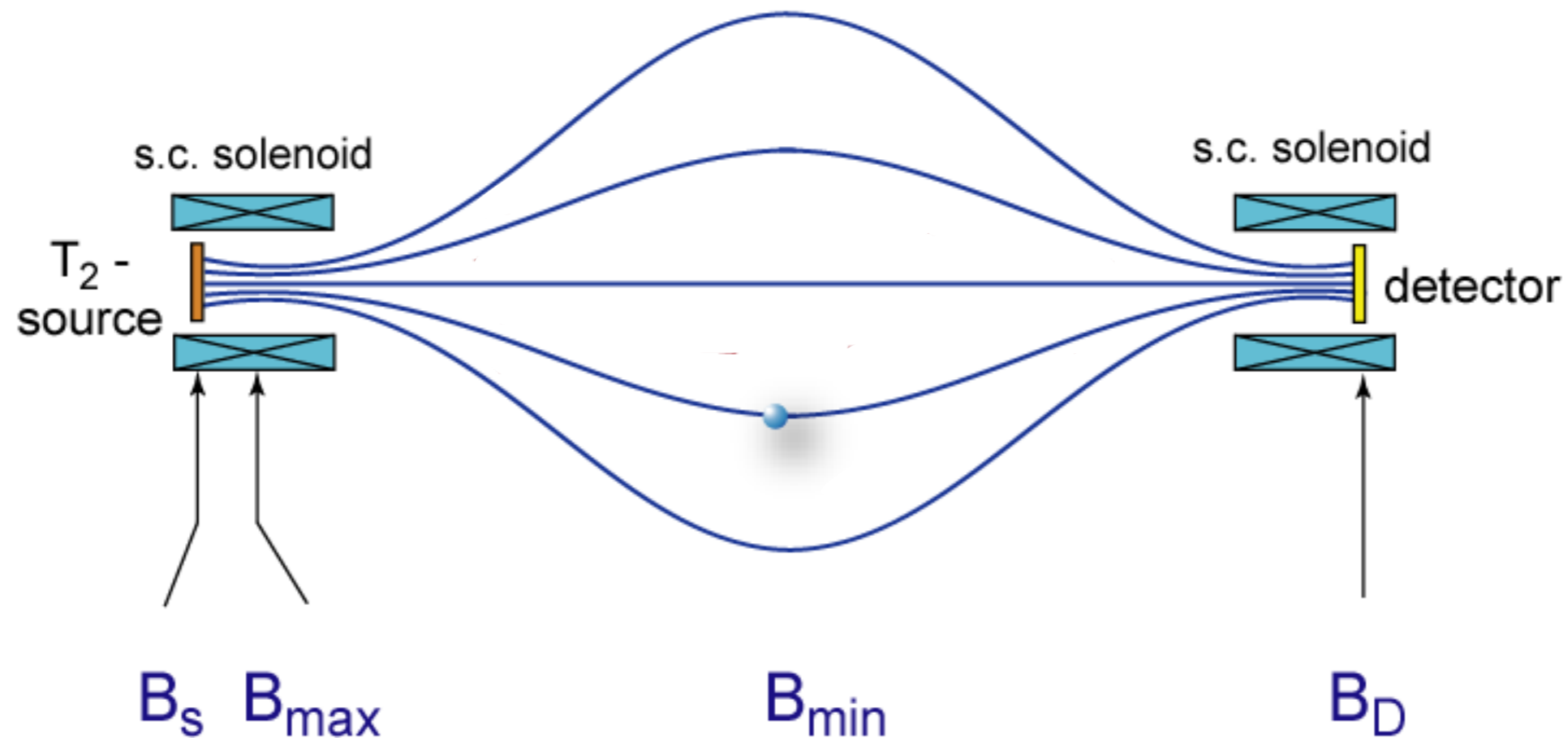
Tritium Retention System

Windowless Gaseous Tritium Source

Rear Calibration & Monitoring

- KATRIN uses the beta decay from (gaseous) tritium to probe the absolute neutrino mass scale.

The MAC-E Filter Technique

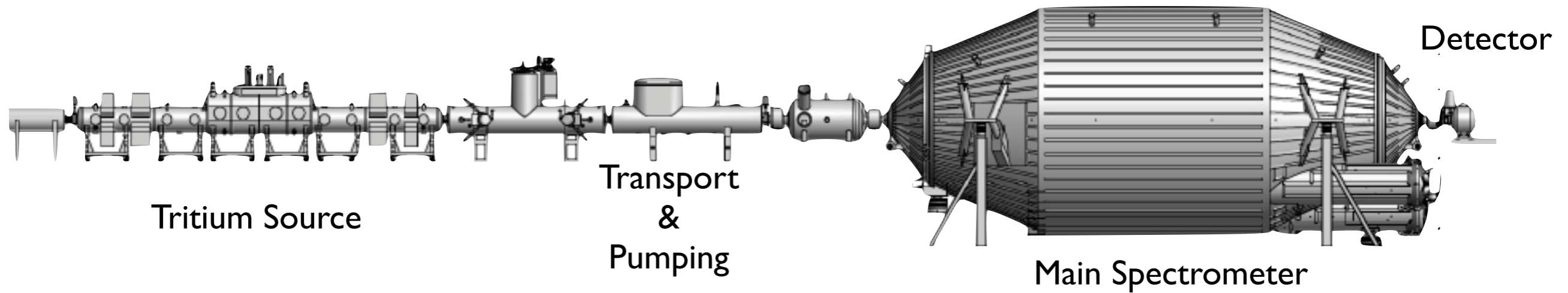
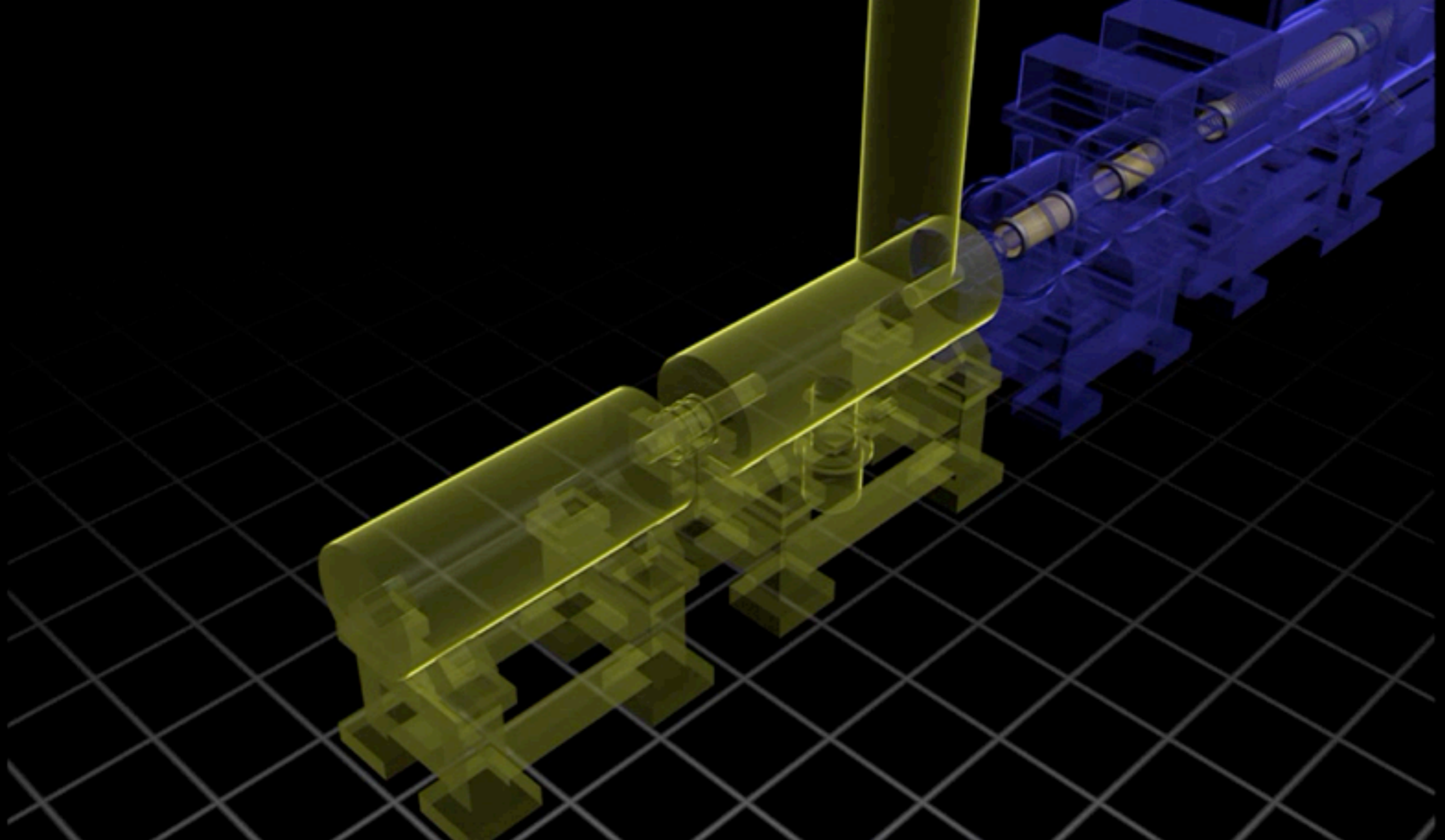


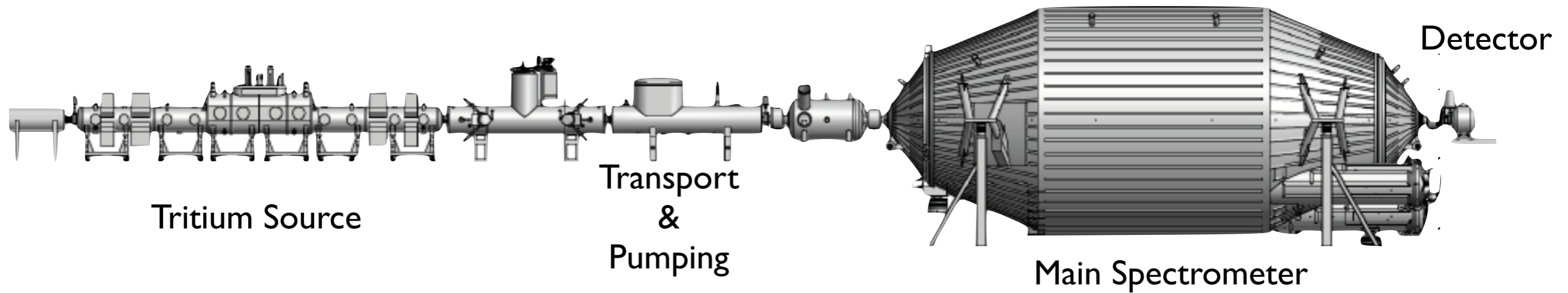
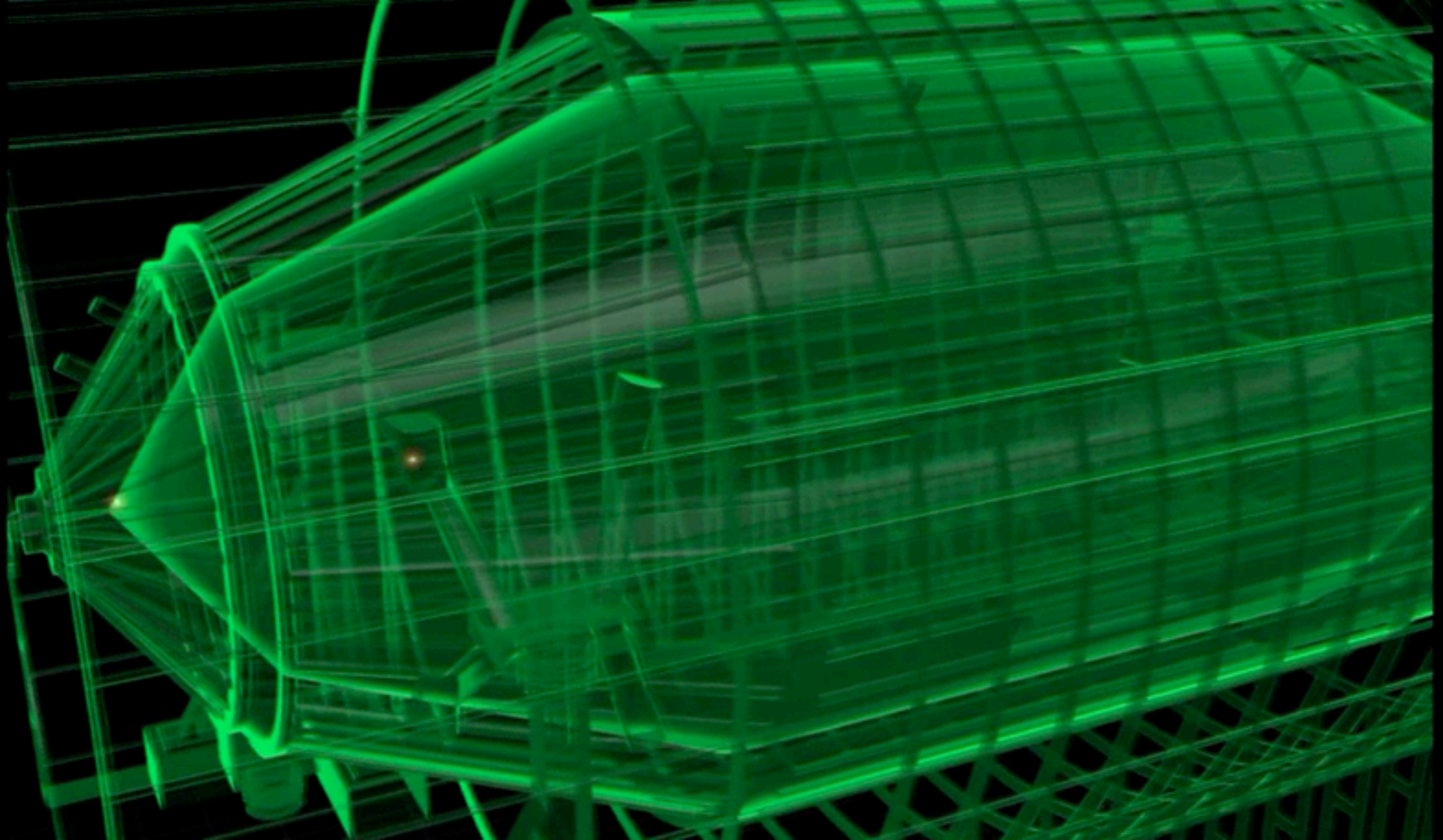
Magnetic Adiabatic Collimation:

- Use adiabatic guiding to move β -particles along B-field lines.
- Field constrained by 2 s.c magnets.

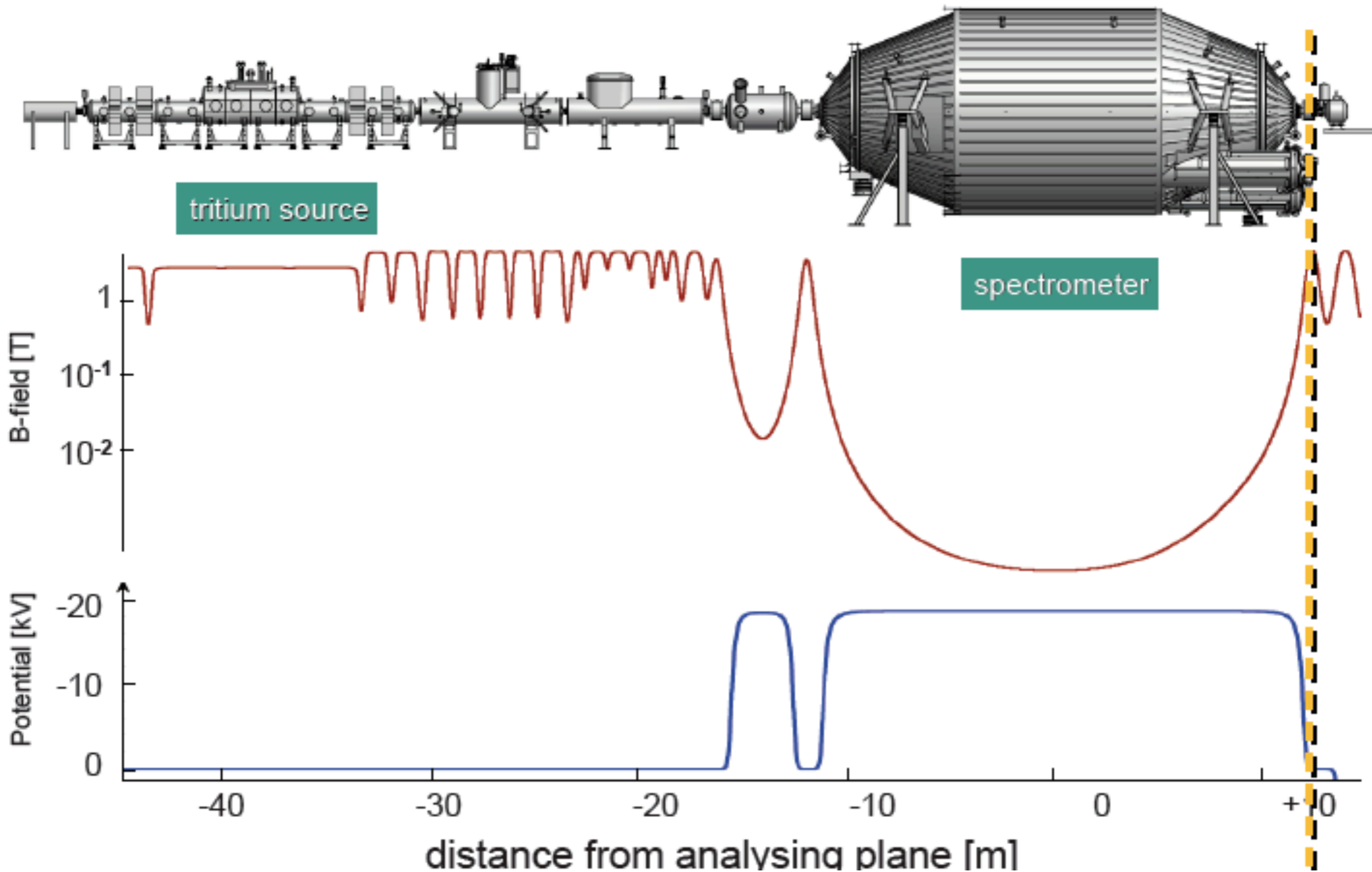
Electrostatic Filter:

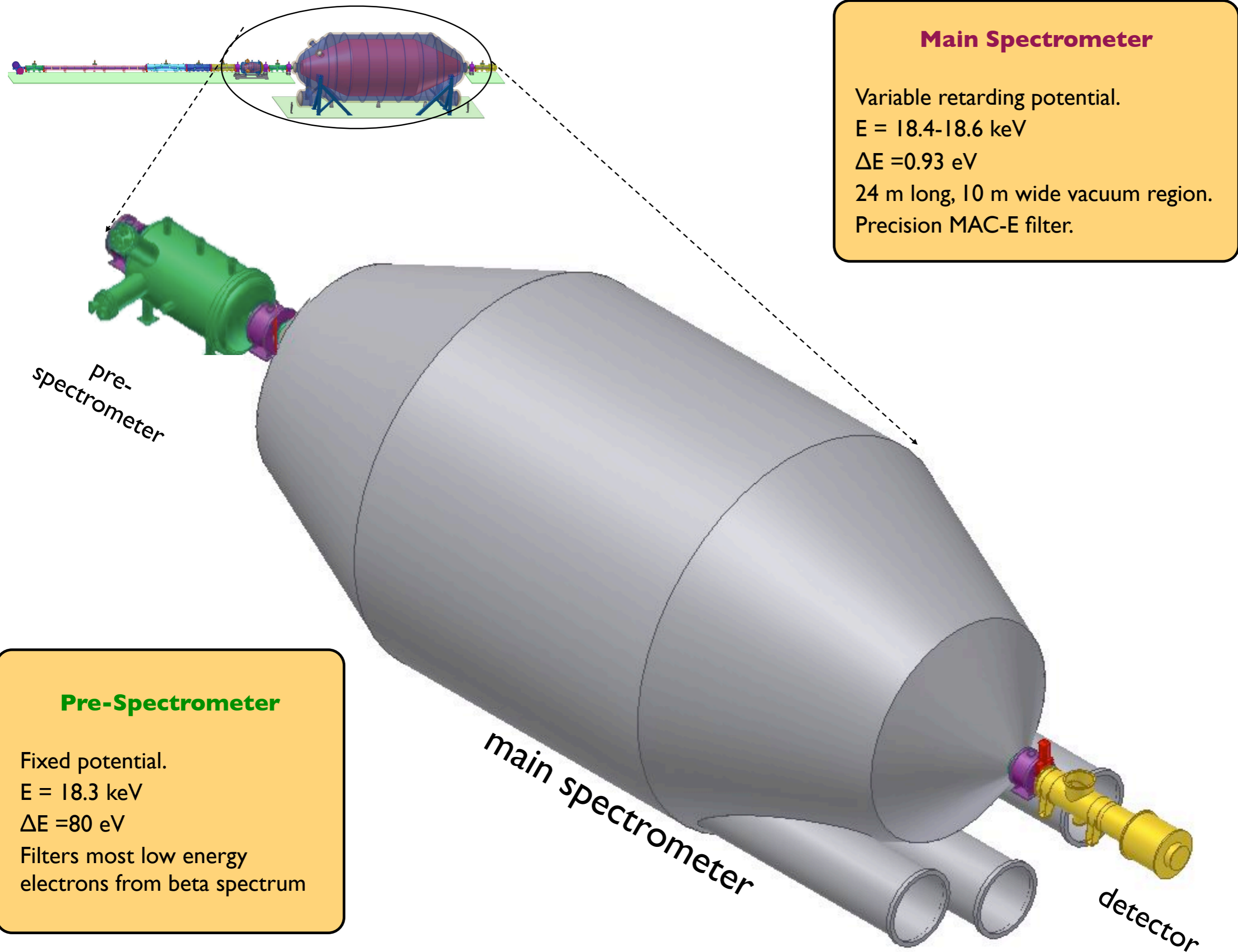
- Use retarding potential to remove β -particle below threshold.
- High pass filter (variable potential)





Electromagnetic Fields





Main Spectrometer

Variable retarding potential.

$E = 18.4-18.6 \text{ keV}$

$\Delta E = 0.93 \text{ eV}$

24 m long, 10 m wide vacuum region.

Precision MAC-E filter.

Pre-Spectrometer

Fixed potential.

$E = 18.3 \text{ keV}$

$\Delta E = 80 \text{ eV}$

Filters most low energy electrons from beta spectrum





KATRIN Lands!



KATRIN Lands!



Cryostat housing



Wire installation



WGTS Demonstrator



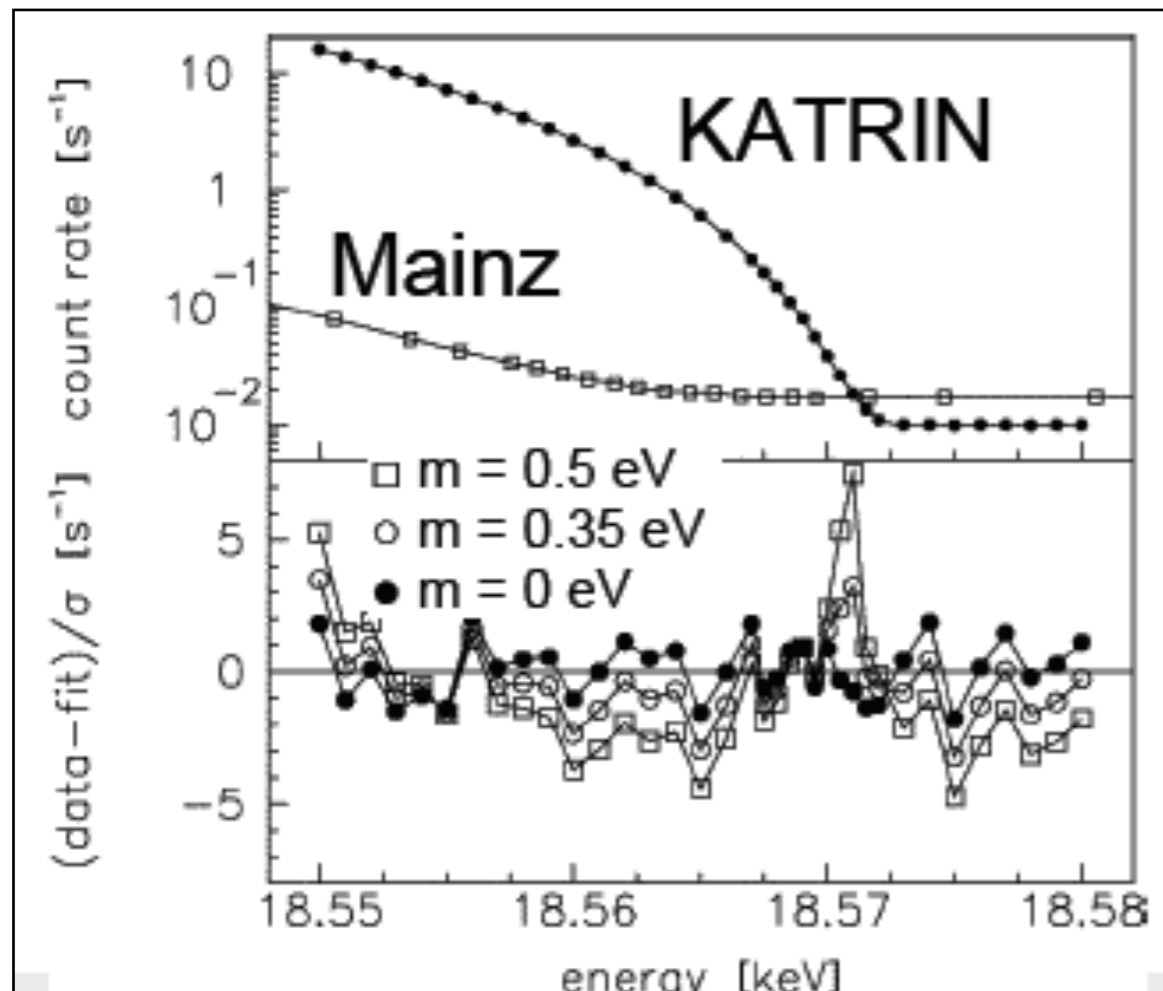
Focal Plane Detector

Final Sensitivity

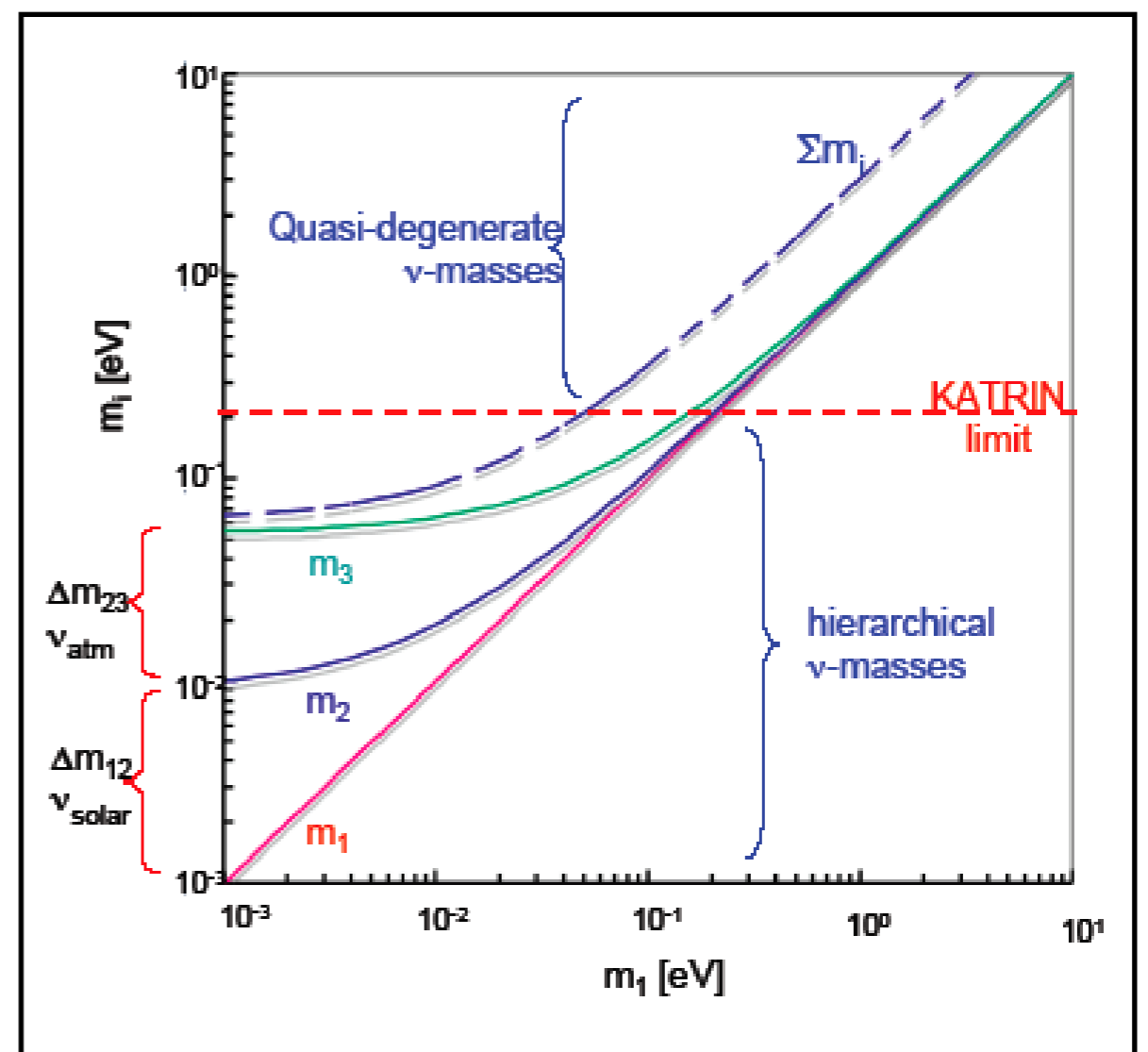
Neutrino Mass Sensitivity

350 meV (at 5σ)

200 meV (at 90% C.L.)



Statistics & Sensitivity

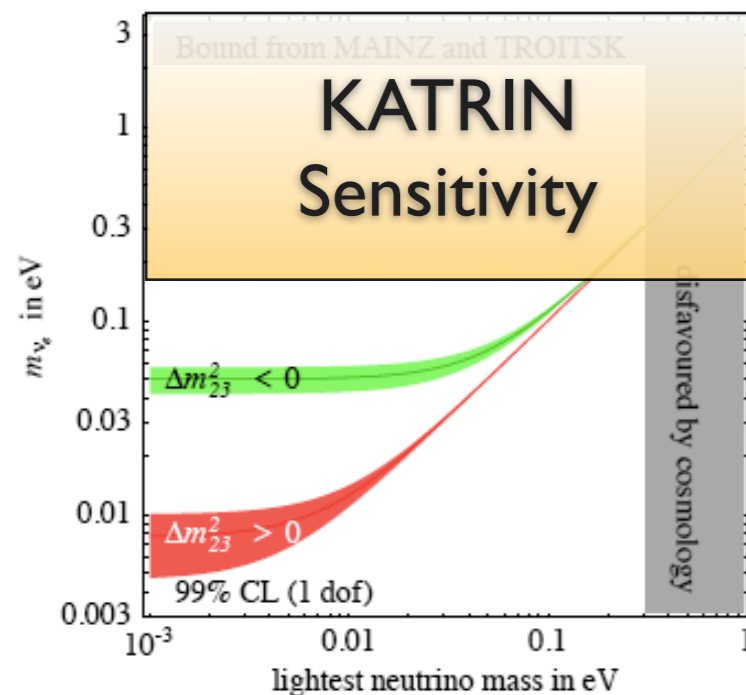
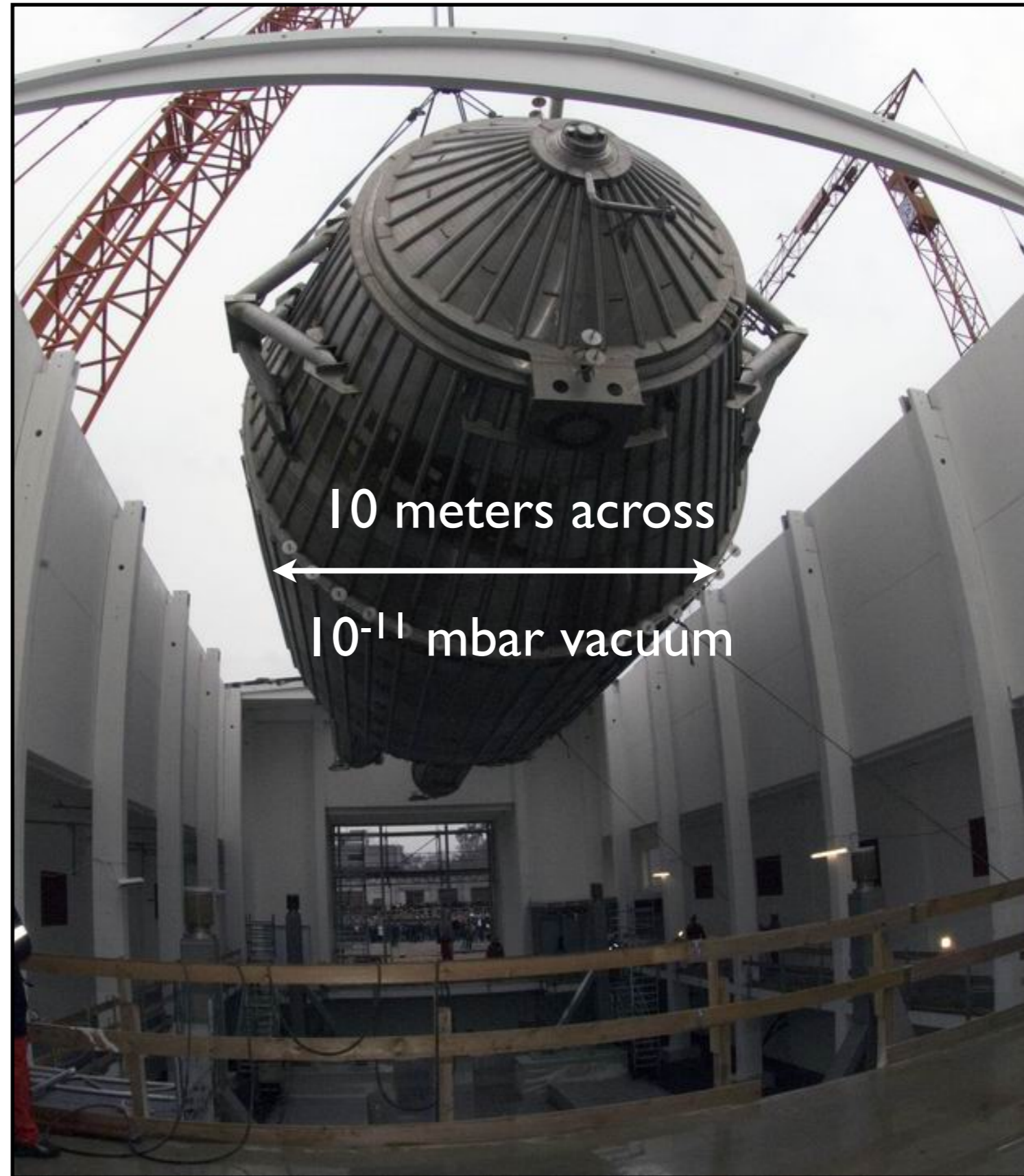


Mass sensitivity

- Slotted to begin taking data in 2012. Will achieve sub-eV sensitivity after just a few months of operation.
- Final sensitivity at the 200 meV level (90% C.L.)

Can we push further?

- KATRIN will achieve 200 meV scale.
Can direct measurements push lower to the normal hierarchy scale?
- Any future experiment needs to be able to (a) have a better scaling law for increased target mass and (b) improve its energy resolution.



Measuring Energy with Frequency

- Take advantage of cyclotron *radiation* created by a relativistic electron moving in a uniform magnetic field.
- This provides a non-destructive means of measuring the electron energy, escaping the limitations of Louiville's theorem.

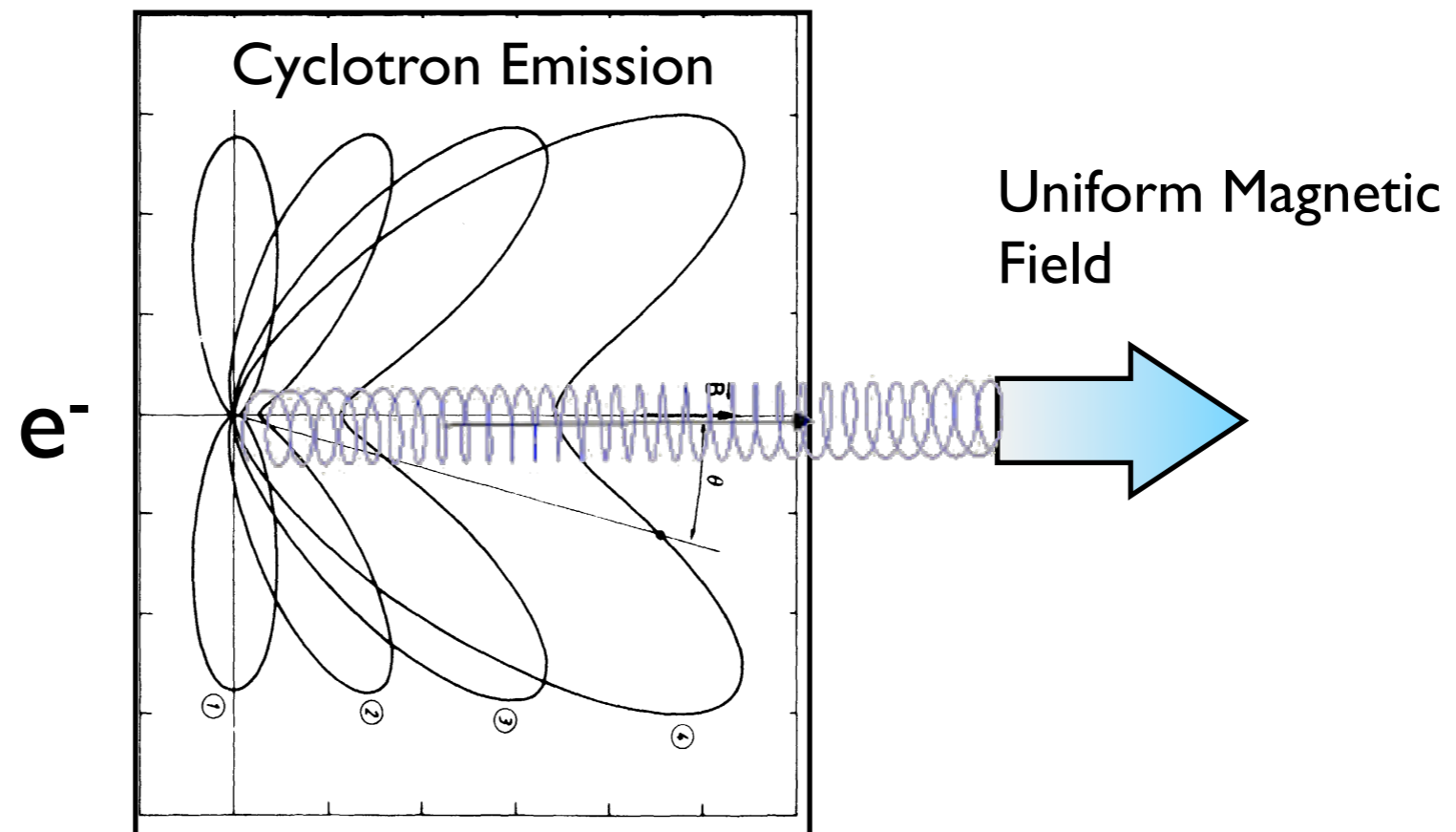


I. I. Rabi



A. L. Schawlow

“Never
measure
anything but
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Measuring Energy with Frequency

- In a uniform magnetic field, an electron will undergo cyclotron motion.
- *Emitted* frequency is independent of pitch angle of the electron and depends solely on the relativistic boost.



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Cyclotron Frequency

$$\omega(\gamma) = \frac{\omega_0}{\gamma} = \frac{eB}{K + m_e}$$

← electron mass

← kinetic energy

Radiative Power Emitted

$$P_{\text{tot}}(\beta_{\parallel}, \beta) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2e^2\omega_0^2}{3c} \frac{\beta_{\parallel}^2}{1 - \beta^2}$$

The Concept

Cyclotron Frequency

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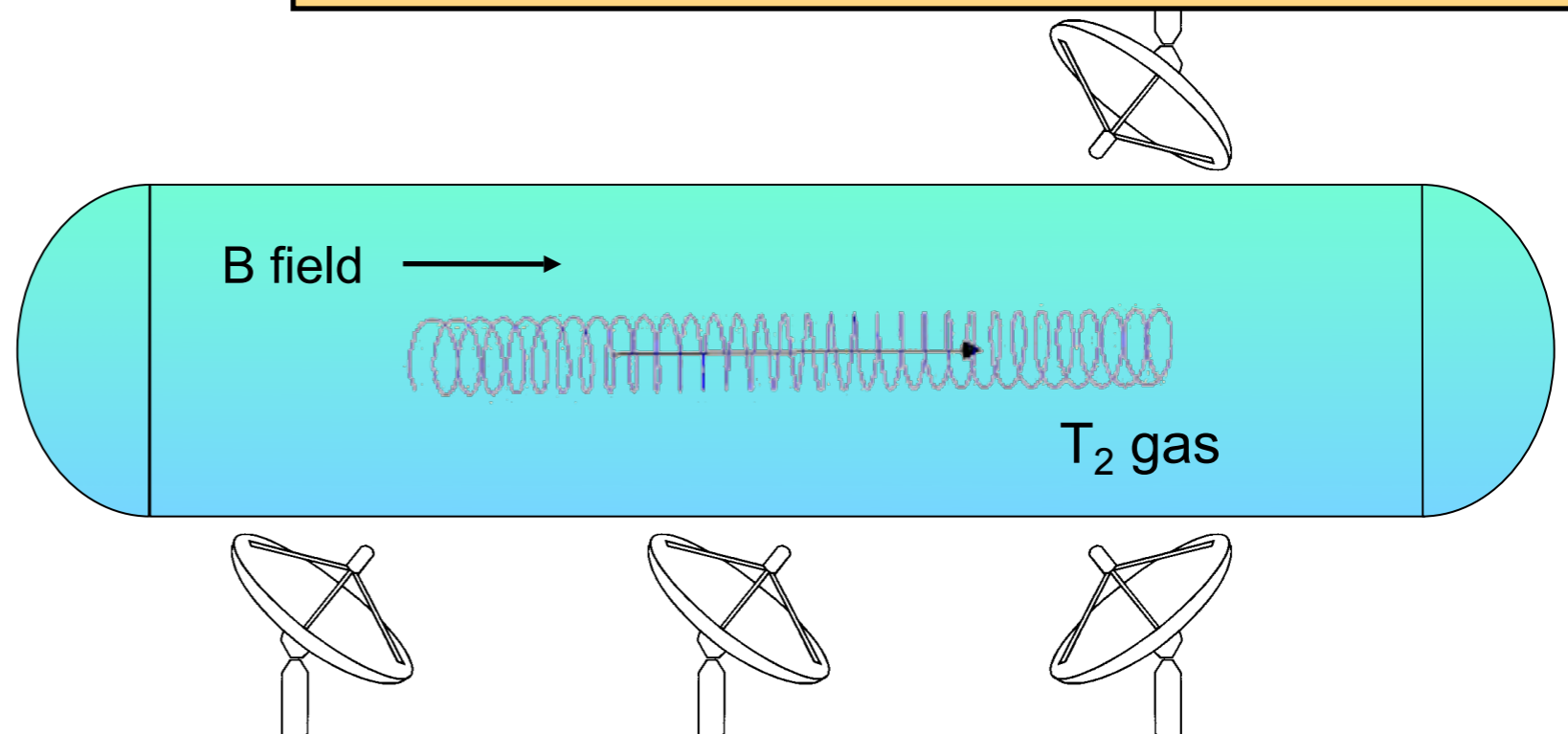
- Coherent radiation emitted can be collected and used to measure the energy of the electron in a non-destructive manner.

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B. Monreal and J. Formaggio
Published in Phys. Rev. D80:051301 (2009).

- Uniform B field
- Low pressure T₂ gas.
- Antenna array for cyclotron radiation detection.



Energy Resolution & Power

- Since this is now a frequency measurement, the energy resolution is determined by how long one can observe the radiation.

$$\Delta\omega \propto \frac{1}{T}$$

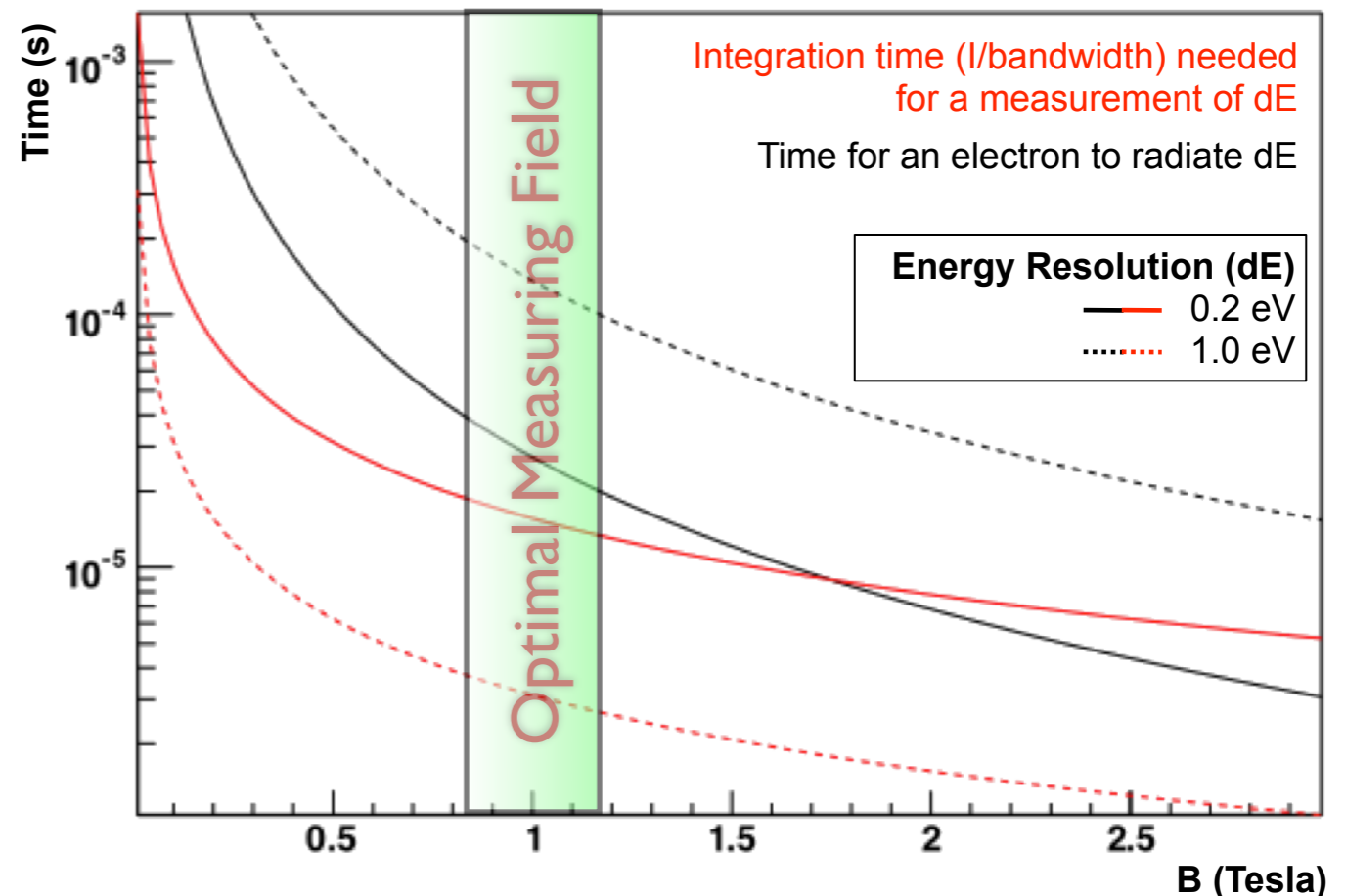
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- This time scale also sets the maximum density of the T_2 source (before electron scatters), around 10^{11} atoms/cm³.
- At a 1 Tesla field, about 10^{-15} W of power is emitted by the electron.
- With 50 kHz bandwidth, noise temperature of 20K yields $\sim 10^{-18}$ W.

Ultimate Resolution

$$\delta\omega/\omega \cong 10^{-6} \text{ (great!)}$$

in 30 μs ... (hard)

(however, keep in mind longer measuring times possible)

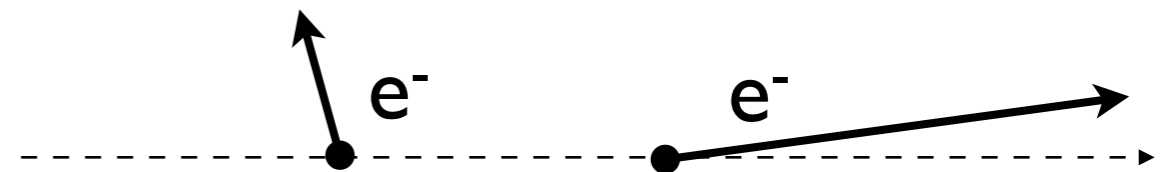
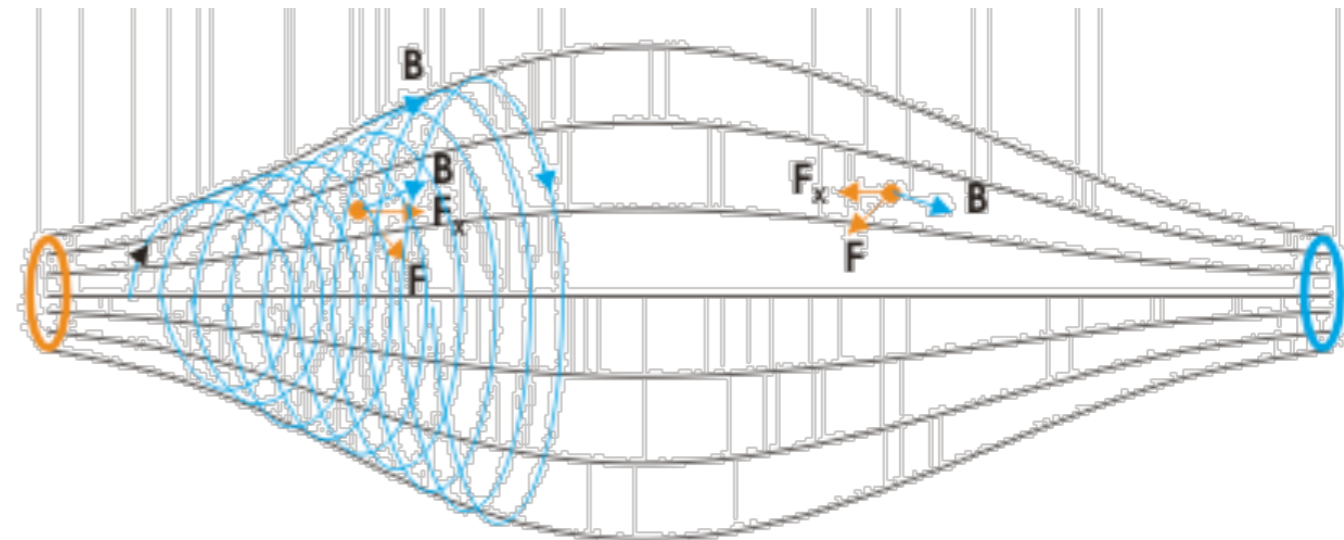


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High pitch angles:
strong signals, longer
measurement time,
trapped.

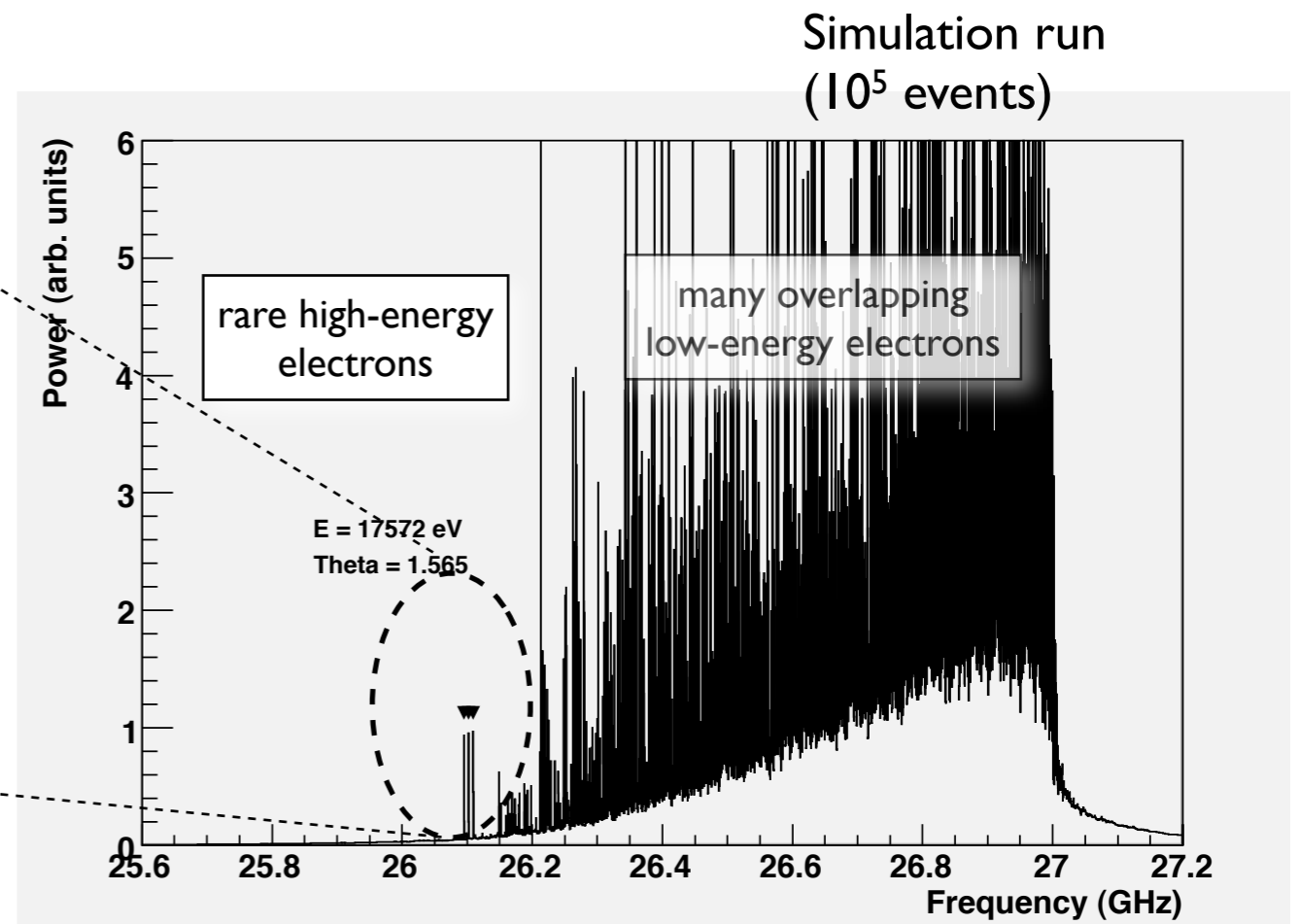
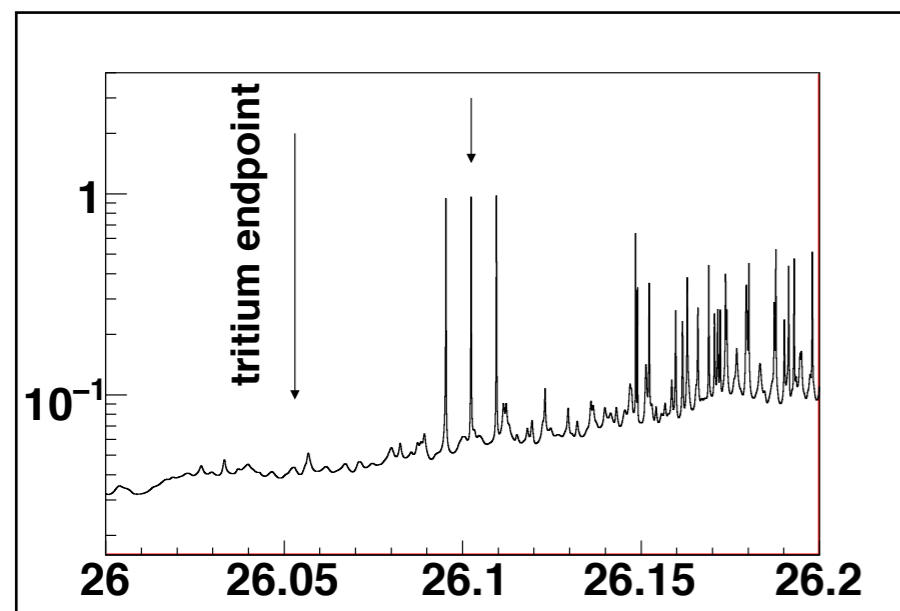
Low pitch angles:
weak signals, short
measurement time,
quick exit

Signal Enhancement

Electrons with motion parallel to field have weaker signals *and* shorter measurement times.

Sample Tritium Simulation

- Look at a simulated tritium spectrum watched by a synthetic array (evenly spaced antennas over 10 meter uniform field).
- Low energy electrons dominate at higher frequencies.
- Rare, high energy electrons give a clean signature near endpoint.



Project 8

- A small proto-collaboration has formed to explore this experimental possibility:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology & Haystack Observatories.

J.A. Formaggio, N. S. Oblath, D. Furse, P. Fisher,
A. Rogers and S. Doelman

University of California, Santa Barbara

B. Monreal, M. Leber and M. Bahr

University of Washington

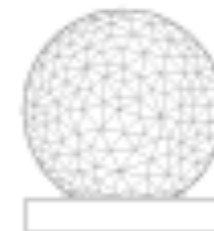
R.G.H. Robertson, P. Doe, L. Rosenberg, M. Miller,
G. Rybka,, B. VanDevender, L. Bodine, J. Heilman

National Radio Astronomy Observatory

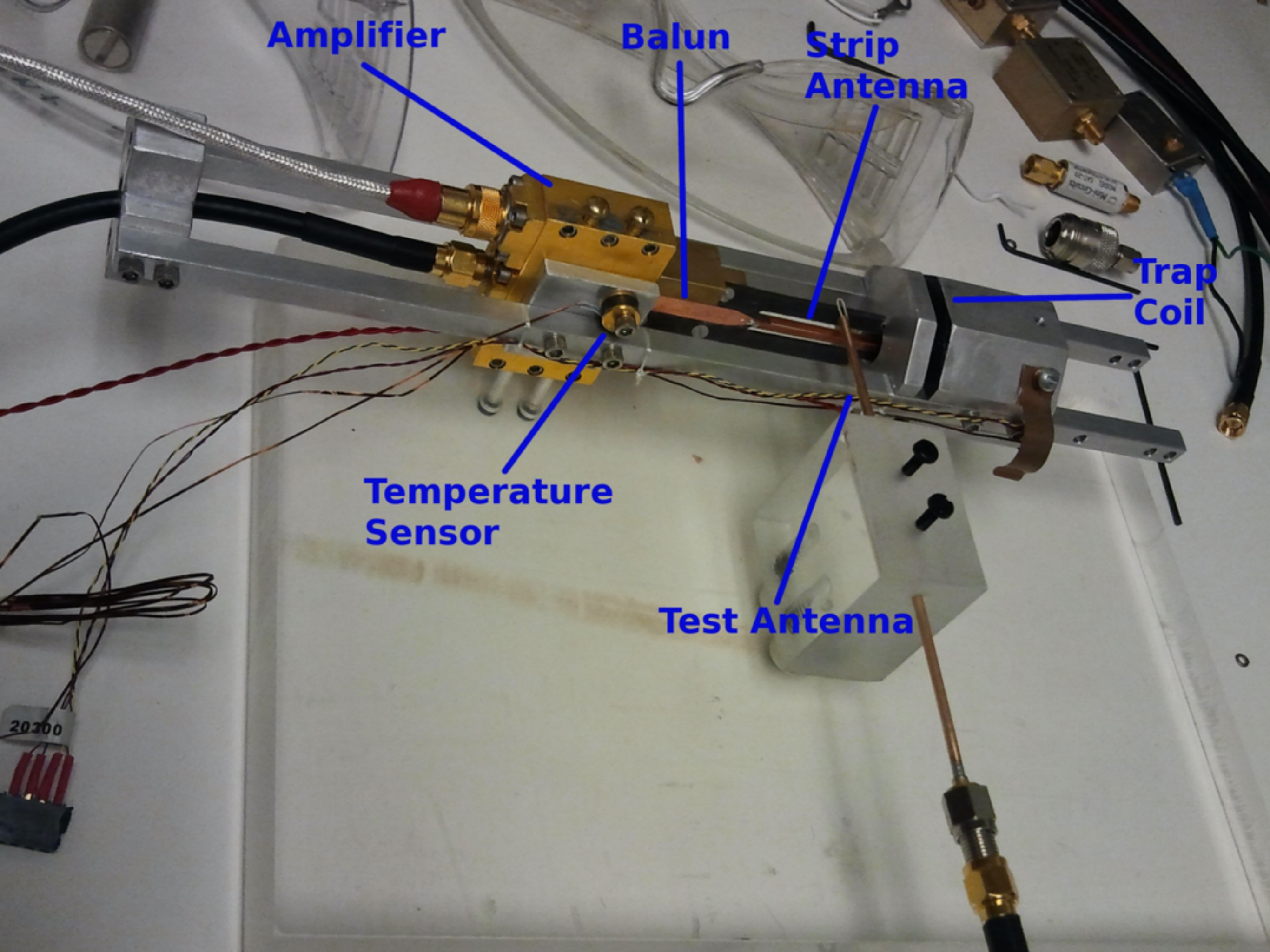
R. Bradley



PROJECT 8



MIT
HAYSTACK
OBSERVATORY



Amplifier

Balun

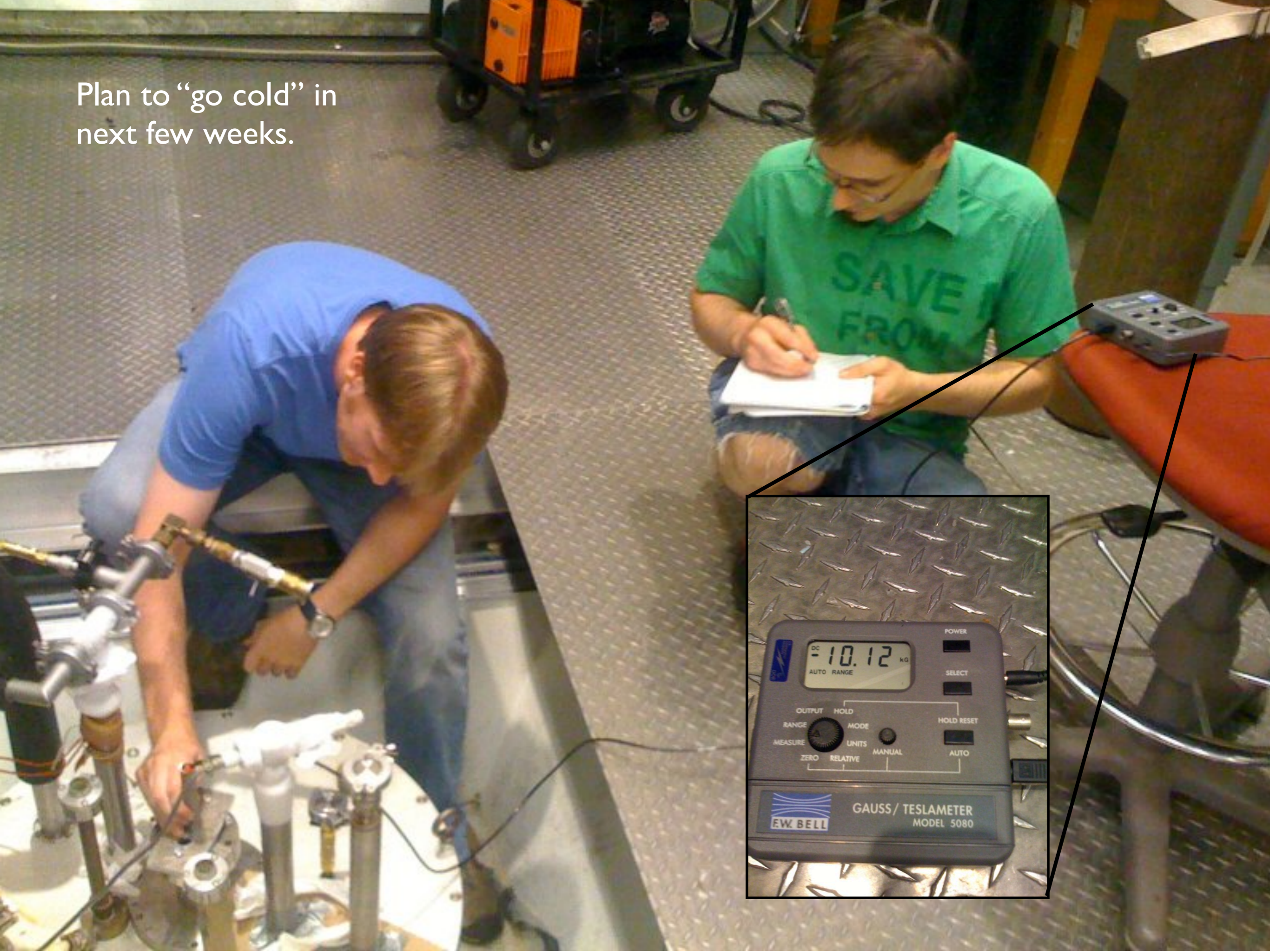
**Strip
Antenna**

**Trap
Coil**

**Temperature
Sensor**

Test Antenna

Plan to “go cold” in
next few weeks.



“...and Prometheus was
punished for giving fire
back to mankind...”



What we will cover:

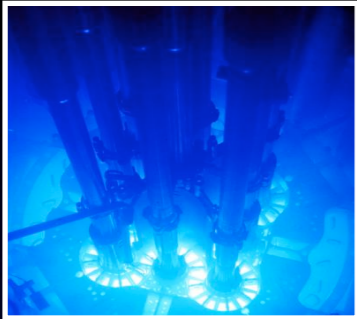
The role that neutrinos play.

Measuring neutrinos from the Heavens

Measuring neutrinos on Earth

Connecting back?

We have a good track record...



Neutrinos from reactors.

Detected (1950s)



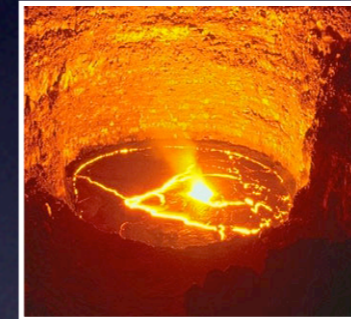
Neutrinos from supernovae.

Detected (1980s)



Neutrinos from the sun.

Detected (1960s)



Neutrinos from the Earth.

Detected (2000s)



Neutrinos from the atmosphere.

Detected (1960s)



Neutrinos from galactic sources.

Not yet (but close!)



Neutrinos from accelerators.

Created & detected (1960s)

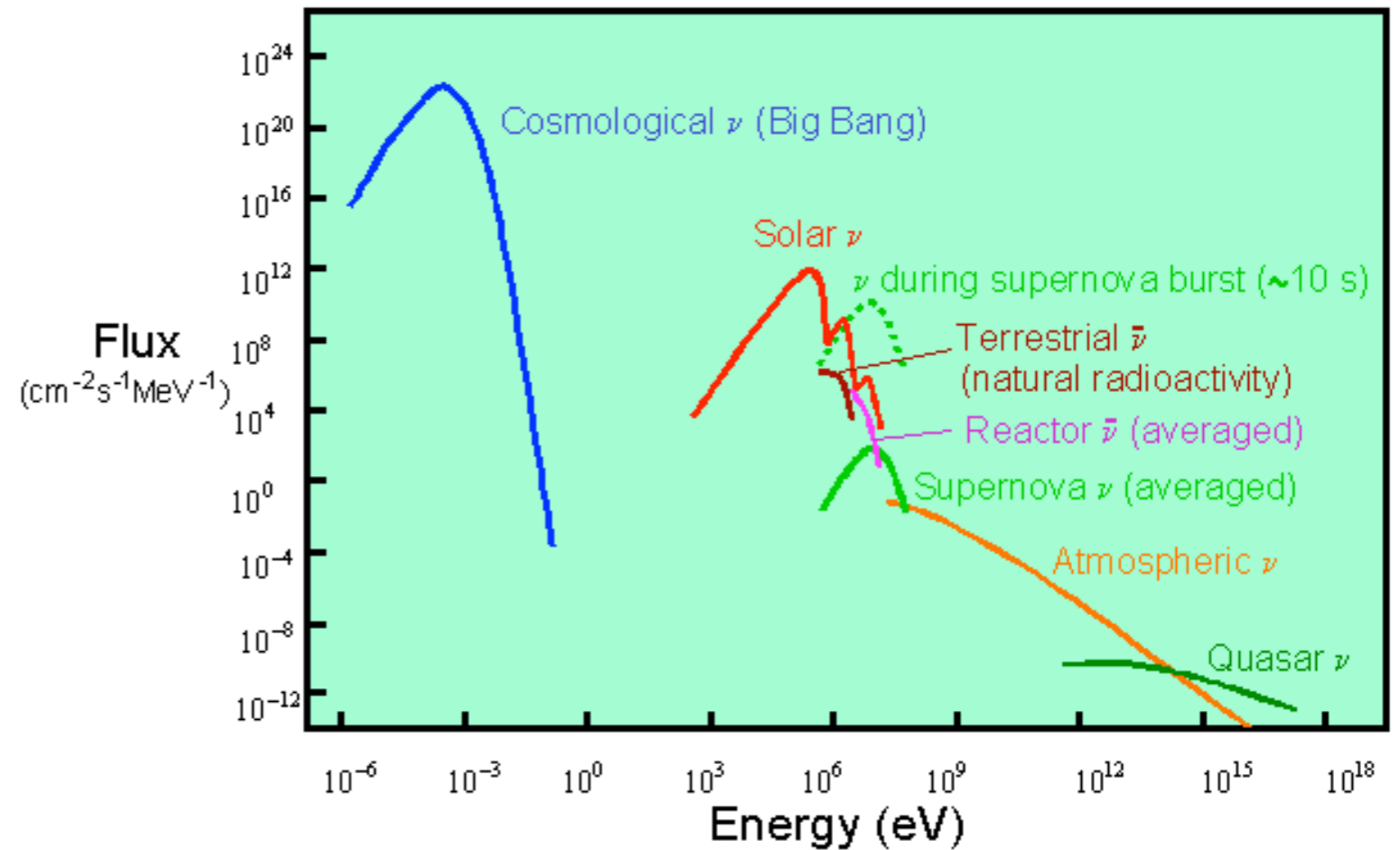


Neutrinos from the Big Bang.

Not even close...

Why is it so hard???

- Cosmological neutrinos comprise the most intense natural source of neutrinos available to us from nature.
- The cosmological photon background has been measured incredibly well. The noise from the early big bang still rings today.



So??

What's the problem?!

Why is it so hard?



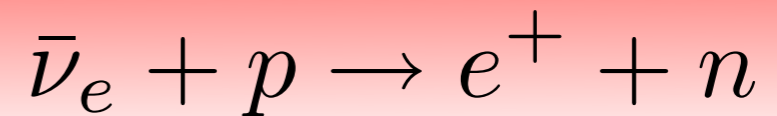
“Choice. The problem is choice.”

- Actually, the problem is THRESHOLD.
- Consider, for example, ordinary inverse beta decay.

$$E_\nu + m_p \geq m_e + m_n$$

- But here the kinetic energy from relics is very small.

$$\langle K \rangle \simeq 1.95 \text{ K} (0.17 \text{ meV})$$



- Since energy is conserved, you need the neutrino to have enough energy to initiate the process.
- For most nuclei, you just do not have enough energy. You need a threshold-less process.

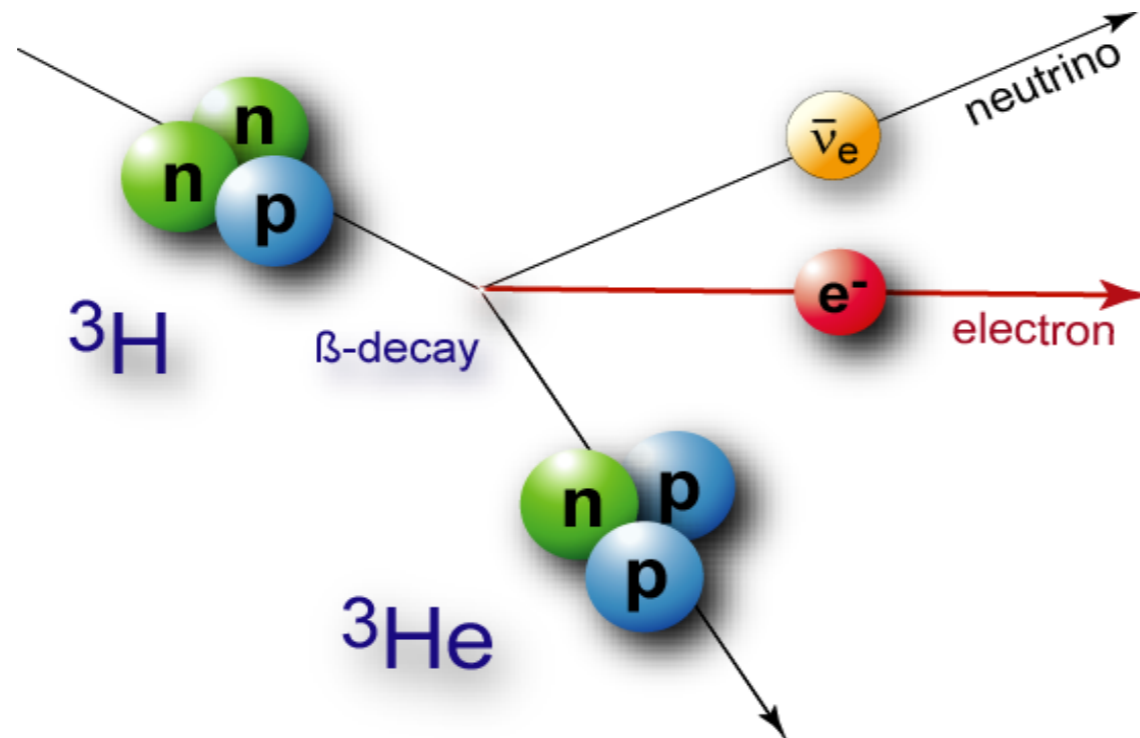
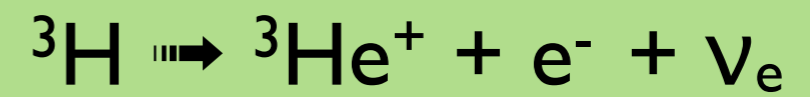
Some quotes....



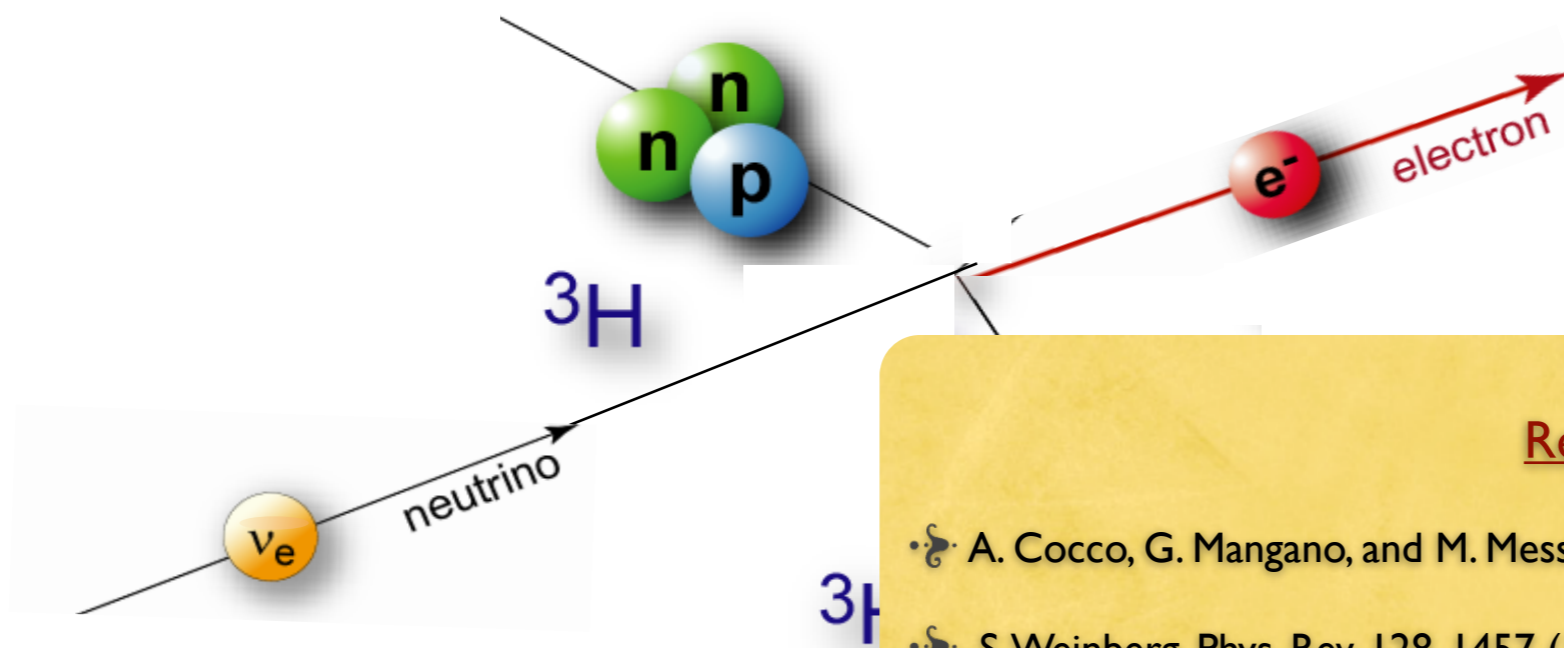
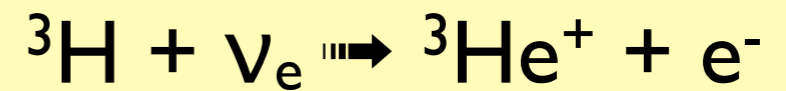
“About every neutrino physicist goes through a phase in his or her career and asks ‘There’s got to be a way to measure the relic neutrino background...’” *P. Fisher*

Neutrino Capture

Instead of beta decay...



Neutrino Capture



References

- A. Cocco, G. Mangano, and M. Messina, hep-ph/0703075 (2007).
- S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. 128, 1457 (1962).
- T. W. Donnell and J. D. Walecka, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Sci. 25, 329 (1975).

The process is energetically allowed even at zero momentum.

This threshold-less reaction allows for relic neutrino detection

Detecting the Impossible

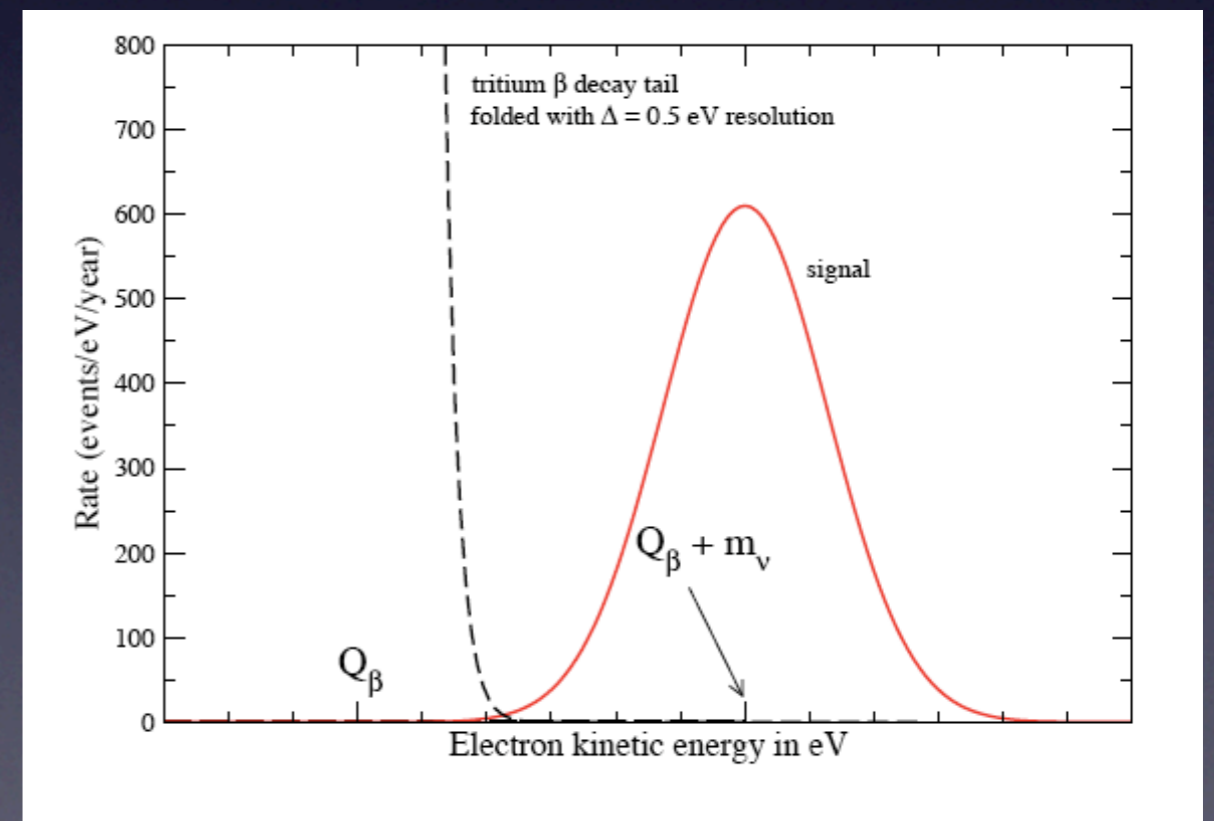
- Has three main advantages:
 - (i) The process is exothermic. There is enough energy for the decay to occur (because beta decay will happen anyway). Thus, it is **threshold-less**.
 - (ii) Electron energy is almost **mono-energetic**, after the endpoint energy.
 - (iii) For tritium, 100 g corresponds to **10 events/year**.

$$\lambda_\nu = \int \sigma_\nu \cdot v \cdot f(p_\nu) \left(\frac{dp}{2\pi}\right)^3$$

Neutrino Capture Rate

$$\sigma_\nu \cdot \frac{v}{c} = (7.84 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$$

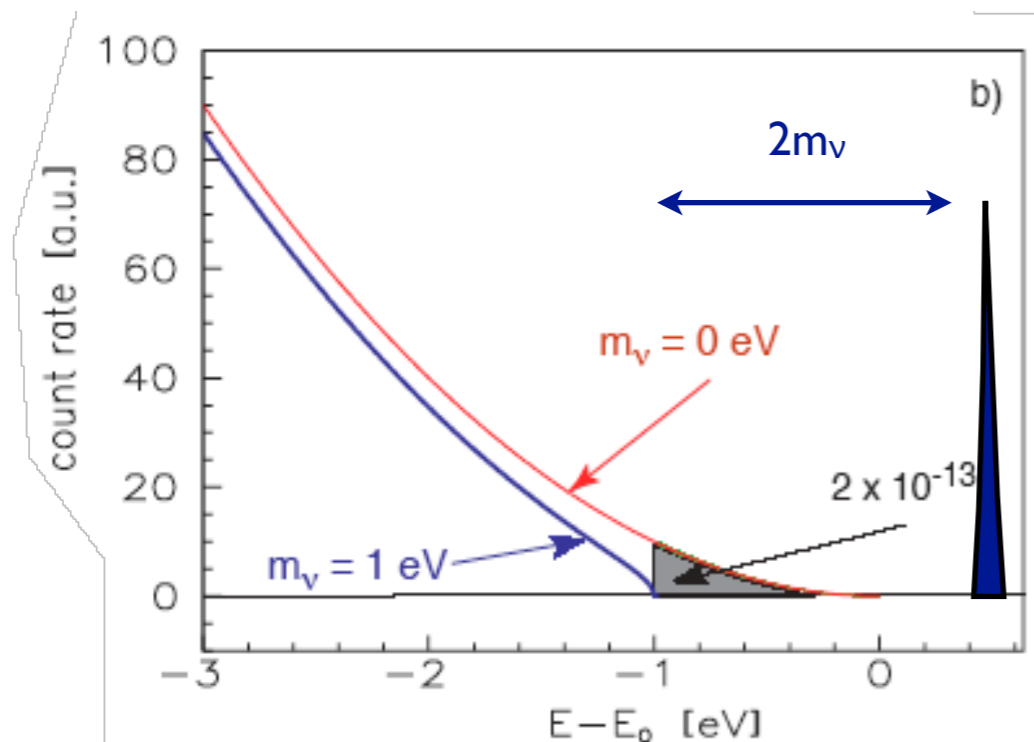
Tritium Cross-Section



The CvB and KATRIN

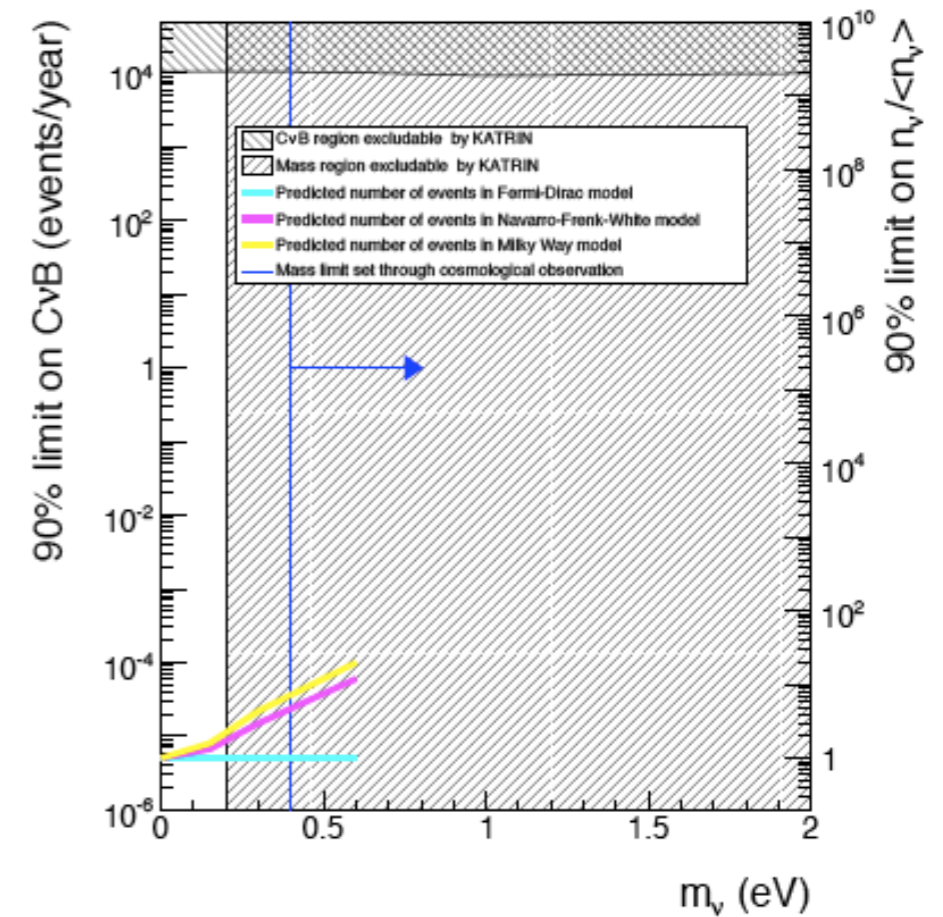
- Any beta-decay endpoint experiment can search for the CvB, including KATRIN.
- An analysis of KATRIN's sensitivity highlights its limitations: **target mass**, **resolution**, and **backgrounds**.

Sample neutrino capture signal with nominal beta decay background.

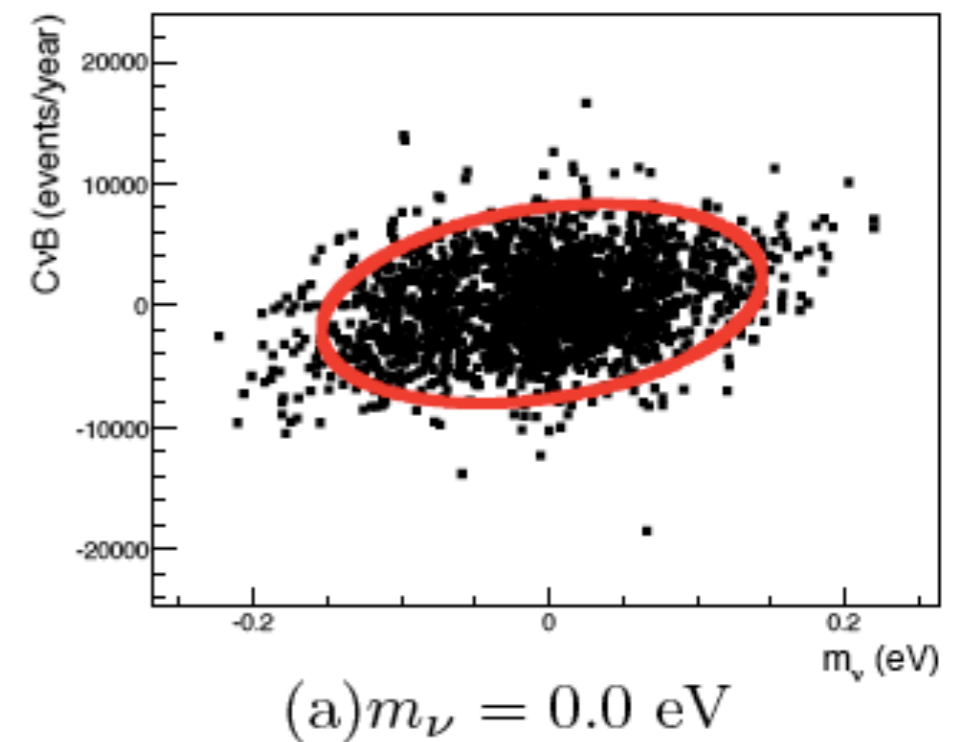


KATRIN's sensitivity to CvB.

A. Kaboth, J. Formaggio, and B. Monreal



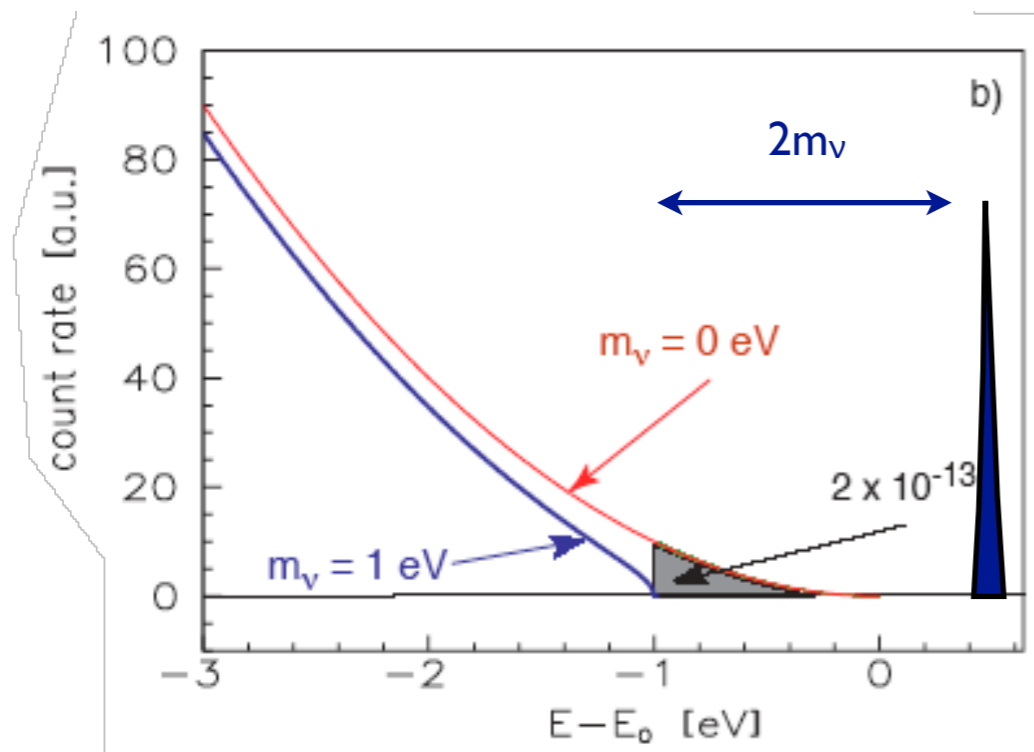
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Advantages and Challenges

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Sample neutrino capture signal with nominal beta decay background.



Target Mass:

Tritium provides the optimal target.

Good news: 100 grams yields 10 events/year

Bad news: High activity targets (~ 1 MCi) of tritium necessary.

Energy Resolution:

The signature places a signal after the beta end-point.

Good news: Initial searches need only 10x improvement.

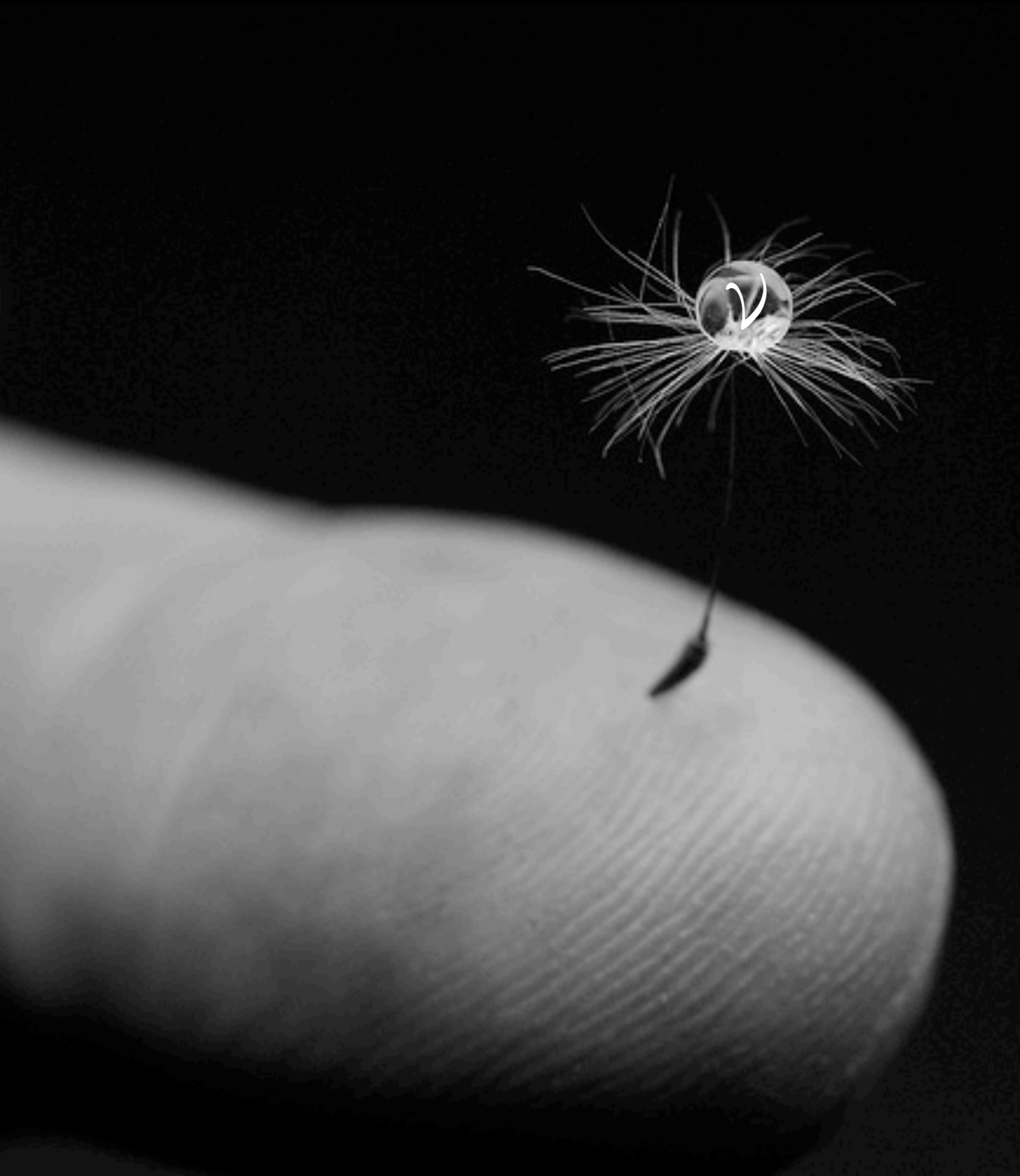
Bad news: This is still very difficult.

Backgrounds:

Beta endpoint experiments have incredible signal-to-background separation.

Good news: Advantages with underground facilities.

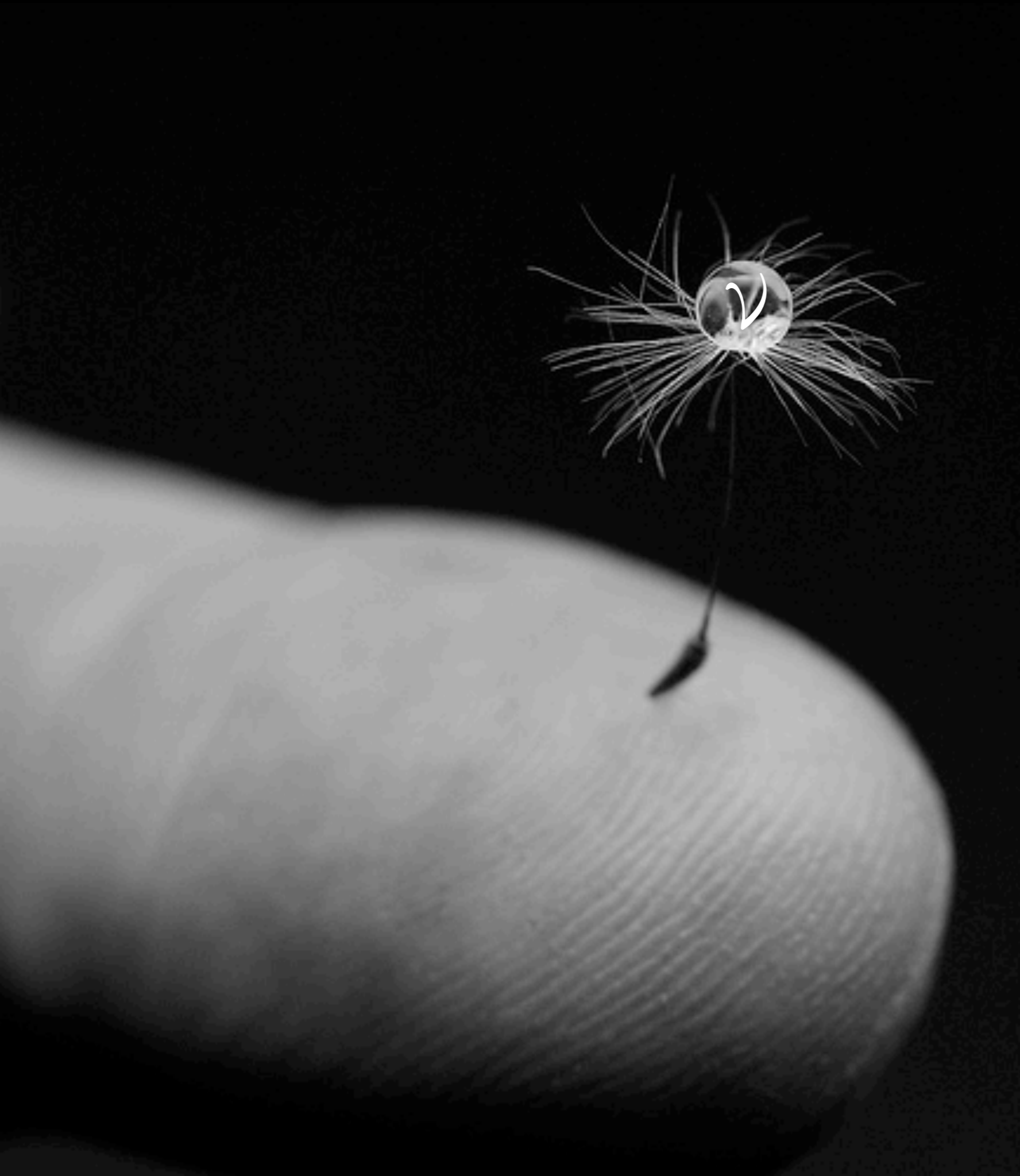
Bad news: Given the necessary target mass, background rejection will be a serious challenge.



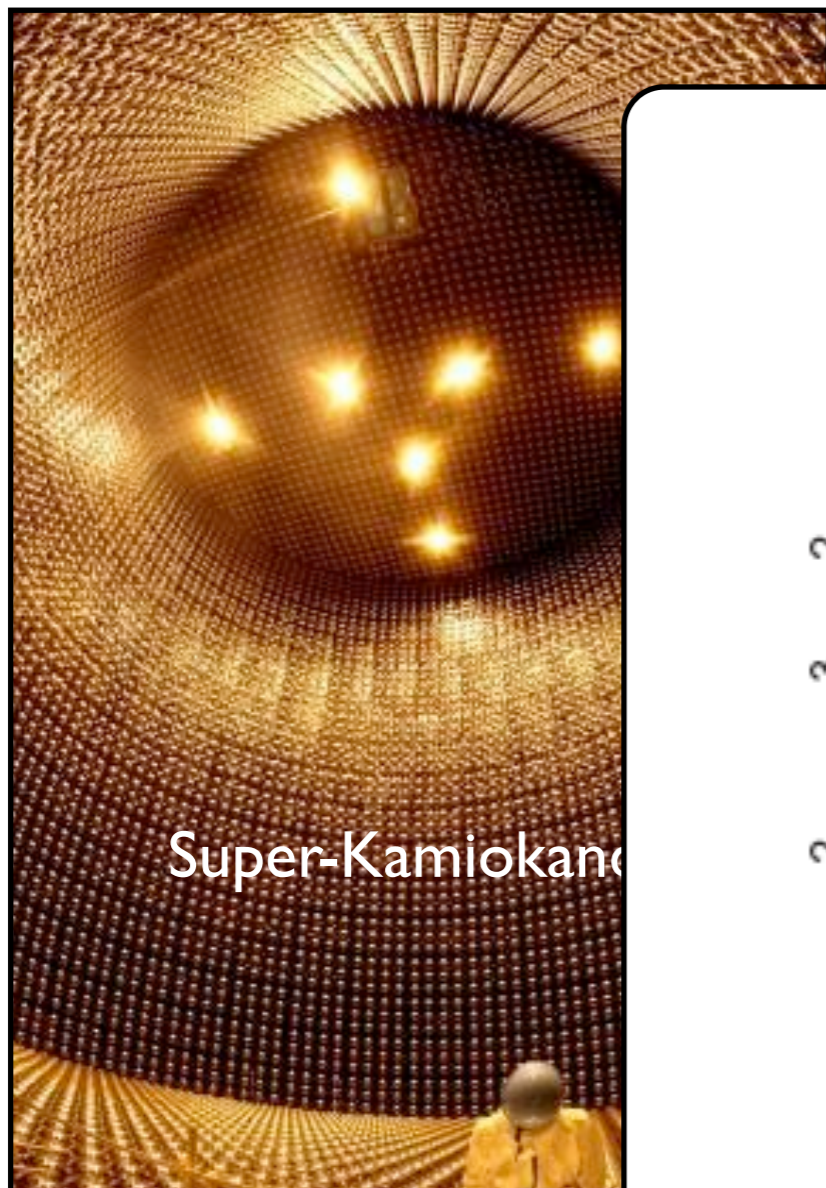
Neutrino masses provide a unique window into the world of particle physics, offering a first glimpse of where new physics might begin.

Over the next decade, many experiments will push to determine the absolute neutrino mass scale, from a variety of approaches.

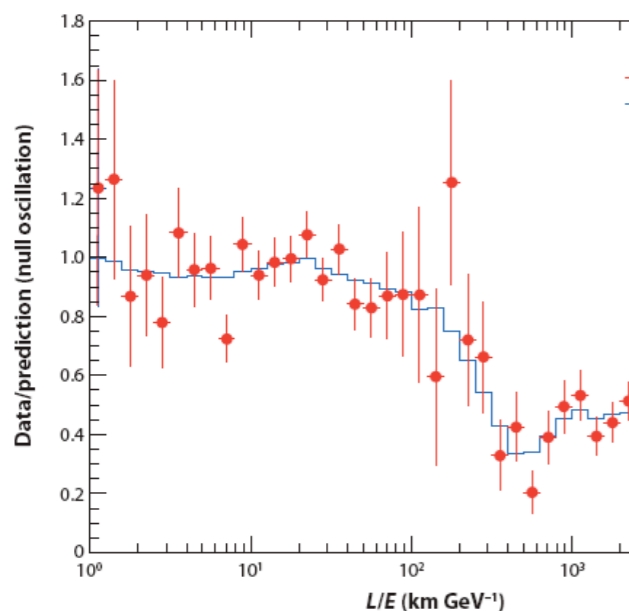
Certain techniques used to measure neutrino mass can even be extended, providing a glimmer of hope of extending back to cosmology.



Thank you for your
attention

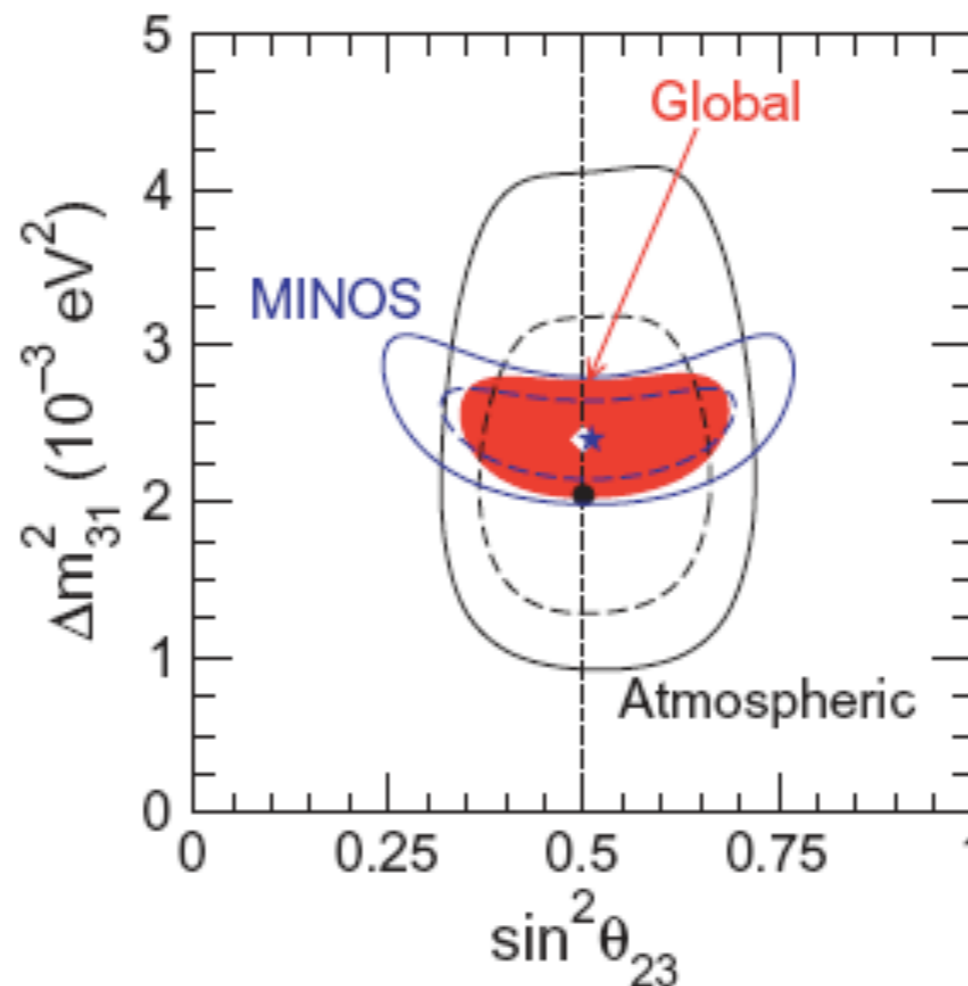


Super-Kamiokande



Phys. Rev. Lett. 93:101801 (2004)

Long Baseline & Atmospheric

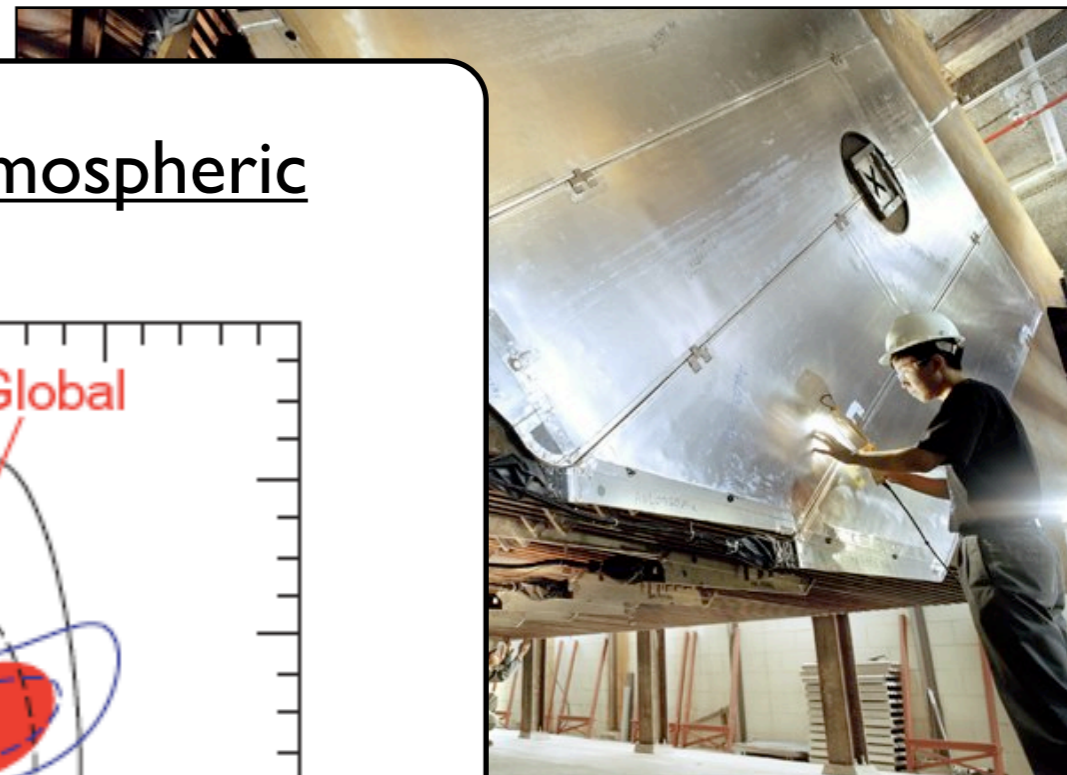


Fit Results:

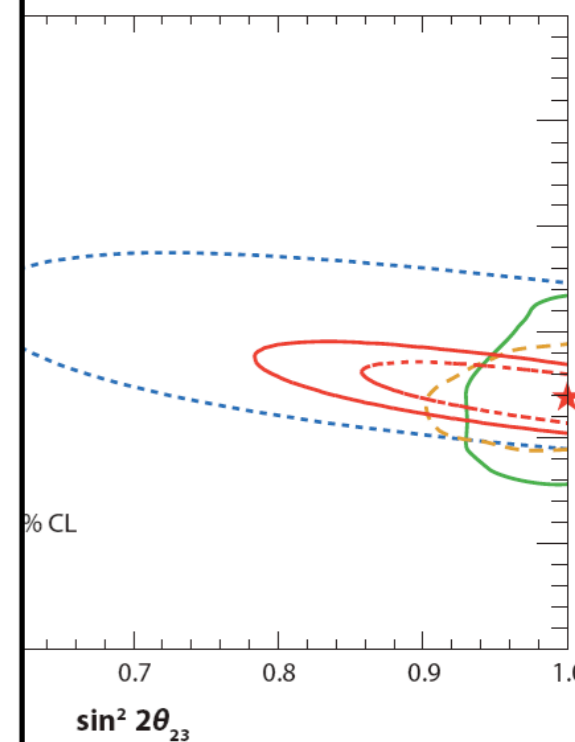
$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.50^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$$

$$|\Delta m_{31}^2| = 2.40^{+0.12}_{-0.11} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

Schwetz et al, NJP 10 (2008) 113011



MINOS



Camilieri, Lisi, Wilkerson Ann. Rev. 57 (2008).

Some More Quotes....



“About every neutrino physicist goes through a phase in his or her career and asks ‘There’s got to be a way to measure the relic neutrino background...’” *P. Fisher*

“... In all fairness, this method [neutrino capture] appears to have survived the longest.” *P. Fisher*

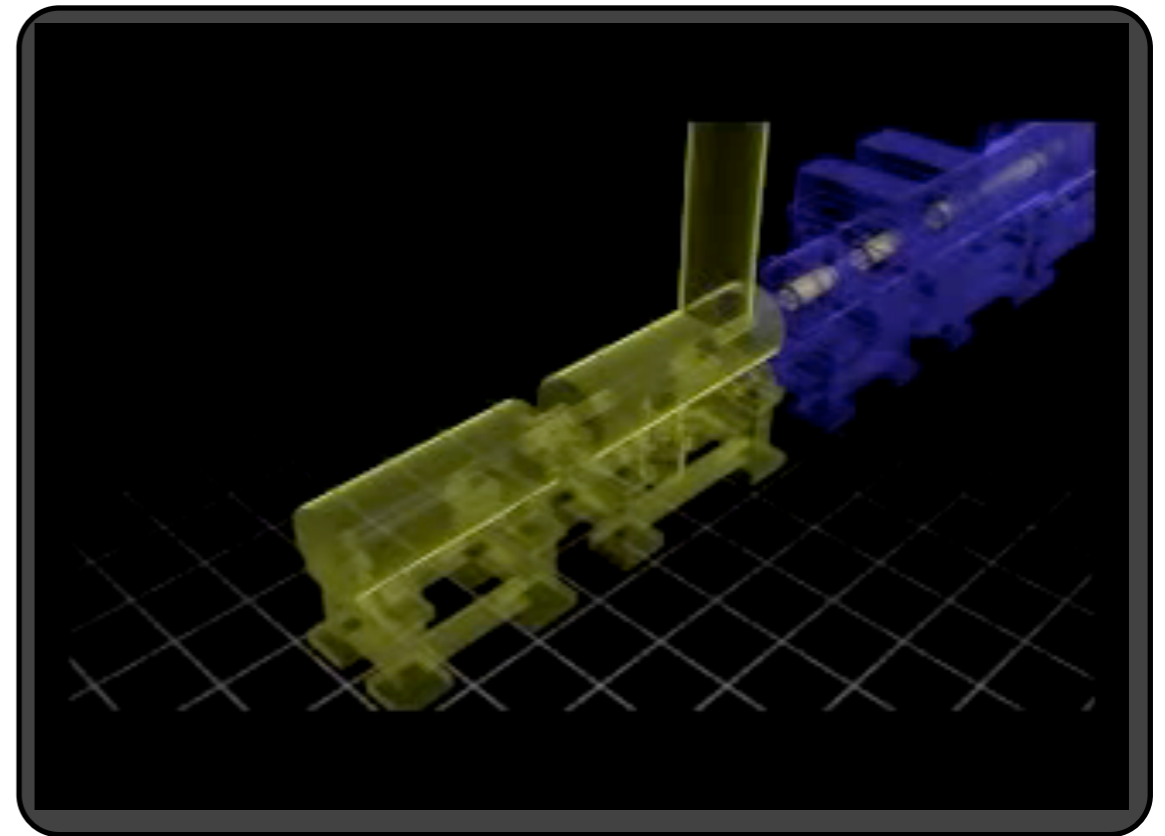
“Anyone who can measure relic neutrinos via neutrino capture will have made an amazing neutrino mass measurement...” *G. Drexlin*

“If it were easy, we’d be done by now...” *my translation*



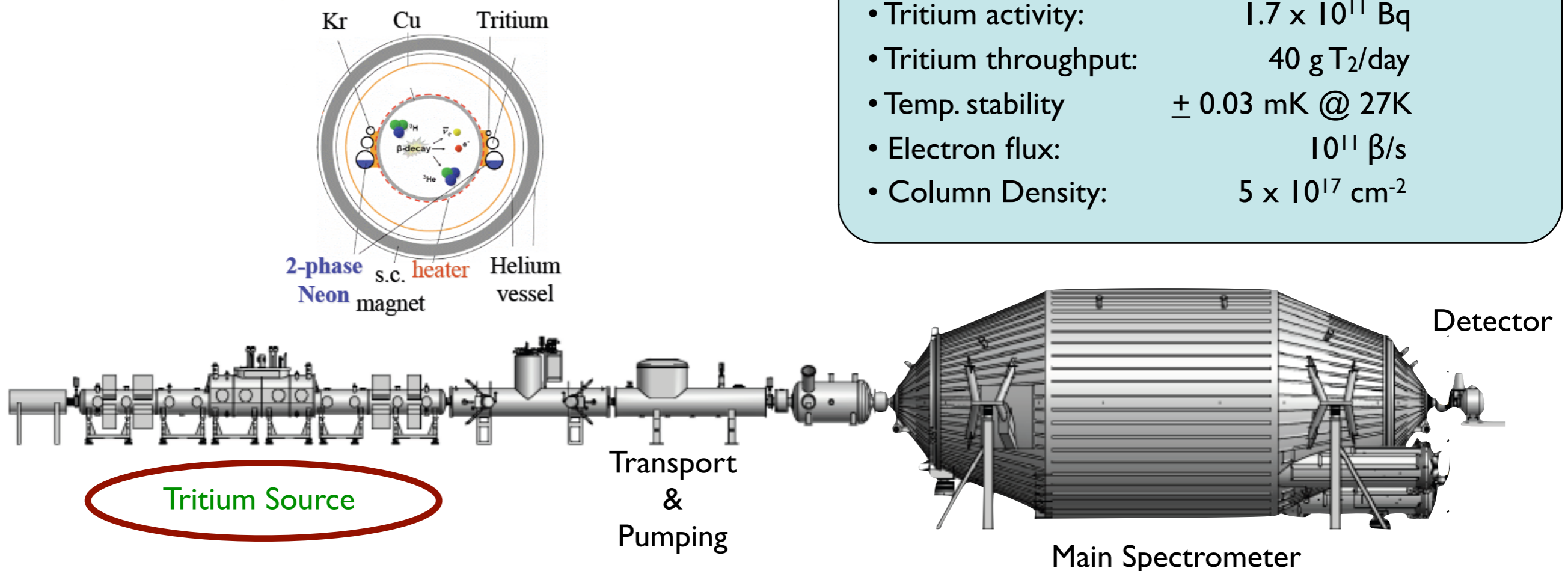
The Windowless Gaseous Tritium Source (WGTS)

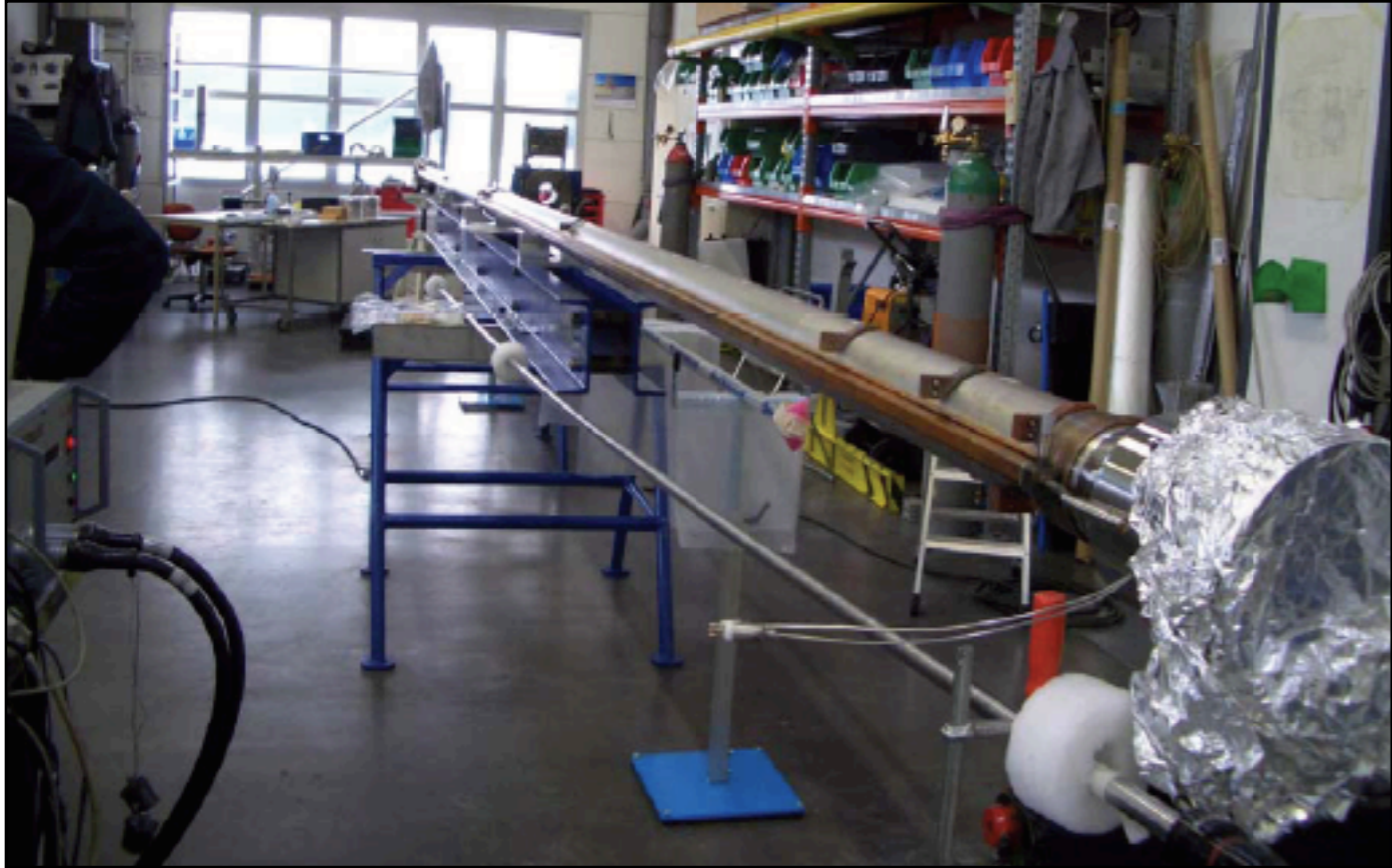
- Gaseous tritium source provides source of beta-decay electrons.
- Use of injection + differential pumping to provide well-controlled gas column density.
- In-situ monitoring of purity of gas via laser Raman spectroscopy.



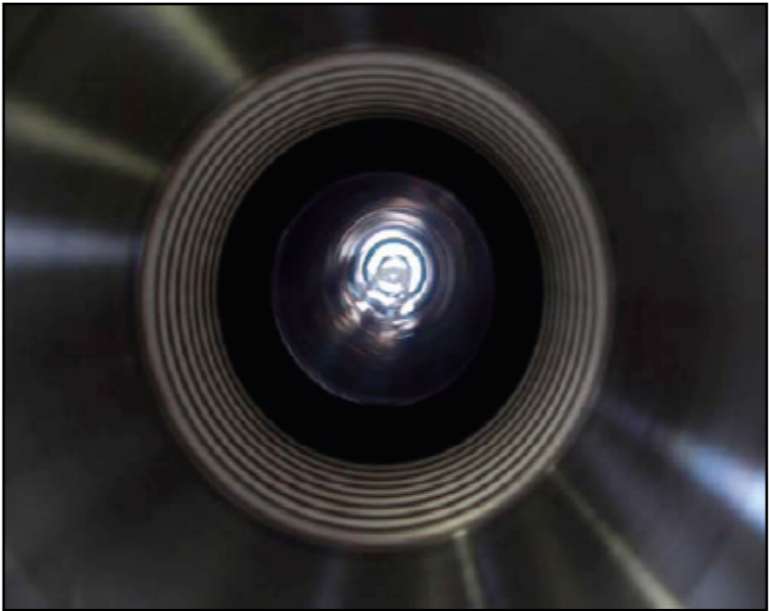
T₂ Specifications

- Tritium activity: 1.7×10^{11} Bq
- Tritium throughput: 40 g T₂/day
- Temp. stability ± 0.03 mK @ 27K
- Electron flux: 10^{11} β /s
- Column Density: 5×10^{17} cm⁻²





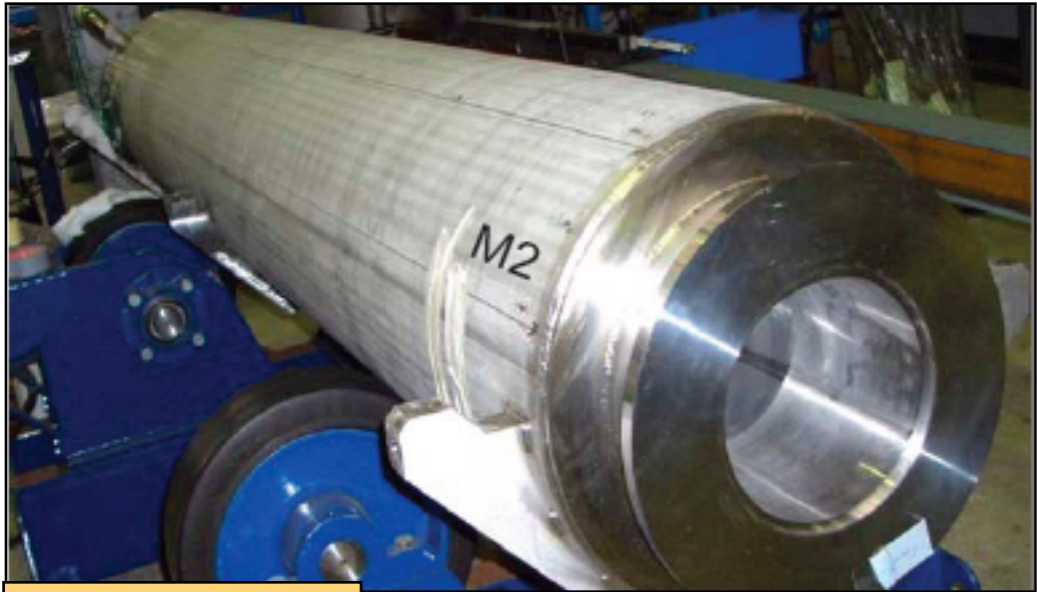
10 m Beam tube



Beam alignment (< 0.5 mm)

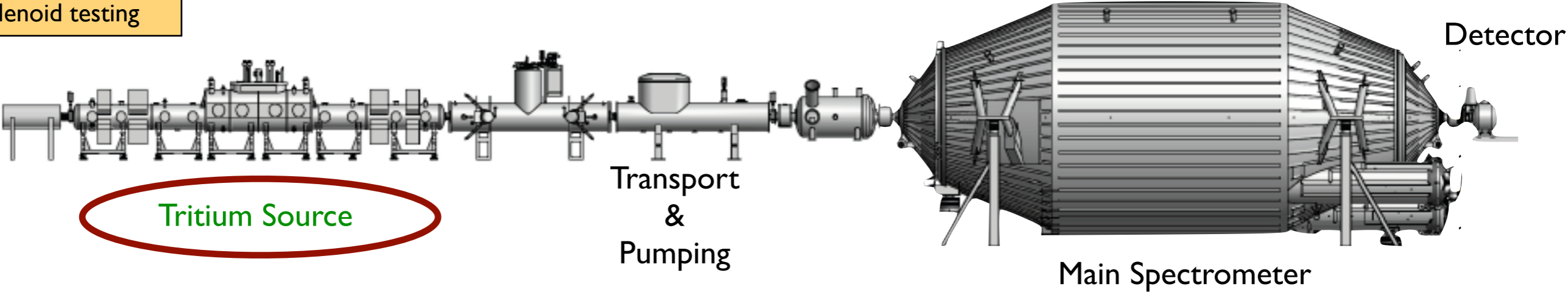


Beam tube



Solenoid testing

Next milestone: the demonstrator achieve 27 ± 0.03 K neon stability) (to

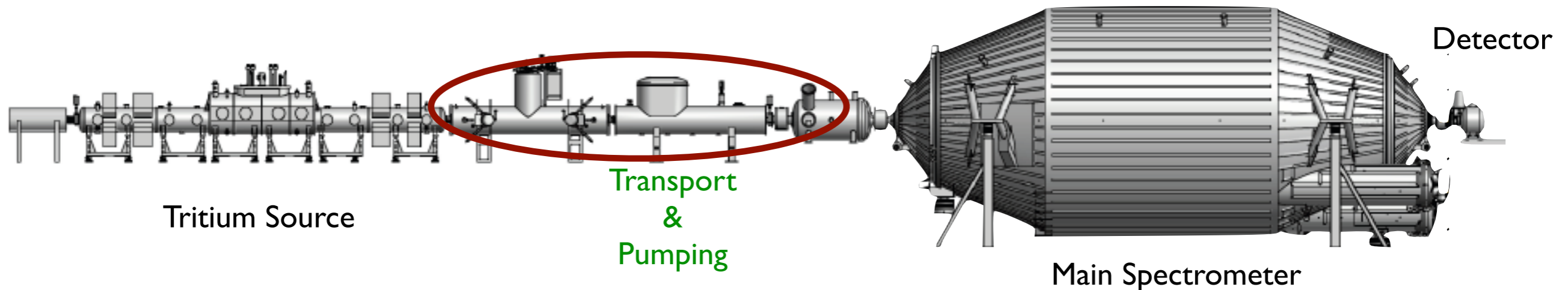
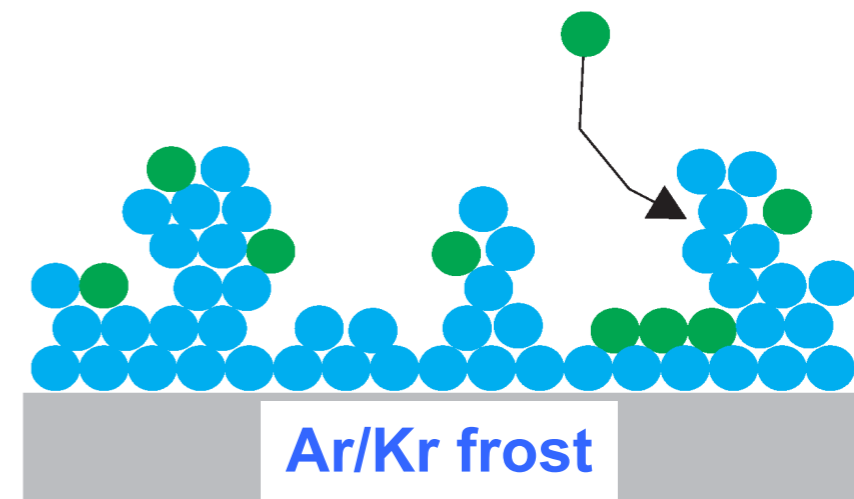
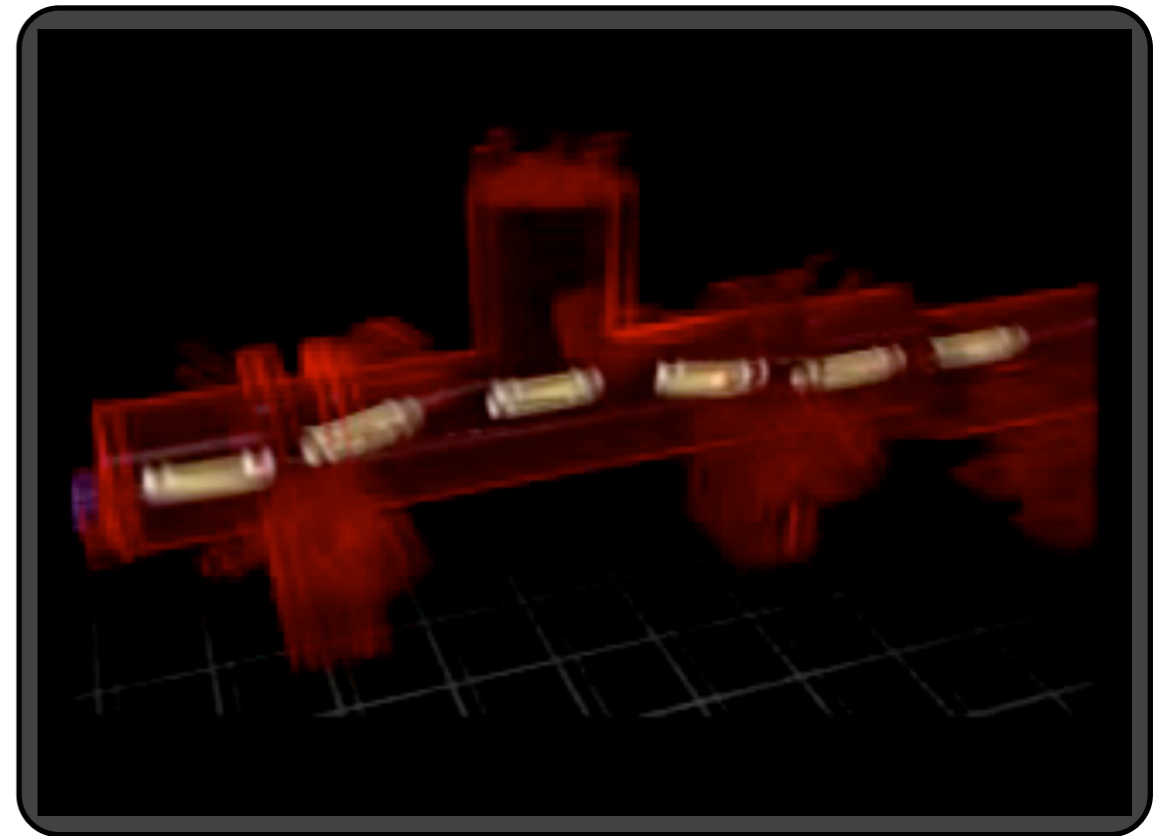


Tritium Retention Systems

Includes both differential and cryo-absorption pumping systems.

The differential pumping system's goal is to reduce tritium flow to less than 10^{-14} mbar l/s (factor of 10^7 reduction!)

Cryo-pumping system makes use Ar/Kr frost at 3-4 K to trap residual tritium gas for further 10^7 reduction.

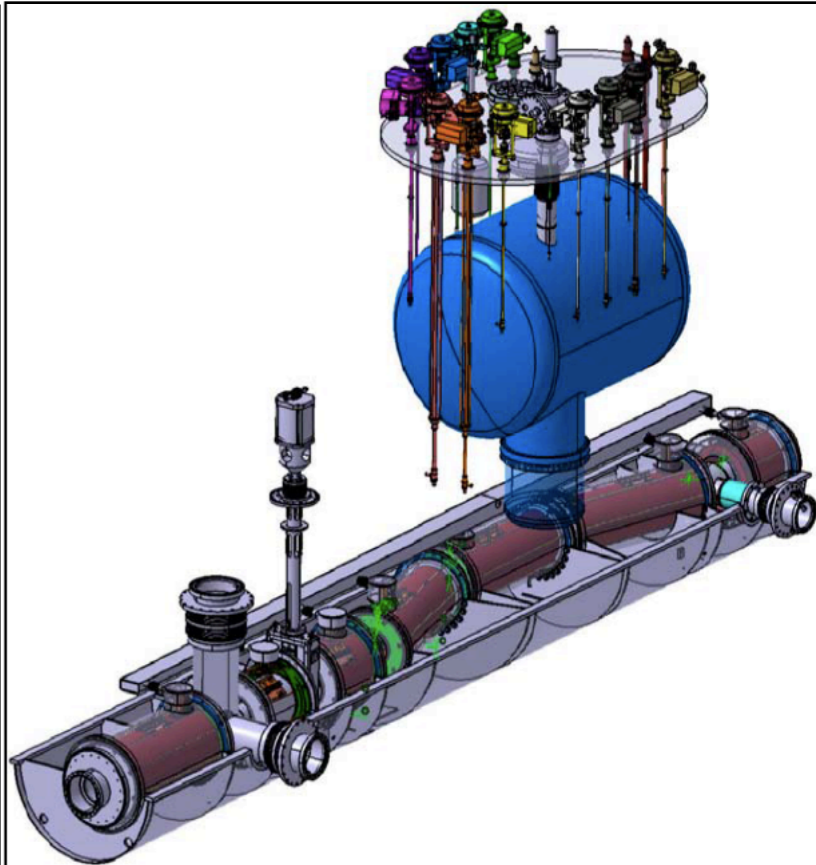




Cryostat housing



Transport tube



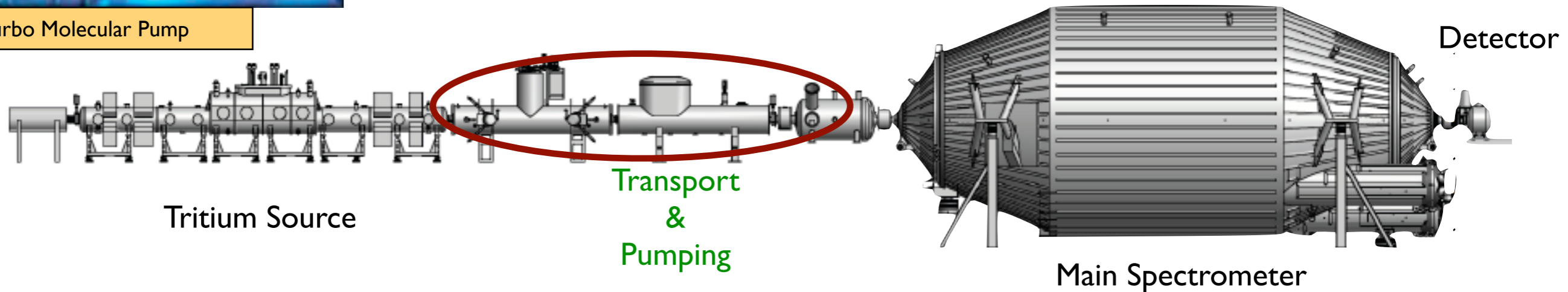
CPS design

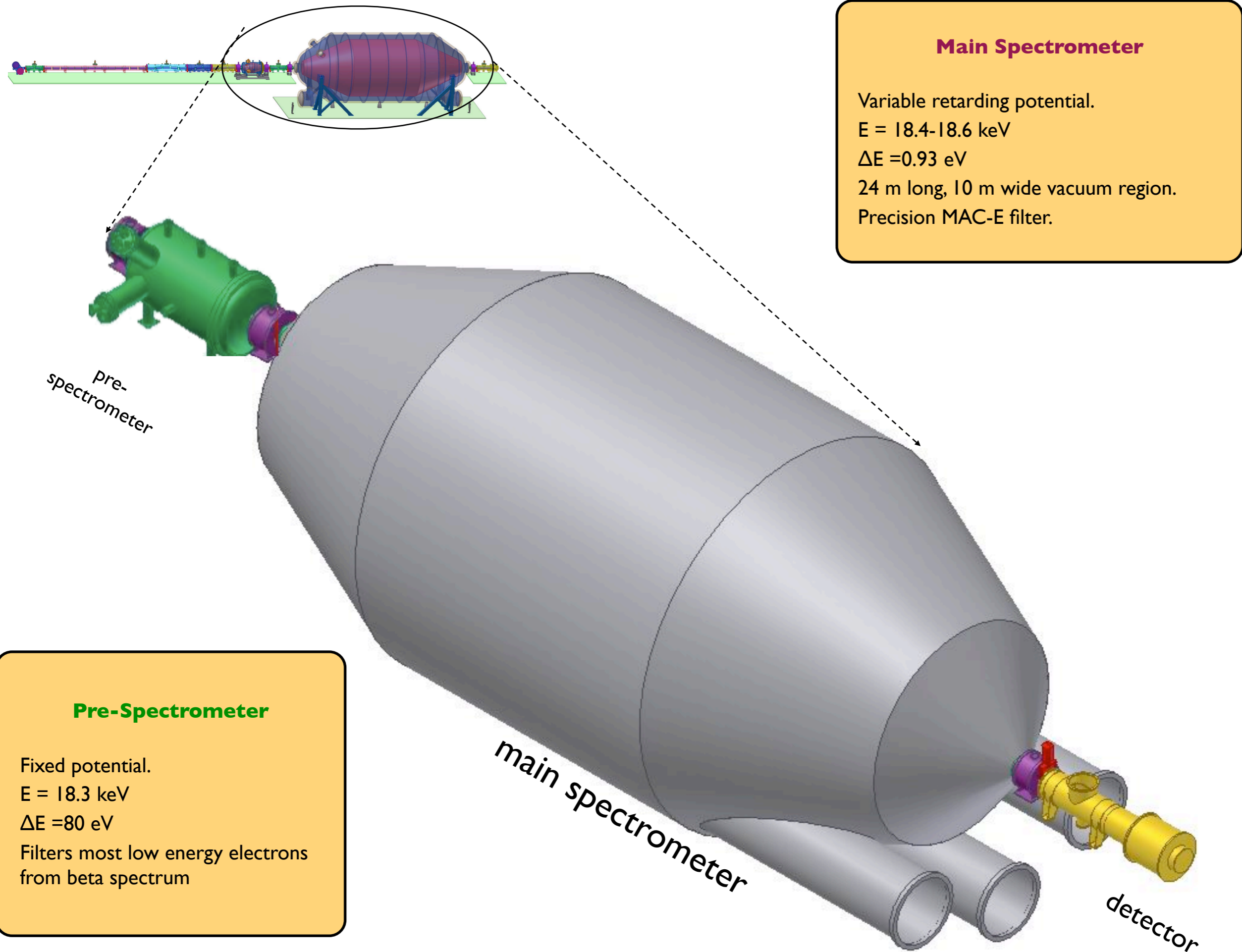


Turbo Molecular Pump

Differential pumping system (DPS2-F) components now delivered to FZK for testing and assembly.

Cryo system being built. Delivery expected in 2010.





Main Spectrometer

Variable retarding potential.

$E = 18.4\text{--}18.6\text{ keV}$

$\Delta E = 0.93\text{ eV}$

24 m long, 10 m wide vacuum region.

Precision MAC-E filter.

Pre-Spectrometer

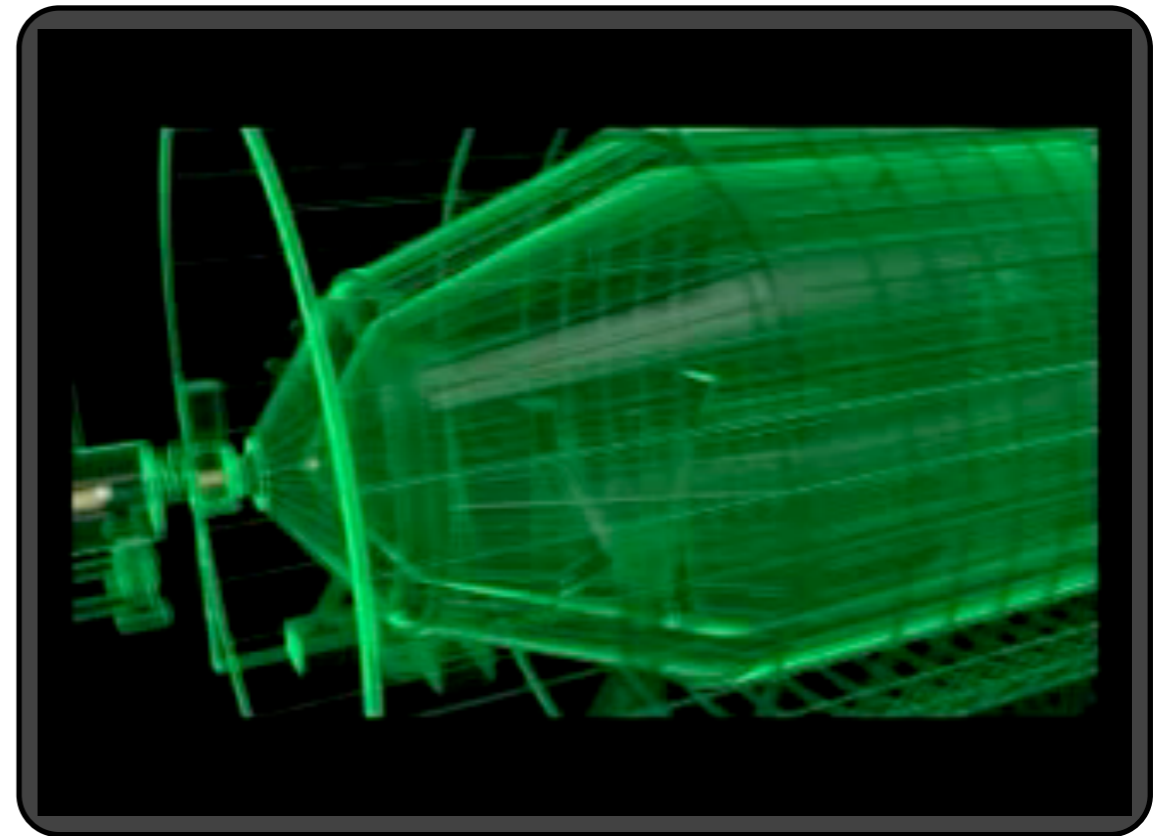
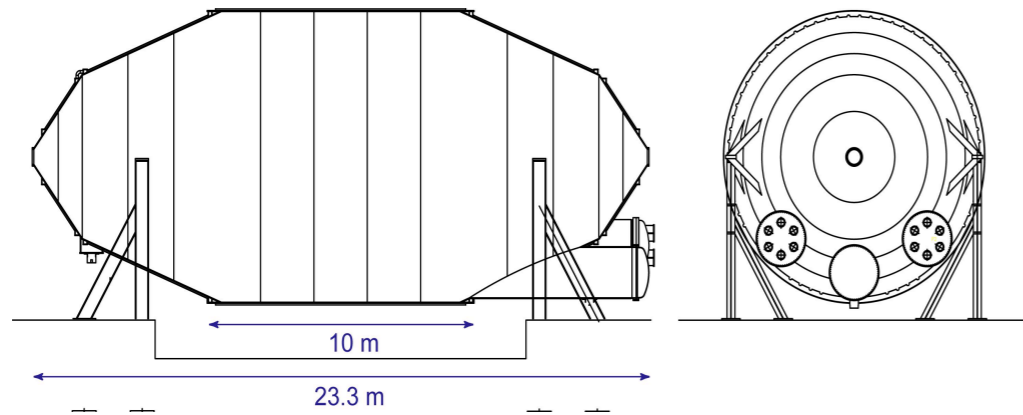
Fixed potential.

$E = 18.3\text{ keV}$

$\Delta E = 80\text{ eV}$

Filters most low energy electrons from beta spectrum

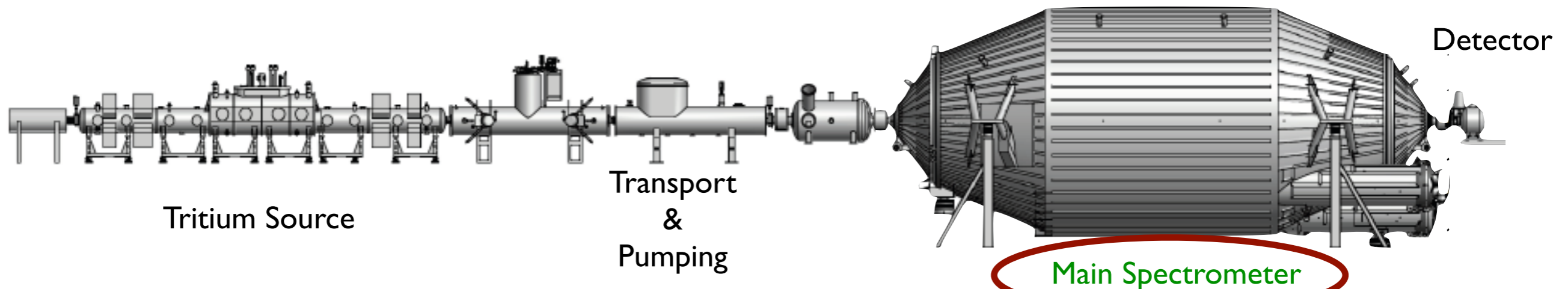
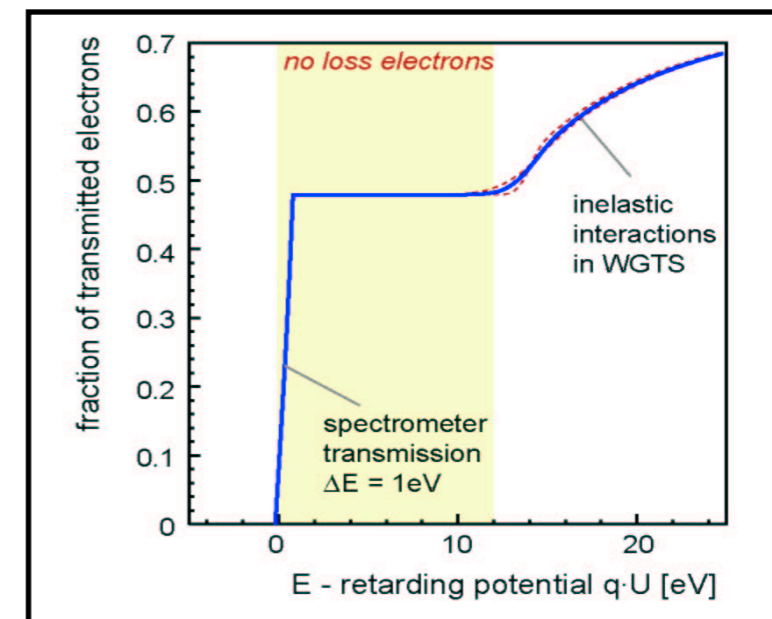
The Main Spectrometer

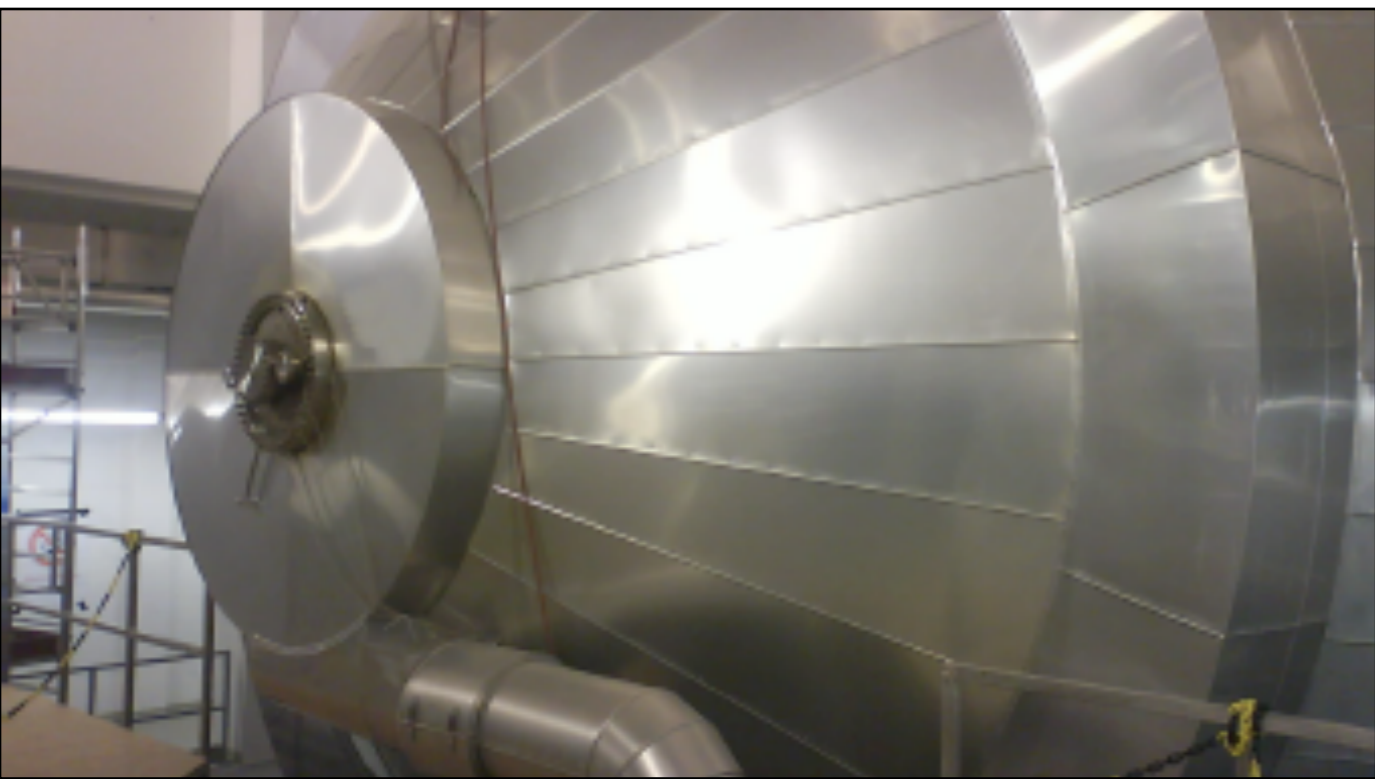


Provides precision transport of particles above selected energy threshold: high pass filter!

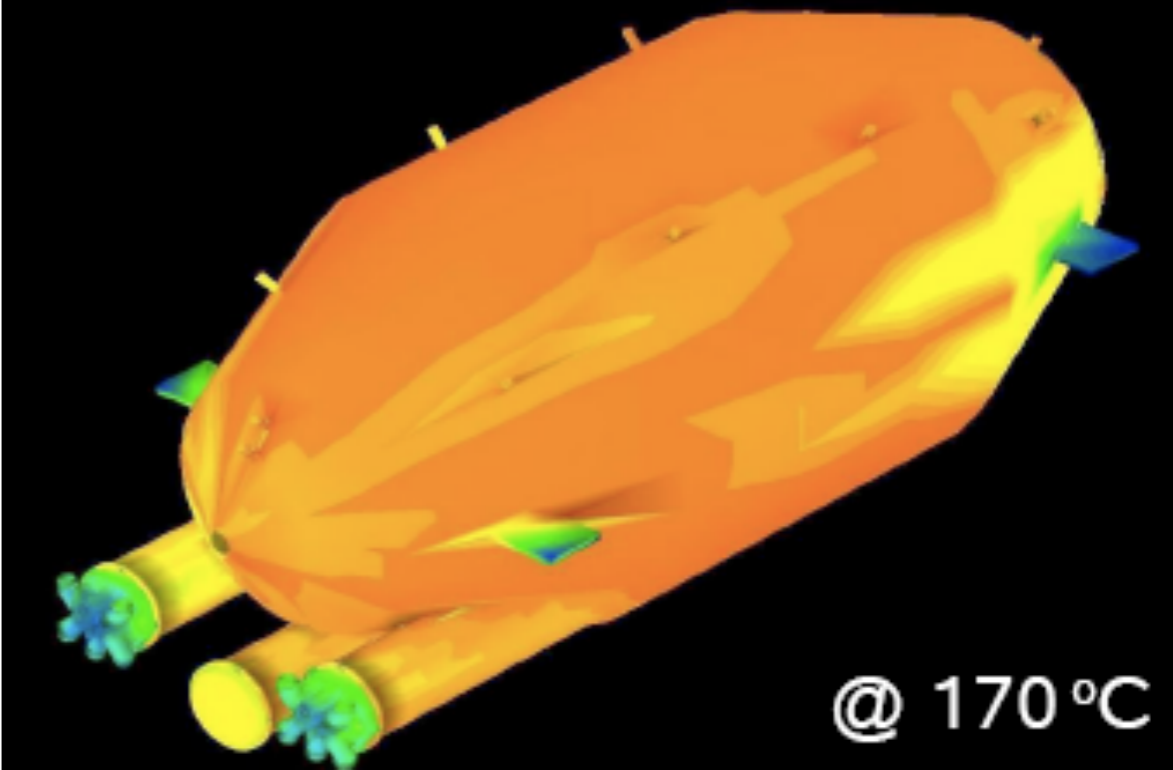
Combination of precision high voltage and low magnetic field (with correction air coils).

Inherent resolution of $\Delta E = 0.93$ eV.





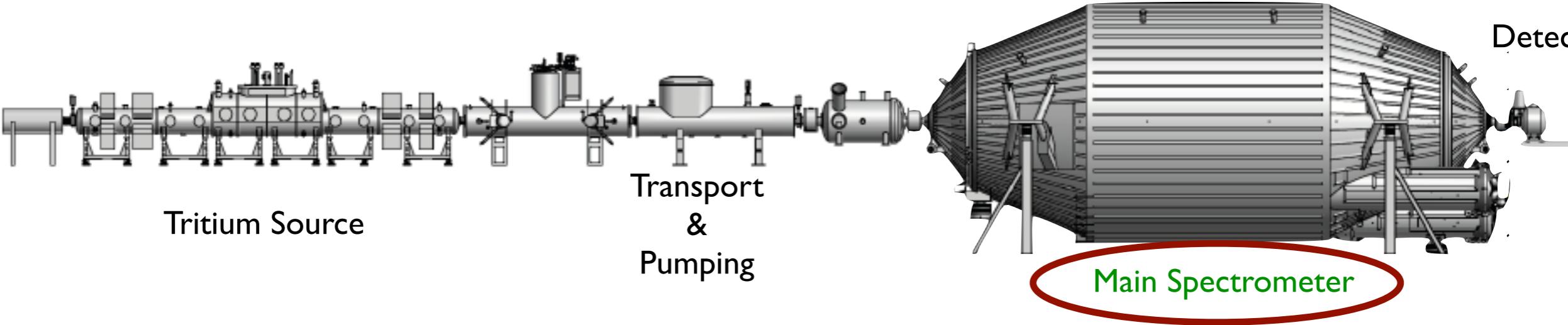
Thermal insulation



Bake-out

Since its faithful journey:

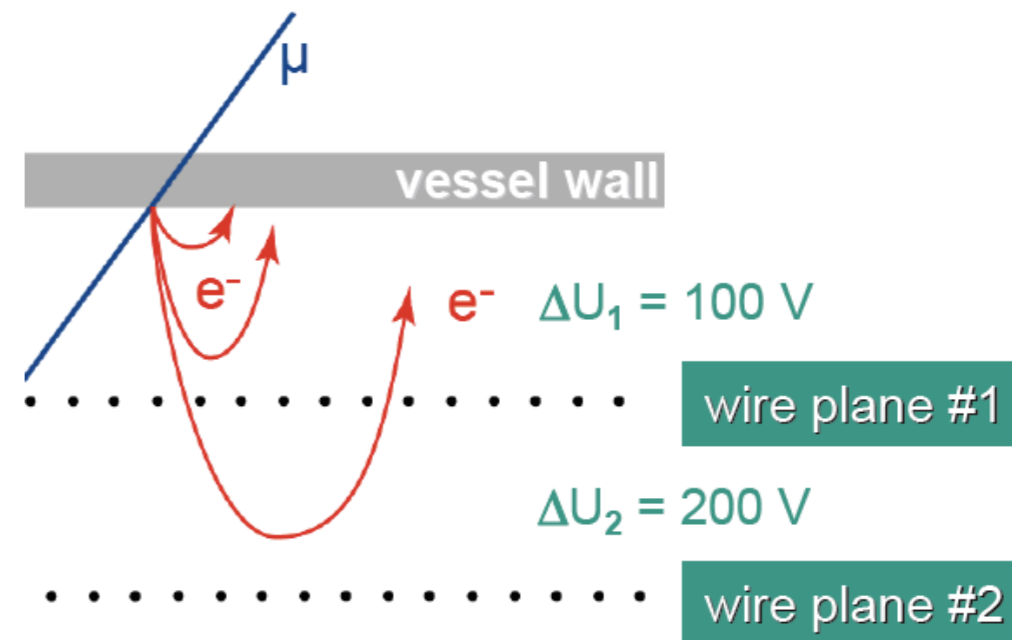
- Successful bake-out of full vessel.
- Successful test of vacuum system. Final pressure: 10^{-11} mbar.
- Preparation for wire mesh installation.





Installation of low mass wire mesh commencing.

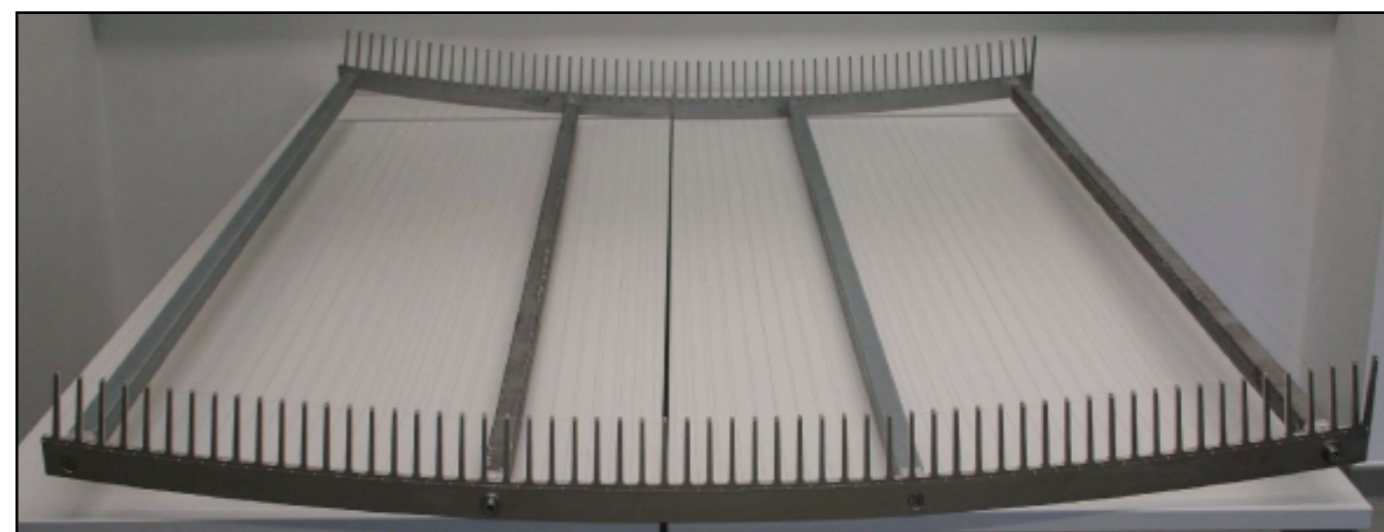
Low mass wire grid will provide significant background reduction from cosmic ray interactions.



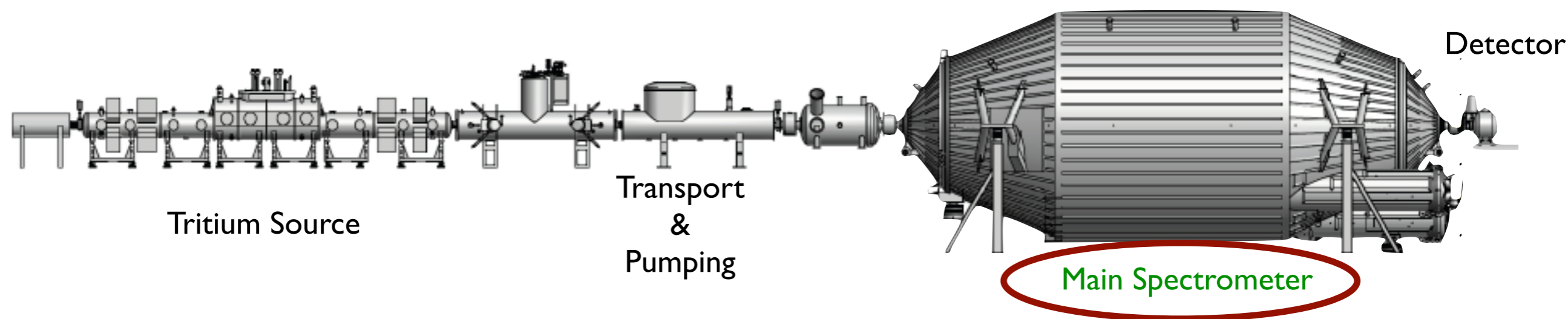
wire quality control



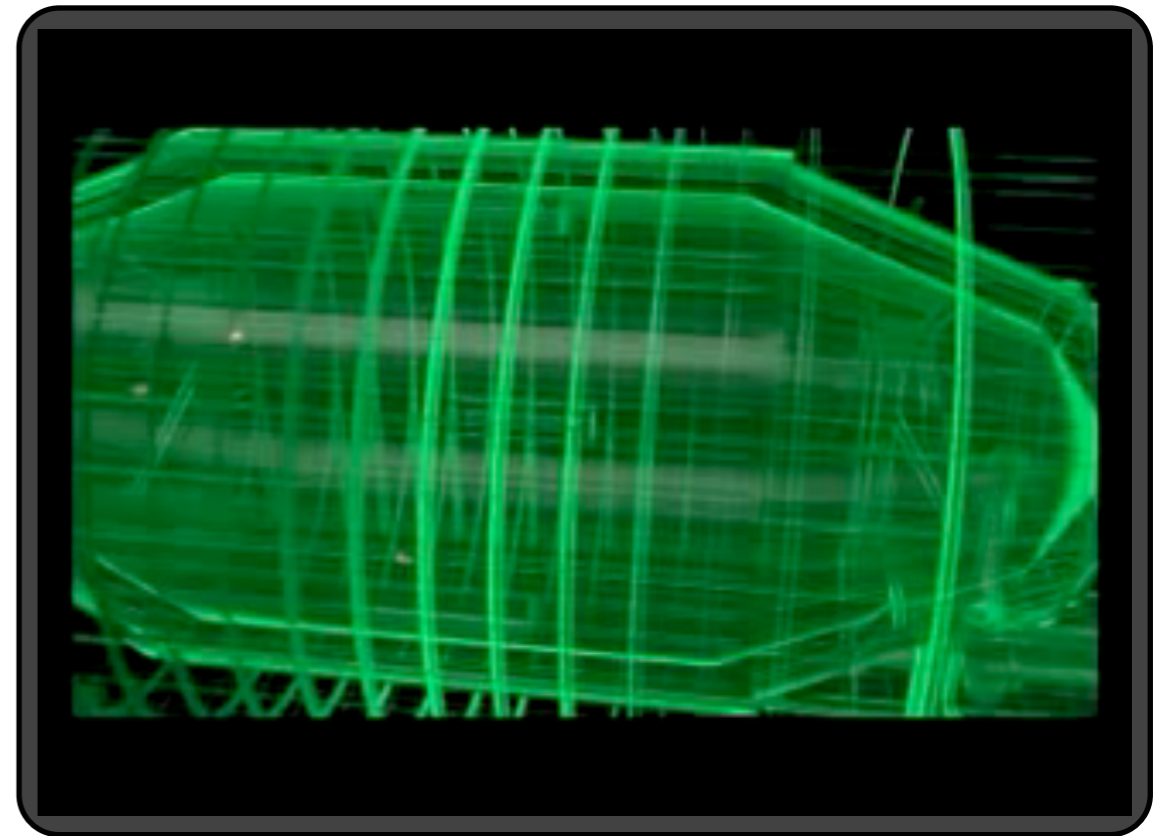
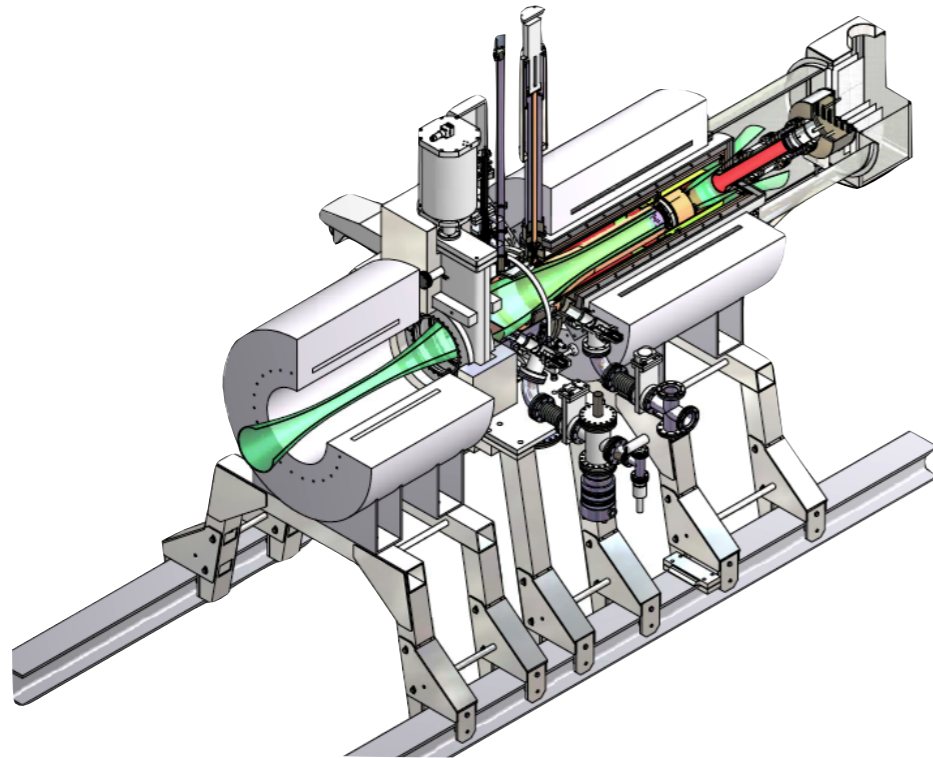
preparing for grid installation



single wire "comb"



The Detector



Final electron detection occurs on a segmented silicon detector (148 pixels for spatial resolution).

Two high-field magnets provide final focusing of tritium decay electrons onto detector.

Multiple background reduction techniques (veto, material selection, etc.) employed.

