

Superconducting technology and Measuring the Cosmic Neutrino Background

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Cosmic Neutrinos and a bit of history



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Cosmic Neutrino Background

- Initially, entire Universe was a hot dense state
- Weak interactions keep neutrinos in thermal equilibrium with rest of primordial plasma
- Neutrino decoupling
 - at $t \sim 1$ sec ($k_B T \sim 1$ MeV) Weak interaction rate too slow to keep up with expansion
 - $\sim 113 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ per neutrino specie
 - $T_{\text{CvB}} \sim 1.9 \text{ K}$

CvB and the Early Universe

- $m_\nu < \text{a few eV}$; relativistic energy in the early Universe

$$\rho_R = \left[1 + \frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{4}{11} \right)^{4/3} N_{\text{eff}} \right] \rho_\gamma$$

- Measurable via impact on the expansion rate
- BBN: $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.71 \pm 0.46$ *Steigman, Adv. in HEP Vol 2012 (2012), 268321*
- CMB: Diffusion (Silk) damping

CvB and the Late Universe

- Oscillations: at least two of the neutrino species are massive
- non-relativistic in the late Universe, energy density set by n_ν and m_ν
- Free streaming smooths out small scale clumps
- Slows down the growth of structure, measurable by
 - Galaxy Cluster abundance (vs. redshift)
 - Weak lensing
 - other methods as well...

The Vintage Transition Edge Sensor

JULY, 1942

R. S. I.

Andrews et al., *Rev. Sci. Instrum.*, 13, 281 (1942)

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Attenuated Superconductors

I. For Measuring Infra-Red Radiation

D. H. ANDREWS, W. F. BRUCKSCH, JR., W. T. ZIEGLER, AND E. R. BLANCHARD

Chemistry Department, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland

(Received February 27, 1942)

An apparatus for measuring infra-red radiation has been constructed of fine tantalum wire, operating at a temperature of 3.22–3.23°K in the transition zone between superconduction and normal conduction. The tantalum coil is mounted on a thermostated plate with temperature electrically controlled and operates in a special self-regulating shunt circuit by which its own temperature is automatically maintained constant. The ratio of developed electrical potential to radiation flux received is $150 \mu\text{V} (\text{erg cm}^{-2} \text{sec.}^{-1})^{-1}$. Minimum detectable flux is *ca.* $10^{-3} \text{ erg sec.}^{-1}$. Absolute measurements of intensity of radiation from sources at temperatures between 24° and 55° are consistent with the Stefan-Boltzmann law showing that instrument corrections for reflectivity, window-absorption, and changes with wave-length are very small.

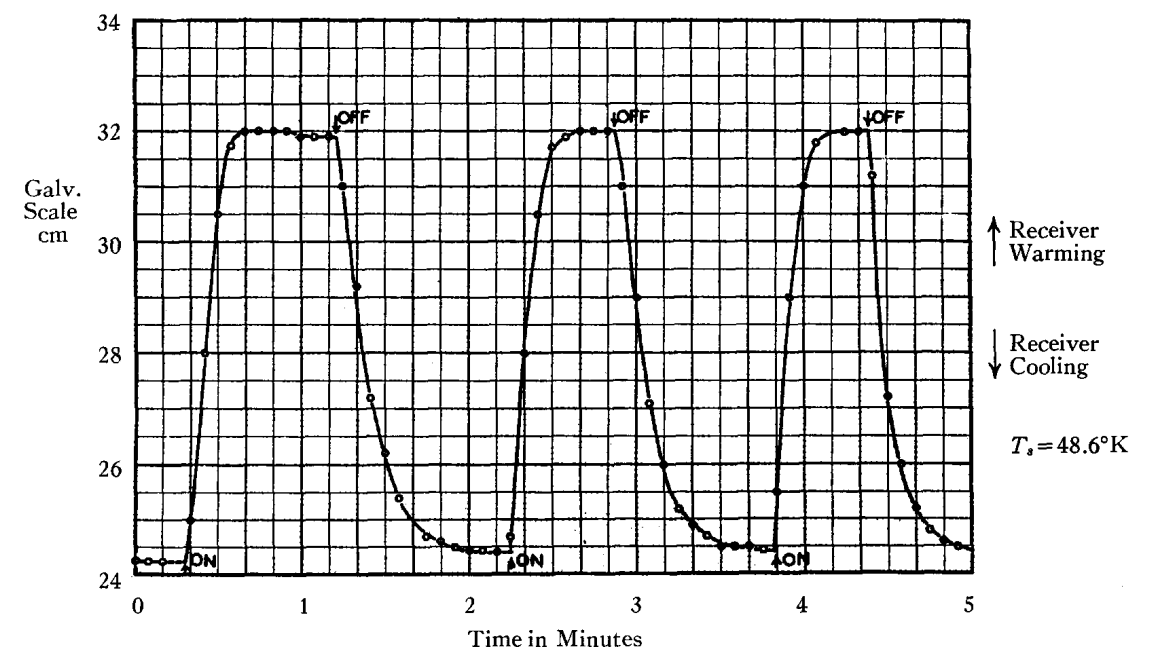
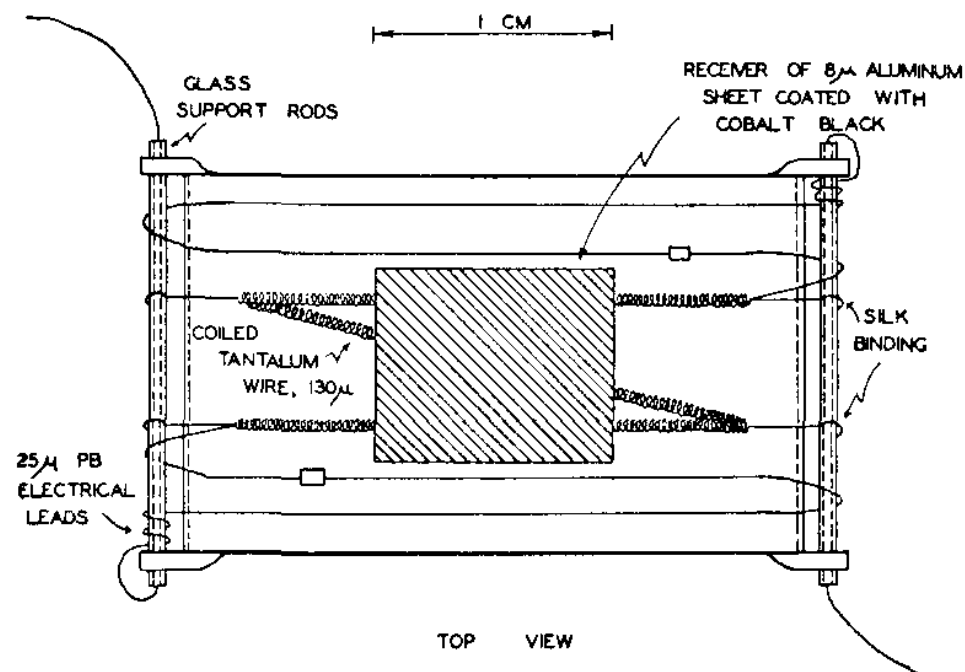
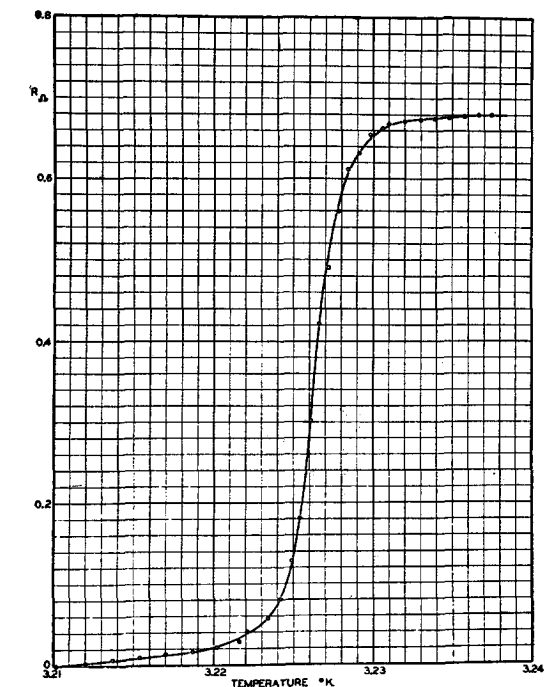


FIG. 6. Galvanometer response to radiation.

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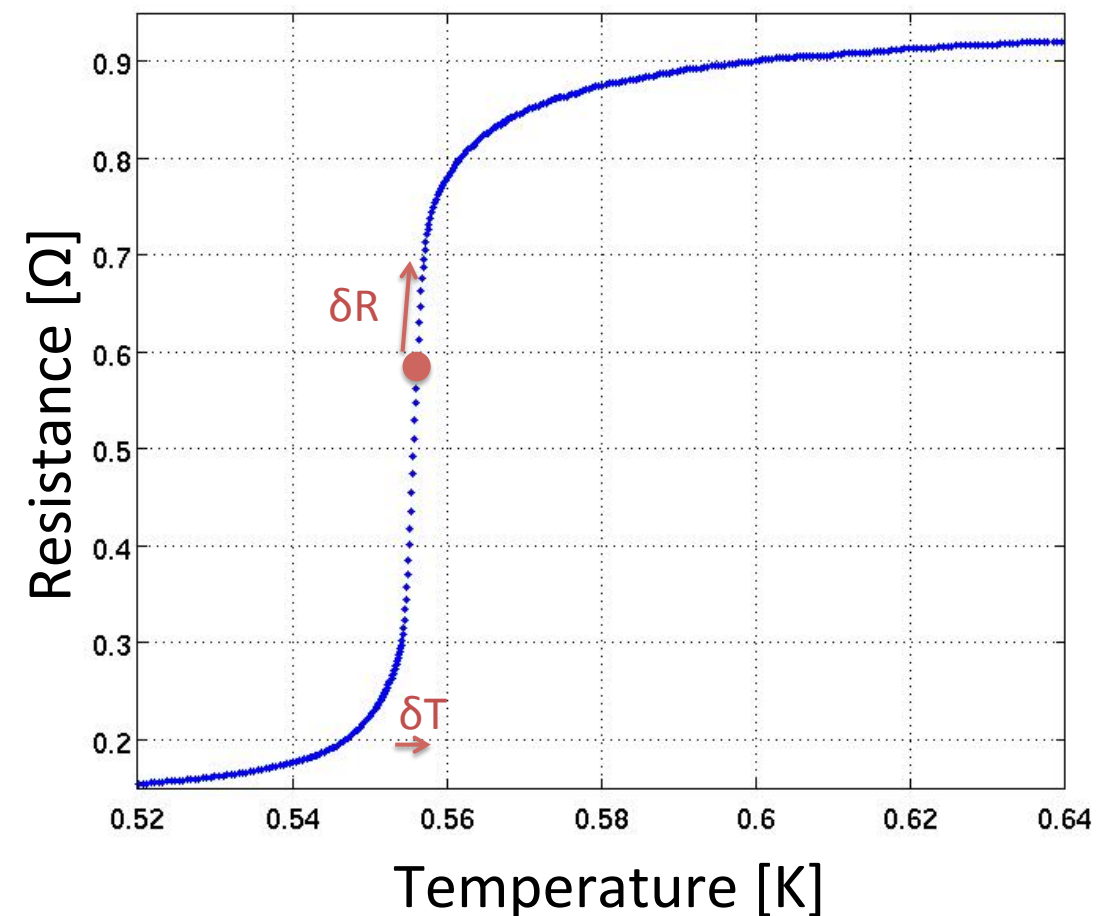
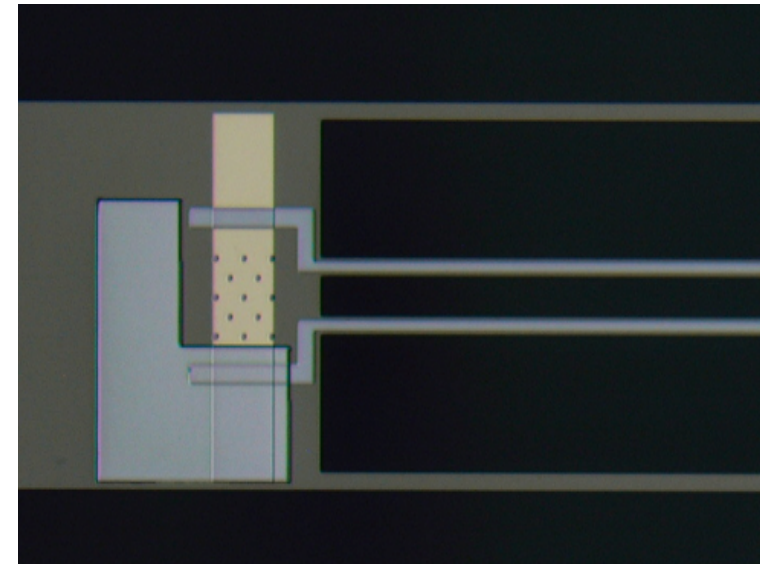
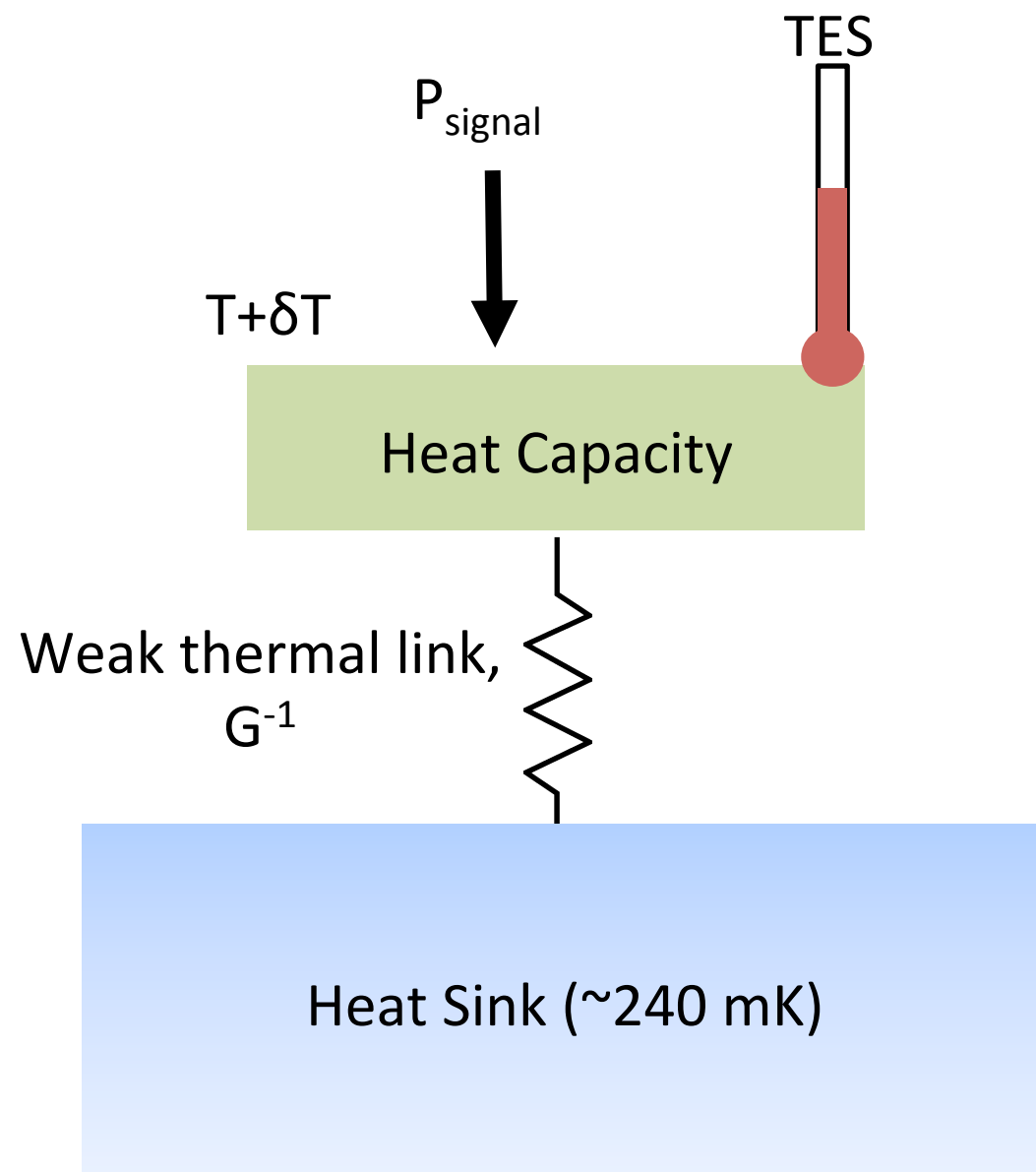
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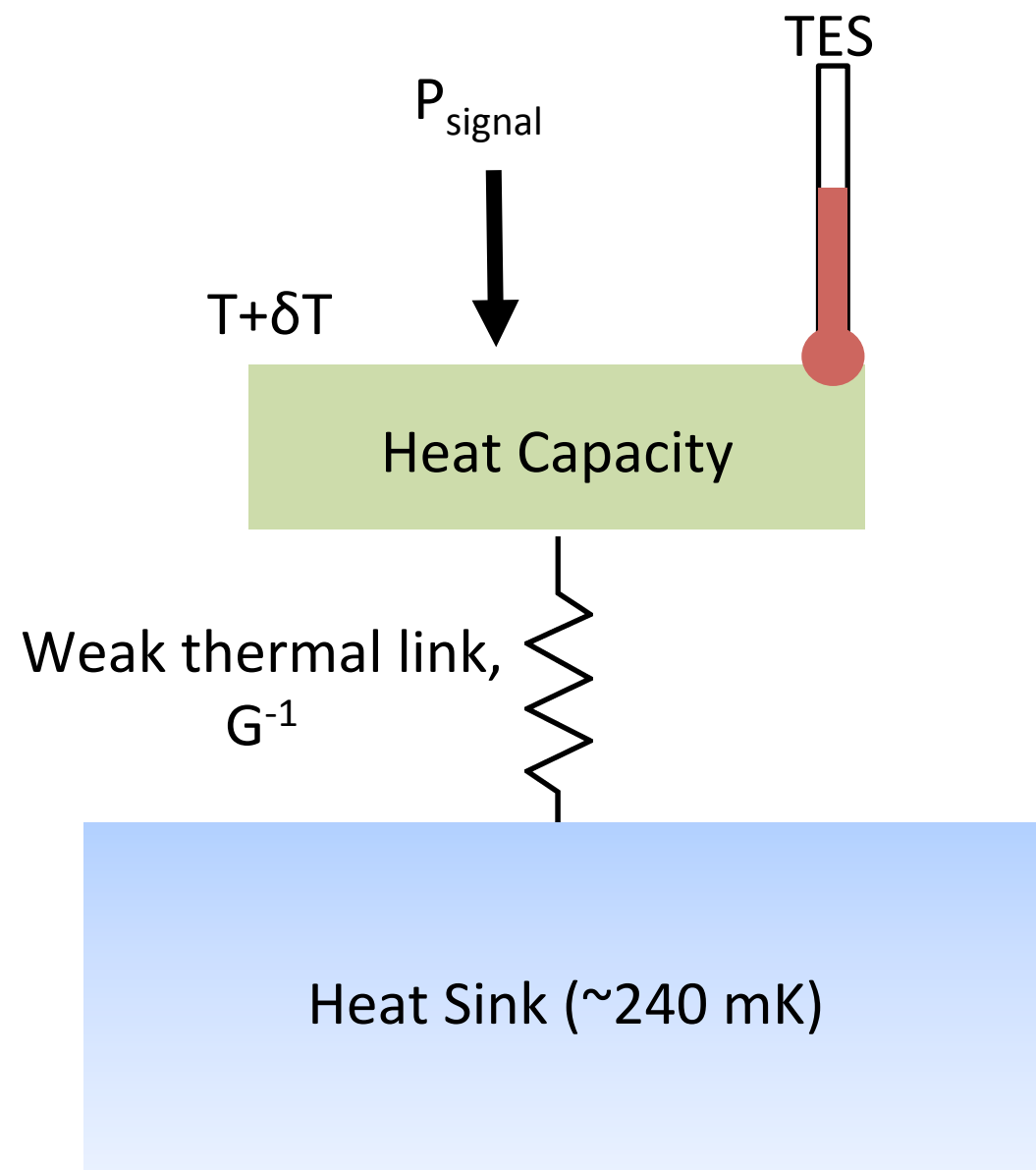
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- Voltage biased for stable operation

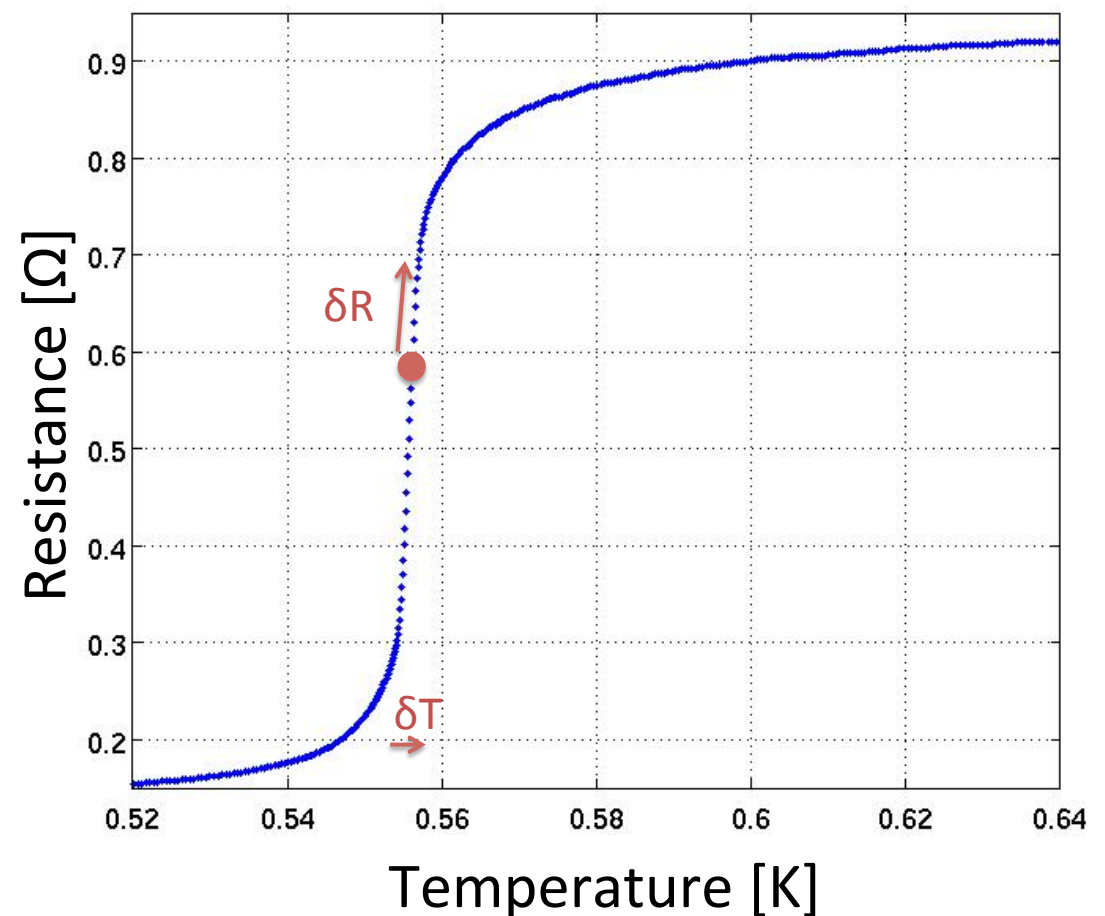
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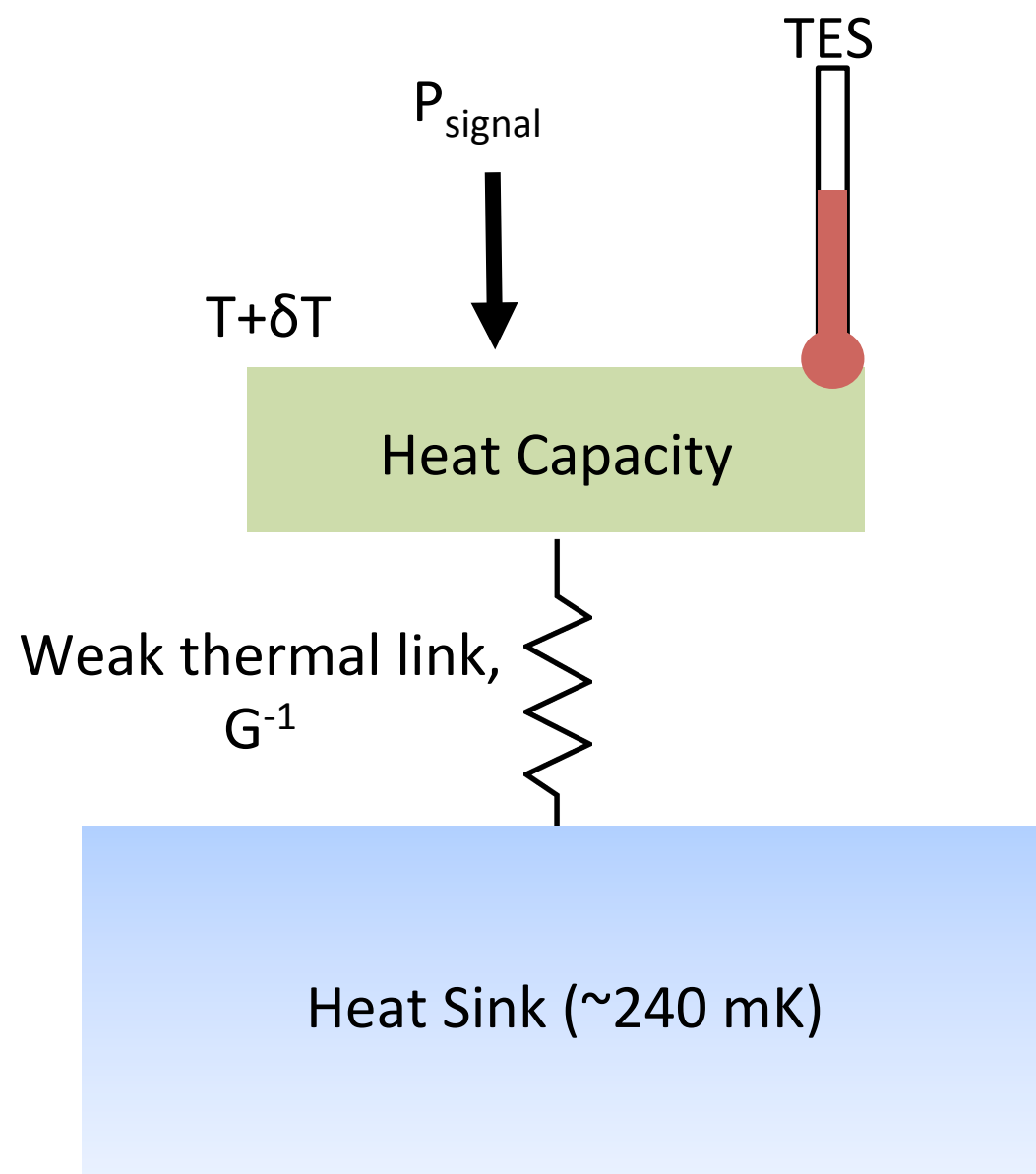
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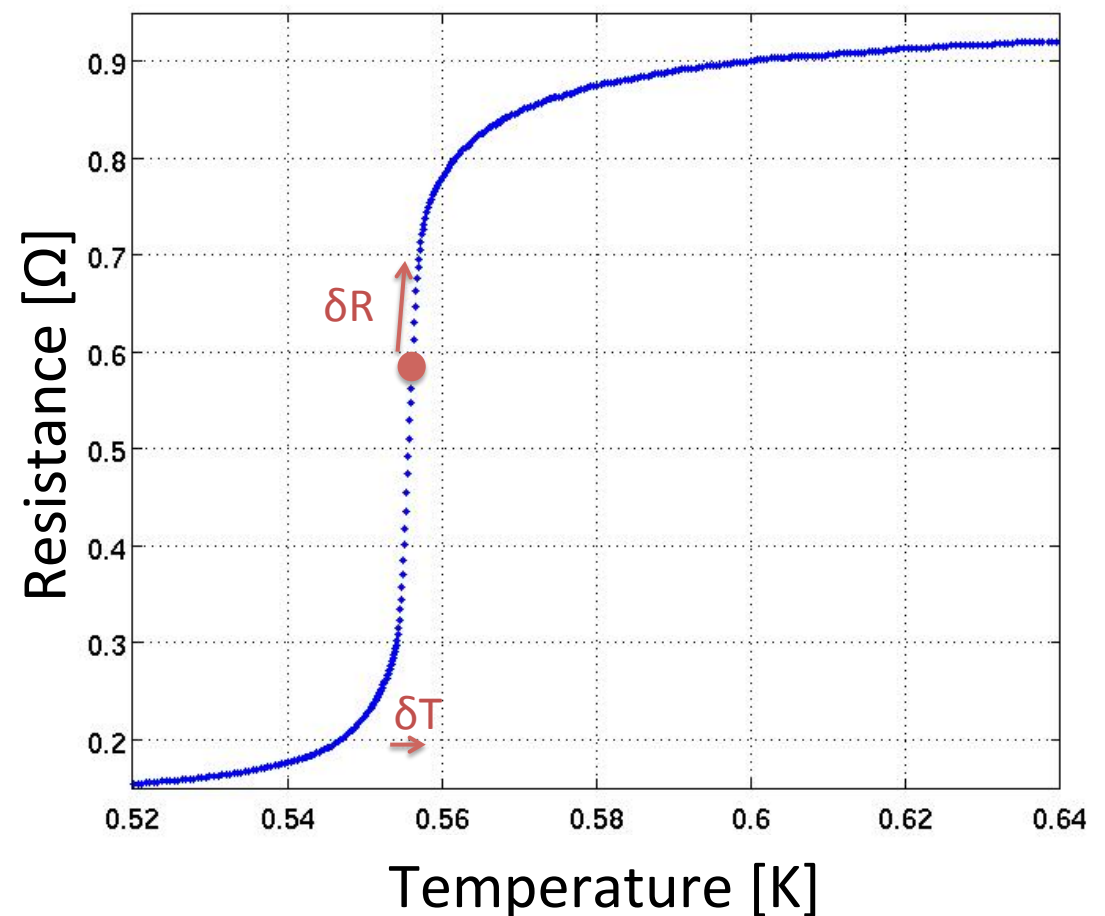
$$P_{\text{Joule}} = \frac{V_0^2}{R(T)}$$



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$$\delta P_{\text{Joule}} = \frac{d}{dT} \left(\frac{V_0^2}{R(T)} \right) = - \left(\frac{V_0}{R} \right)^2 \frac{dR}{dT} \delta T$$



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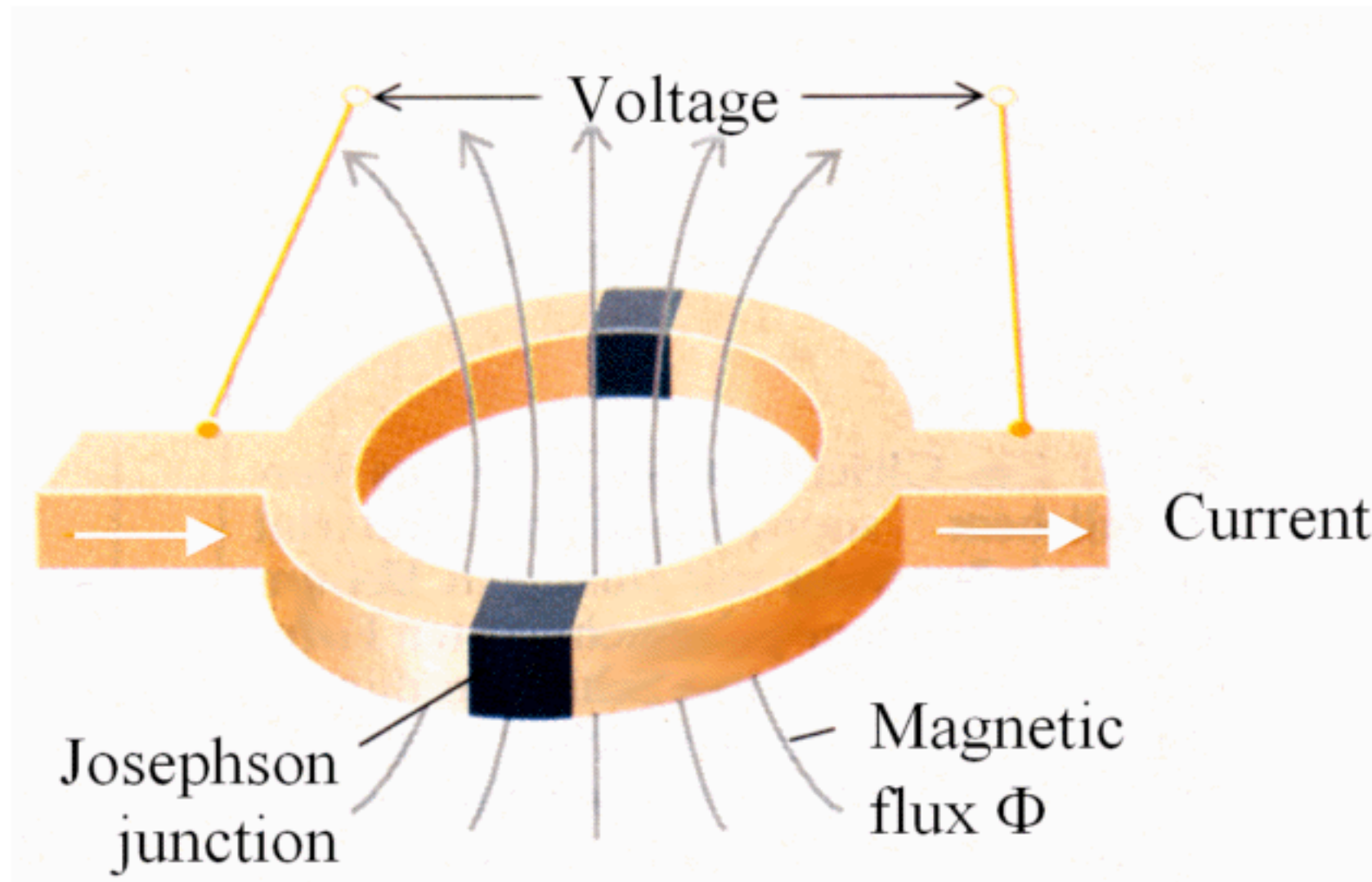
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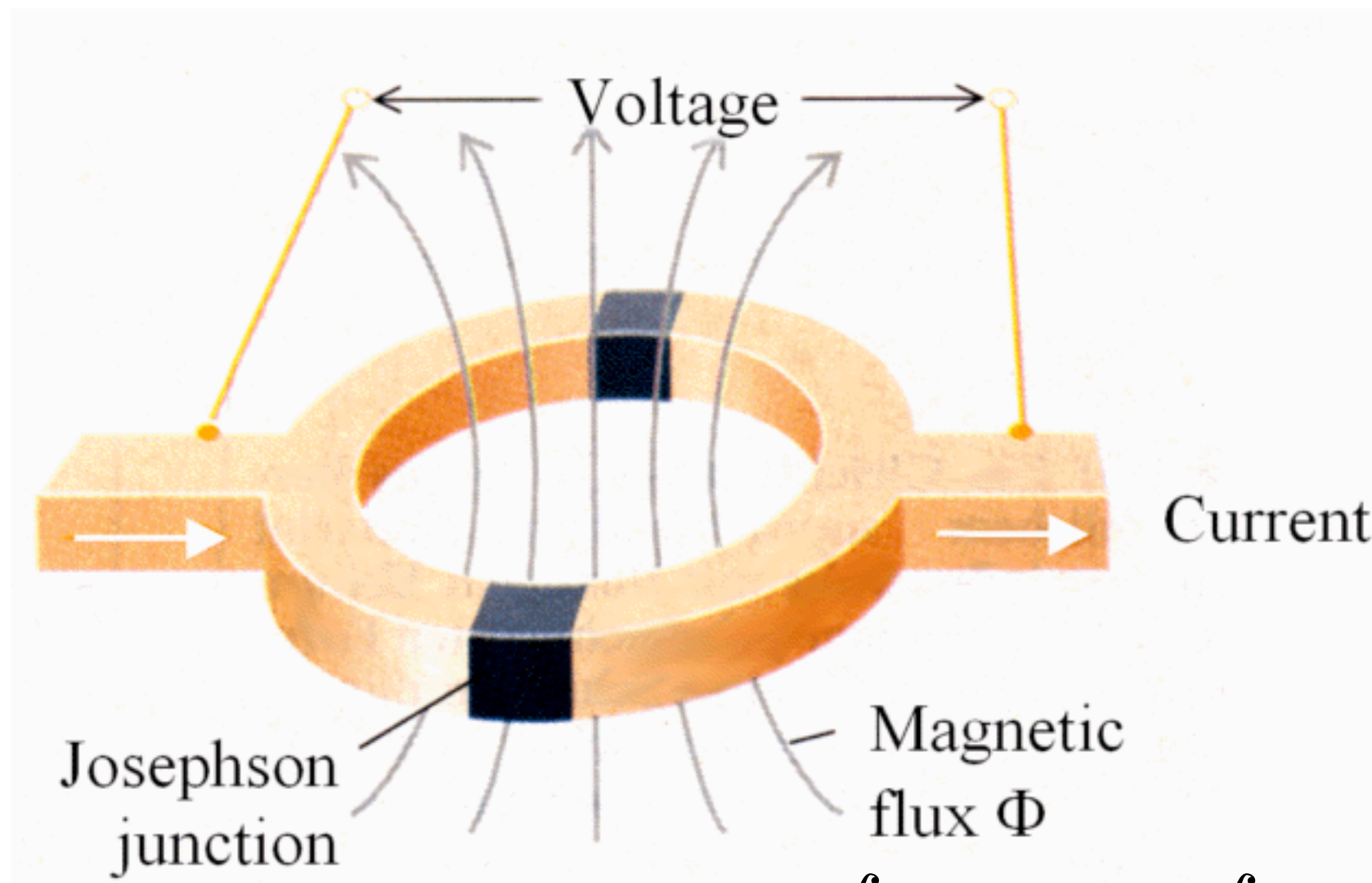
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- Connected to evolving superconducting technologies

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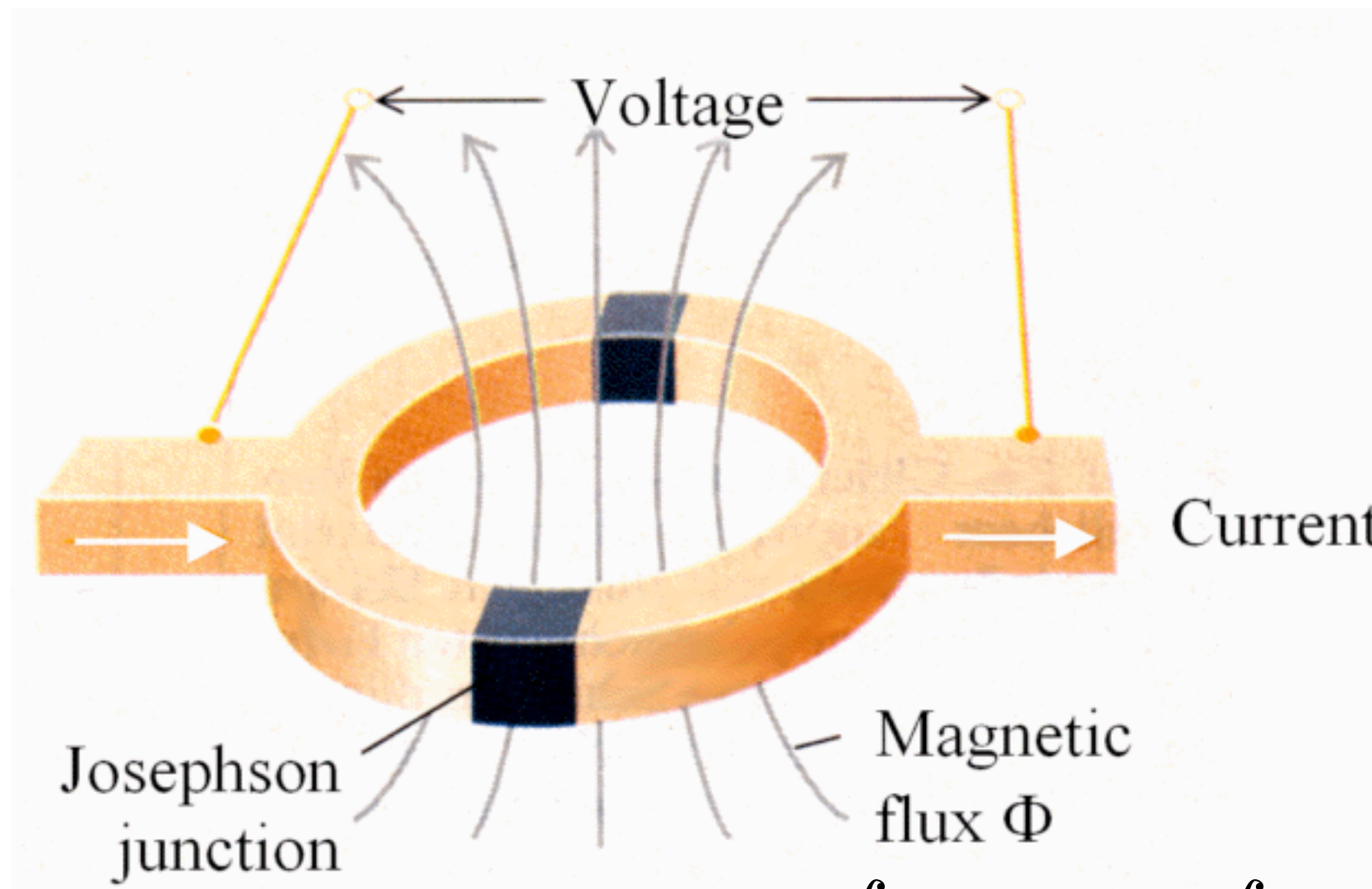
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Flux quantization

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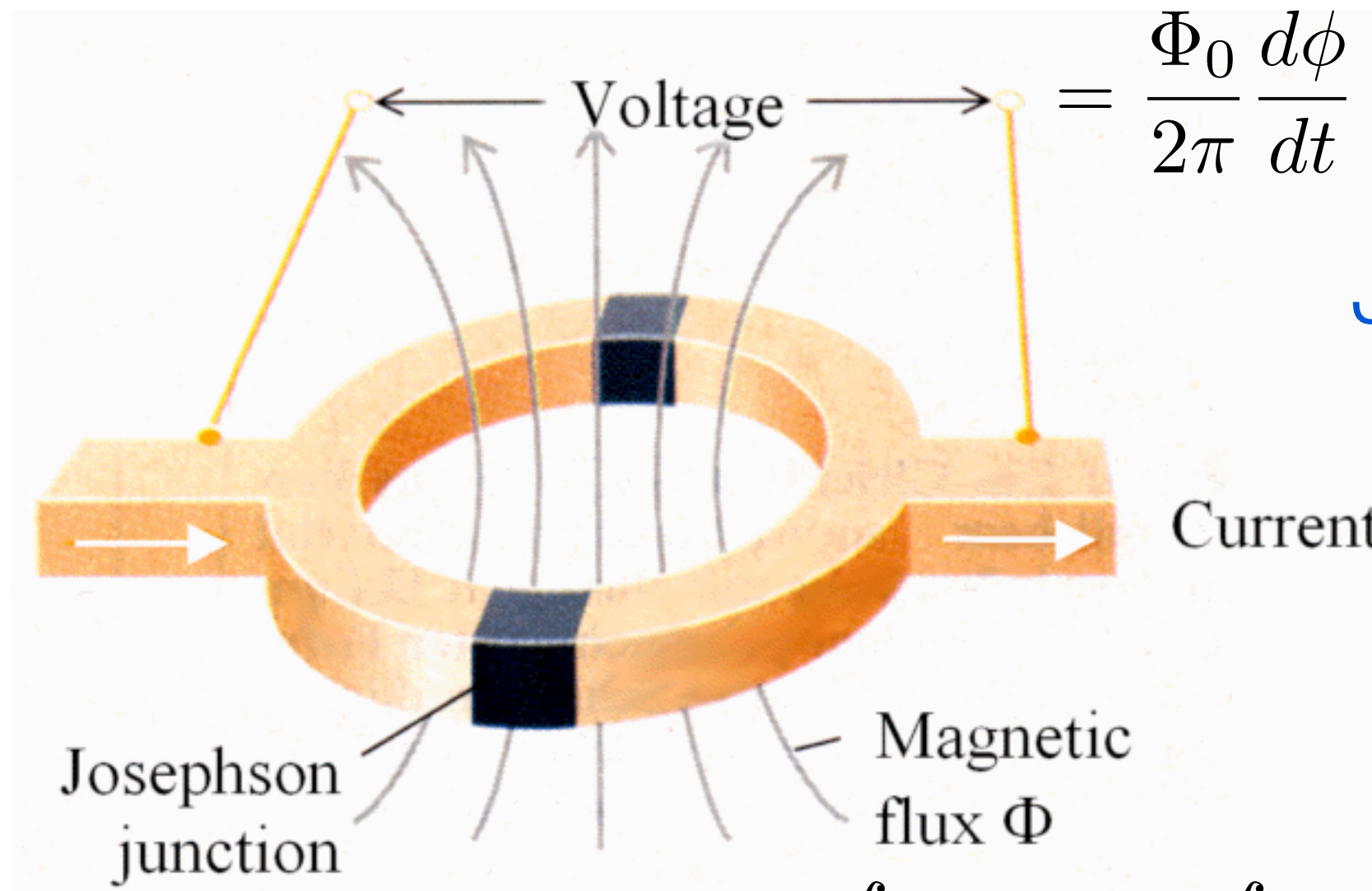


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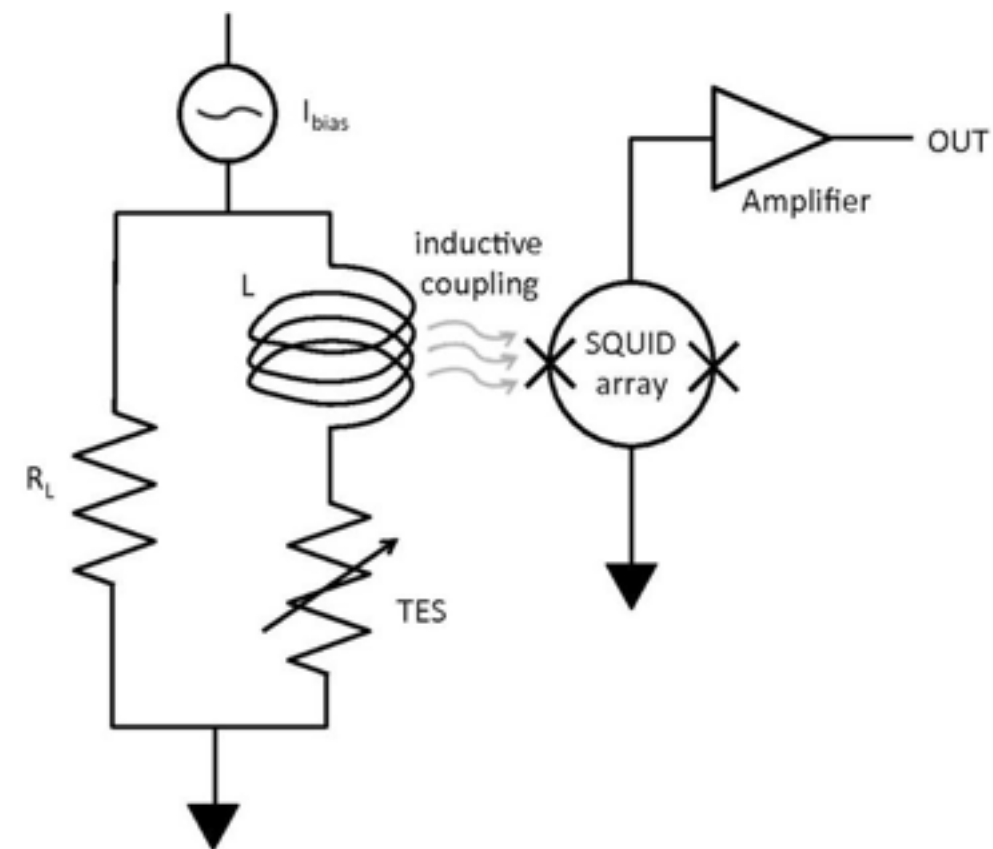
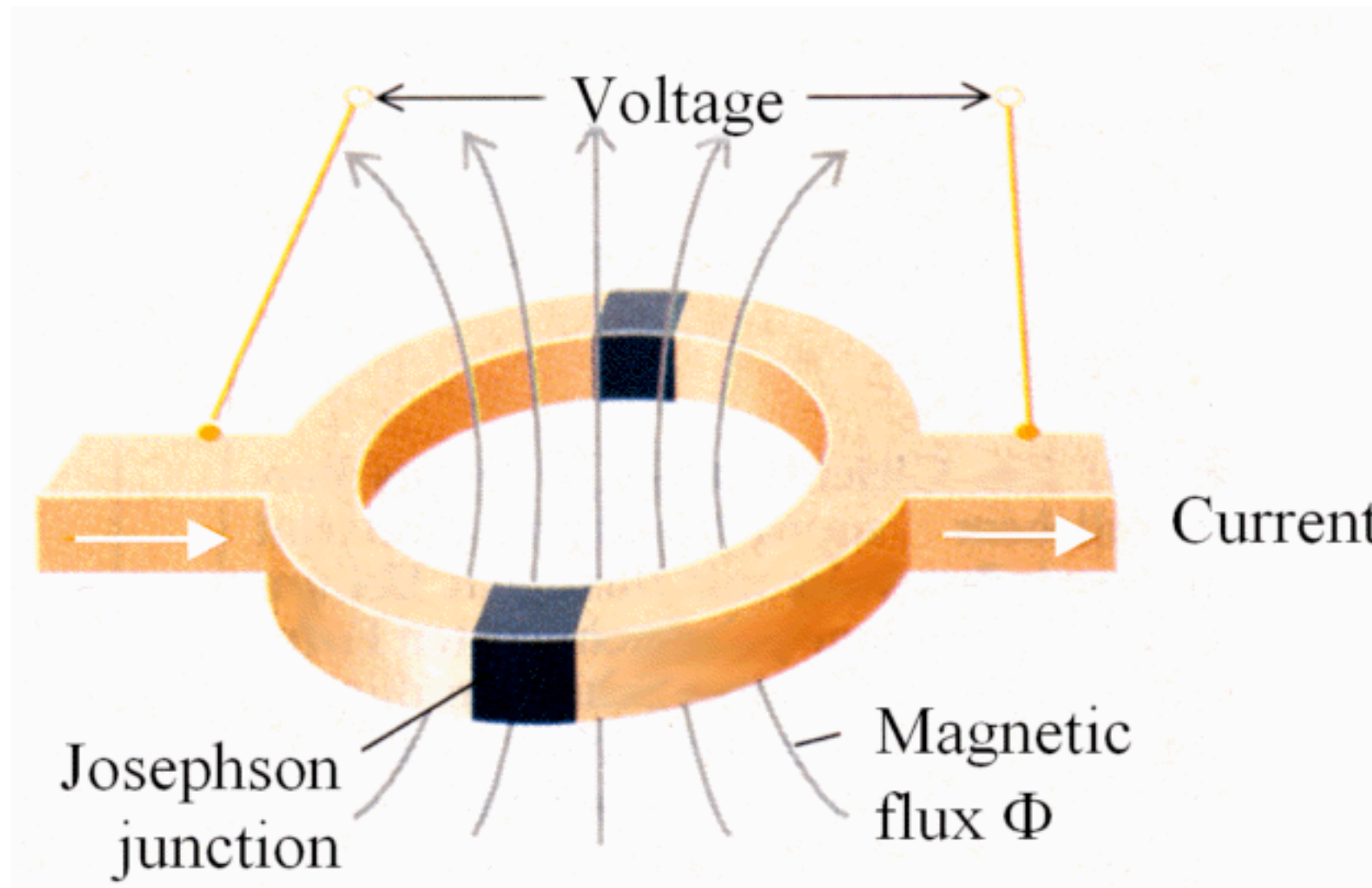
Josephson effect

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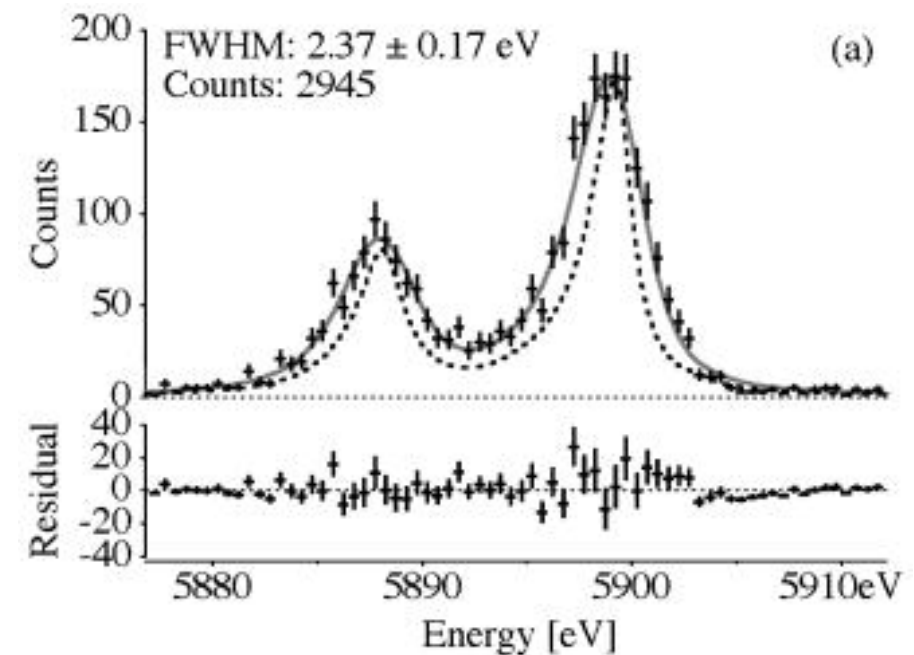
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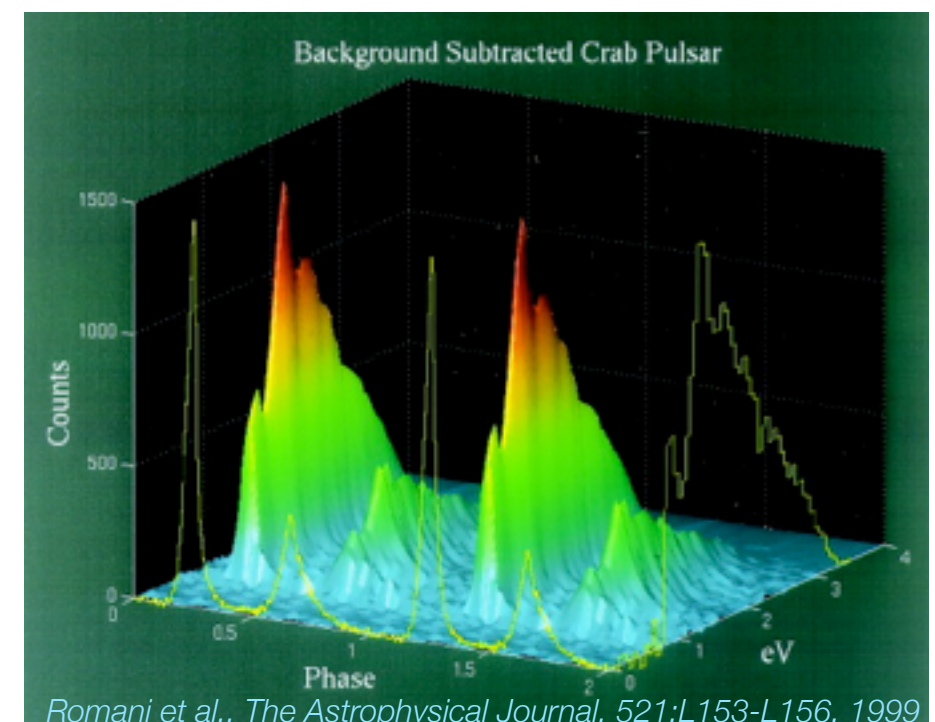
- Developed with science (Dark Matter and neutrinos) applications in mind

Broadly applicable

- energy per mode
 - $k_B T \sim 10 \text{ } \mu\text{eV}$ for TES
 - $E_{\text{gap}} \sim 1 \text{ eV}$ for diodes
- For CMB, detector noise from “G” and photon shot noise- same for TES and semiconductors
 - TES has broader bandwidth
 - Multiplexable



Iyomoto et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 92, 013508 (2008)

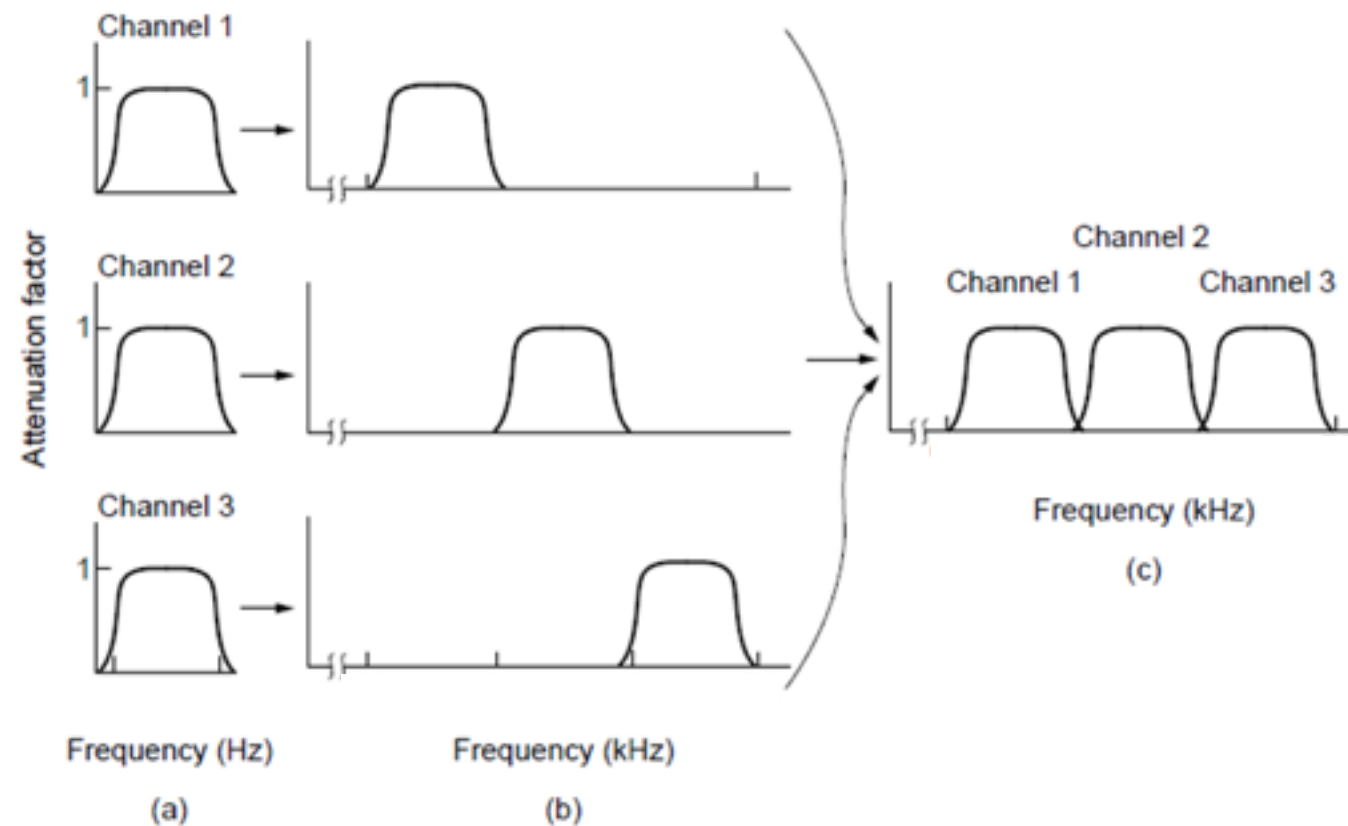
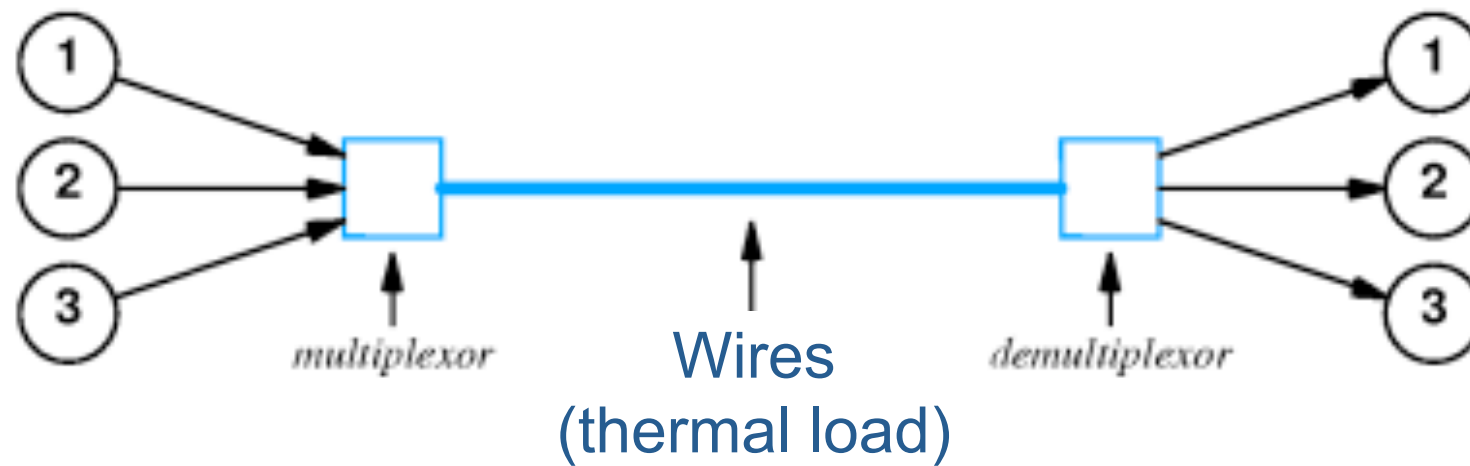


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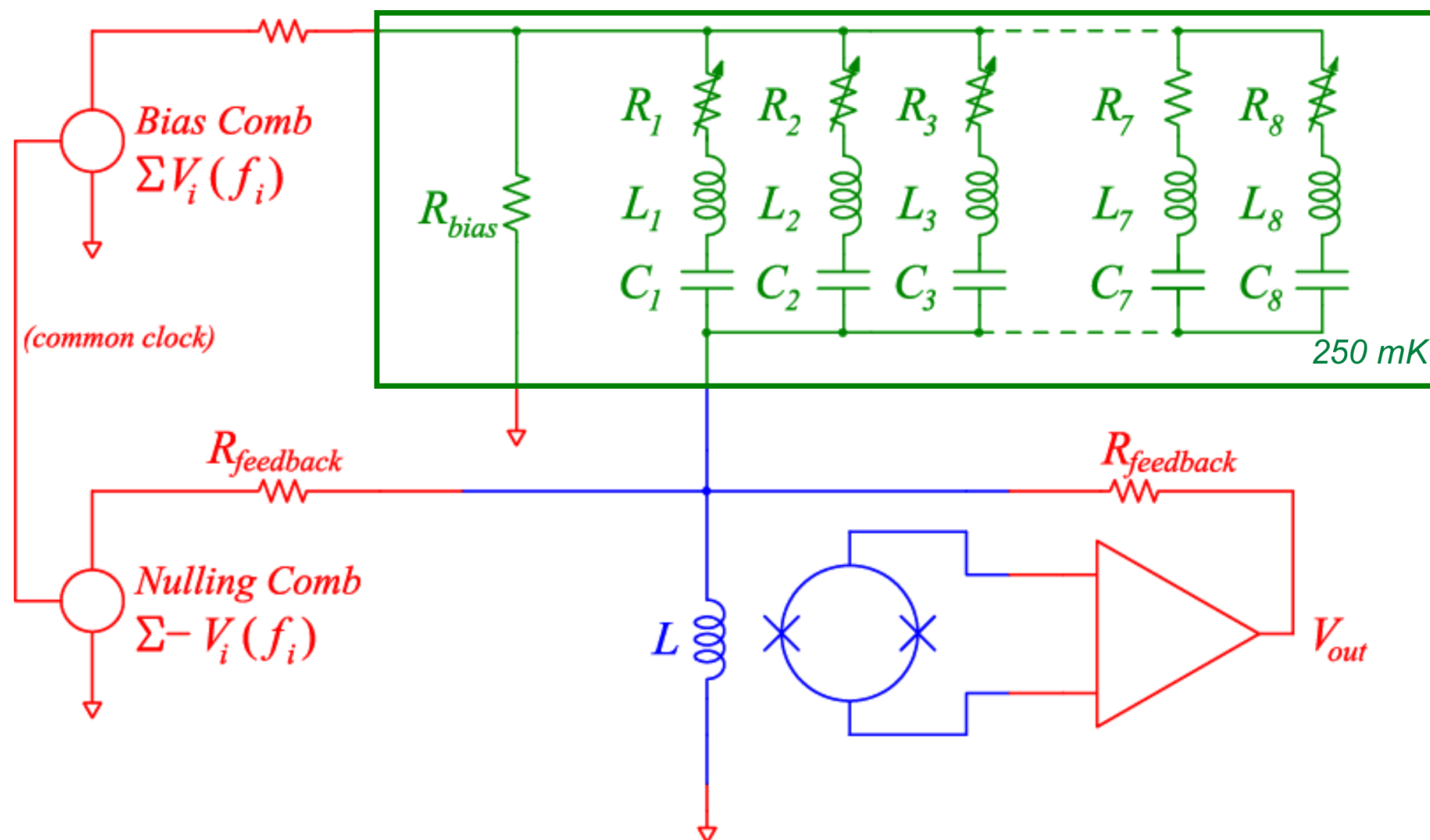
Multiplexing

Detectors @ 300 mK

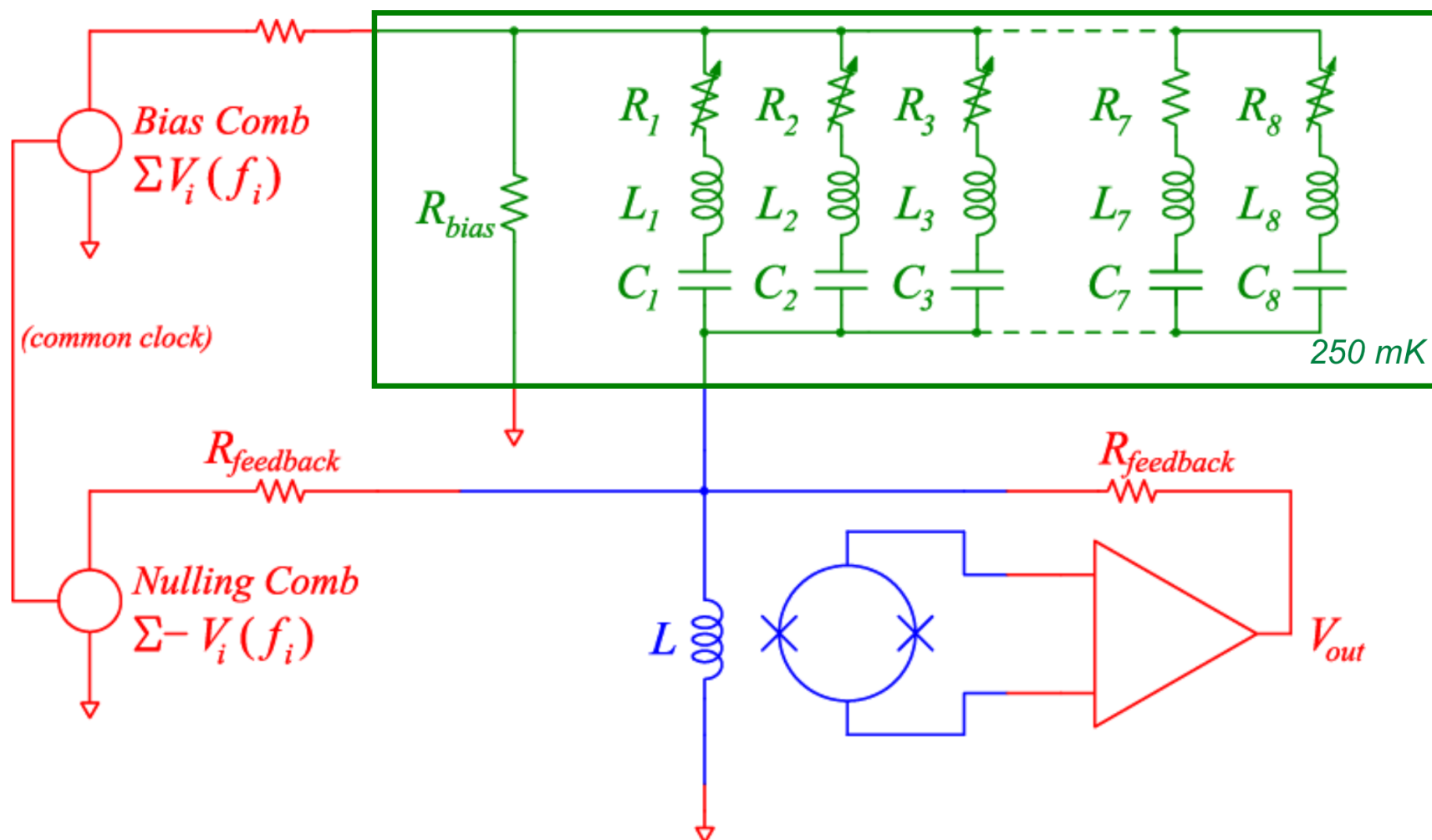
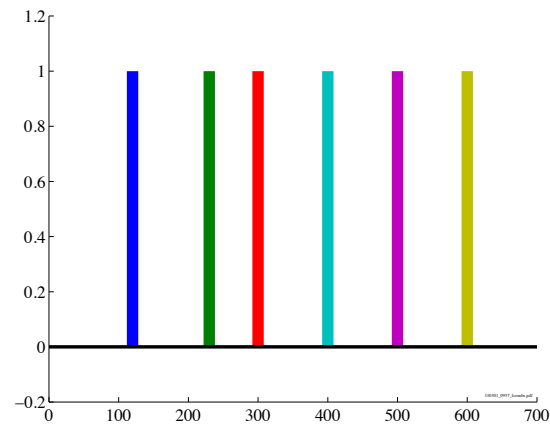
Channels @ 300K



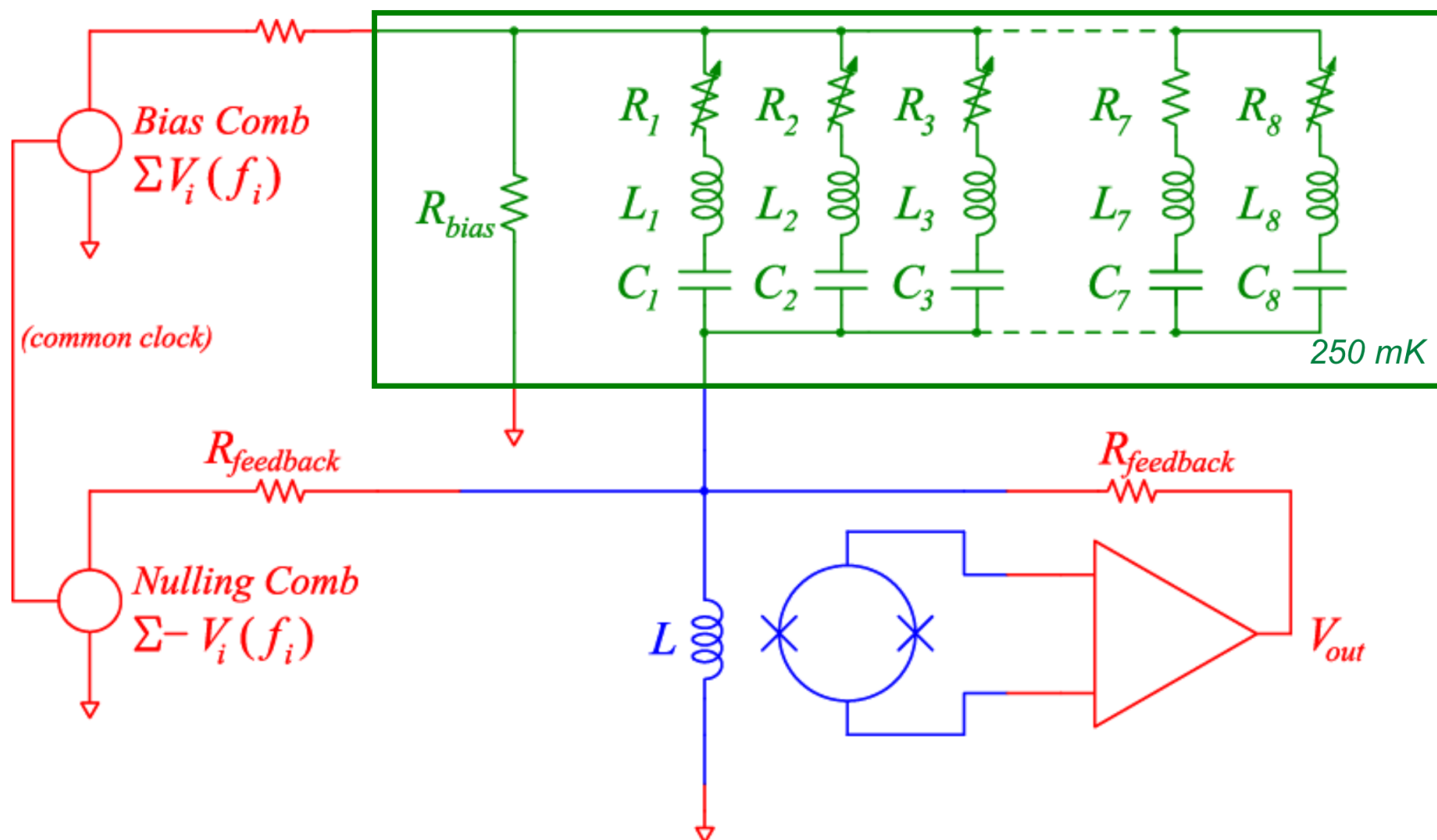
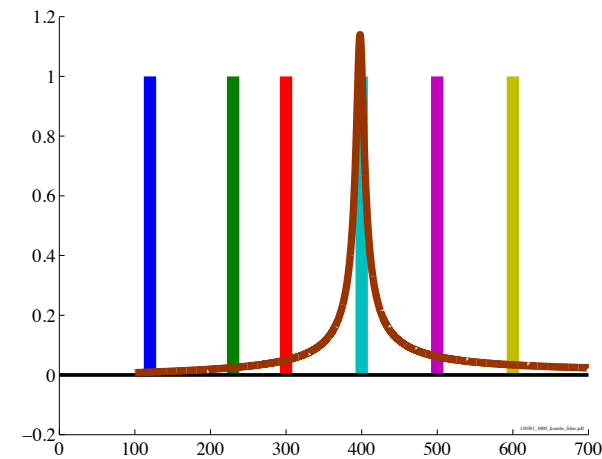
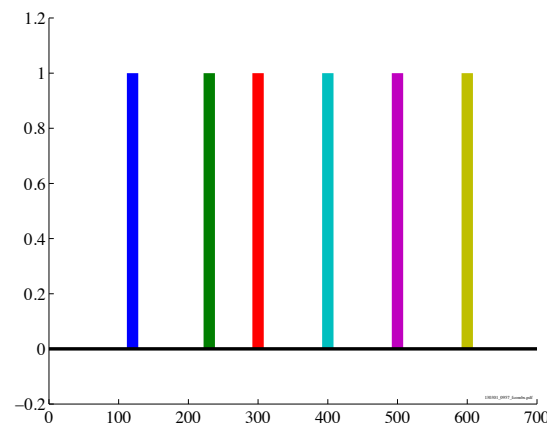
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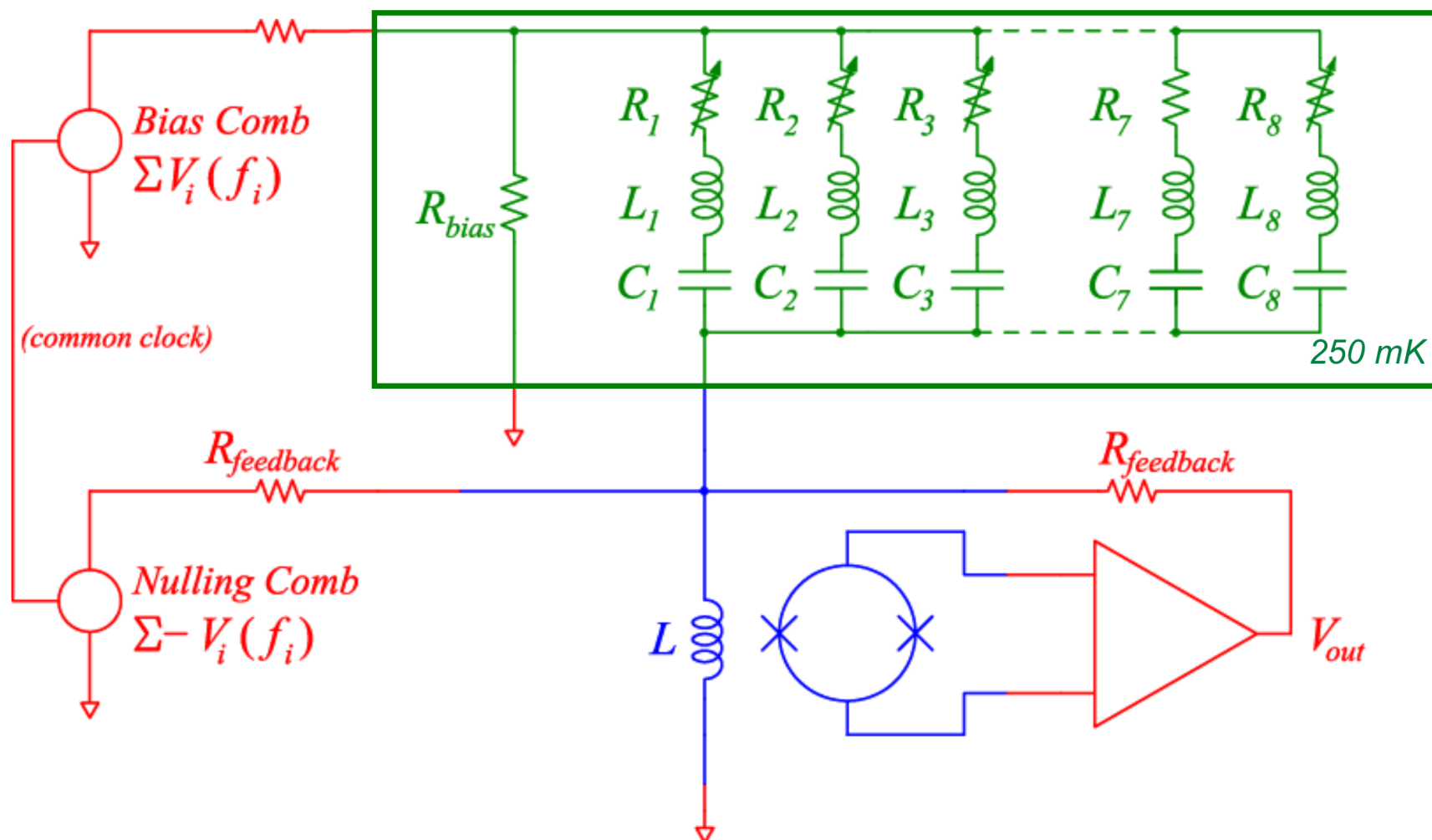
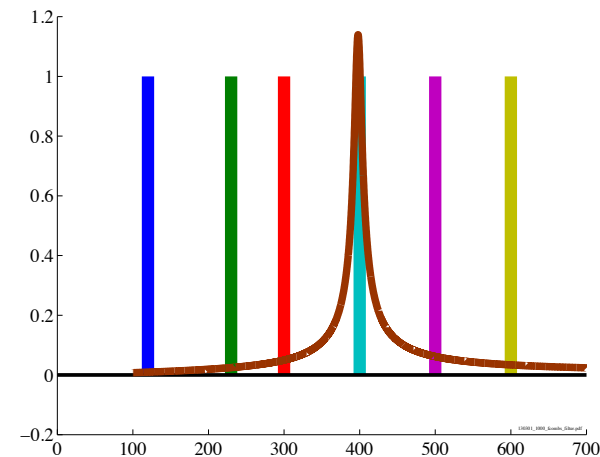
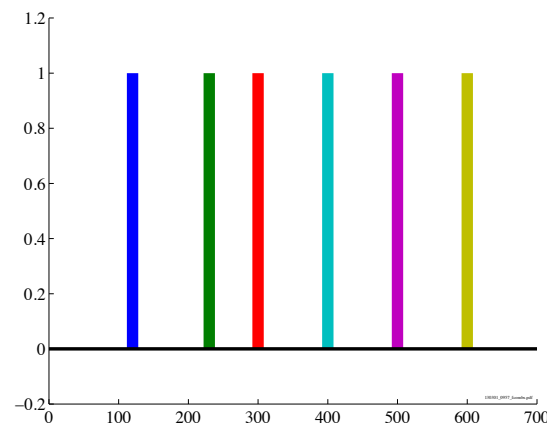
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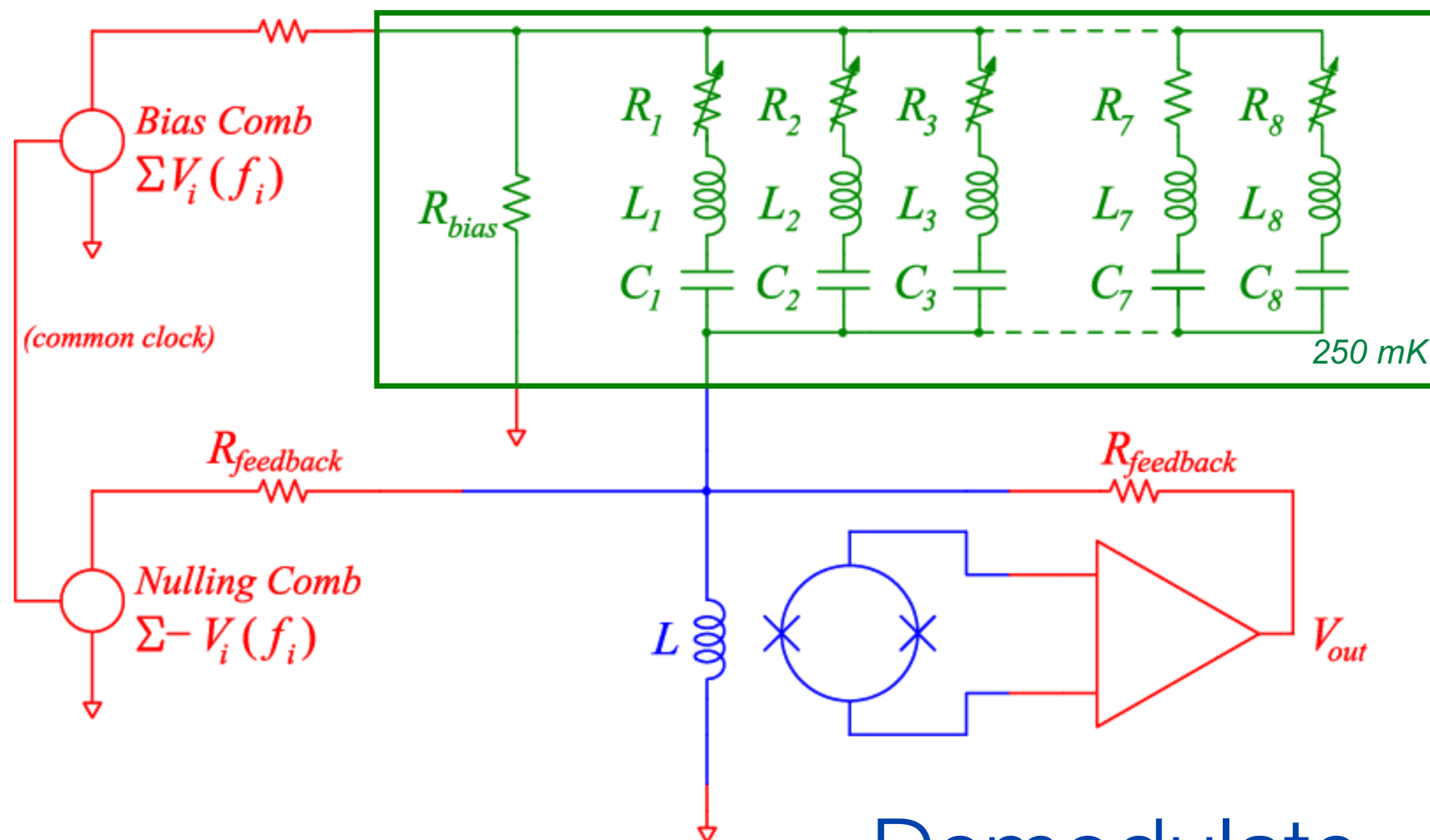
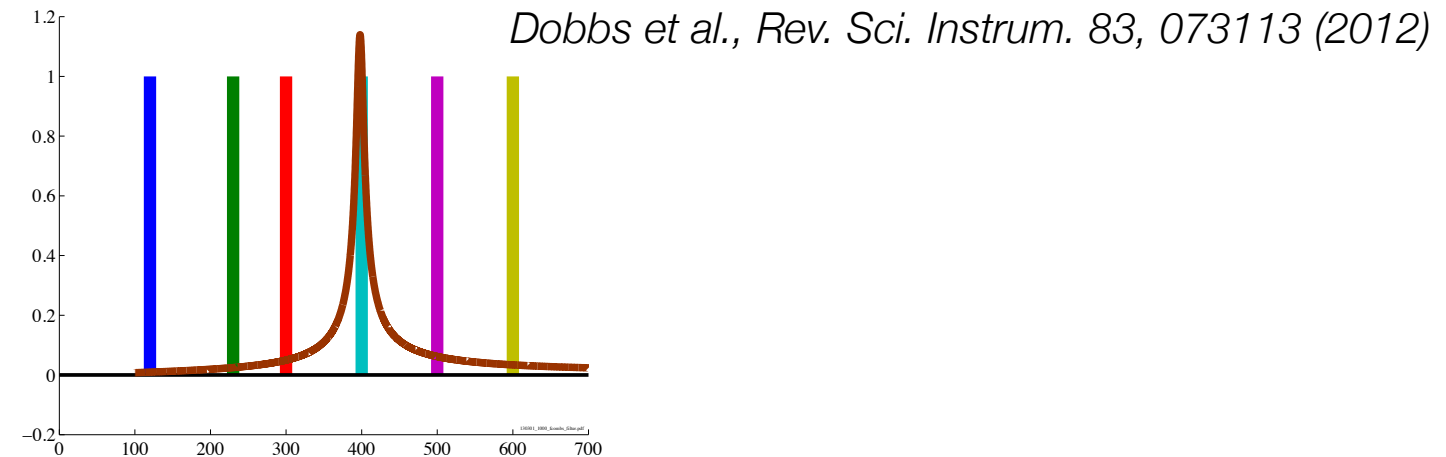
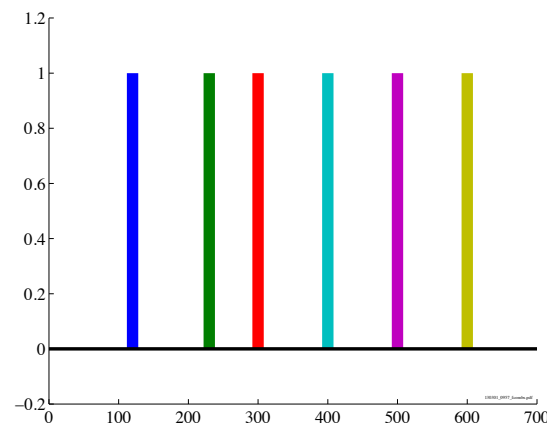


SQUID multiplexing



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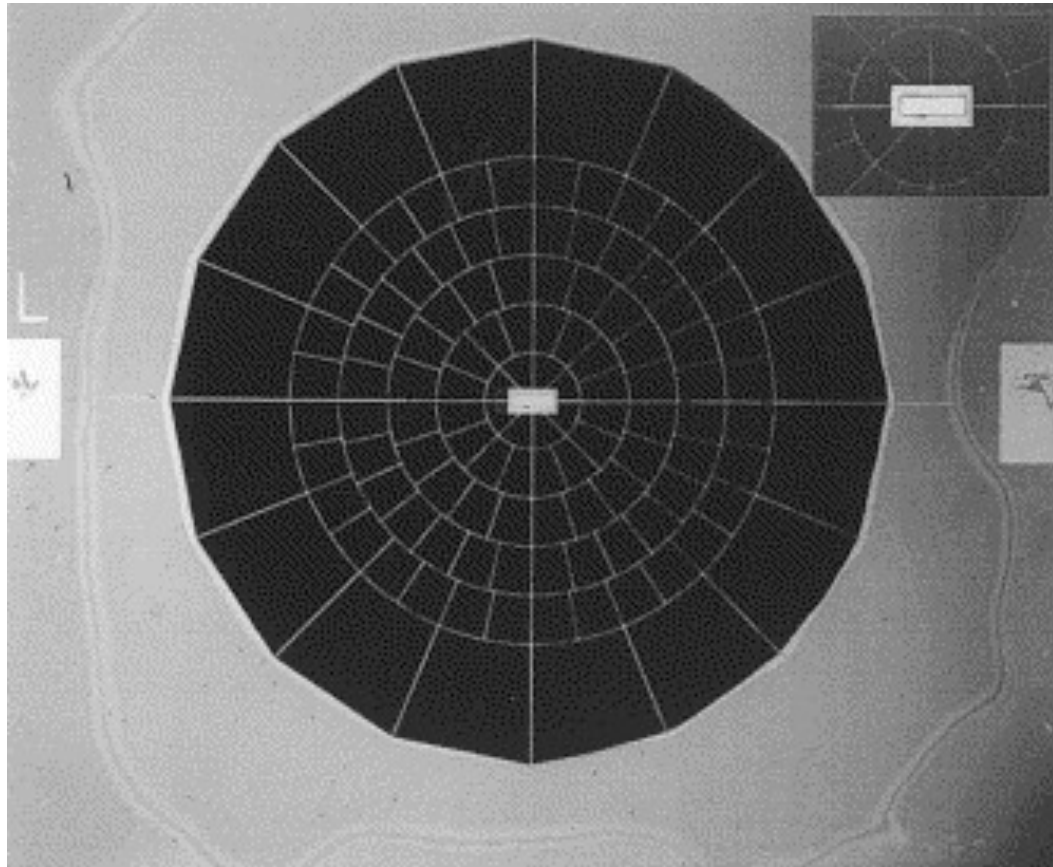
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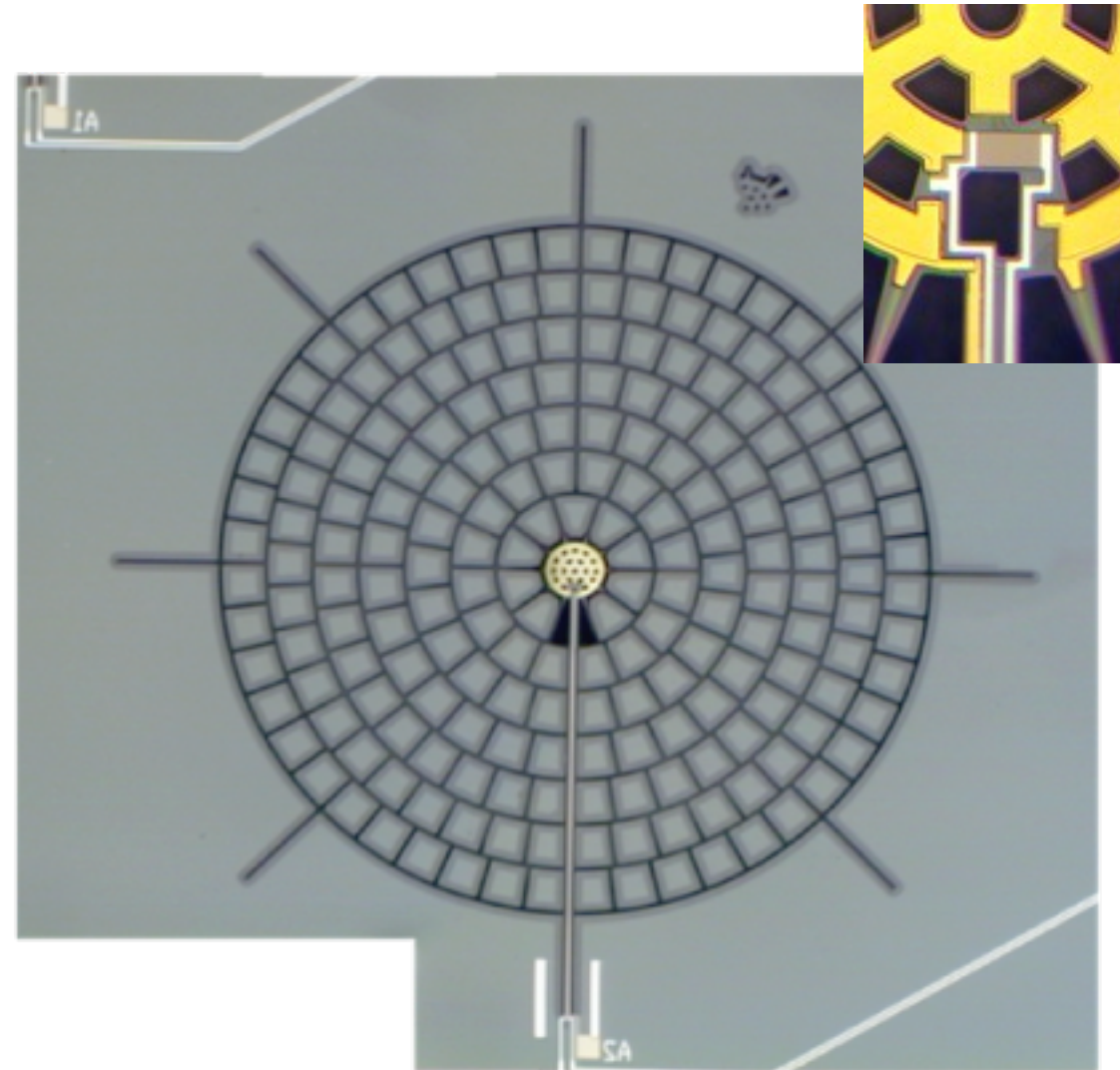
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Demodulate... just like AM radio

TES-based CMB bolometers

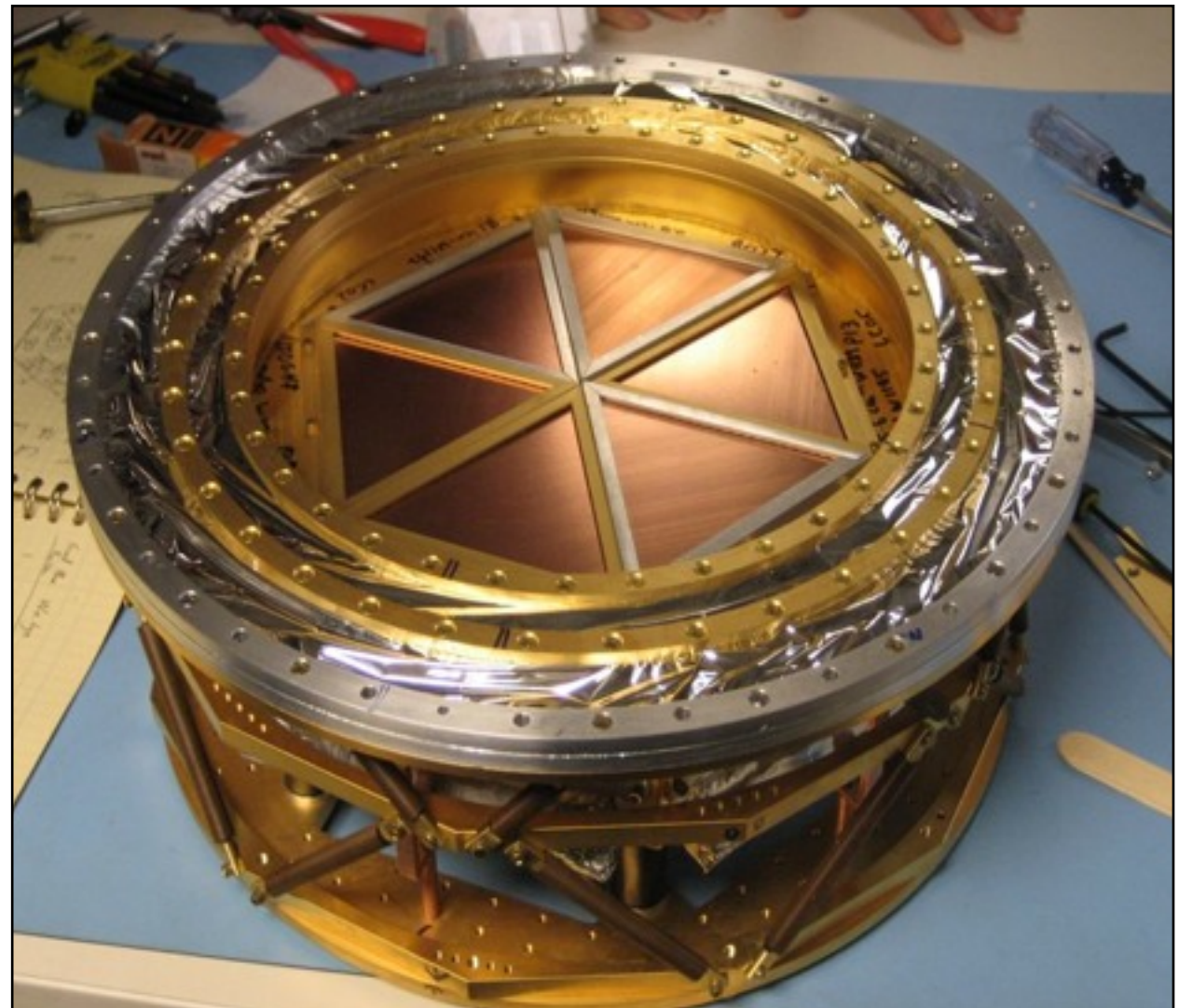
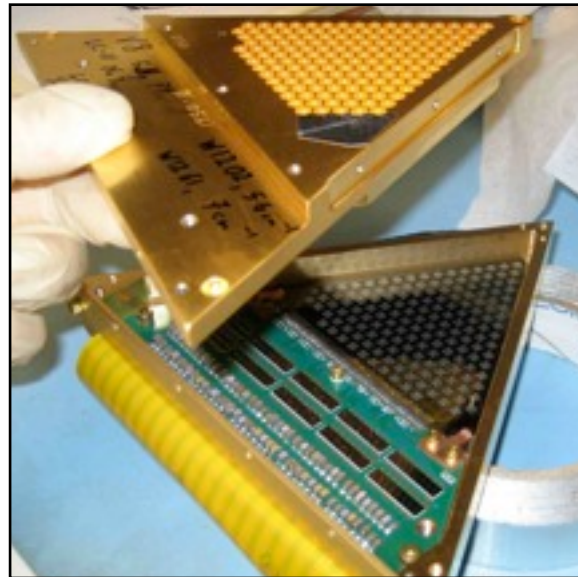
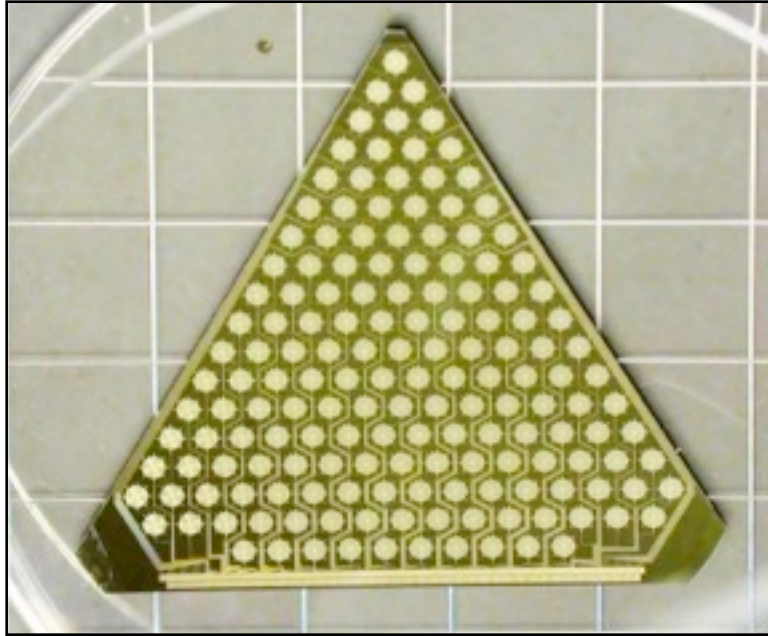


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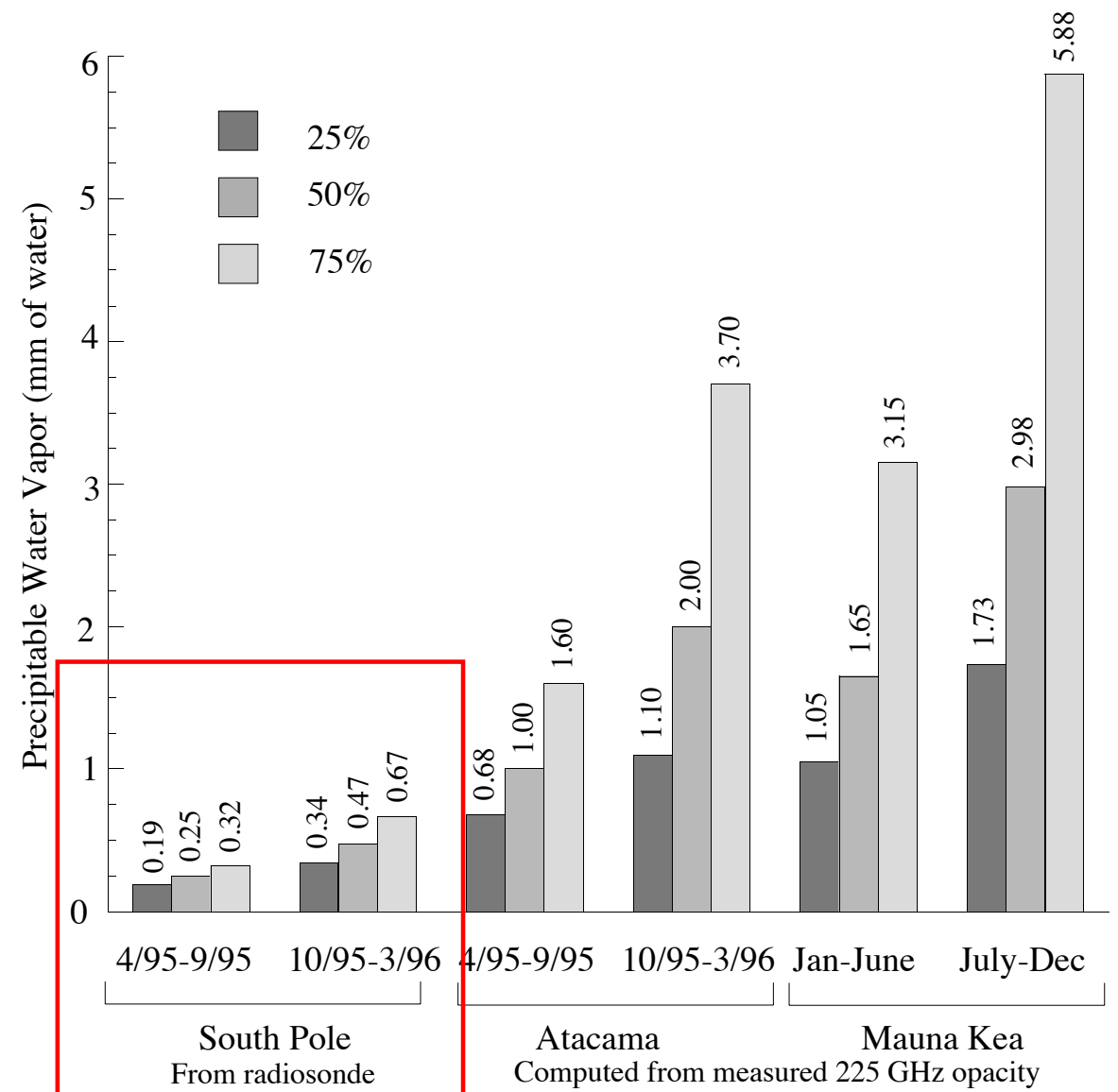


UCB

CMB bolometer arrays

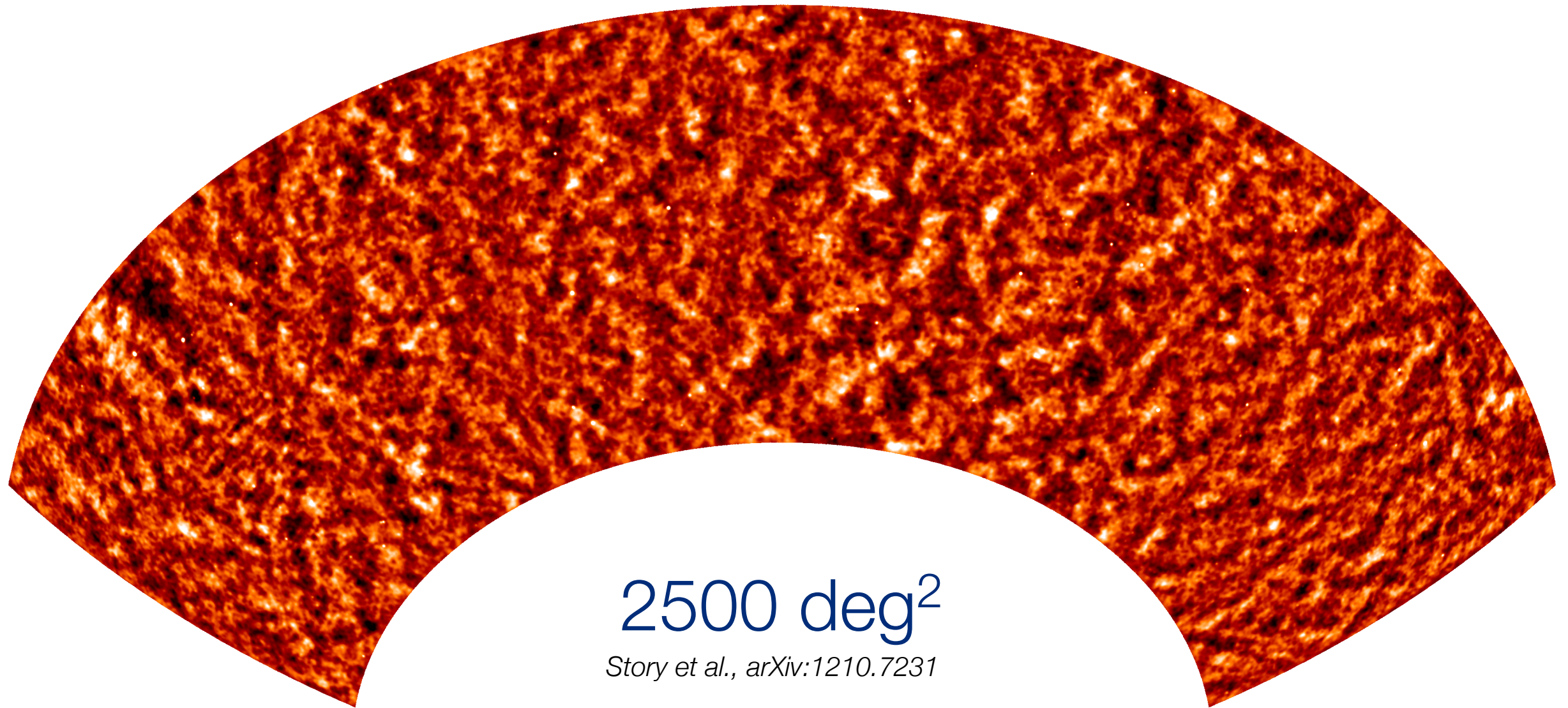


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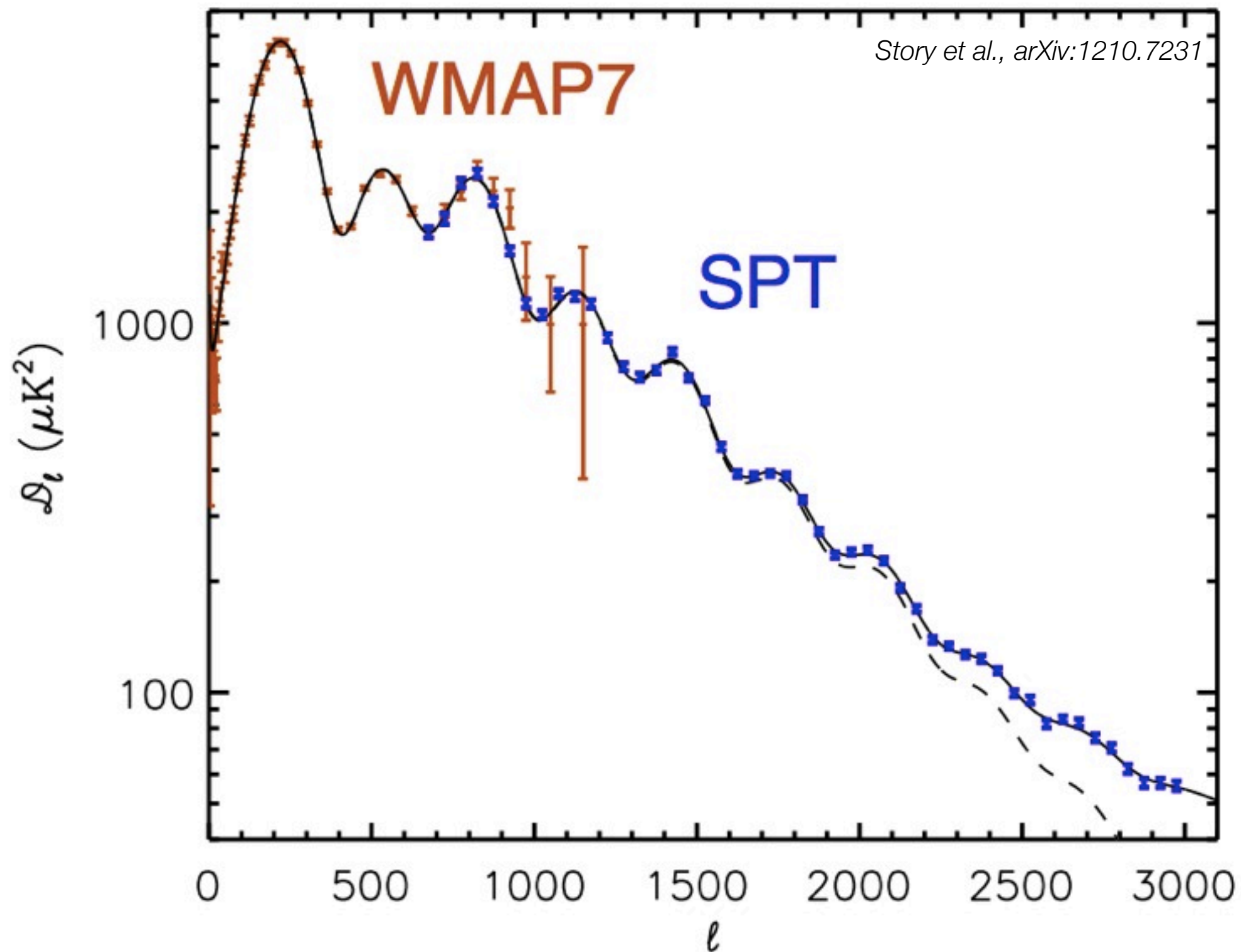


(A.P. Lane 1998)

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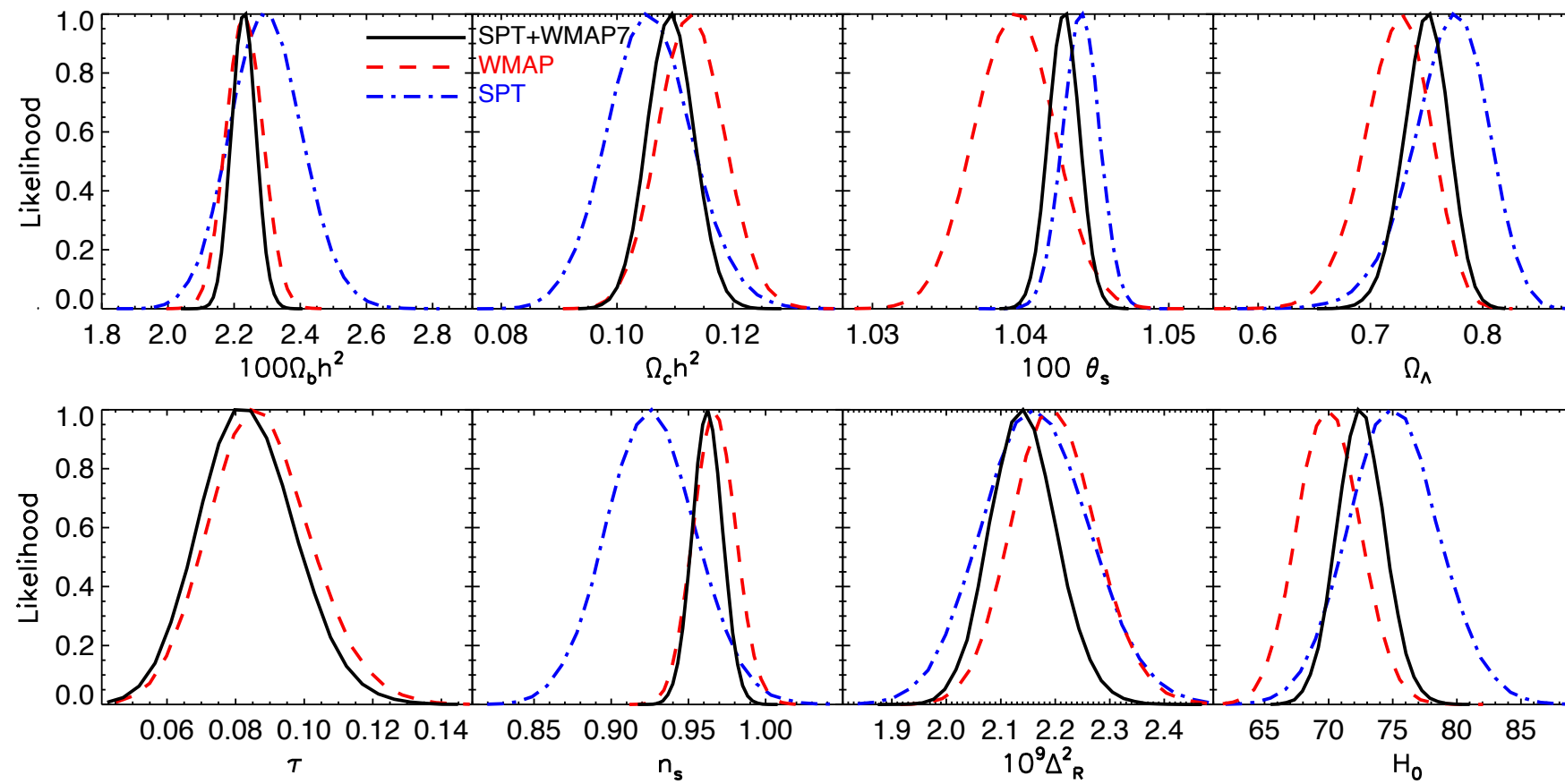


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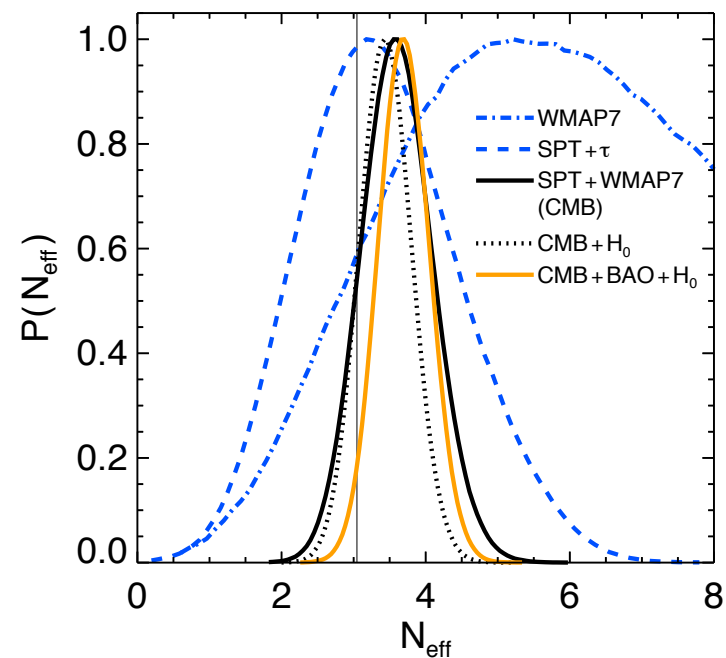
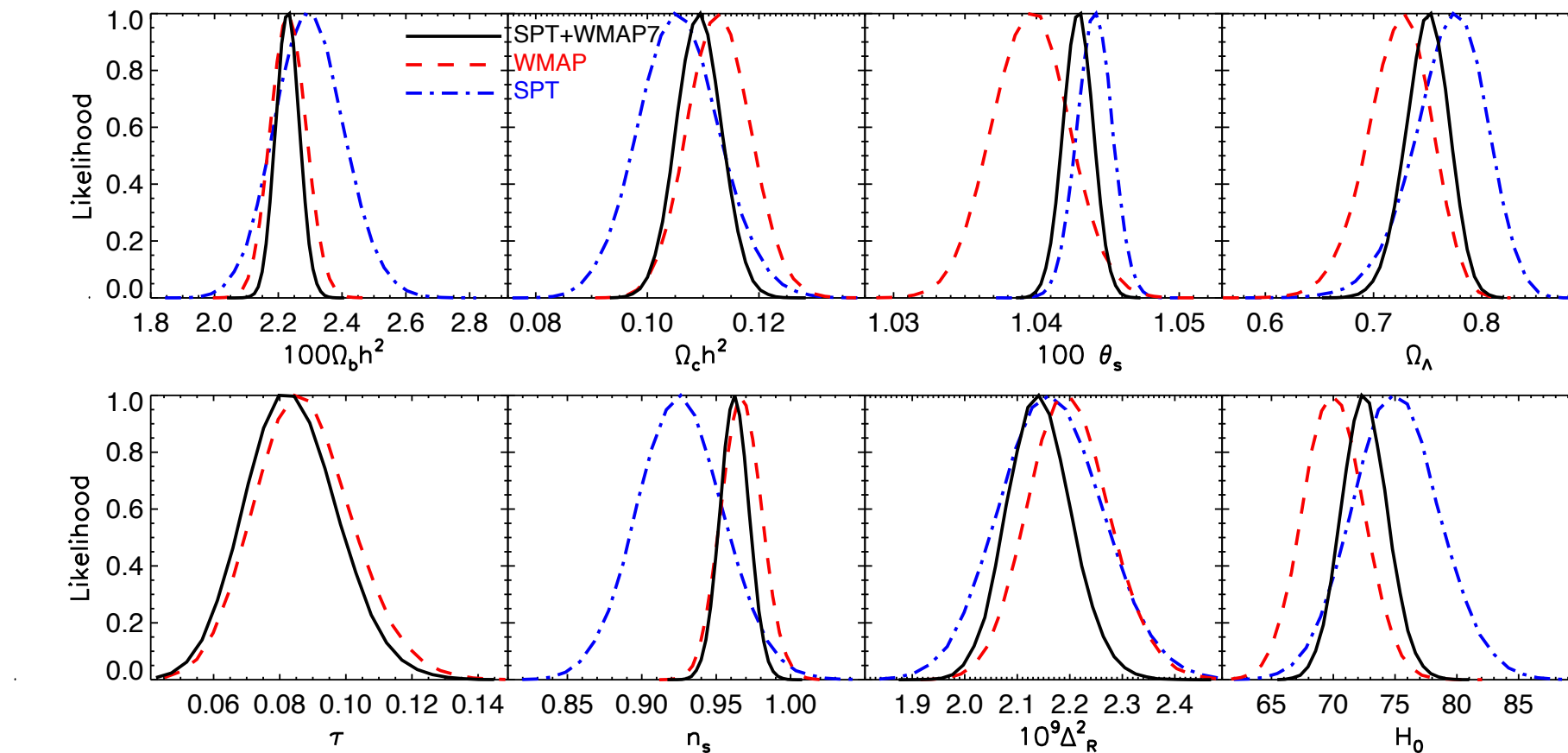
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Story et al., arXiv:1210.7231



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Including N_{eff} gives

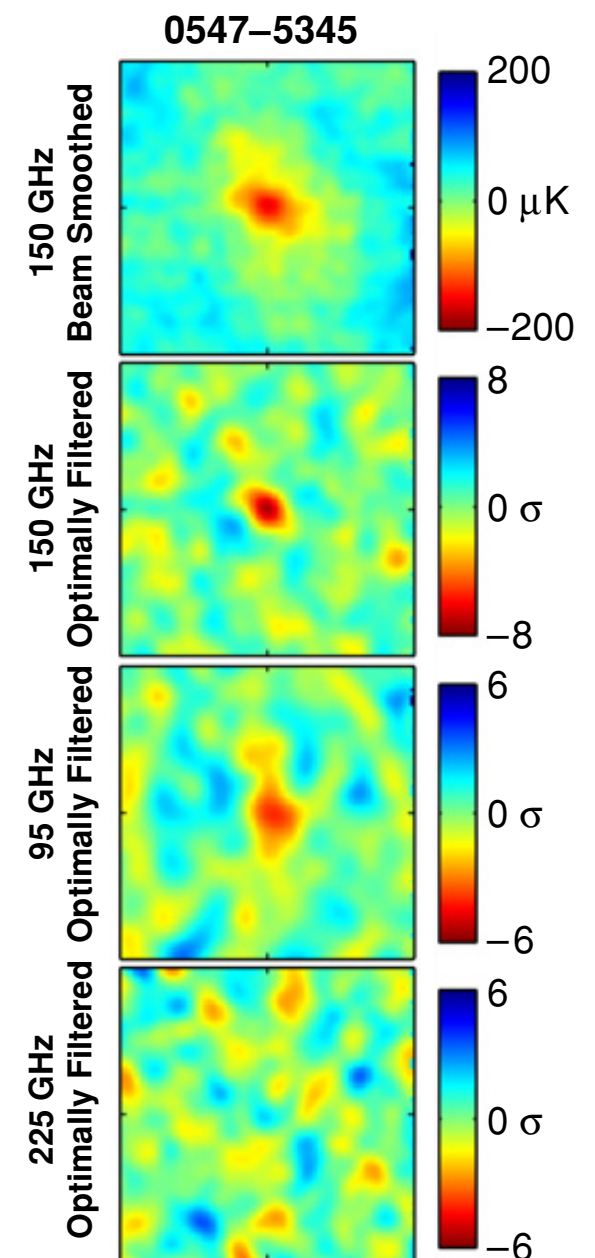
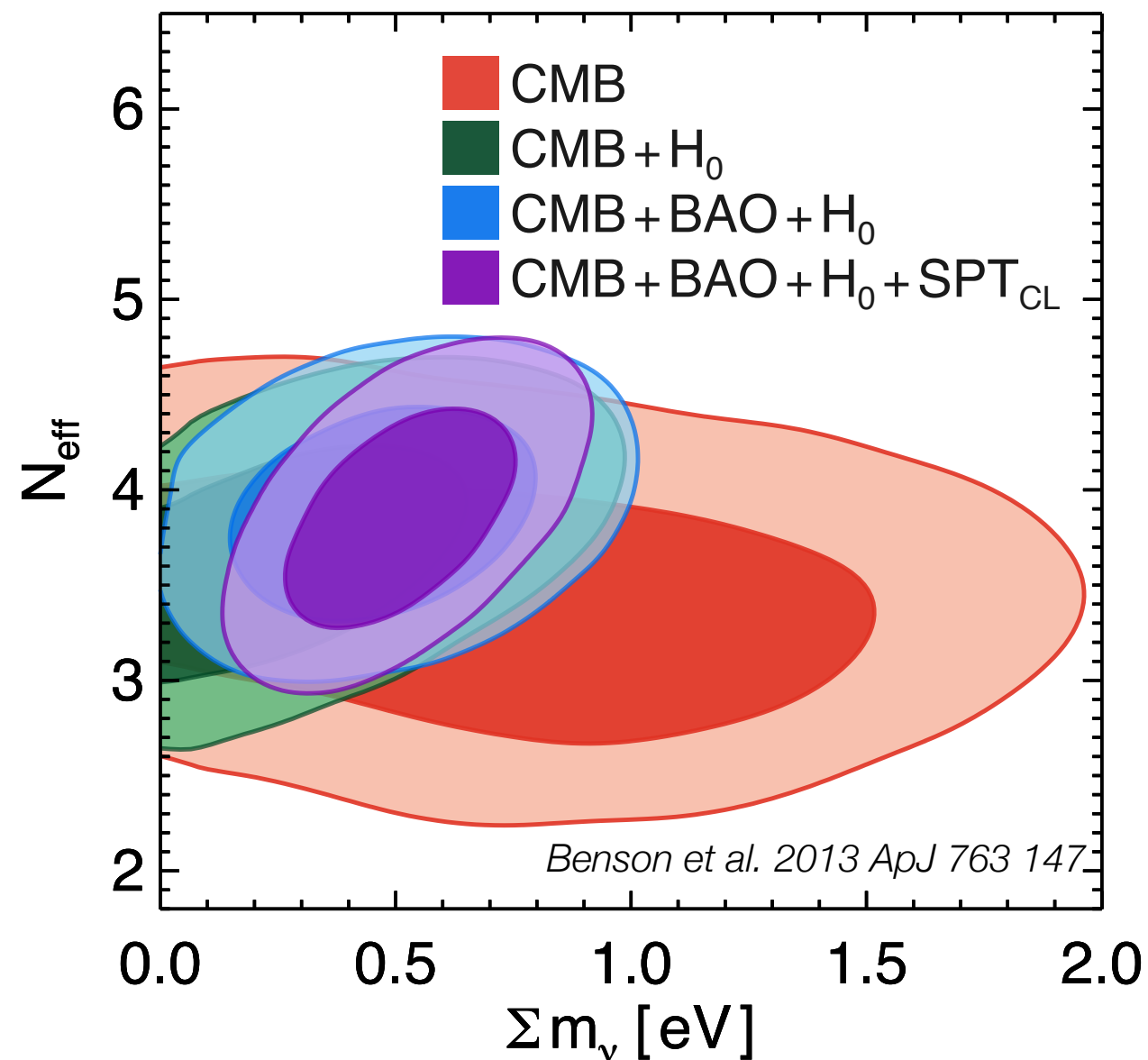
$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.62 \pm 0.48 \text{ (SPT \& WMAP7)}$$

$$= \mathbf{3.71 \pm 0.35} \text{ (SPT, WMAP7, BAO, } H_0\text{)}$$

Hou et al., arXiv:1212.6267

First discovery of new clusters via SZ effect

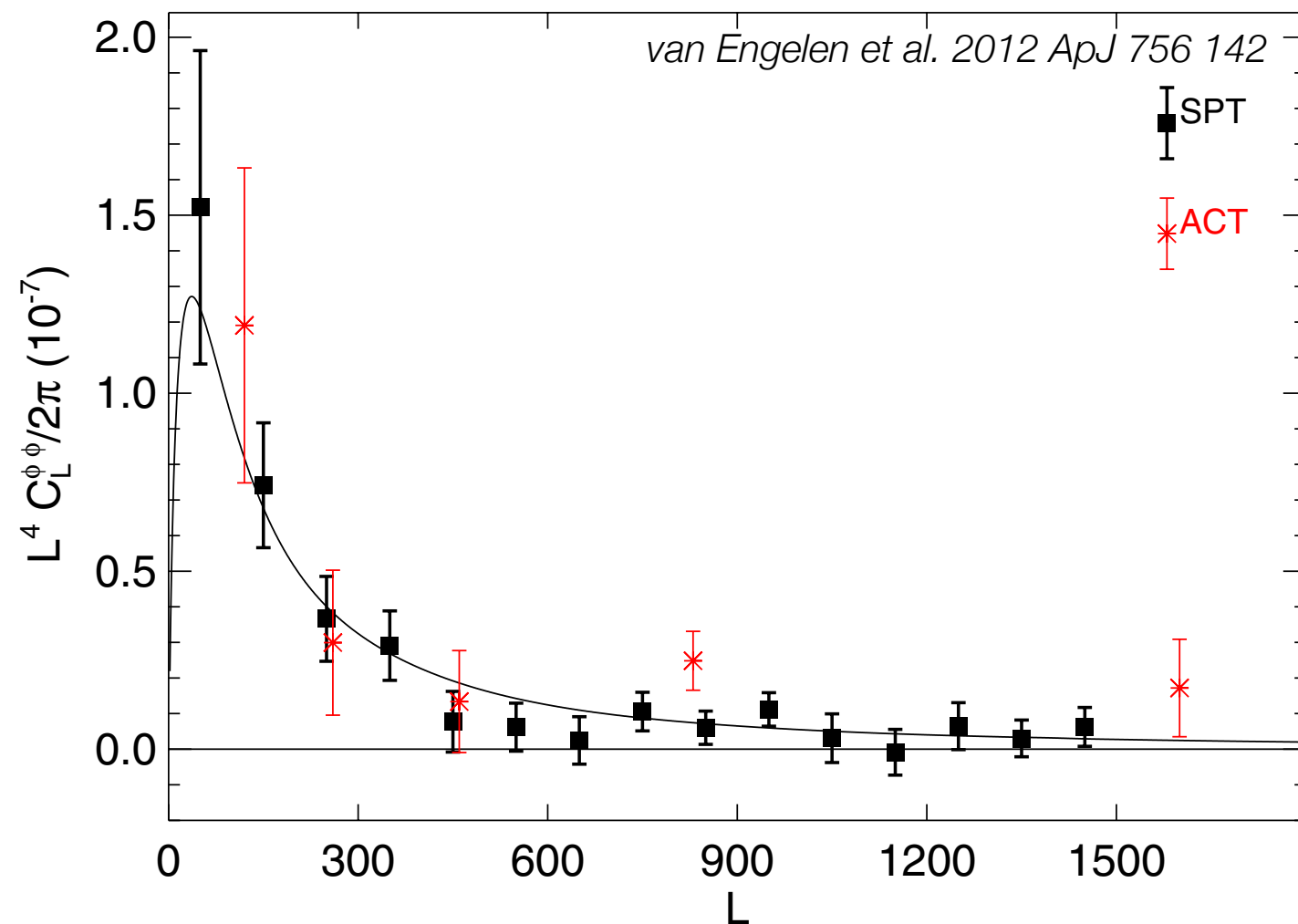
- Inverse Compton scattering of CMB photons off hot cluster gas



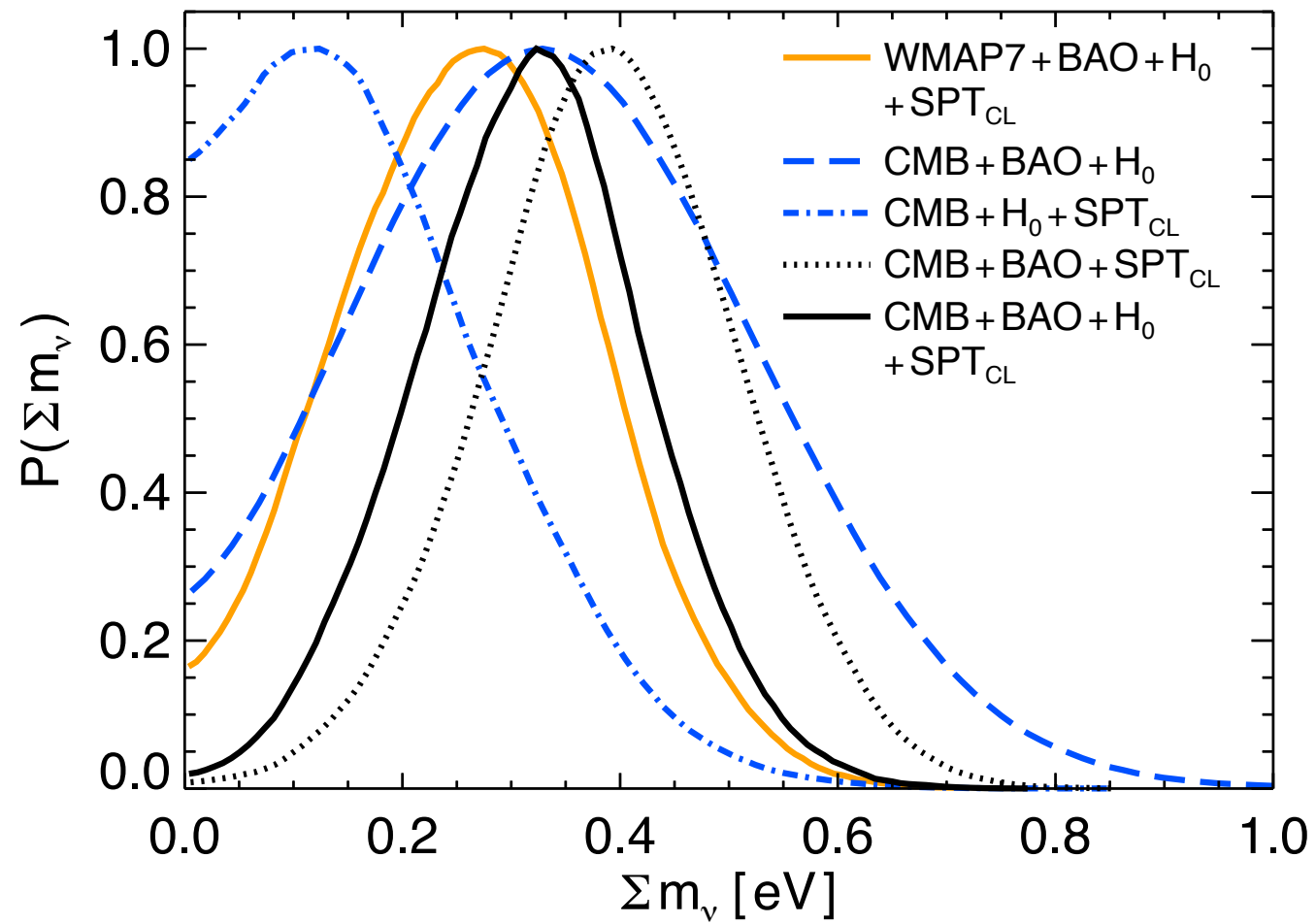
Staniszewski et al. 2009 ApJ 701 32

Weak lensing

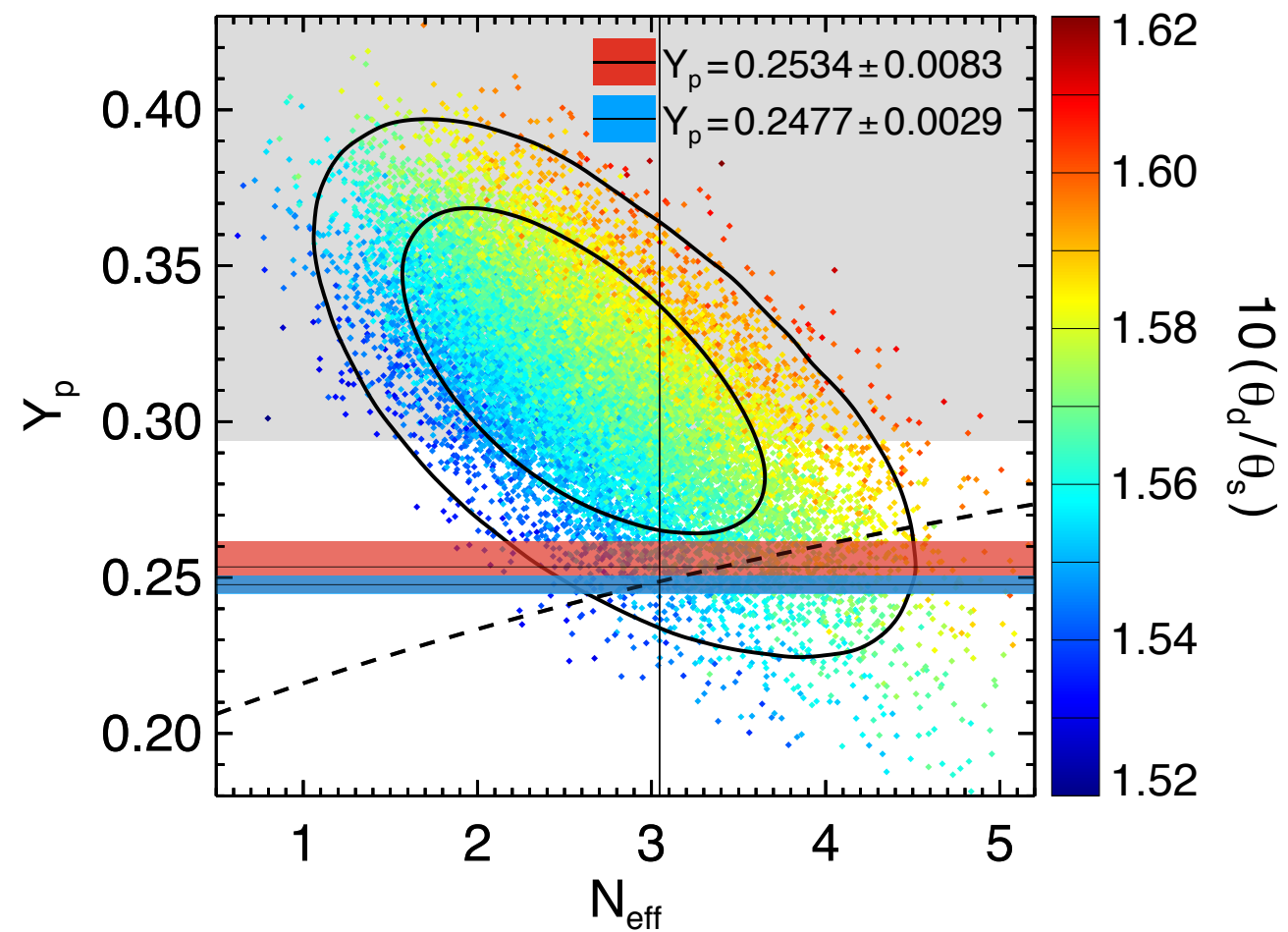
- Measure “magnification” from weak gravitational lensing of the CMB
- Reconstruct deflection potential (DM distribution)



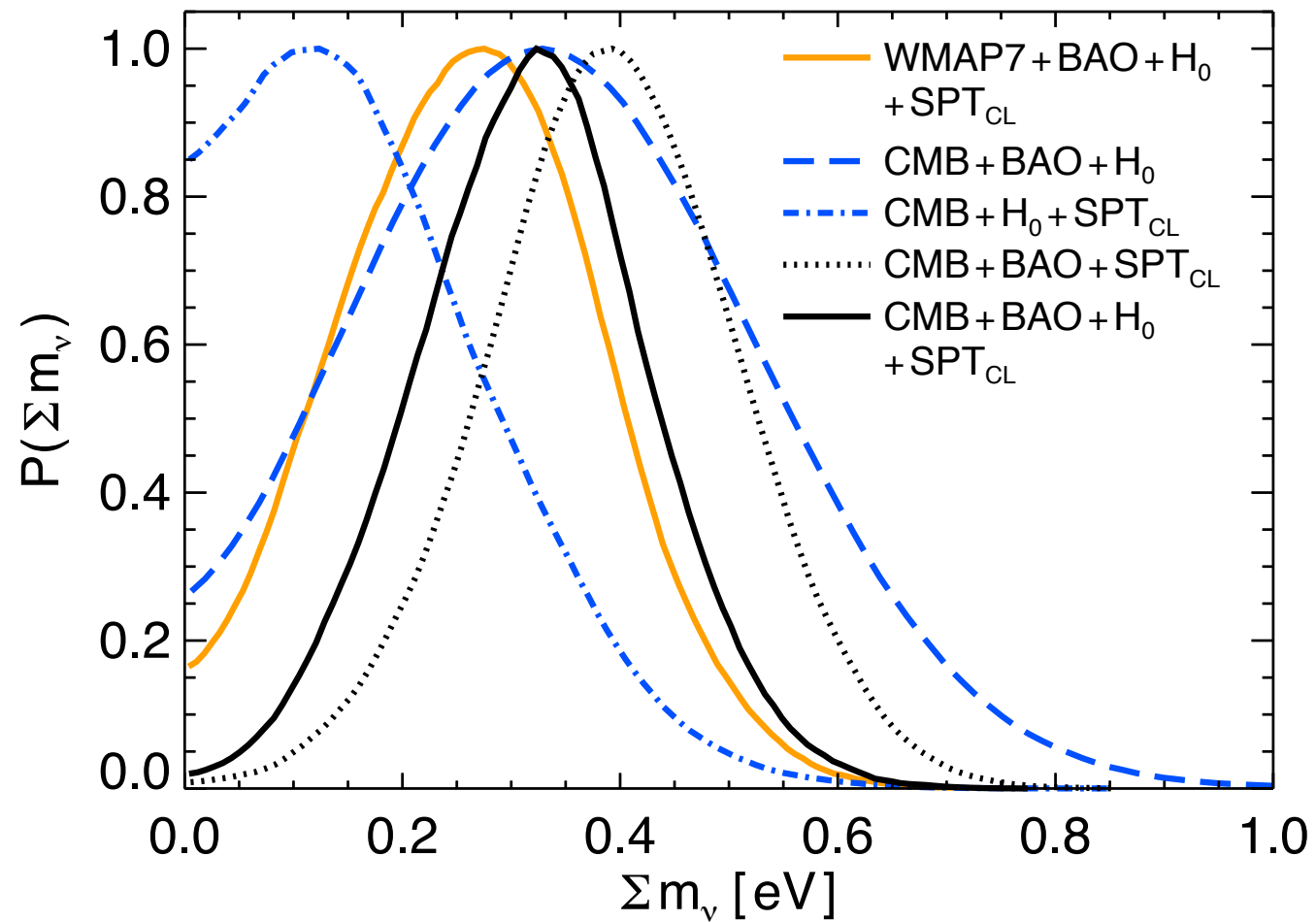
What to do?



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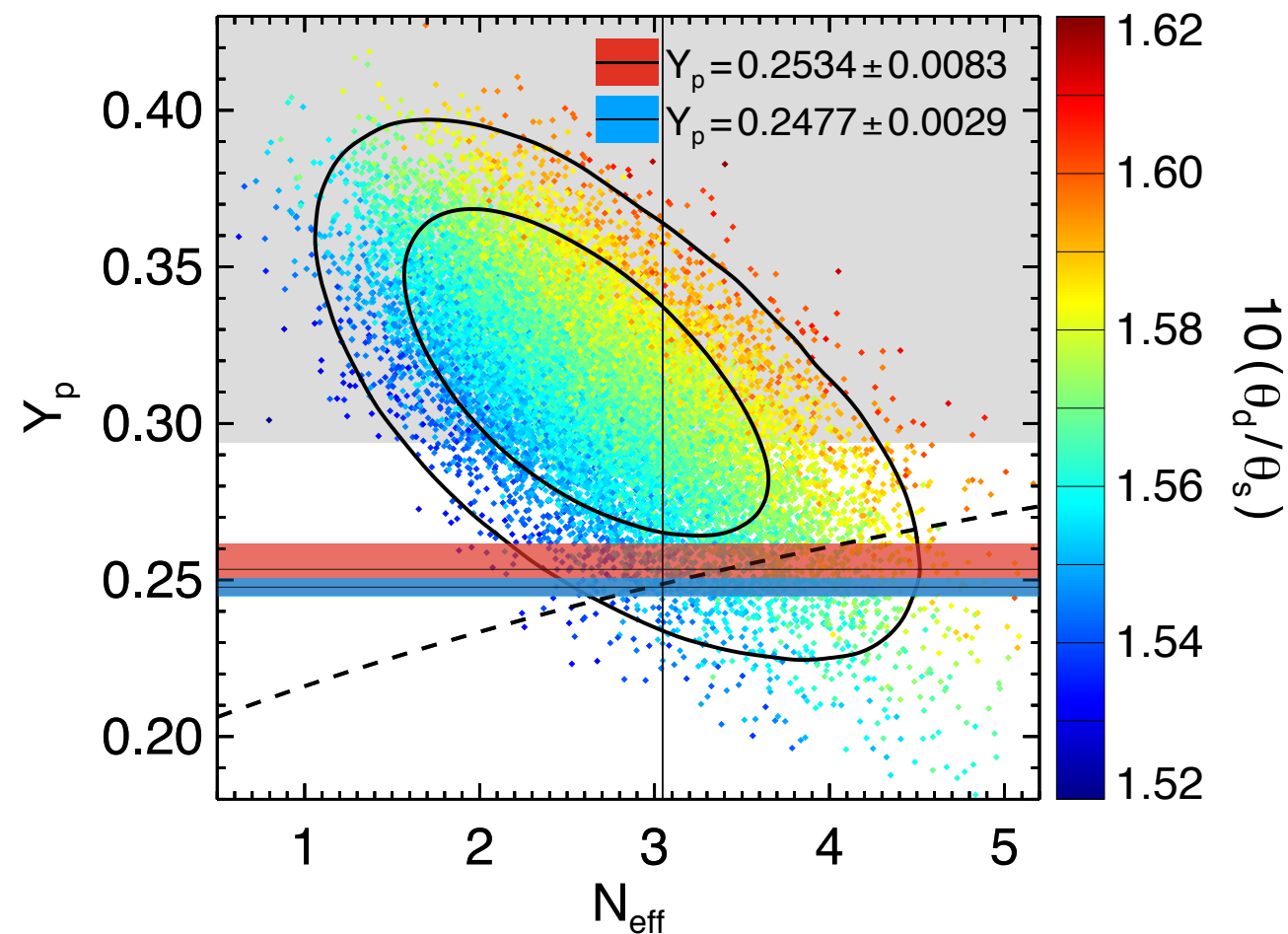


What to do?



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 - Systematic errors: do something different
 - Statistical errors: more of the same

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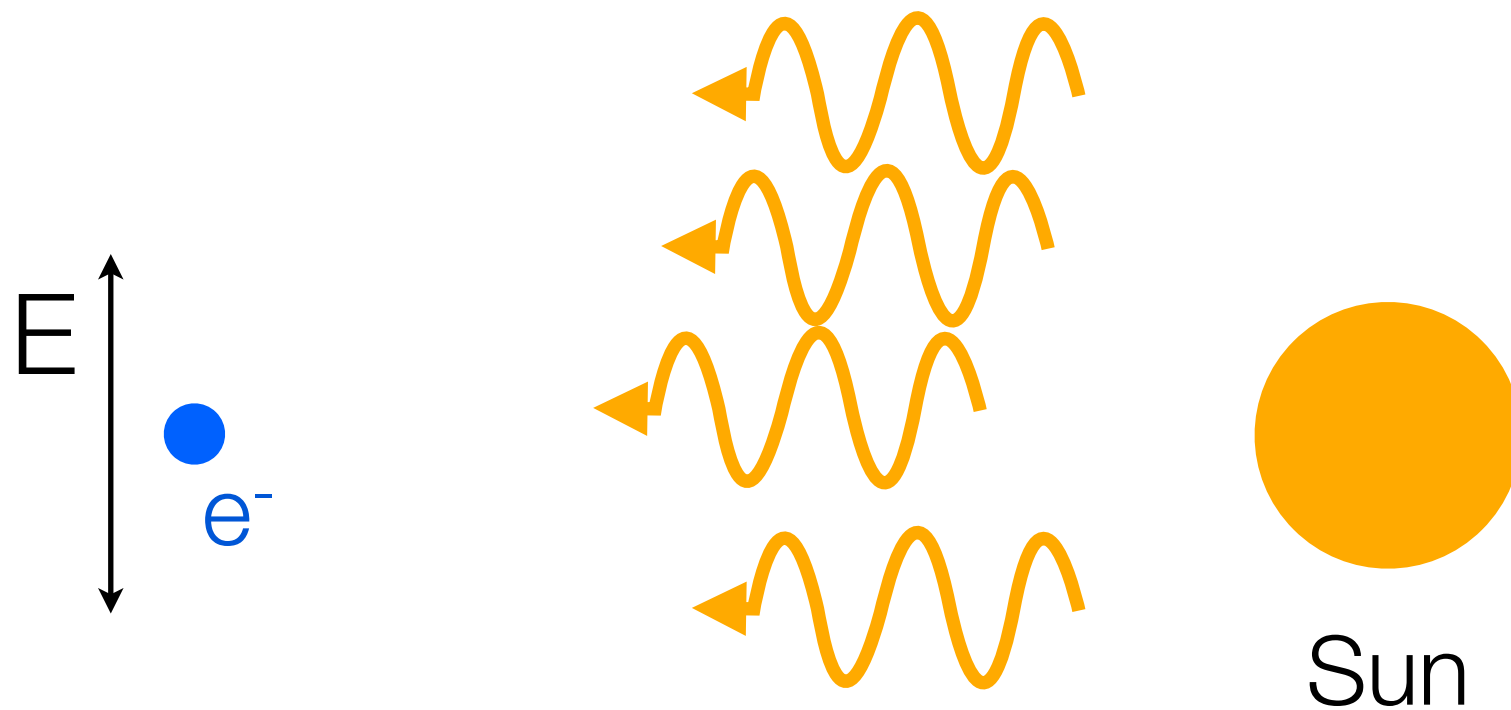


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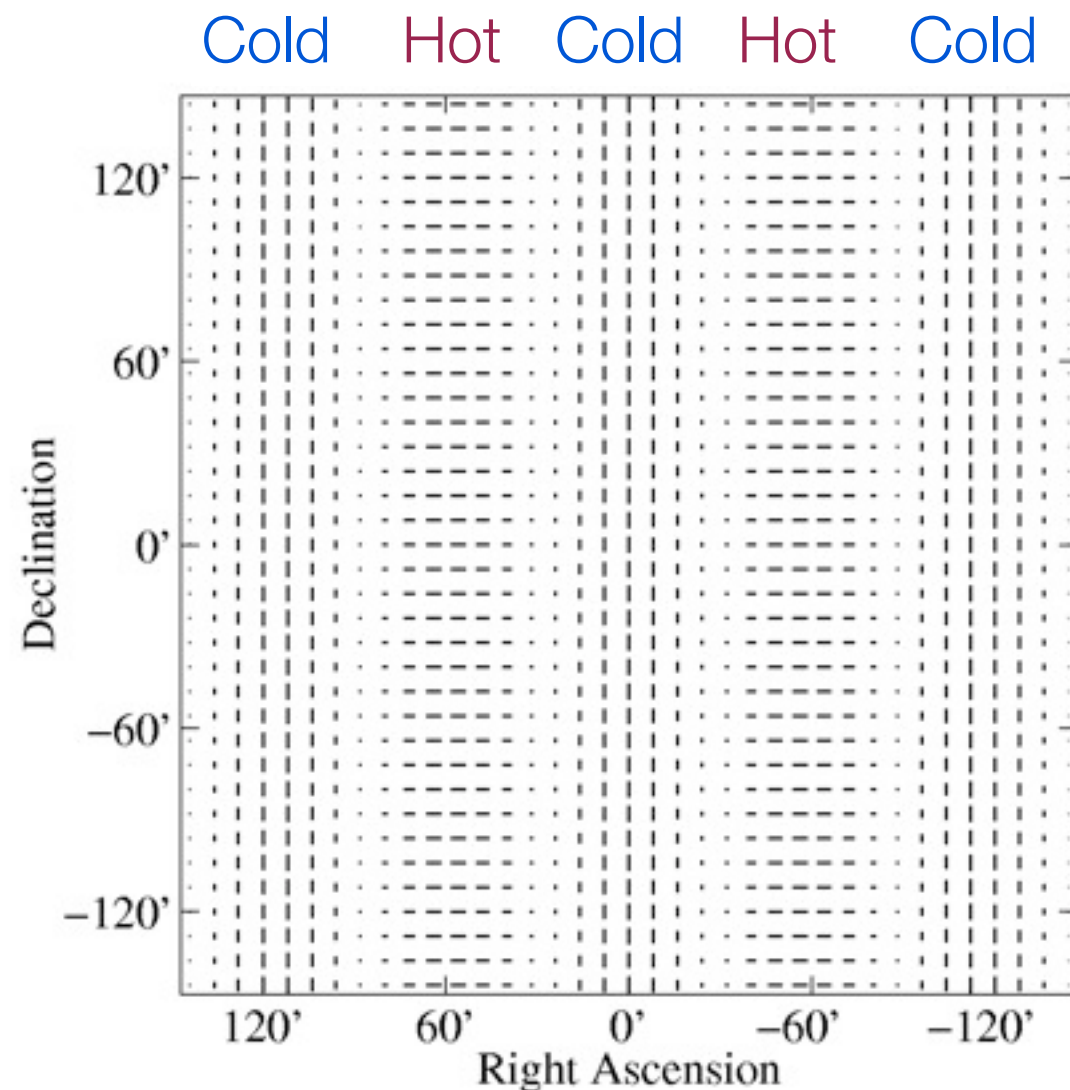
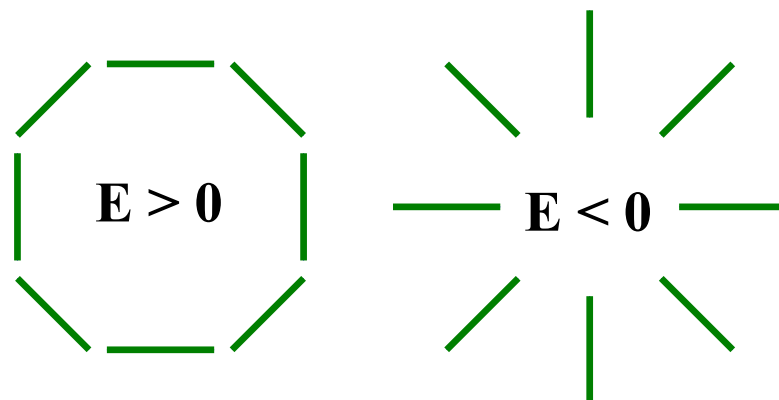
- CMB polarized via Thomson scattering and local anisotropy (e.g. Sun scattering in atmosphere)
- Density/Temperature anisotropy generates intrinsic CMB polarization

- Polarization either parallel or perpendicular to anisotropy wave vector

- Symmetric under “parity”

$$\mathbf{k} \rightarrow -\mathbf{k}$$

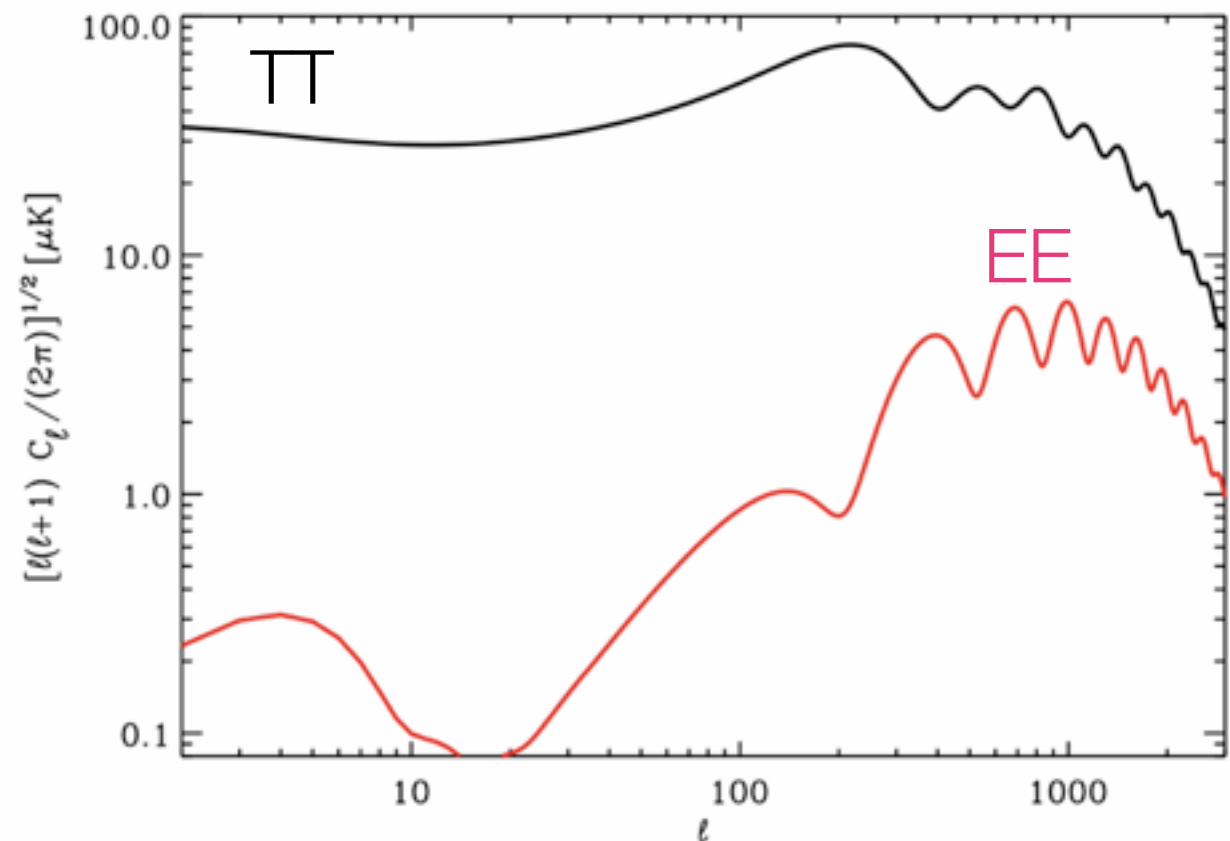
- “E-mode”



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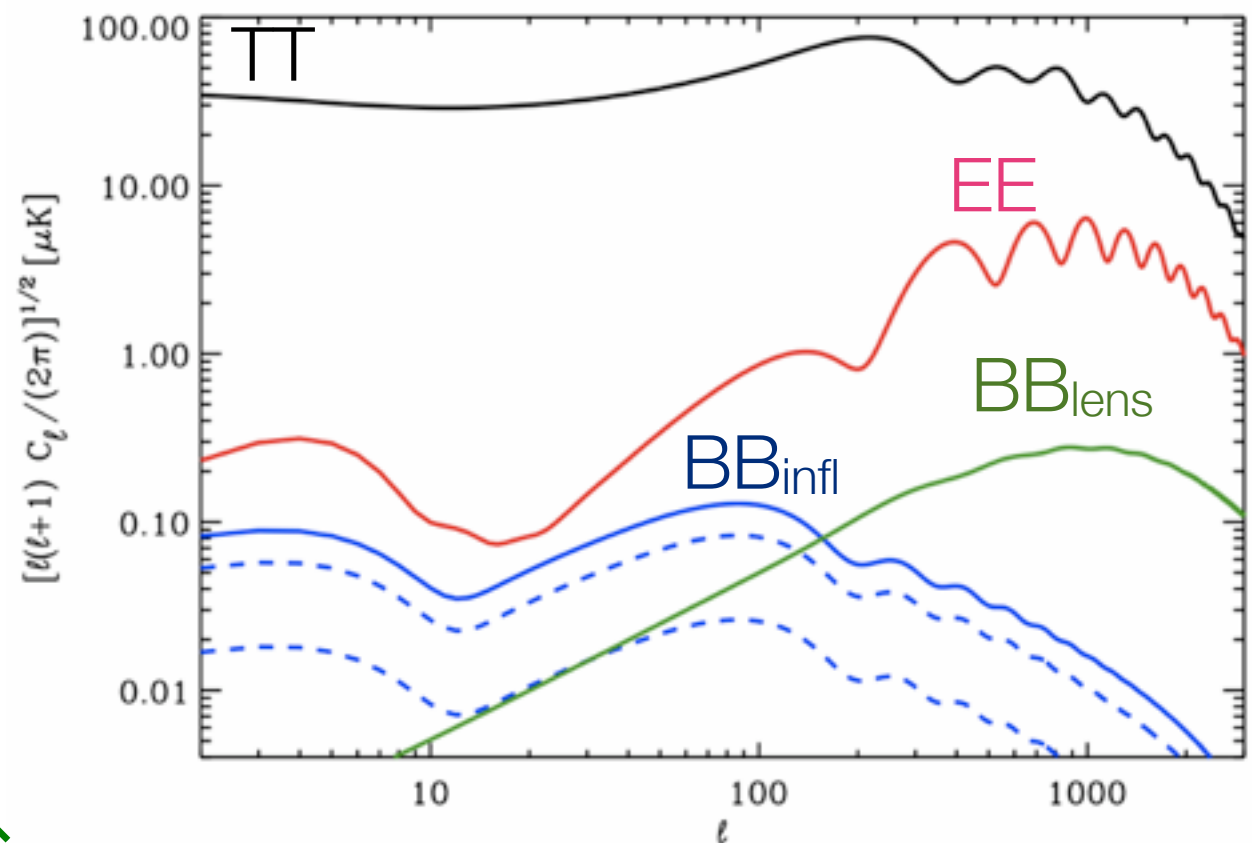
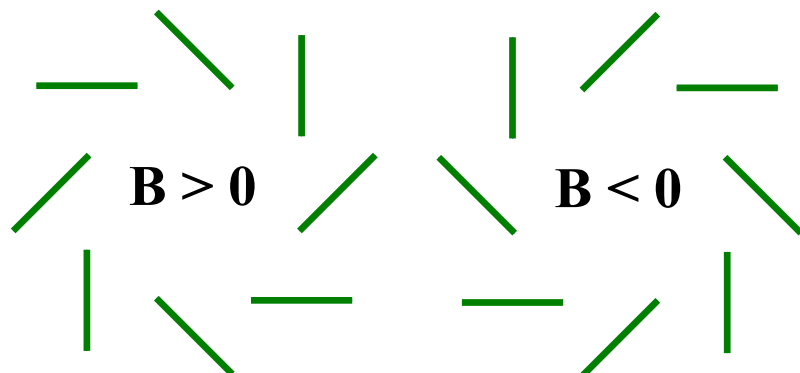
- EE power spectrum is a different probe of same physics producing TT spectrum



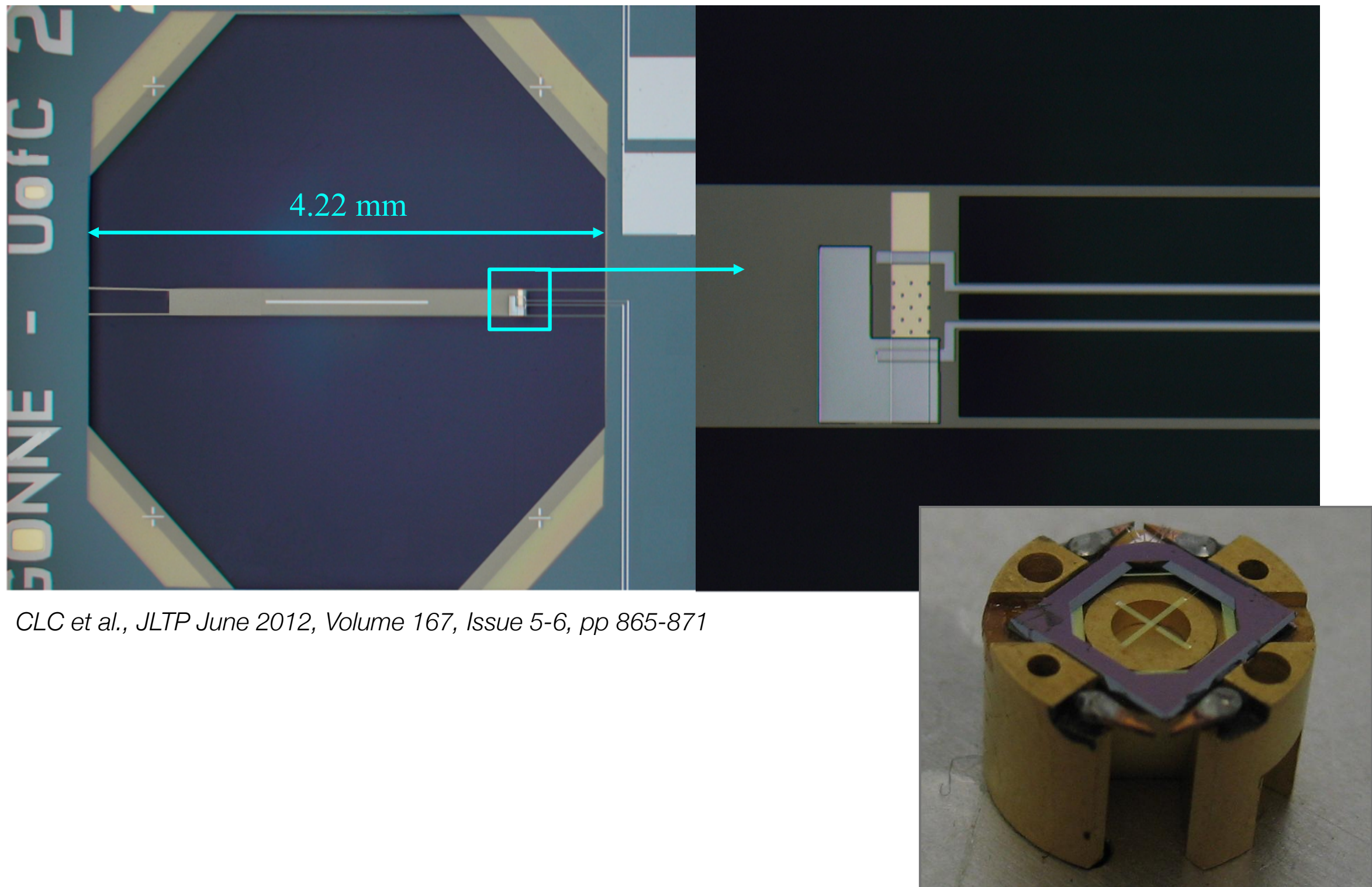
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- parity odd patterns, “B-modes”
- Gravitational lensing of “E-modes” (shearing)
- Gravitational waves from inflation

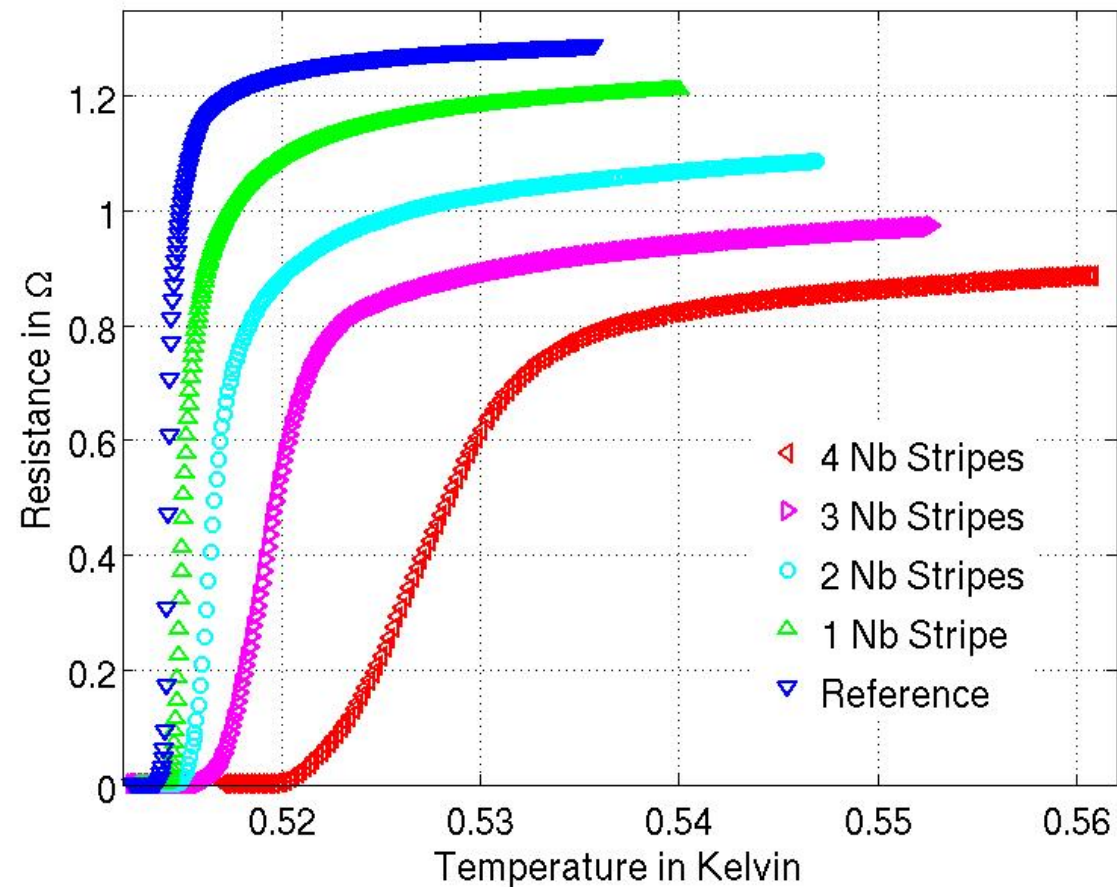


SPTpol detectors from ANL (100 GHz)

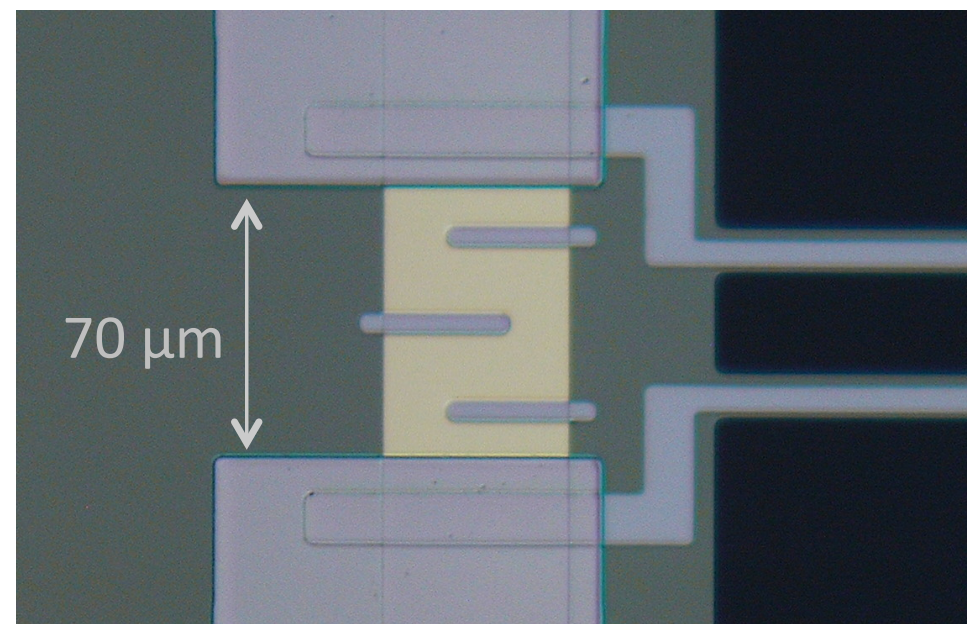


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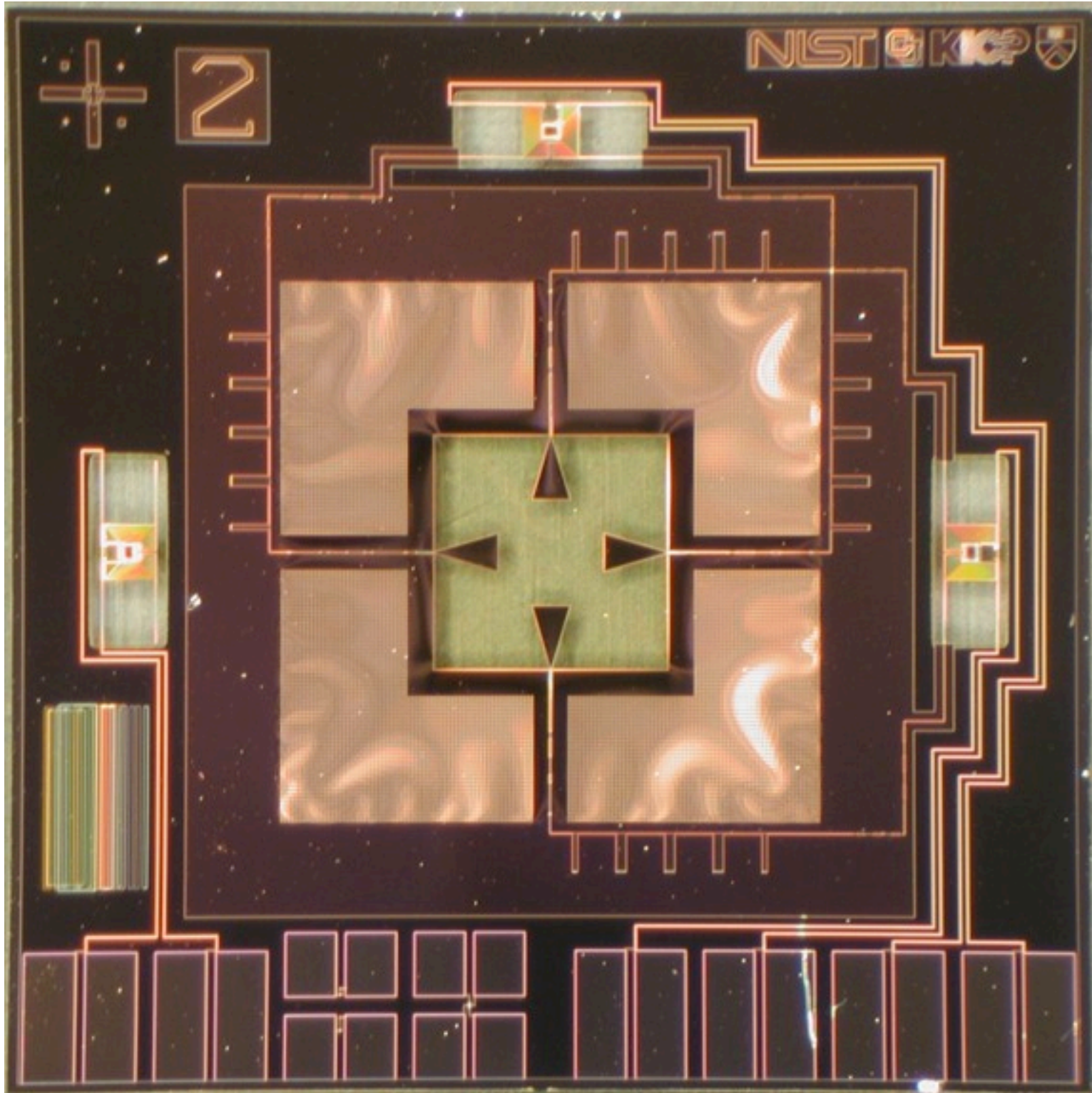
Transition Engineering



- Using proximity effect to smoothly vary T_c across TES
- Broadens effective transition width
- Tunes feedback “gain”

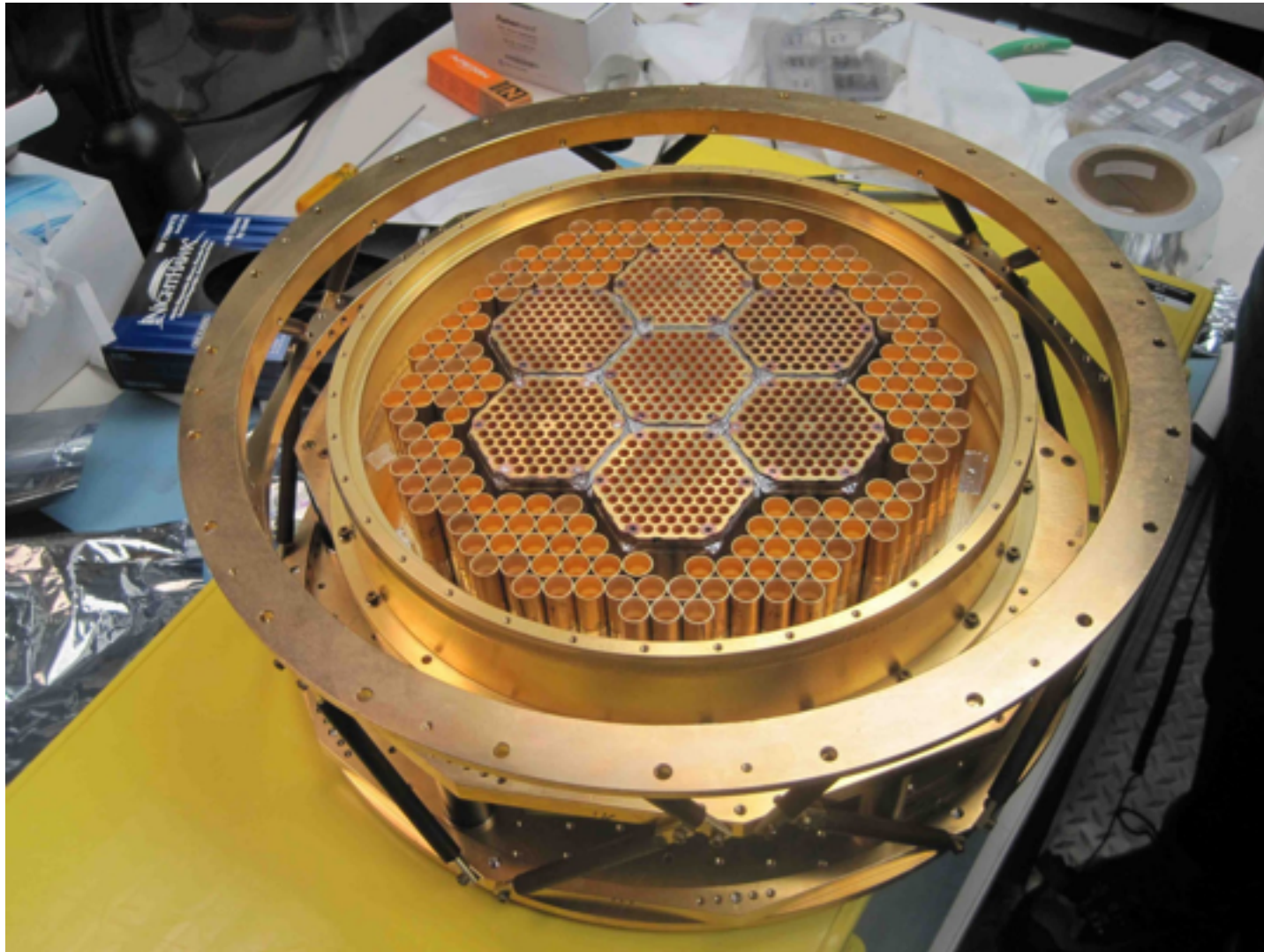


SPTpol detectors from NIST (150 GHz)

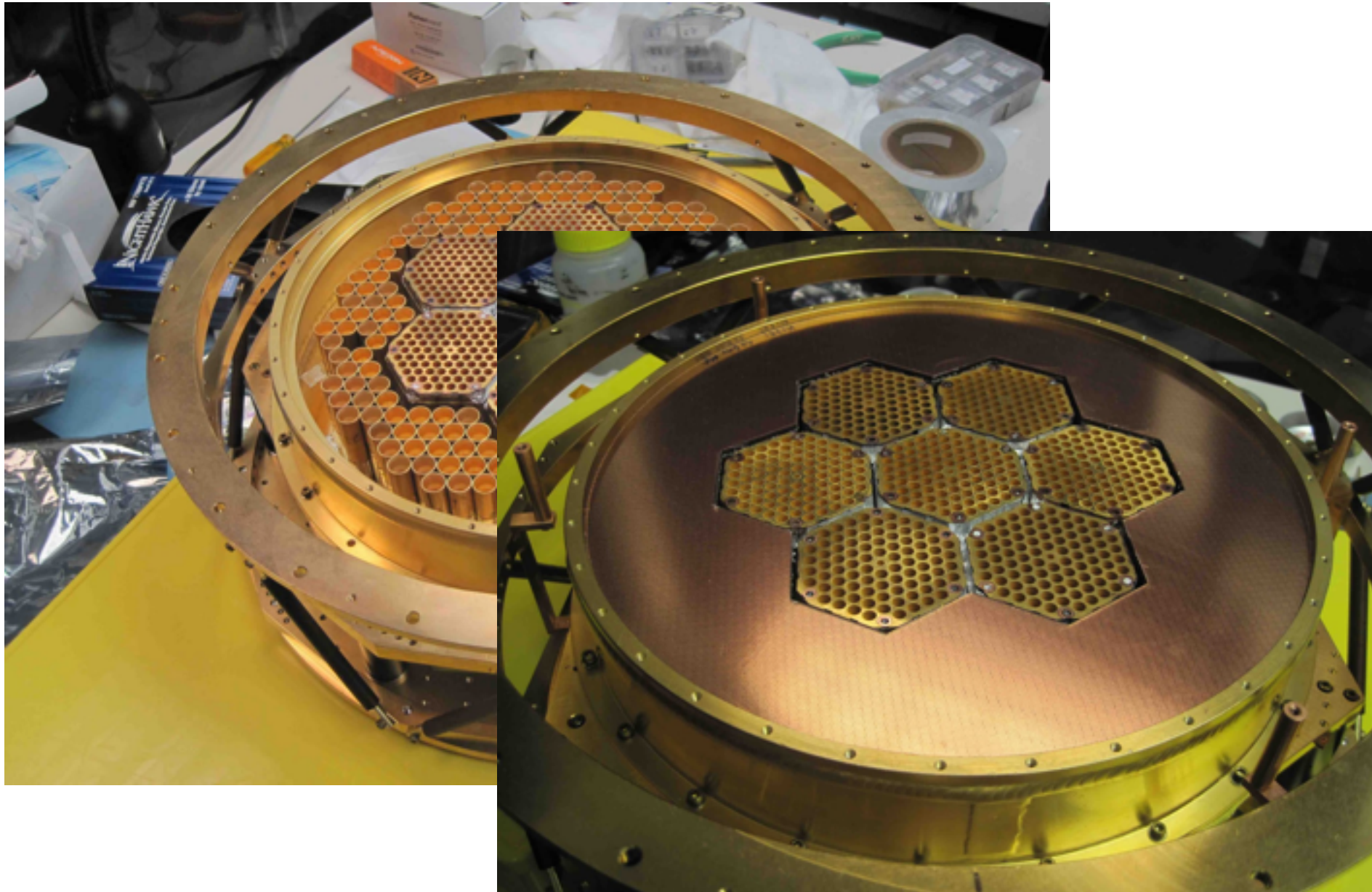


- Use “fins” to couple waveguide E-field onto superconducting transmission lines
- Thermalized and measured on TES islands
- Ortho-Mode Transducer (two orthogonal polarizations go to separate bolometers)

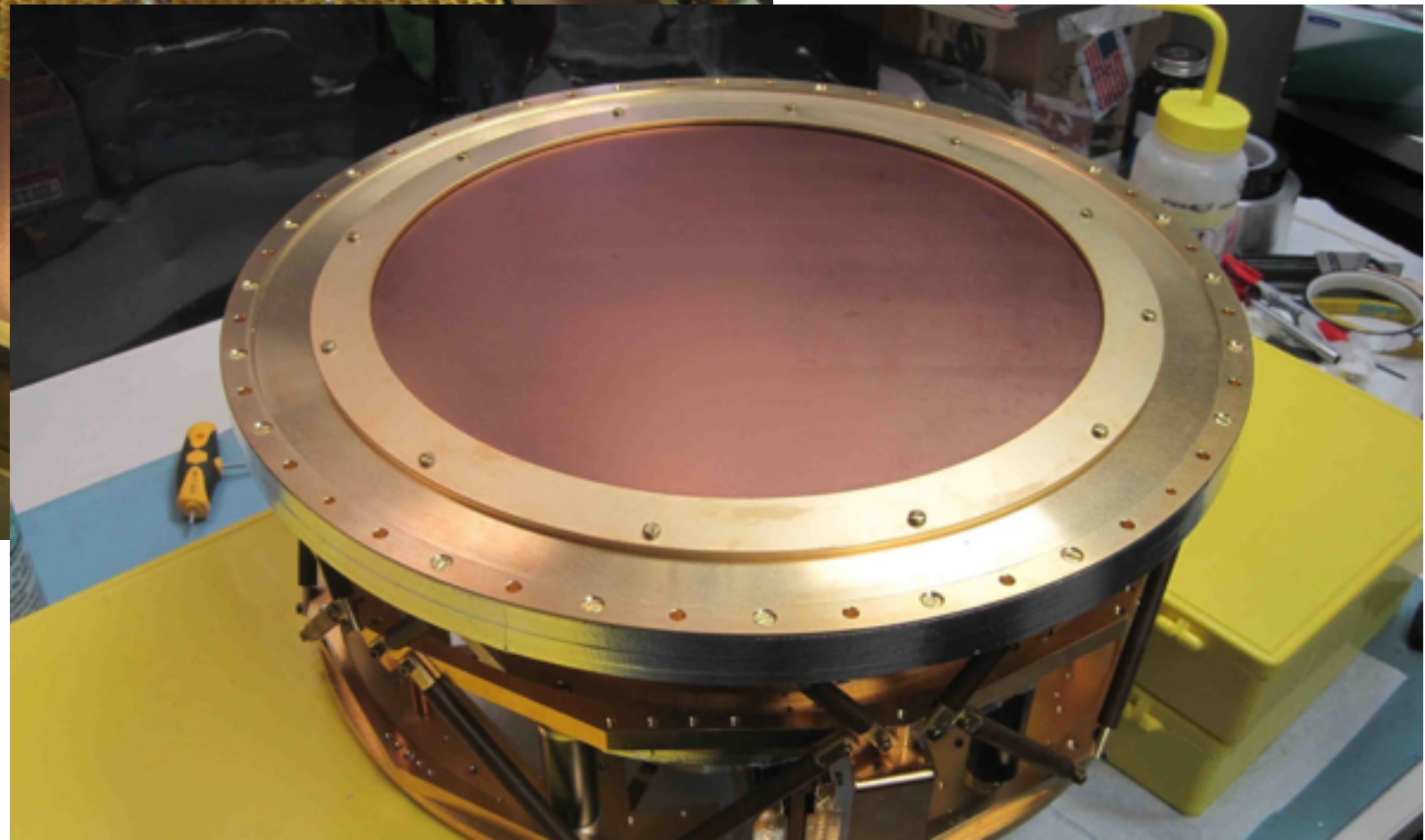
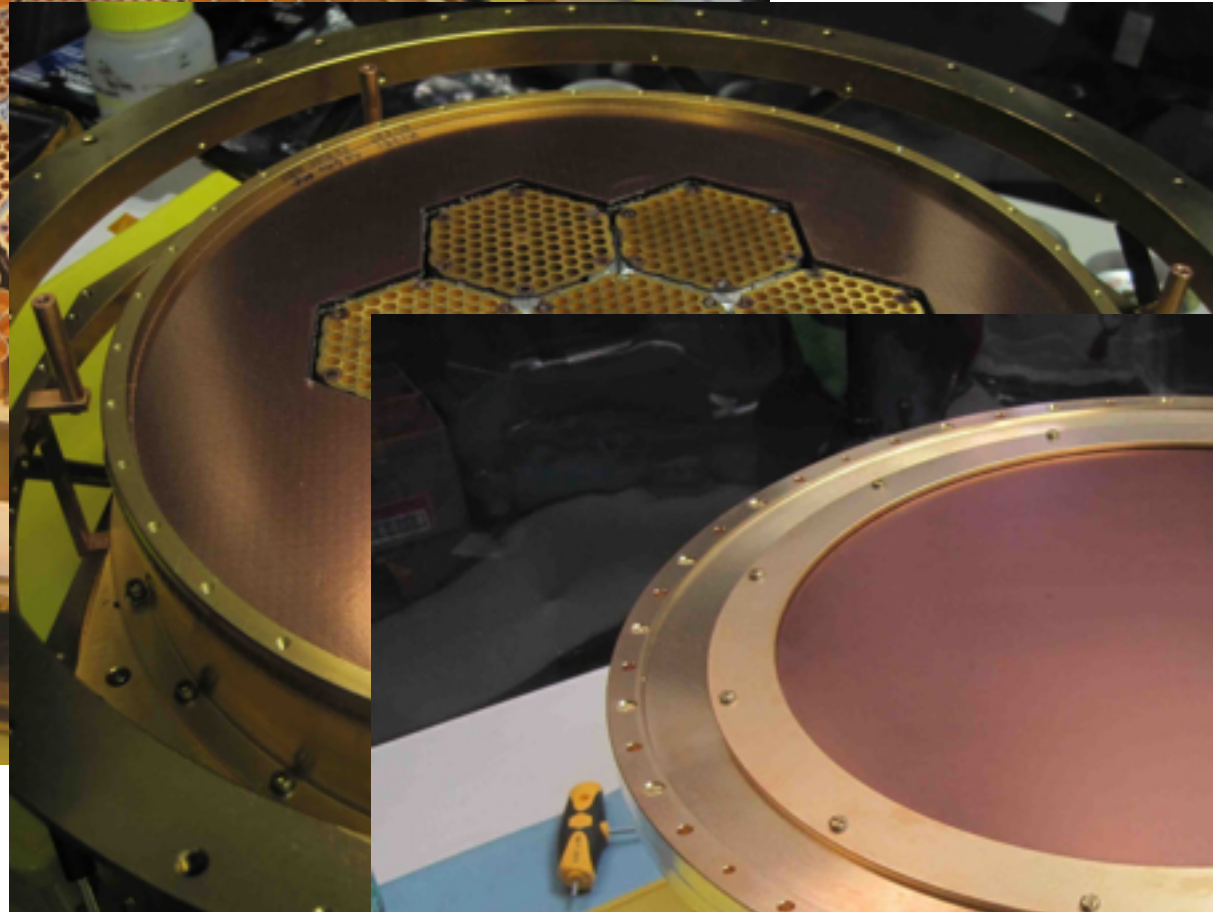
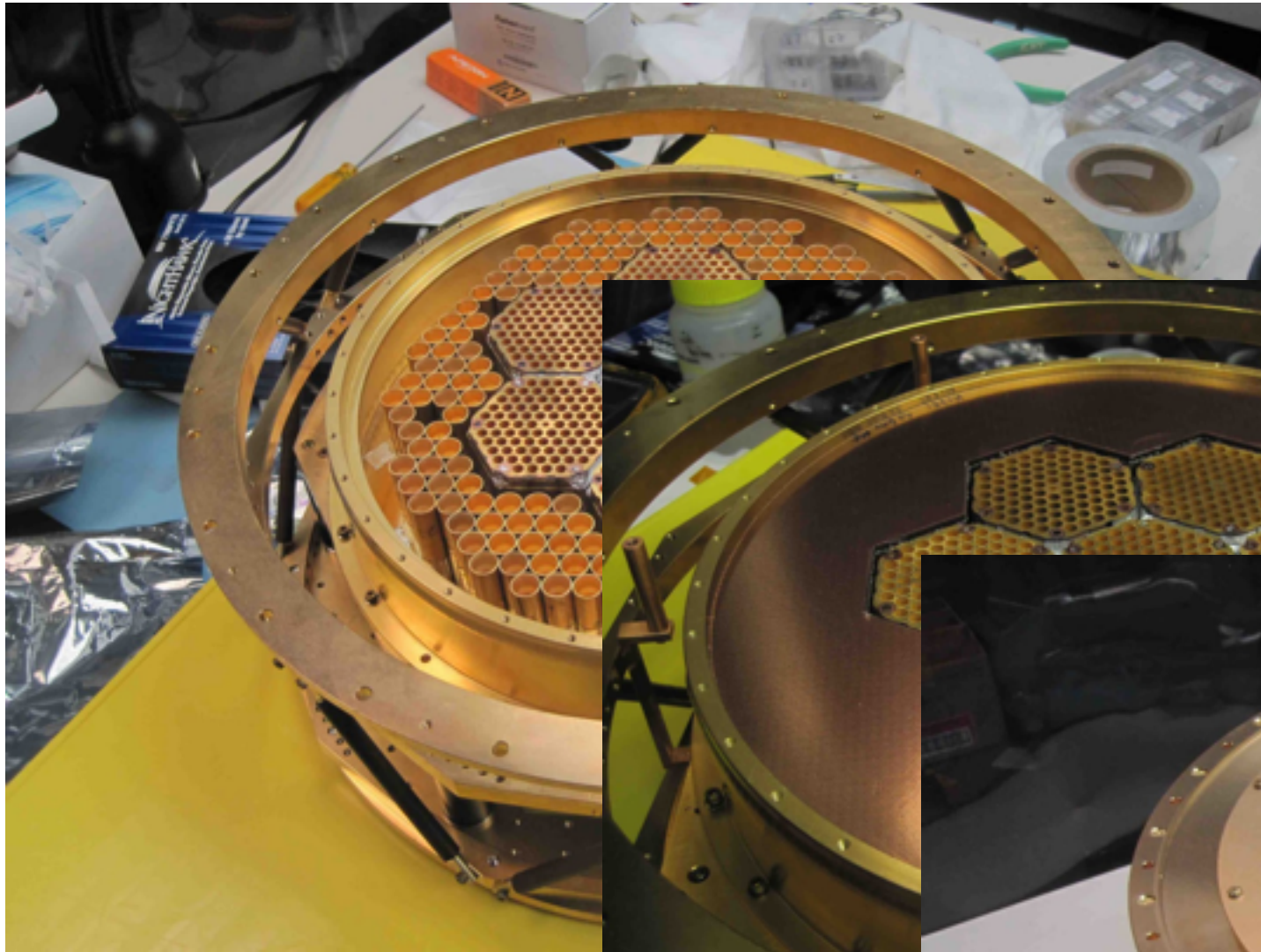
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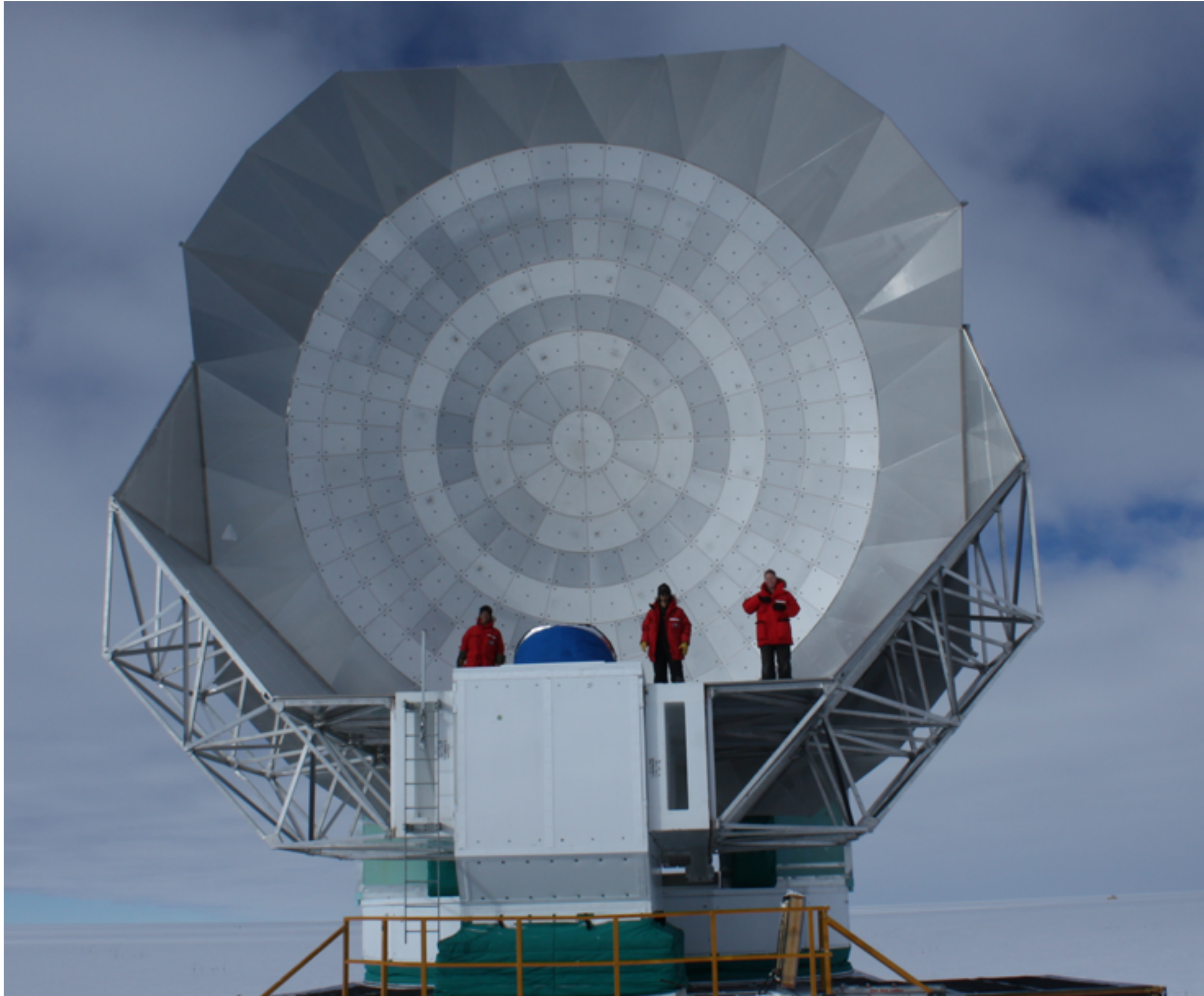
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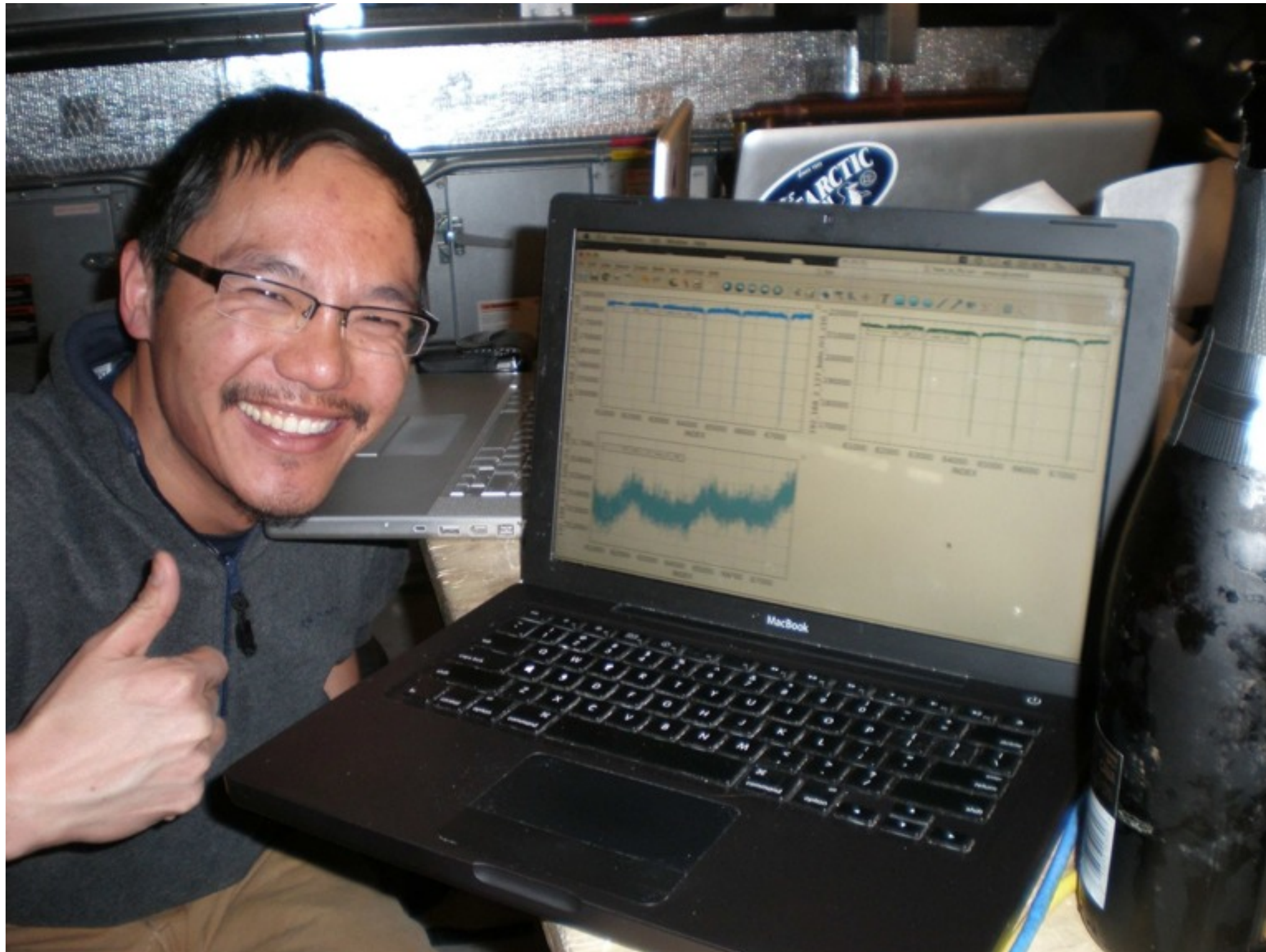
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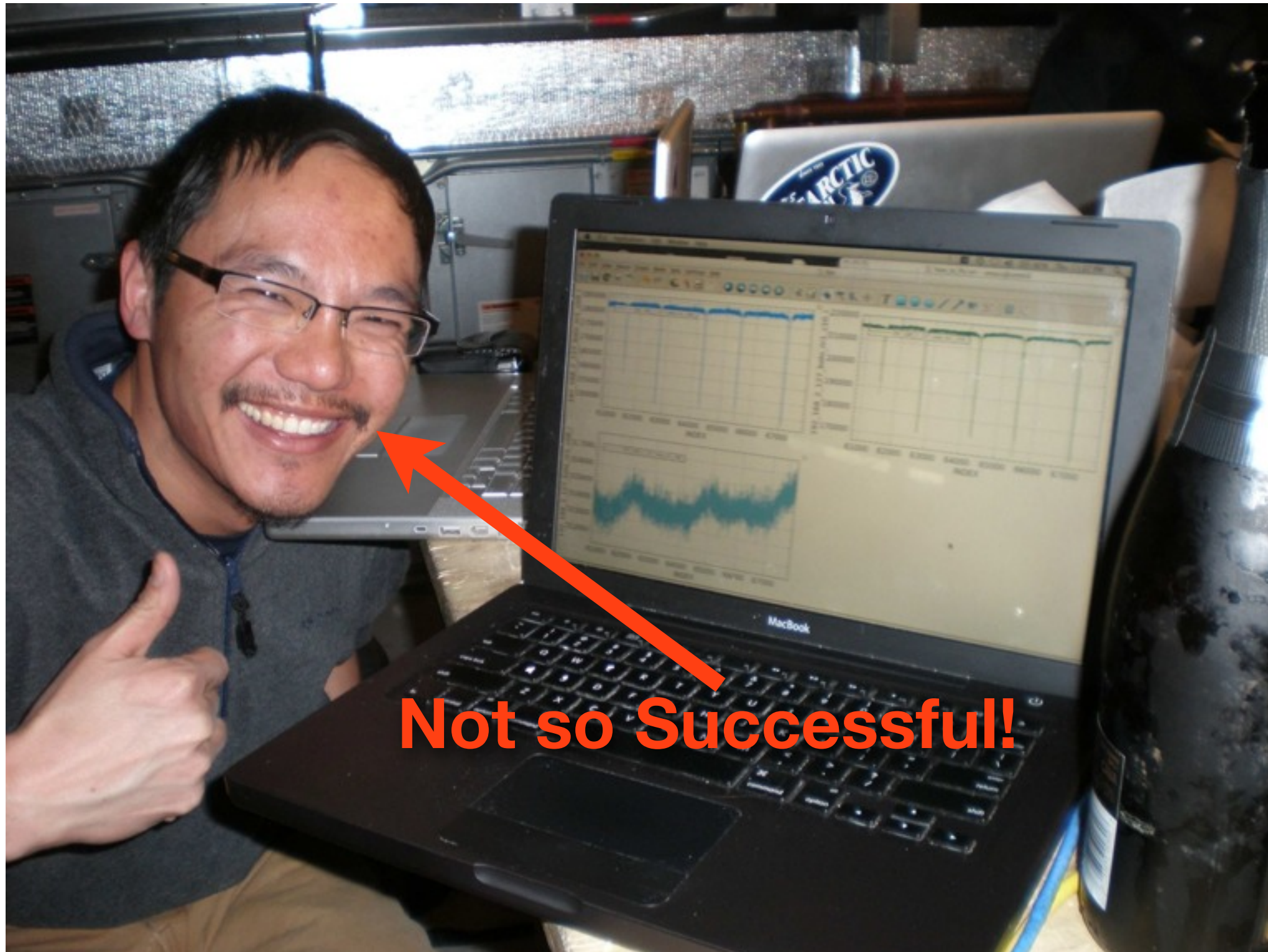


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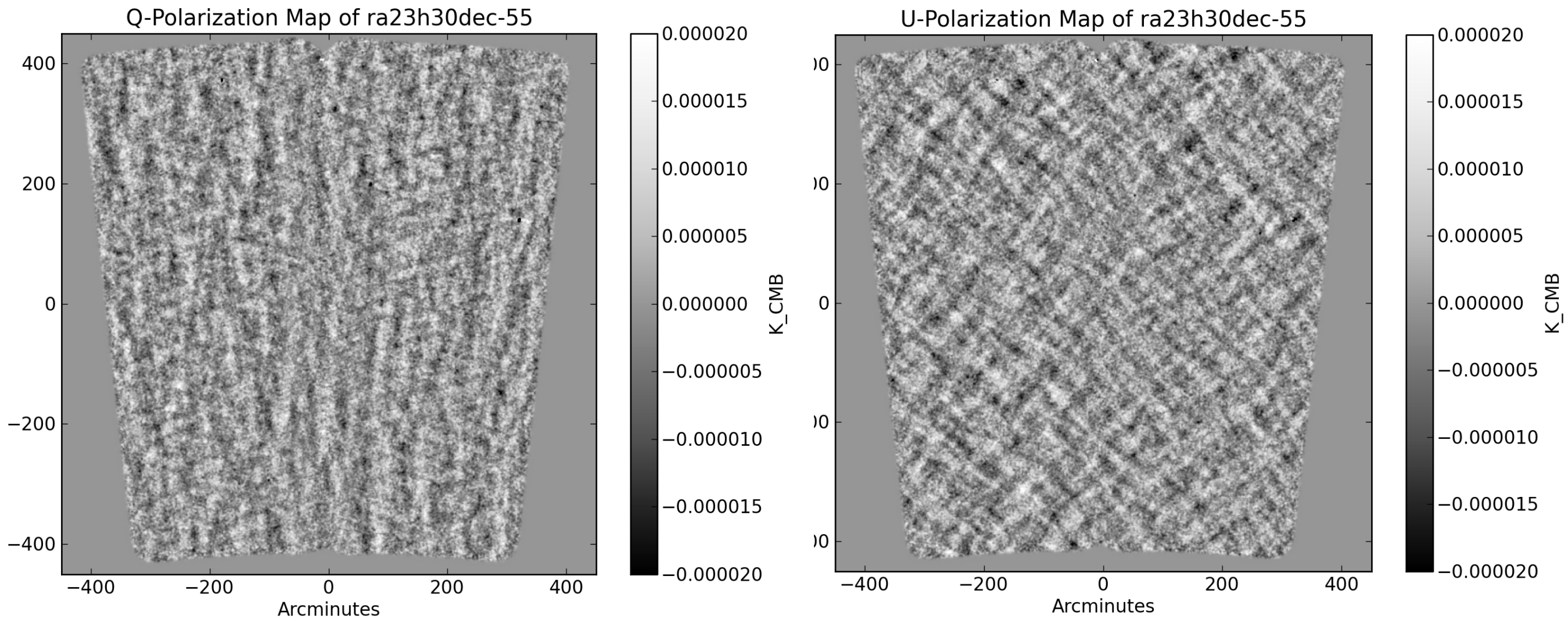


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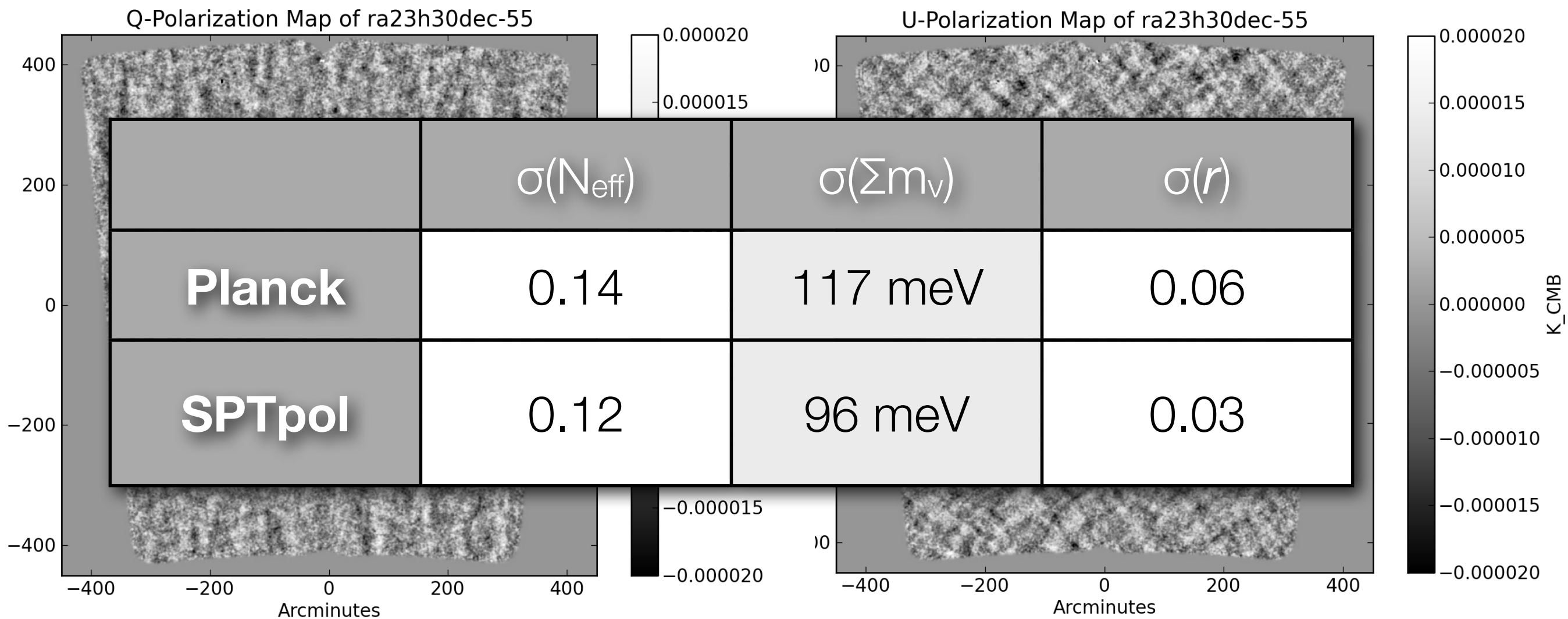


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- Observe 480 deg^2 over next 3 years (1600 detectors!)

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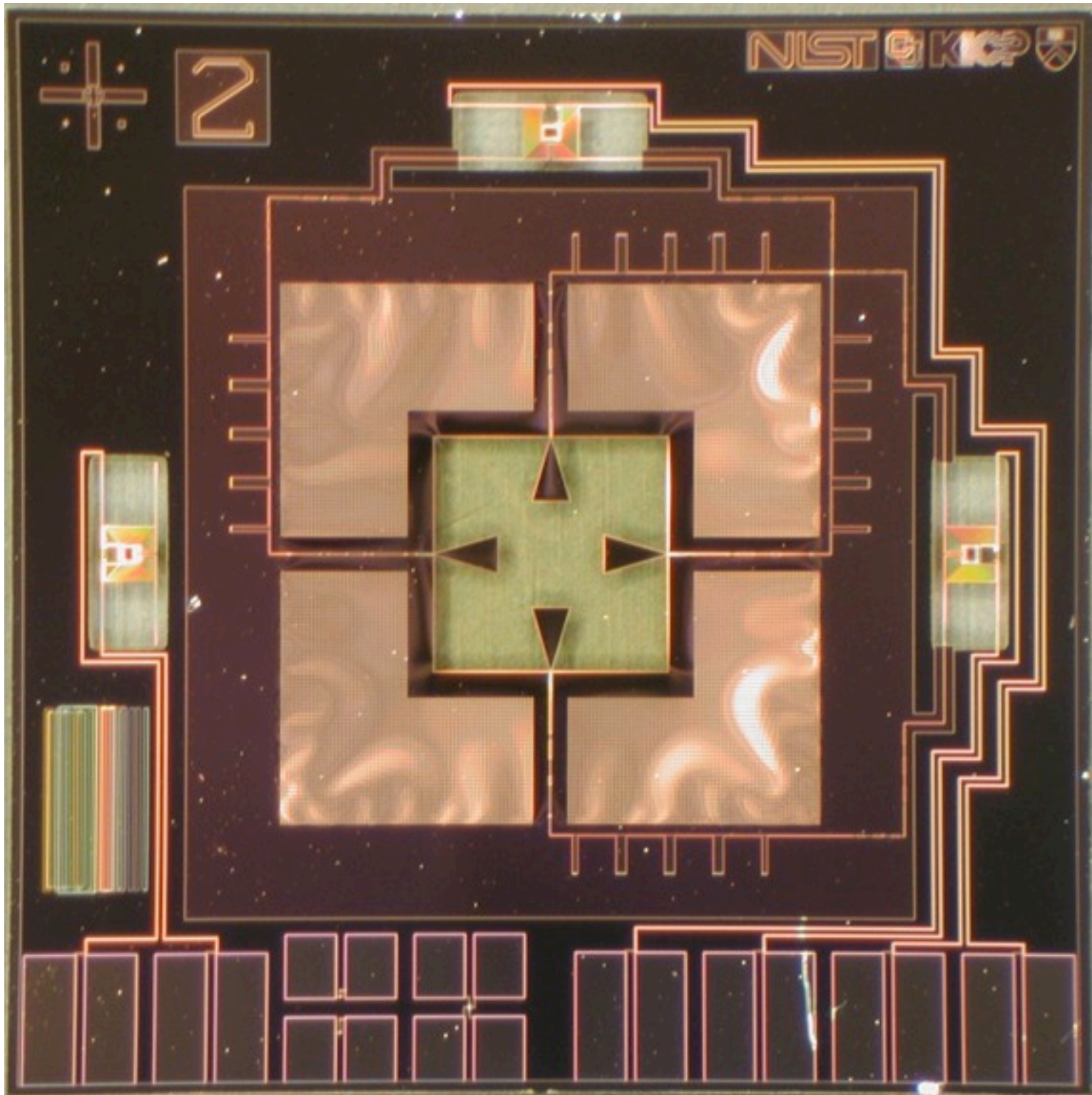


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SPT-3G: More of the same

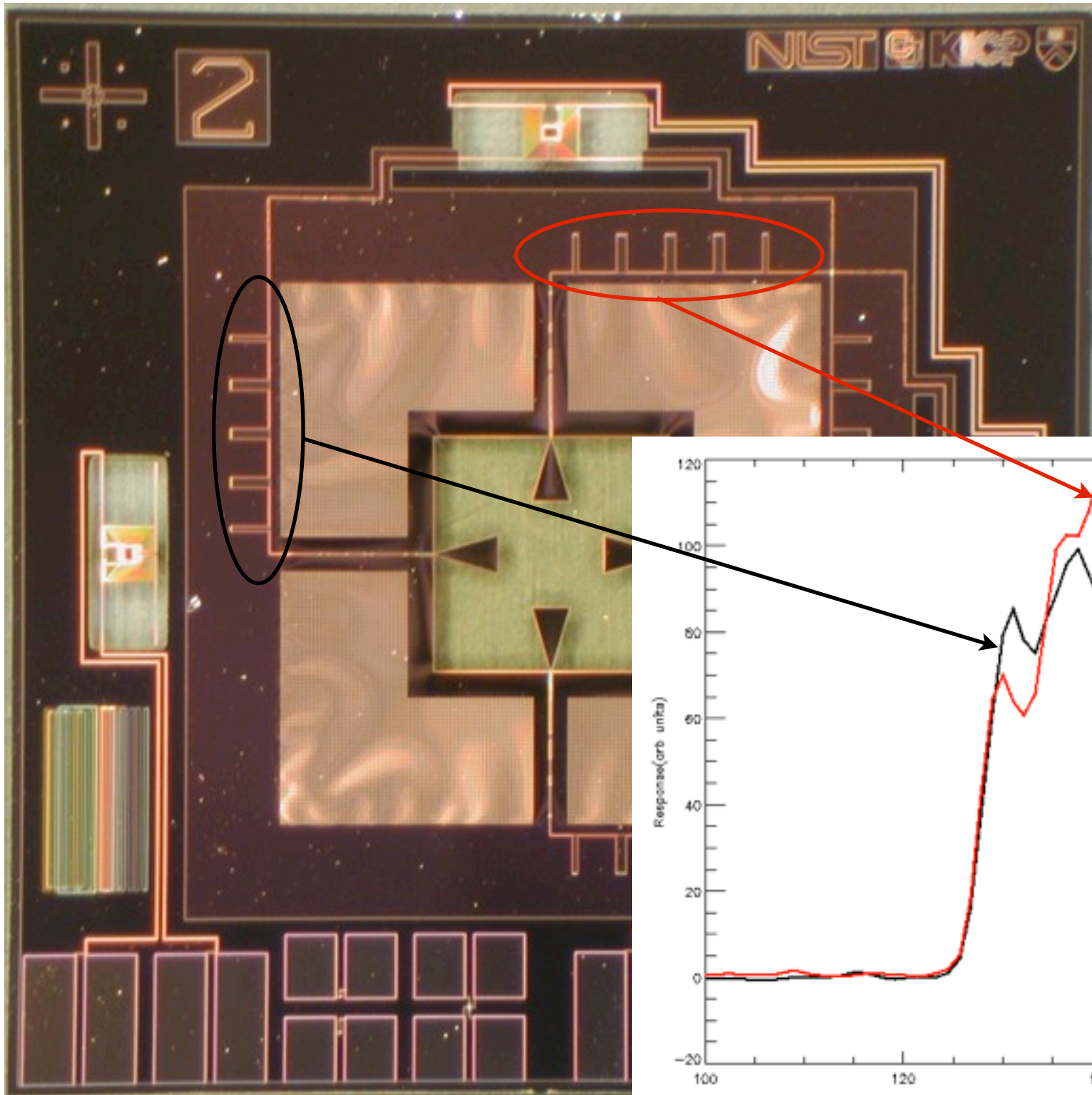
- Increase sensitivity with more detectors
 - Larger focal plane (bigger arrays and more of them)
 - Increase detector “density” (measure more optical modes per optical element)

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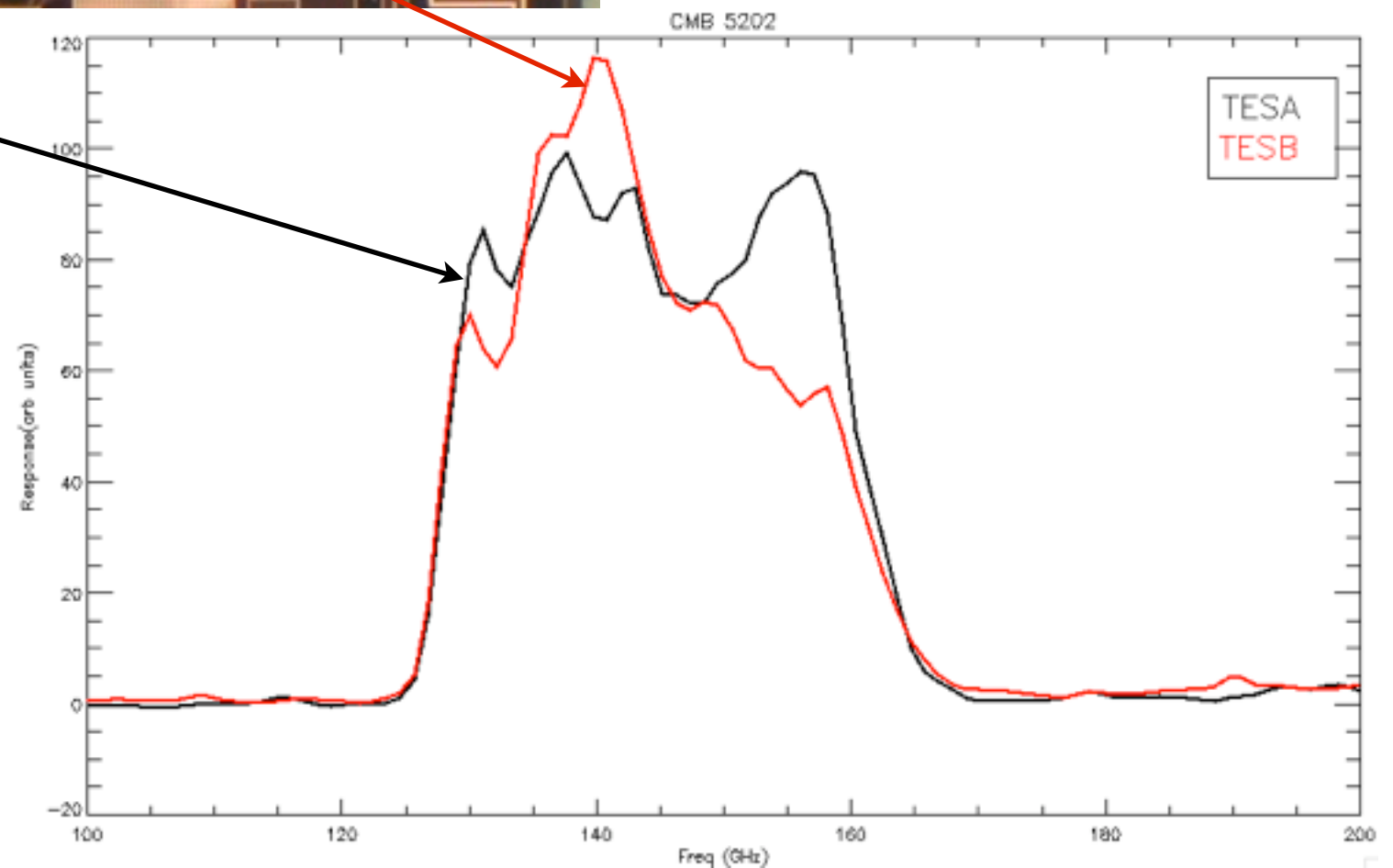


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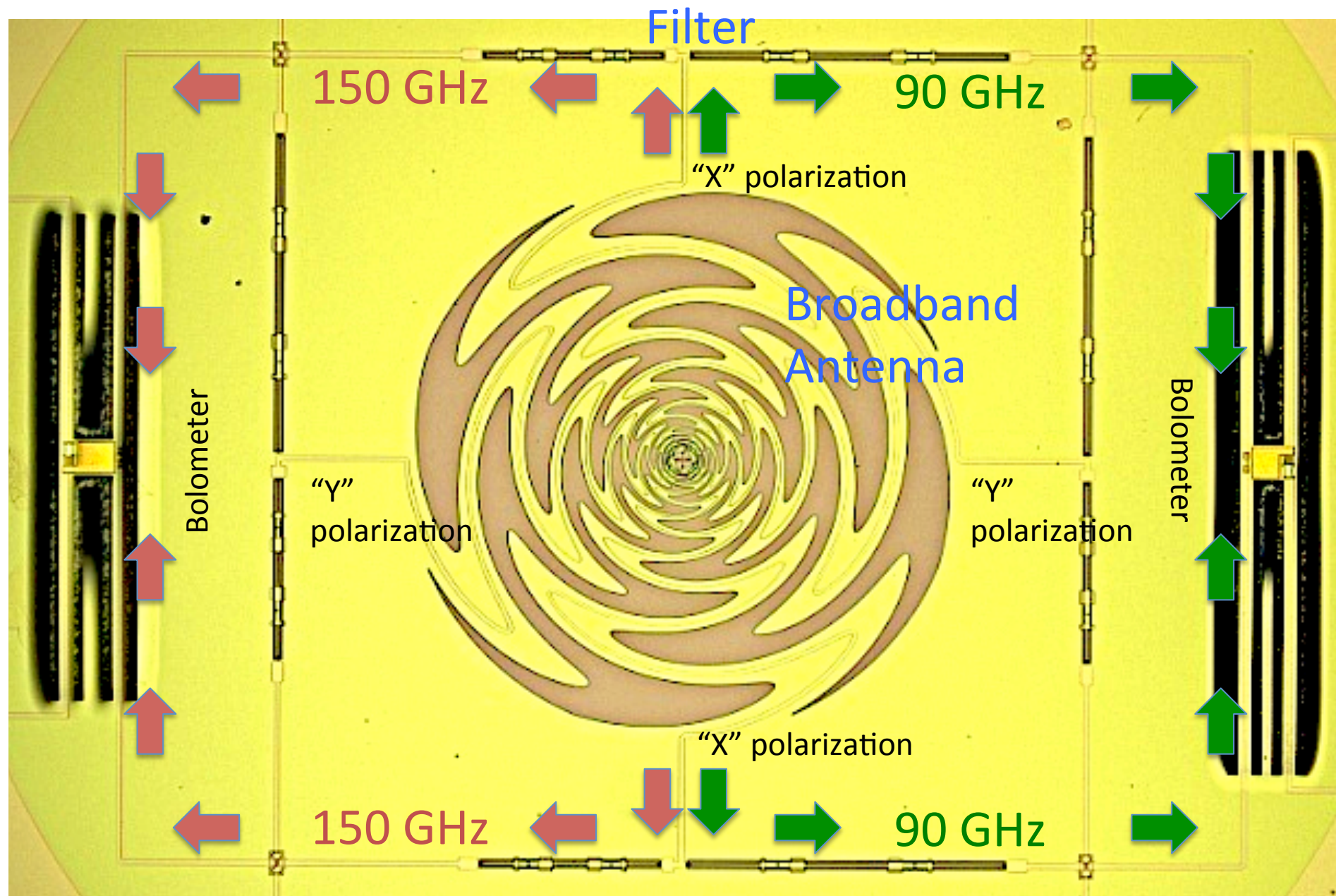
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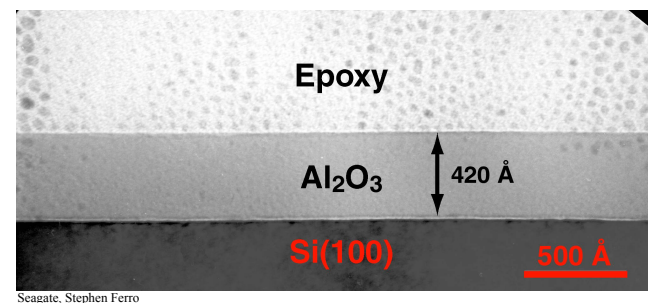
Multi-chroic pixels



- Developing arrays of three-color pixels for SPT-3G
- Increase bolo density from 2 per pixel to 6 per pixel

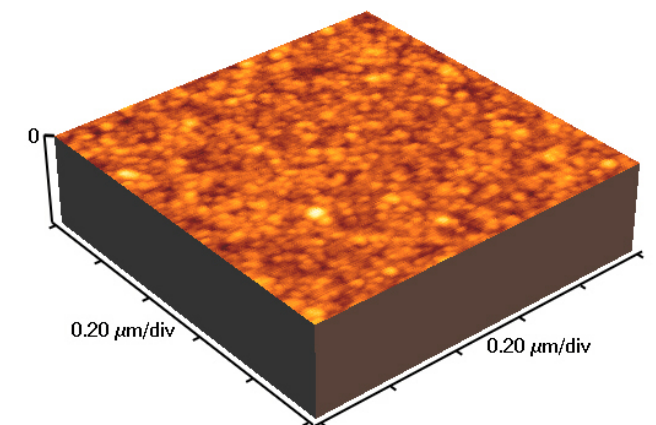
New ideas? Atomic Layer Deposition

- Extremely conformal: uniform thickness over large irregular surfaces
- ANL expertise with superconductor+dielectric multilayers for RF cavities
- Potential for batch processing of films with tailored properties
- Implemented at RF frequencies for quantum computing



- Flat, Pinhole-Free Film

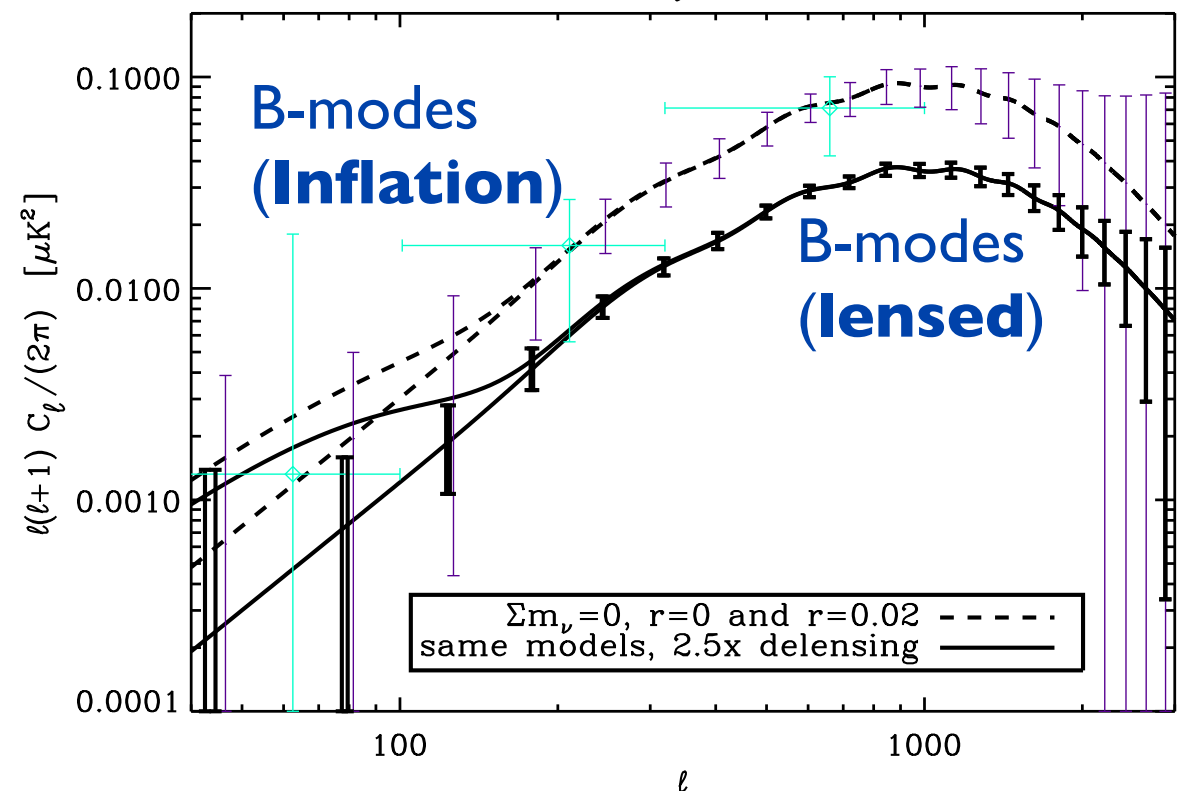
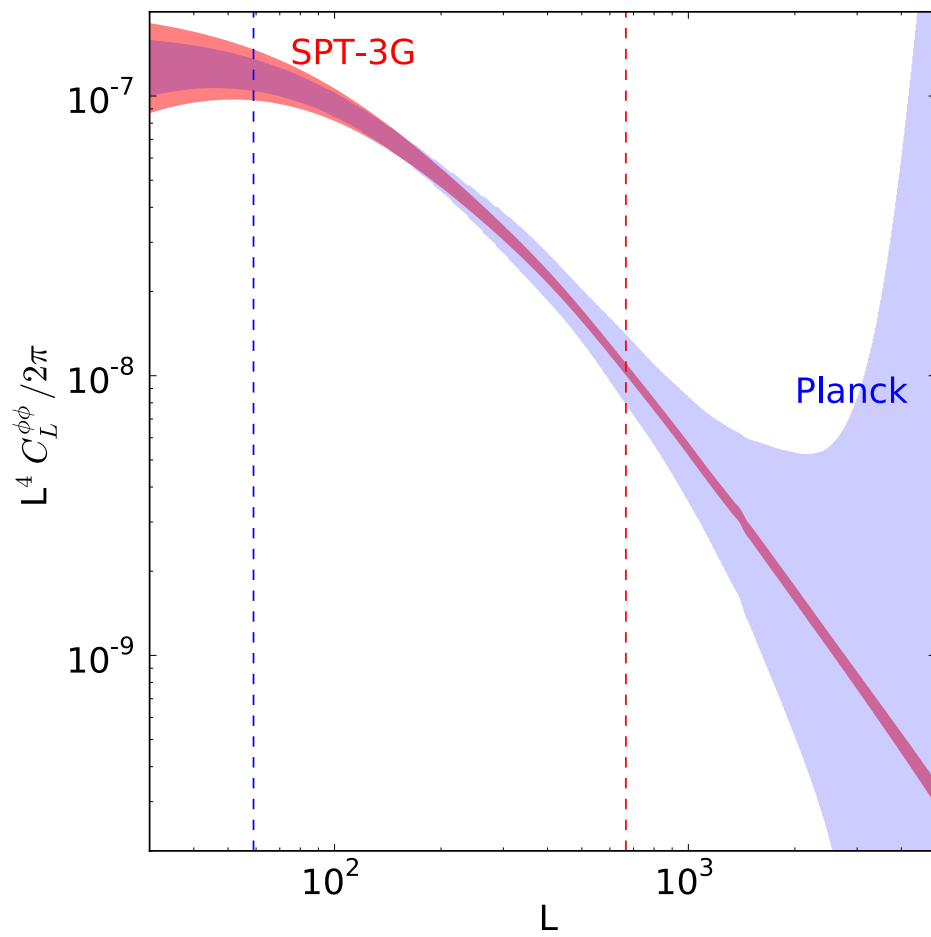
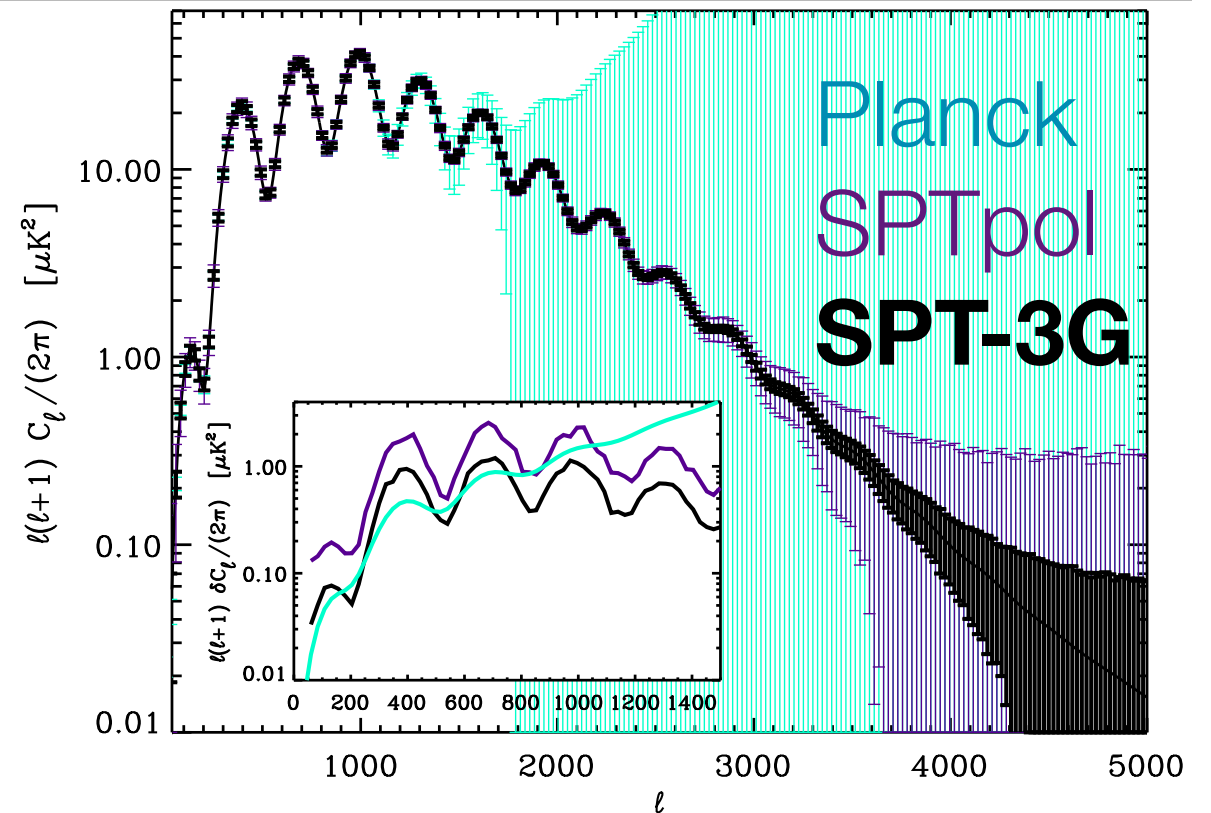
Atomic Force Microscopy



- RMS Roughness = 4 Å (3000 Cycles)
- ALD Films Flat, Pinhole free

SPT-3G goals (first light early 2016)

- Target 10x mapping speed of SPTpol
 - 16,000 bolometer array
 - Reduce optical load
 - Double FOV
- Target 2500 deg² to 3 uK depth



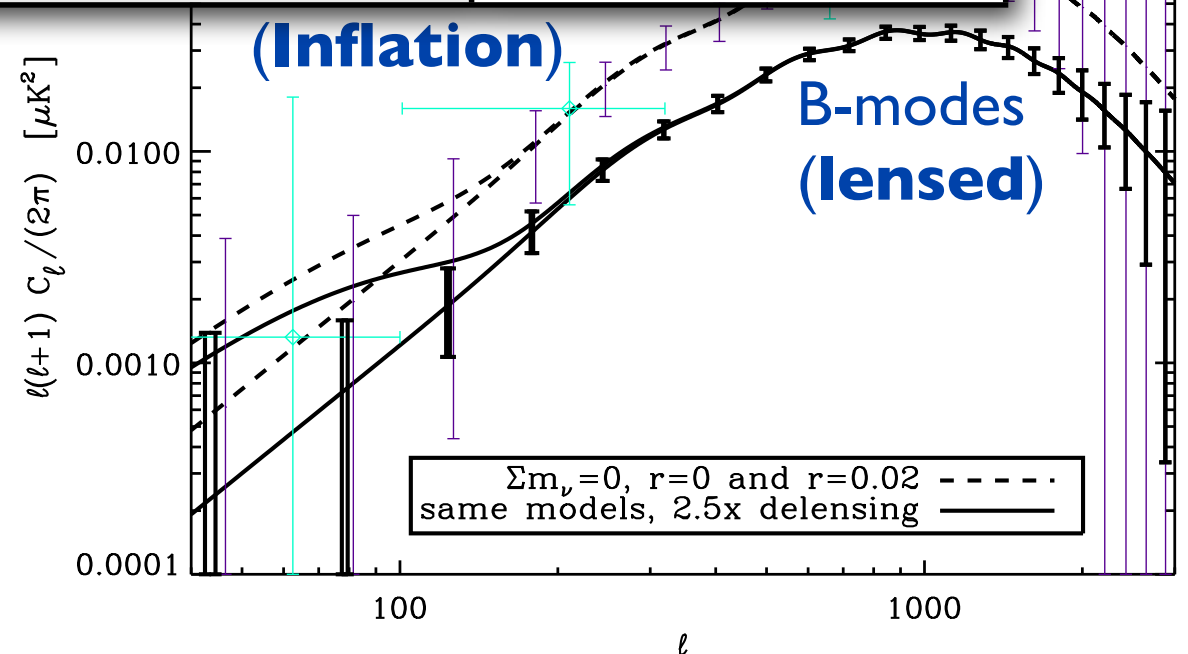
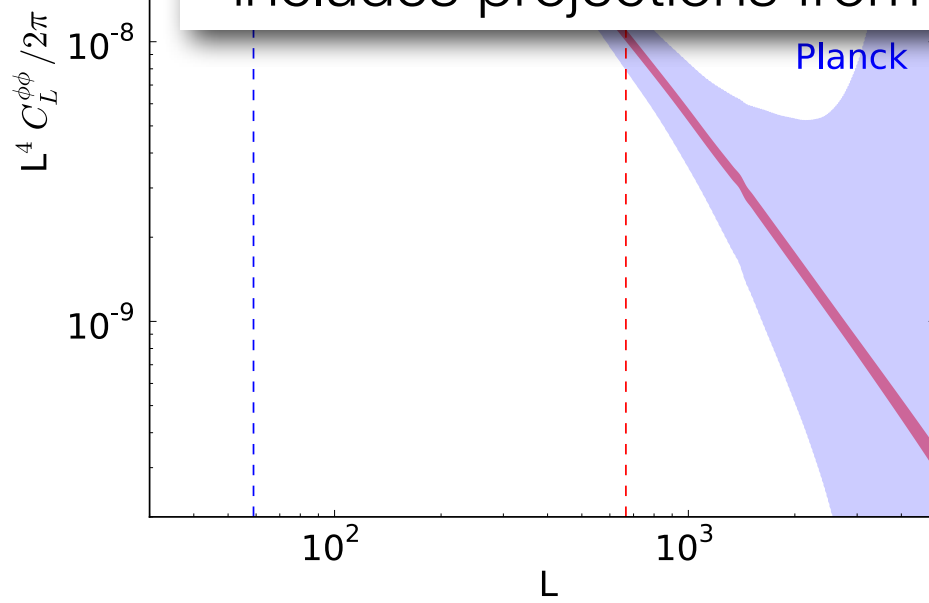
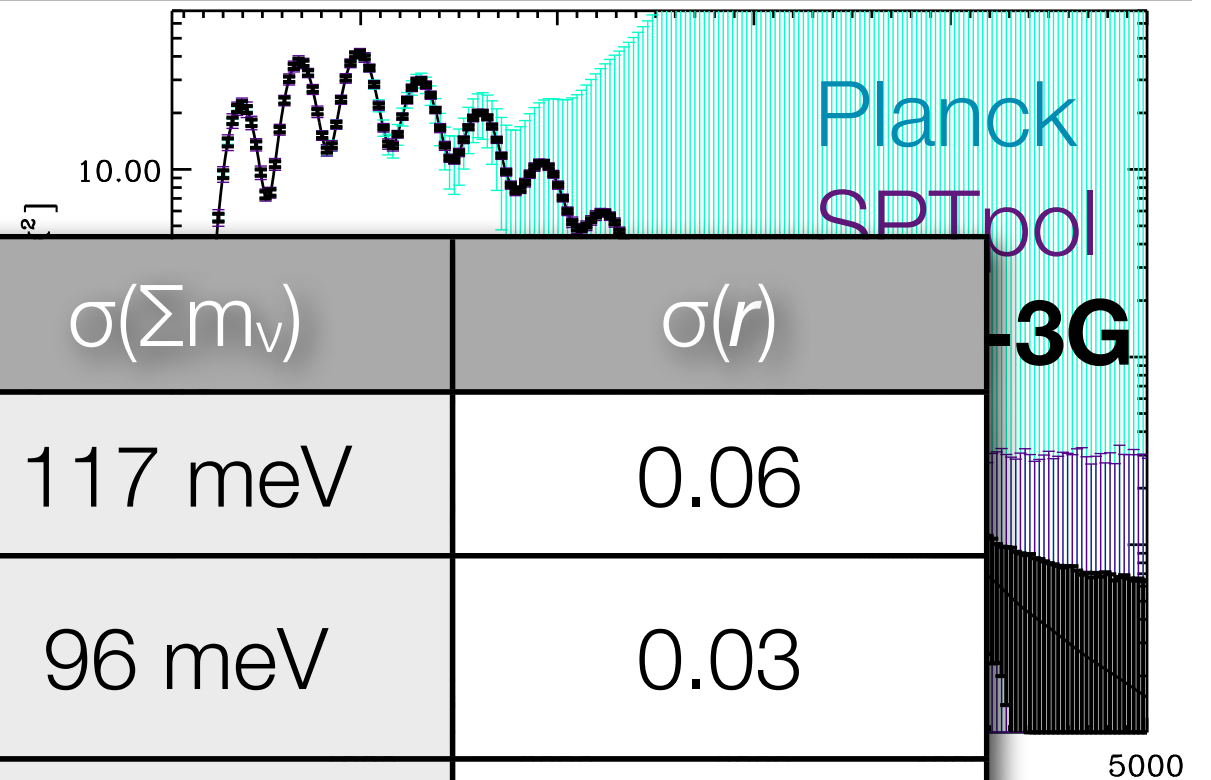
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	$\sigma(N_{\text{eff}})$	$\sigma(\Sigma m_\nu)$	$\sigma(r)$
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SPTpol	0.12	96 meV	0.03
SPT-3G*	0.06	61 meV	0.01

* includes projections from BOSS



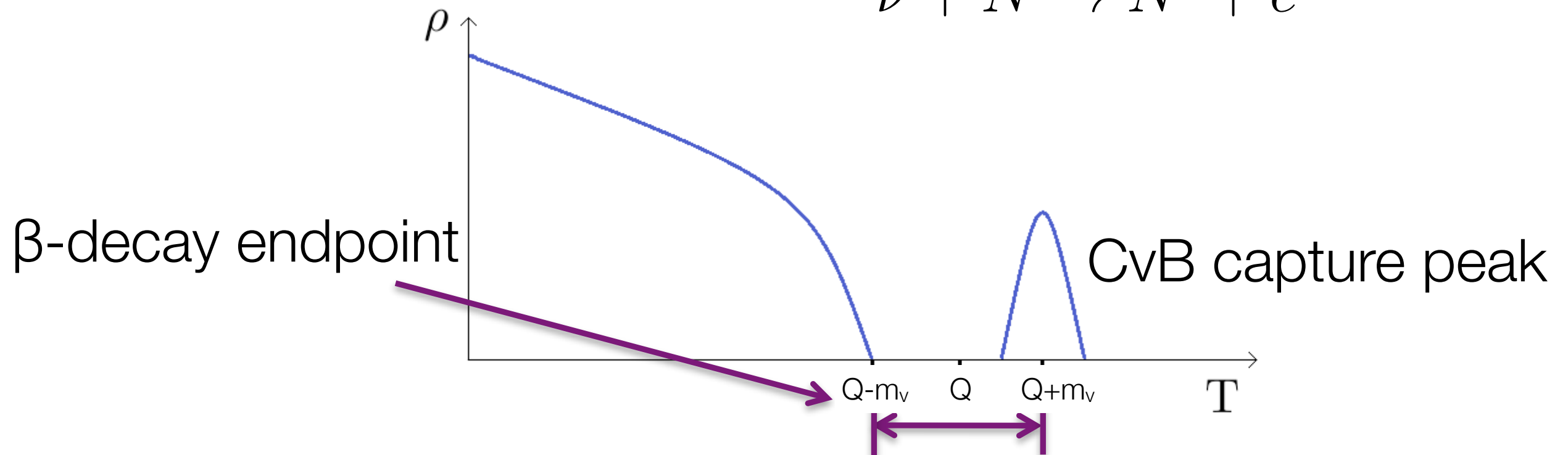
CvB detection

- “Indirect” detection
 - Expansion rate in early Universe
 - Growth of structure
 - Technically, measuring Hot Dark Matter, which includes CvB
- Direct detection
 - How do we know the HDM we see is made of neutrinos?

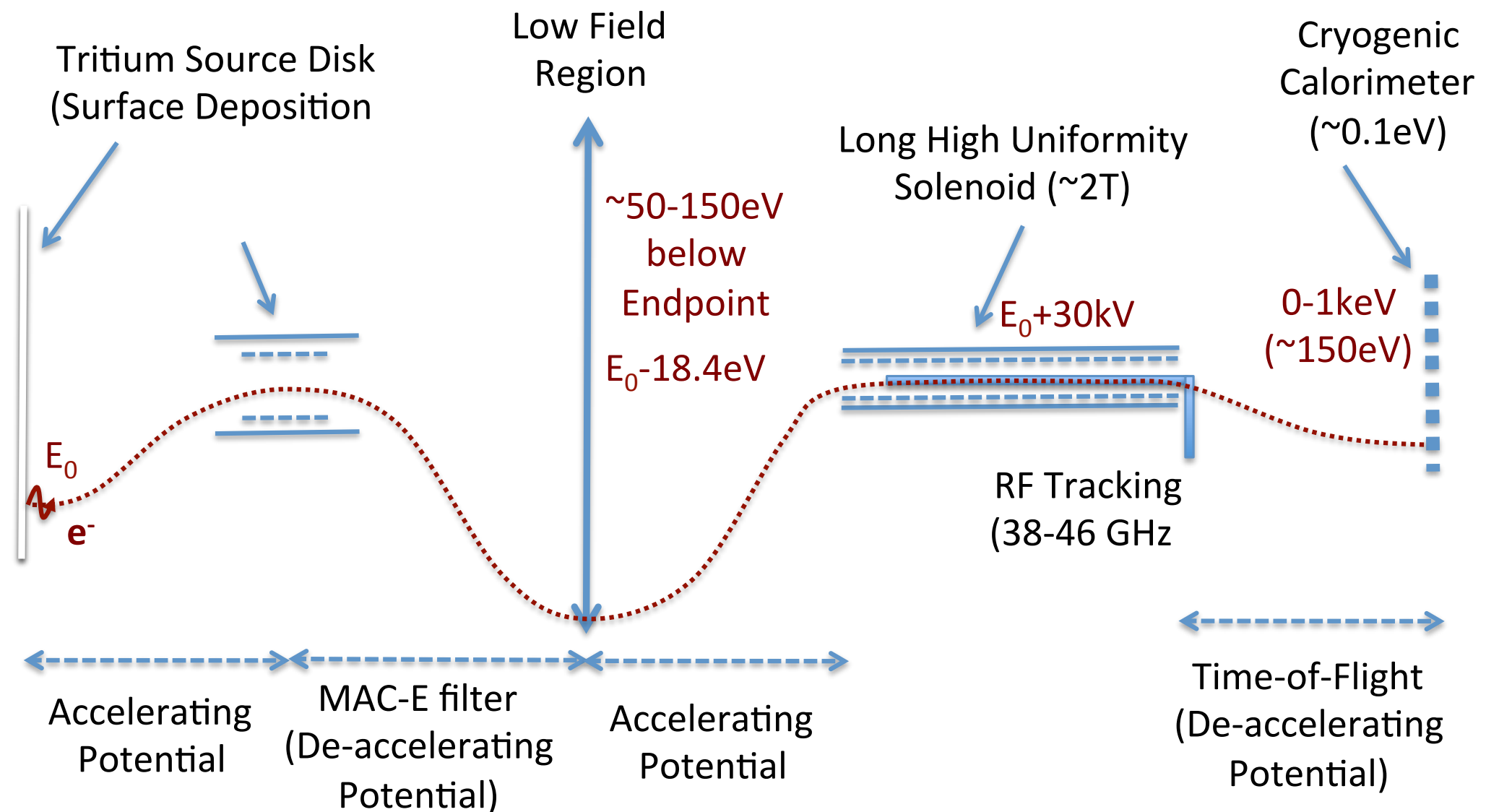
Direct detection of the CvB

$$N \rightarrow N' + e^- + \bar{\nu}$$

$$\nu + N \rightarrow N' + e^-$$

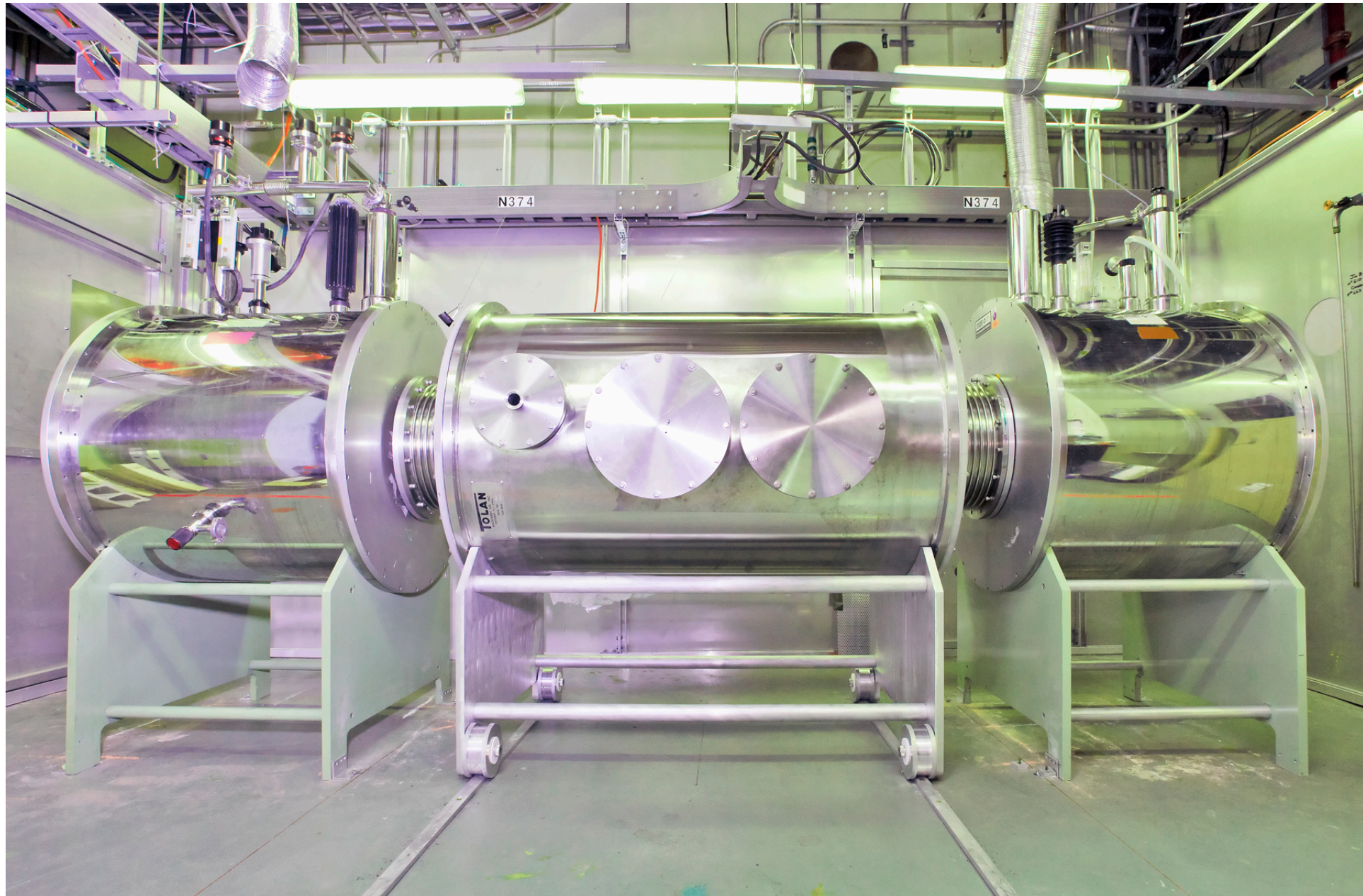


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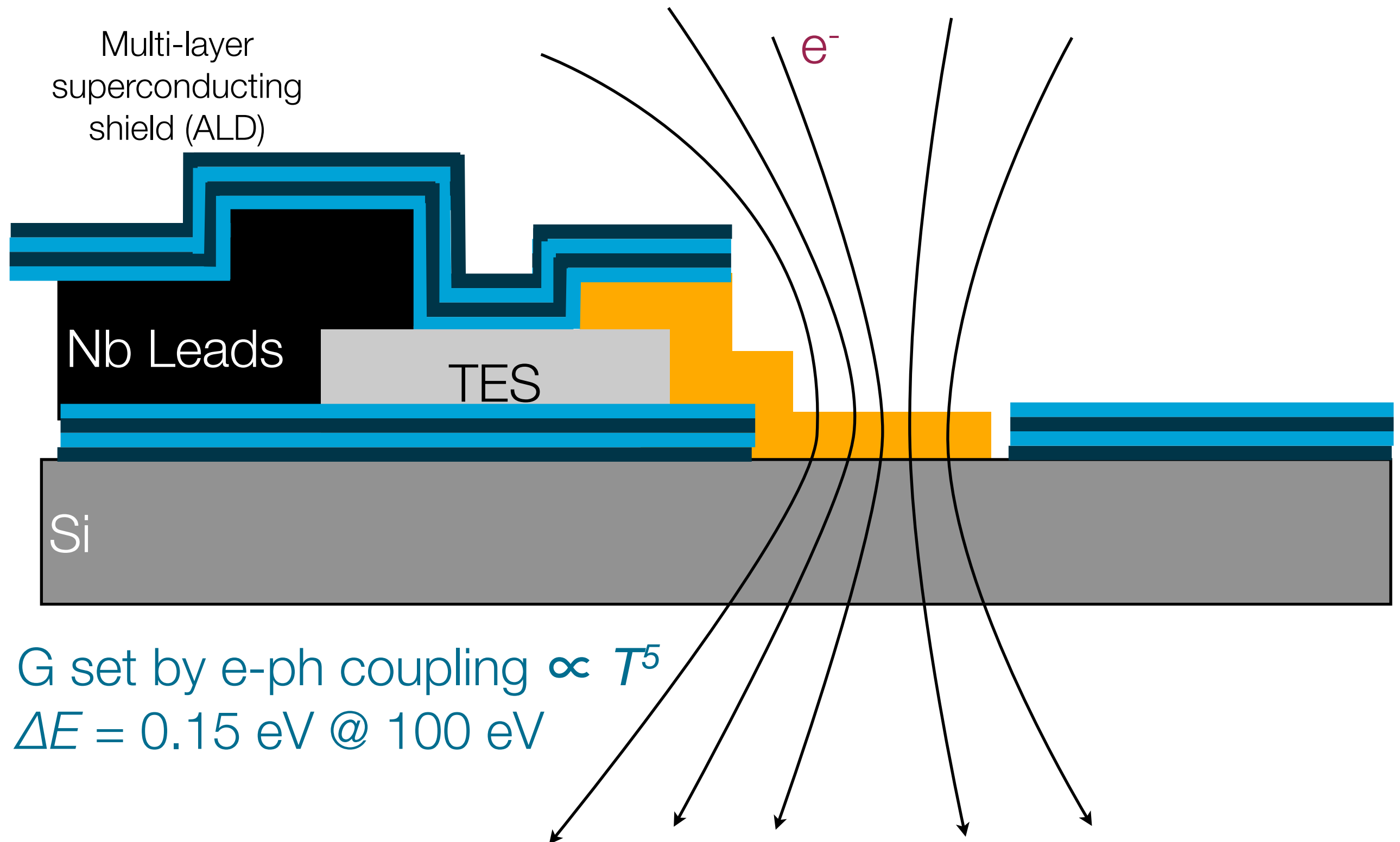
Princeton Tritium Observatory for Light, Early-Universe,
Massive-Neutrino Yield

PTOLEMY in the works

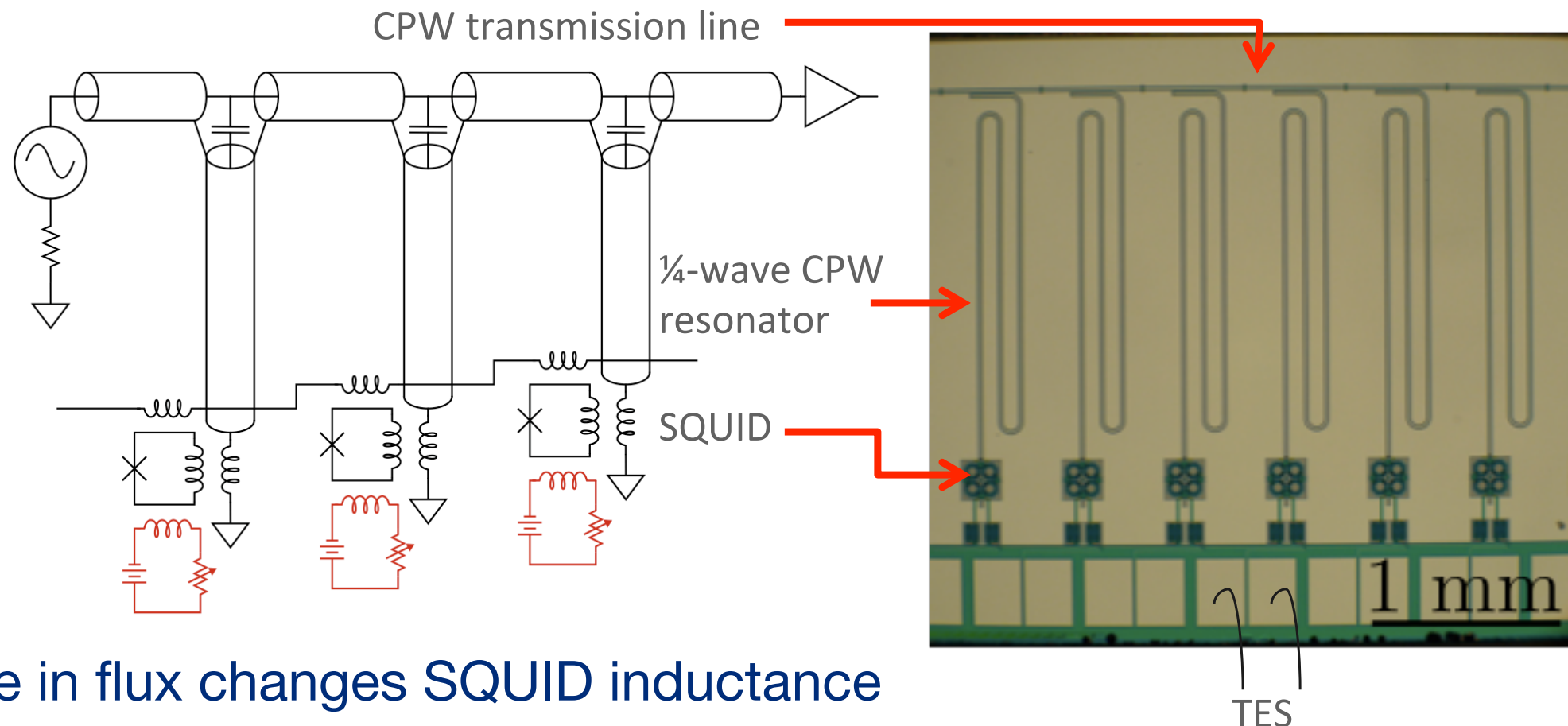


Prototype at Princeton Plasma Physics Lab

TES and PTOLEMY



Microwave-readout Massive SQUID Multiplexer



- Change in flux changes SQUID inductance
- at 1-10 GHz, can support ~ 1 MHz of bandwidth with ~ 1000 channels per line
- Originally developed for CMB measurements, recently demonstrated successful operation with X-ray u-cals

Rough numbers

- 100 g ^3T (a lot) yields ~ 10 CvB neutrinos per year
- TES microcalorimeter with ~ 0.15 eV resolution would see CvB capture at 3σ for $m_\nu \sim 0.45$ eV (no background subtraction)
- Precise predictions and “indirect” evidence means a “Vanilla” detection would
 - Validate Hot Big Bang at time = 1 second
 - Validate standard CvB cosmology
 - Measure neutrino clustering
 - Measure the neutrino mass

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