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How the physics of quantum impurities became a central question in the relic neutrino detection (ONSITE presentation)

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I will explain that the systems where a beta-decaying atom is attached to a solid-state substrate are capable of making a break-through discovery for cosmology —detecting the so-called Relic Neutrino Background (CνB).

To collect enough statistics and achieve the superb energy measurement resolution required for this ambitious goal, a large-scale experiment involving a macroscopic number of beta-decayers must be eventually built.

The physics of the interaction between the beta-decayer and the substrate is quite non-trivial and it imposes fundamental limitations on the experiment. I will review several effects that appear in such a system and describe some of the non-trivial theoretical and experimental problems that have to be solved before a full-scale CnuB detector can be built.

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