

Title: How to Know the Universe from a Hole in the Ground

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Abstract: We understand the history of our universe very well but remain ignorant on one key question: what is most of the universe actually made of? Beautiful measurements, by satellites, balloon-based observatories, the Hubble telescope and ground-based telescopes have allowed us to accurately trace this history of the history of the ordinary matter we are made of. Yet these measurements also show us that most of the universe is dark - that is to say it cannot be seen visibly no matter how bright a light is shone on it. I will discuss why we think that 95% of the universe is dark and will show how we are trying to directly observe dark matter. I will explain what it is like to do science underground and why we need to be so deep to make these measurements.

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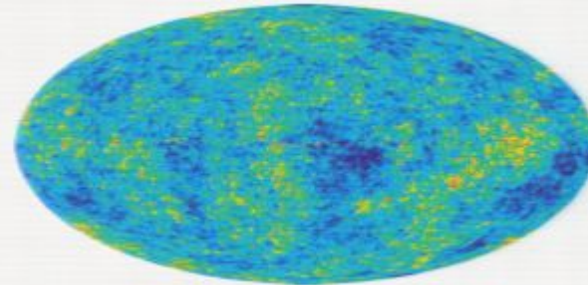
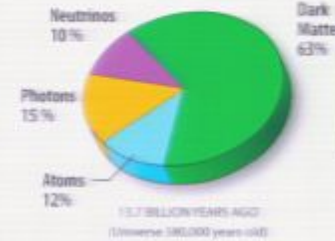
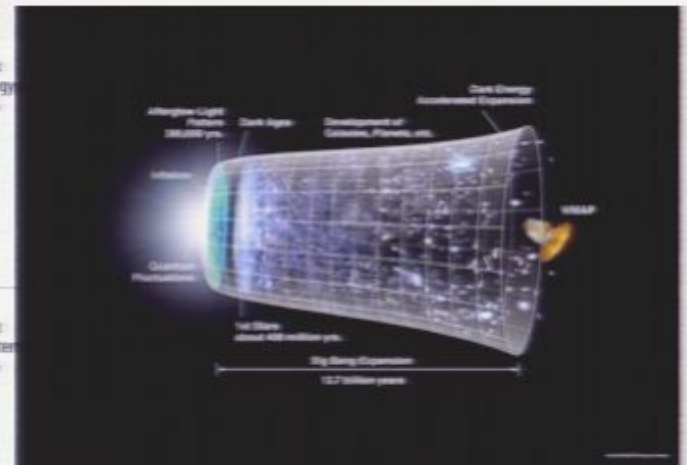
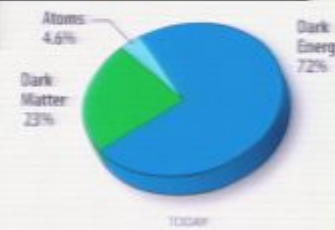
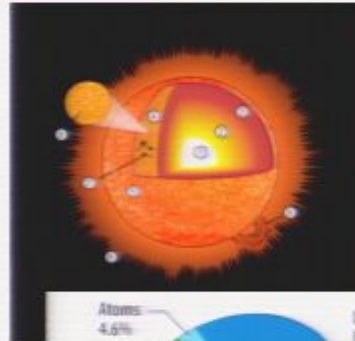
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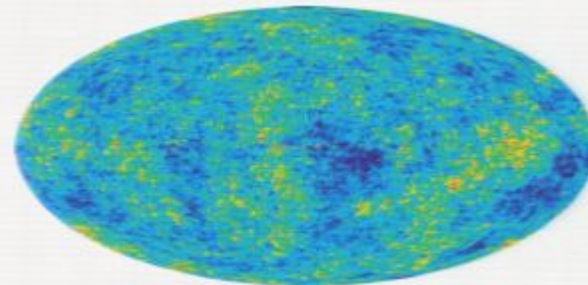
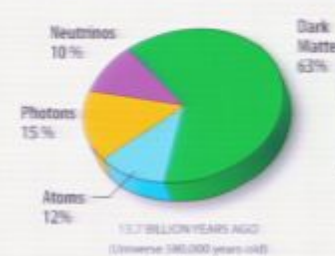
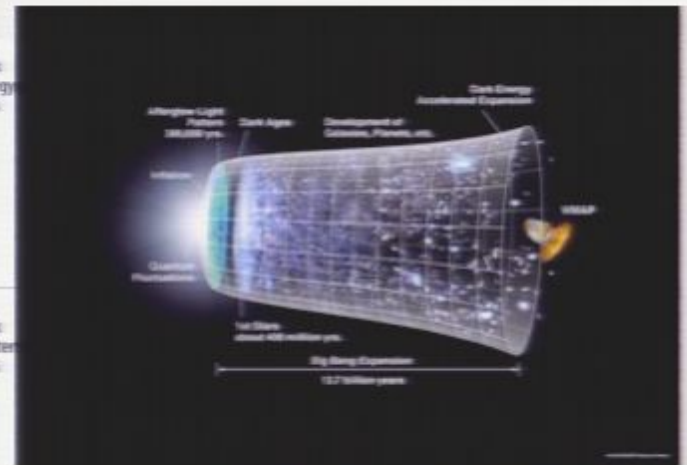
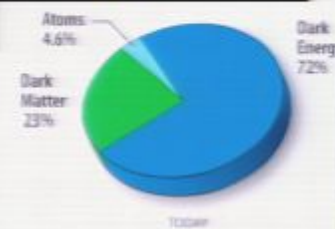
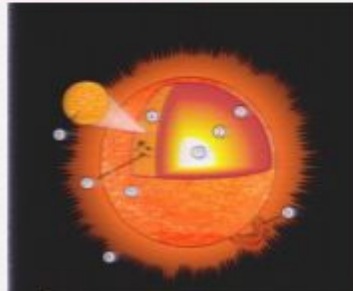
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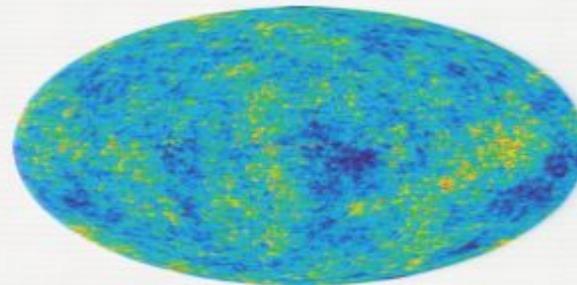
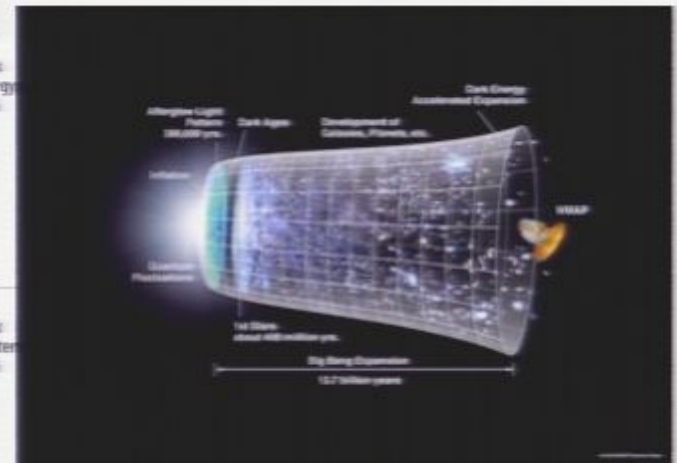
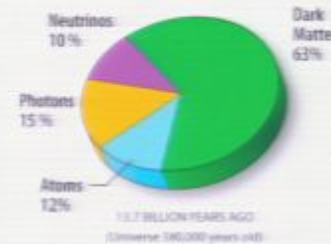
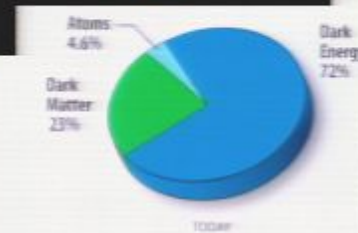
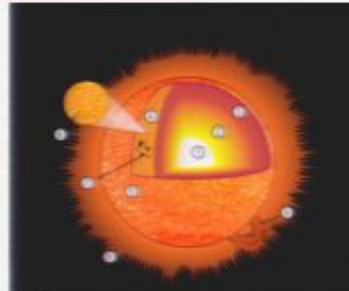
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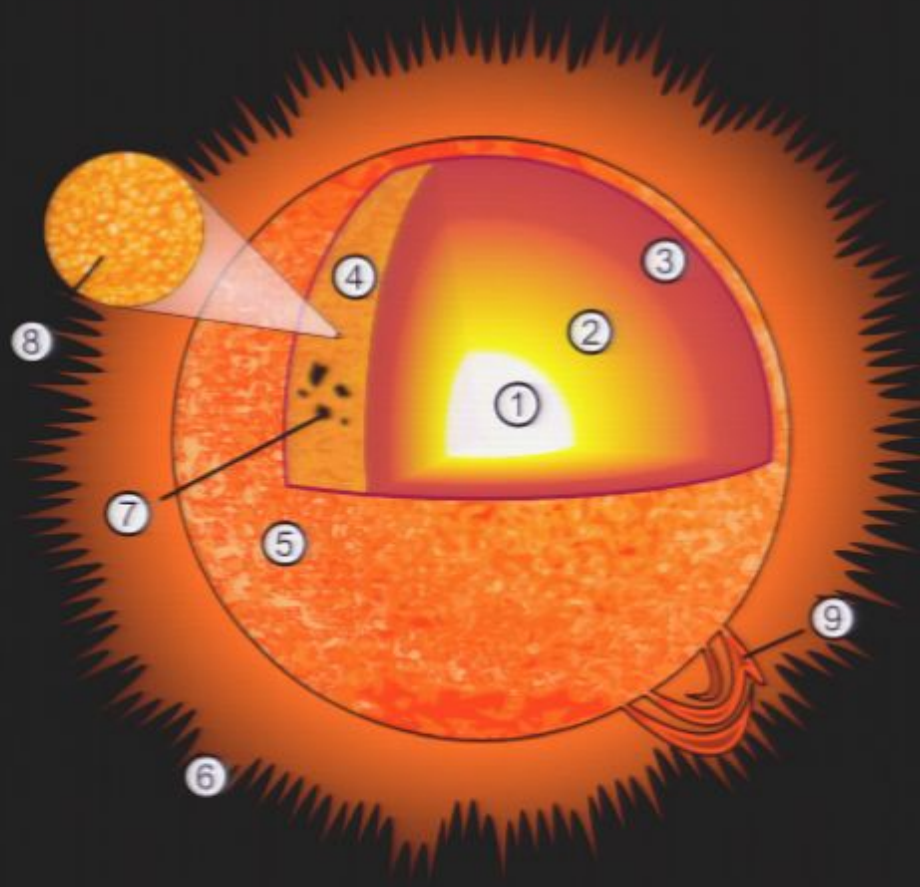
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# How The Sun Shines



Nuclear reactions in core produce heat/neutrinos

Heat works its way to surface by radiation and convection (the details of this is the hard part)

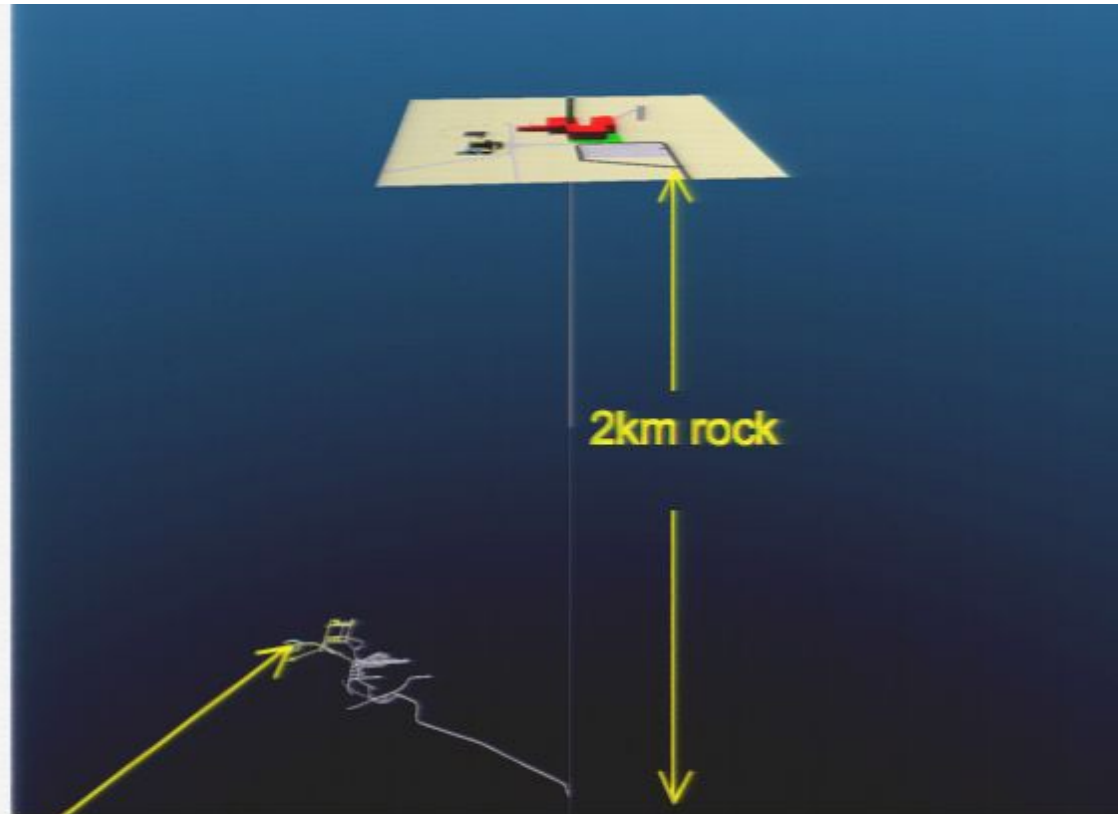
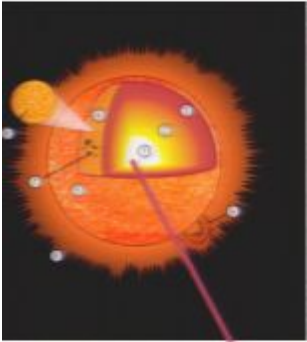
Heat comes off surface as radiation (aka sunlight)

Before neutrinos all data came from looking at the sun's surface

- size
- surface temperature
- composition
- ...

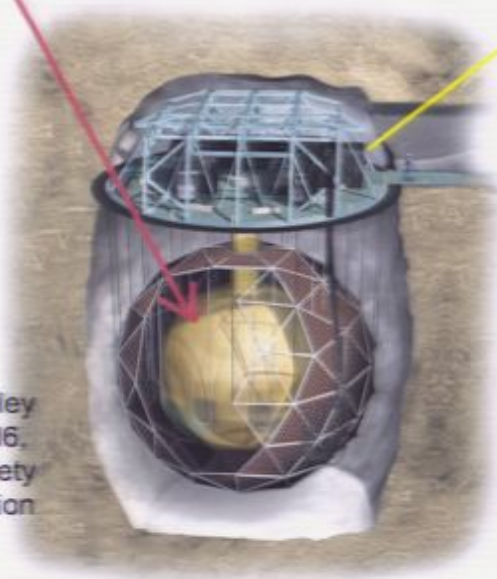
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This first experiments to measure solar neutrinos (Homestake and Kamioka) measured 1/3 to 1/2 of the expected number.



Professor Herb Chen (UC Irvine) realized that heavy water was a great target for solar neutrinos:

1. Count all types of neutrinos and hence directly measure nuclear reactions in the core of the sun.
2. At the same time measure only the type of neutrinos created in the sun.
3. And answer why the number of neutrinos measured until SNO didn't jive with solar models.



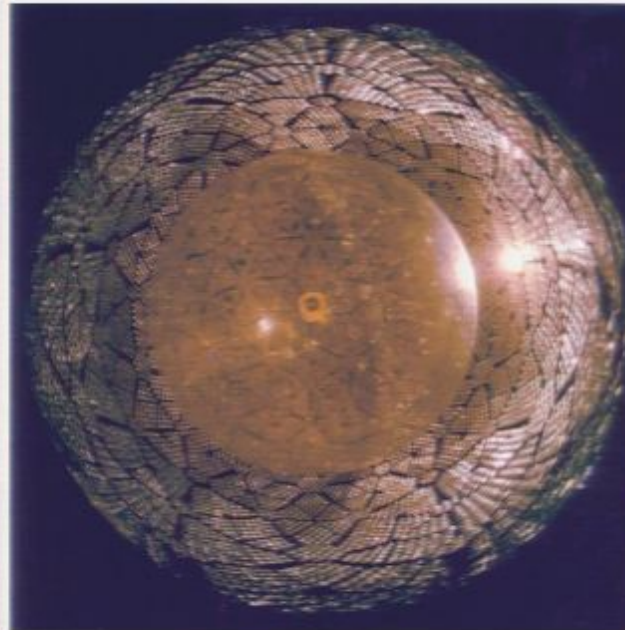
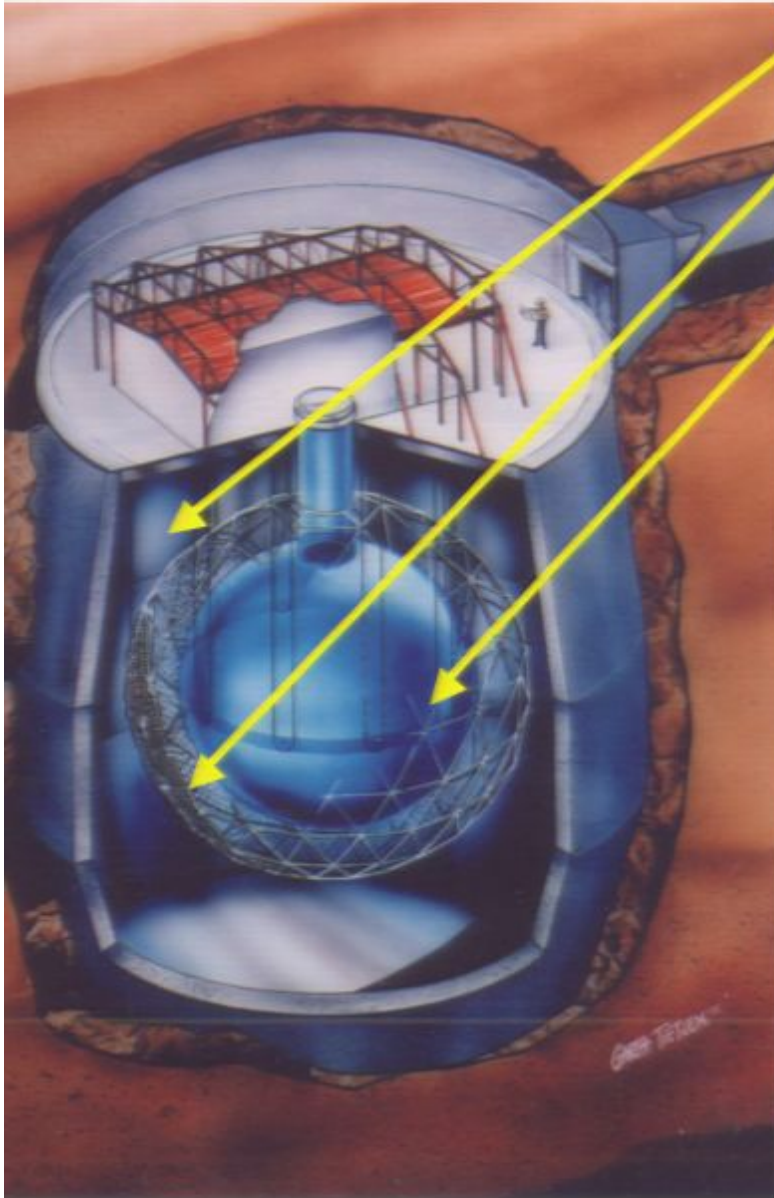
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# SNO

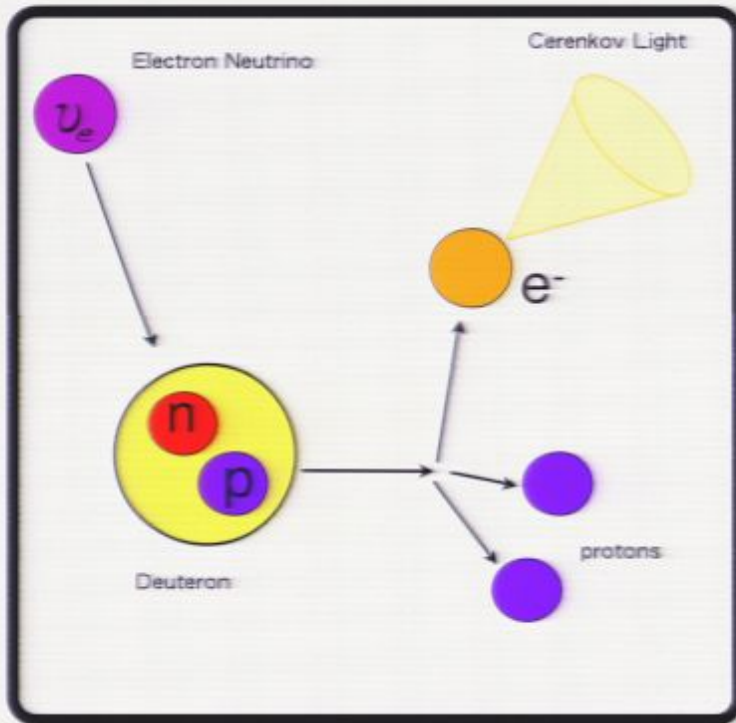
Light water shielding

9600 photomultiplier tube eyes

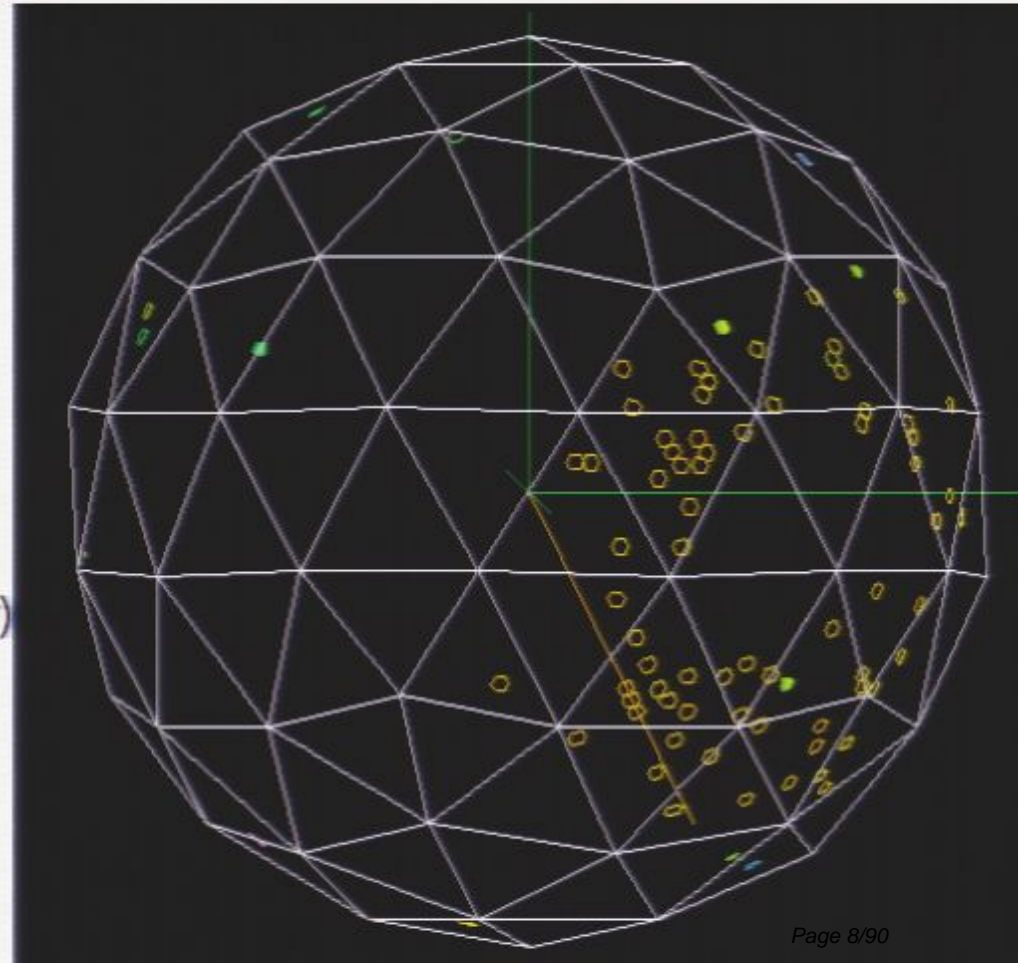
1000 tonnes heavy water



# Detecting Neutrinos

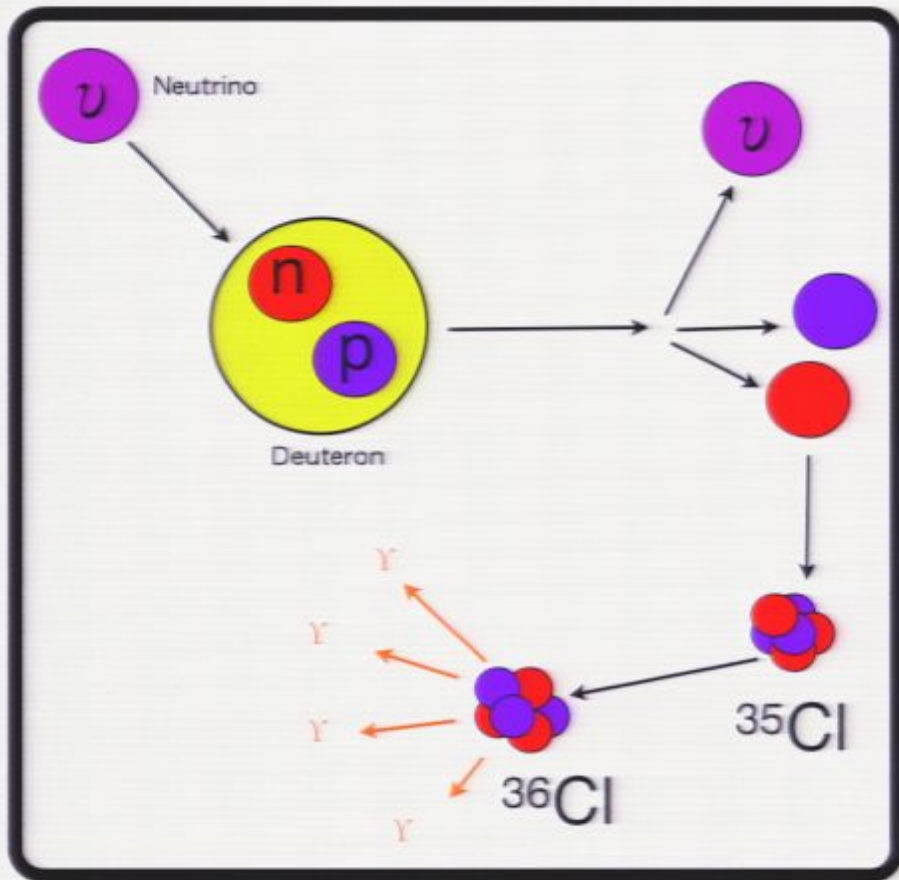


- 1- Electron neutrino hits deuteron
- 2- Reaction creates 2 protons and an electron
- 3- Electron is moving faster than light in water (not faster than light, faster than light in water)
- 4- Fast electron creates Cherenkov light  
- an optical version of a sonic boom.
- 5- Light travels to photomultiplier eyes





# Detecting Neutrinos



Neutral current reaction measures all neutrino types equally.

Creates free neutron which captures on Cl (in salt) or in independent data set on  $^3\text{He}$  neutron counters.

## SNO Results

- The total number of solar neutrinos jives with solar models:
  - We understand how the sun shines.
- *Electron* neutrinos are  $30.1 \pm 3.3 \%$  of the total in SNO:
  - Neutrinos change flavour
  - Neutrinos have mass (Exactly how much mass is unknown but the differences between the masses is known.)
  - Neutrinos are **not** the **dark matter**

For details see: <http://sno.phy.queensu.ca/>

# Backing Up to Look at the Big Picture

## A Strange Situation:

What is the history of the universe?

This we know - **and have measured** - with accuracy of about 1%  
for the age of the universe.

What is the geometry of the universe?

Again, with 1% accuracy on the scale of the observable universe we **have measured** that the angles in a triangle add to 180 degrees.

What is the universe made of?

**5% known - 95% unknown**

## What is Dark Matter?

- It is matter that does not interact electrically or magnetically.
- This is true of neutrinos - but neutrinos are only a tiny fraction of the dark universe
- Why do we think there is dark matter?

## When I was a Graduate Student

- (It wasn't *that* long ago)
- In 1991 took a class called "Physics of the Early Universe"
  - The detailed calculation we did was how much Deuterium, Helium and Lithium got made just after the Big Bang
  - Why? It was the only thing we could calculate **and compare to data.**
- Then observational cosmology erupted.
  - **COSMOLOGY IS NOW DATA-DRIVEN**

## The Data

1. Cosmic Microwave Background
2. Large-Scale Structure
3. Big Bang NucleoSynthesis (Amount of Helium and Lithium in Universe compared to Hydrogen)
4. Gravitational Lensing
5. Type 1A Supernovae (which I'll not talk about today)

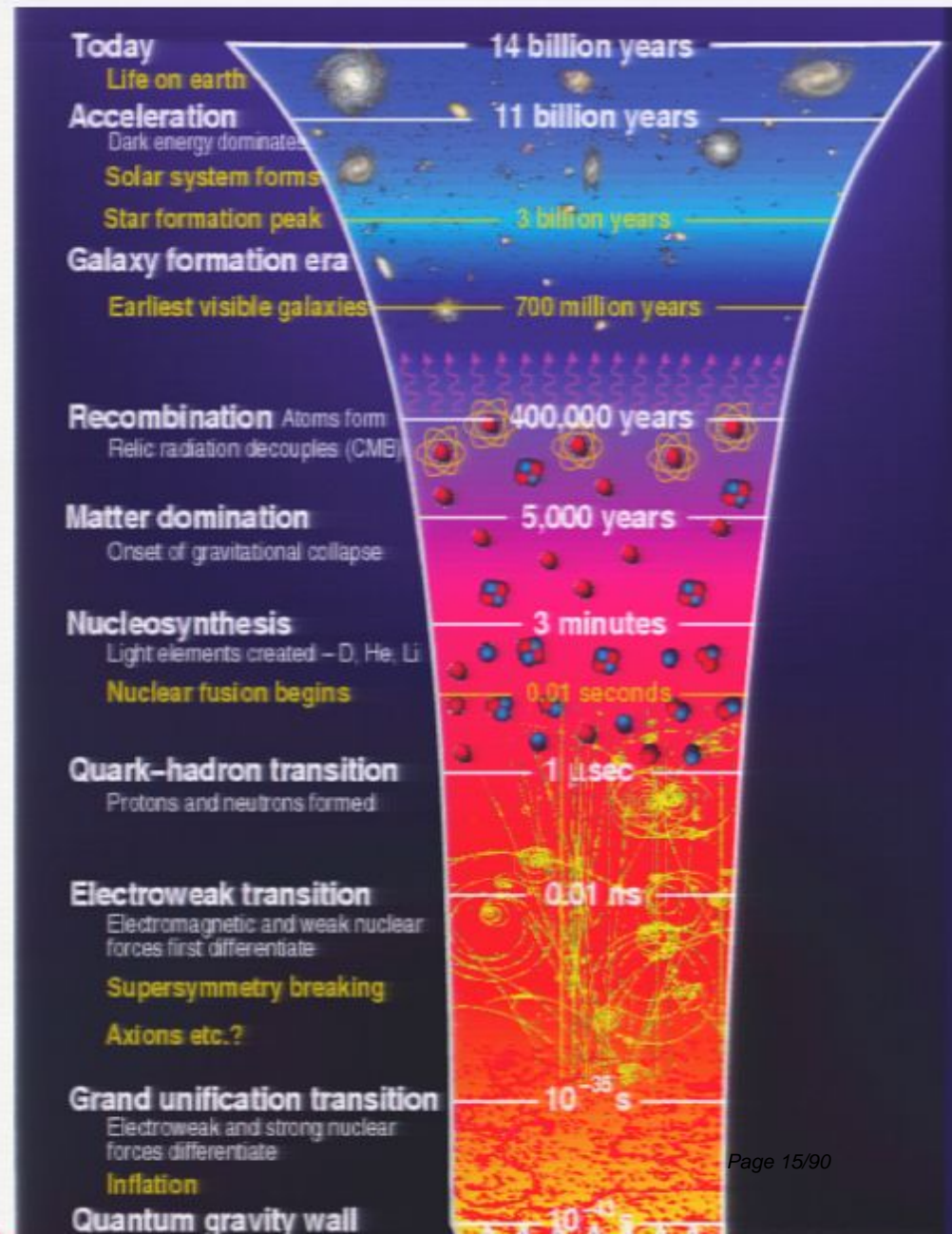
# History

Large-scale structure

Cosmic Background Radiation

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis

Figure taken from ESA "bluebook"  
for the Planck mission.



## Before the Universe Became Transparent

- Driving in a thick fog is dangerous
  - even though there is lots of light
- When the universe was young (a 130 000 years or so) and hot
  - Hydrogen and helium gas that made up the universe was ionized.
  - Lots of light, but it kept scattering off those pesky charged things in its way.
- The interactions between the photons and the ionized gas kept the two in thermal equilibrium.
- These processes are completely understood.
- The universe expanded and cooled...



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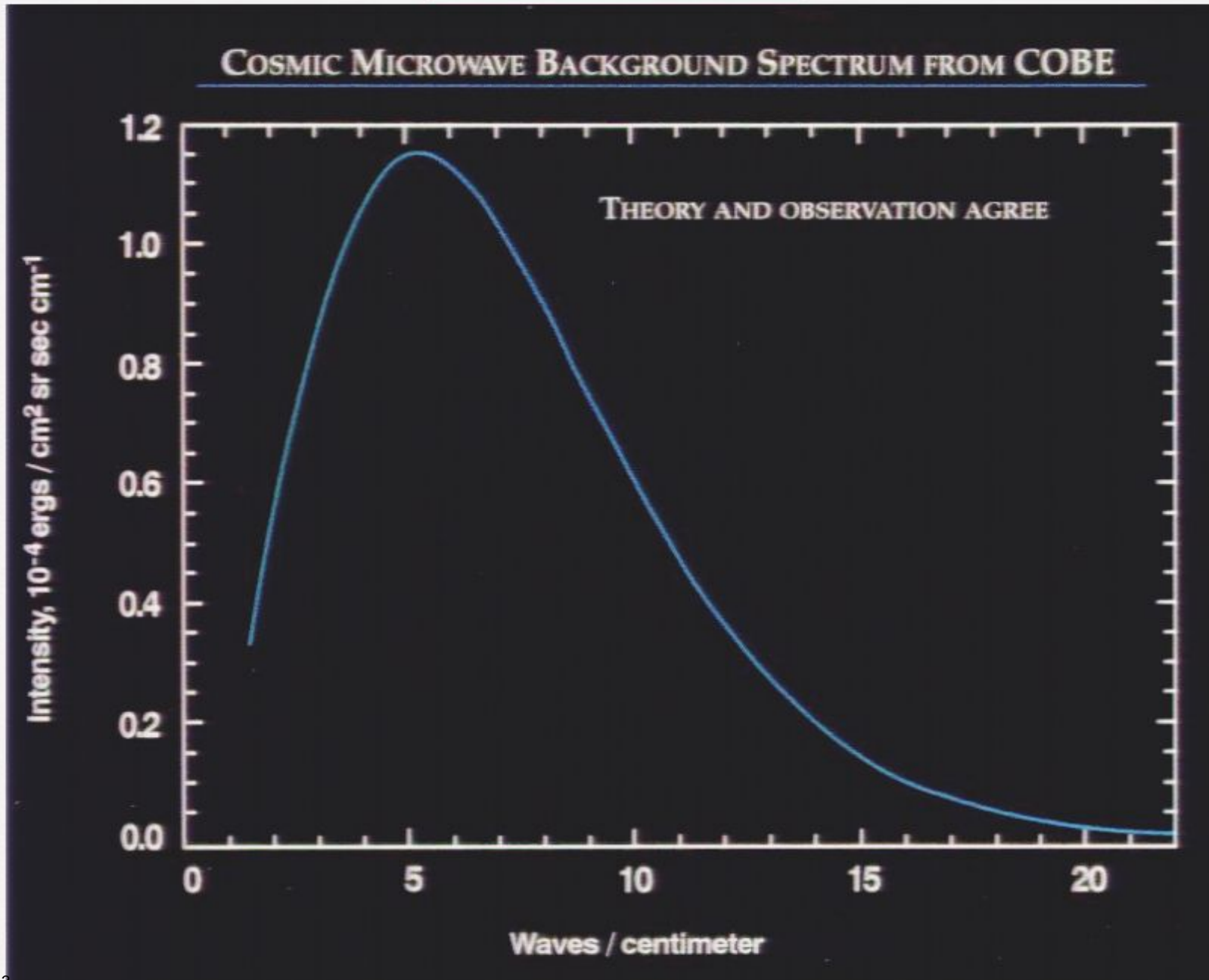
There is gas in the room but we can still see each other.

The universe cooled and hydrogen and helium became neutral atoms.

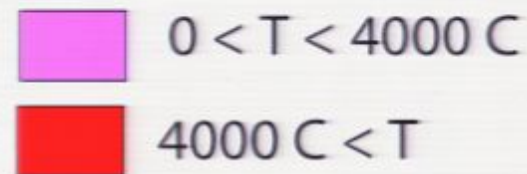
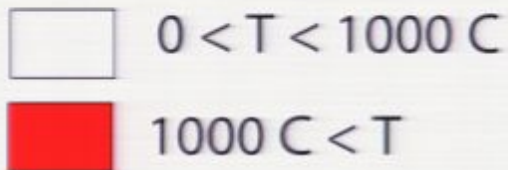
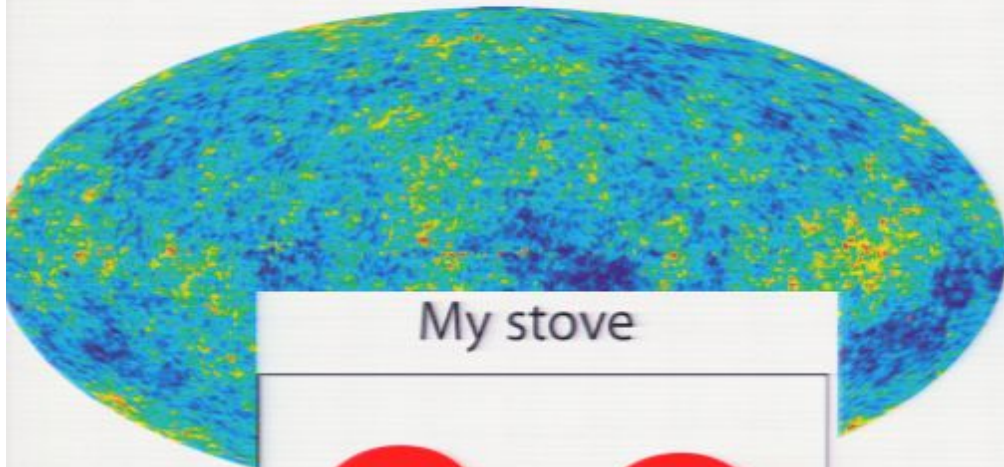
The light was able to free stream.

What colour was it?

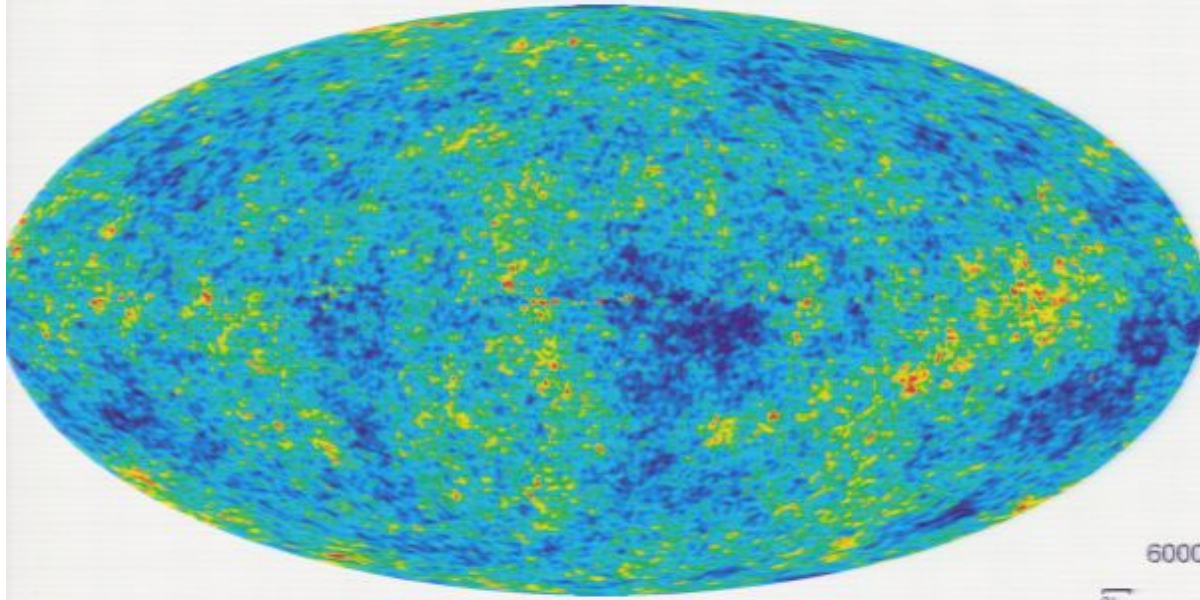
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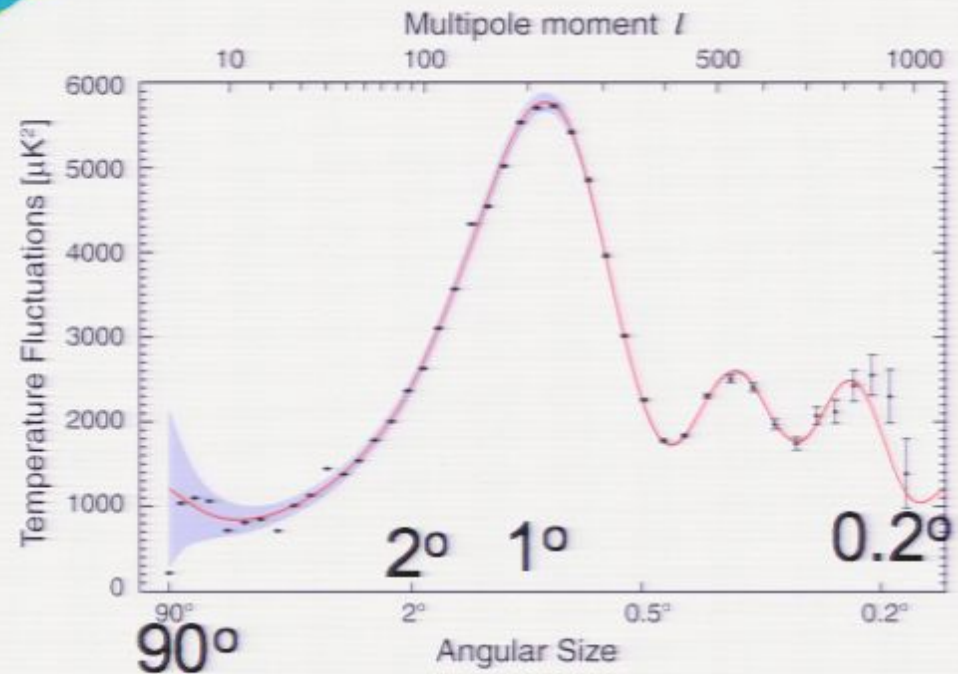
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Temperature map of whole sky:  
2.725 K Average  
Blue = Cooler by 0.0002 degrees  
Red = Warmer by 0.0002 degrees

**Smooth to ~1 part in 10,000.**

- The tiny variations are caused by pressure waves in the Hydrogen and Helium plasma.
- Allows measurement of density, pressure, ... of gas just as atoms were formed.



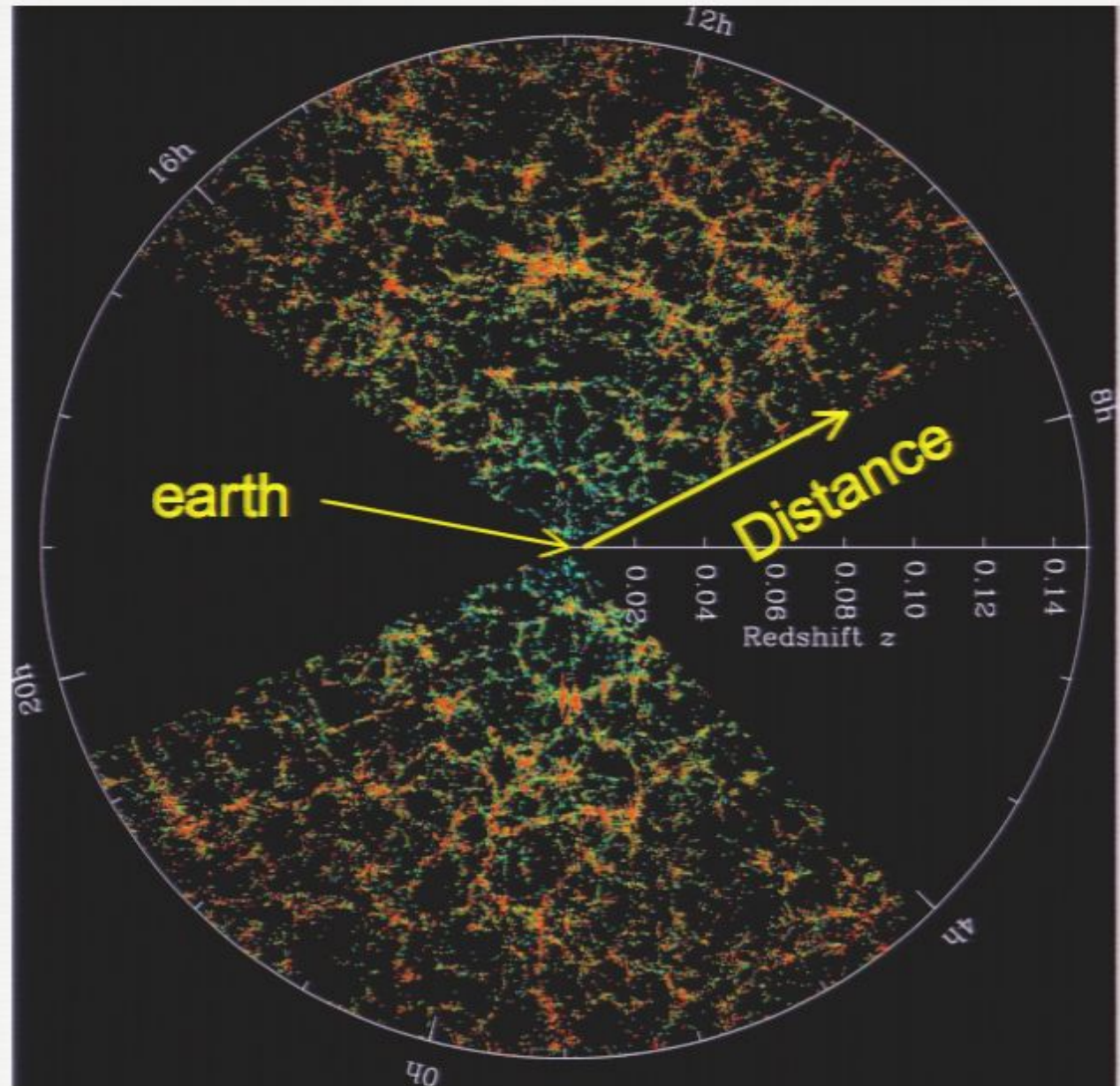
Data from NASA  
WMAP satellite

# Structure “Now”

One slice through the sky by Sloan Digital Sky Survey.

Notice the universe is not smooth. It has a sponge-like texture.

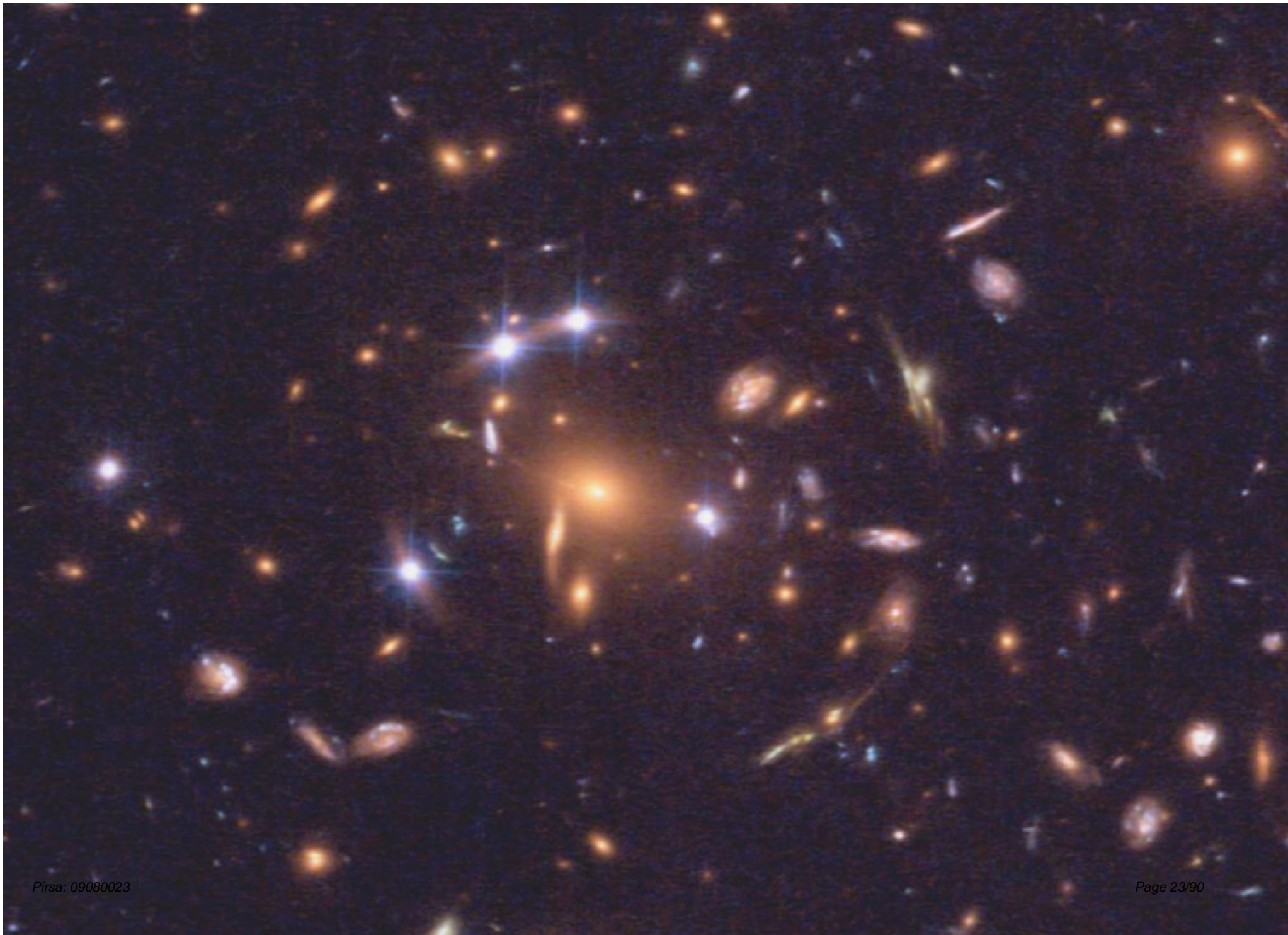
Dark matter seeds that clumping.



## Rotation of Galaxies

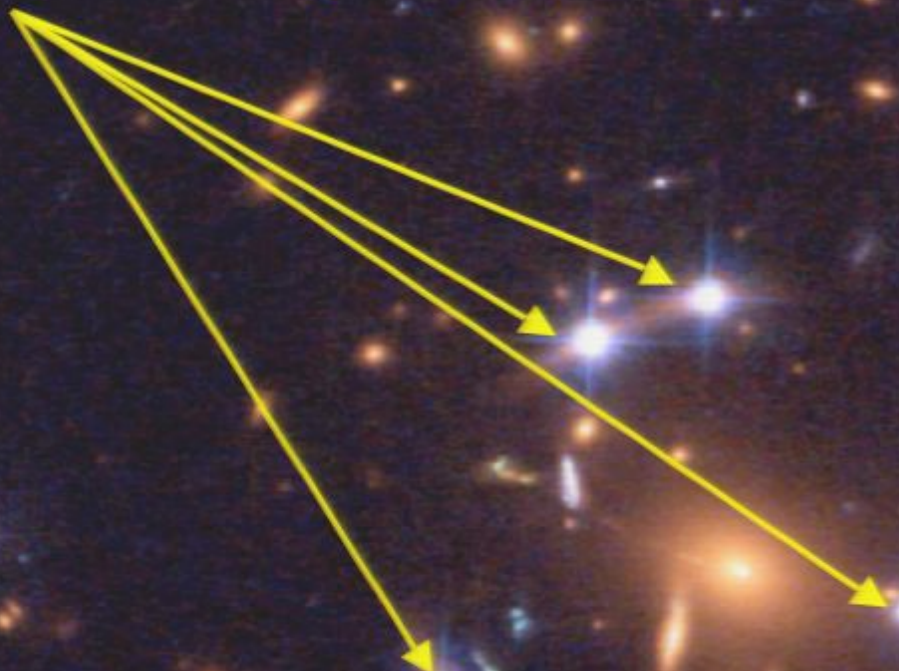
- Stars in spiral galaxies at outer edge of galaxies are orbiting far too fast.
  - What holds the galaxy together?
- Orbiting as if there is a dark component to the galaxy that extends beyond the visible disk.





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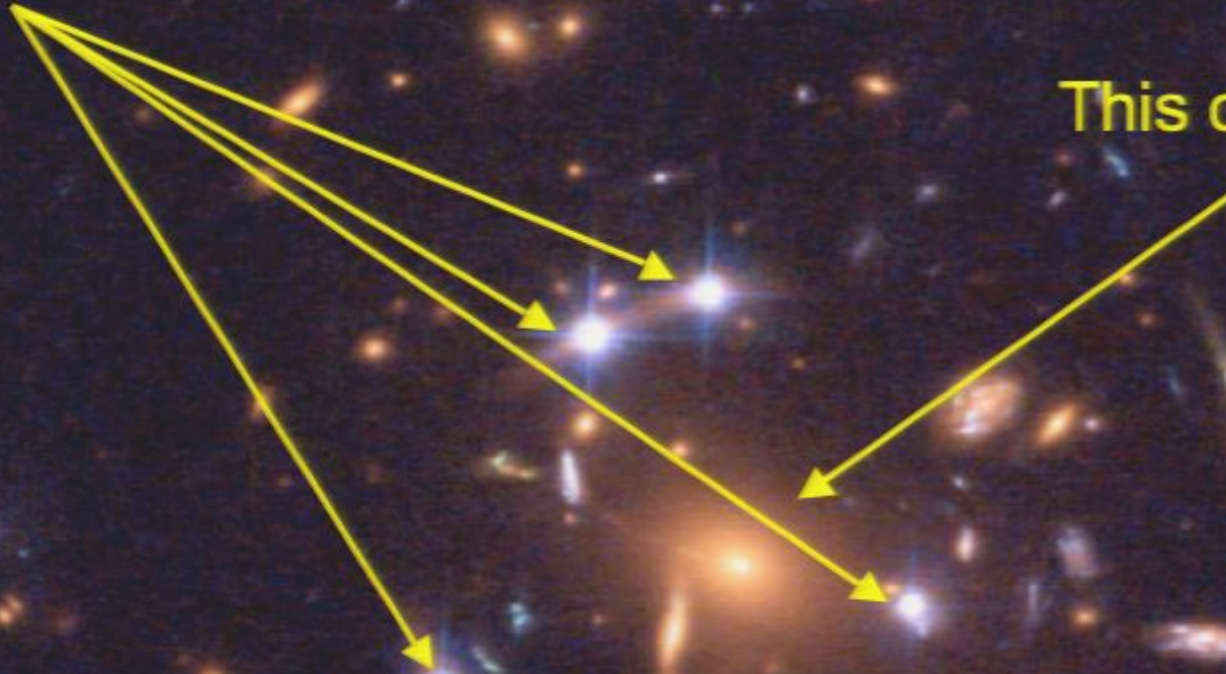




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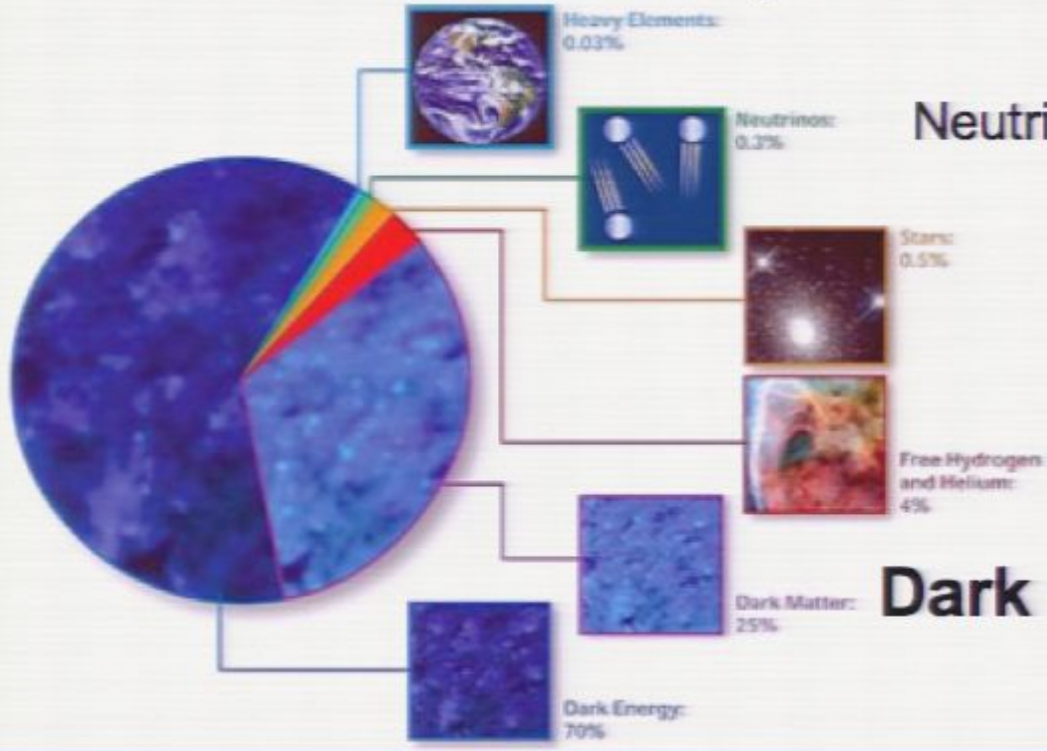
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The cluster in the middle is making a lens and bending the light. There are different lines of sight that let the light through. A grad student in relativity should be able to calculate how much mass is need in the cluster:

**ANSWER = about 4 times more than is visible**

# Cosmic Pie Chart

Heavy elements



Neutrinos



Stars

Free Hydrogen and Helium

Dark Matter



Dark energy (truly weird)

# SNO to SNOLAB



## Direct Search for Dark Matter

- One of the pillars of the SNOLAB program.
- Dark Matter
  - Exists around galaxies
  - Should be some around ours
  - Must have been created in early universe so it should interact in some ways with ordinary matter
  - Interaction rates needed consistent with a weak-force interaction (similar to neutrinos)
  - Requires a similar skill set in the workers as a neutrino experiment

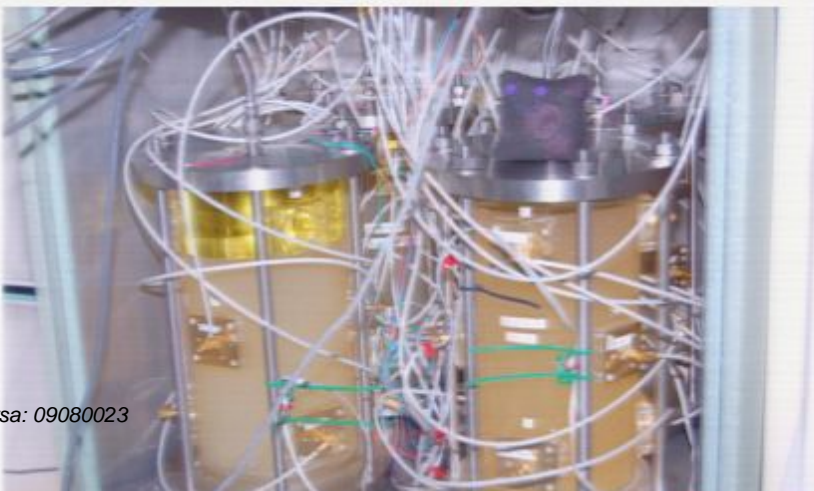
## SNOLAB's First 2 Dark Matter Experiments

Picnic

- DM strikes Fluorine atom in liquid drop of  $C_4F_{10}$
- Droplet boils and expands sending pressure shockwave through gel holding droplet.

DEAP-1

- DM strikes argon atom in 7 kg of liquid
- Recoiling atom causes argon to scintillate in hard UV
- Wavelength shifting coatings convert UV to visible.



## The Hard Question To Answer

If you see a signal in an experiment that looks like a dark-matter interaction *how do you know it is not a conventional interaction that mimics the dark-matter signal?*

(In math: What is the probability we measure a given number of background events in an experiment.)

We want to develop large-experiments with *~0.1 background events per tonne of detector per year.*



## Backgrounds to a Dark-Matter Search

1. Cosmic-ray-induced events
2. Radon and radon daughters. (Radon has a radioactive daughter with a 22 year half life.)
3. Neutrons

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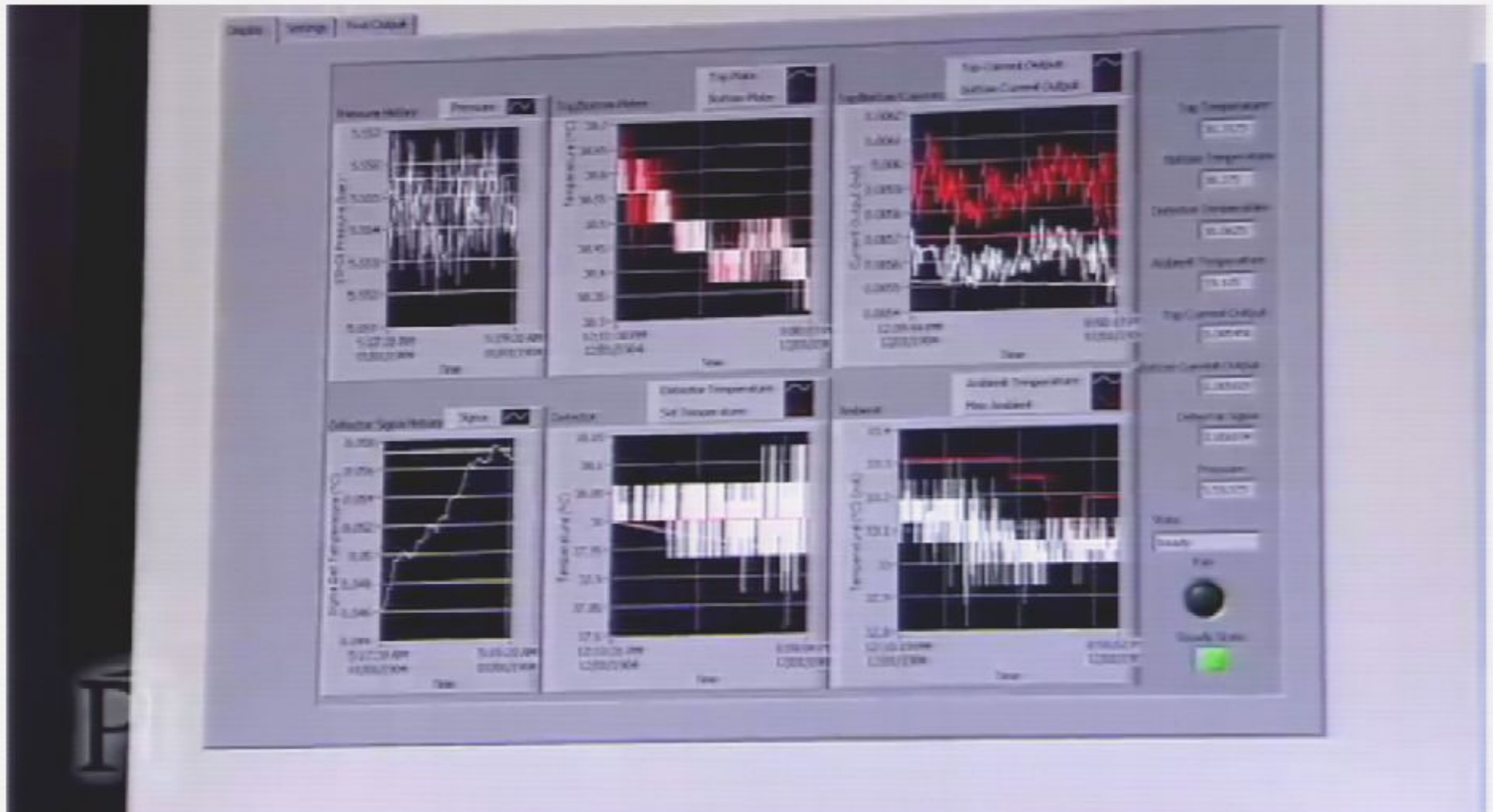
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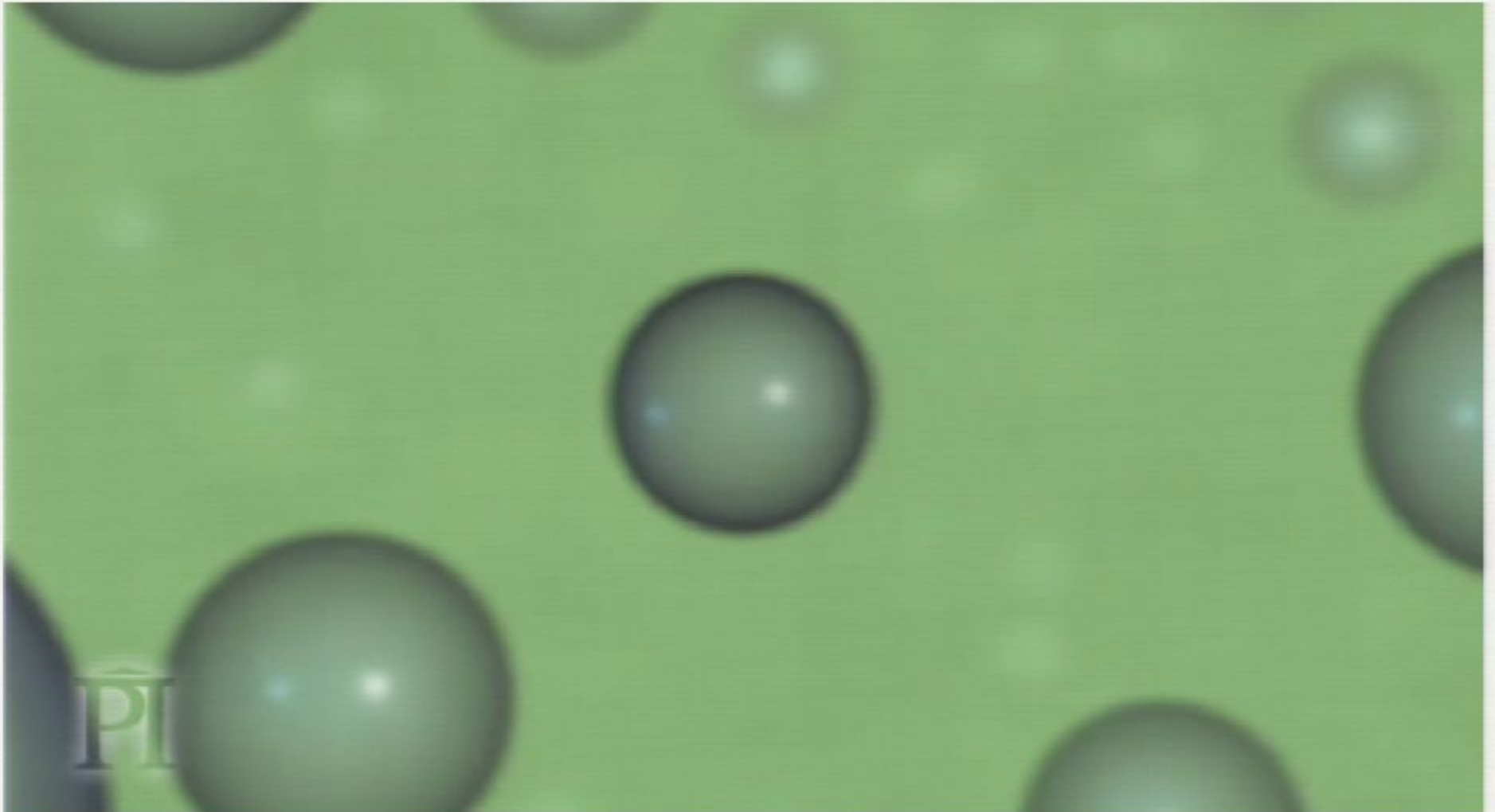


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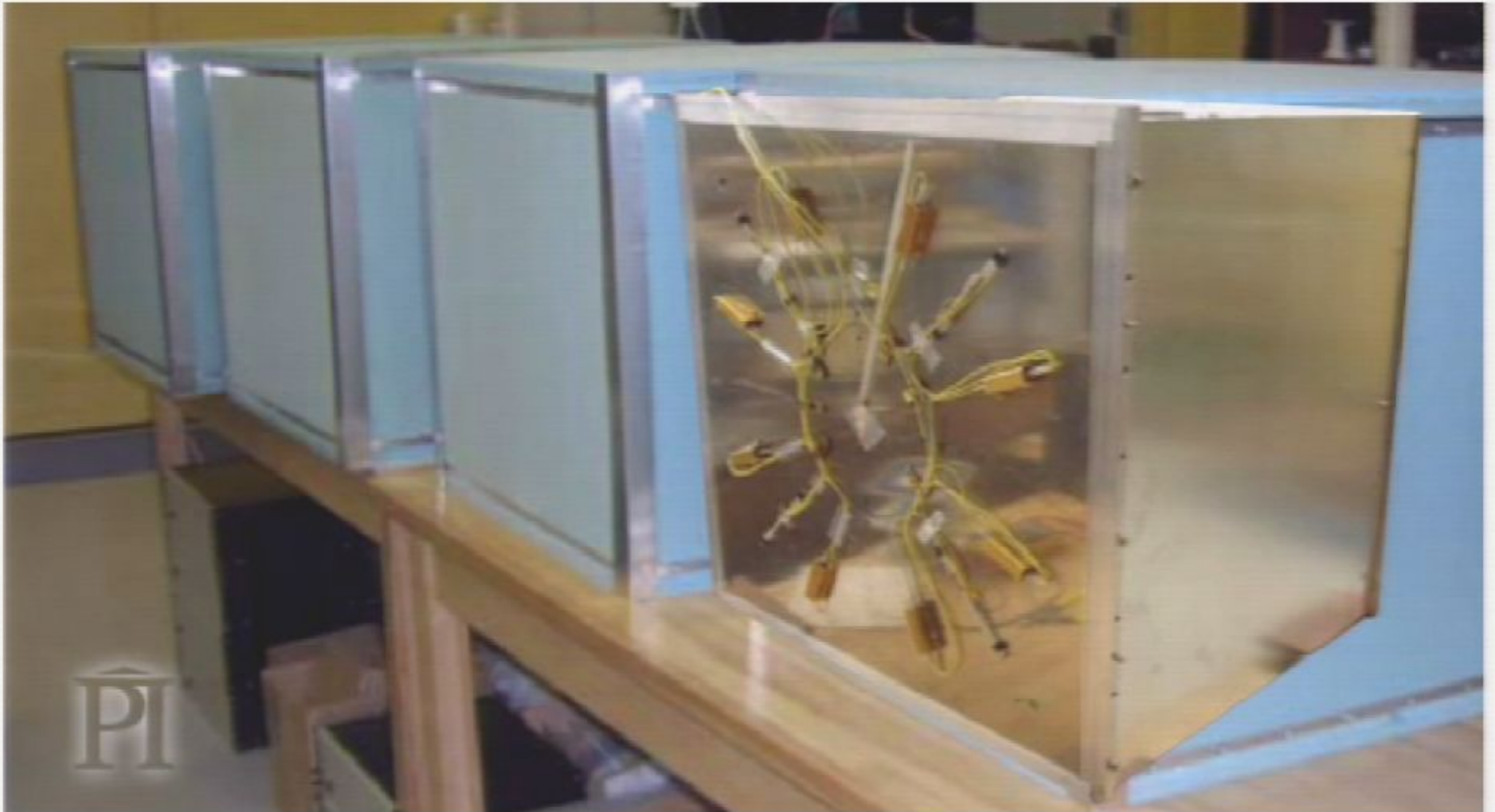




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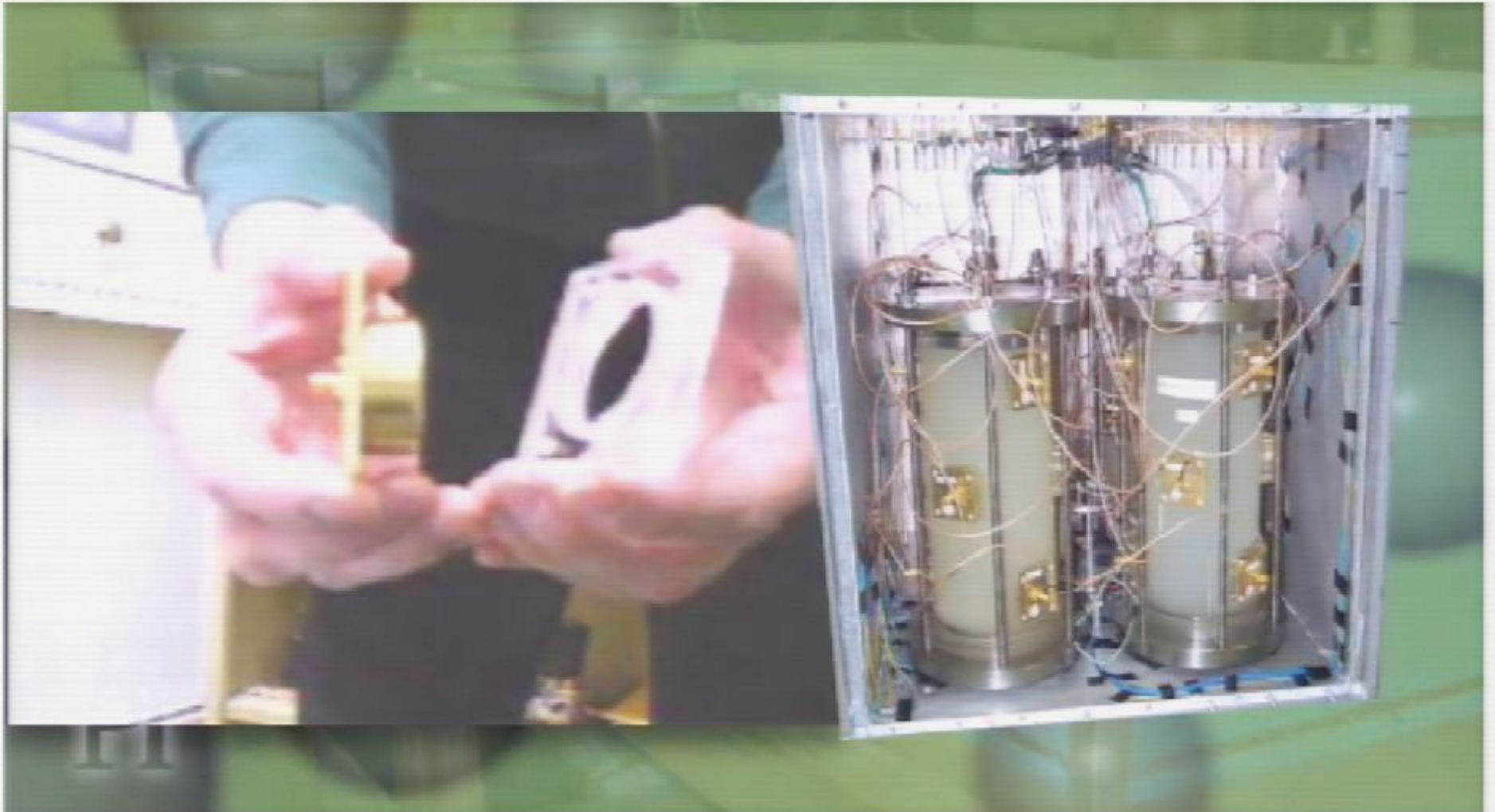
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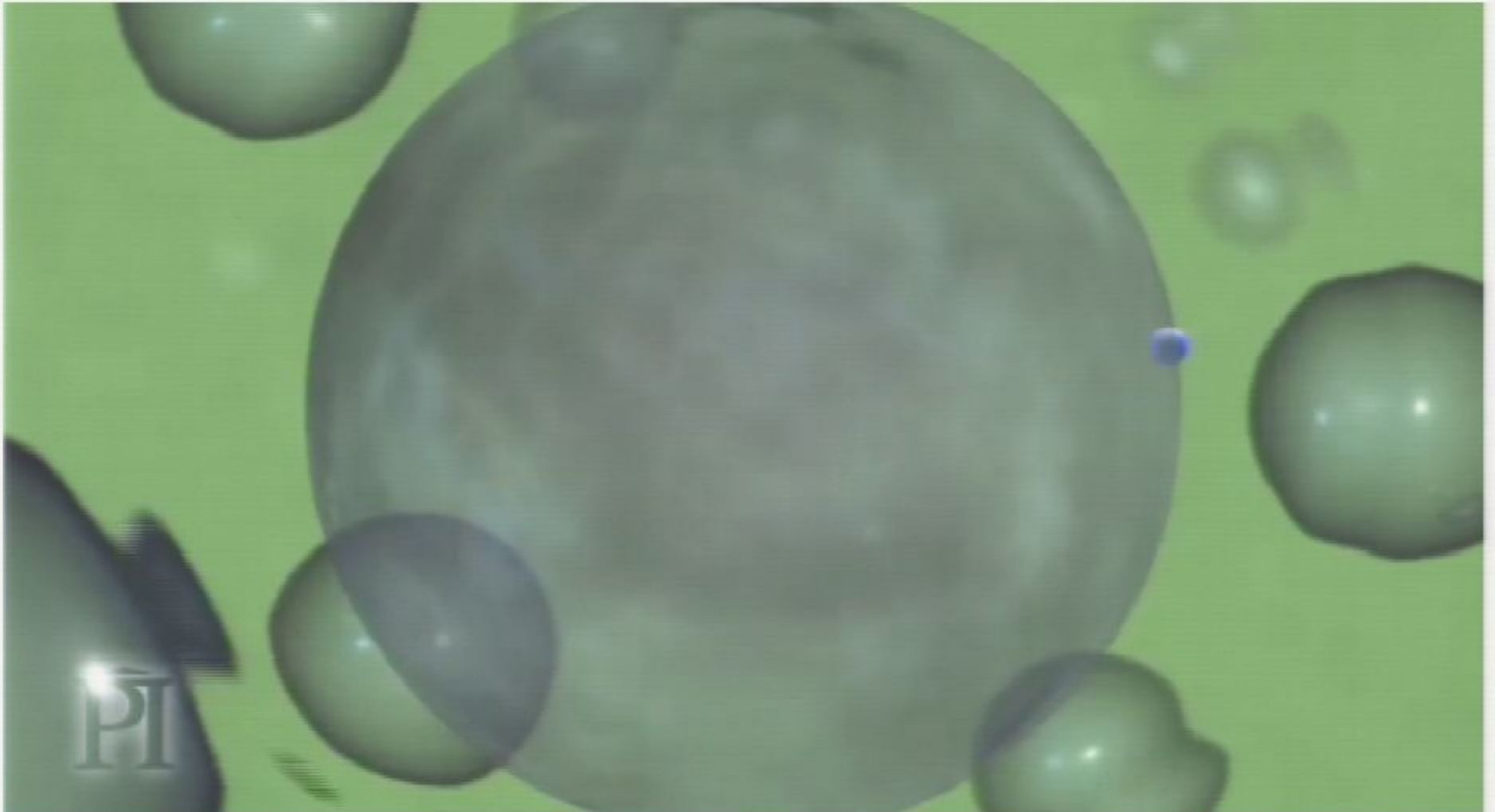
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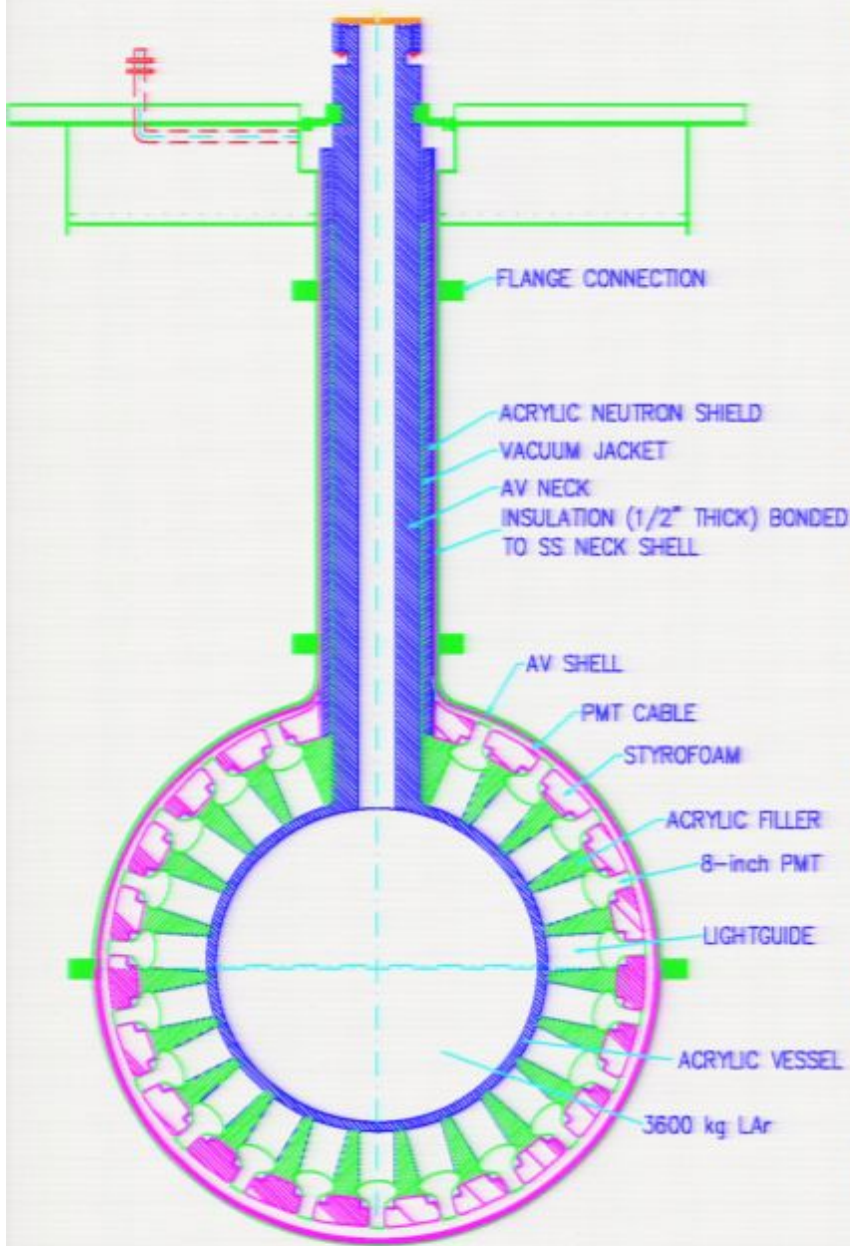
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## DEAP 3600 detector



*Design is driven by background requirements*

85 cm radius acrylic sphere contains  
**3600 kg LAr**  
(55 cm, 1000 kg fiducial)

266 8" PMTs (warm)

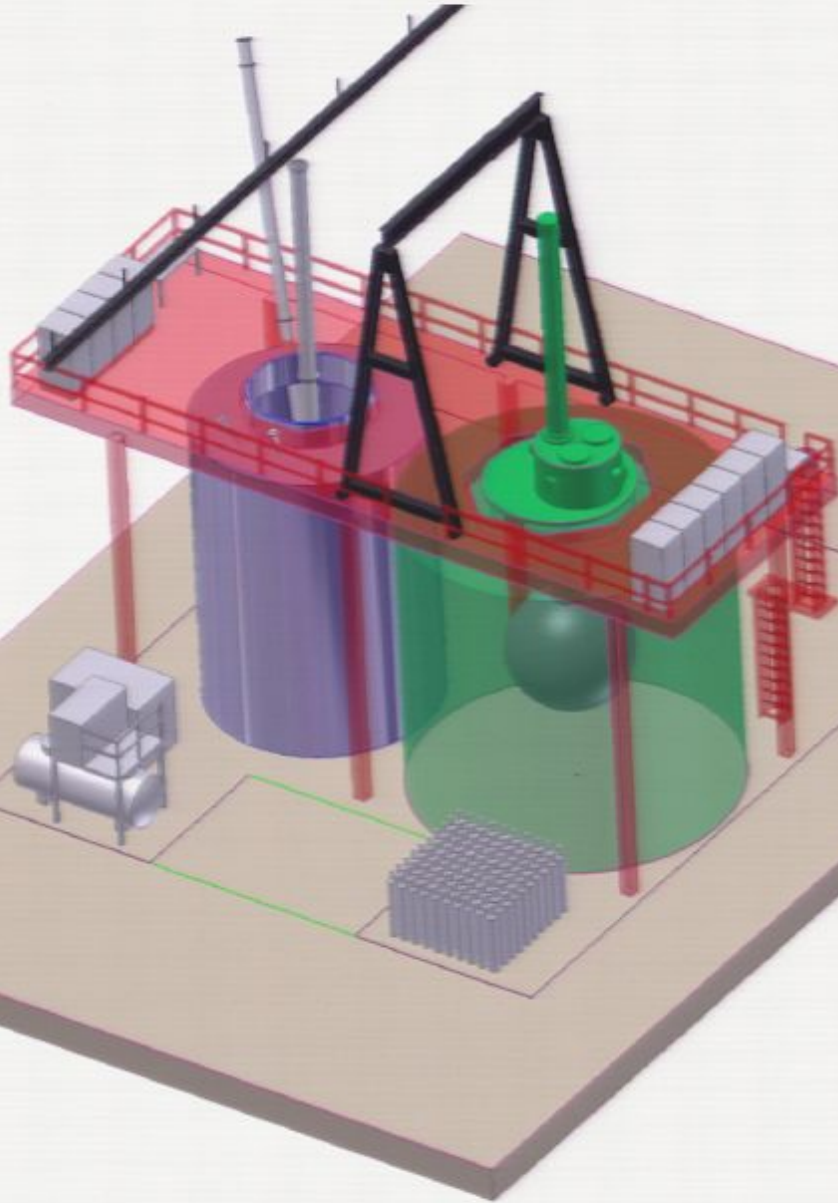
50 cm acrylic light guides and fillers for  
neutron shielding (from PMTs)

Steel shell for safety to prevent  
cryogen/water mixing (AV failure)

**Only LAr, acrylic, and WLS (10 g) inside of  
neutron shield (minimizes Rn emanation)**

8.5 m diameter water shielding tank

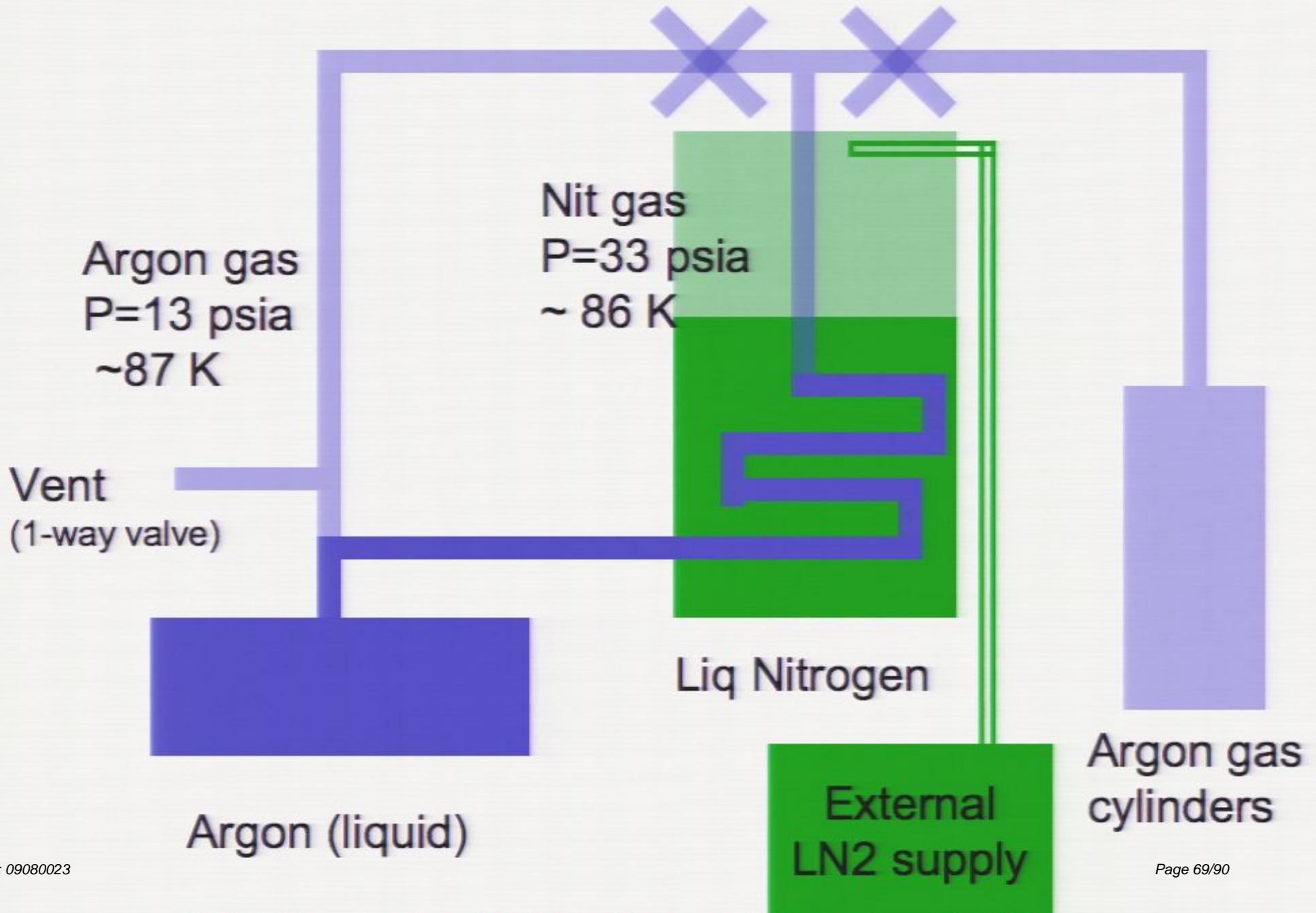
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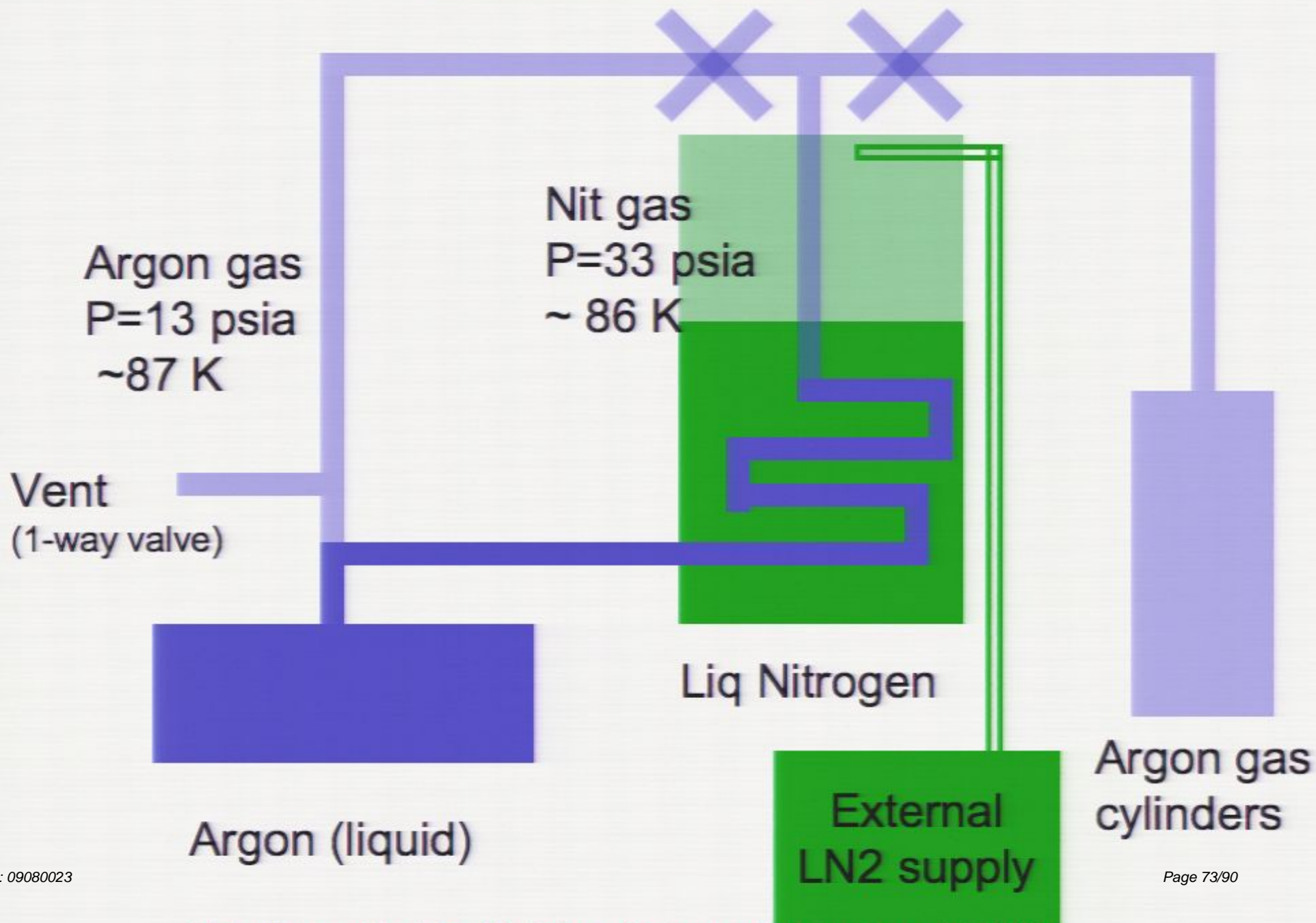
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## On July 3

- DEAP-1 was pumped down to high vacuum.
- DEAP-1 was room temperature
- We started filling DEAP-1
- Argon hit the warm surfaces and boiled and vented
- We left it filling
- Overnight DEAP-1 started to get cold and started to fill

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- 3 of us for DEAP caught 6:30 cage underground.
- In lab at 7:15.
- System to refill LN2 system failed. Quickly swap 2 dewars of LN2.
  - Why did one of the two dewars on the system fail.
  - Guessed reason. Fixed. Too bad we guessed wrong.

## LN2 Fail and Fix

Re-tested system - while filling detector.  
Heard horrible clicking sound here

Valve in  
Backwards!

No manual  
valve between  
bad valve and  
volume of LN2  
for cooling.



## Meanwhile

- As detector filled with argon we were able to start measuring signals.
- Automated data analysis system was recording data and shipping it to a computer farm (HPCVL) at Queen's University.
- Automated analysis started.
- Summer student made a series of plots from data as it streamed in (as did postdoc at Queen's) - Many phone calls.
- We knew within 1-2 hours the data were still good and argon pure.

## Fill Finished About 1PM

- Surprisingly close to schedule given that liquid nitrogen fail effectively stopped fill for 2 hours.
- 4 hours to prepare shielding. We use plastic wand water to surround detector to keep backgrounds away.
- Fit plastic blocks around bits of plumbing.
- Stack 22-litre boxes of water.

# What About Prep and Planning?

We had lots: there was 10 pages of thought-out procedure carried out on July 3. That is why we succeeded despite mistakes.

DFEAP Procedure Manual  
Date: June 27, 2008

Version: 2.0  
Section: 6.6  
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## 6.6 Checklist For Argon Vacuum State

Checklist carried out by Chris Sillings Date and time July 3, 2008 7:35 AM

This checklist is designed to ensure the argon system is at vacuum and sealed and ready for cooldown.

Valve	Expected Setting	Actual Setting
MV-001	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
MV-002	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
Regulator Setting	Closed	<del>Closed</del>
Regulator Outlet Valve	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
MV-005	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
MV-006	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
MV-007	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
MV-009	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
Getter	Bypass	Off / On / <del>Bypass</del> / <del>Heater</del>
Gas flow setpoint (slow controls)	0	✓
Actual gas flow	sumeq0	✓
MV-031	Open	<del>Open</del> - Closed
PCV-032	70-90 psig	50 psig
MV-028	Closed	Open - Closed
MV-029	Notch 5	Open - Notch 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - <del>5</del> - 6
MV-030	<del>Closed</del> open	<del>Open</del> - Closed - Removed
VTP-003	Removed	Off - <del>Attemp</del> - Fault - Removed
VRP-004	Removed	Off - <del>On</del> - Removed
Flate Temperature	> 260 K	✓
Neck Temperature	> 260	✓
Window 1 Temperature	> 260	✓
Window 2 Temperature	> 260	✓
Neck heater check done?		✓
PMT A heater check done?		✓
PMT B heater check done?		✓

\* To test all-metal valve during fill

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## 5.16 Cooldown Procedure: Argon System

Procedure carried out by Chris Hugh & Shawn Date and time July 3, 2008 13:05

### 5.16.1 Purpose

This is the detector fill procedure. Start this procedure about 2PM to finish the following morning. **Do not under any circumstances do anything to the argon high-pressure manifold without approval of the principal investigator or the detector manager.**

### 5.16.2 Pre-Fill Checks

- 13:07 Verify that PMT heaters are installed and working. (Individually turn on the heaters and look for a rise in temperature.)
- 13:07 Verify that neck heater is installed and working. (Set heater to 38C and verify the temperature goes there.) *see checklist 6-6  
was @ 44C. Toned to 40C.*
- 13:08 Carry out the argon-vacuum checklist (6.6). *see 9:55 AM checklist*
- 13:08 Verify that the LN2 supply dewar is nearly full and pressurized.
- 13:07 Ensure the liquid nitrogen temperature is 87K. Colder than this and we risk freezing argon.
- 13:07 Make sure that neck heater is set to control temperature to 25-30 C. **Monitor the neck and PMT temperature.** The neck temperature is read off the meter on top of the slow-controls rack.
- 13:40 The SAES getter heater should be at Set temperature and the Life Status Good.

### 5.16.3 Procedure

#### 5.16.3.1 Start of Fill

- 13:08 Fully decrease PCV-003 to zero pressure. *shady*
- 13:08 Set flow-control using slow-controls screen to 5 slpm.
- 13:12 Open valve MV-001.
- 13:12 Open valve MV-002.
- 13:12 Ensure the SAES valves are in purification mode. *Done (even bypass)*
- 13:12 Ensure MV-009 is open.

13:13 0 psig MV-002  
0 psig MV-009

13:15 0 psig



## Fill Finished About 1PM

- Surprisingly close to schedule given that liquid nitrogen fail effectively stopped fill for 2 hours.
- 4 hours to prepare shielding. We use plastic wand water to surround detector to keep backgrounds away.
- Fit plastic blocks around bits of plumbing.
- Stack 22-litre boxes of water.

# What About Prep and Planning?

We had lots: there was 10 pages of thought-out procedure carried out on July 3. That is why we succeeded despite mistakes.

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## 6.6 Checklist For Argon Vacuum State

Checklist carried out by: Chris Sillings Date and time: July 3, 2008 7:35 AM

This checklist is designed to ensure the argon system is at vacuum and sealed and ready for cooldown.

Valve	Expected Setting	Actual Setting
MV-001	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
MV-002	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
Regulator Setting	Closed	<del>Closed</del>
Regulator Outlet Valve	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
MV-005	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
MV-006	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
MV-007	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
MV-009	Closed	Open - <del>Closed</del>
Getter	Bypass	Off / On / <del>Bypass / <del>Removed</del></del>
Gas flow setpoint (slow controls)	0	✓
Actual gas flow	some qd	✓
MV-031	Open	<del>Open</del> - Closed
PCV-032	70-90 psig	50 psig
MV-028	Closed	Open - Closed
MV-029	Notch 5	Open - Notch 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - <del>5</del> - 6
MV-030	<del>Closed</del> open	<del>Open</del> - Closed - Removed
VTP-003	Removed	Off - <del>Attemp</del> - Fault - Removed
VRP-004	Removed	Off - <del>Attemp</del> - Removed
Flate Temperature	> 260 K	✓
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- 13:10 The SAES getter heater should be at Set temperature and the Life Status Good.

### 5.16.3 Procedure

#### 5.16.3.1 Start of Fill

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- 13:10 Set flow-control using slow-controls screen to 5 slpm.
- 13:12 Open valve MV-001.
- 13:12 Open valve MV-002.
- 13:14 Ensure the SAES valves are in purification mode. *Done (even bypass)*
- 13:14 Ensure MV-009 is open.

13:13 0 psig MV-002  
0 psig MV-009

13:15 Open Heaters

## Why Did I Pick This Day?

- I worked with
  - a grad student (Hugh from Yale)
  - an undergrad (Luc, L.U. student)
  - with people off-site (Bei at Queen's)
  - with engineers and techs.
- We
  - Plumbed (fixing the LN2 fail)
  - Followed procedures very carefully
  - Improvised
  - Took data
  - Analyzed data



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    - Neutrinos change flavour
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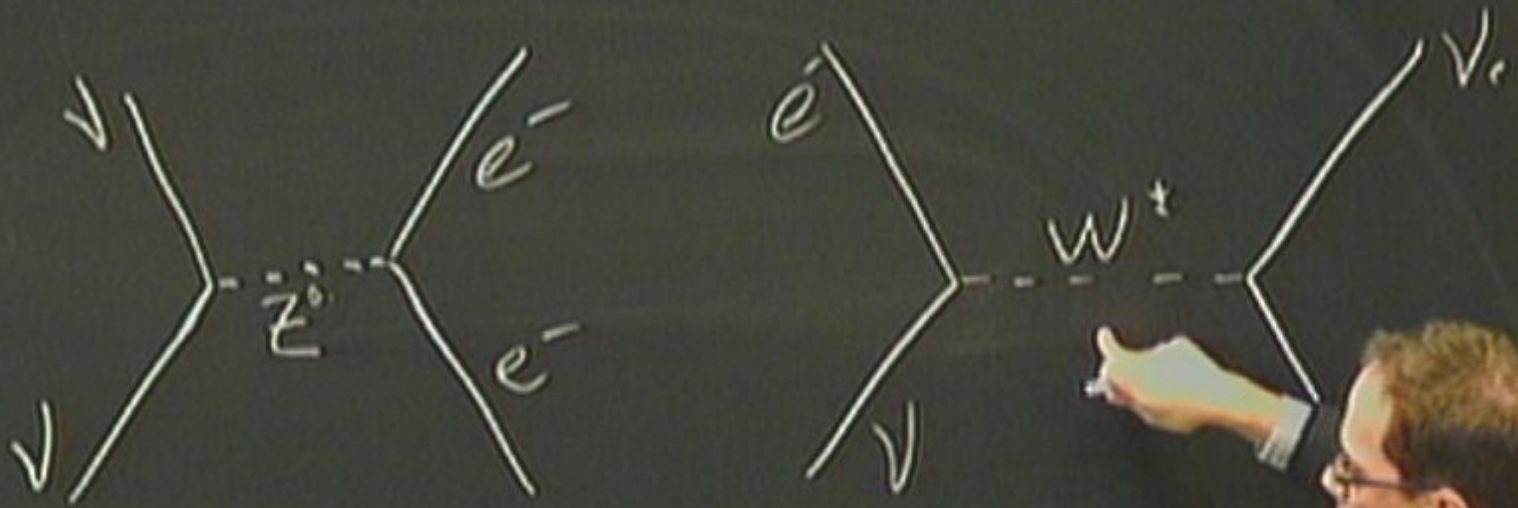
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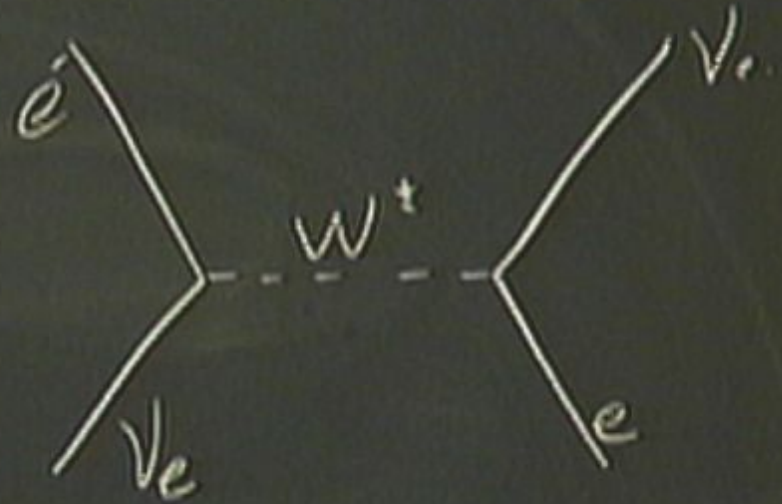
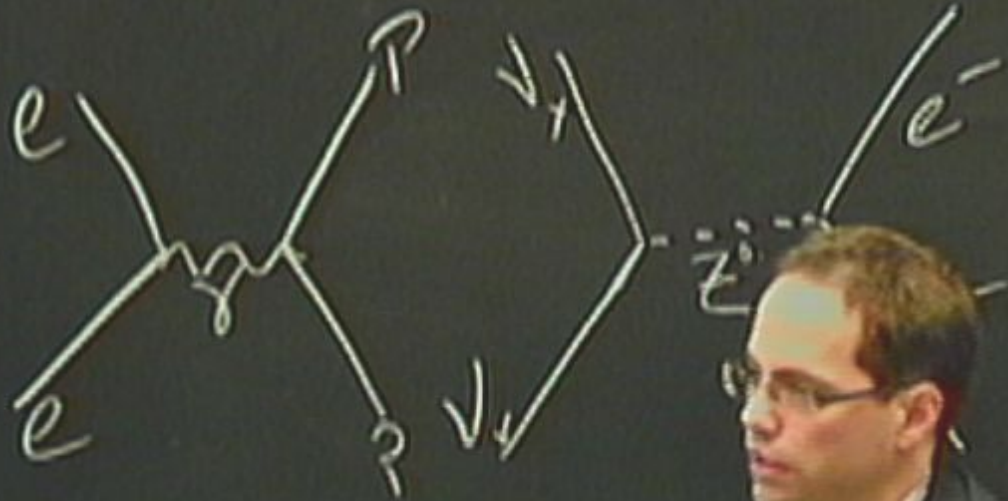


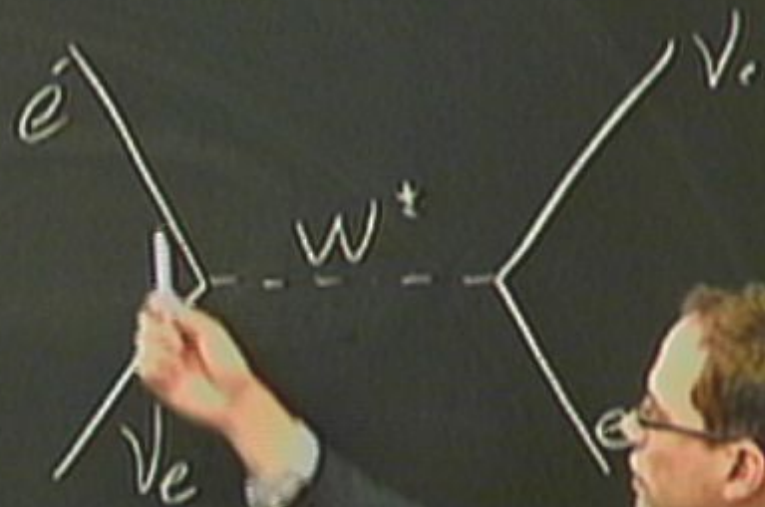
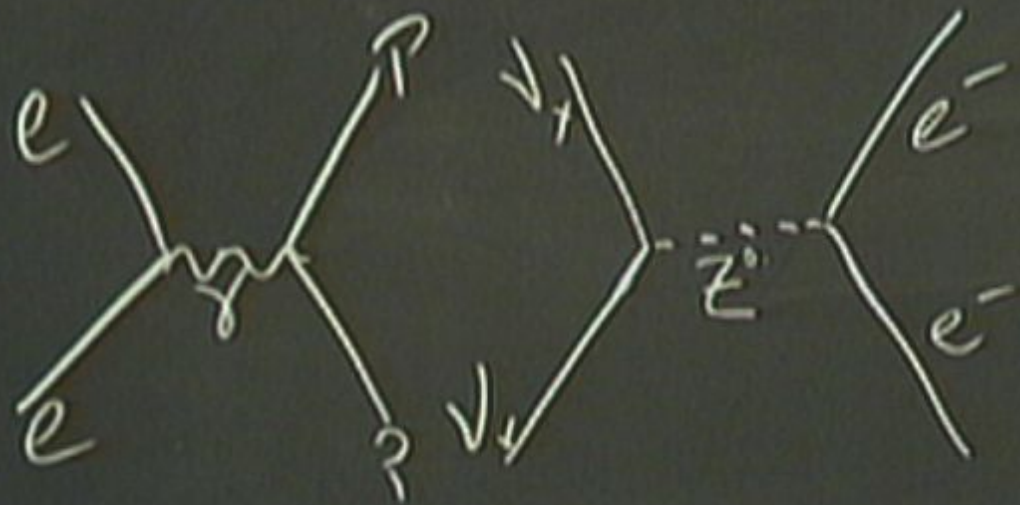


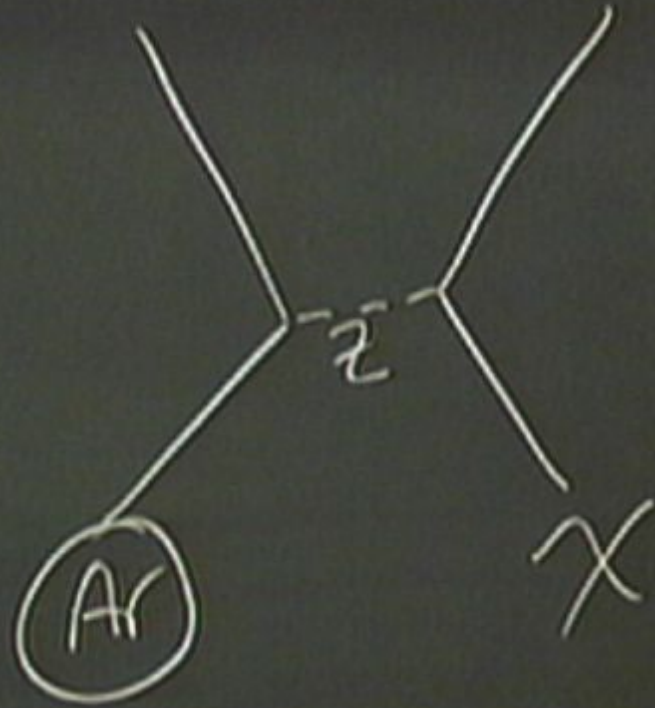
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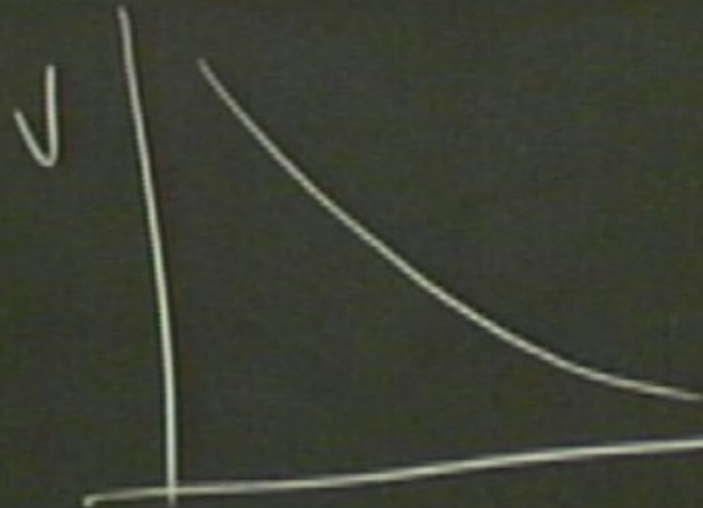




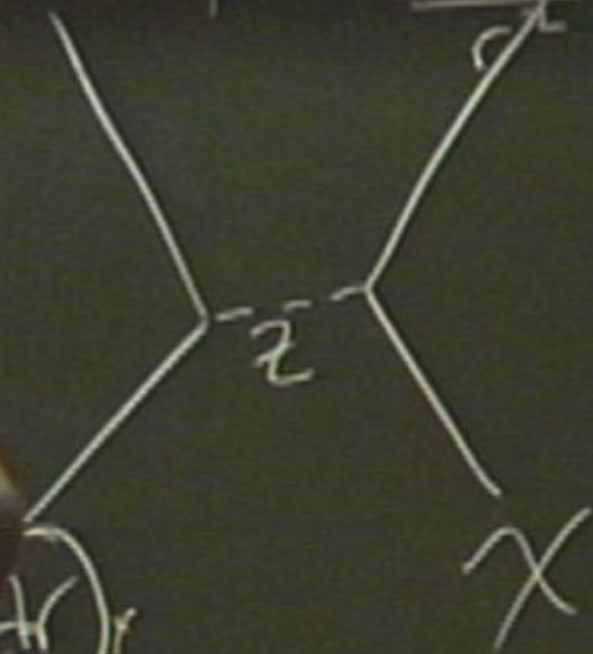




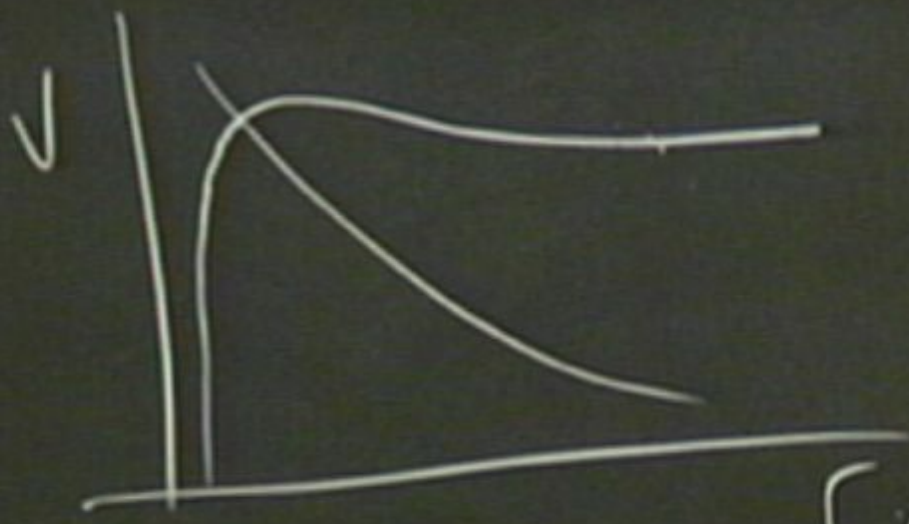




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