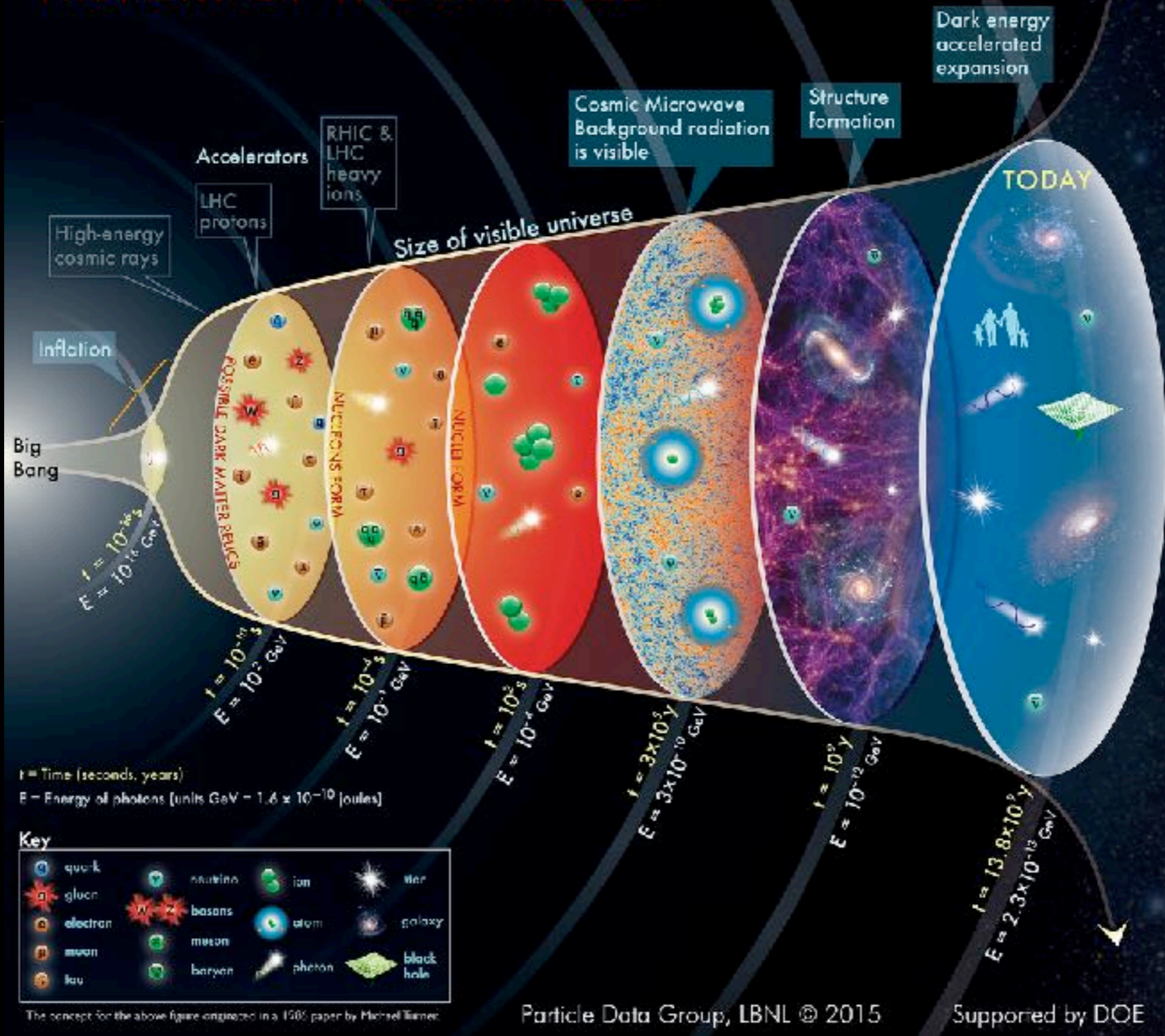


# Quantum Sensors for mm Cosmology

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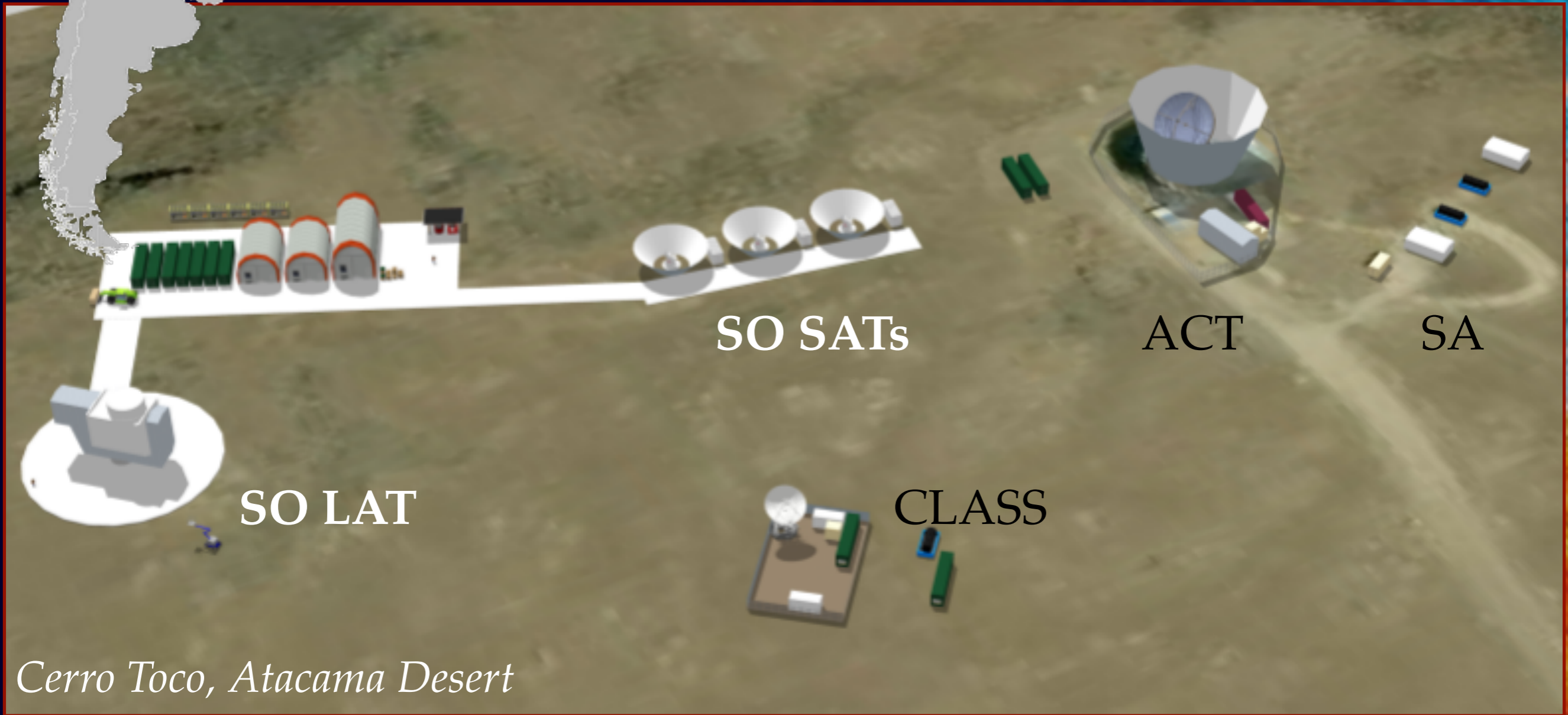


Start with quantum fluctuations

# Simons Observatory

Parque  
Astronómico  
Atacama

- One 6m Large Aperture Telescope
- Three 0.5m Small Aperture Telescopes
- Five-year survey planned starting in 2023
- 5200m (17,000 feet) altitude



SO LAT

SO SATs

ACT

SA

CLASS

*Cerro Toco, Atacama Desert*

# More sensitivity = More detectors

$$\sigma_{Poisson}^2 = \frac{h\nu P_\gamma}{\tau}$$

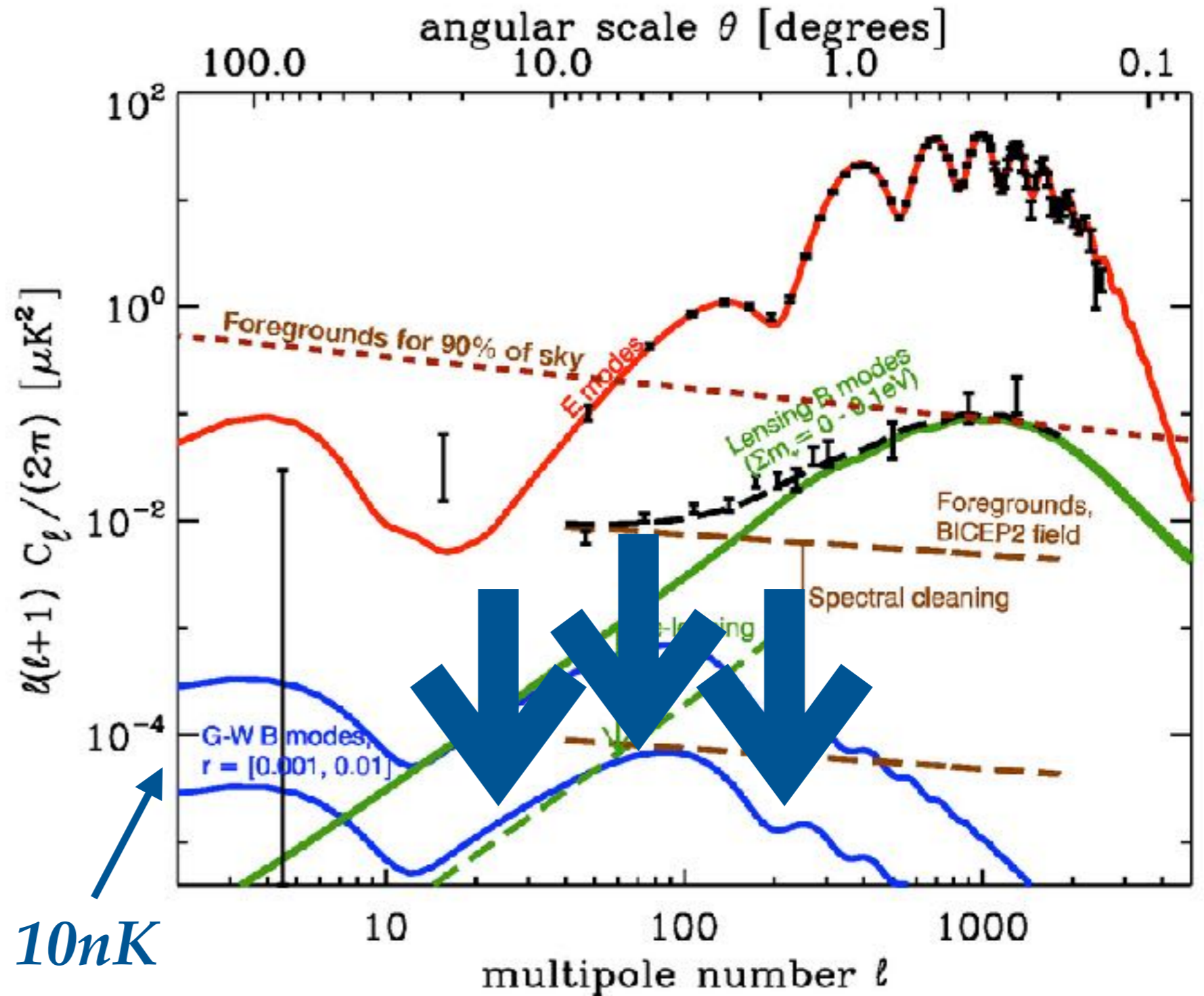
$$\sigma_{Bose-Einstein}^2 = \frac{P_\gamma^2}{\Delta\nu \tau}$$

$$\sigma_{detector}^2 = 4k_B T_b^2 G$$

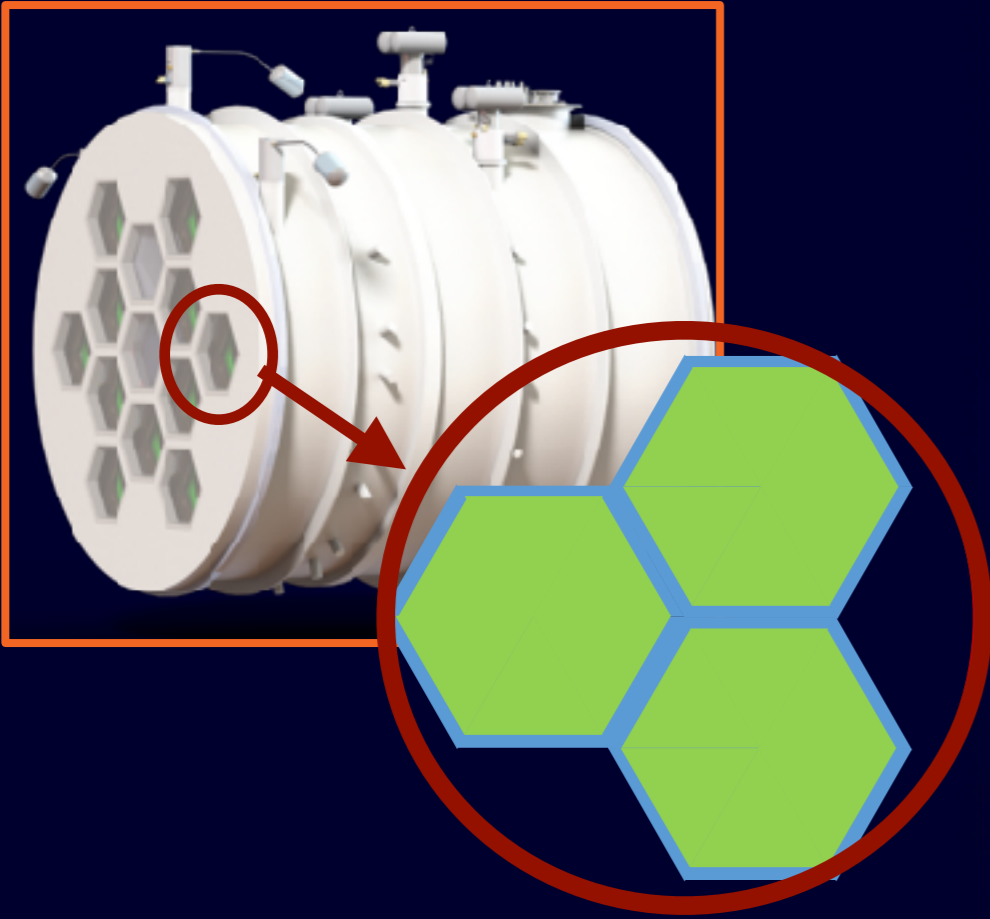
100mK detectors:  
photon noise  
dominated!

BETTER detectors won't  
helps us

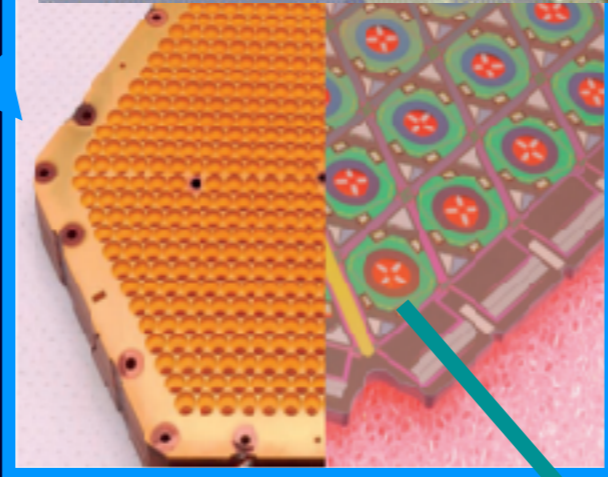
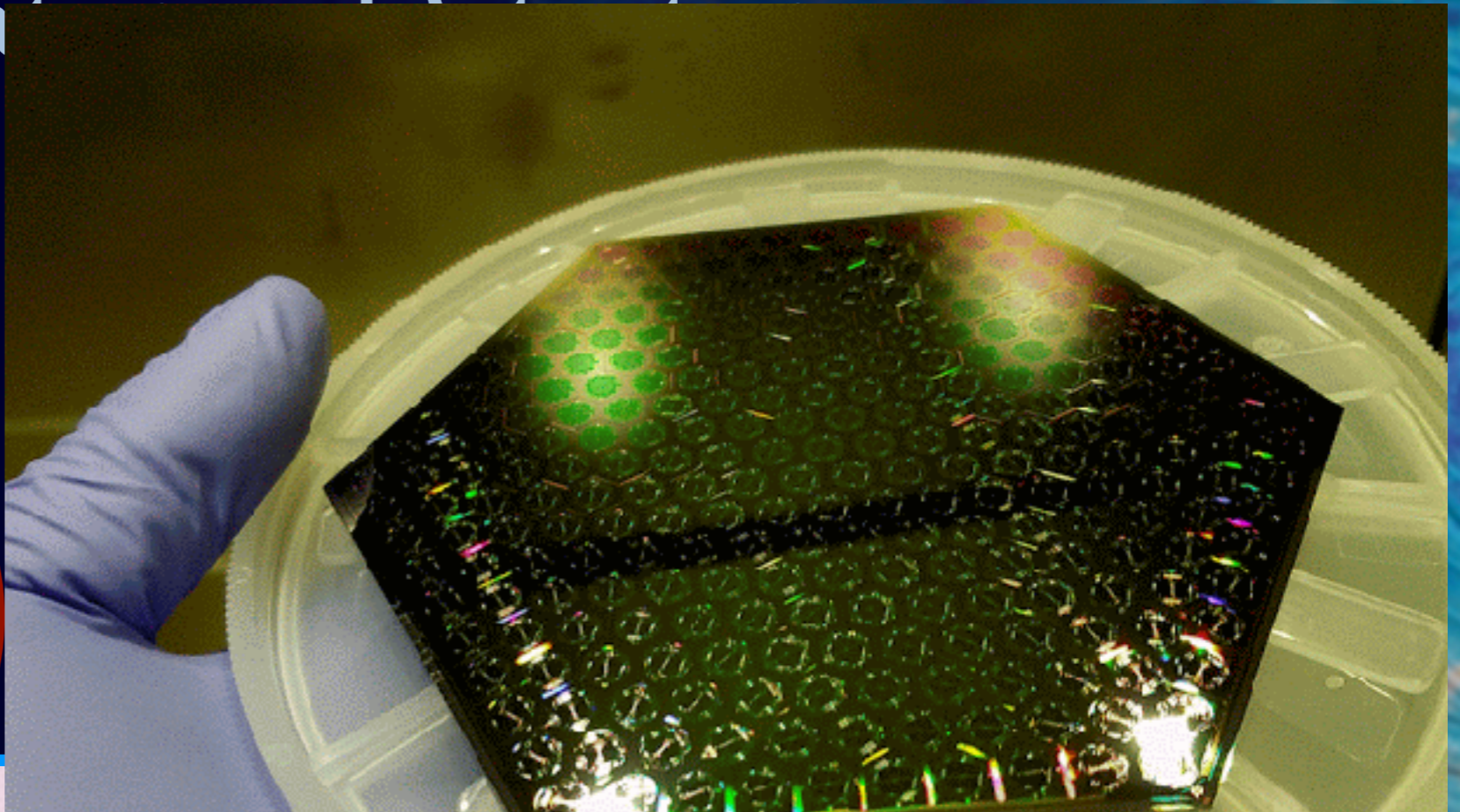
MORE detectors helps us  
~50,000 detectors (x5  
increase)



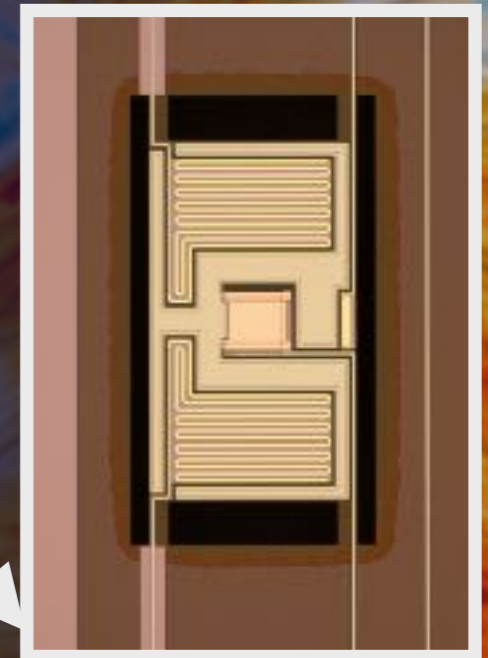
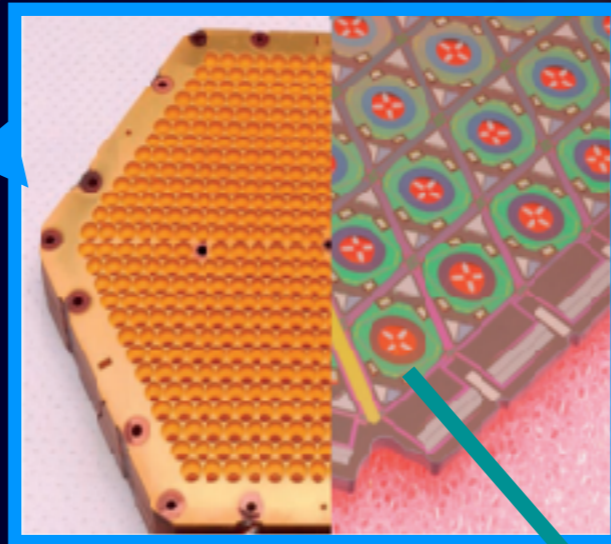
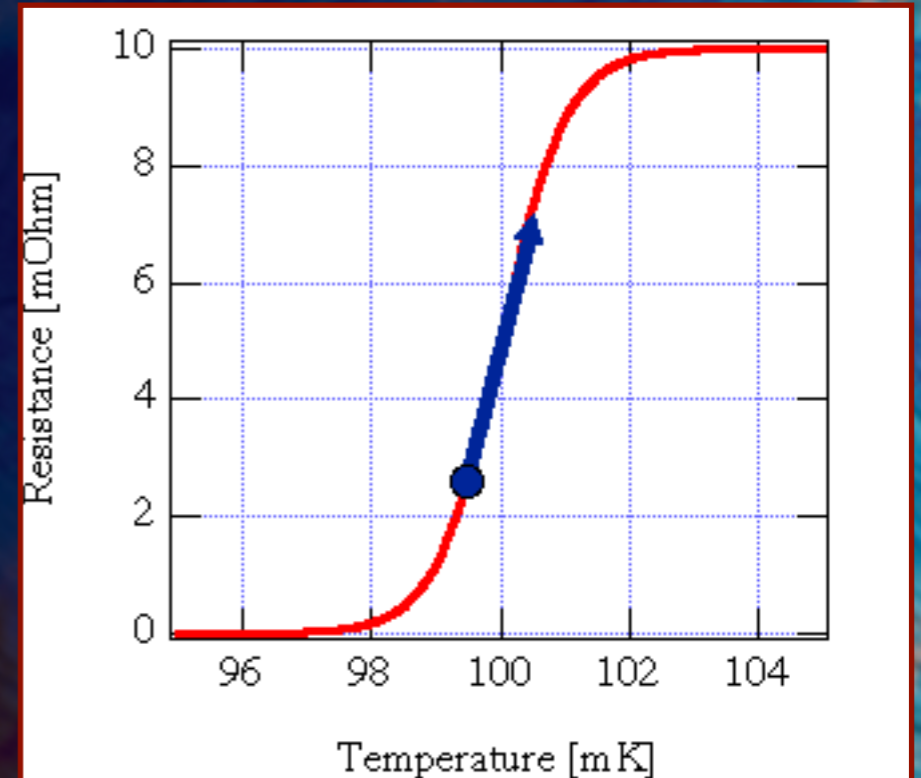
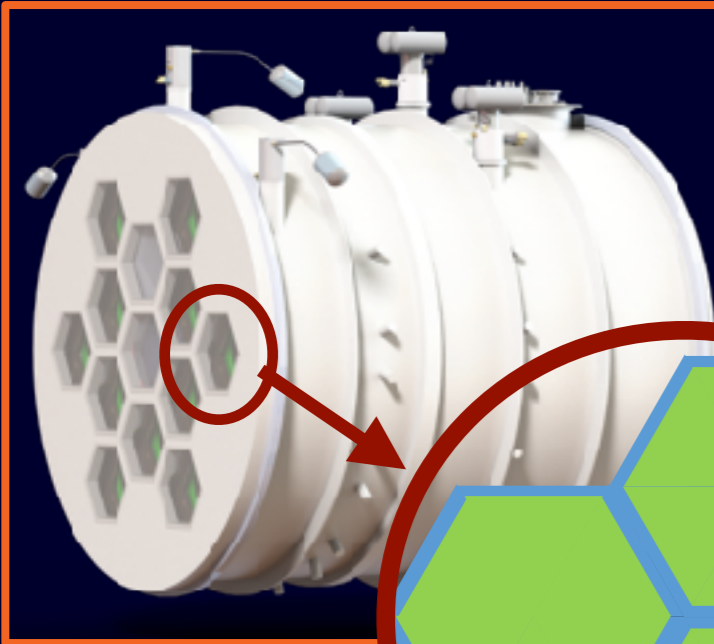
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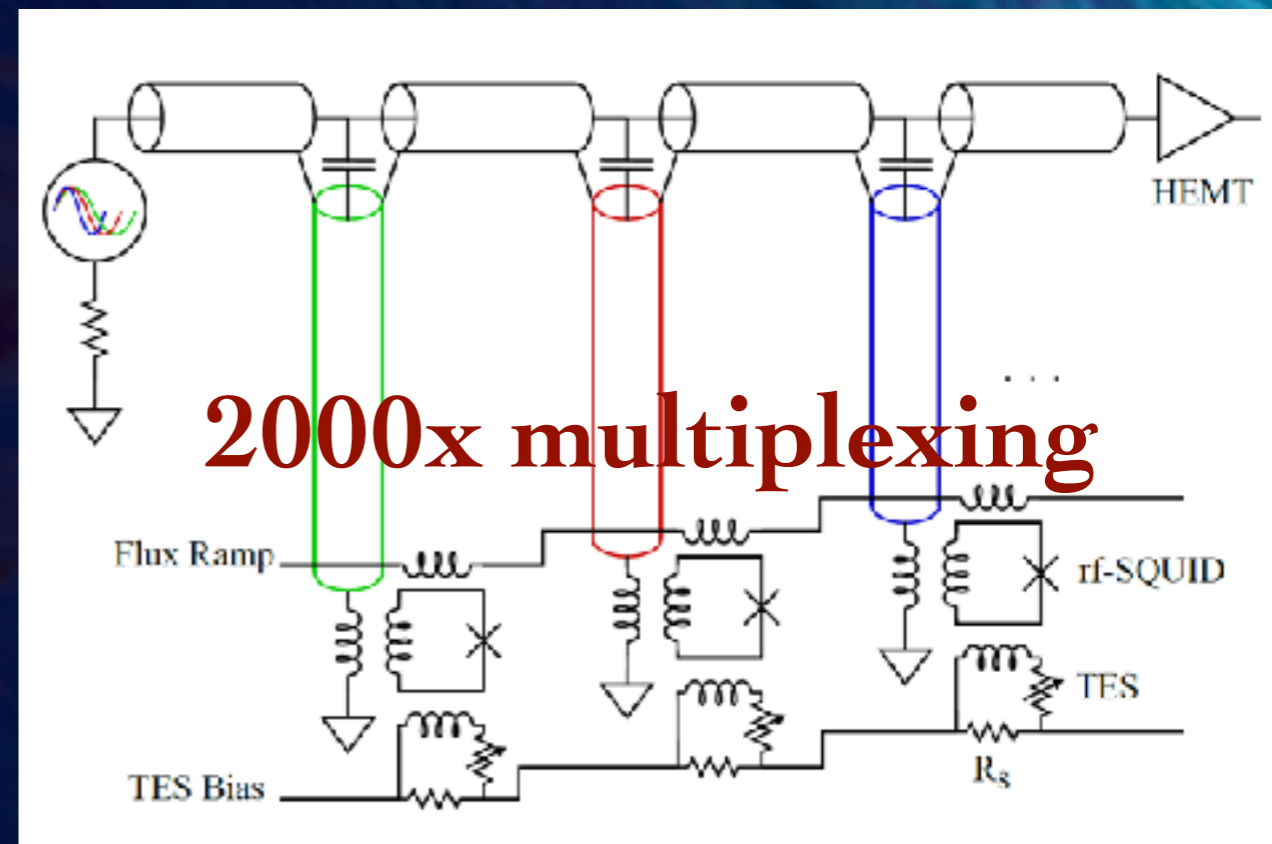
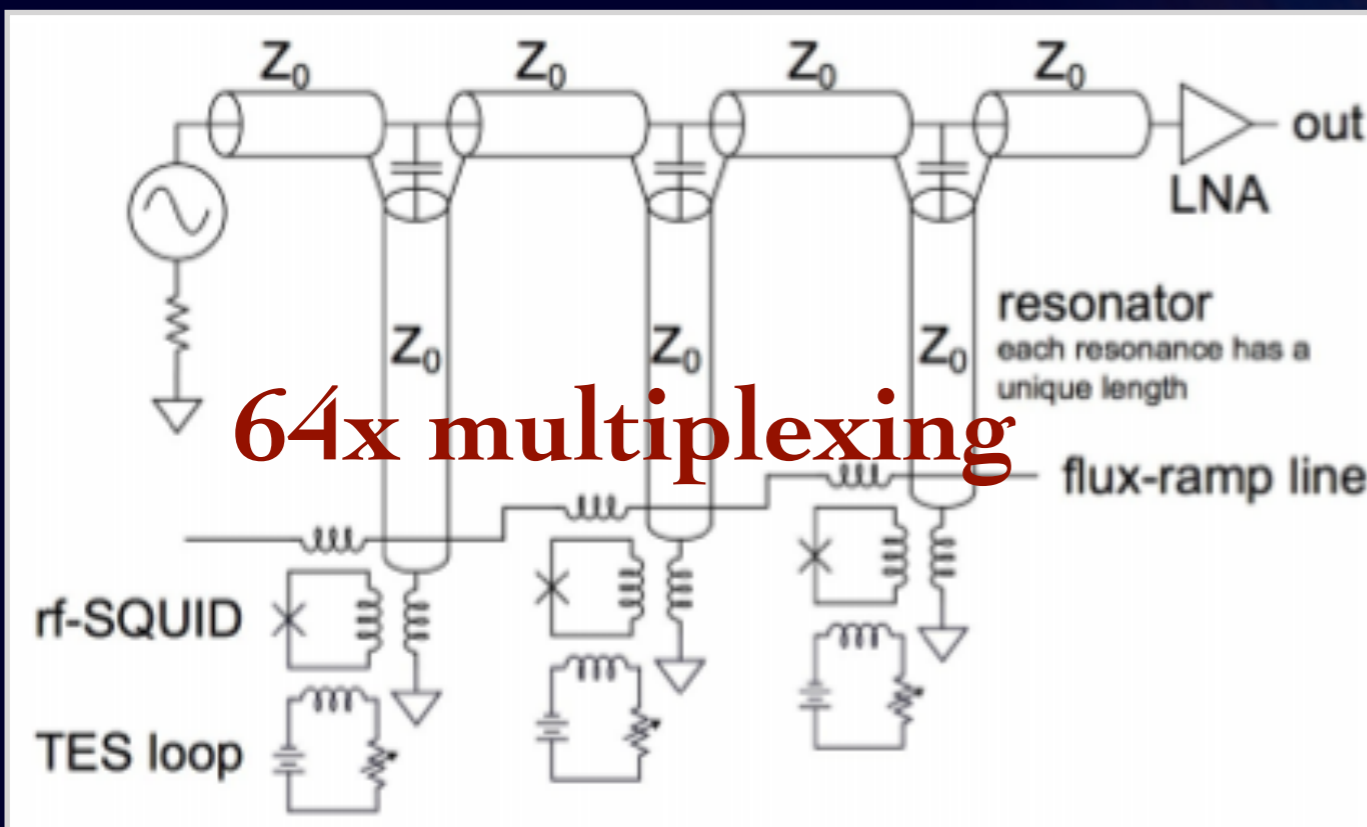
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Galitzki et al, SPIE 10708, 2018 (SAT)  
Koopman et al, Proc SPIE 11452, 2020 (Software)  
Zhu et al, ApJS 256, 1, 2021 (LAT)  
McCarrick et al, ApJ 922, 2021 (Readout)

# SQUID amplifiers + multiplexing

- Dilution refrigerator can handle  $500\mu\text{W}$  of loading at  $100\text{mK}$  — must be very careful about the connections between the  $300\text{K}$  ambient and cold stages to a minimum.
- Must read many detectors out on a single line: multiplexing

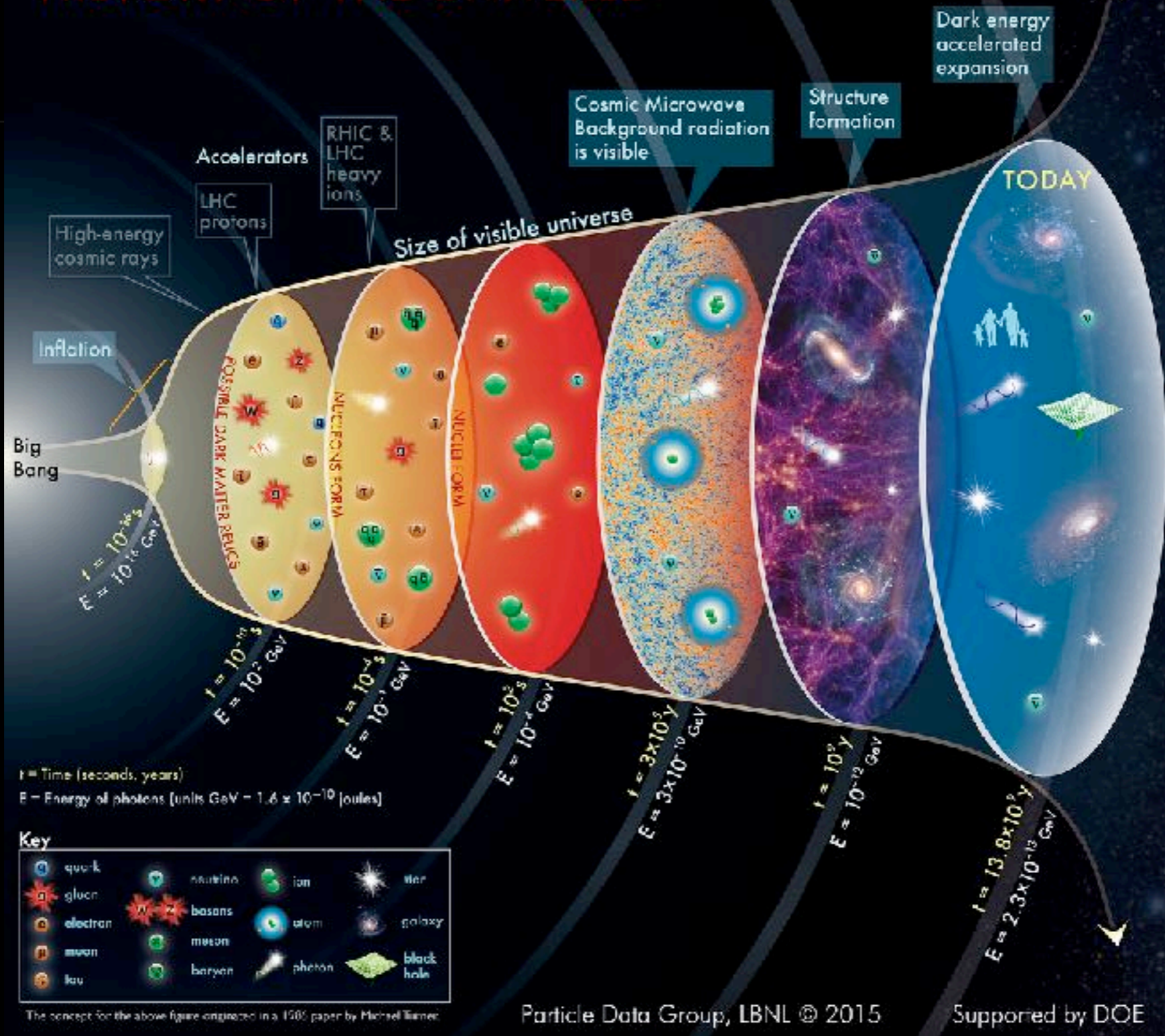


Current technology used for  $\sim 6,000$  detectors:  $64x$  mux factor and requires 3 crates

$30,000$  detectors = 15 crates and 5x more wires. Or:  
**microwave multiplexing:  $2000x$  mux factor!**

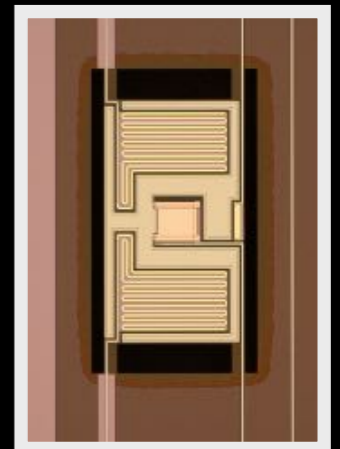


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Detect with quantum sensors





Thanks!