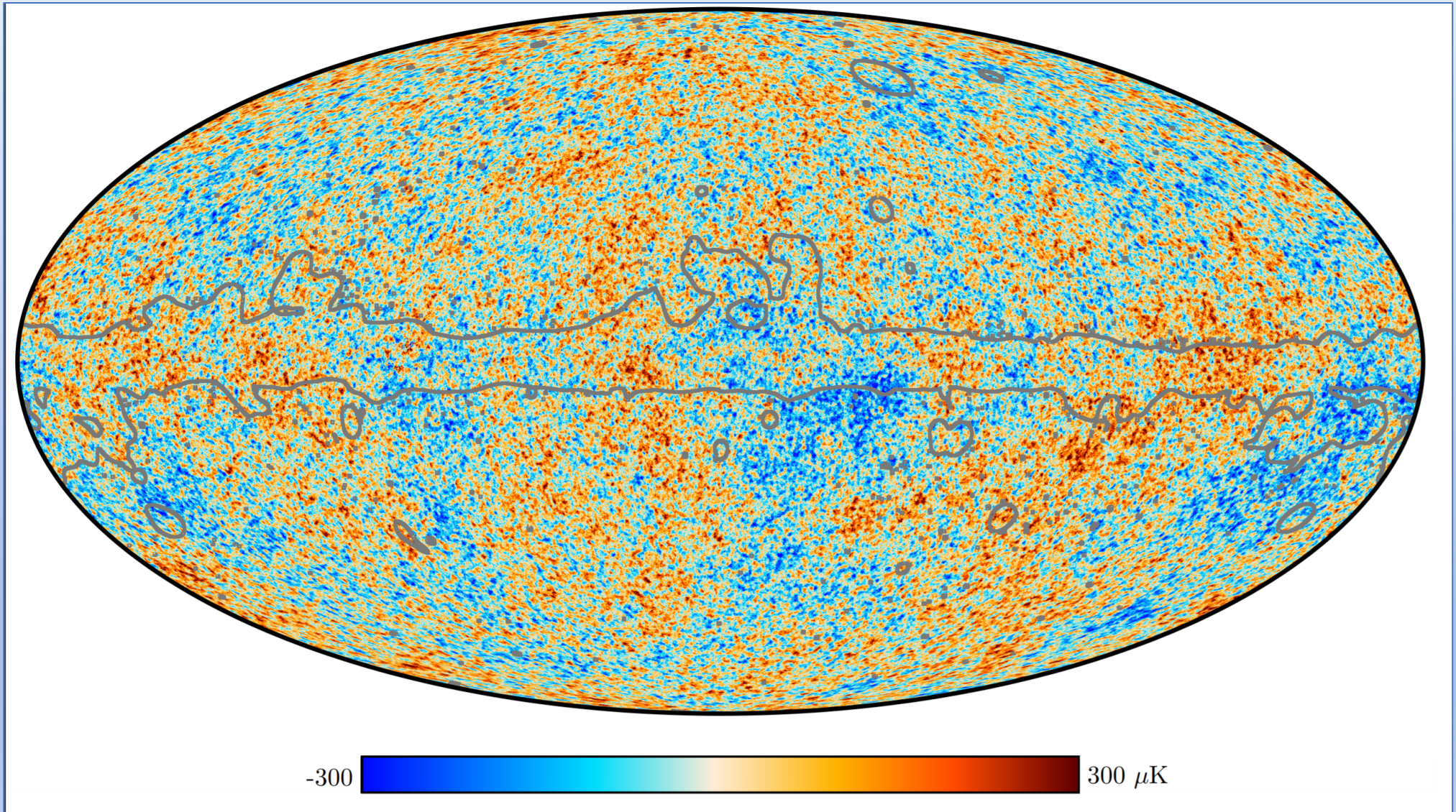




The PTOLEMY project: from a dream to a challenge

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Best summary of the Universe history



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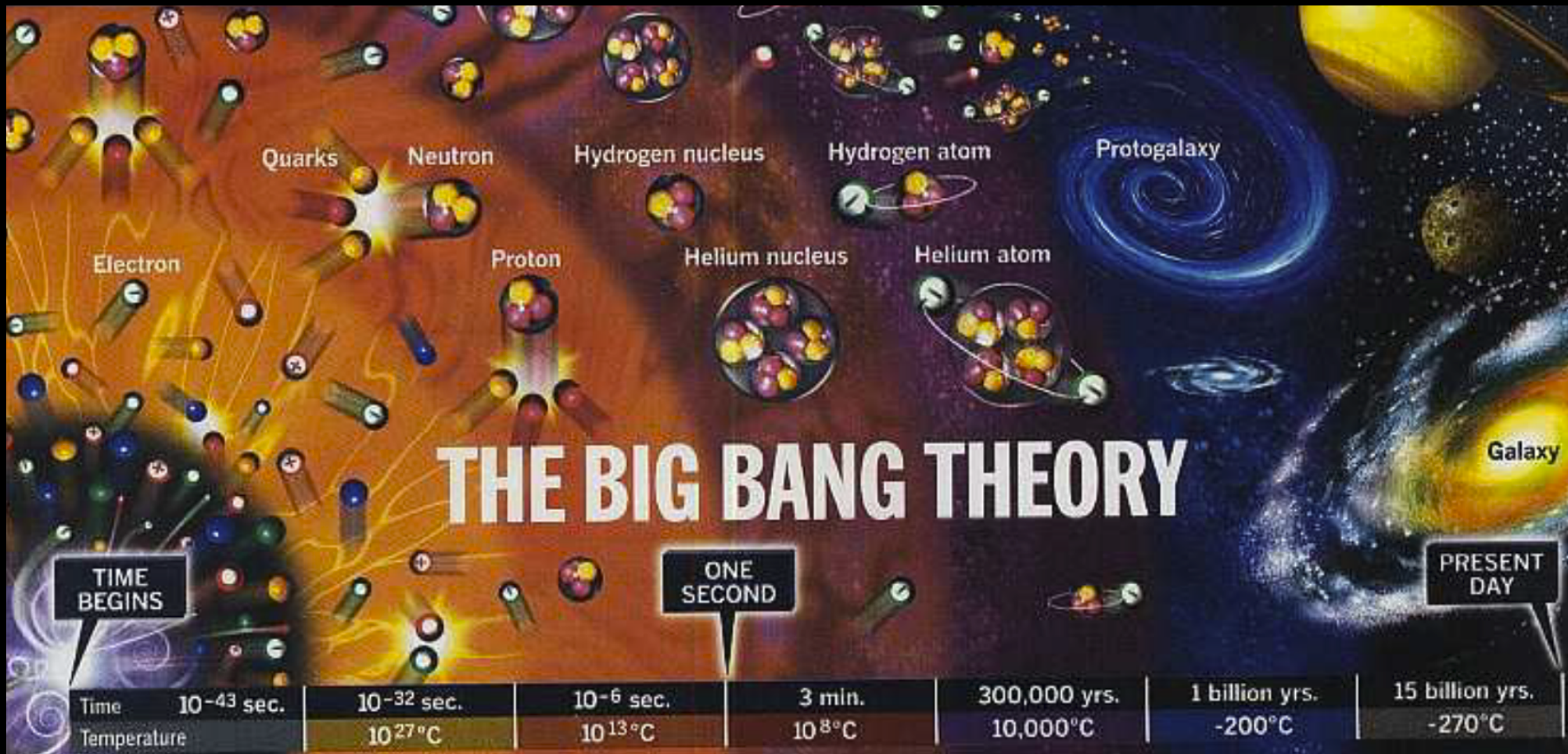
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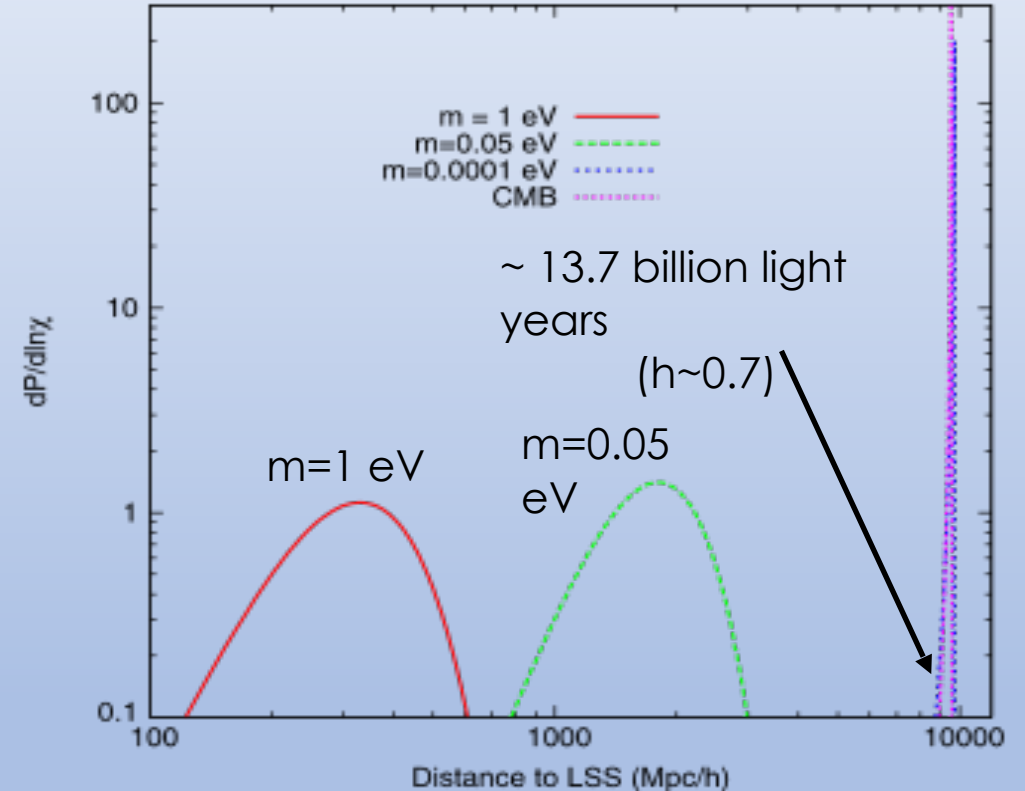
CNB ~ 1 sec

CMB ~ 380k yr

Neutrino Mass and Future Observations

At less than 1 second after the Big Bang, nearly 50% of the total energy density of the Universe was in the form of neutrino kinetic energy. This is the time when neutrinos thermally decoupled from matter and began free-streaming through the Universe.

S. Dodelson and M. Vesterinen,
"Cosmic Neutrino Last Scattering Surface (LSS)," <http://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.103.171301>



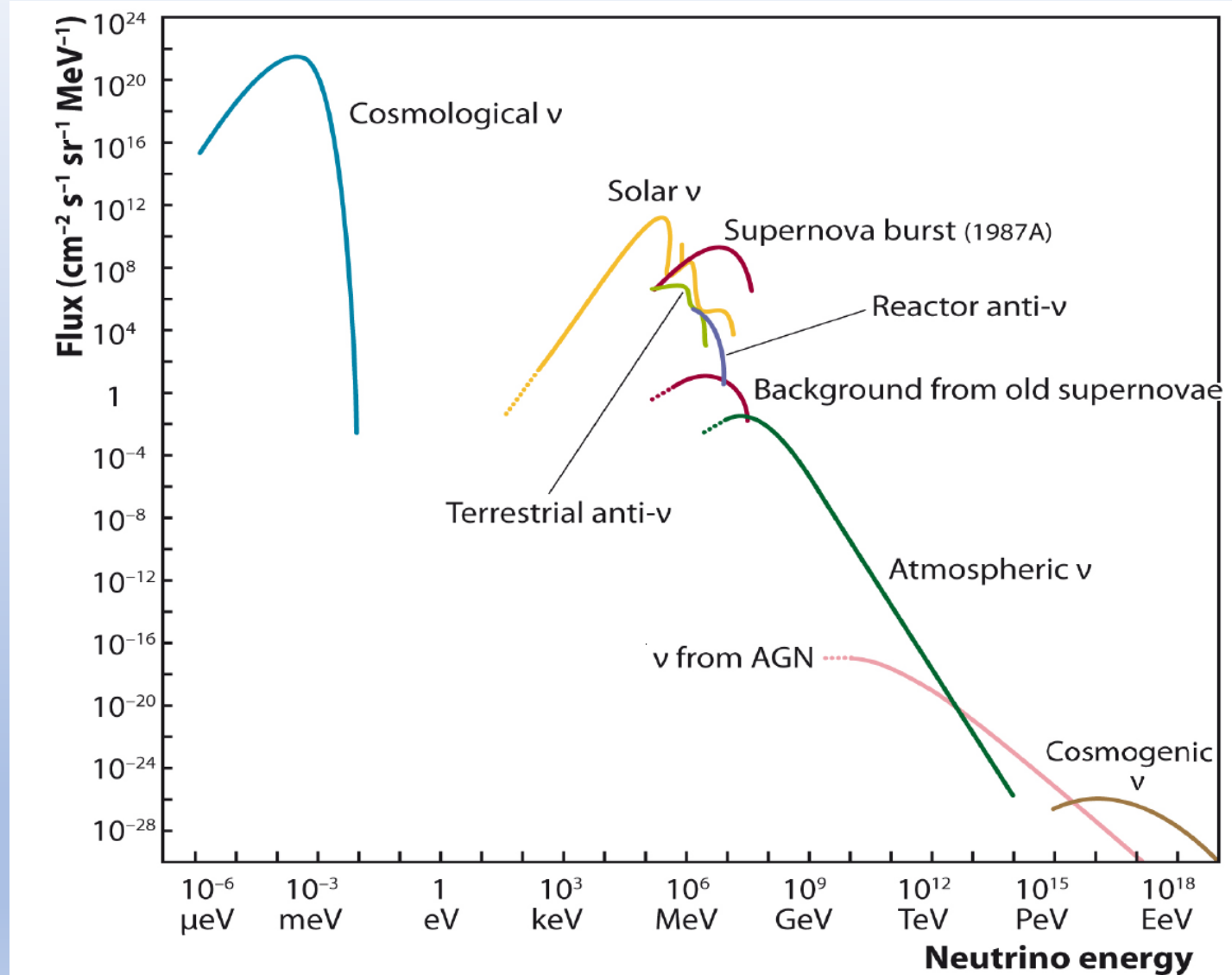
Due to the finite mass of the neutrinos and Hubble expansion, the relic neutrinos that arrive at Earth today (after 13.7 billion years of waiting for them) originate from distances less than 2 billion light years away.

With extensive galaxy cluster survey data seen with optical and infra-red, we can directly compare to the original seeds of structure recorded by the neutrinos – two images of the same location in space separated by over 10 billion years.

Neutrino flow

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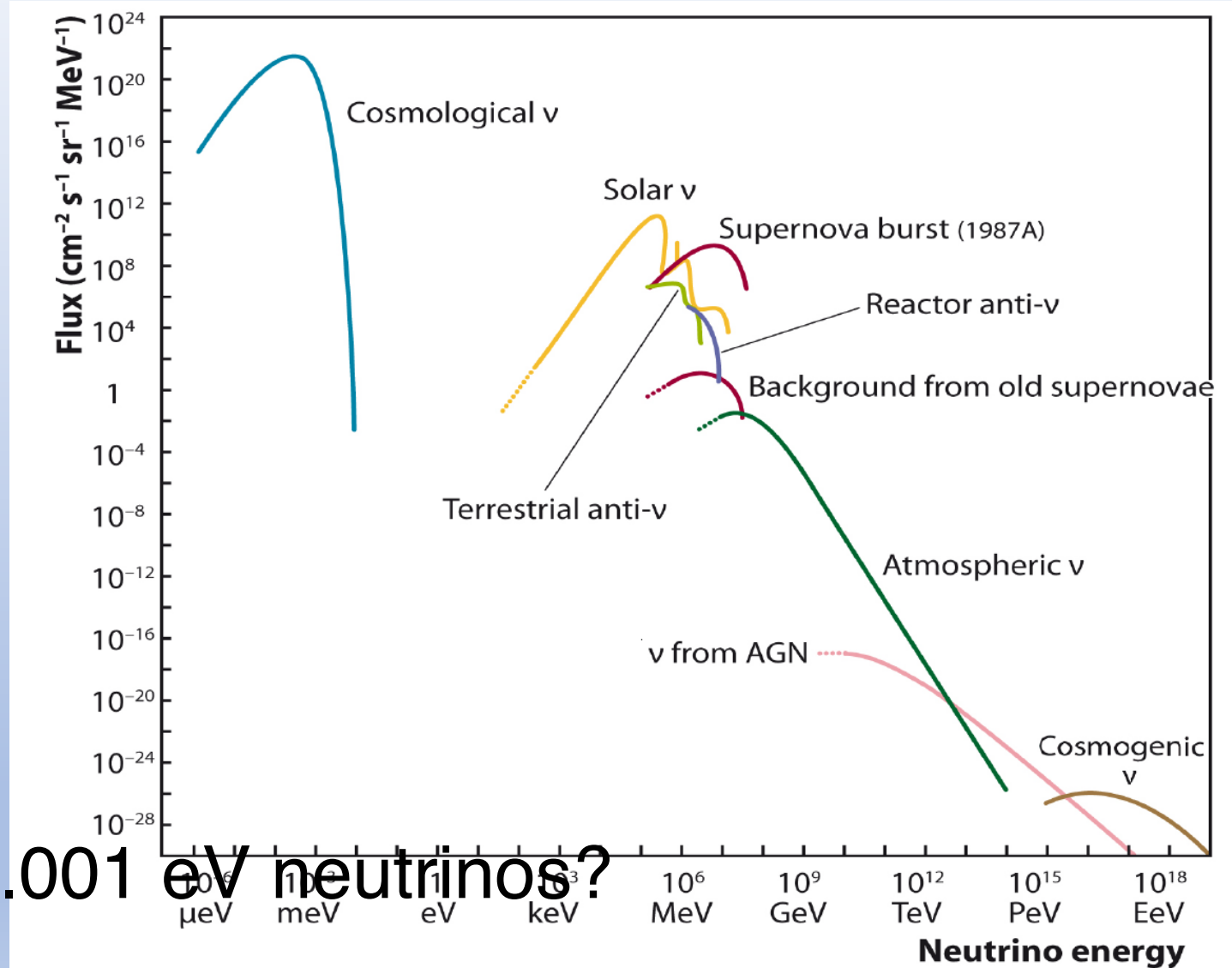


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Is it possible to detect 0.001 eV neutrinos?



The status of CNB search before 2007

On 1962

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Universal Neutrino Degeneracy

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Modern cosmological theories imply that the universe is filled with a shallow degenerate Fermi sea of neutrinos. In the steady state and oscillating models (and perhaps also the "big bang" theories) it can be shown rigorously that the proportion of filled neutrino levels (plus the proportion of filled antineutrino levels) is precisely one up to a finite Fermi energy E_F . The proof takes into account both absorption and the repulsive effects of already filled levels on neutrino emission. Experiment shows that $E_F \leq 200$ eV for antineutrinos and $E_F \leq 1000$ eV for neutrinos. The degenerate neutrinos could be observed (if $E_F > 10$ eV) by looking for apparent violations of energy conservation in β^- decay. In the steady state and evolutionary cosmologies E_F is much too low to ever be observed, but in the oscillating cosmologies $E_F \simeq 5R_c$ MeV, where R_c is the minimum radius of the universe in units of its present radius; thus experiment already shows that the universe will contract by a factor over 10^8 , if at all. Astronomical evidence plus Einstein's field equation (without cosmological constant) require in an oscillating cosmology that $E_F < 2 \times 10^{-3}$ eV (so $R_c < 10^{-9}$) and suggest that higher energy neutrinos may represent the bulk of the energy of the universe. A model universe incorporating this idea is constructed.

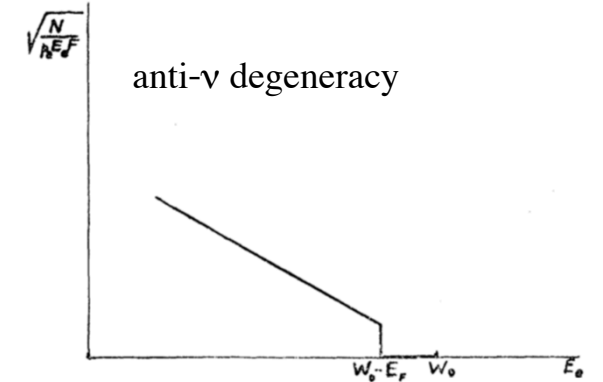


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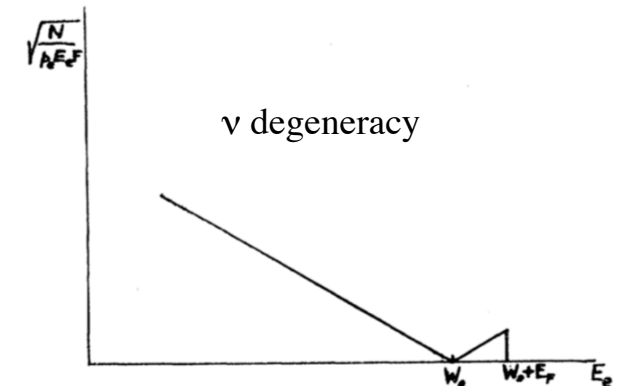


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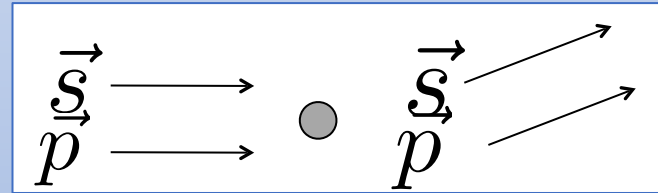
Exploit massless neutrino scattering

Is it possible to measure the CRN?

Method 1

The first method proposed for the detection of CRN was based on the fact that given the null mass of the neutrinos (today we know it is small) any variation of v momentum (Δp) implies a variation of the v spin (ΔJ) (R.R. Lewis *Phy. Rev. D*21 663, 1980):

$$\Delta J = \lambda \Delta p$$



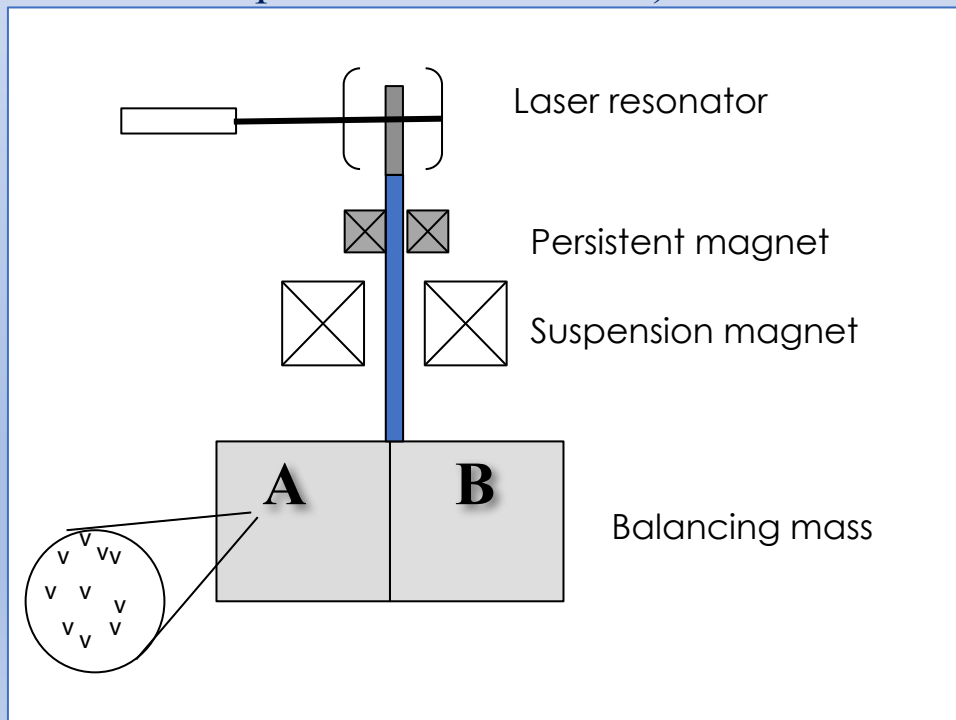
Torsion balance

Is it possible to measure the CRN?

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Unfortunately what assumed by Lewis was shown by Cabibbo and Maiani (Phys. Lett. B114 115,1982) to vanish at first order in Fermi constant G_F .

But there is still an effect (Stodolsky Phys. Rev. Lett. 34, 110) at first order in G_F where a polarized target experiences a force due to the scattering with polarized neutrinos (only a tiny part of the CRN flux). The effect can only be seen if: $f = (\nu - \bar{\nu}) \neq 0$



Since the ν wave length is \sim mm (λ) can be envisaged an enhancement of the interaction rate due to coherent sum of the invariant scattering amplitudes in a volume λ^3 . Under this assumption:

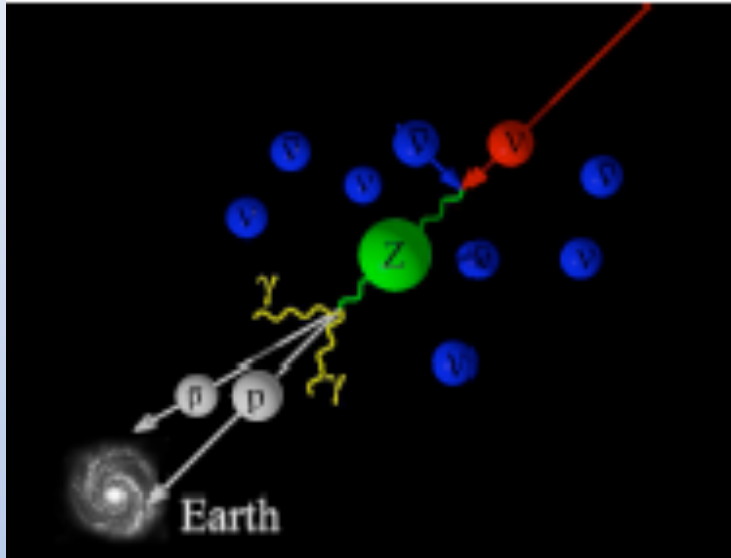
$$a_{G_F} \approx 10^{-27} \frac{cm}{sec^2} f \left(\frac{\beta_{earth}}{10^{-3} c} \right)$$

The value of acceleration expected is almost 15 order of magnitude far from the current sensitivity of any accelerometers used today a “Cavendish” experiment.

Annihilation in the CMR of Z-boson

Is it possible to measure the CRN ?

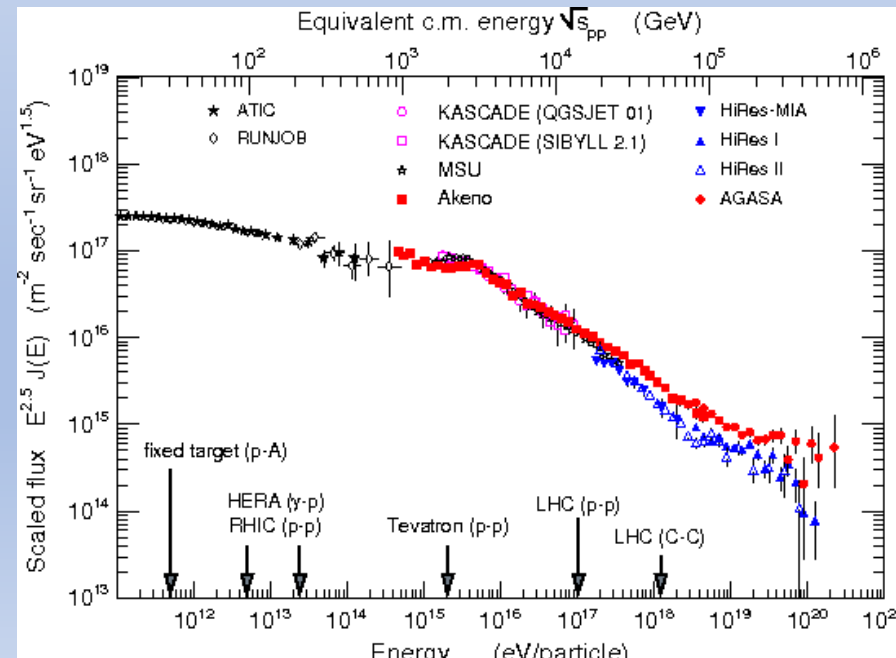
Method 2



The second method propose a resonant annihilation of EECn off CRN into Z-boson that occurs at energy:

$$E_{\nu_i}^{res} = \frac{m_Z^2}{2m_{\nu_i}} \approx 4 \times 10^{21} \left(\frac{eV}{m_{\nu_i}} \right) eV$$

The signature would be a deep in the neutrino flux around 10^{22} eV or an excess of evnts of photons or protons beyond the GKZ deep (where the photons of CMB are absorbed by protons to produce pions).



Extreme acceleration of target

Is it possible to measure the CRN ?

Method 3

The third method propose the observation of interactions of extremely high energy protons from terrestrial accelerator beams with the relic neutrinos.

Accelerator



In this case even with an accelerator ring (VLHC) of $\sim 4 \times 10^4$ km length (Earth circumference) with $E_{\text{beam}} \sim 10^7$ TeV the interaction rate would still be negligible.

Summarizing

Is it possible to measure the CNB?

All methods proposed so far require unrealistic experimental apparatus or astronomical neutrino sources not yet observed.

For reviews on this subject see:

A.Ringwald “Neutrino Telescopes” 2005 – hep-ph/0505024

G.Gelmini G. B. Gemini Phys.Scripta T121:131-136,2005

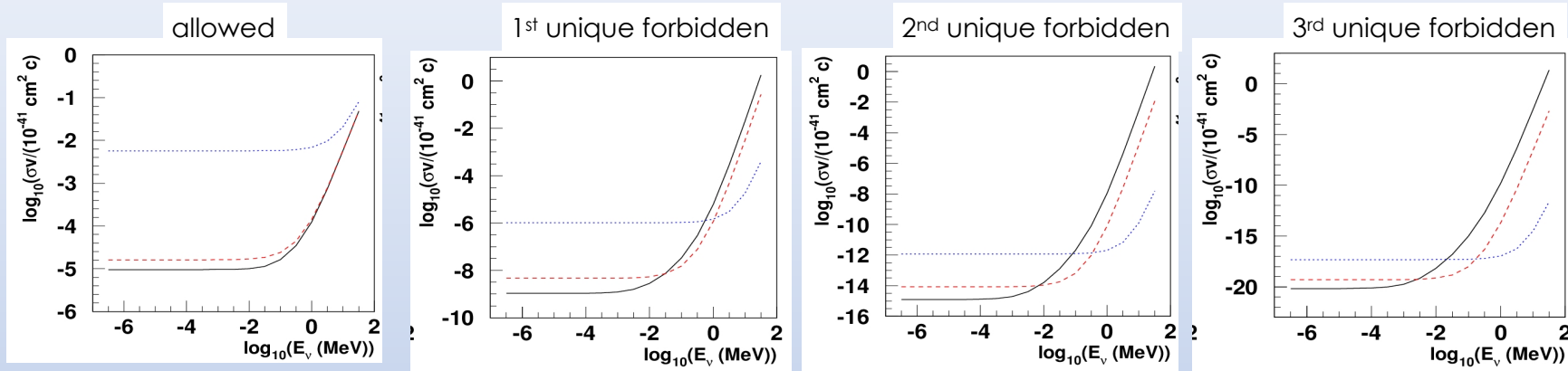
On 2007

Cosmological Neutrino Background Where we are?

1. A process where the ν can contribute by means of its quantum numbers where no additional energy is required was clearly identified
2. Cross section to predict interaction rate evaluated
3. Neutrino mass is include in the energy balance?

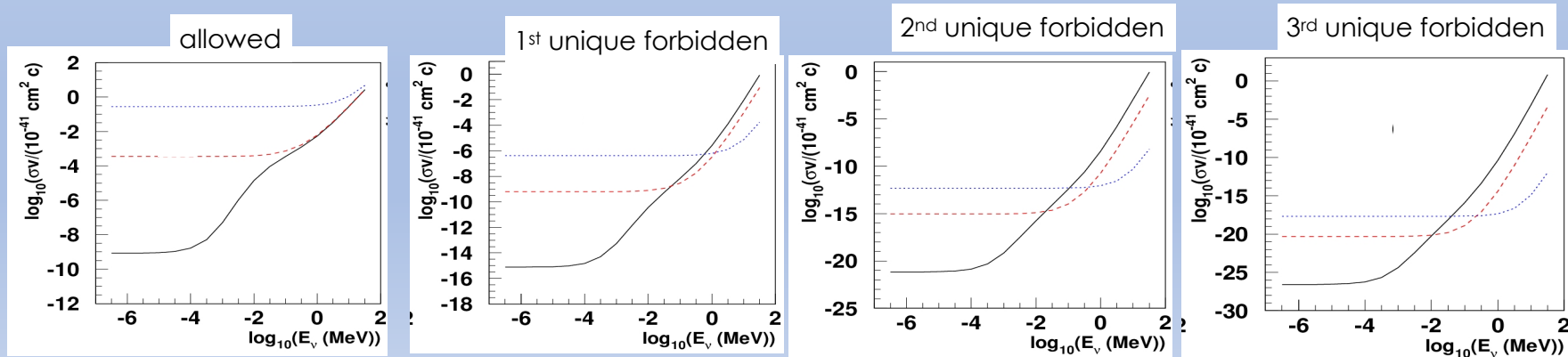
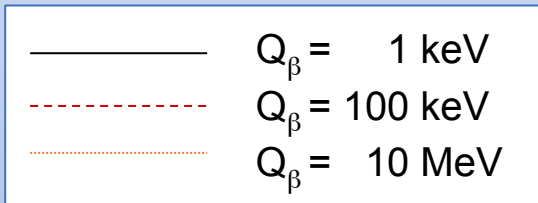
NCB Cross Section

as a function of E_ν , Q_β for different nuclear spin transitions



β^- (top)

β^+ (bottom)



NCB Cross Section Evaluation

specific cases

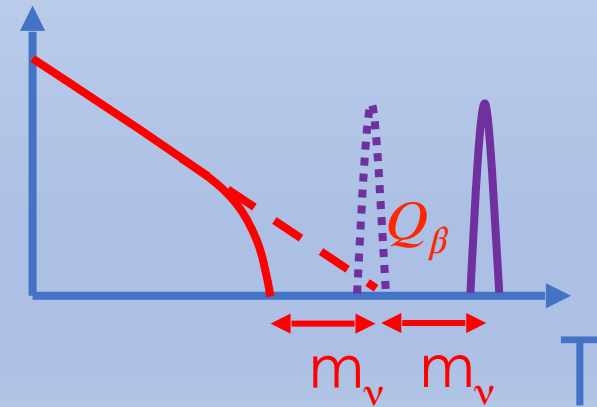
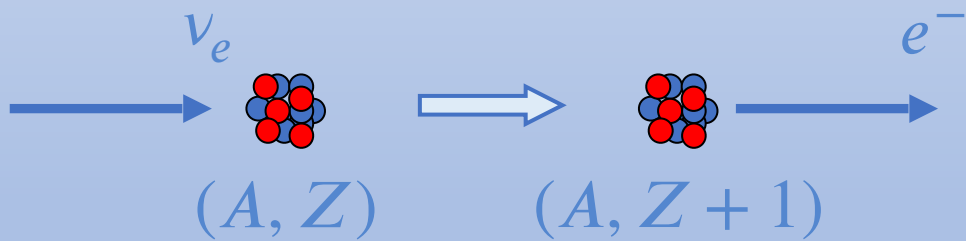
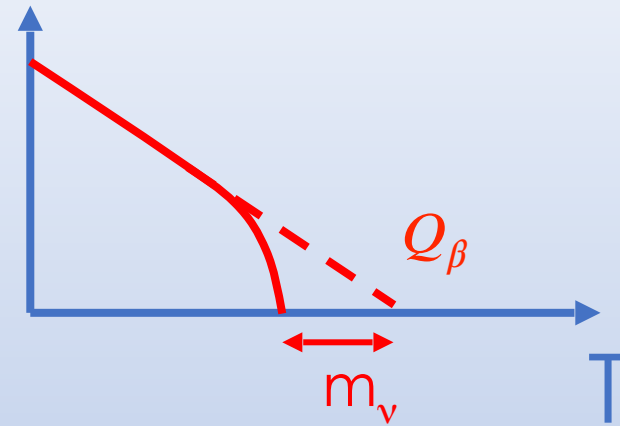
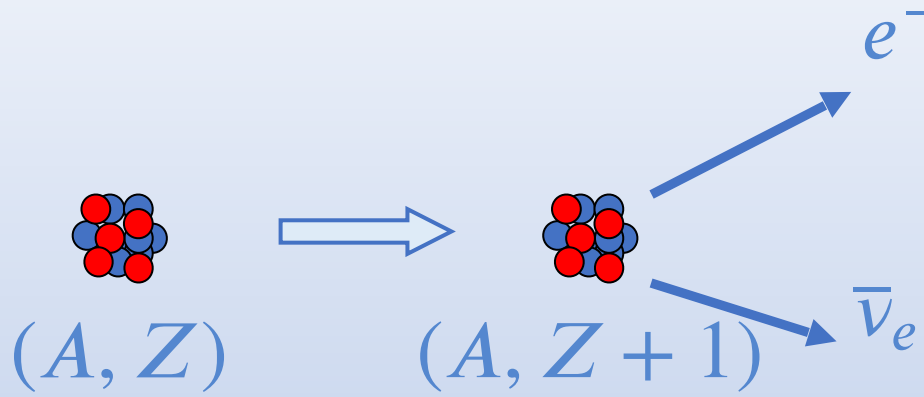
Isotope	Q_β (keV)	Half-life (sec)	$\sigma_{\text{NCB}}(v_\nu/c)$ (10^{-41} cm^2)
^{10}C	885.87	1320.99	5.36×10^{-3}
^{14}O	1891.8	71.152	1.49×10^{-2}
$^{26\text{m}}\text{Al}$	3210.55	6.3502	3.54×10^{-2}
^{34}Cl	4469.78	1.5280	5.90×10^{-2}
$^{38\text{m}}\text{K}$	5022.4	0.92512	7.03×10^{-2}
^{42}Sc	5403.63	0.68143	7.76×10^{-2}
^{46}V	6028.71	0.42299	9.17×10^{-2}
^{50}Mn	6610.43	0.28371	1.05×10^{-1}
^{54}Co	7220.6	0.19350	1.20×10^{-1}

Super-allowed $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$

Isotope	Decay	Q (keV)	Half-life (sec)	$\sigma_{\text{NCB}}(v_\nu/c)$ (10^{-41} cm^2)
^3H	β^-	18.591	3.8878×10^8	7.84×10^{-4}
^{63}Ni	β^-	66.945	3.1588×10^9	1.38×10^{-6}
^{93}Zr	β^-	60.63	4.952×10^{13}	2.39×10^{-10}
^{106}Ru	β^-	39.4	3.2278×10^7	5.88×10^{-4}
^{107}Pd	β^-	33	2.0512×10^{14}	2.58×10^{-10}
^{187}Re	β^-	2.64	1.3727×10^{18}	4.32×10^{-11}
^{11}C	β^+	960.2	1.226×10^3	4.66×10^{-3}
^{13}N	β^+	1198.5	5.99×10^2	5.3×10^{-3}
^{15}O	β^+	1732	1.224×10^2	9.75×10^{-3}
^{18}F	β^+	633.5	6.809×10^3	2.63×10^{-3}
^{22}Na	β^+	545.6	9.07×10^7	3.04×10^{-7}
^{45}Ti	β^+	1040.4	1.307×10^4	3.87×10^{-4}

Nuclei having the highest product $\sigma_{\text{NCB}} t_{1/2}$

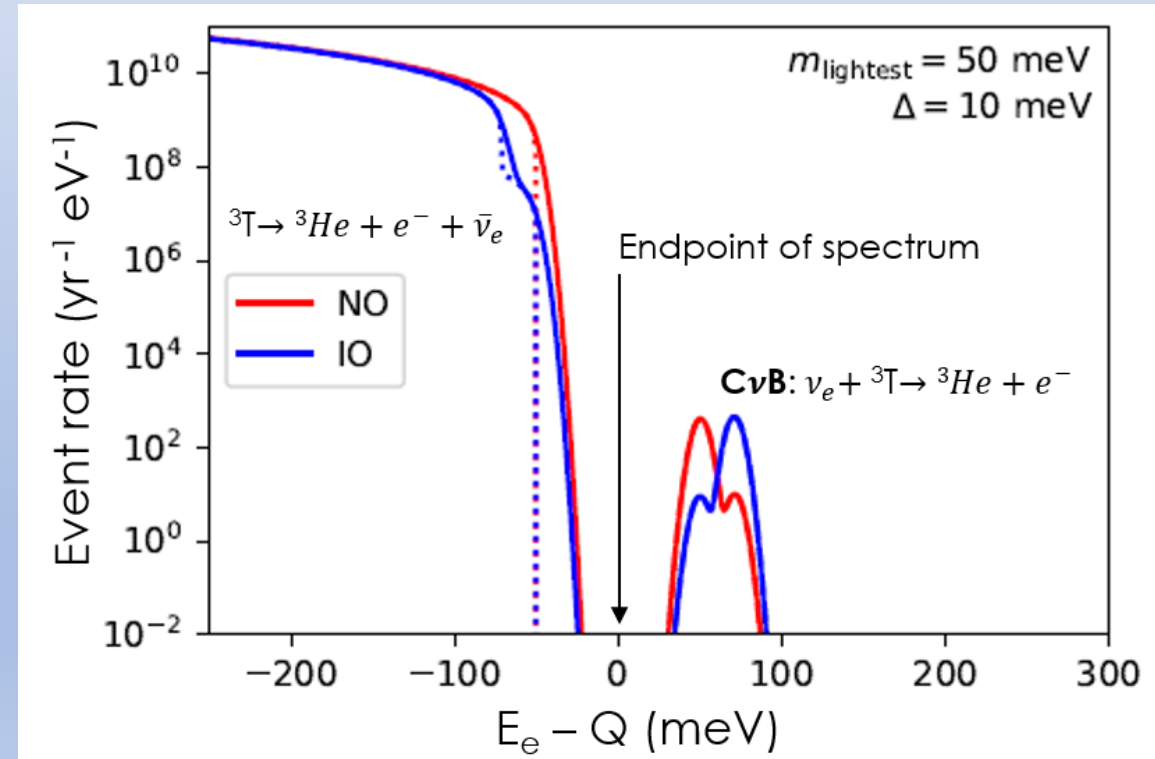
Detection principle



Why Tritium target?

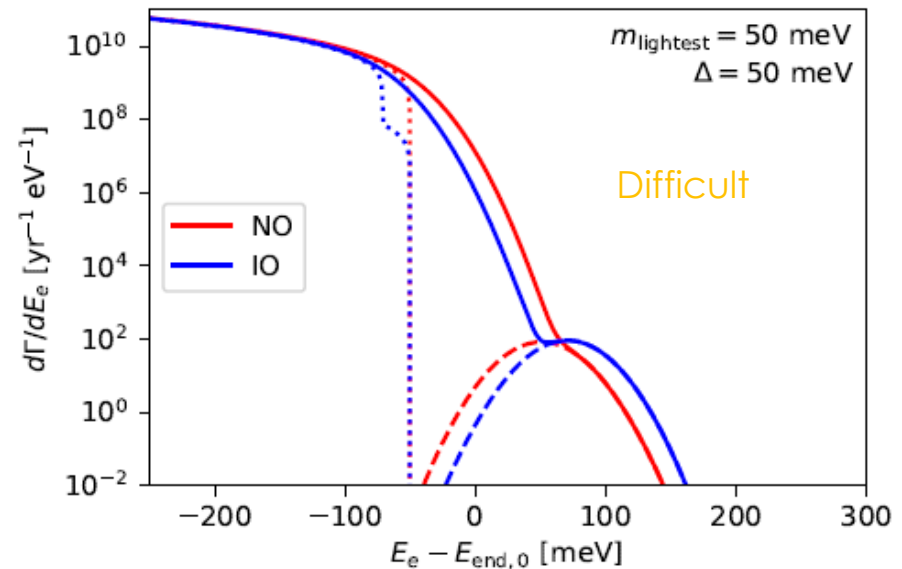
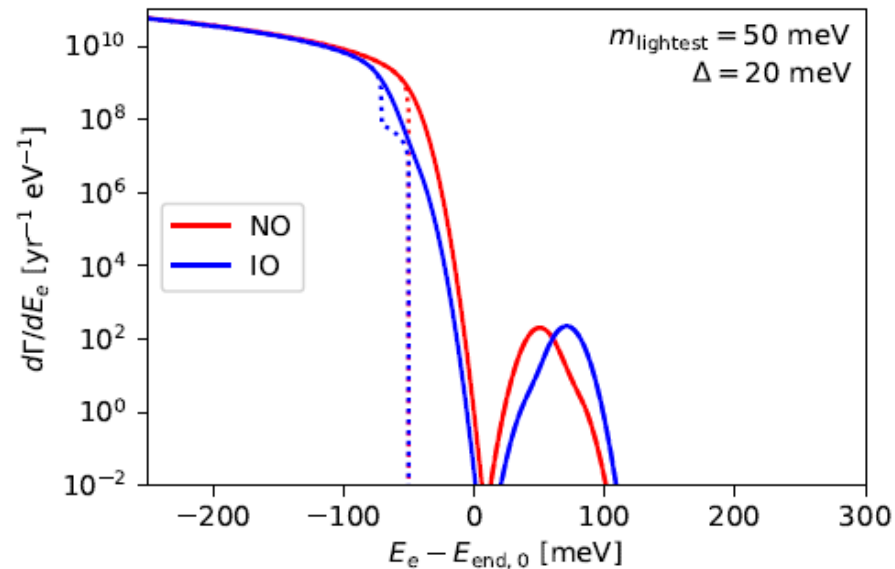
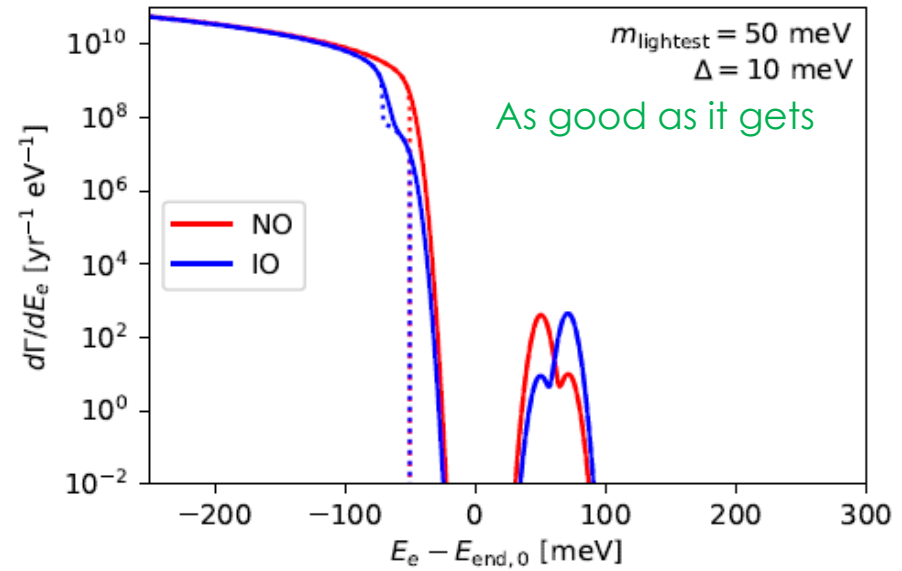
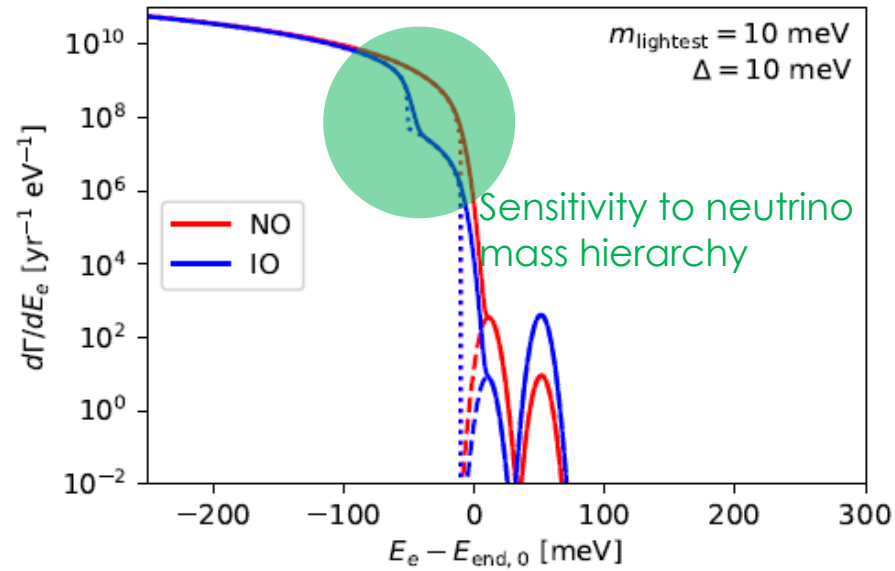
- High cross-section for neutrino capture
- Sizeable lifetime
- Low Q-value
- Tritium beta decay $\sim 10^{15}$ Bq/gram

PTOLEMY collaboration, JCAP_047P_0219



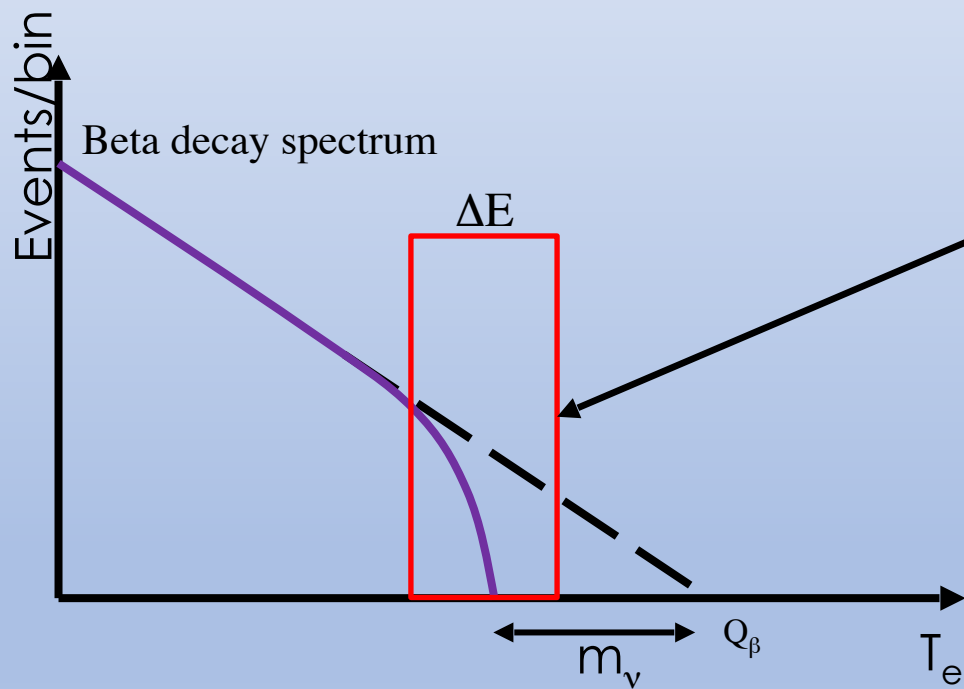
Dreaming with opened eyes

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Why do we need an electrostatic filter?

Answer:



1 g of tritium makes 5.6×10^{14} decay/s

Measuring interval (100÷200) $\sigma = 5 \div 10$ eV

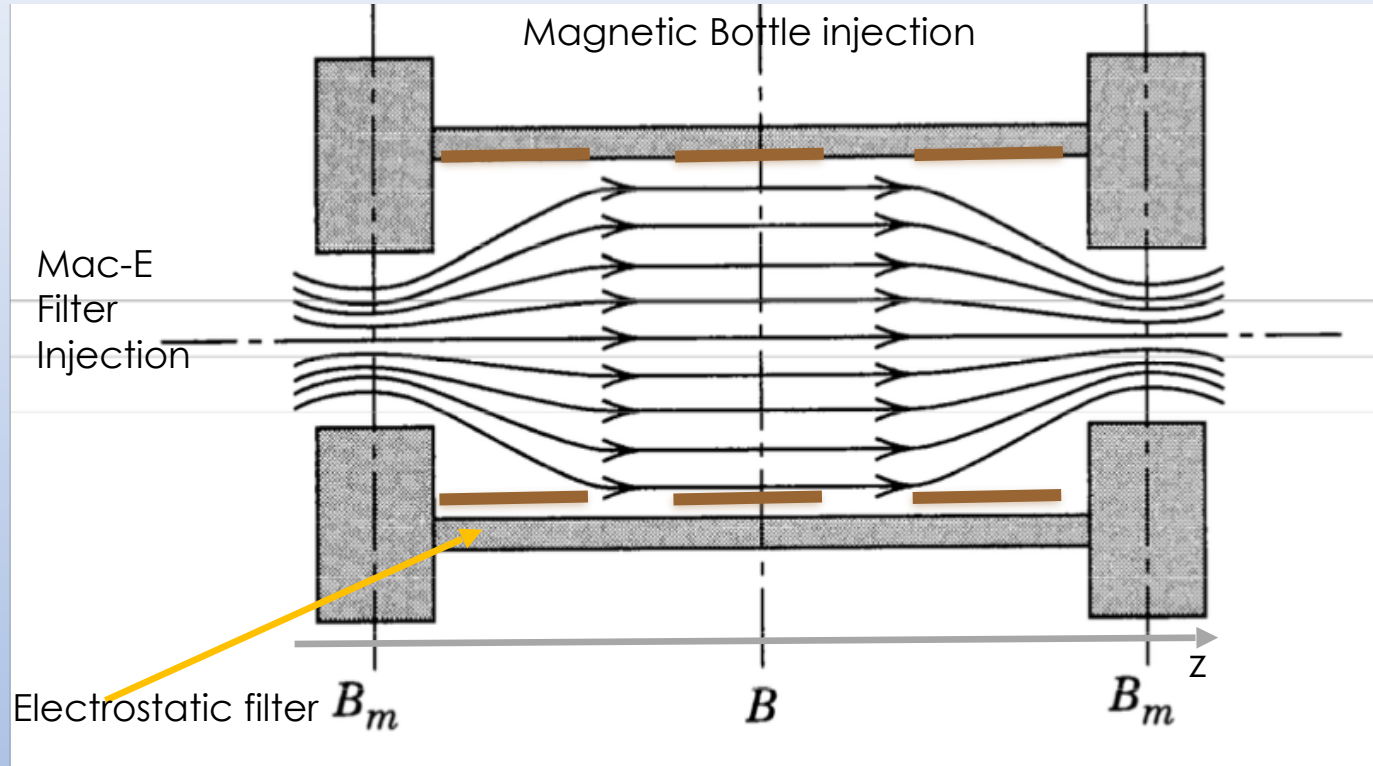
Fraction rate in the measurement range

$$\propto \left(\frac{\Delta E}{Q} \right)^3 = \left(\frac{2.5 - 5.}{18560} \right)^3 = (250 - 20000) \cdot 10^{-14}$$

Electrons to be analyzed for 1 g of T will be $5.6 \times 10^{14} \times (250 - 20000) \cdot 10^{-14} = (10^3 - 10^5)$ event/s

Mac-E filter

The device consists of a magnetic bottle where particles are injected from the edge plus an electrostatic barrier



Jackson Fig 12.6

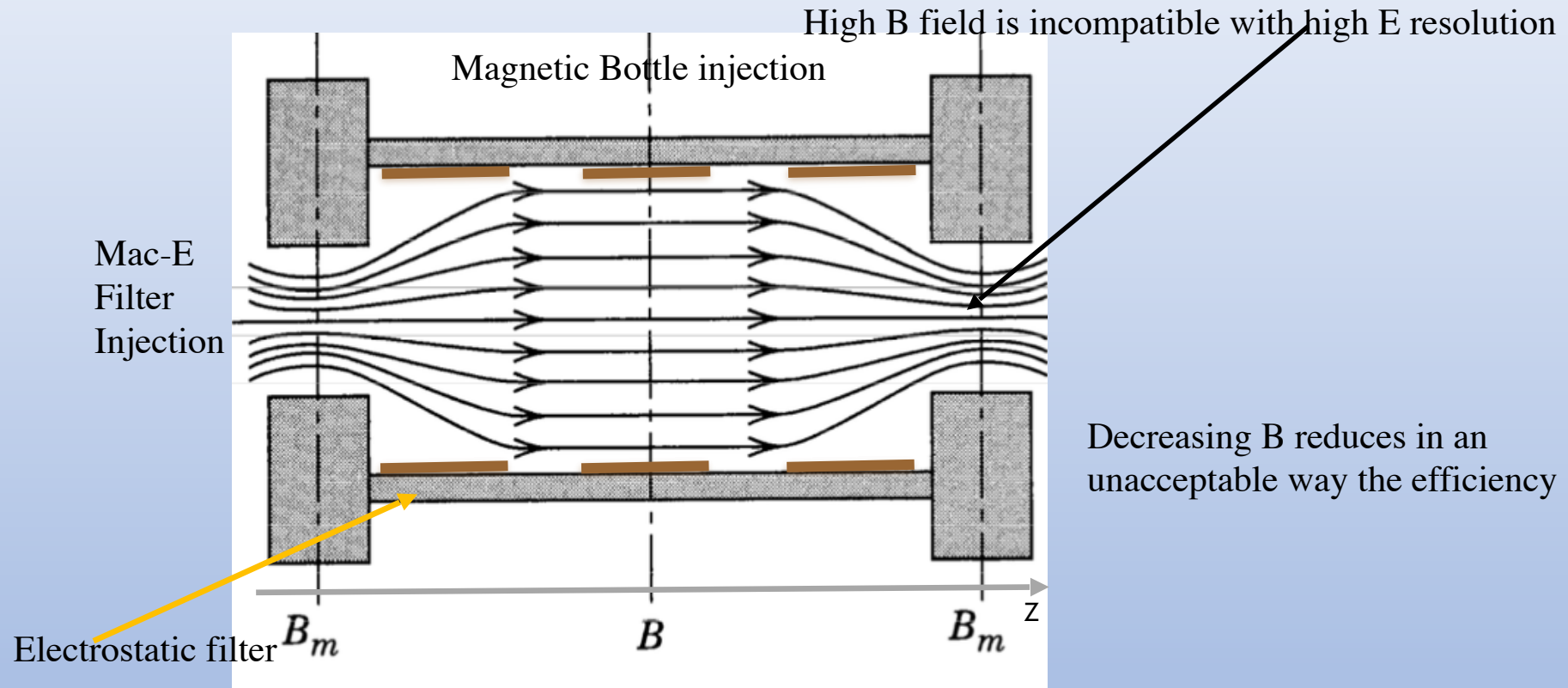
$$F \propto \vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{\nabla} B$$

Tends to straighten the particle momentum across field line direction

$$J_i = \oint p_i dq_i \rightarrow J = \oint P_{\perp} dl = \frac{e}{c} (B \pi a^2)$$

$$v_{||}^2 = v_0^2 - v_{\perp 0}^2 \frac{B(z)}{B_0}$$

Limiting factor of a Mac-E filter



Remain only one possibility: removing p_T in a controlled manner

PTOLEMY detector concept became feasible



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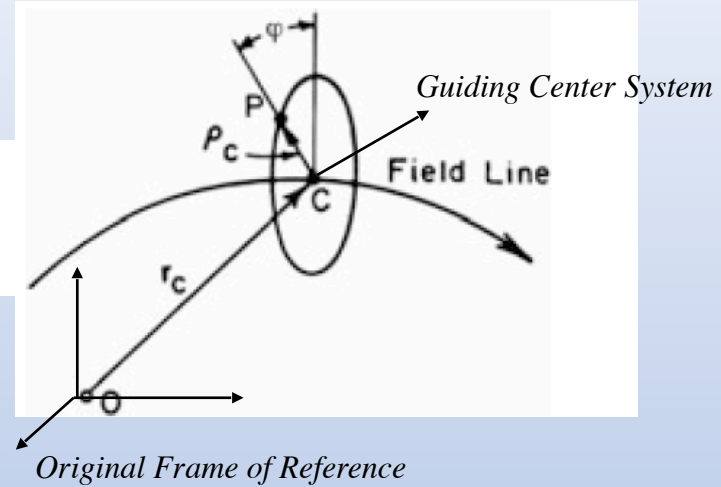
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New filter Concept

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$$\mathbf{V}_D = \mathbf{V}_\perp = \left(q\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{F} - \mu\nabla B - m\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} \right) \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{qB^2}$$



$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}_\perp + \mathbf{V}_\parallel$$

Total phase-averaged velocity of CGS trajectory with parallel and perpendicular component w.r.t. B field.

$$\mu = \frac{mv_\perp^{*2}}{2B}$$

First adiabatic invariant:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_\perp + \mathbf{v}_\parallel \text{ by } \mathbf{v}_\perp^* = \mathbf{v}_\perp - \mathbf{V}_D \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_\parallel^* = \mathbf{v}_\parallel - \mathbf{V}_\parallel \approx 0.$$

$$\frac{dT_\perp}{dt} = -q\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{V}_D = -q\mathbf{E} \cdot (q\mathbf{E} - \mu\nabla B) \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{qB^2} = \frac{\mu}{B^2} \mathbf{E} \cdot (\nabla B \times \mathbf{B})$$

Where T_\perp kinetic energy of gyromotion in CGS

Adiabaticity condition

$$\rho_c \ll \left| \frac{B}{\nabla B} \right|, \left| \frac{E}{\nabla E} \right| ; \text{ and}$$

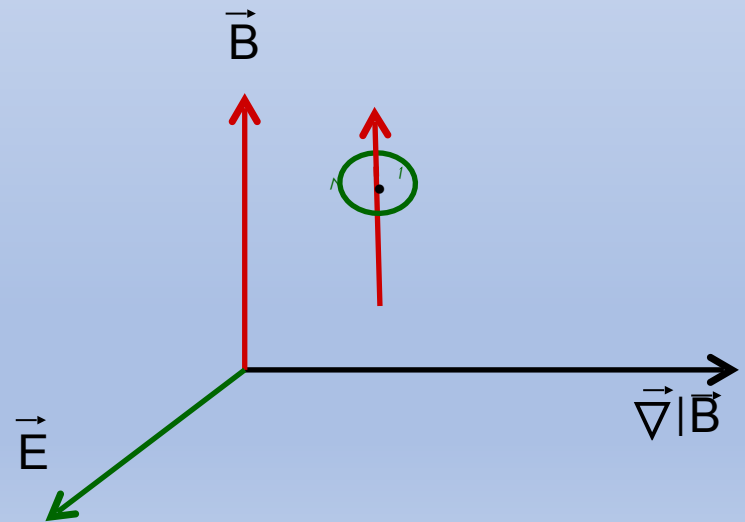
$$\tau_c \ll \left| \frac{B}{dB/dt} \right|, \left| \frac{E}{dE/dt} \right| ;$$

With v^* the velocity of particle in CGS

New concept EM filter

Magnetic drifts:
$$\mathbf{V}_D = \mathbf{V}_\perp = \left(\underbrace{qE + F}_{\downarrow \vec{E} \times \vec{B} \text{ drift}} - \underbrace{\mu \nabla B}_{\downarrow \nabla B \text{ drift}} - m \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} \right) \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{qB^2}$$

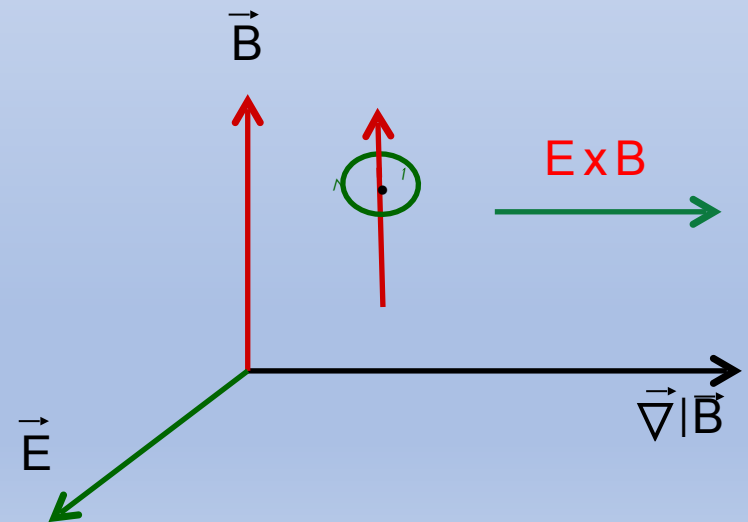
Static fields configuration



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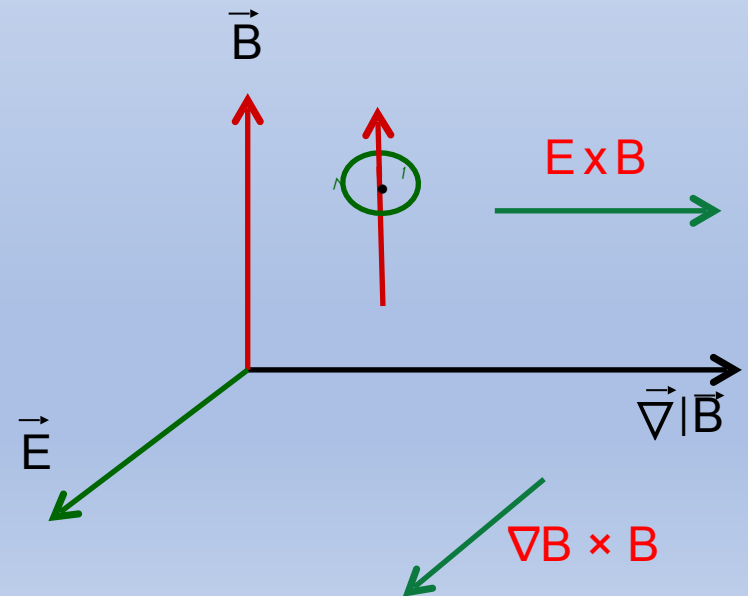


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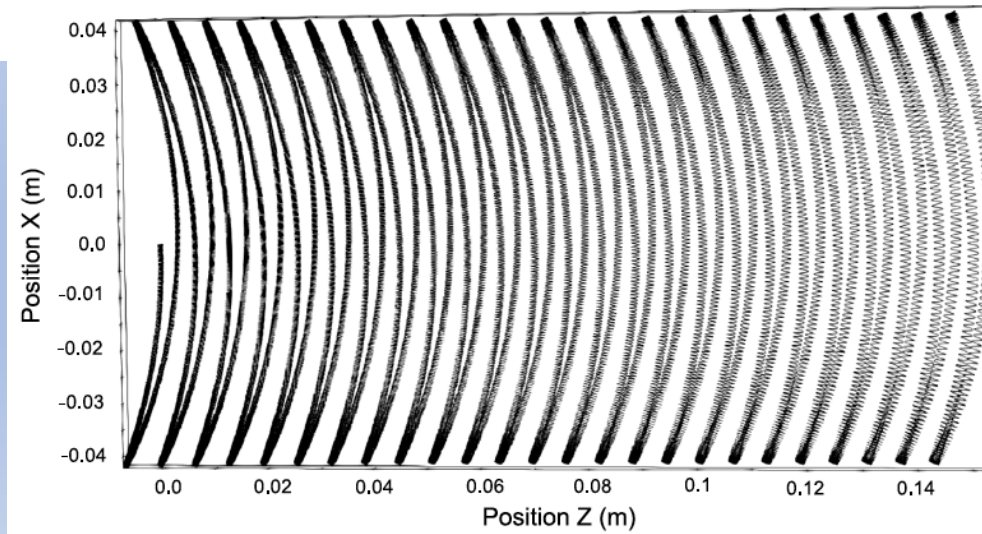
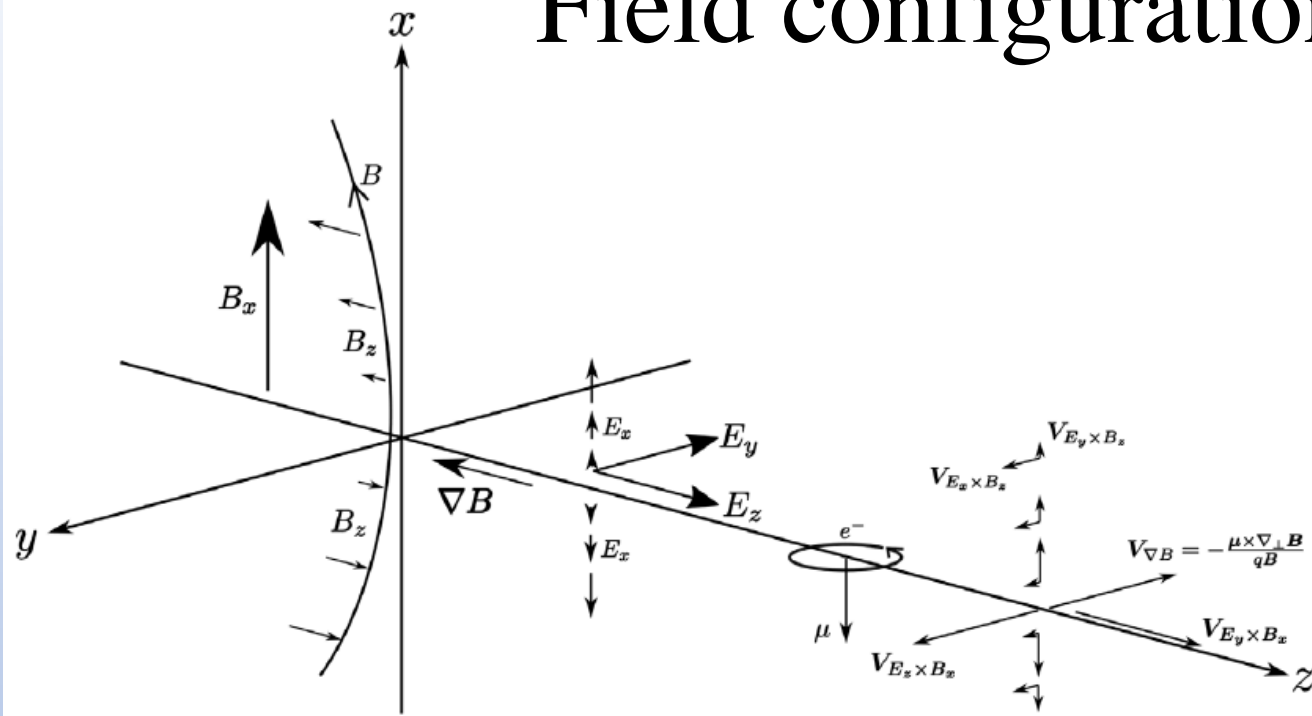
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 $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ drift ∇B drift

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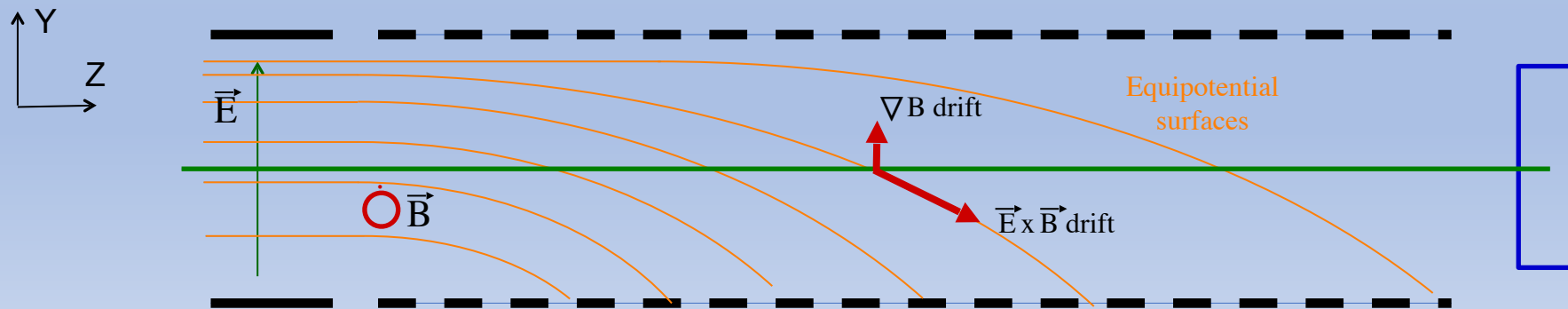
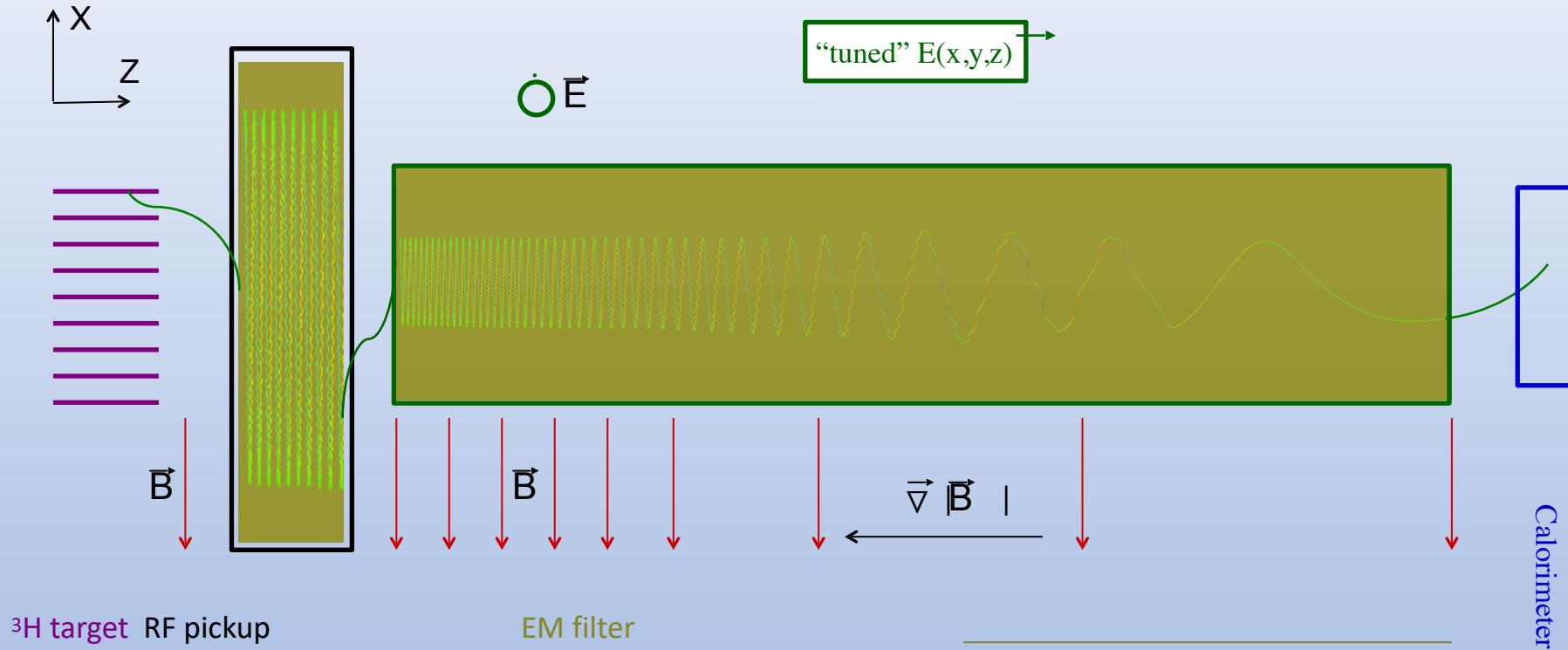


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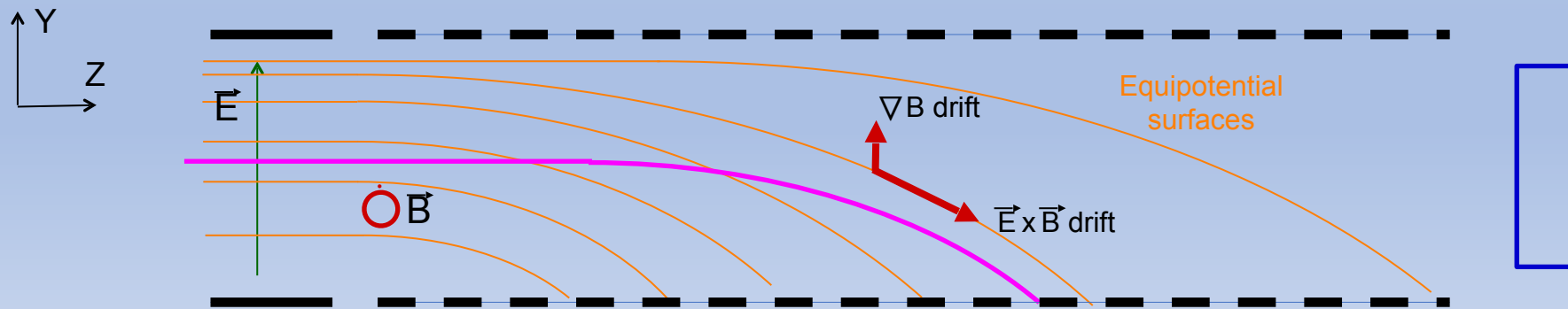
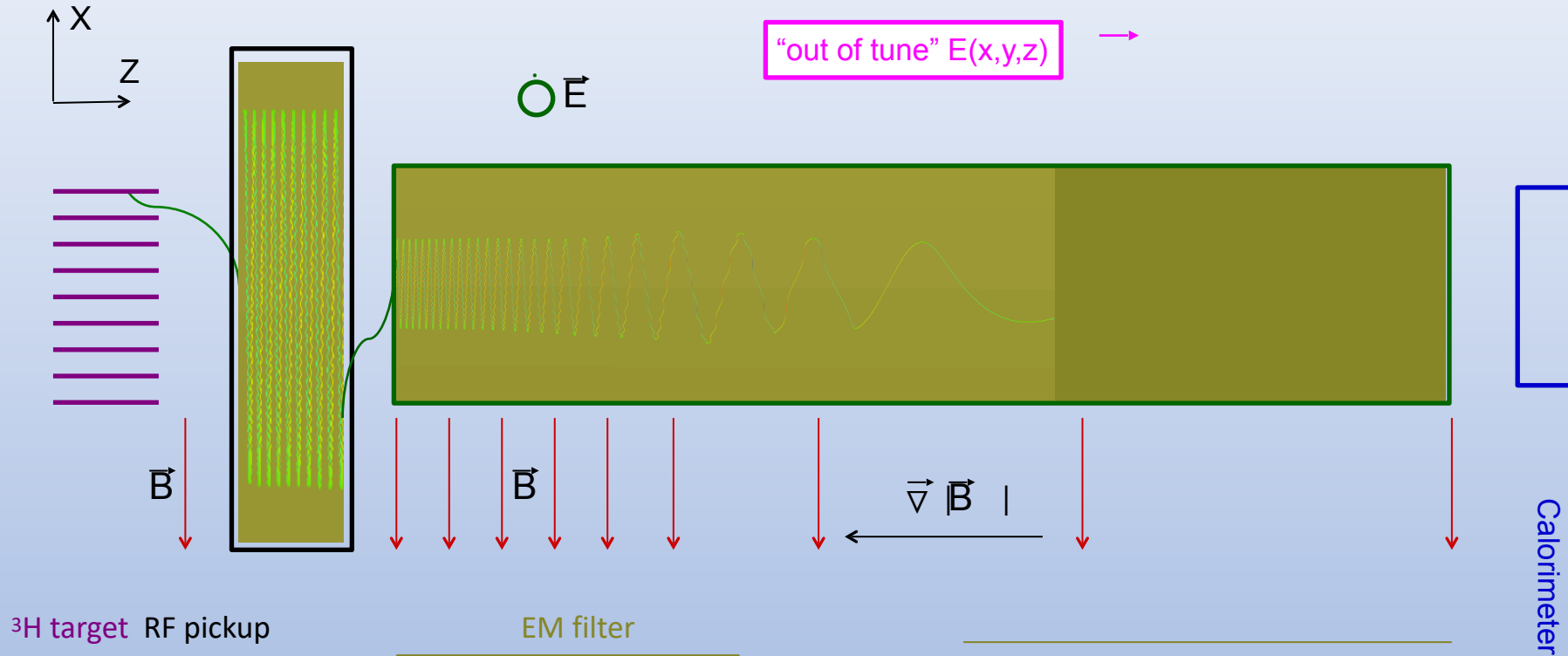
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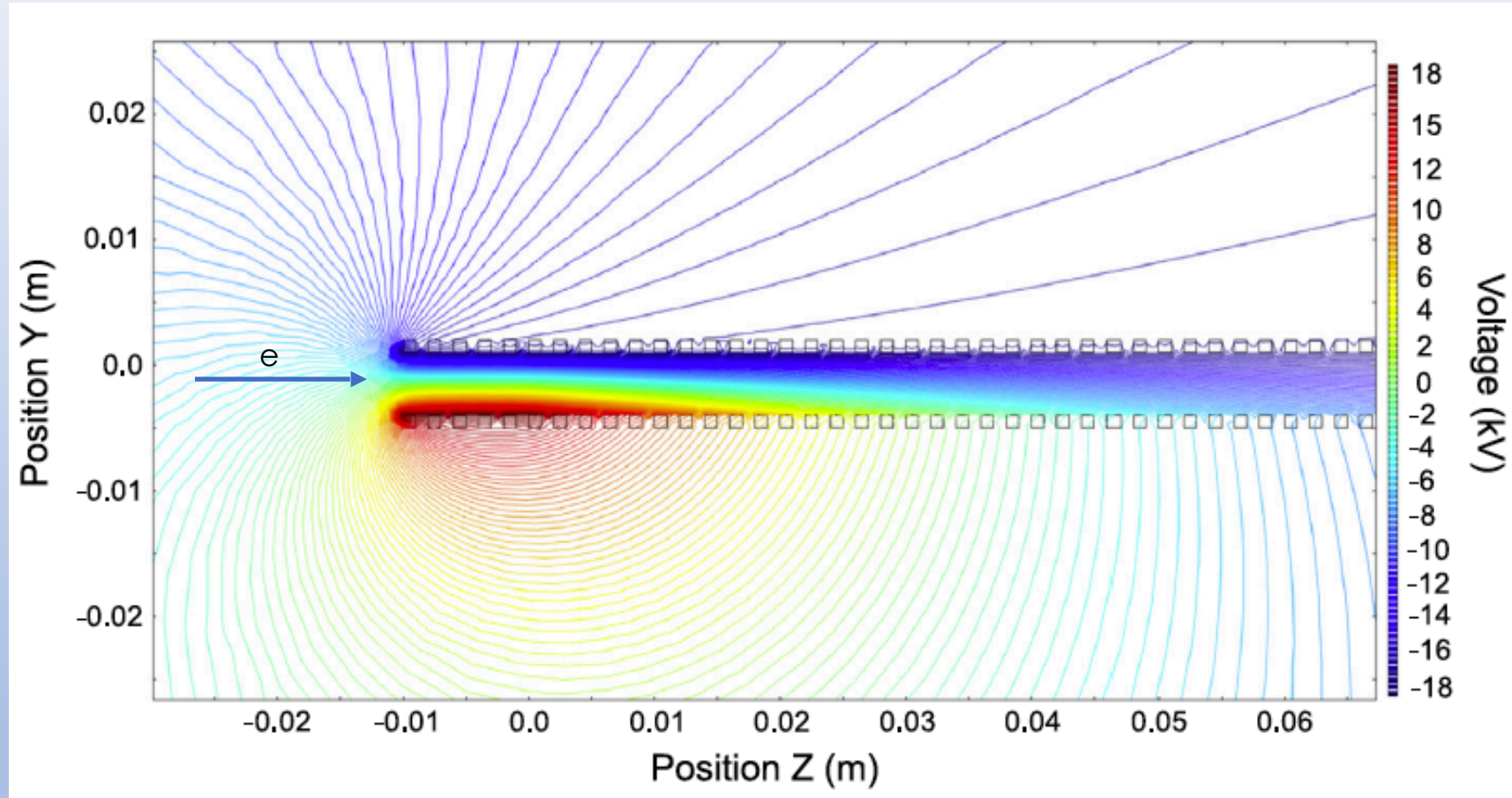


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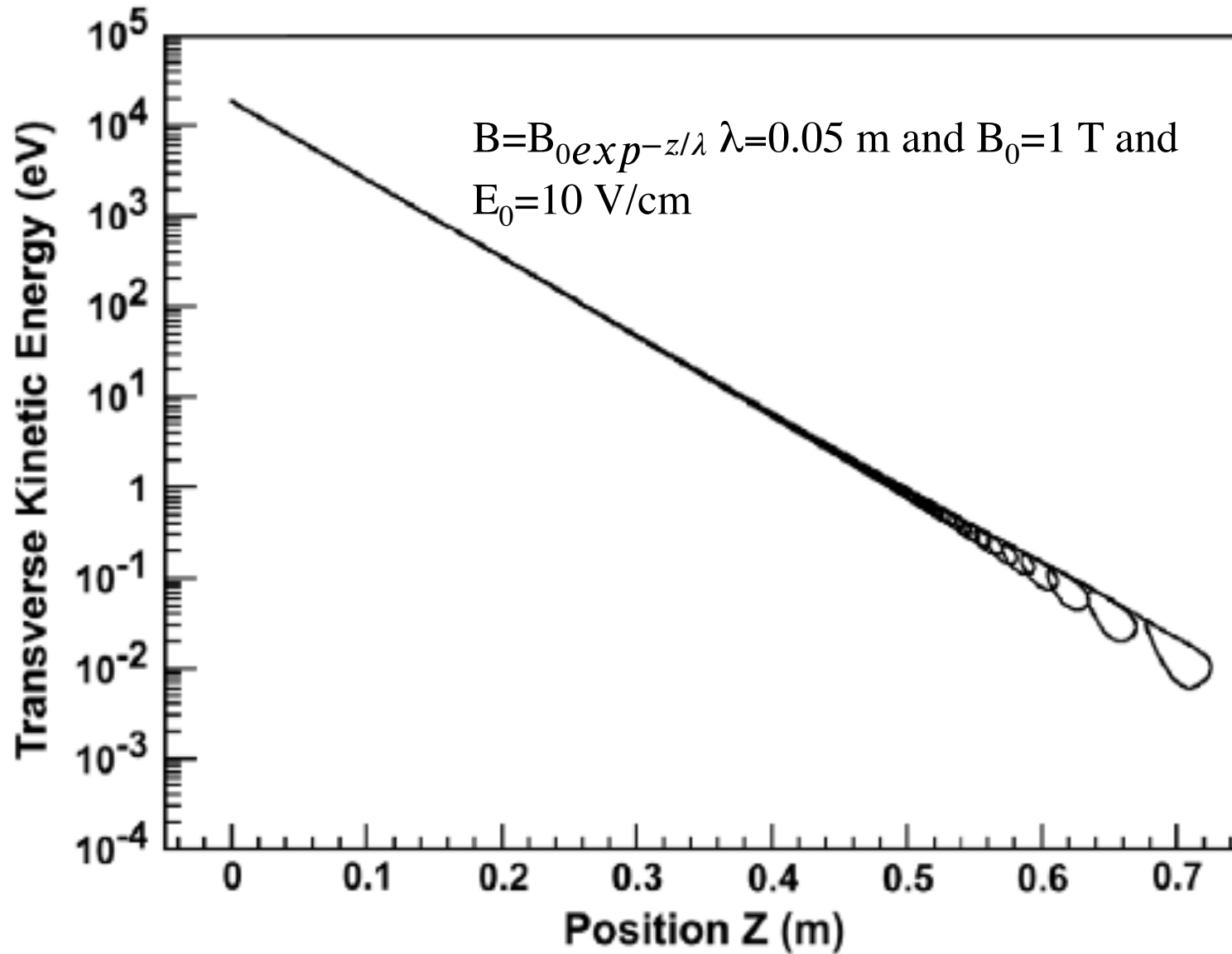
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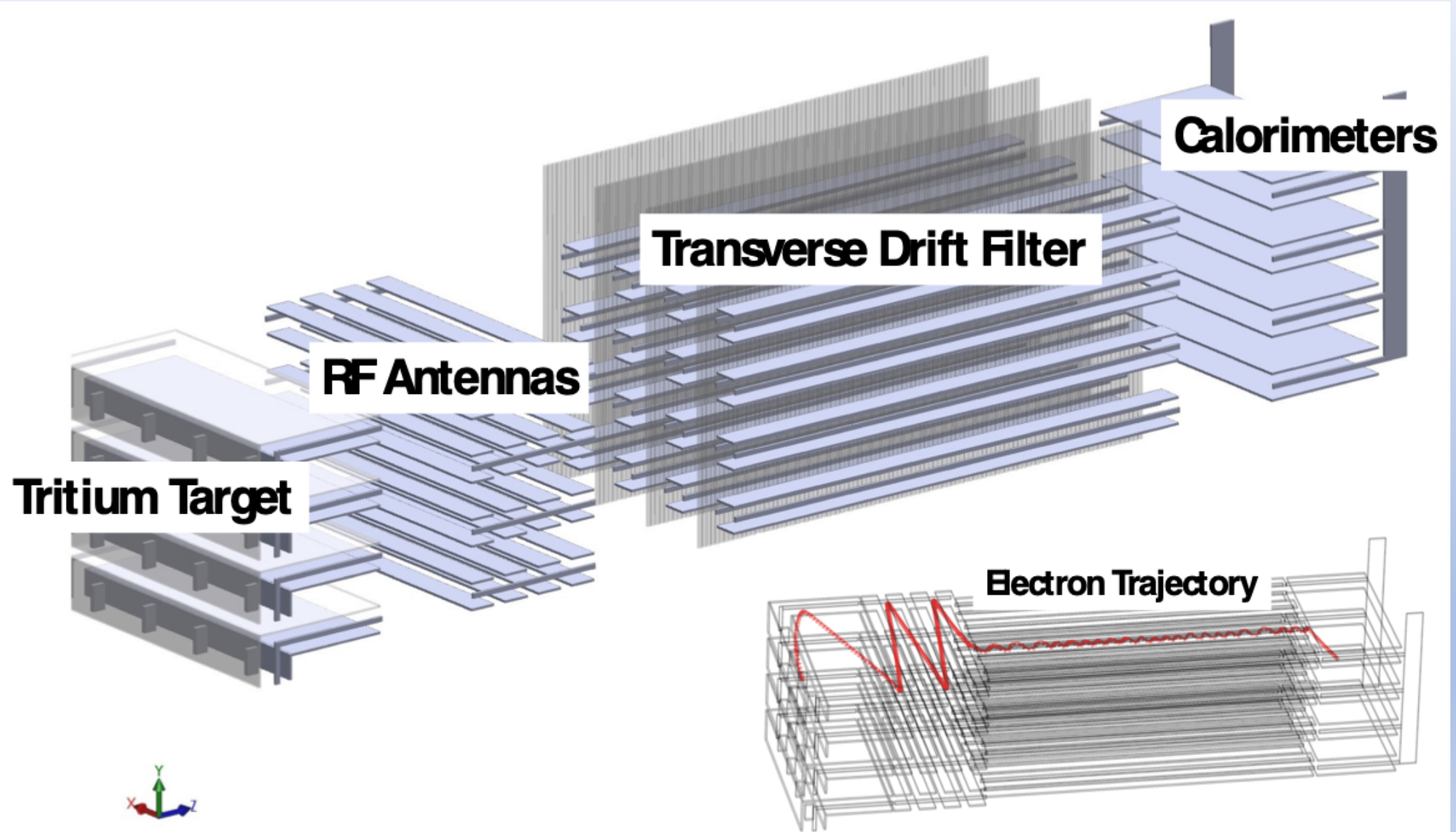
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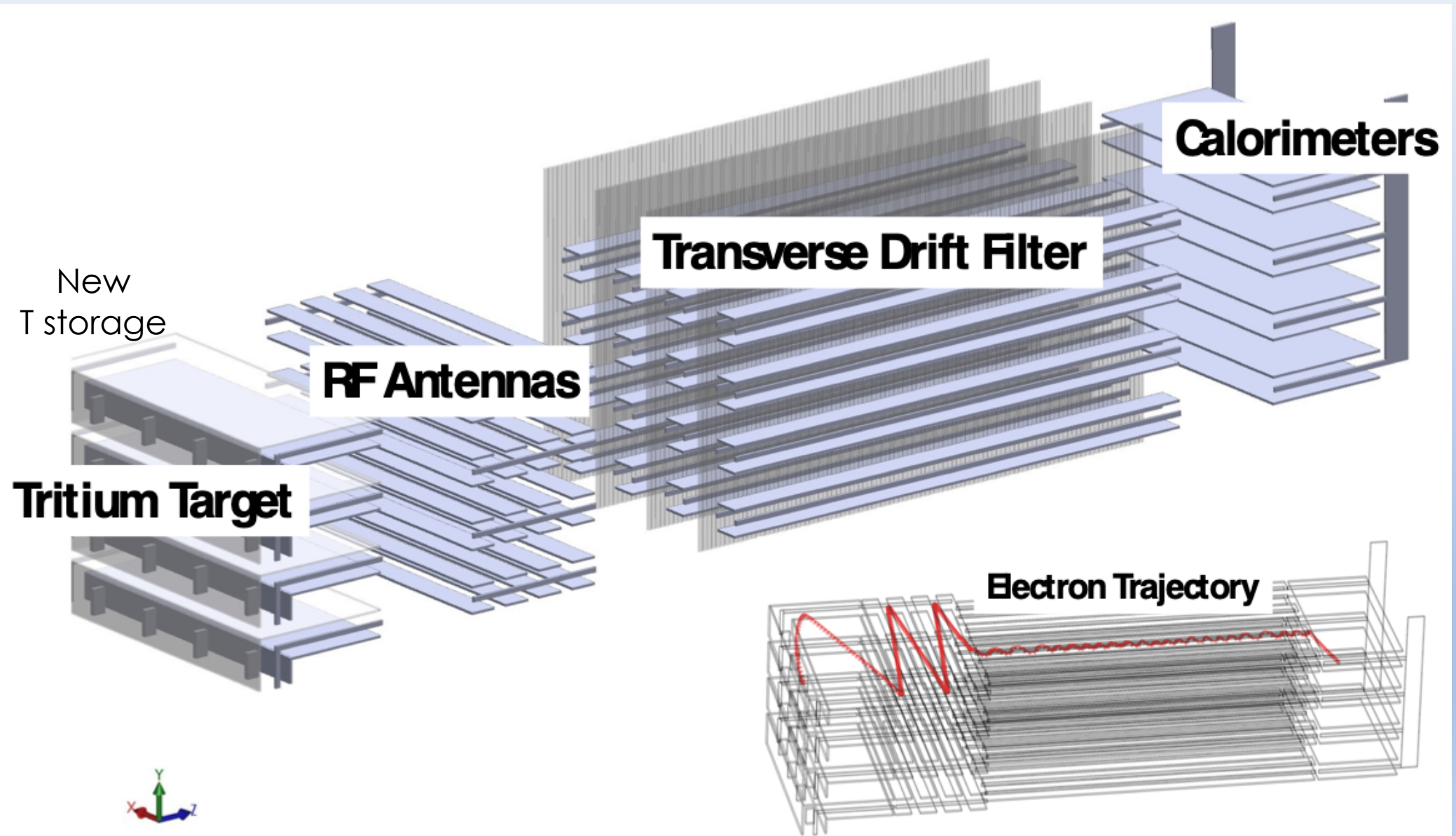
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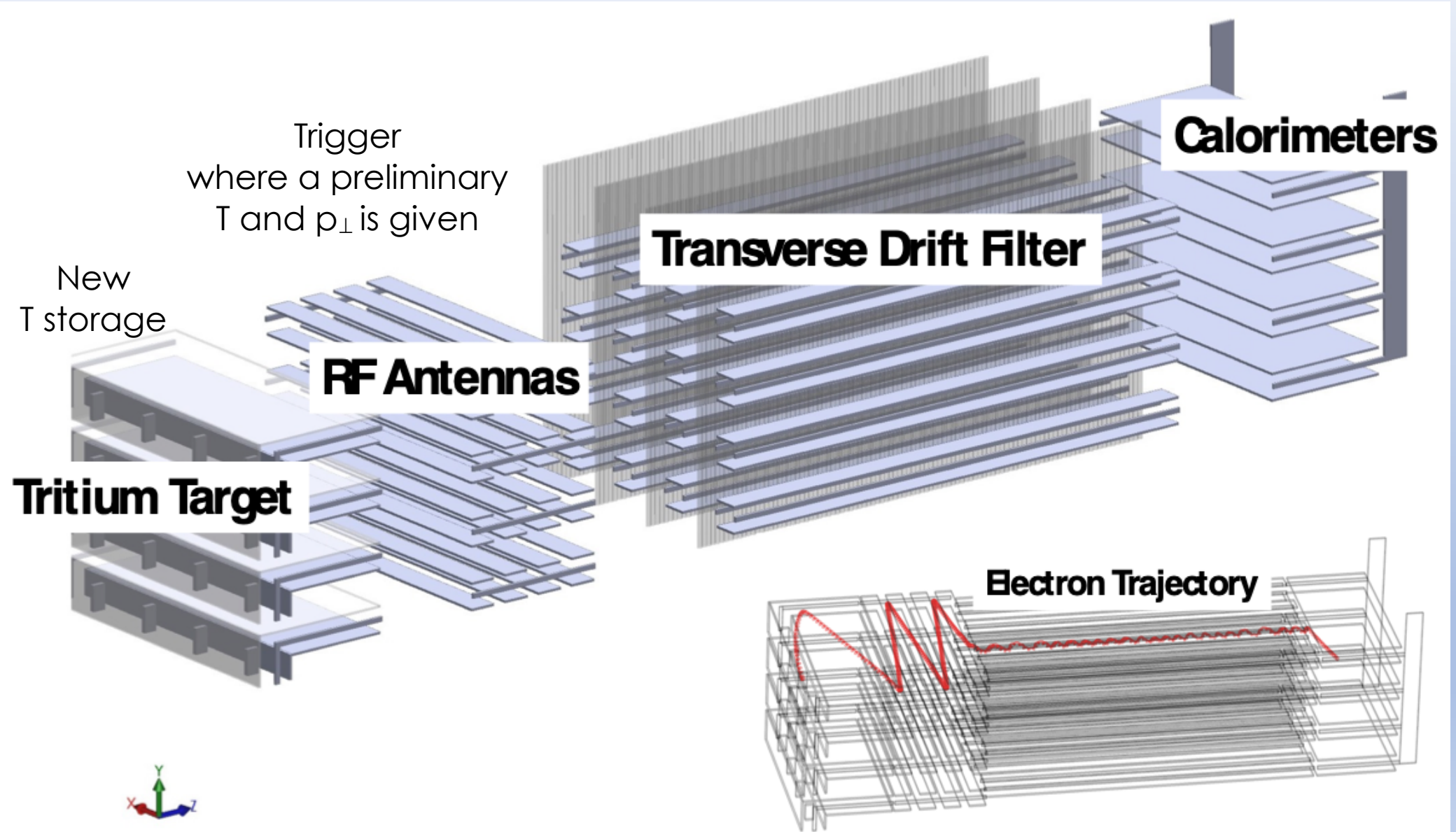
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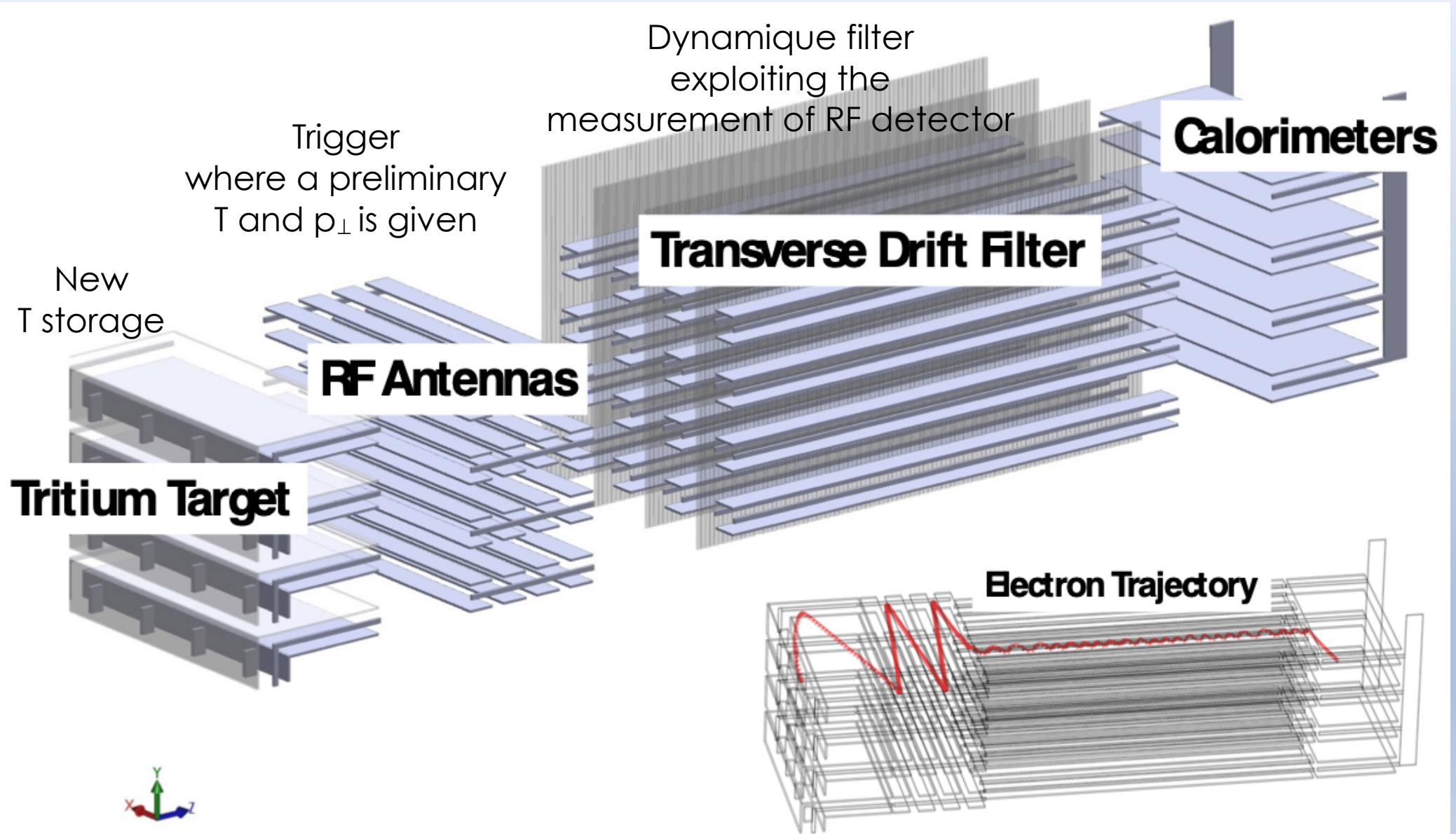
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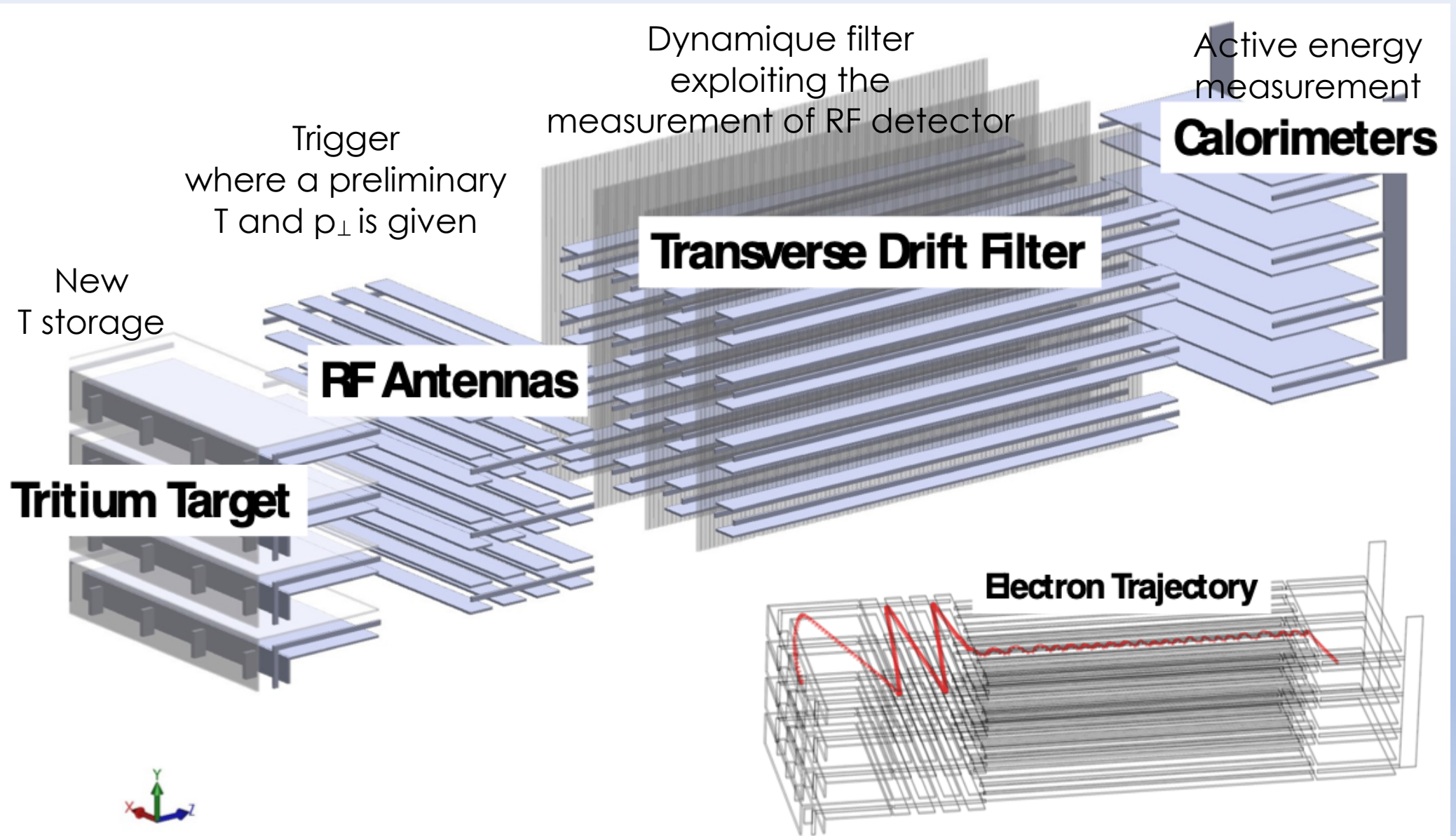
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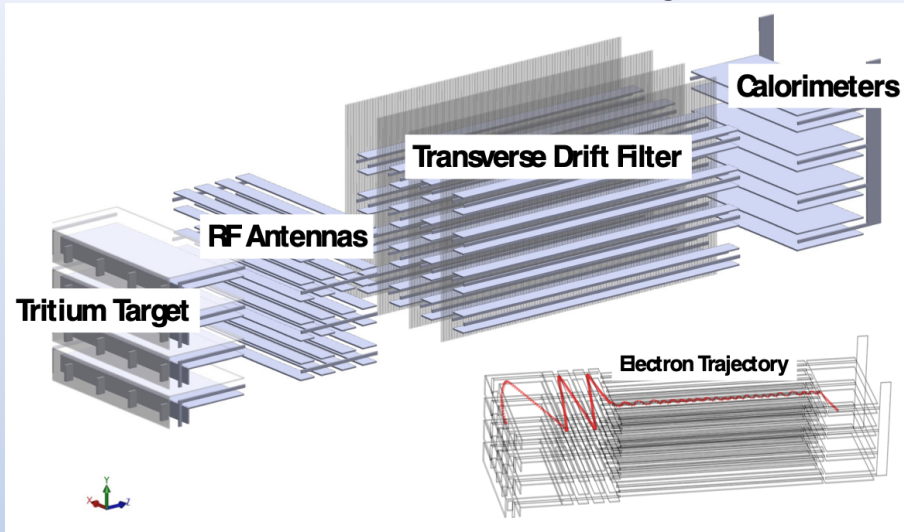


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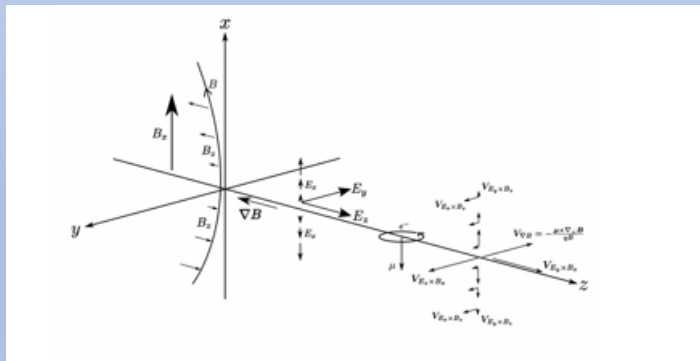
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Step 1

A new way of storing atomic T



Step 2

Electron RF emission is detected

Trigger good particles and give a preliminary evaluation of E and P_T

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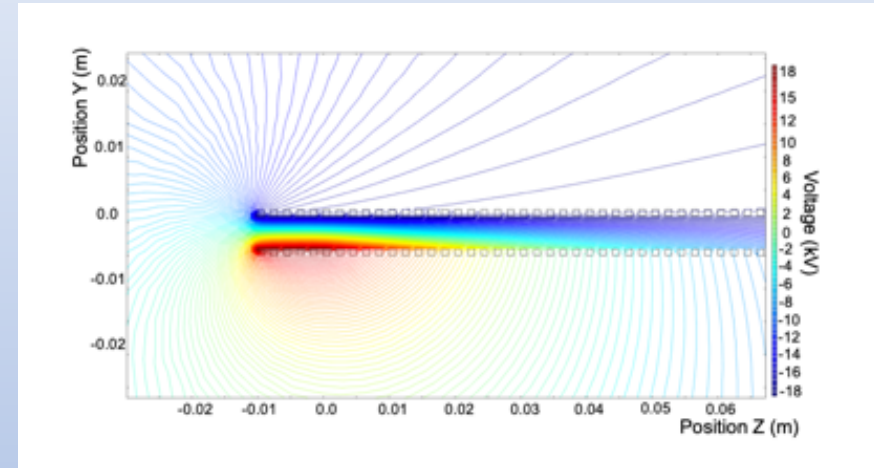
$$P_{tot} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{8\pi^2 q^2 f_c^2}{3c} \frac{\beta_{\perp}^2}{1 - \beta^2}$$

Step 3

Transverse kinetic energy is removed.

Field properly set on ms time scale.

“Wrong particle will end up on one of the electrodes and the right one will pass”



$$\mathbf{V}_D = \mathbf{V}_{\perp} = \left(q\mathbf{E} + F - \mu\nabla B - m \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} \right) \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{qB^2}$$

$$\frac{dT_{\perp}}{dt} = -q\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{V}_D = -q\mathbf{E} \cdot \left(q\mathbf{E} - \mu\nabla(B) \right) \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{qB^2} \quad \mu = \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2B}$$

Between Step 3-4

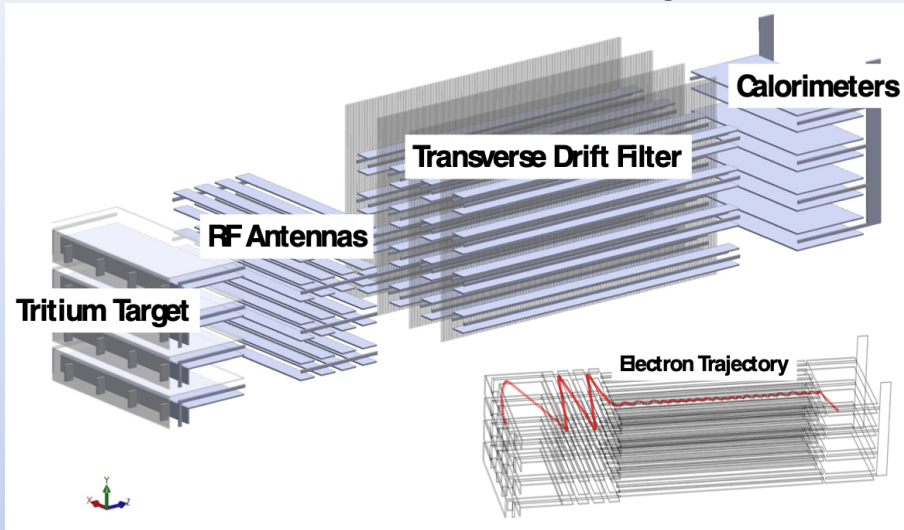
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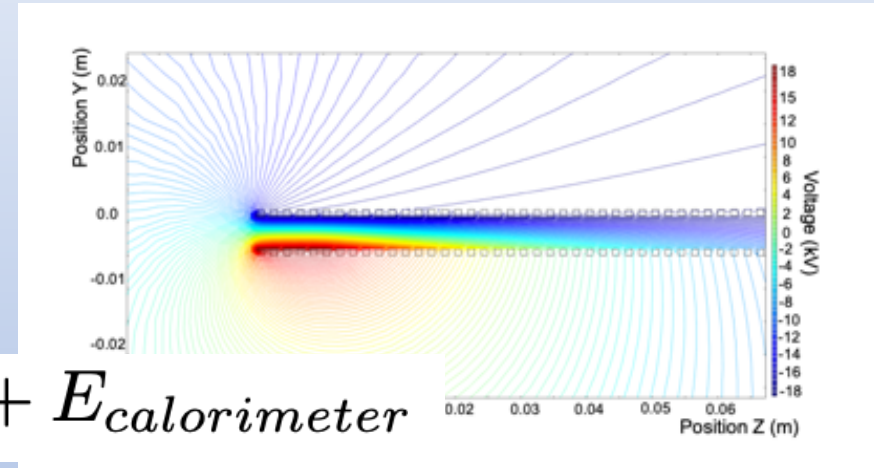
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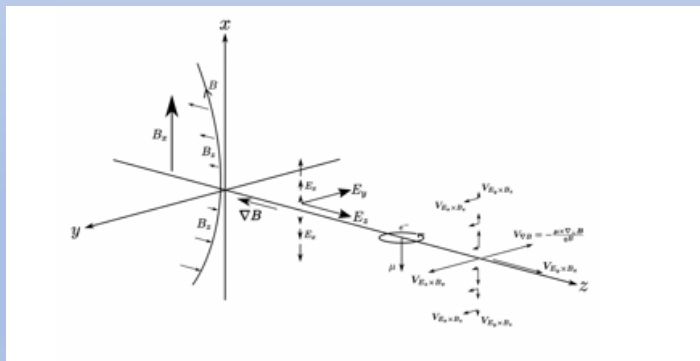
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Implementation of fundamental concepts on the PTOLEMY filter

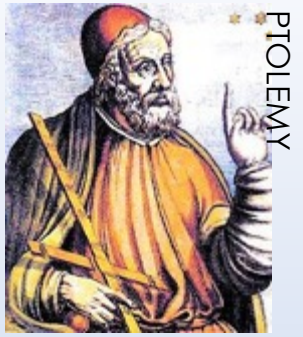
1. The electron is transported from the graphene support to the RF region
2. A preliminary estimation of the total and transverse kinetic energy is obtained.
The feasibility of this measurement was already shown by the Project8 experiment.

$$f_{\gamma} \equiv \frac{f_c}{\gamma} = \frac{eB}{2\pi\gamma m_e}$$

$$P(\gamma, \theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^4}{m_e^2 c} B^2 (\gamma^2 - 1) \sin^2 \theta.$$

3. Depending on the measured value of the transverse kinetic energy, the voltage levels in the filter are adjusted, prior to the electron entering the filter, such that for a given transverse kinetic energy, the electron drifts along a straight trajectory through the filter to within the accuracy of the initial RF measurement and in this process the transverse momentum is removed by rising up an electrostatic barrier.
4. At the exit of the filter the electron is guided into the microcalorimeter to accomplish the final energy measurement based on a differential measurement.

PTOLEMY experiment



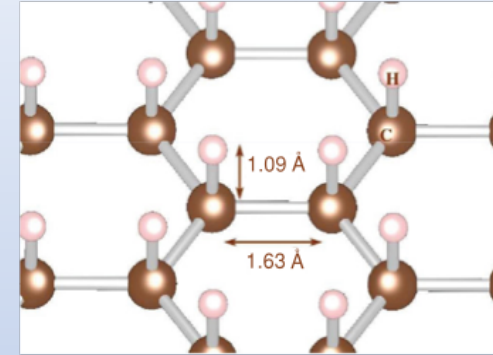
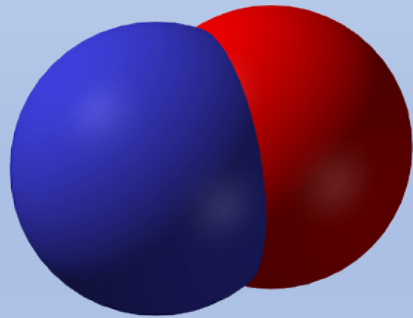
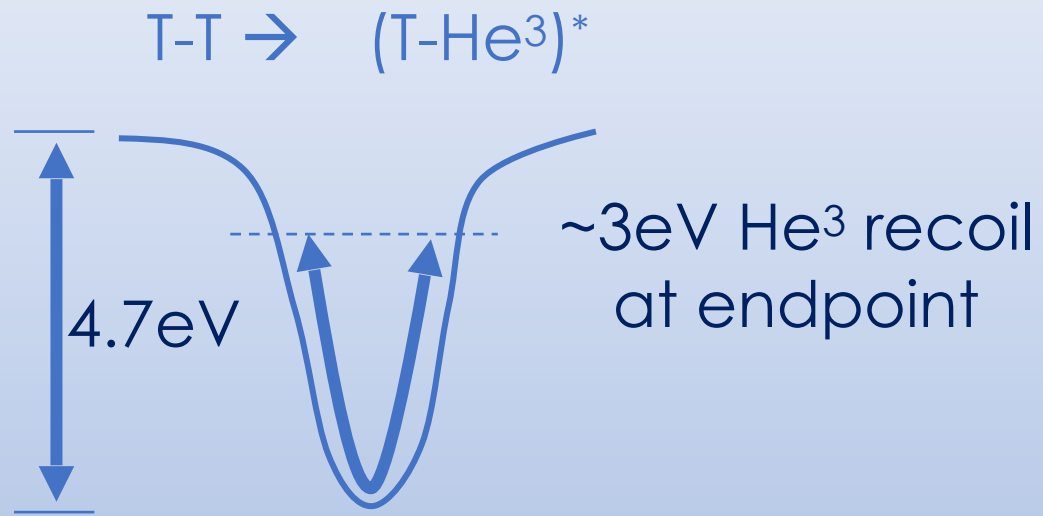
- Goal:
 1. Find evidence for CvB
 2. Accurate measurement of neutrino mass
 3. Light DM detection (not discussed in this talk)
- Key challenges:
 1. Extreme energy resolution is required
 2. Extreme background rates from the target

The Target

PTOLEMY: The source

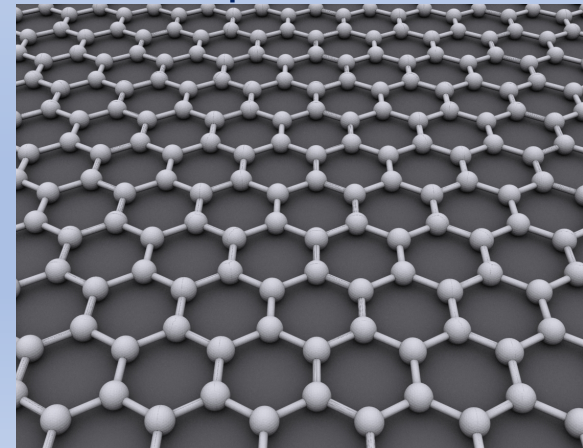
- Use **atomic T**
 - No vibrational modes in final state like for ^3He - ^3T final state.
 - Limit to energy resolution not determined by target itself

Molecular Broadening



<3eV binding energy

Graphene



Cold Plasma Loading



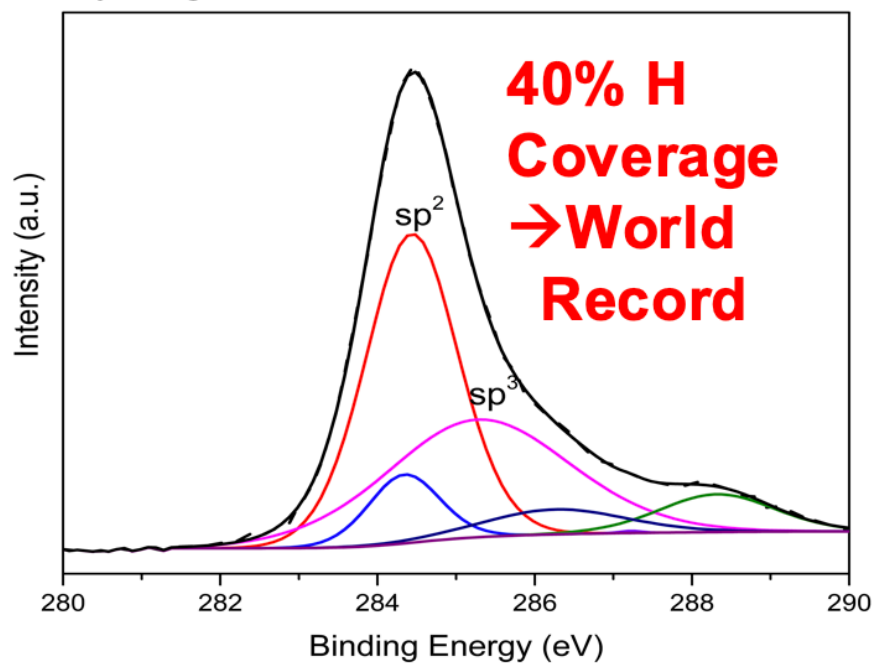
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Monolayer Graphene

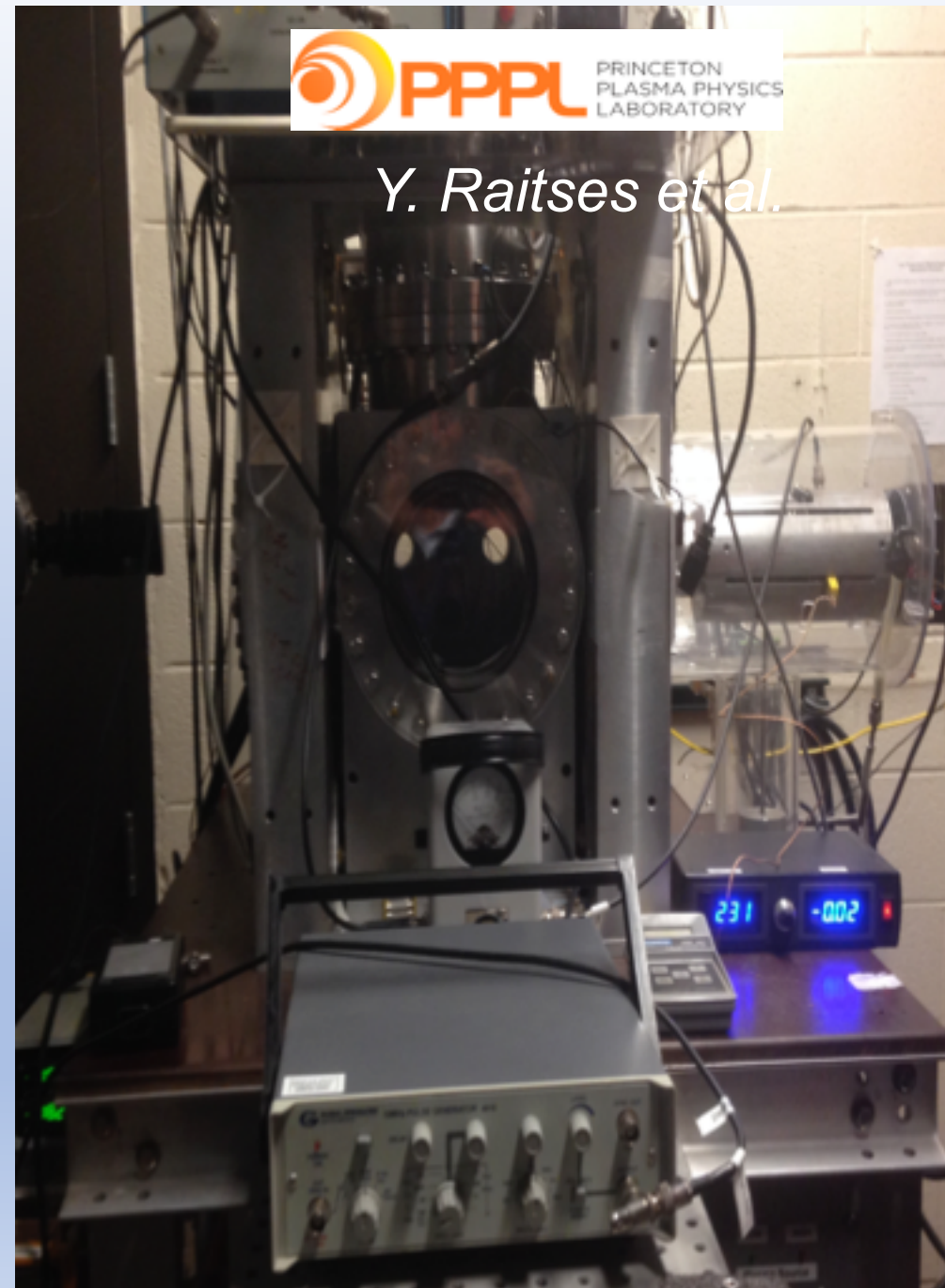
H-terminated Nanodiamond

Non-conductive Si

XPS Hydrogenation Results from Princeton



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The RF detector

Project 8 experiment

status detection of the RF from single e

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Single-Electron Detection and Spectroscopy via Relativistic Cyclotron Radiation

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The Project 8 Collaboration has constructed an experiment designed to detect cyclotron radiation from single electrons. At the heart of the experiment is a small volume hereafter referred to as the “cell,” in which a gaseous radioactive isotope is present at low pressure. In a uniform magnetic field (1T), electrons from decays inside the cell emit cyclotron radiation. The cell consists of a section of rectangular waveguide sized to capture and transmit the microwave radiation to the input of a low-noise radiofrequency receiver (LowNoiseFactory amplifier) and digitizer. The radioactive isotope ^{83m}Kr is a gamma-emitting isomer of ⁸³Kr with a half-life of 1.8 h, in which internal conversion produces monoenergetic electron lines with kinetic energies of 17 830.0(5), 30 227(1), 30 424(1), 30

The gain of this amplifier cascade is 54 dB, making the noise contribution from the components following these amplifiers negligible. The frequency band of interest (from 25 to 27 GHz) is mixed down with a local 24.2 GHz oscillator to a center frequency of 1.8 GHz. A second mixer with a variable local oscillator frequency combines with a low-pass filter to select a frequency sub-band of 125 MHz for narrow-band signal analysis. Signals are digitized at 250 mega-samples per second with a free-running 8-bit digitizer and recorded to disk.

Project8 experiment (II)

status detection of the RF from single e

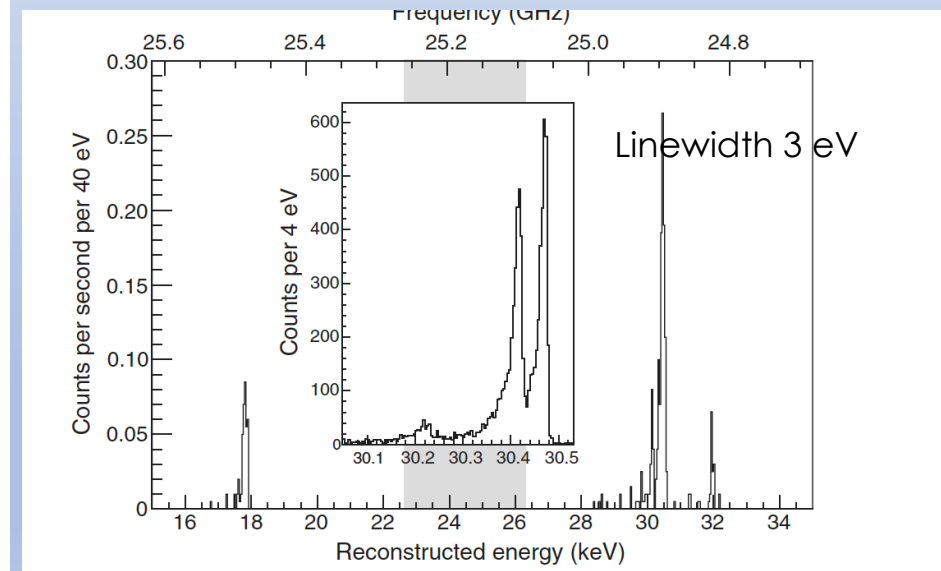
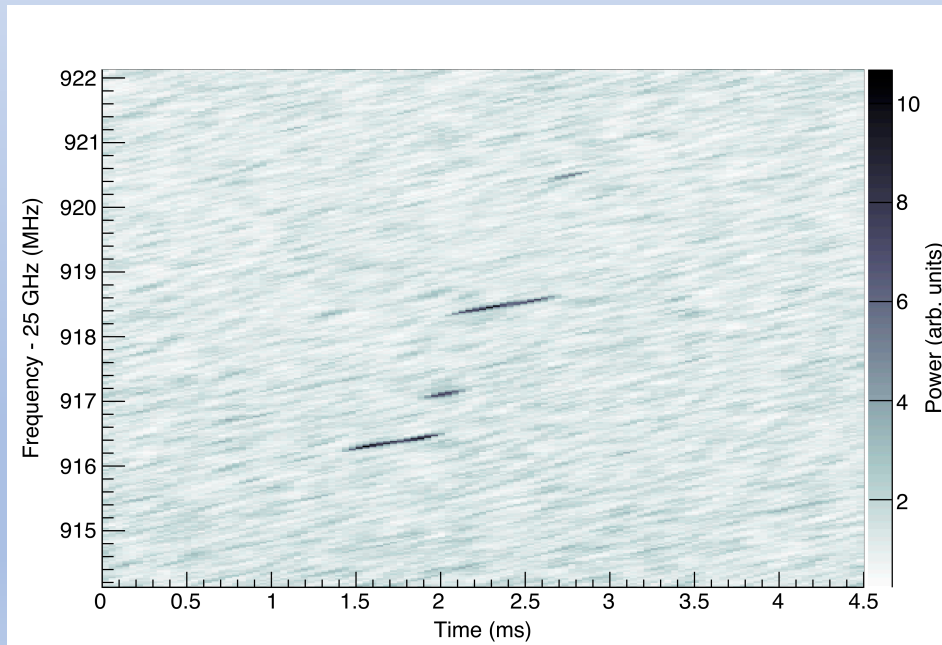
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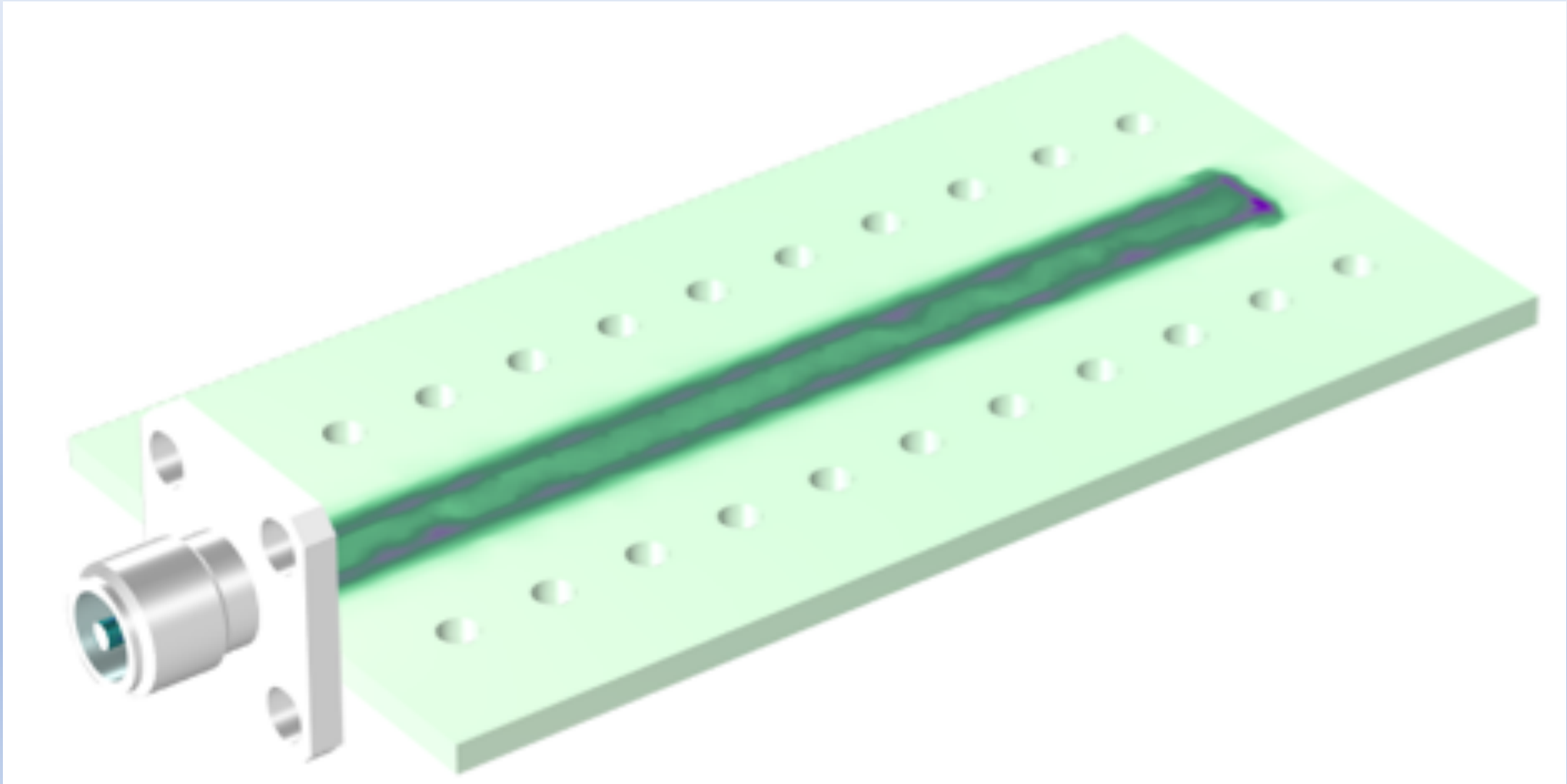
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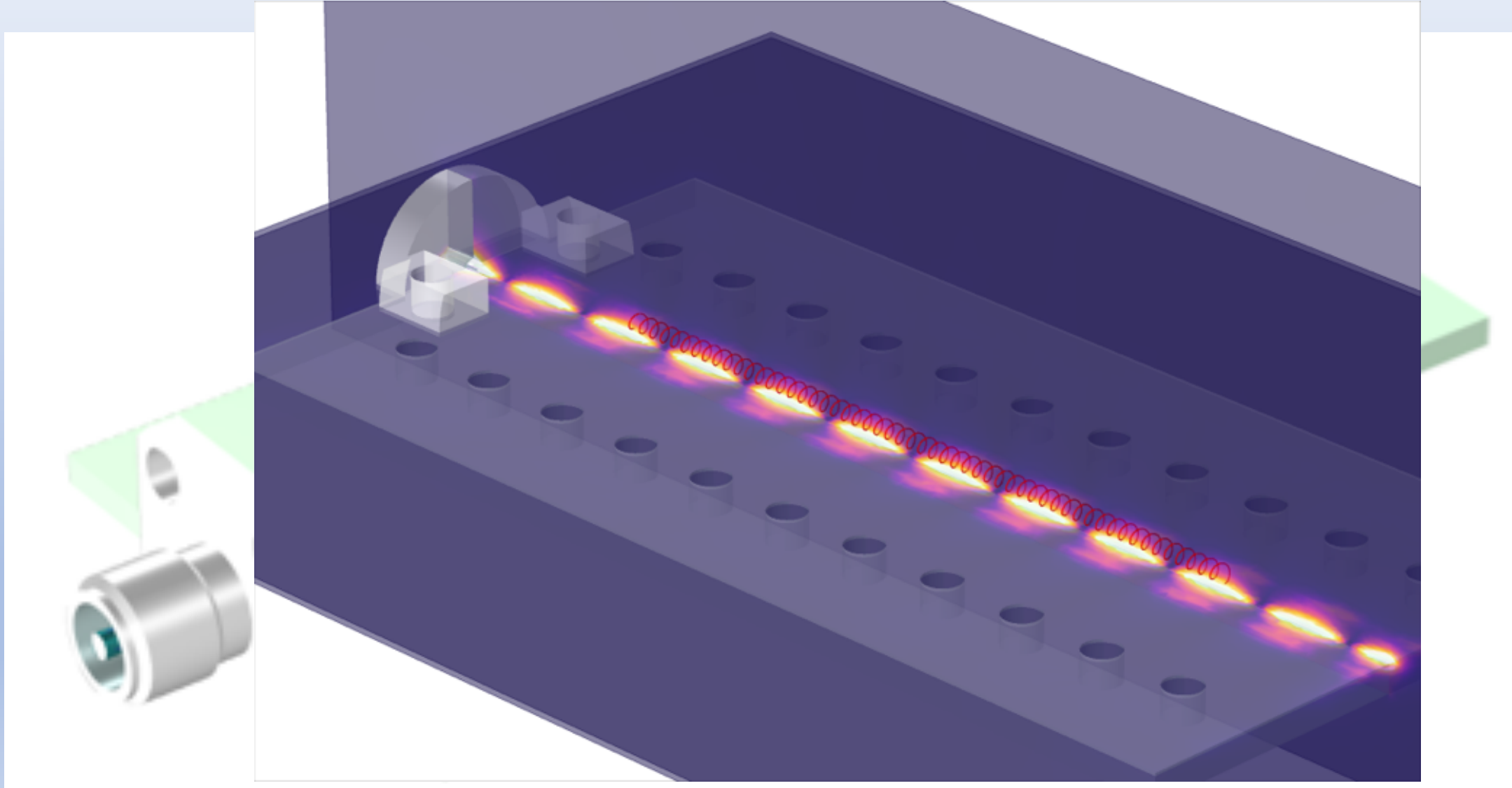
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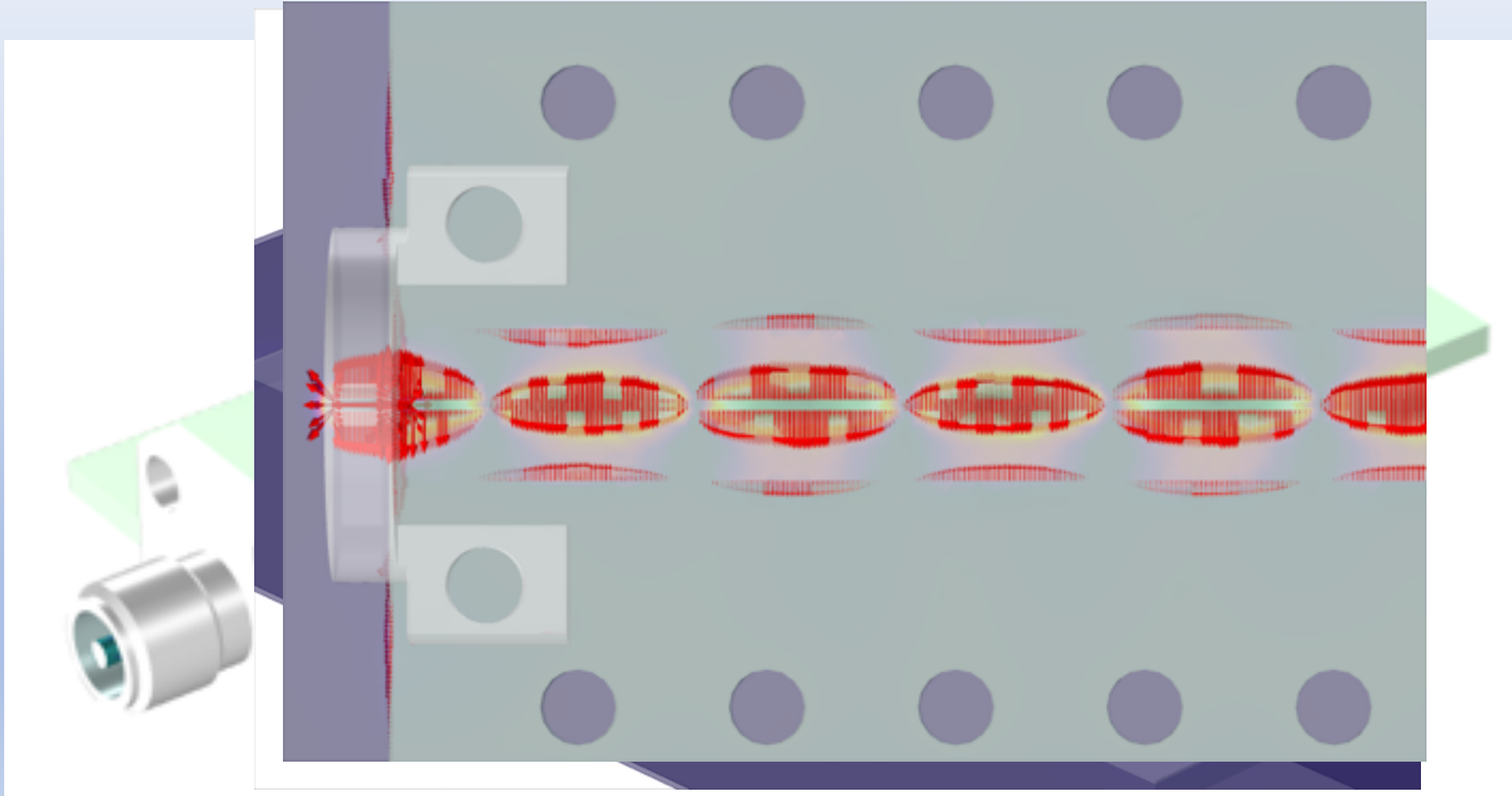
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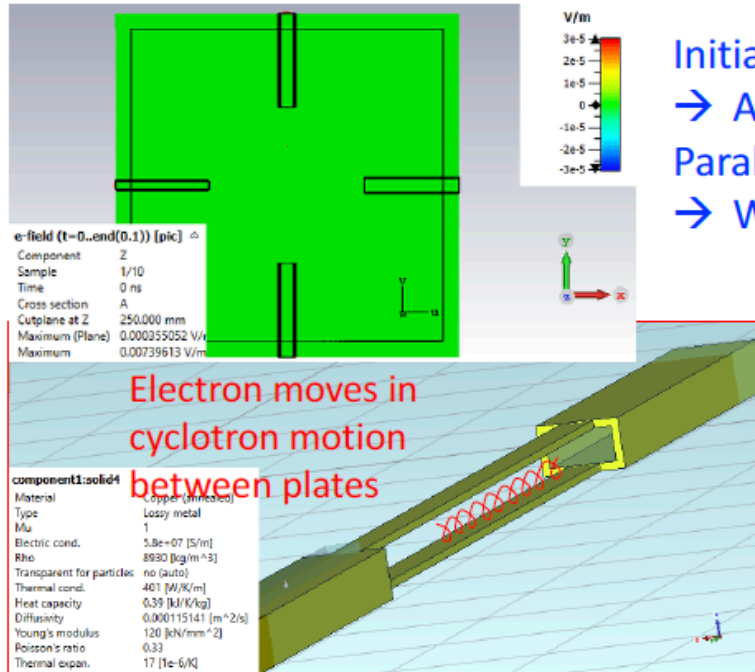
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Dynamical simulation of RF signal



Electron moves in cyclotron motion between plates

Initial calculations using CST RF modeling tools:
 → Antenna configured to transition from Parallel Plate Waveguide to Rectangular Waveguide
 → Working on FPGA-accelerated parameter fitting

$$P_{\text{signal}} \sim 0.1 \text{ fW}$$

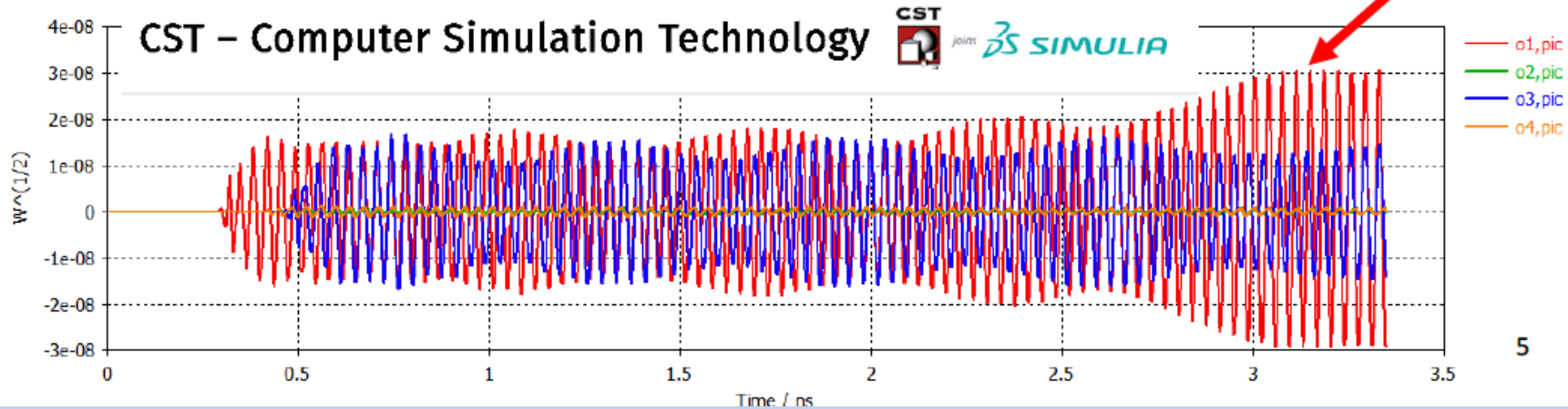
$$T_{\text{LNA}} \sim 6\text{K}$$

Dicke Radiometer eqn.

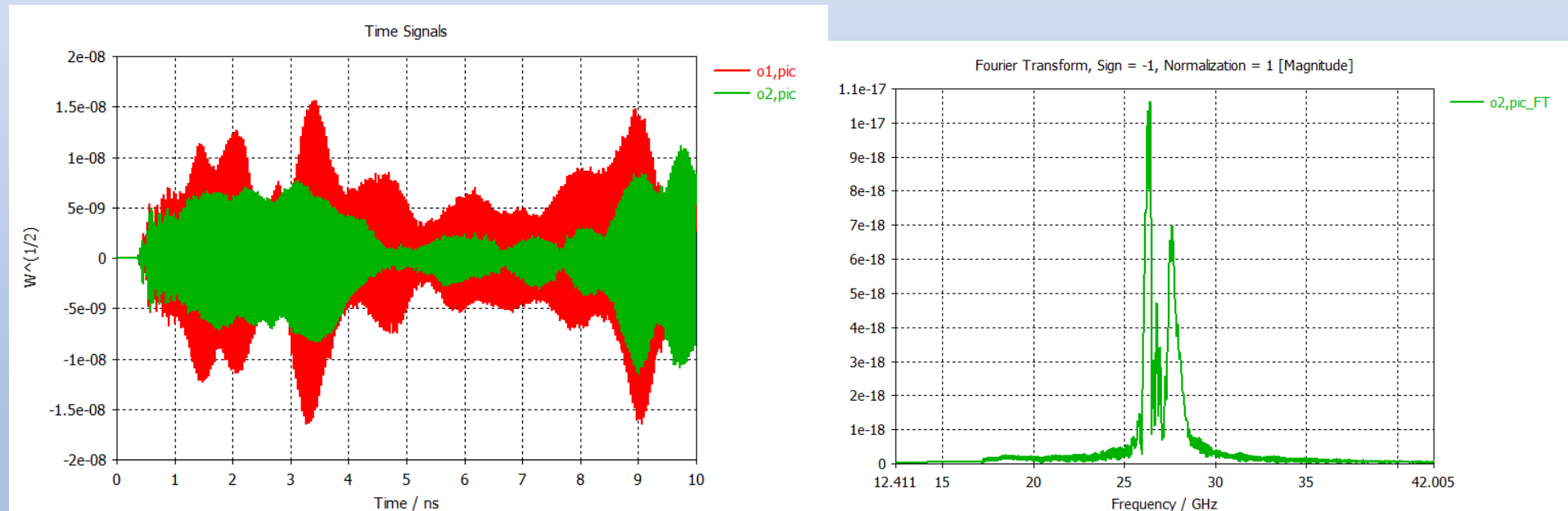
→ SNR ~ 10 for 10^{-5}s

Normalization to Project 8

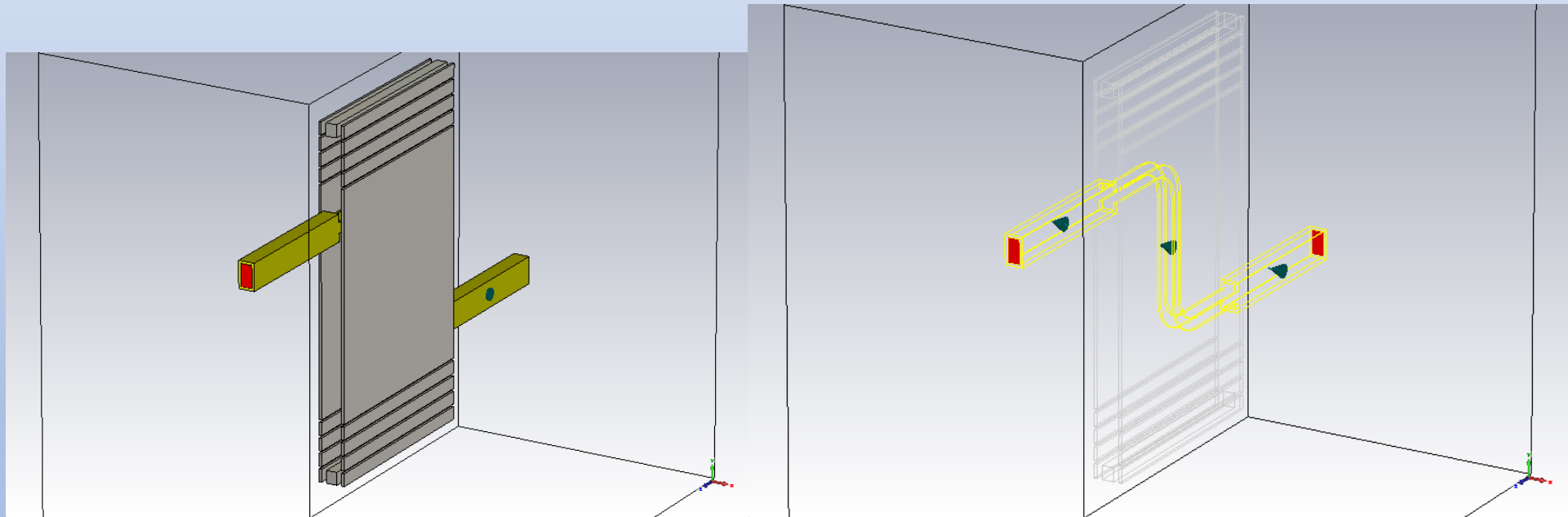
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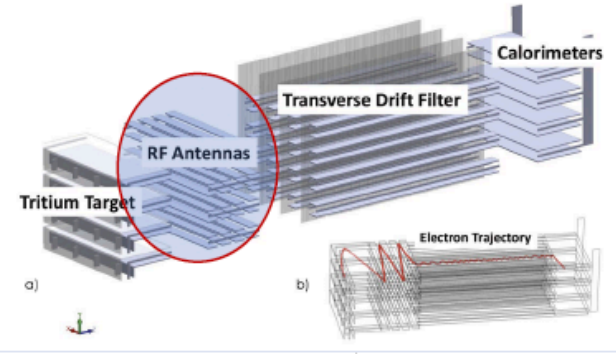
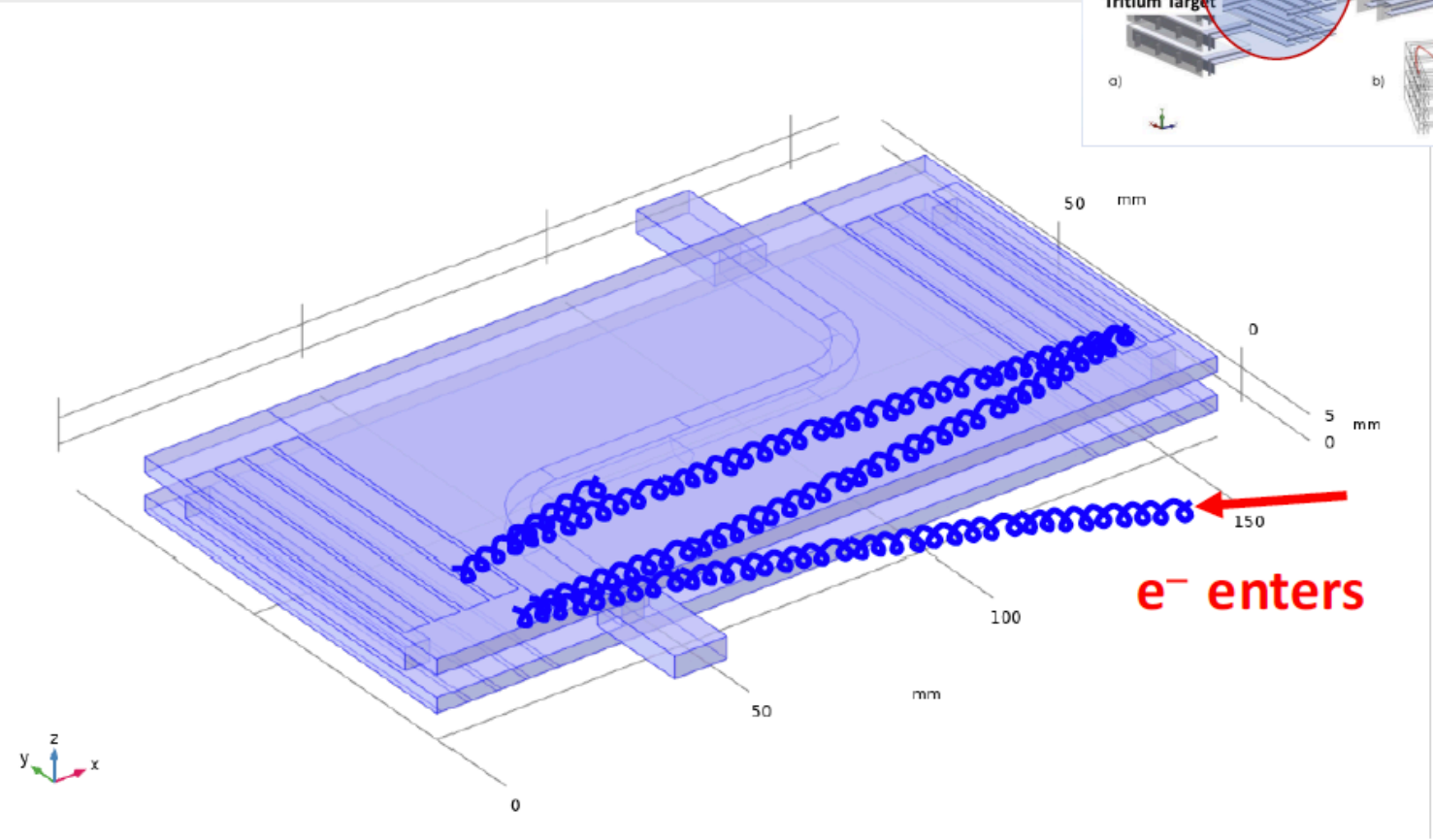
RF signal simulation



Test different Antennas geometry



RF Tracking System



RF detection

two different approaches

Reference number:

An electron with 18.6 keV transverse energy
in 1 T field radiate 7.3 meV/ μ s (1.2 fW) at 27 GHz

Two Possible approaches

1. Detect RF signal fast enough: 0.5 μ s and study its features. In this time frame the energy lost is negligible.

Consequences

Fast witch of voltage setting.
Discrete sets of ntuple-V values?
No critical. This will affect only
The electron transfer function.

$$E=q(V_{\text{anode}}-V_{\text{target}})+E_{\text{cal}}$$

2. Exploit multiple deflections and correct for it. The RF signal will tell us how many reflections the e had and so the trajectory.

Consequences

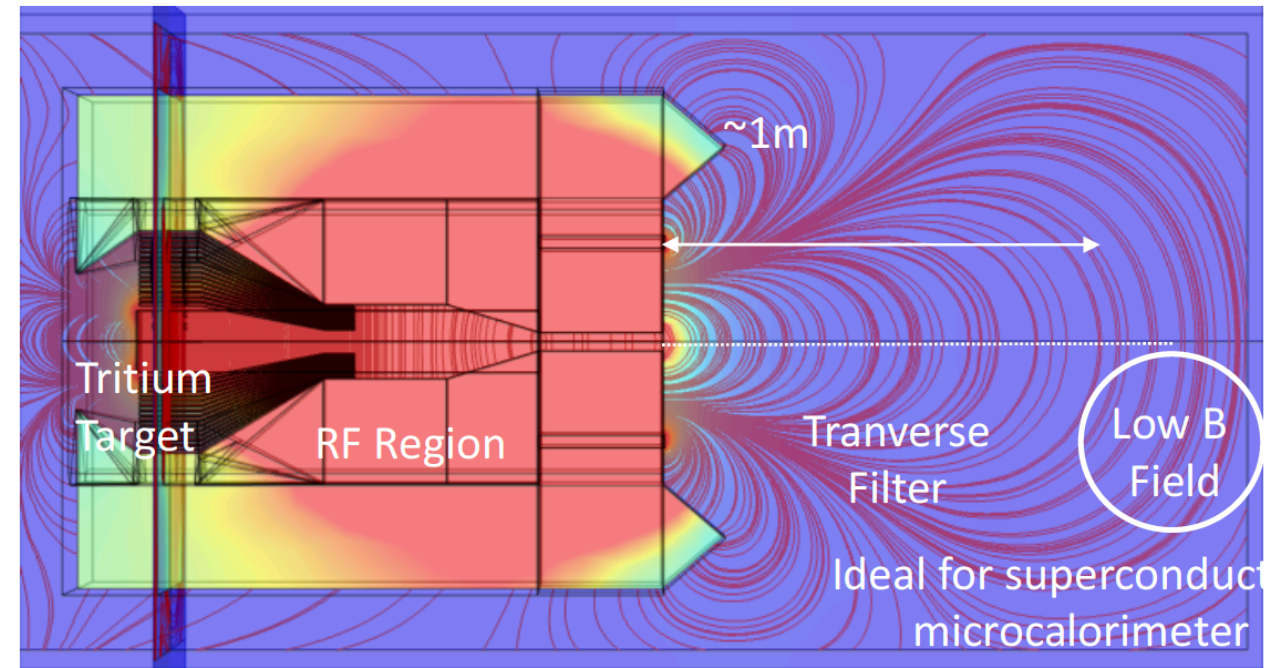
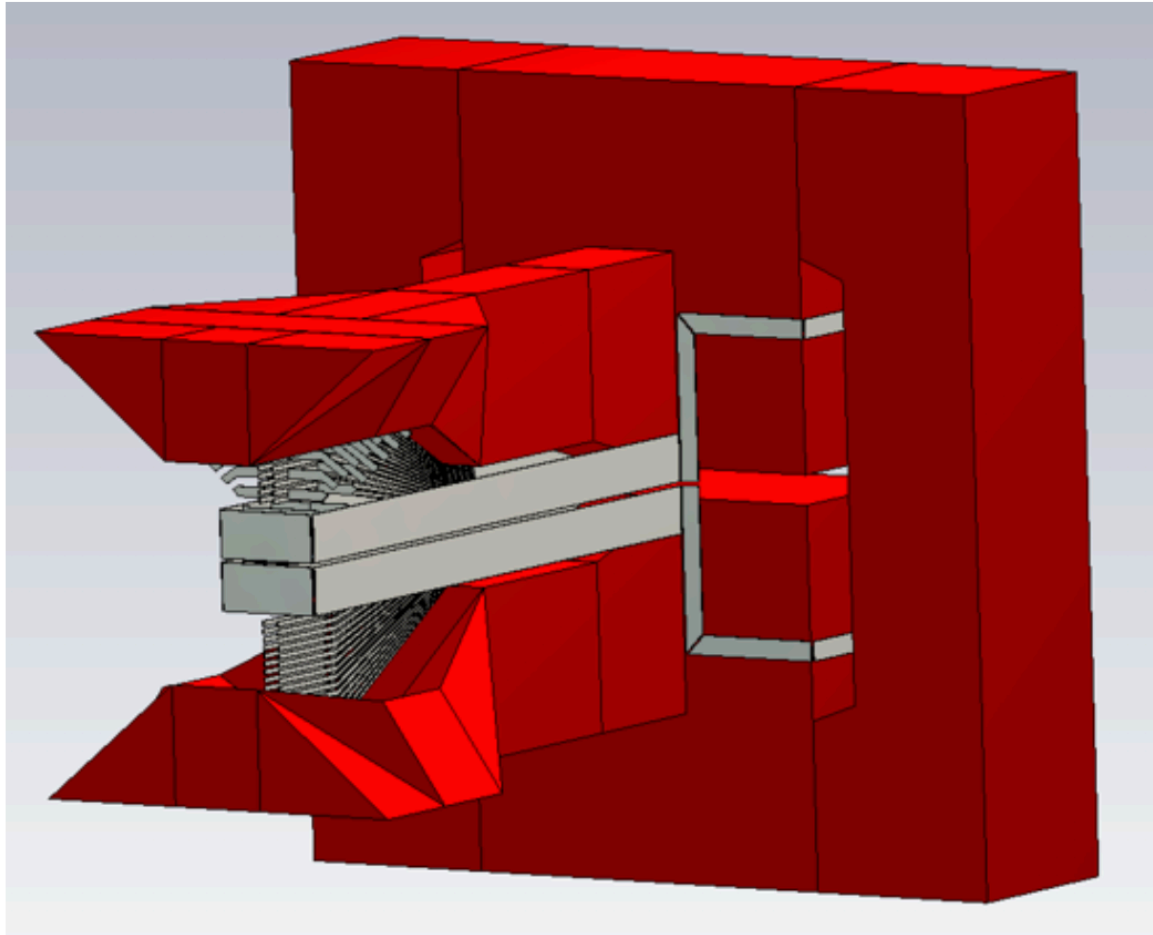
Possible systematic effect on total
Energy measurement

$$E=q(V_{\text{anode}}-V_{\text{target}})+E_{\text{cal}}+\text{RF}_{\text{correction}}$$

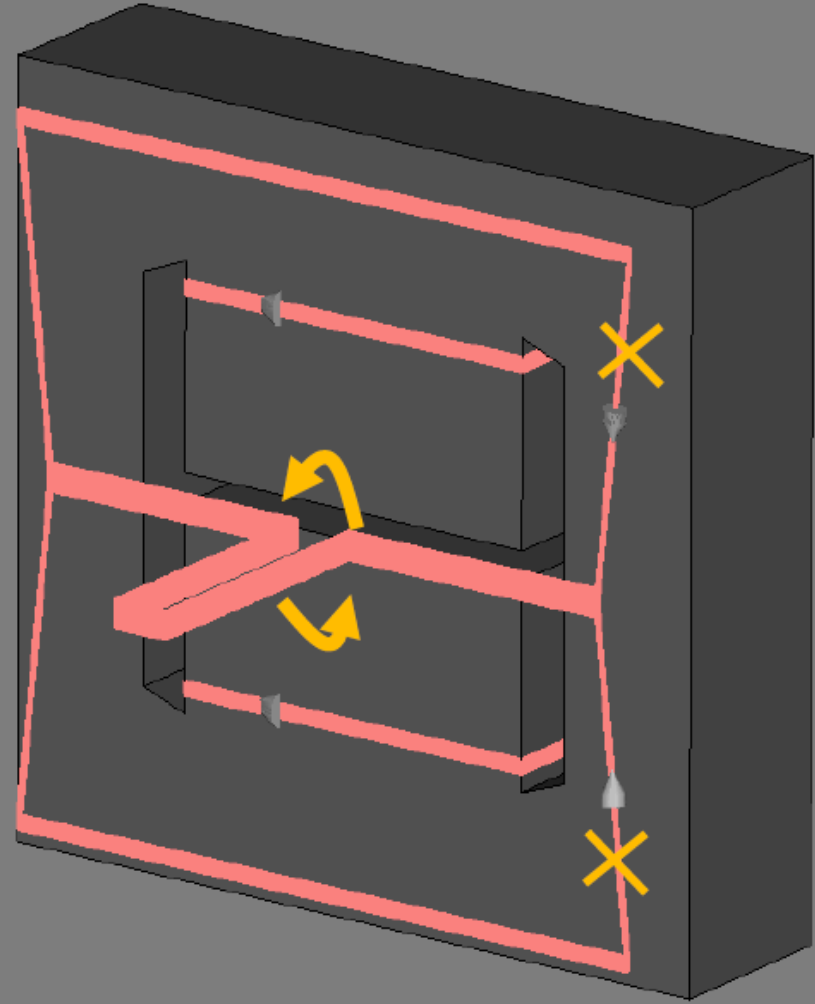
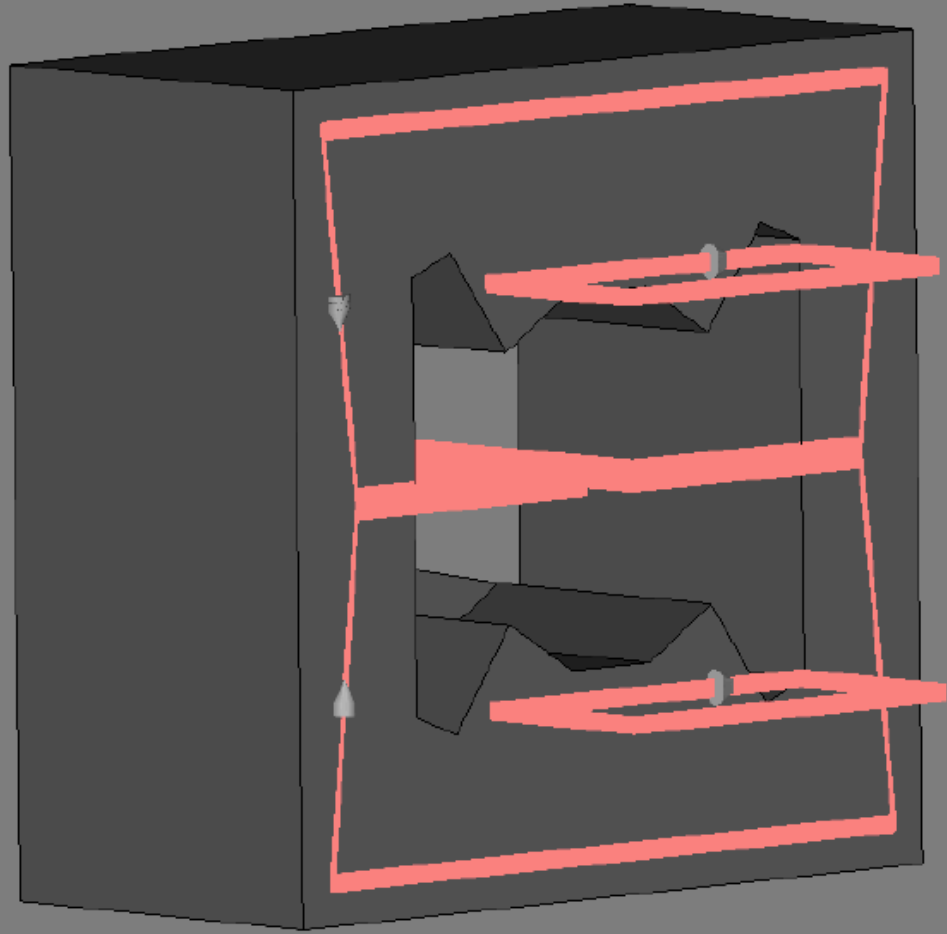
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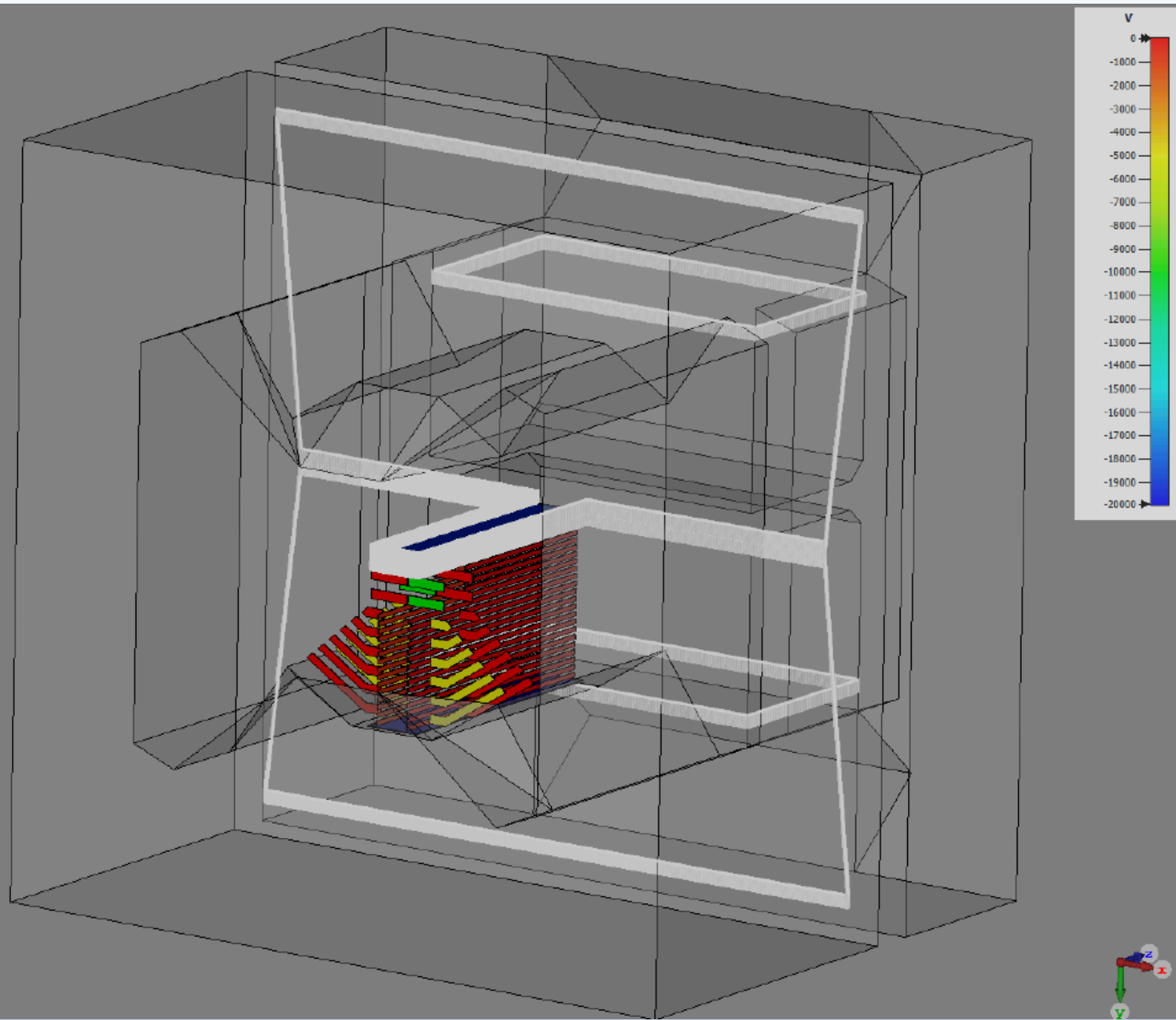
Magnet geometry under study

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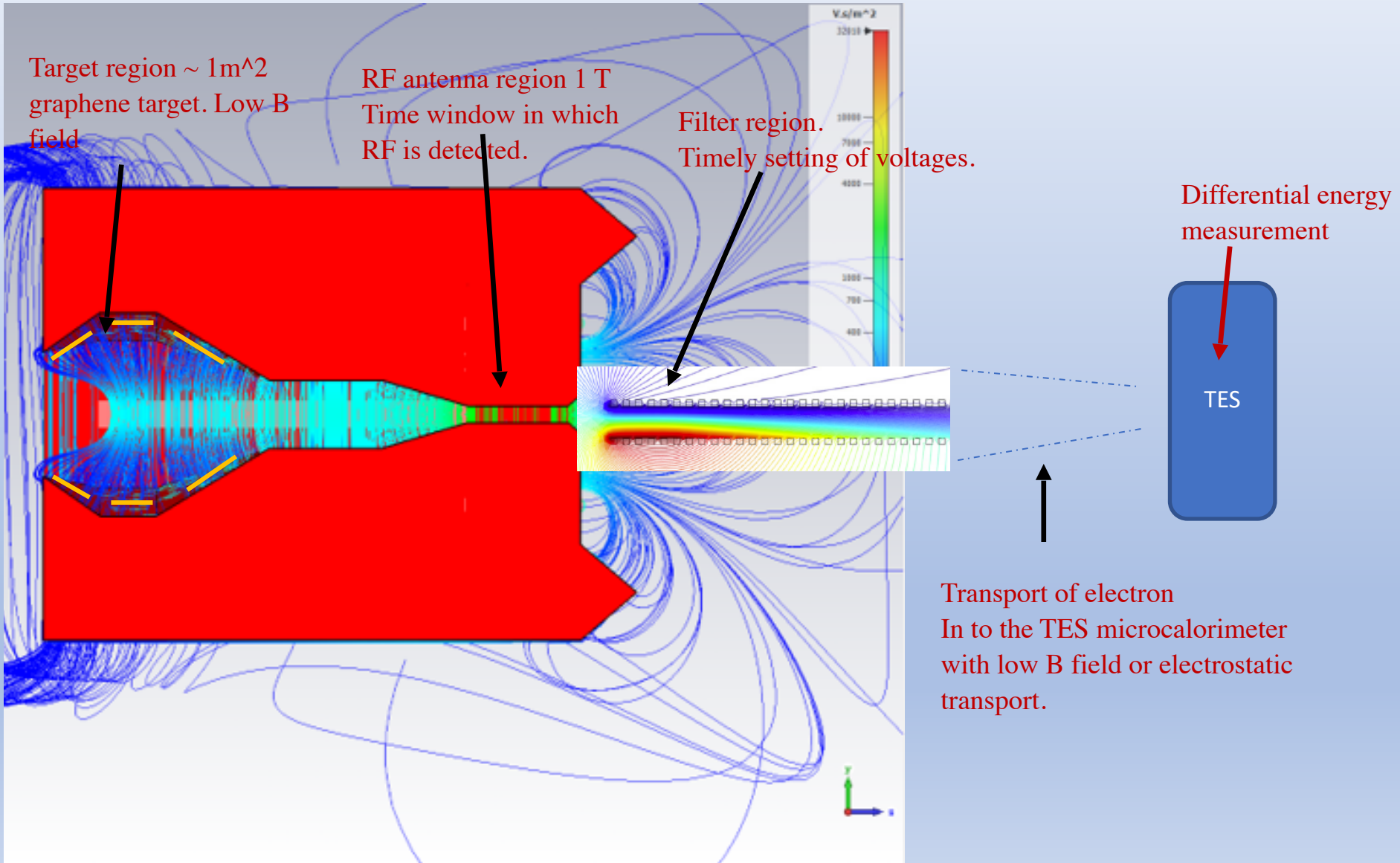
Still working on coil placement (alternative coil path)



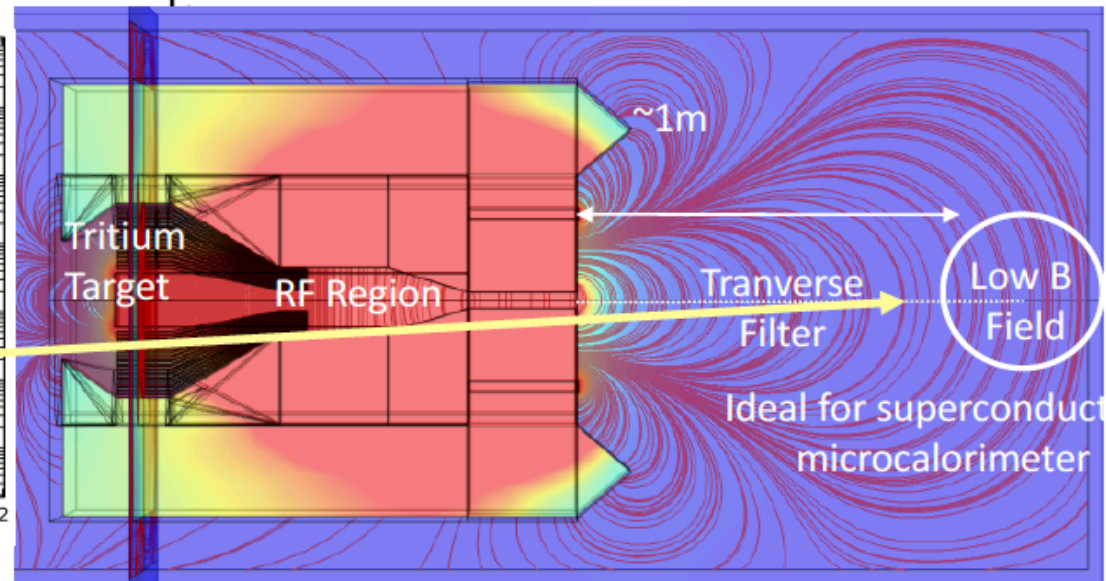
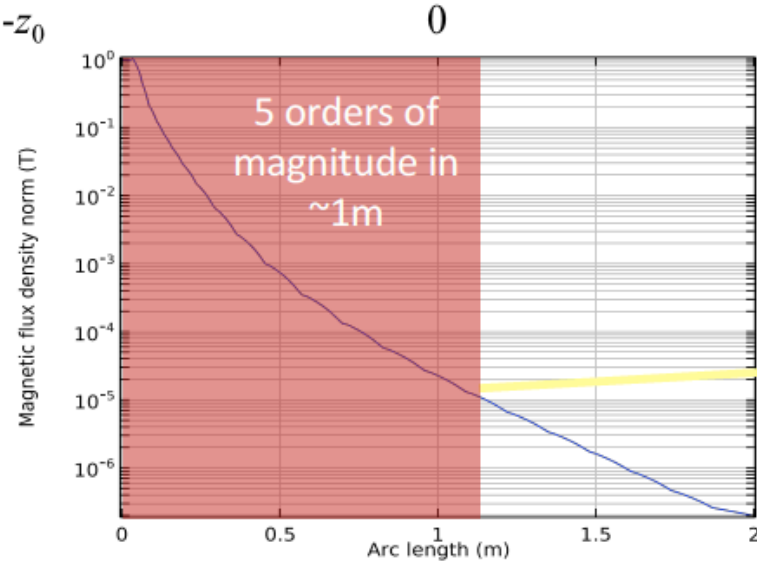
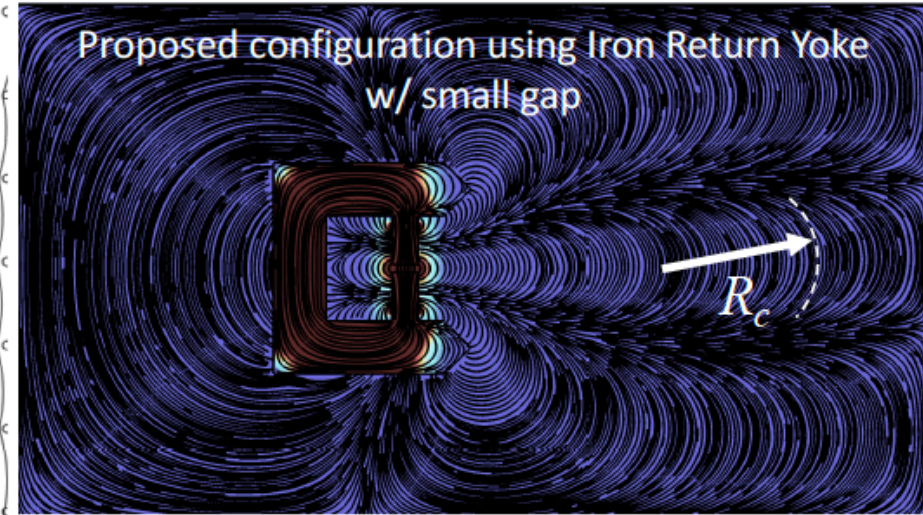
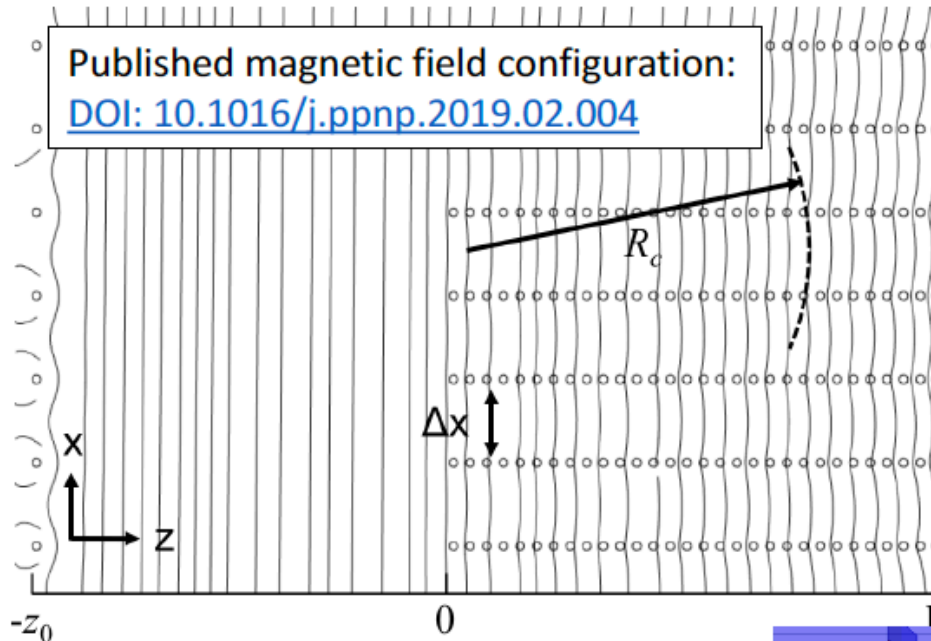


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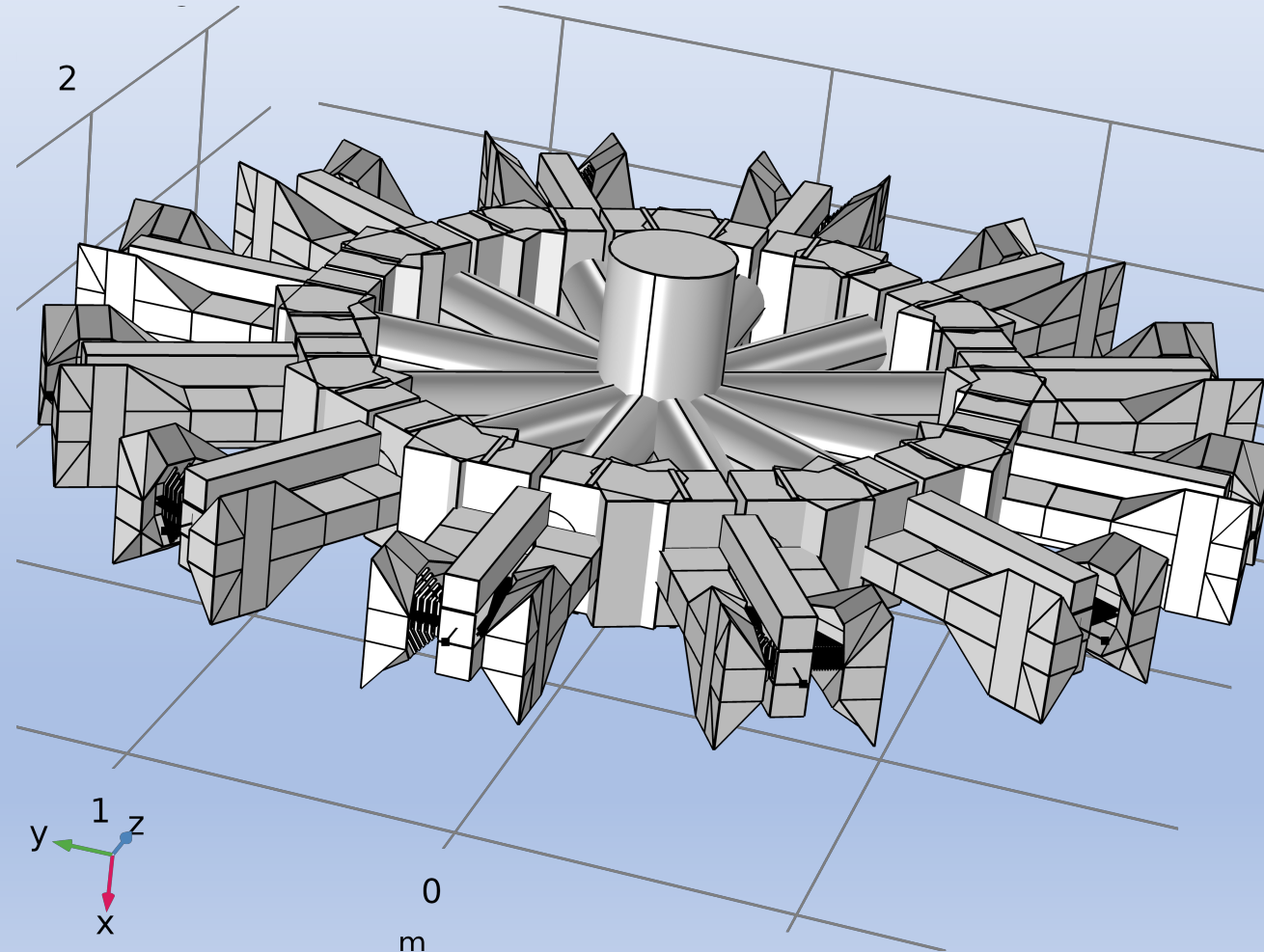


Magnetic Field for Transverse Drift



Possible multiple channels geometry

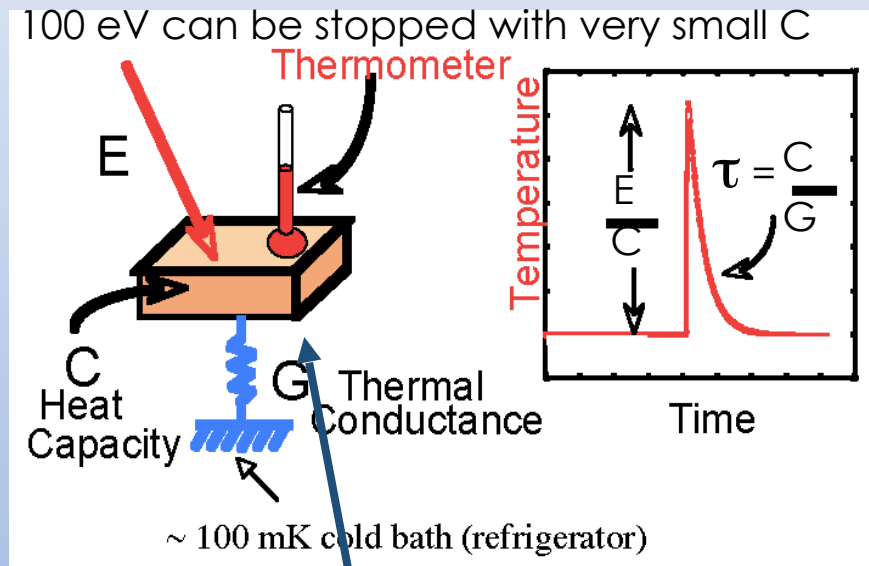
$\sim 1 \text{ m}^2$ of graphene per module with 0.2 mg of T (full loading) x 12 modules $\sim 2 \text{ mg}$ of T



The μ Calorimeter

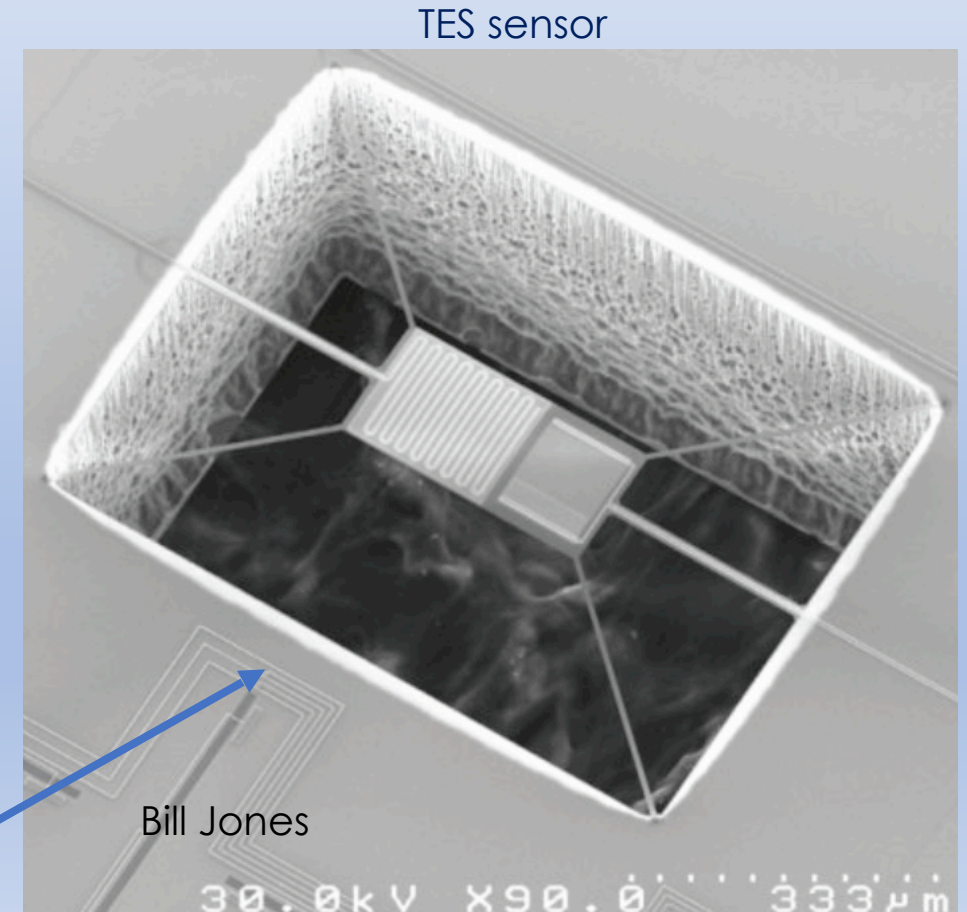
Calorimetric measurement based on Transition Edges Sensors technology

Resolution of $\sim 0.55\text{eV}$ at 1keV and $\sim 0.15\text{eV}$ at 0.1keV operating at $70\text{-}100\text{mK}$
under investigation (Clarence Chang ANL, Moseley et. al. GSFC/NASA)



100 eV electron can be stopped in a very small absorber absorber i.e. small C

SPIDER island TES example

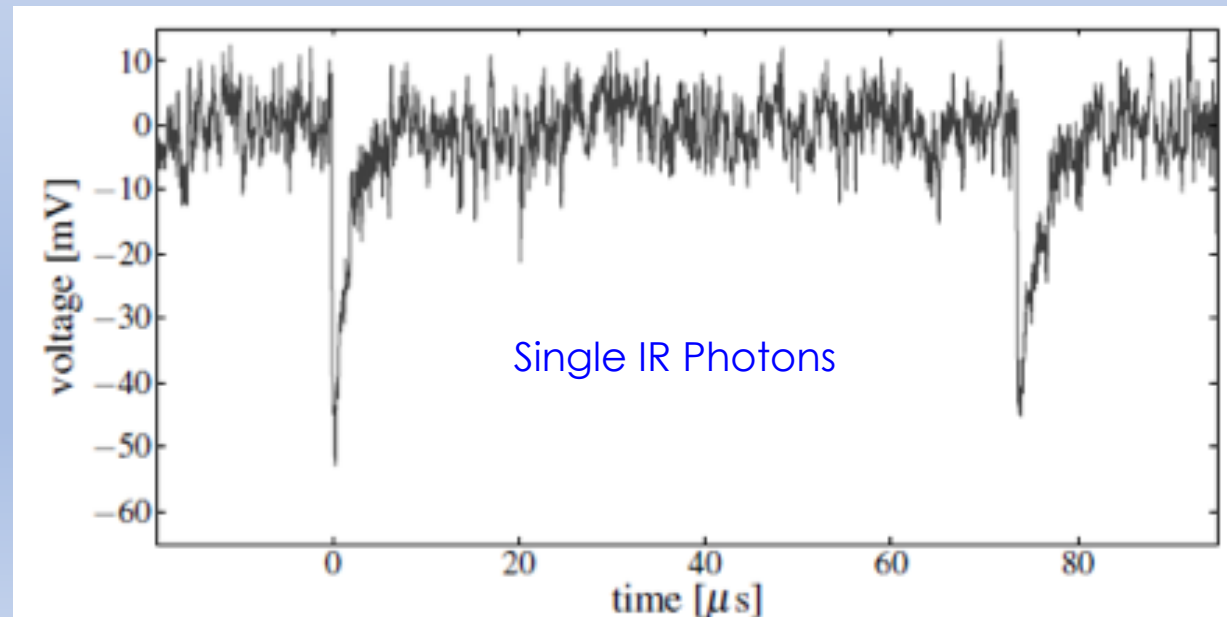


Microcal Energy Resolution

- Pushing down microcal resolution – $0.15\text{eV}@100\text{eV}$ ($\sim 100\text{mK}$) no longer the focus
 - Most TES work is headed toward extremely low heat capacitance (absorber thickness $\sim 15\mu\text{m} \rightarrow 10\text{nm}$ for $\sim 10\text{eV}$ electron)
 - $0.05\text{eV}@10\text{eV}$ (and further linear improvements from pushing down to 50mK)

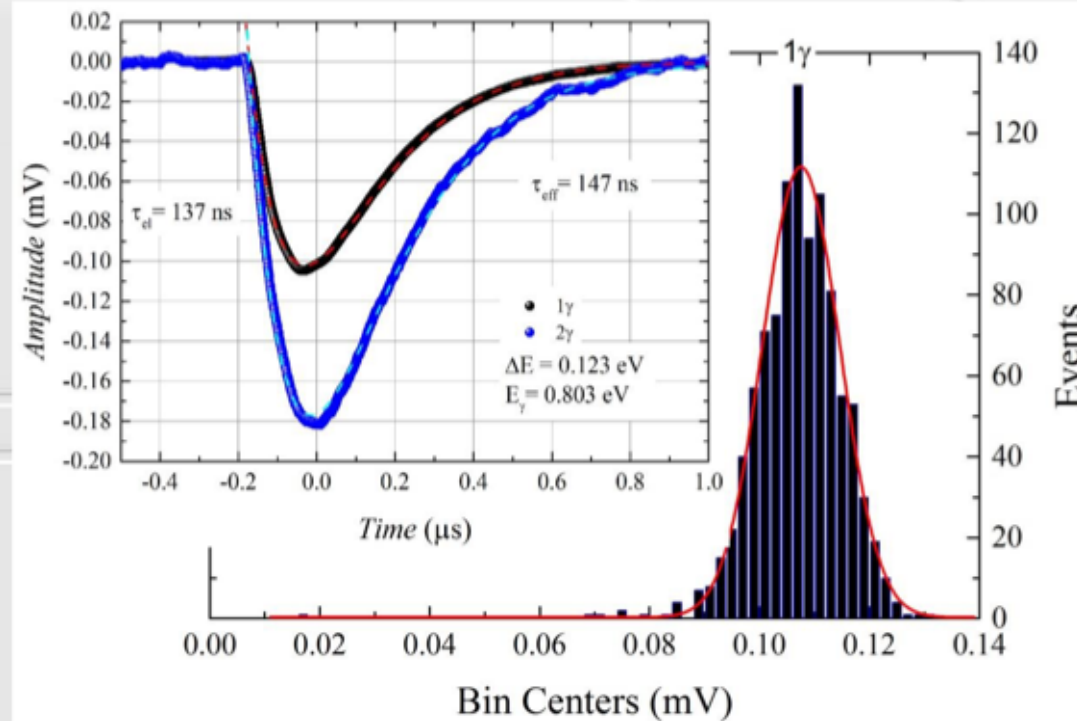
Example:

IR TES cameras also very active ($\sim 0.3\text{eV}$ resolution achieved at 0.8eV for single IR photons)



Microcal for IR Photons

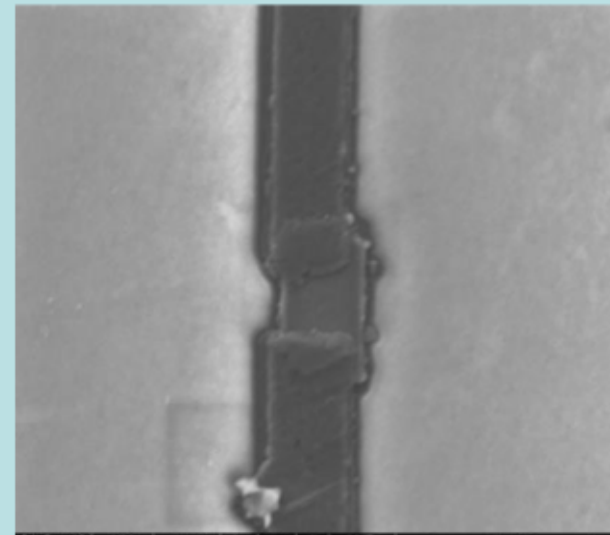
IR TES achieve 0.12 eV resolution at 0.8 eV for



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

$$\sigma_E = 0.05 \text{ eV}$$

$1 \mu\text{m} \times 1 \mu\text{m}$

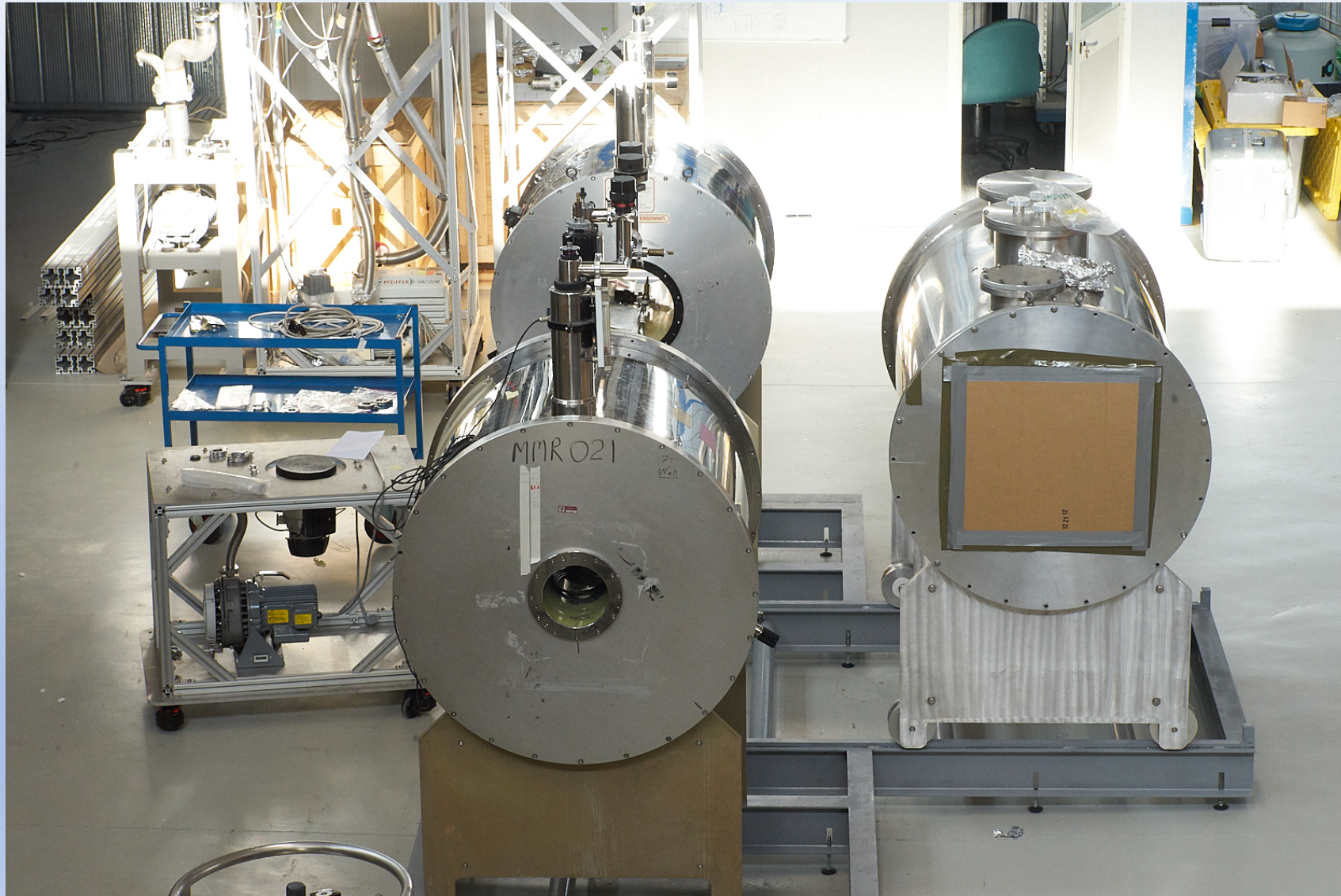
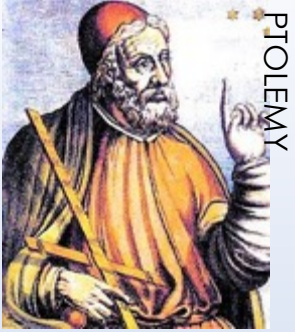


21-Oct-13 HV mag det spot tilt WD
10:31:16 3.00 kV 40 000 x ETD 3.0 -0° 10.3 mm inspect F - NanoFacility Piemonte

$$\tau_{\text{etf}} = 147 \text{ ns}$$
$$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 0.12 \text{ eV}$$
$$@ 1545 \text{ nm}$$

The LNGS laboratory

Experimental site at LNGS

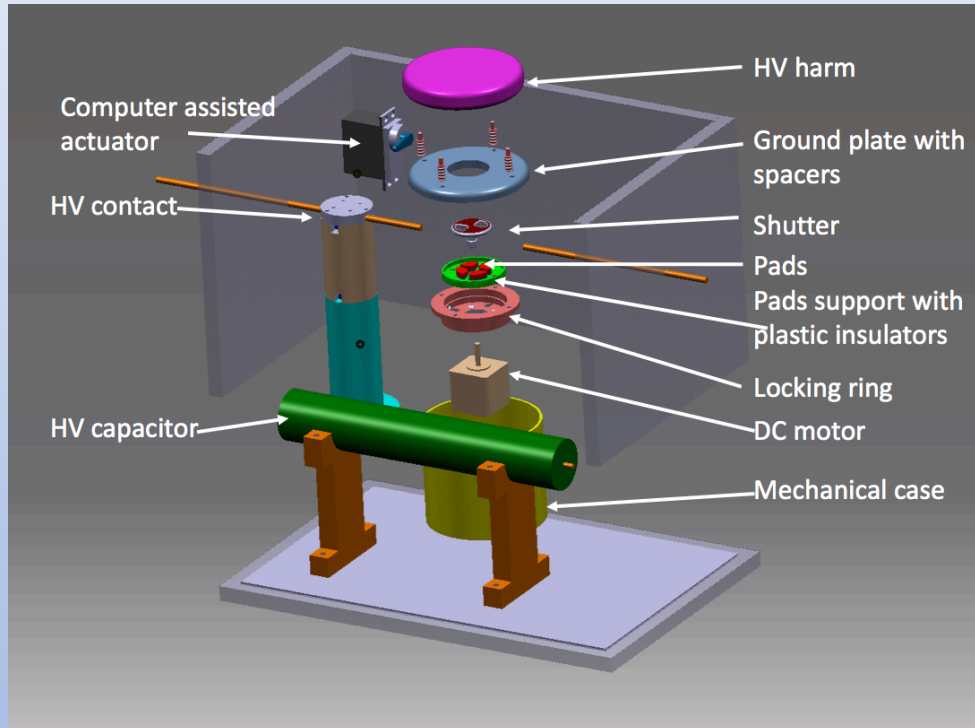


Voltage generation with extreme stability

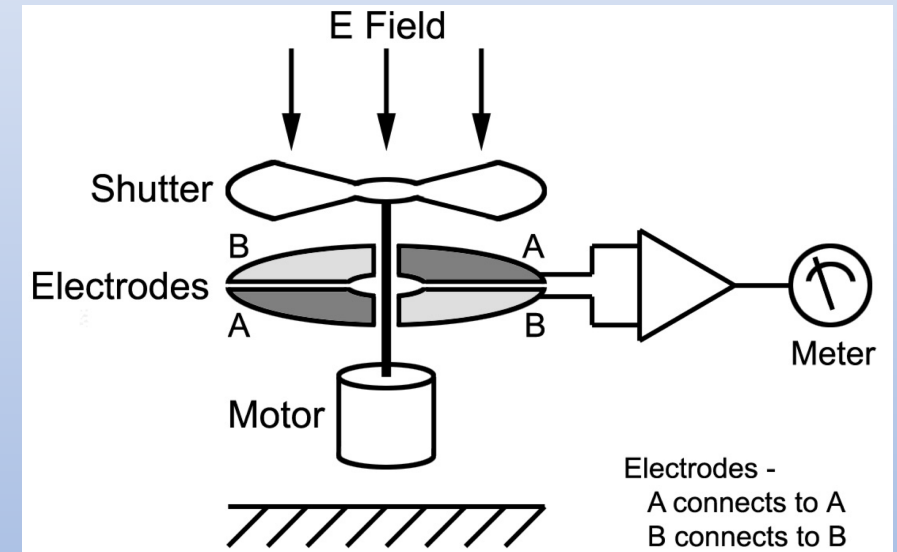
Required by energy scale requirement

LNGS R&D activities

Exploded view of the HV-HS system

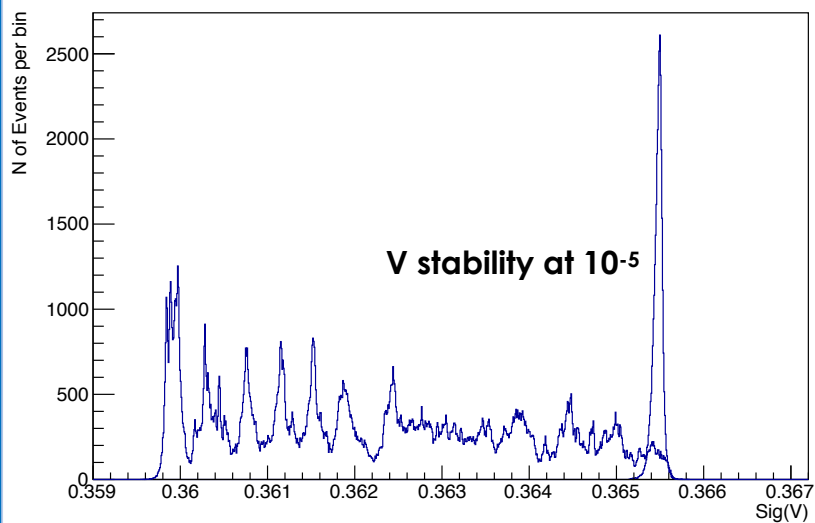
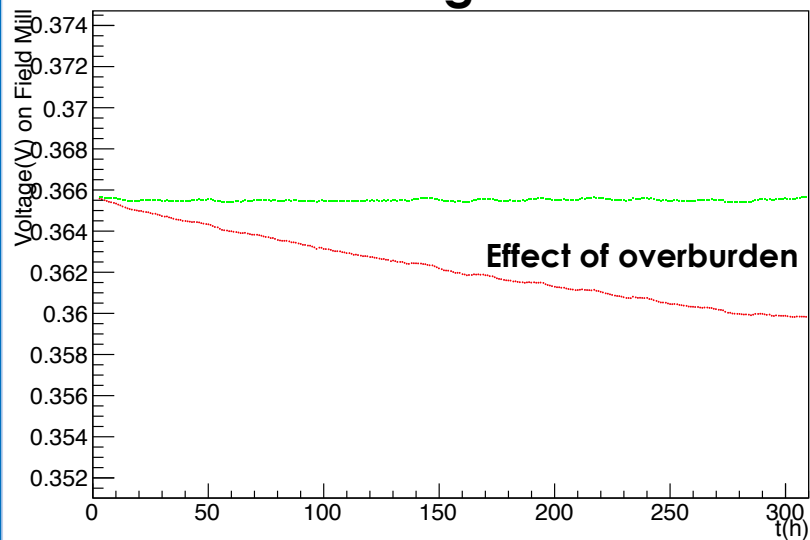


Field Mill concept

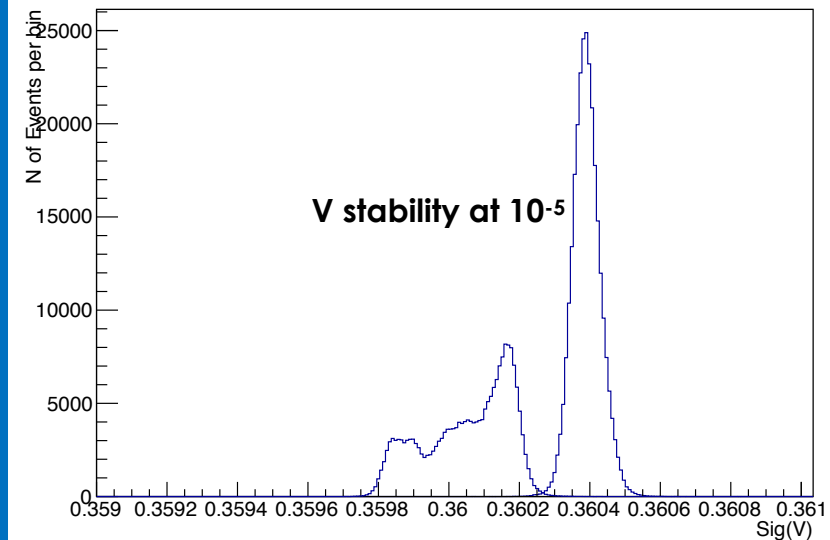
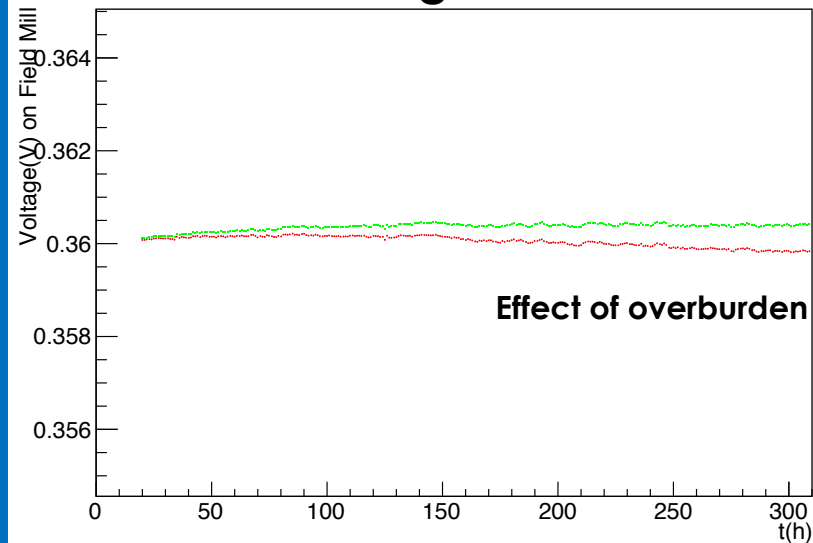


Preliminary data

Above ground

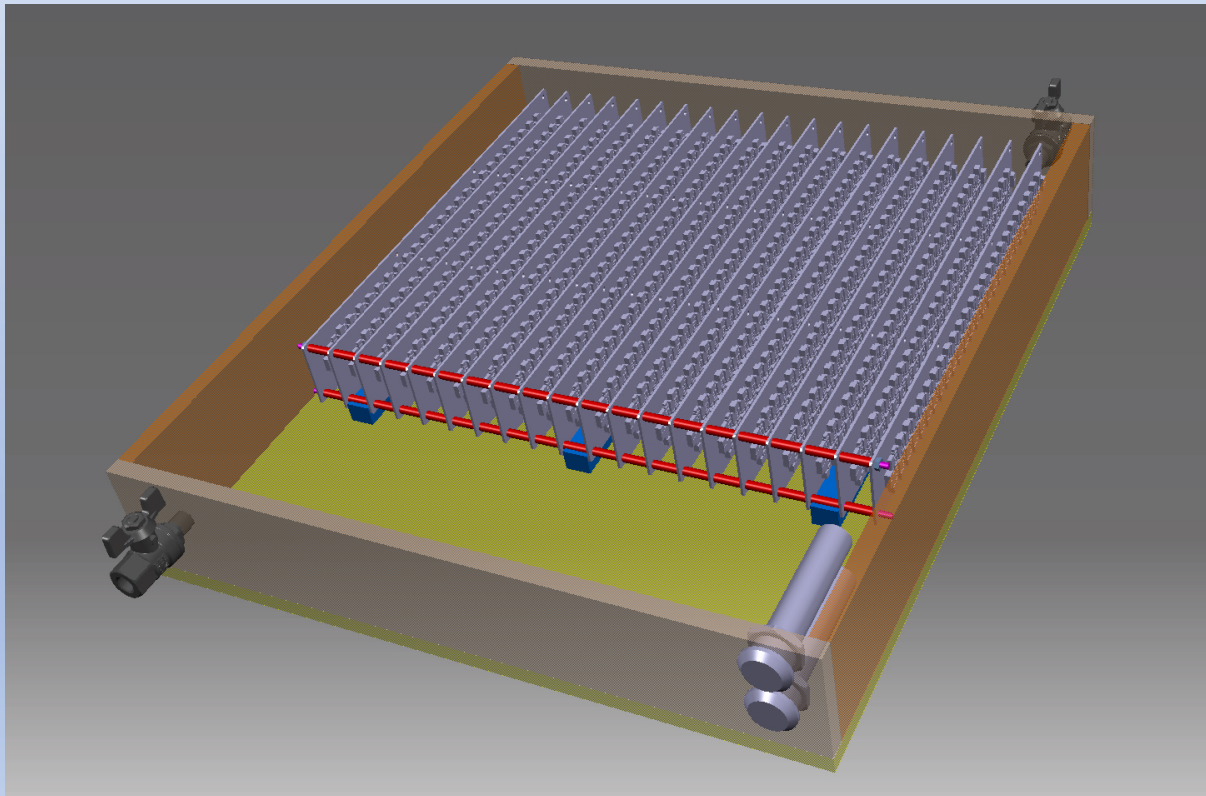


Unground

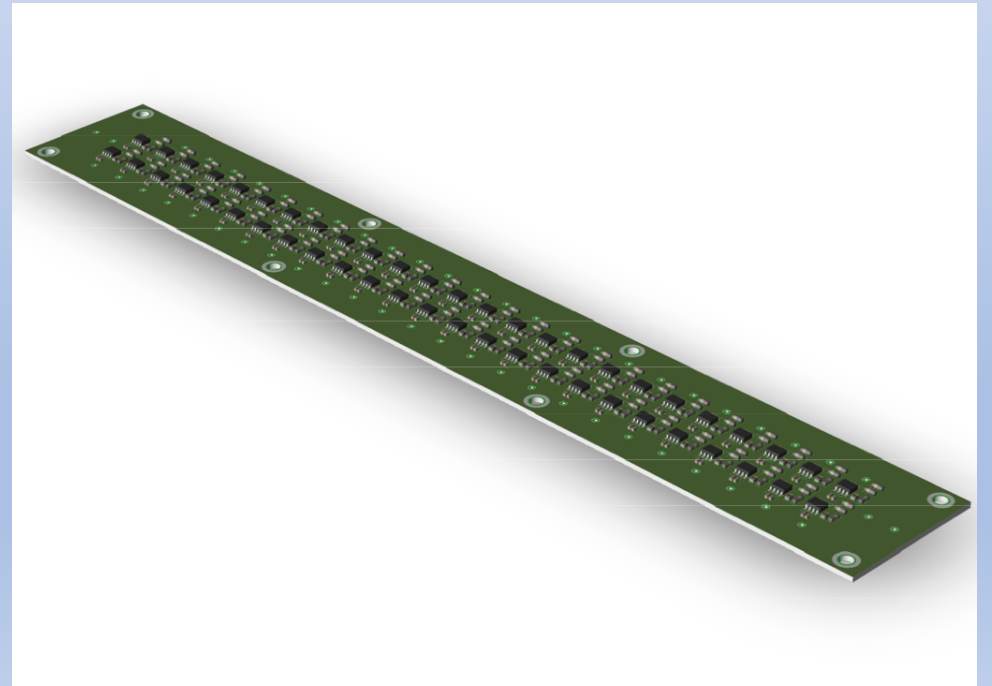


Voltage Generation with High Stability

20 boards able to generate 20 kV. The output can be any voltage from 0 to 20kV with step of 40 V



Circuit based on REF5010 from Texas Instrument. The stability aimed at is $\sim 10^{-6}$ at 20 kV. The Russian National Institute of Metrology achieved a similar results.



e⁻ source with energy definition <0.5 eV

PhD work of K. Rozwadowska

E-gun at LNGS

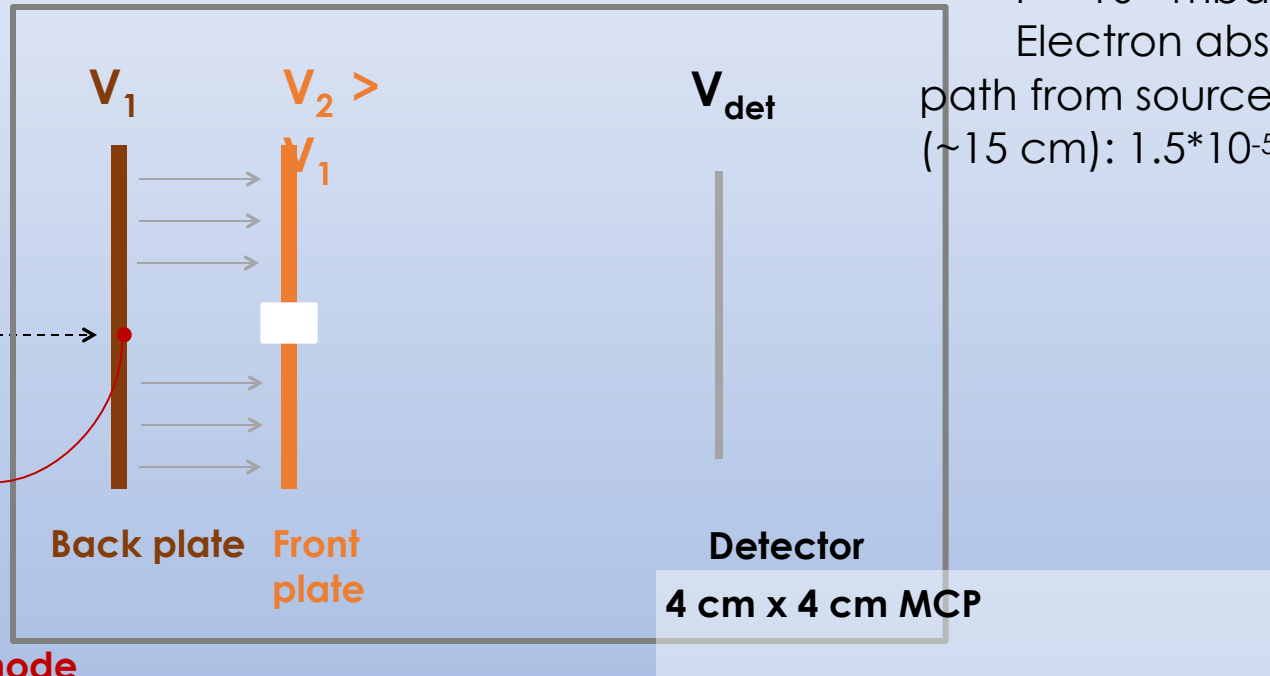
Design idea as developed by
KATRIN

Vacuum chamber

$P \approx 10^{-6}$ mbar

Electron absorption on the
path from source to detector
(~15 cm): $1.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$

UV pulsed source
 $\lambda = 245$ nm (5.06 eV)



Back-illuminated photocathode
20 nm Au

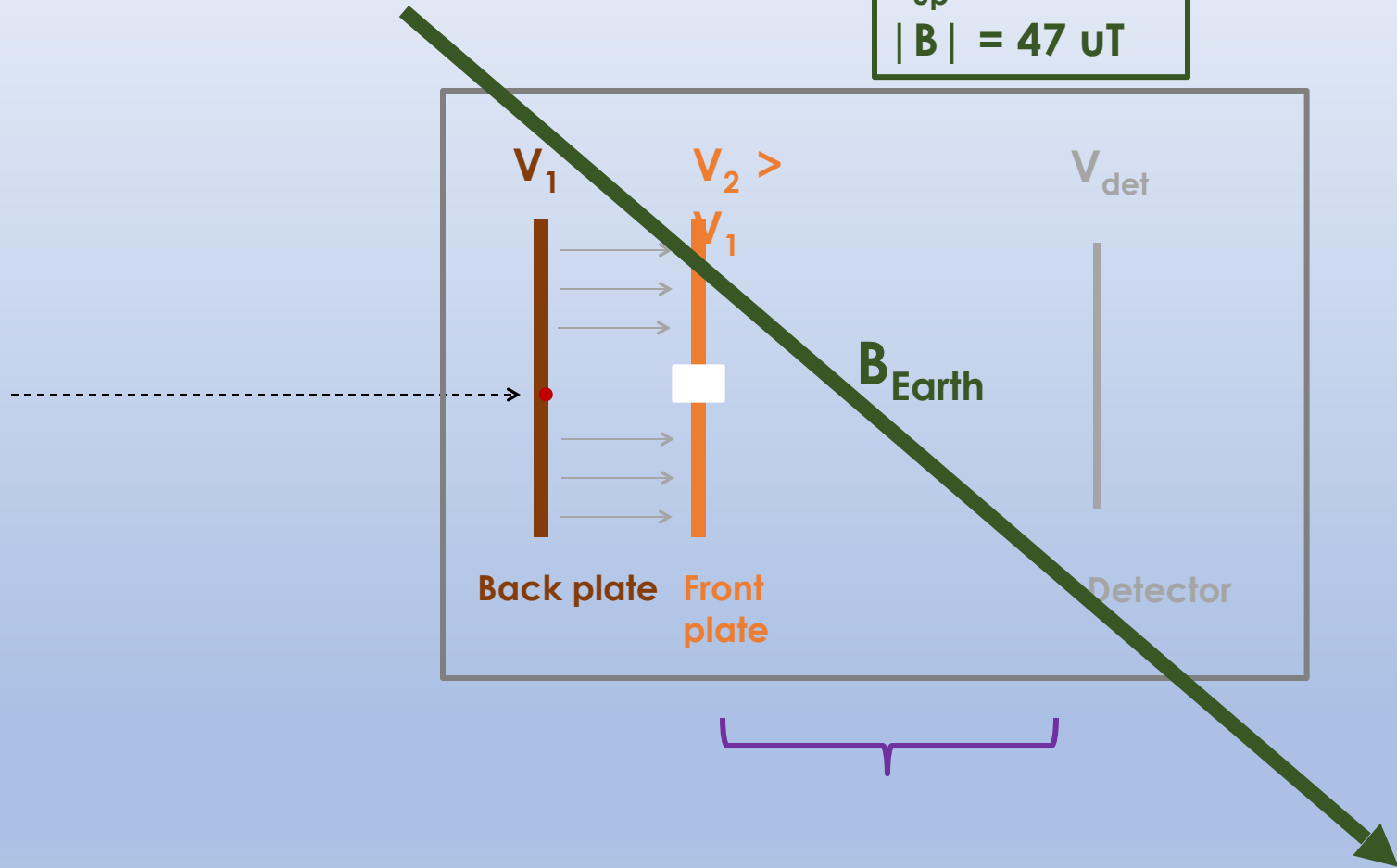
$W_{Au} = 5.1 \pm 0.1$ eV [doi:10.1103/PhysRevB.2.1]

$W_{Au} = 3.78 \pm 0.04$ eV
measured by KATRIN with 20 nm Au at 300 K
[doi: 10.1140/epic/s10052-017-4972-9]

Electrostatic focusing
system may be
introduced

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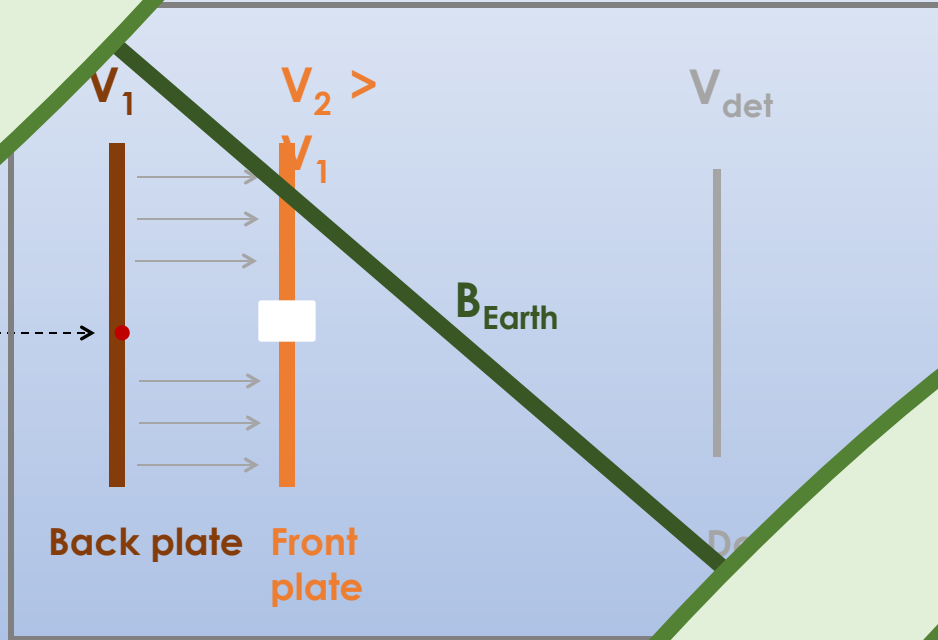
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Design idea as discussed by KATRIN

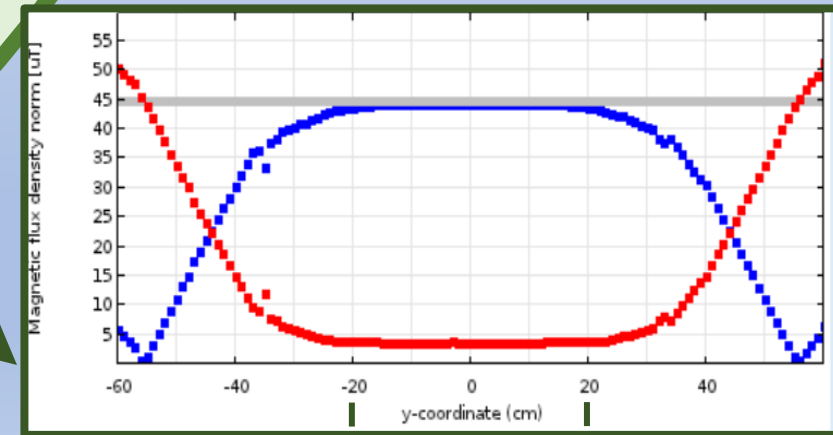


Helmholtz coil to compensate the magnetic field

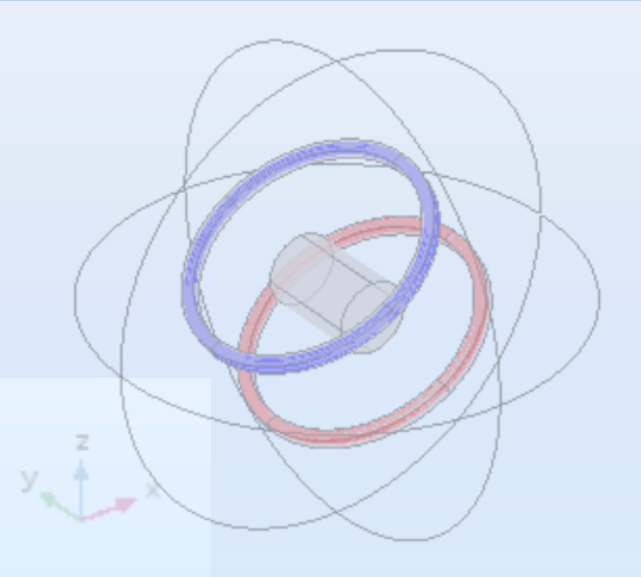
$r = 50 \text{ cm}, n = 25 \text{ turns}, I = 1 \text{ A}$

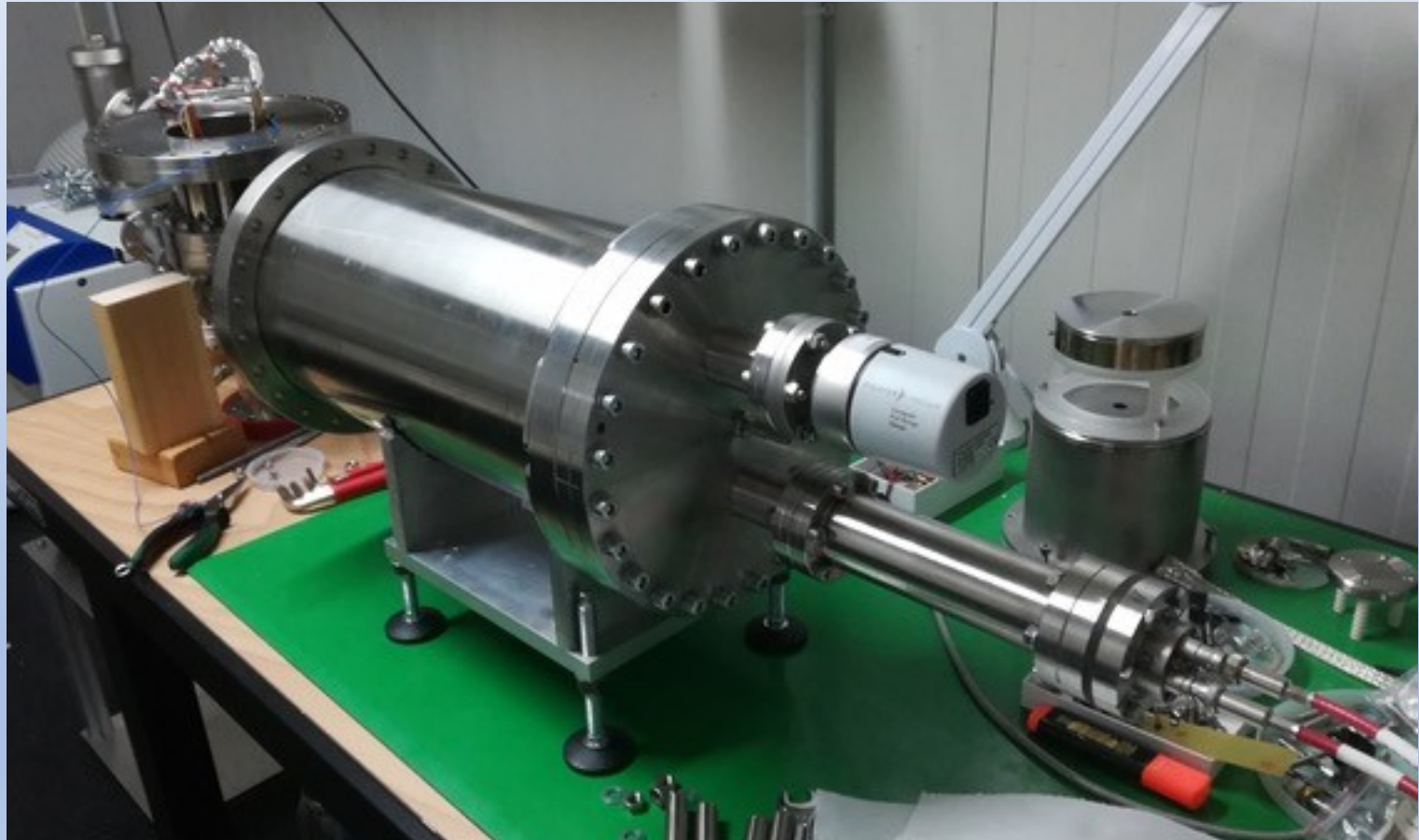
Gives $\sim 40 \text{ cm} \times 40 \text{ cm} \times 40 \text{ cm}$ volume with $B < 5 \mu\text{T}$

Earth's B field
Coil induced B field
Resulting B field



40 cm







We are here at the moment

Light Dark Matter search

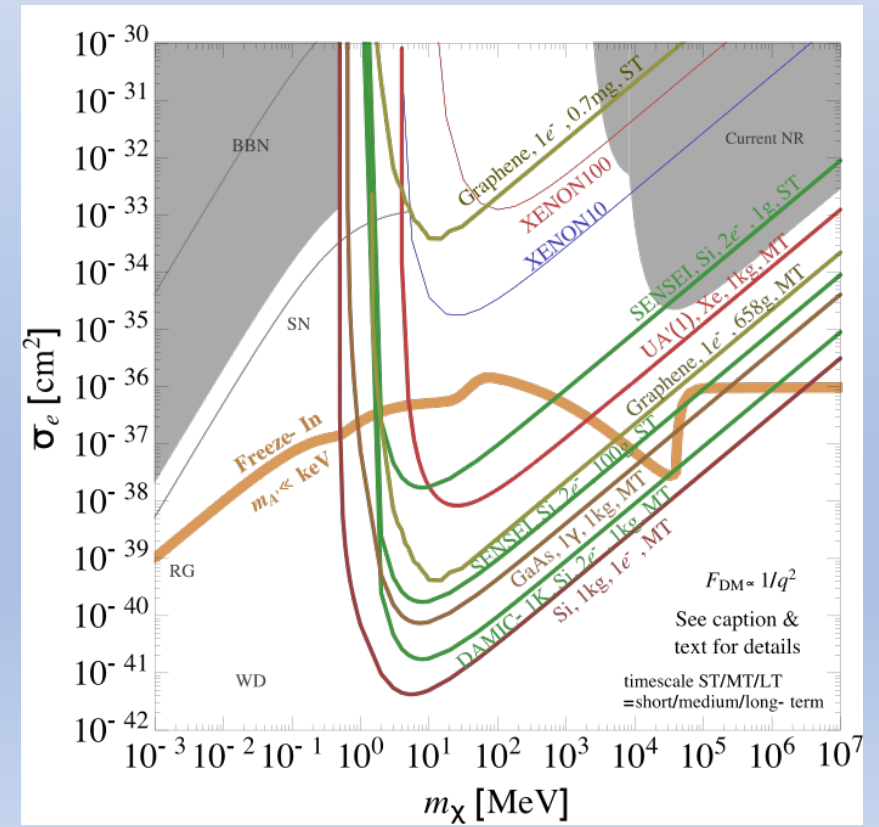
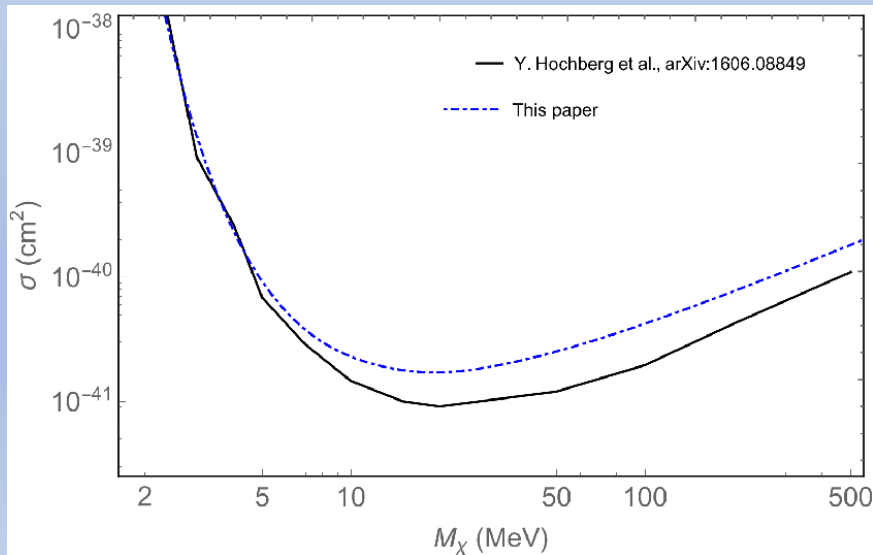
Side project potentially very much interesting

- Hochberg, et. al, 2016. "Directional Detection of Dark Matter with 2D Targets", Phys. Lett. **B772**, (2017), 239.
- GL Cavoto et. Al, "Sub-GeV Dark Matter Detection with Electron Recoils in Carbon Nanotubes "Phys.Lett. **B776** (2018) 338-344

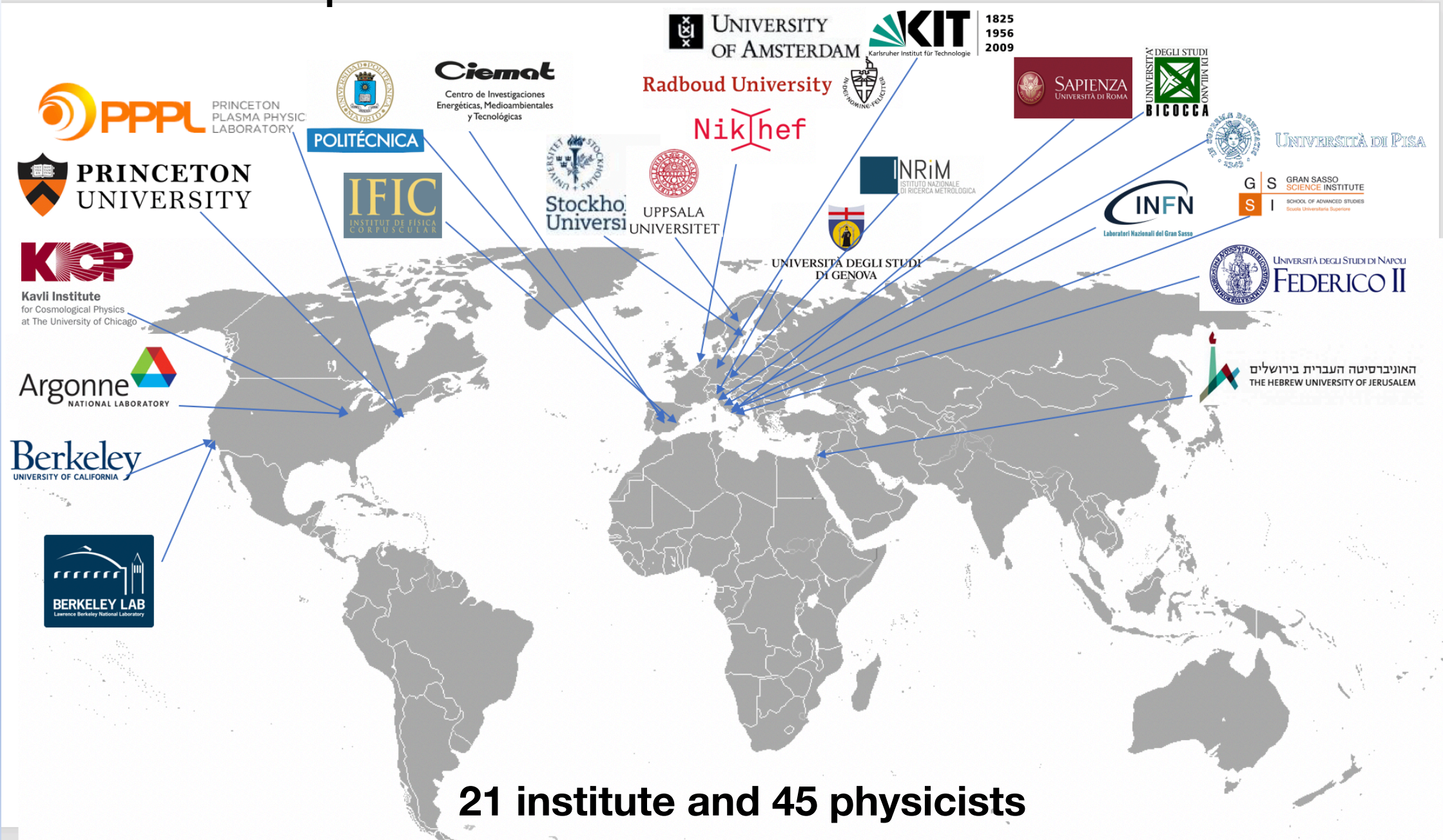
In both papers the interaction of light DM with electrons in C nano-structure are discussed. With two different approaches, some directionality features of C nano-ribbon or nano-tube structure are shown. Thus a technical run of the PTOLEMY detector without T would provide interesting results in a region of sensitivity lacking of DM hunting activity. Any electron popping up form C nano-structure could be signature of DM interaction.

The requirements crucial for the PTOLEMY CNB detection project could be also very much beneficial for Light DM search:

- C with with ^{14}C contamination at better than one per 10^{18}
- electron selection capability
- and very high energy resolution



World-map of the PTOLEMY Collaboration



The first two papers

1) M. G.Betti et al.,

“A design for an electromagnetic filter for precision energy measurements at the tritium endpoint”

Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics, **106** (2019),120-131

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ppnp.2019.02.004>

2) M. G.Betti et al.,

“Neutrino Physics with the PTOLEMY project”,

JCAP_047P_0219,

arXiv:1902.05508

To Conclude

1. Something completely different
2. Physics program: **Relic Neutrino's, Light DM, Neutrino mass**
3. Technological challenge: **New support for T, extreme high rate, extreme energy resolution**