

Low Frequency All Sky Temperature Experiment “LATTE”

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Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation

"Dawn of Time"



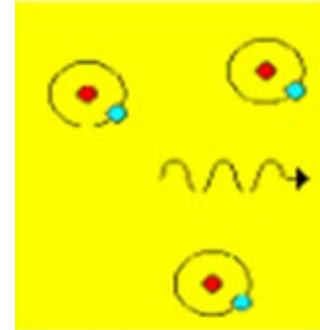
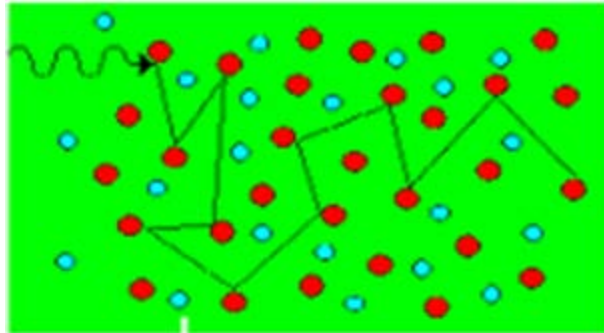
"Hydrogen Plasma"



"Last Scattering"



"Universe Today"



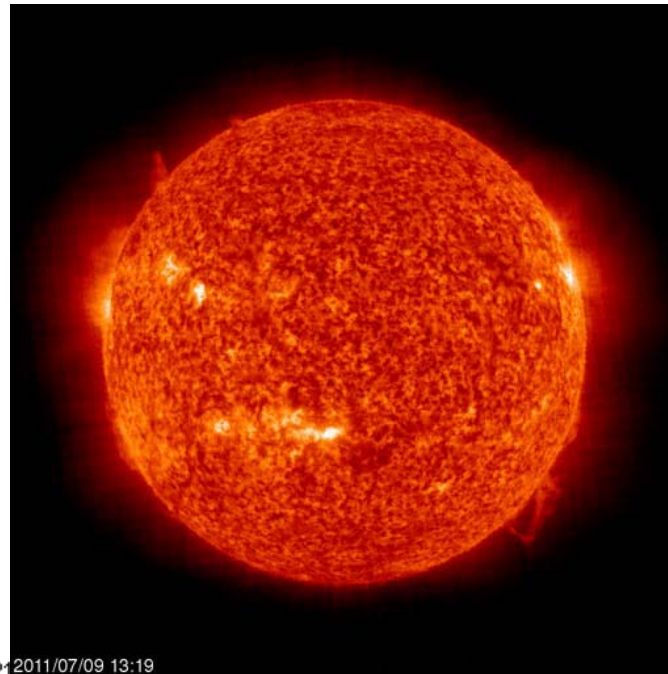
[CMB radiation escapes]

BOOM!

...A few seconds later...

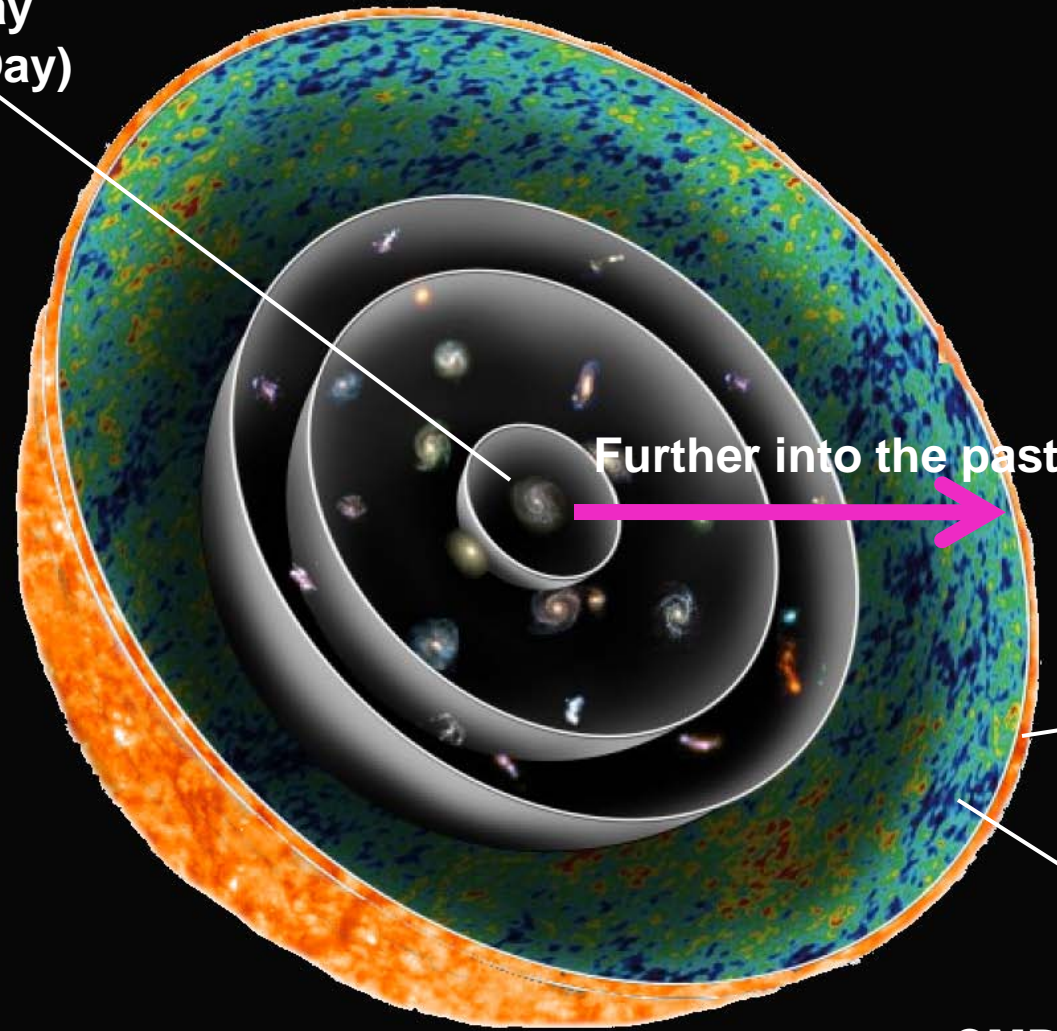
300,000 years...

Present day.

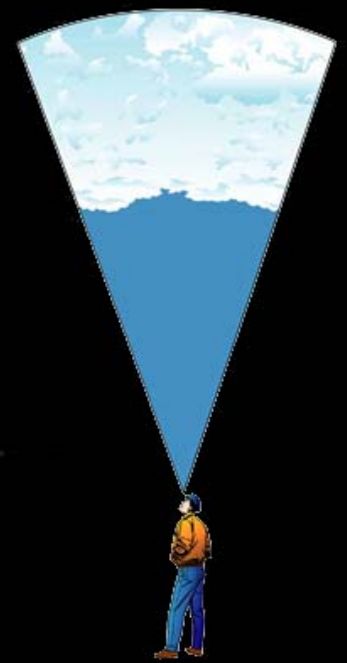


Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation

Milky Way
(Present Day)



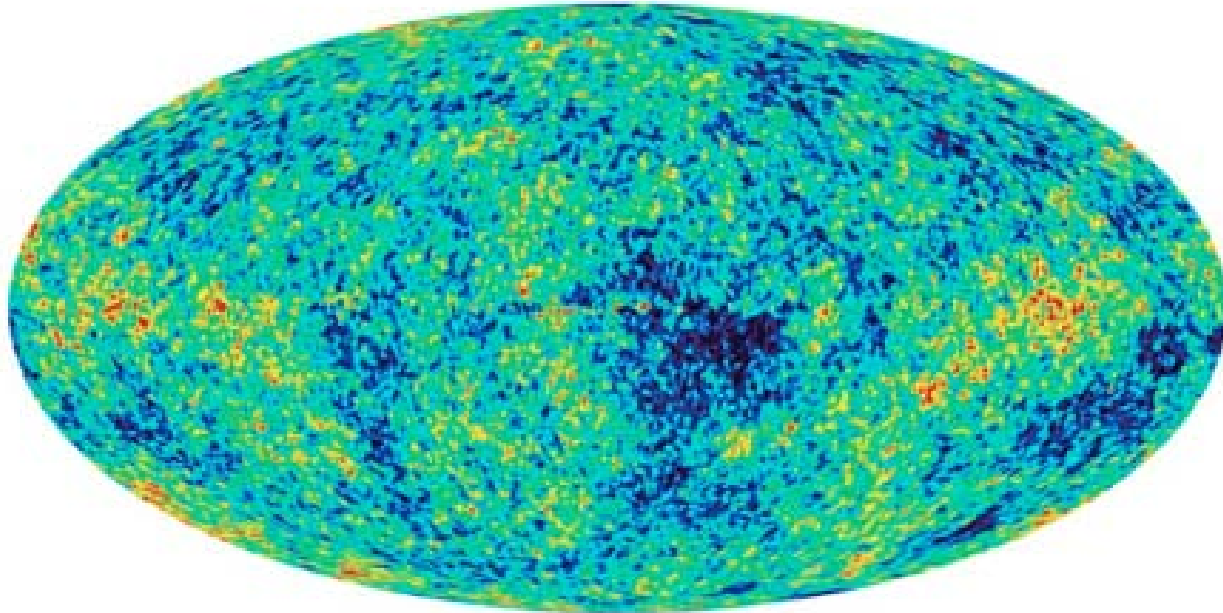
Further into the past



Hot opaque
Plasma universe :
-No photons could
escape

CMB last scattering "surface"
(300,000 years after big bang)
-transparent universe

CMB Temperature Variation map

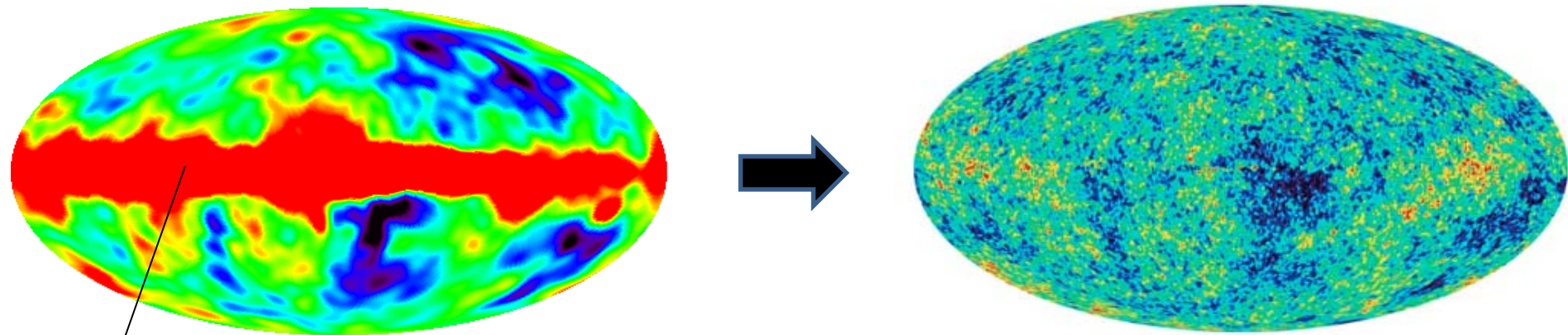


Mapping CMB variations can answer:

- How did the universe *begin*, and how will it *end*?
- how old is the universe?
- what is it made of? (dark matter/energy?)
- how did galaxies and other large structures form?

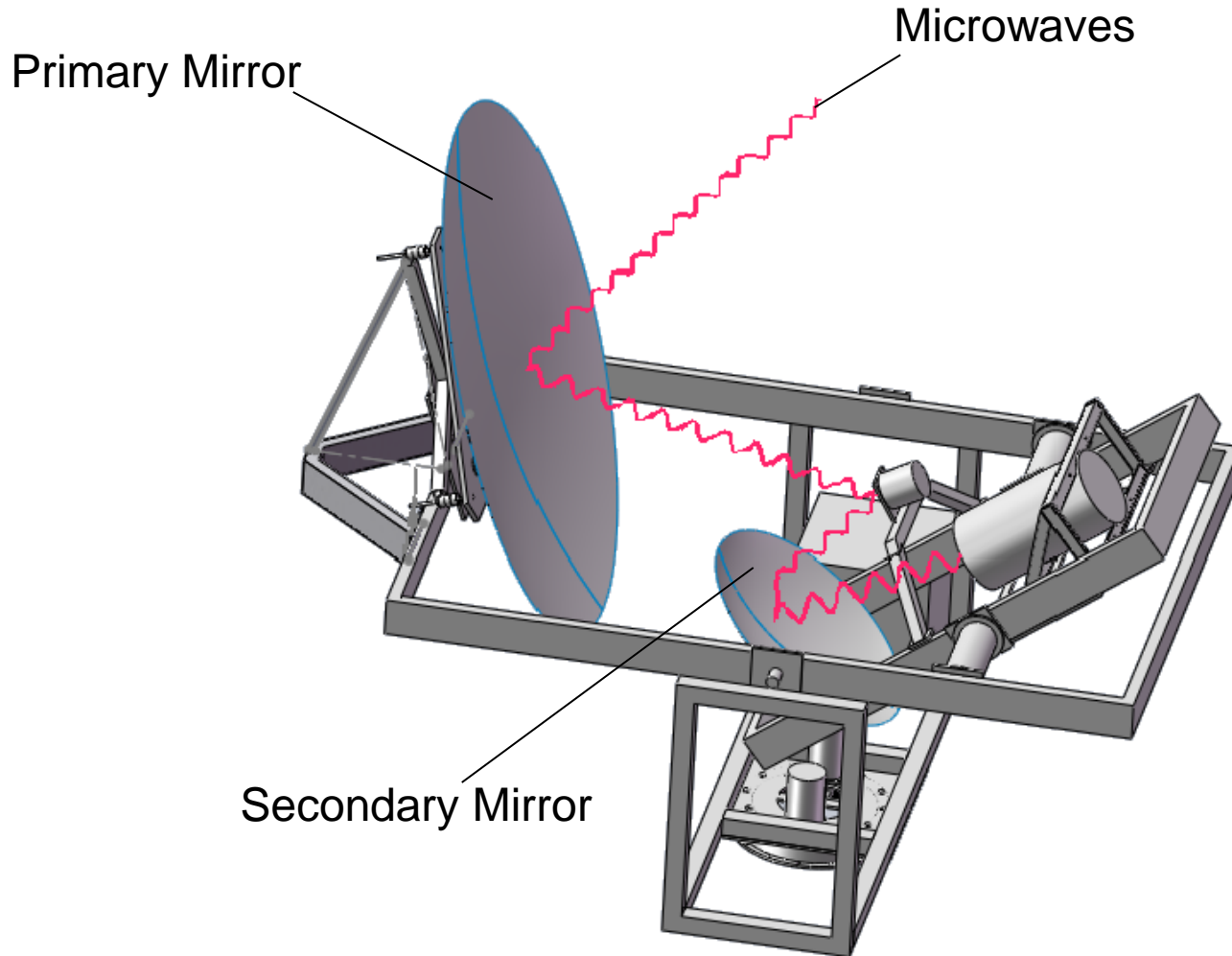
LATTE Big Picture:

To understand microwave emissions from the Milky Way galaxy in order to fully subtract them from the CMB.



Radiation
from plane
of Milky
Way Galaxy

Main Goal for LATTE: Microwave Telescope



Summer Goal: Dewar

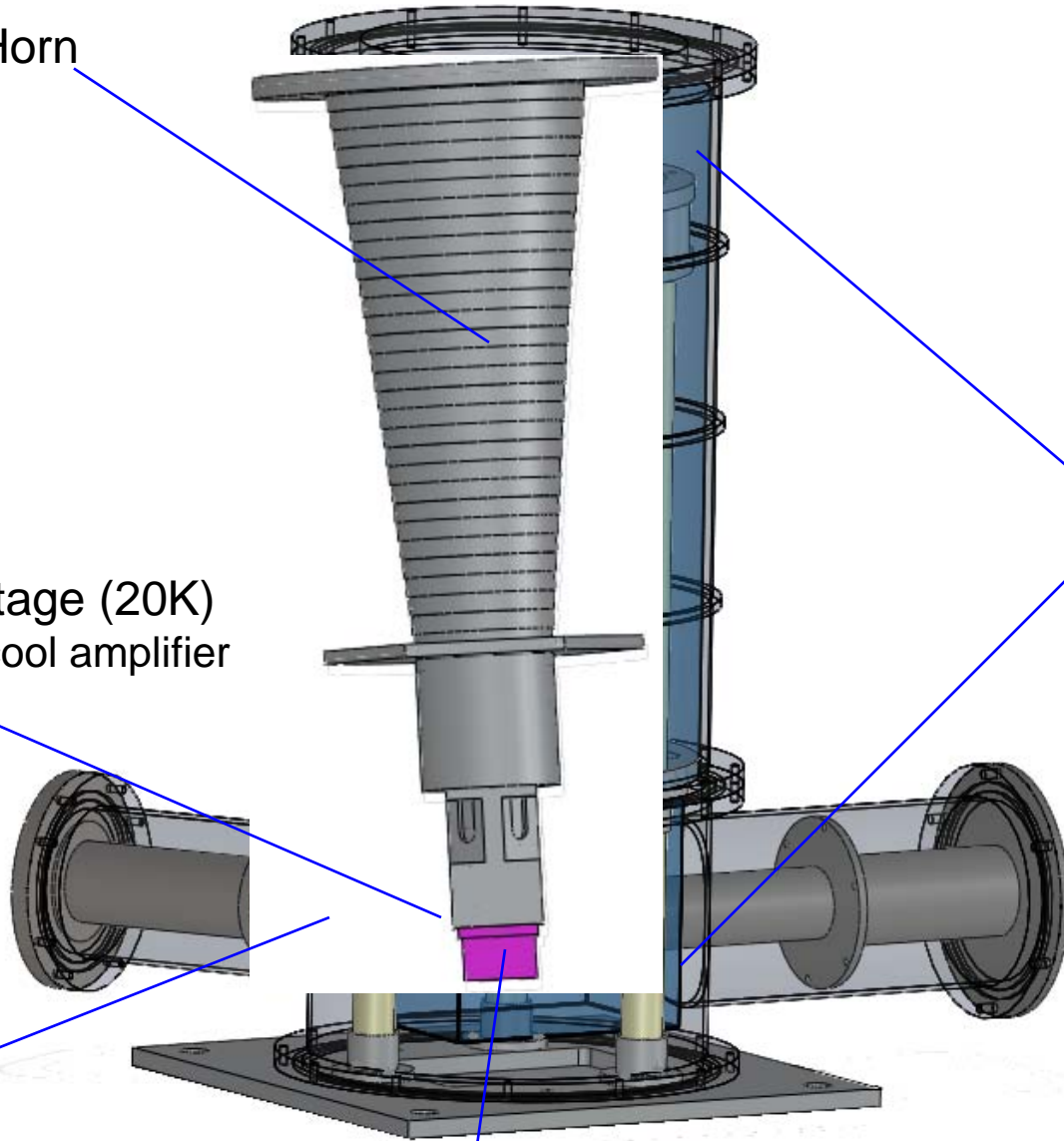
Feed Horn

Inner heat shield

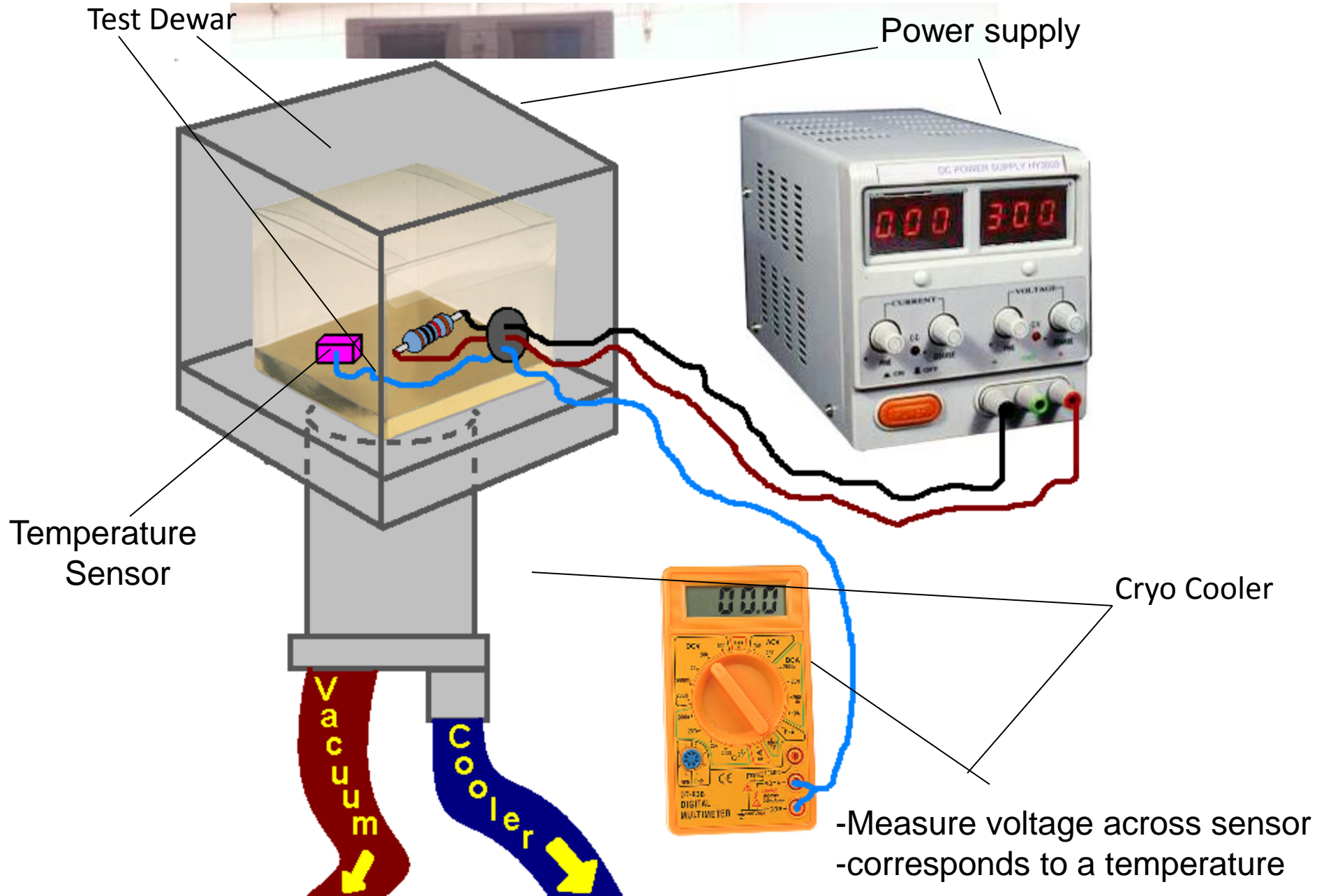
Cryo-Cooler 2nd stage (20K)
-will attach to end to cool amplifier

Cryo-Cooler 1st stage (77K)
-attaches to heat shield

Amplifier connected here

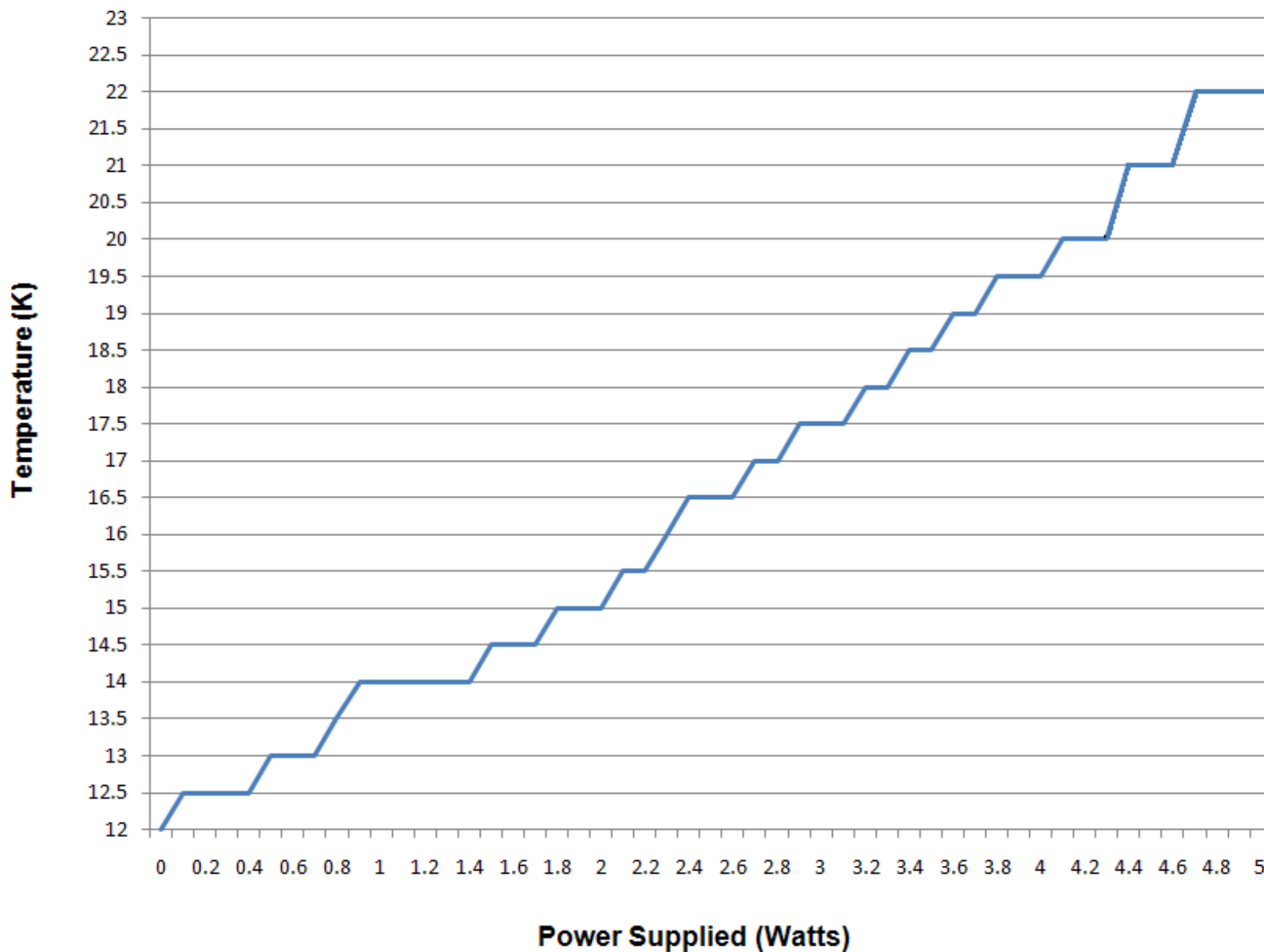


Test Dewar

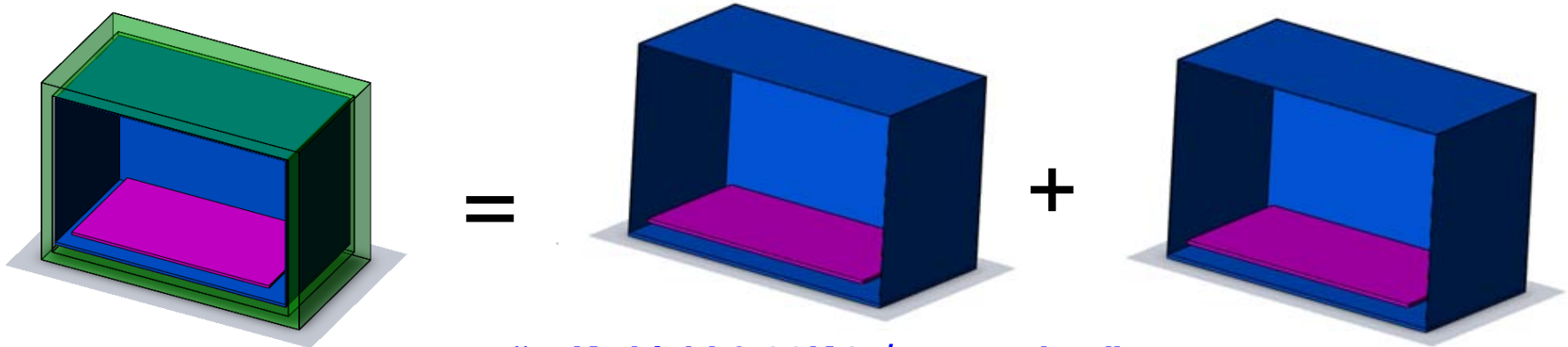


Internal Temperature Change Data

Dewar Stage-2 Temperature change



Heat transfer calculation for Dewar surfaces:



“Whole test dewar” = “Outer 77K shield & 20K 2nd stage plate” + “77K shield & 20K 2nd stage plate”

$$\sum_{k=1}^6 \sum_{j=1}^6 \left(\frac{\delta_{kj}}{\epsilon_j} - F_{kj} \right) * q_j = \sum_{k=1}^6 \sum_{j=1}^6 (\delta_{kj} - F_{kj}) * \sigma T_j^4$$

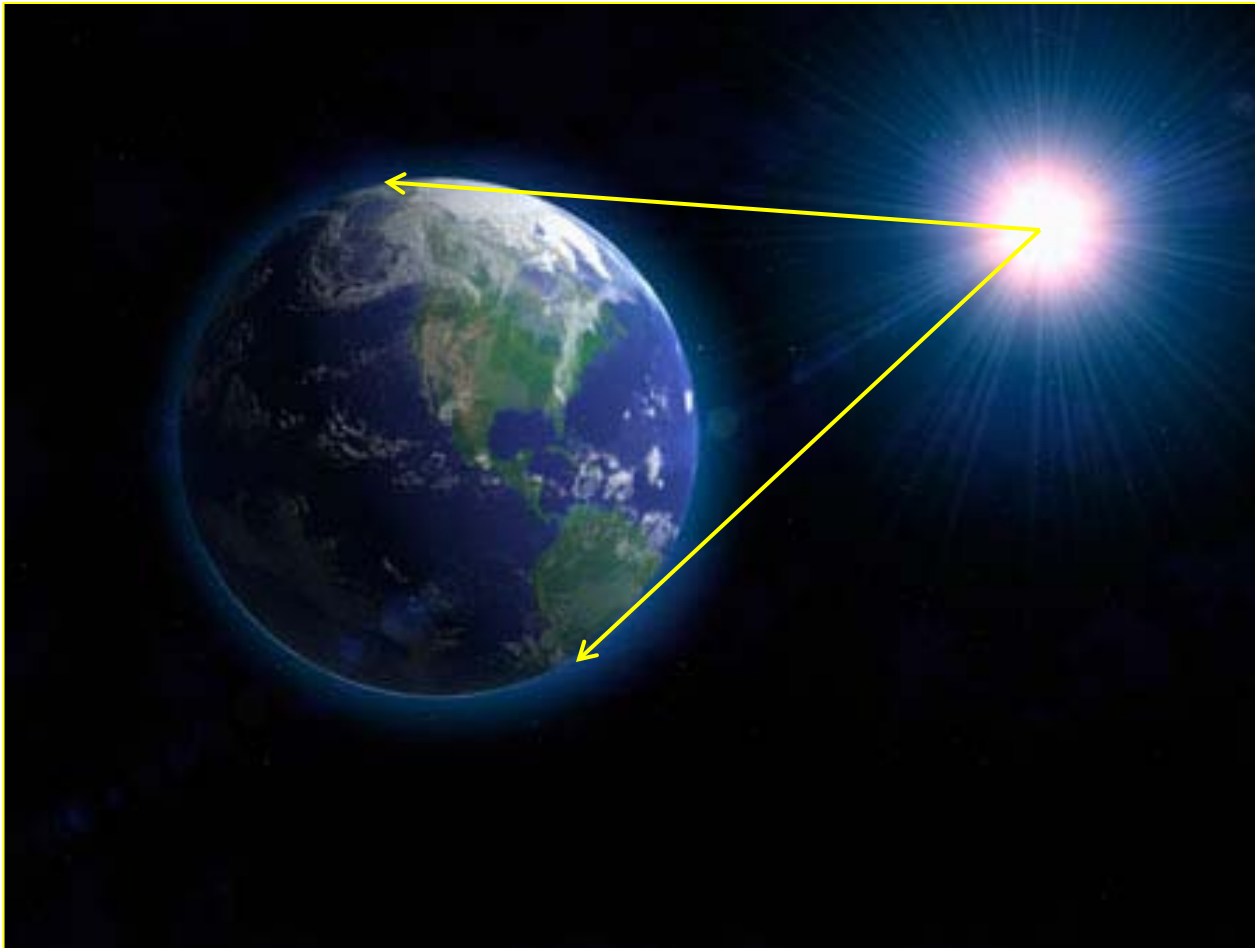
“Heat transfer summation equation for 6 surfaces”

- j and k represent surfaces that emit and absorb heat (respectively.)
- The goal was to solve for q_j ($j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$); the net heat radiation flux going through each unique face of the Dewar from all the other faces.
- Except for F_{kj} , all other variables in the equations were known.
- We had to solve for all F_{kj} values first, aka “*view factors*”
- A *view factor* is the fraction of the total heat radiation leaving surface k that is intercepted by surface j .

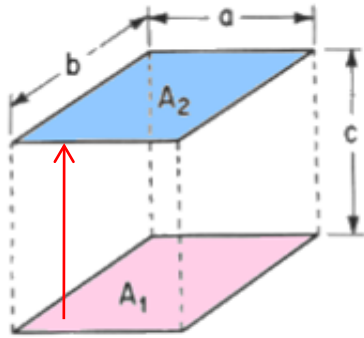
View factor from the Sun to the Earth:

$$F_{sun-earth}$$

-The fraction of the total radiated energy from the sun that hits the Earth's surface.



Examples of View Factor Calculations for the Test Dewar (flux from 77K shield to 2nd stage)



$$F_{1-2} = \frac{2}{\pi XY} \left\{ \ln \left[\frac{(1+X^2)(1+Y^2)}{1+X^2+Y^2} \right]^{1/2} + X\sqrt{1+Y^2} \tan^{-1} \frac{X}{\sqrt{1+Y^2}} \right. \\ \left. + Y\sqrt{1+X^2} \tan^{-1} \frac{Y}{\sqrt{1+X^2}} - X \tan^{-1} X - Y \tan^{-1} Y \right\}$$

$$a = .13981;$$

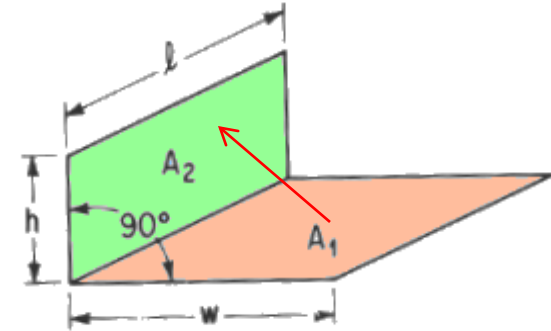
$$b = .26194;$$

$$c = .26194;$$

$$X = \frac{a}{c};$$

$$Y = \frac{b}{c};$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{12} = 0.123445$$



$$F_{1-2} = \frac{1}{W\pi} \left(W \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{W} + H \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{H} - \sqrt{H^2+W^2} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{H^2+W^2}} \right) \\ + \frac{1}{4} \ln \left\{ \frac{(1+W^2)(1+H^2)}{1+W^2+H^2} \left[\frac{W^2(1+W^2+H^2)}{(1+W^2)(W^2+H^2)} \right]^{W^2} \left[\frac{H^2(1+H^2+W^2)}{(1+H^2)(H^2+W^2)} \right]^{H^2} \right\}$$

$$h = .13981;$$

$$l = .26194;$$

$$w = .26194;$$

$$H = \frac{h}{l};$$

$$W = \frac{w}{l};$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{12} = 0.15165$$

36 view factors!

$$F_{1,1} = F_{2,2} = F_{3,3} = F_{4,4} = F_{5,5} = F_{6,6} = 0$$

$$F_{1,2} = A$$

$$F_{2,1} = \frac{A_1}{A_2} * F_{1,2}$$

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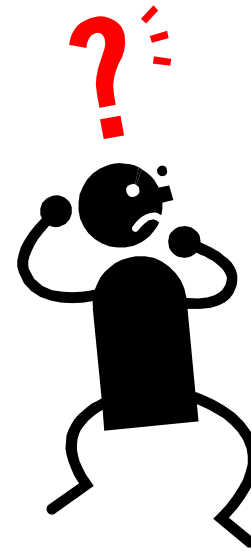
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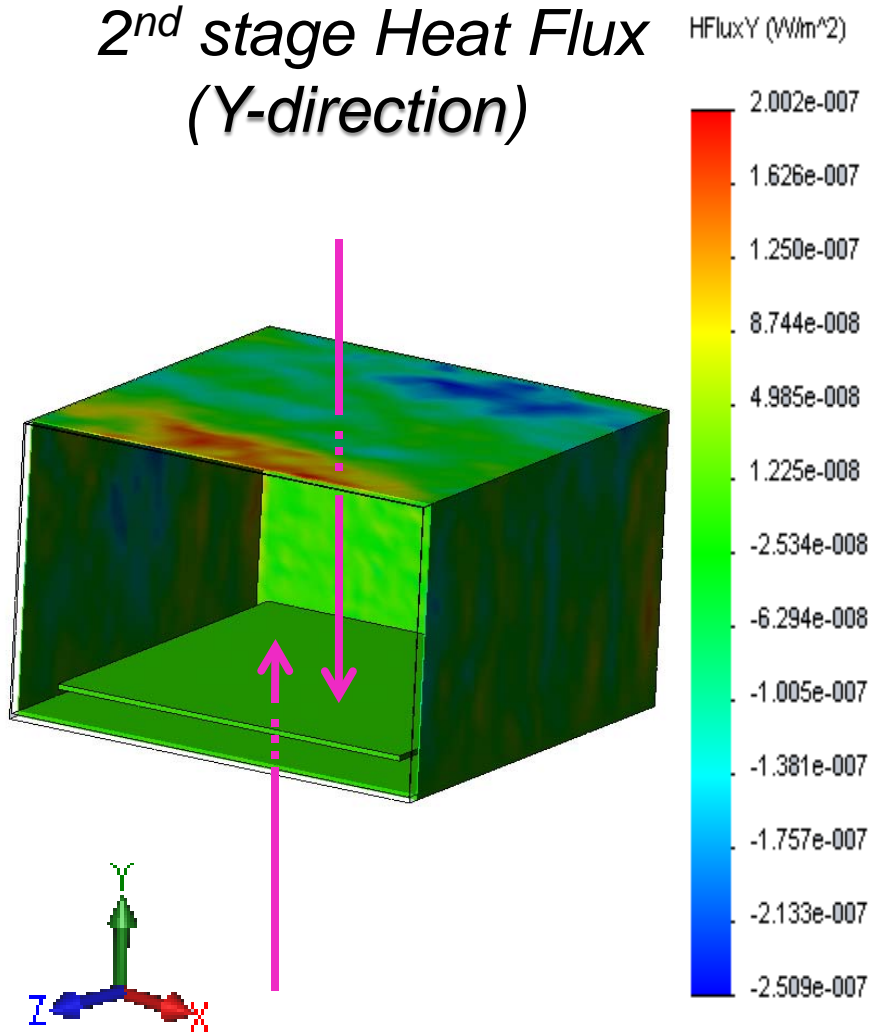
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Final Heat Flux Answer:

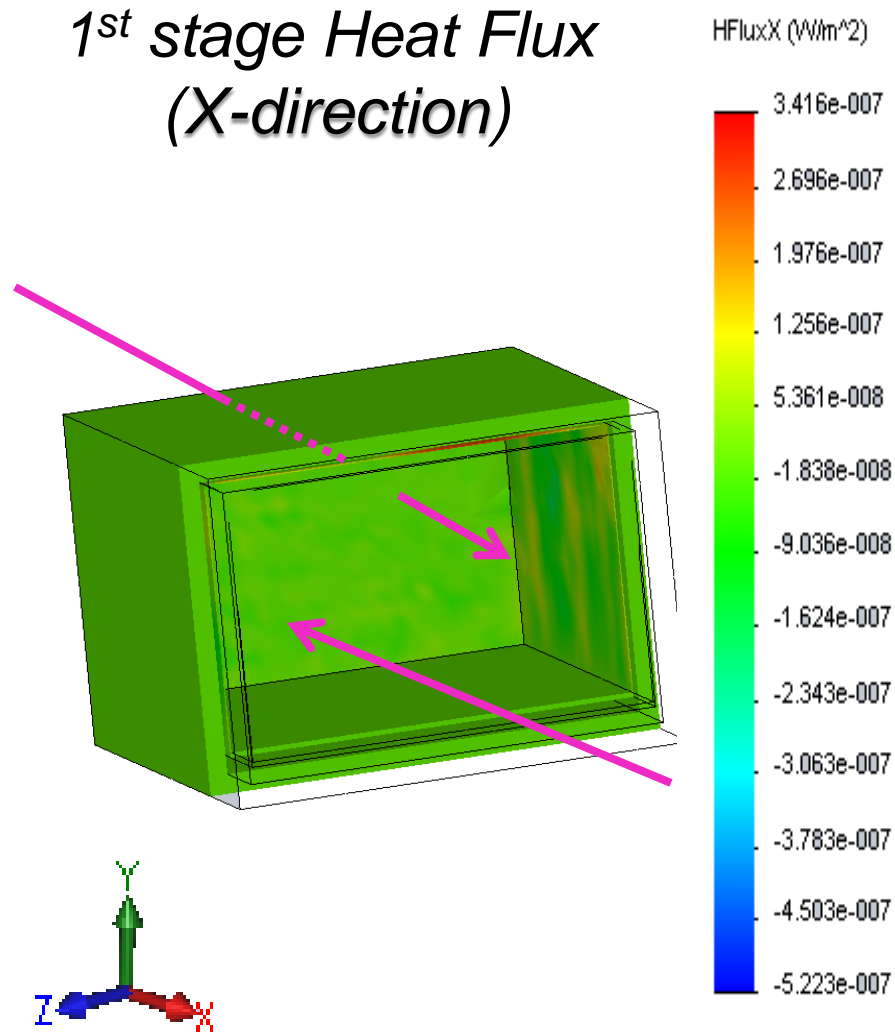
Net Heat Flux = -0.002734 watts of heat through the second stage of the Dewar!

Radiative heat transfer simulation attempts (SolidWorks)

*2nd stage Heat Flux
(Y-direction)*

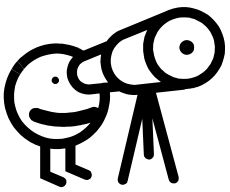


*1st stage Heat Flux
(X-direction)*



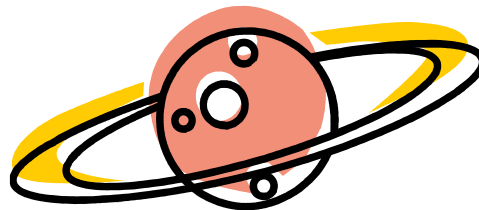
Future Goals

- finish experiment with test dewar and fix simulations so that I can compare all three of my heat flux results for any surface I want
- If theoretical predictions match experimental data, then I will do heat transfer calculations and simulations for our real dewar design for the microwave telescope



Summary

- Mapping the **Cosmic Microwave Background** is necessary for us to truly understand the universe's underlying physical processes, which will ultimately lead to technological advances in many areas of science and engineering.
- This means it is necessary to understand and filter out interfering Milky Way Galaxy foreground radiation from the CMB
- Accurate heat transfer predictions for the cryogenic system will help make future microwave telescope Dewar design more efficient, and reduce thermal noise in our data



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