Towards the Construction of the First Cosmological Relic Neutrino Telescope with PTOLEMY

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Cosmic Neutrino Background



Dicke, Peebles, Roll, Wilkinson (1965)

Number density: $n_{y} = 112/cm^{3}$ **Temperature:** T_v~<u>1.95K</u> Time of decoupling: $t_v \sim 1$ second neutron/proton ratio @start of nucleosynthesis Velocity distribution: $< v_{v} > ~ T_{v} / m_{v}$

Non-linear distortions Villaescusa-Navarro et al (2013) 2

Early-Late Universe Evolution



Onset of a "constant" Dark Energy during the last doubling of the Universe is less certain

Tension between CMB determined Hubble Expansion (~x1100) and last ~15% are in 4-6σ disagreement and differ by ~9%

Massive neutrinos transition to non-relativistic during this time

CNB Today

Large Scale Structure Signals of Neutrino Decay

1)

Measure neutrino mass & lifetime

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



Something not expected??

→ CNB Direct Detection would need to resolve this



Cosmic Neutrino Telescope Step 1: Quality of Lens Surface

- Choice: Graphene atomic flatness
- Hosts "Lepton $v \rightarrow e^-$ shifting material" (tritium ³H)
- Low binding energy (<3 eV)
- Ferromagnetic at 50% coverage



Cold Plasma Loading



XPS Hydrogenation Results from Princeton





Cosmic Neutrino Telescope Step 2: Geometric Focus

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EM-optics





Cosmic Neutrino Telescope Step 3: Dynamic Aperature

- Choice: RF tracking system Project 8
- Estimates total momentum (ω_0/γ) , p_{\perp} , p_{\parallel} to ~ 3eV





Dynamical Simulation of RF Signal

V/m 3e-5 -

2e-5 -1e-5 -

0 ◄

-2e-5 -

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

Electron moves in cyclotron motion

between plates Type Mo 5.8e+07 [S/m] Electric cond 8930 [kg/m^3] Transparent for particles no (auto) Thermal cond 401 [W/K/m] 0.39 [kJ/K/kg] leat capacity 0.000115141 [m^2/s] Diffusivity Young's modulu 120 [kN/mm^2] Poisson's ratio 0.33 17 [1e-6/K hermal expa

e-field (t=0..end(0.1)) [pic] 🌣

250.000 mr

0.000355

Sample

Cross section

Cutplane at 7



P_{signal}~0.1 fW

Normalization to Project 8 (https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.02037



RF Tracking System



Calorimeters

Electron Trajector

Transverse Drift Filter

RF Antennas

Cosmic Neutrino Telescope Step 4: Fine Adjust

Choice: Transverse Drift Filter – New Concept

Auke Pieter Colijn (PATRAS 2019)



Transverse Filtering

PTOLEMY: Transverse drift filter



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Magnetic Fields for Transverse Drift



0.5

1 Arc length (m)

1.5

Cosmic Neutrino Telescope Step 5: Eye Piece

- Choice: TES Microcalorimeter ~22meV resolution
- World-record resolution on IR photons
- ~10 nm of material to stop eV electrons



Thin sensors:
~1 eV electron
can be stopped
with very small CFast time
response:Time response (τ)

also small (<µsec)

MicroCalorimeter R&D

Now: 0.11 eV @ 0.8 eV and 106 mK and 10x10 μm² TiAuTi 90nm [Ti(45nm) Au(45nm)] (τ ~137 ns)

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

RF Antennas Tritium Target c) b)

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

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Constructing the 1st CyB Telescope

Full end-to-end EM transport with detailed RF signal simulation in CST software → Design to be ported to mechanical CAD



 Converting current sheets to realistic coils
 Tilting electrodes
 to be parallel to B field
 Computing fringe field and iron

yoke shape

Circular Geometry w/microcalorimeter at center

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Inflation -> Hot Big Bang



Baumann (TASI 2012)

Inflation -> Hot Big Bang



Ratz (Erice 2017)

ADDITIONAL SLIDES

Graphene DM Targets:Two ConceptsPTOLEMY-G3PTOLEMY-CNT



Self-instrumented with G-FETs

Anisotropy of aligned CNTs



Principles of Operation:

- Tunable meV band gap set by nanoribbon width (E_{gap} ~ 0.8eV/width[nm])
 Large jump in conductivity (~10¹⁰ charge
- Large jump in conductivity (~10¹⁰ charge carriers) relative to charge neutrality point under the field-effect from a single electron scatter

Scalability to Interdigitated Capacitor





V_{bg} (meV) 5

curve rescaled)

-5

0

Origin of Large Scale Structure



Baumann (TASI 2012)

Sticking Probability of H on Graphene



This technique repeated for ³He and ³H would provide data on final-state T-Graphene → ³He-Graphene molecular smearing.



New ideas for magnetic transfer!

Imaging covalent bond formation by H atom scattering from graphene, Jiang et al., Science 364, 379–382 (2019) 26 April 2019.

Polarized Tritium Target



Lisanti, Safdi, CGT, 2014.

Point at the Sky with Tritium Nuclear Spin



Hydrogen doping on graphene reveals magnetism

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





Tritium β-decay (12.3 yr half-life)

Neutrino capture on Tritium



Challenges: Resolution and Backgrounds



Neutrino physics with the PTOLEMY project, M.G. Betti et al., JCAP **07** (2019) 047 <u>DOI: 10.1088/1475-7516/2019/07/047</u> 35 e-Print: <u>arXiv:1902.05508</u>

KArlsruhe TRItium Neutrino (KATRIN)

Difference in Scales

KATRIN ~1200m³

~1m³

Difference in Scales

Stereo 27 GHz RF feeds → Digitally select endpoint electrons

Detection Concept: Neutrino Capture

 Basic concepts¹ for relic neutrino detection were laid out in a paper by Steven Weinberg in **1962** [*Phys. Rev.* 128:3, 1457]

¹Finite neutrino mass, tritium and other isotopes studied for relic neutrino capture in this paper: JCAP **06** (2007) 015, <u>DOI: 10.1088/1475-7516/2007/06/015</u> by Cocco, Mangano, Messina 39

Neutrino Masses from Oscillations

The absolute neutrino masses are not known.

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

Neutrino Sky

$m_v < 0.00001 \text{ eV}$

m_v ~ 0.001 eV

Hannestad, Brandbyge (2009)

$m_v \sim 0.01 \, eV$

m_v ~ 0.1 eV

Target Geometry

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Magnetic Fields for Transverse Drift

Proposed configuration using Iron Return Yoke w/ small gap

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Linearly Repeating Geometry suitable for underground tunnel

Repeated to reach $10mg \rightarrow -100$ meters

Recent Publications [PTOLEMY COLLABORATION]

Experiment Design:

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

Physics Program (CNB, Mass, Sterile,..): Neutrino physics with the PTOLEMY project, M.G. Betti et al., JCAP **07** (2019) 047,<u>DOI: 10.1088/1475-7516/2019/07/047</u> e-Print: <u>arXiv:1902.05508</u>

http://ptolemy.lngs.infn.it

Neutrino Mass Sensitivity

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3+1 Sterile Sensitivity

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PTOLEMY R&D at LNGS

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

Small but intense R&D effort hosted at the Gran Sasso National Laboratory in Italy

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

PTOLEMY World-Wide Collaboration

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