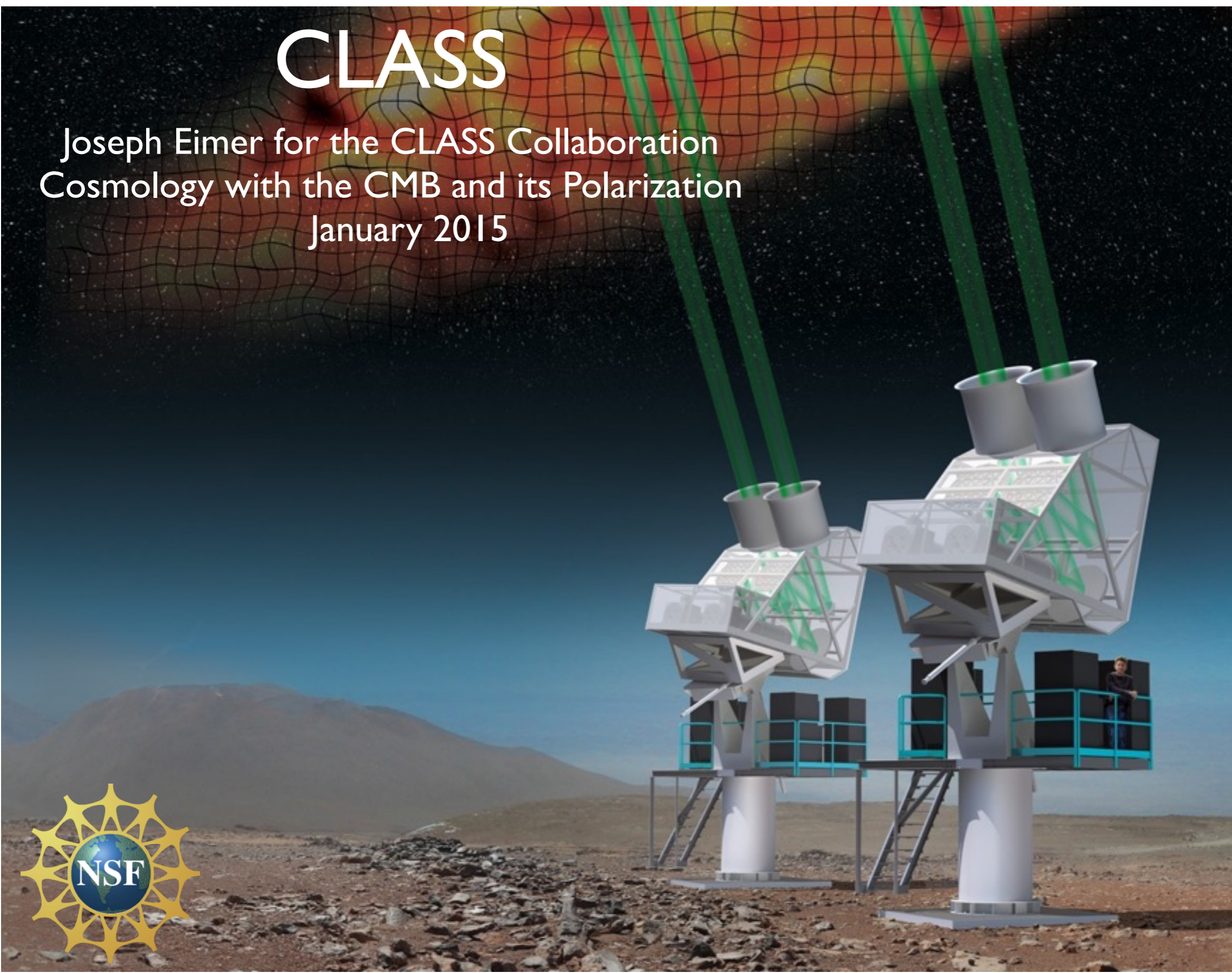
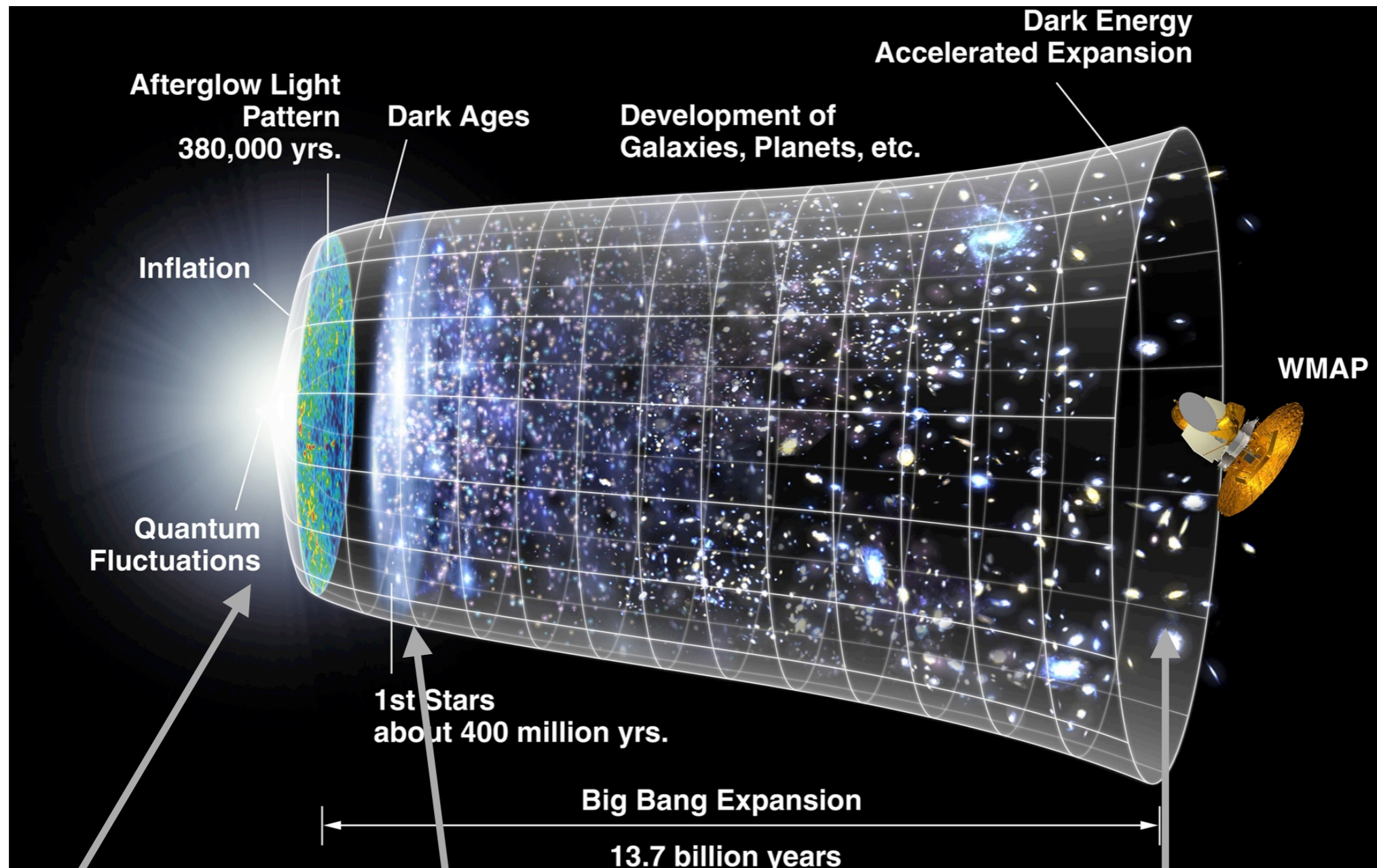


## CLASS

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# Scientific objectives

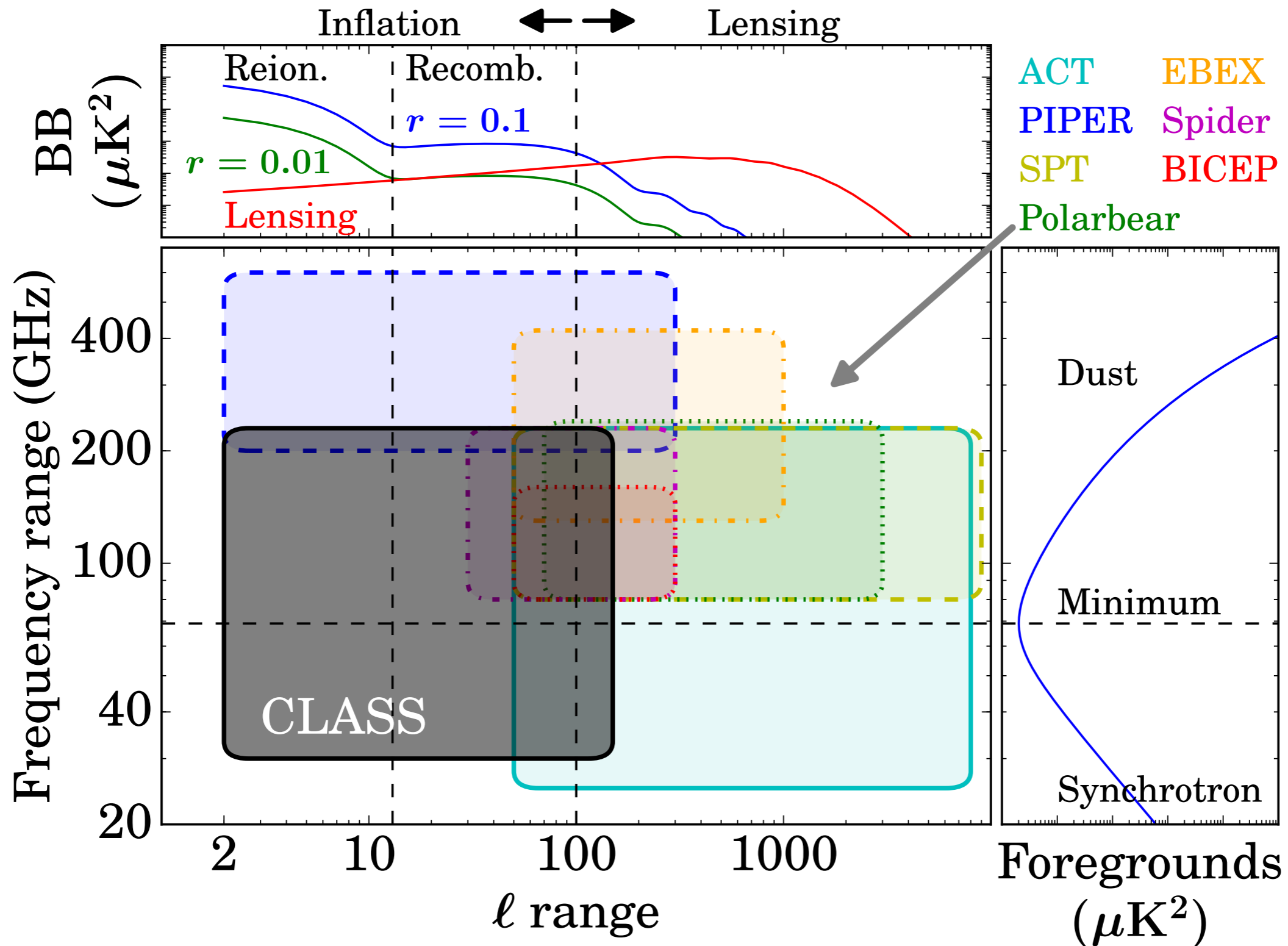


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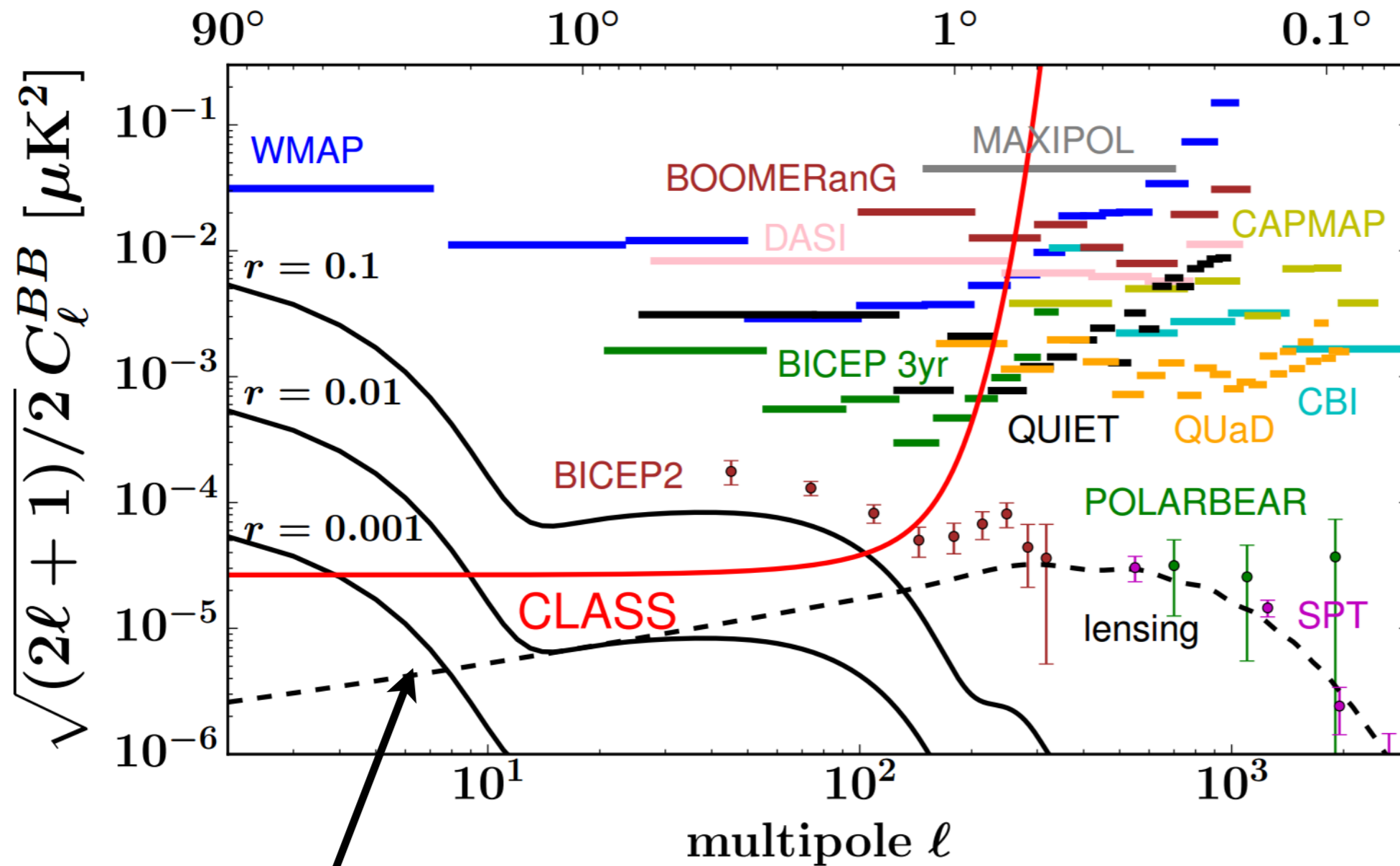
Reionization

Galactic science

CLASS targets **reionization and recombination peaks** on **both** sides of the foreground minimum.



# CLASS: target the largest scales.

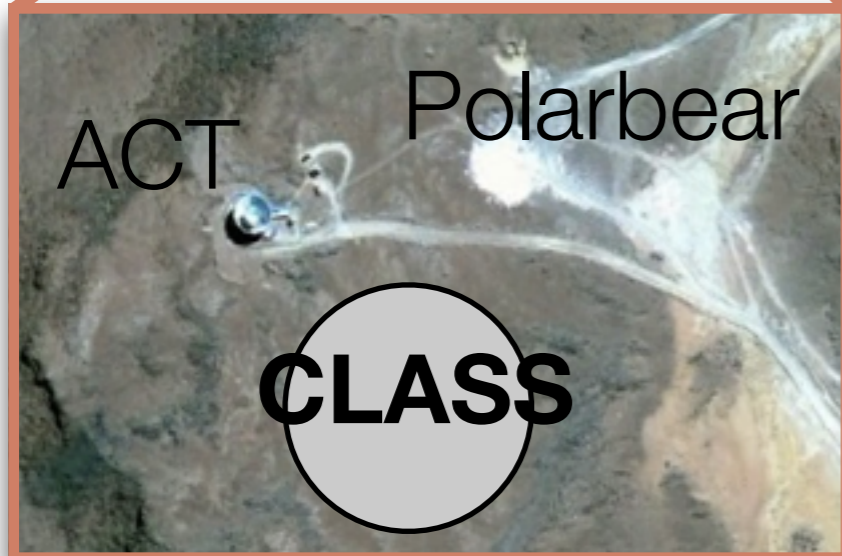


Sensitivity per  $\ell$  after foreground cleaning

Based on simulations, CLASS can detect  $r=0.01$

# CLASS: survey strategy

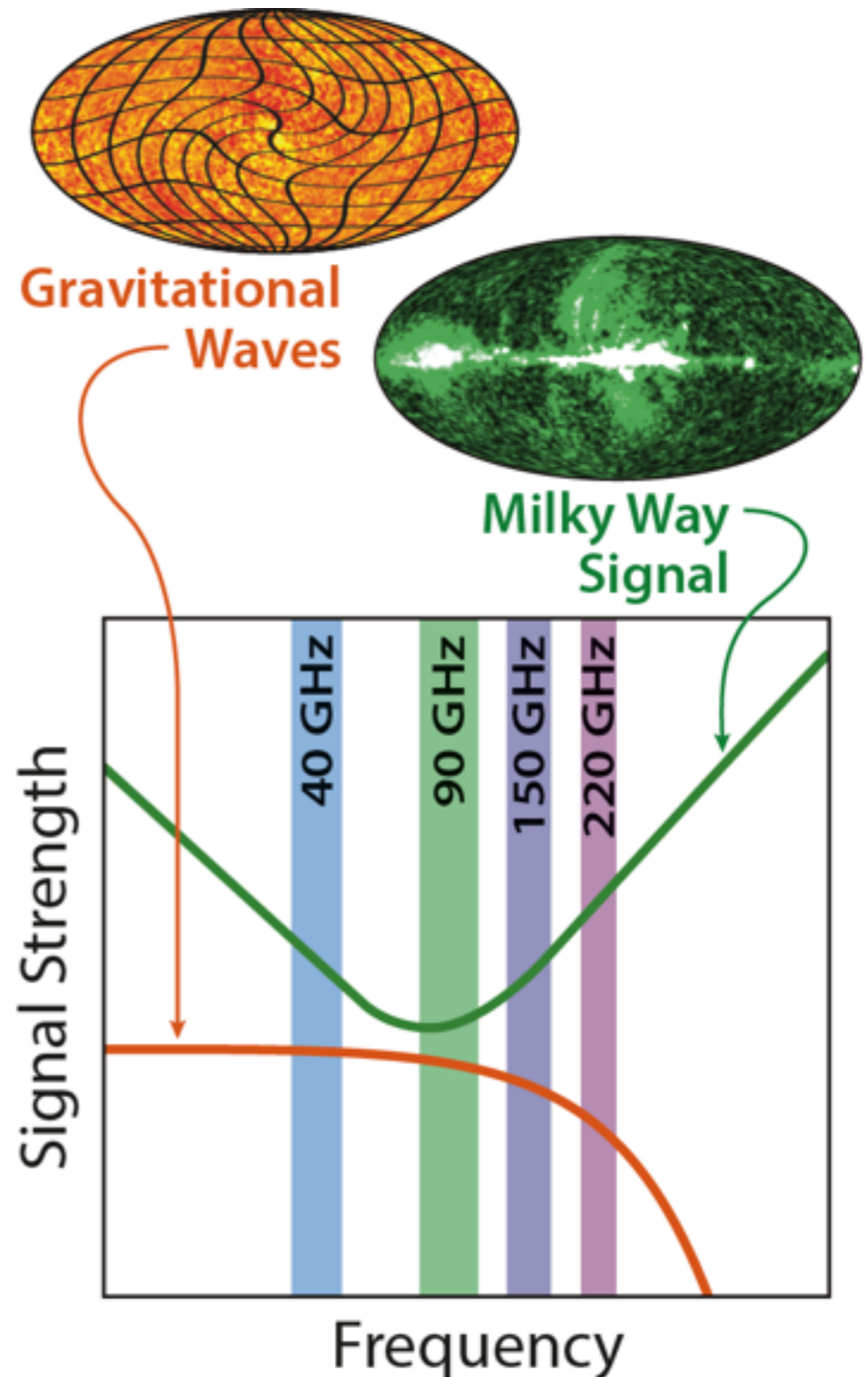
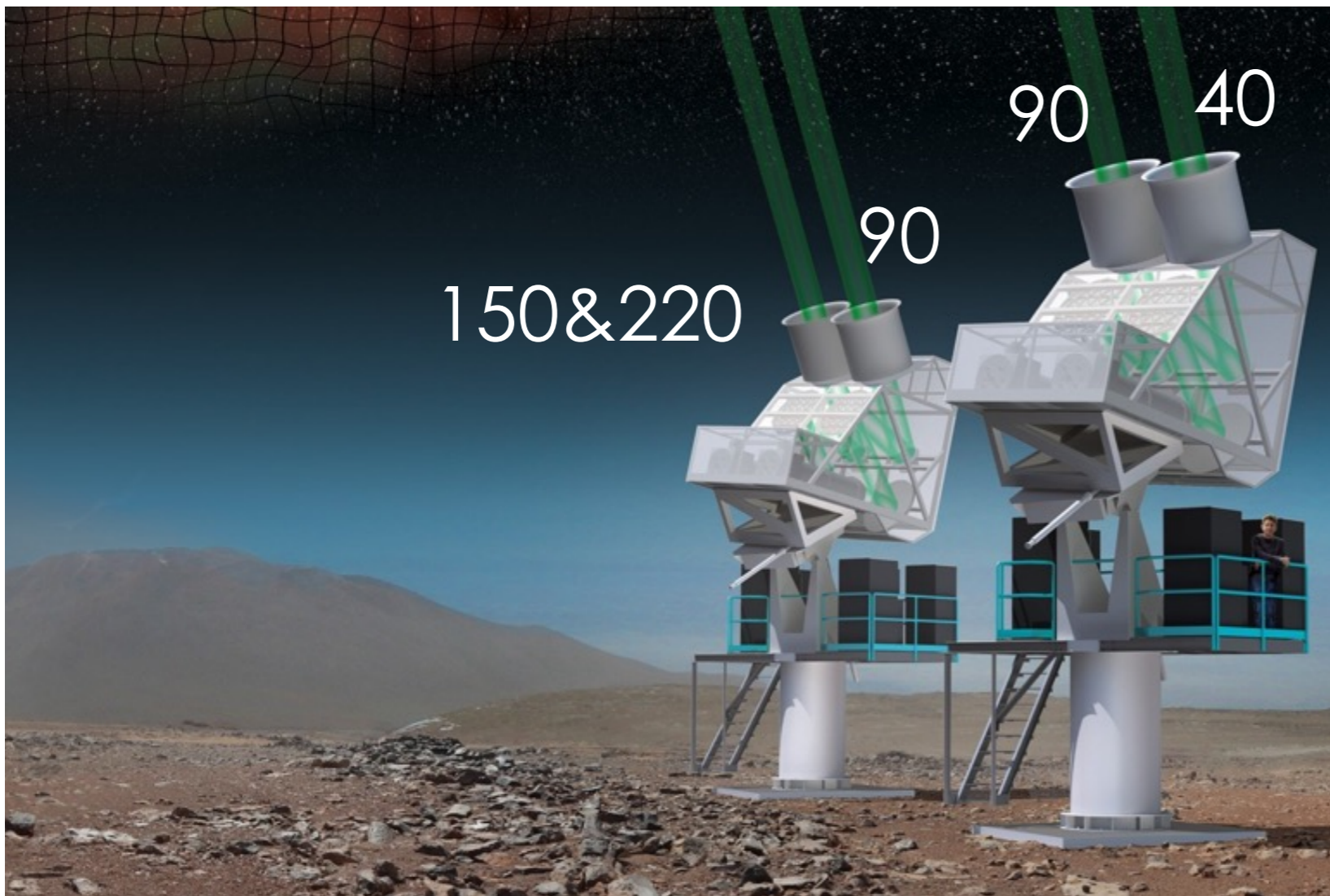
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- Constant elevation scans will cover declination  $-78^\circ < \delta < +32^\circ$  every day.
- Cross-linked scans ensure every point in the survey is observed with the telescope oriented and scanning at different angles.
- Boresight bearing will be stepped  $\sim 15^\circ$  per day through a range of  $\pm 45^\circ$ .
- Identical 90 GHz telescopes will be placed on different mounts to enable an entire suite of new cross-linking maps and systematics checks.

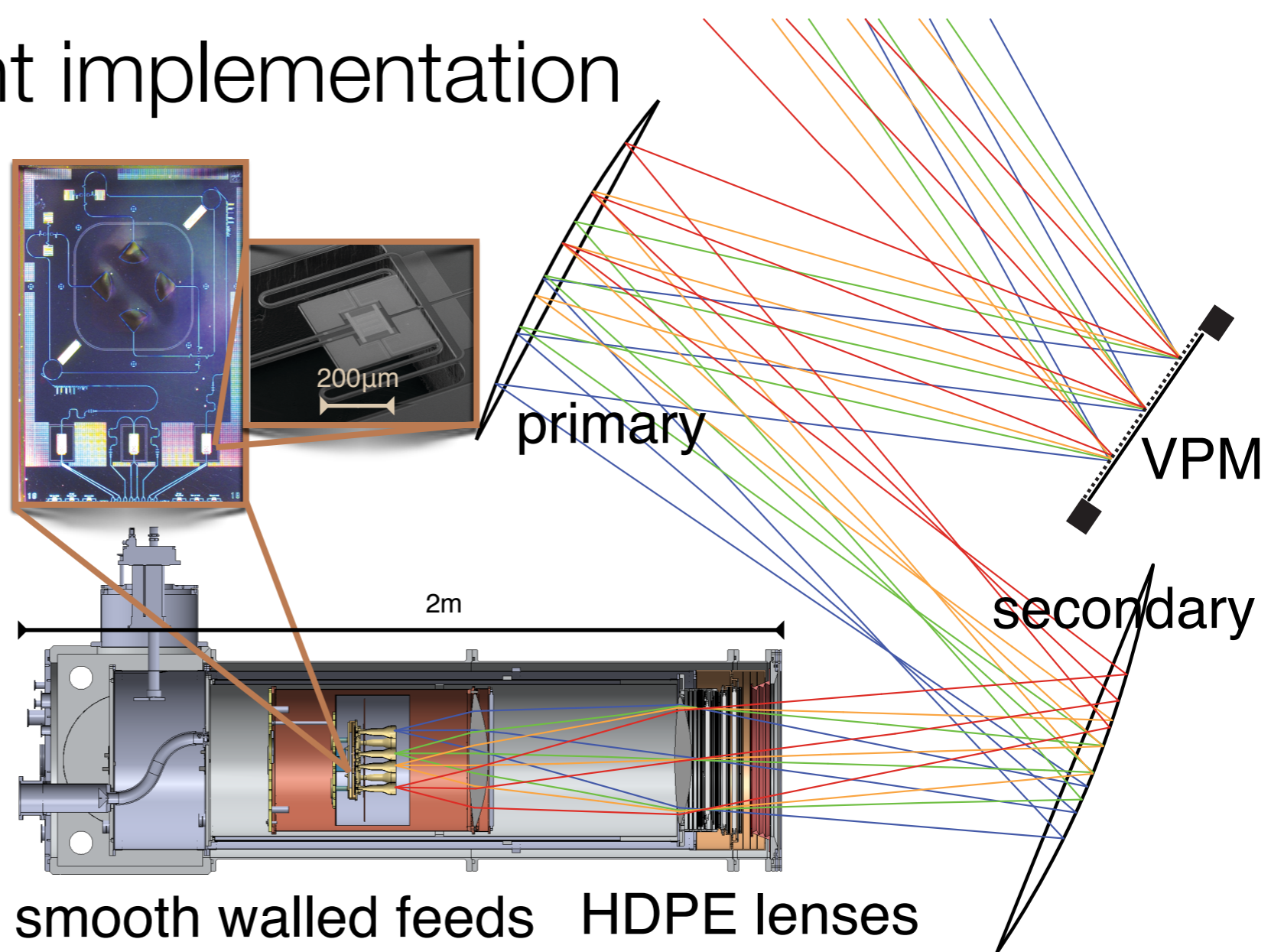
# CLASS: frequency coverage

- Four bands straddle galactic foreground minimum
- Each band optimized within an atmospheric window



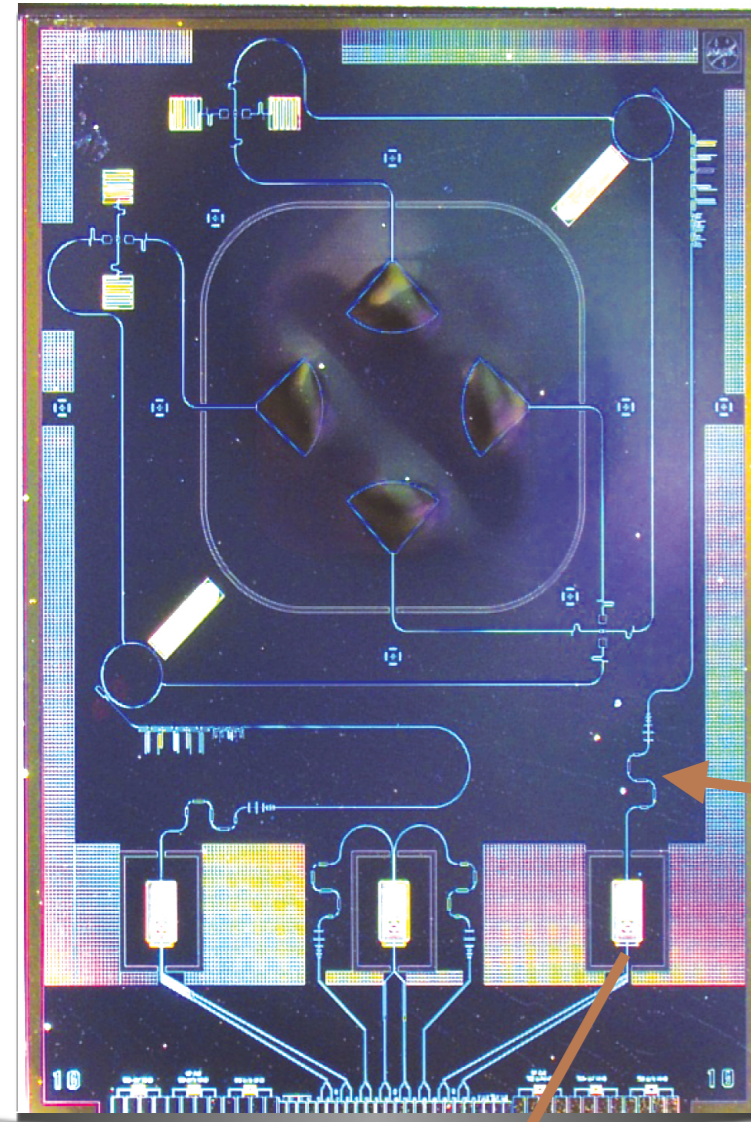
# CLASS: instrument implementation

- Front-end polarization modulation - Variable-delay Polarization Modulator
- High efficiency optics and detectors.
- Continuous operating dilution fridge with 70 mK base temp.

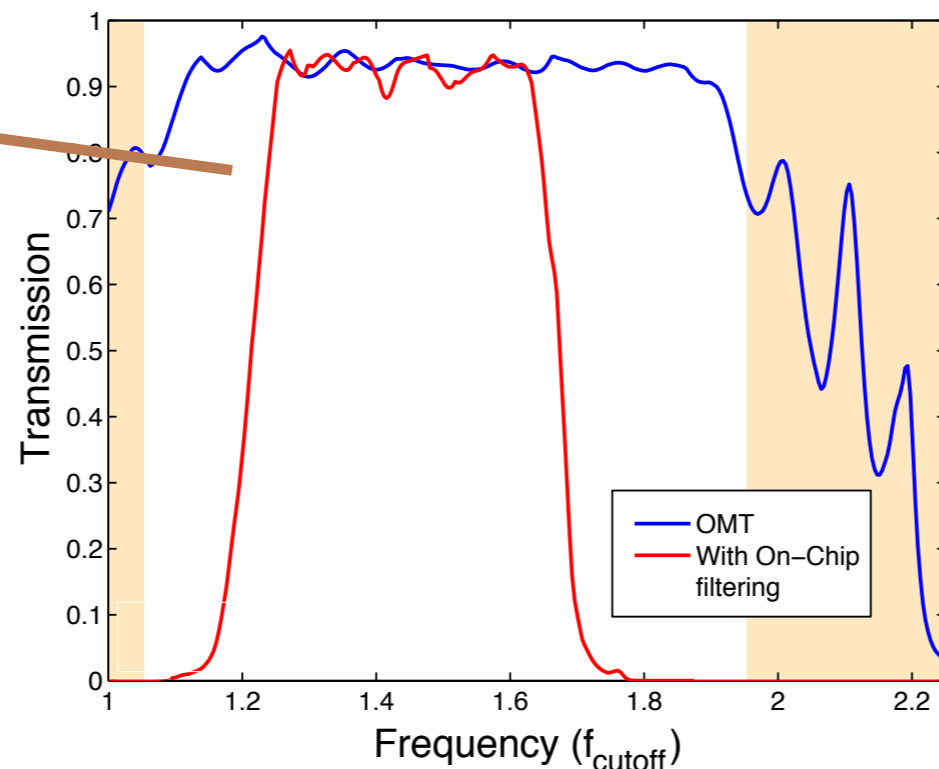


Telescope	$N_{\text{TES}}$	FWHM	TES NEQ ( $\mu\text{K} \sqrt{\text{s}}$ )	Obs. Time (years)	Survey NEQ ( $\mu\text{K} \text{ arcmin}$ )
40 GHz	72	1.5°	214	5.0	39
90 GHz	518	40'	171	5.0	13
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150 GHz	2000	24'	278	3.0	15
220 GHz	2000	12'	820	3.0	43
Total	5108				10

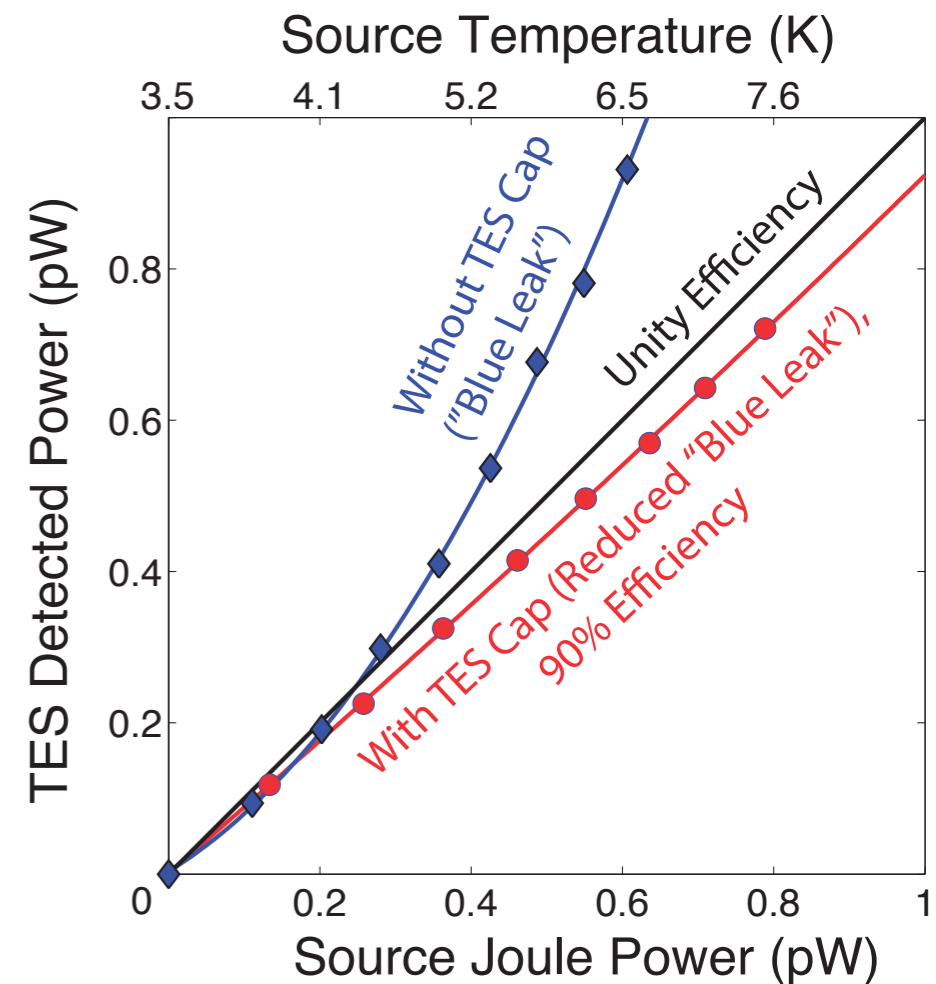
High sensitivity achieved by 1000s of high efficiency, low-noise detectors operating continuously at 70 mK.



Backshort cap blocks stray light



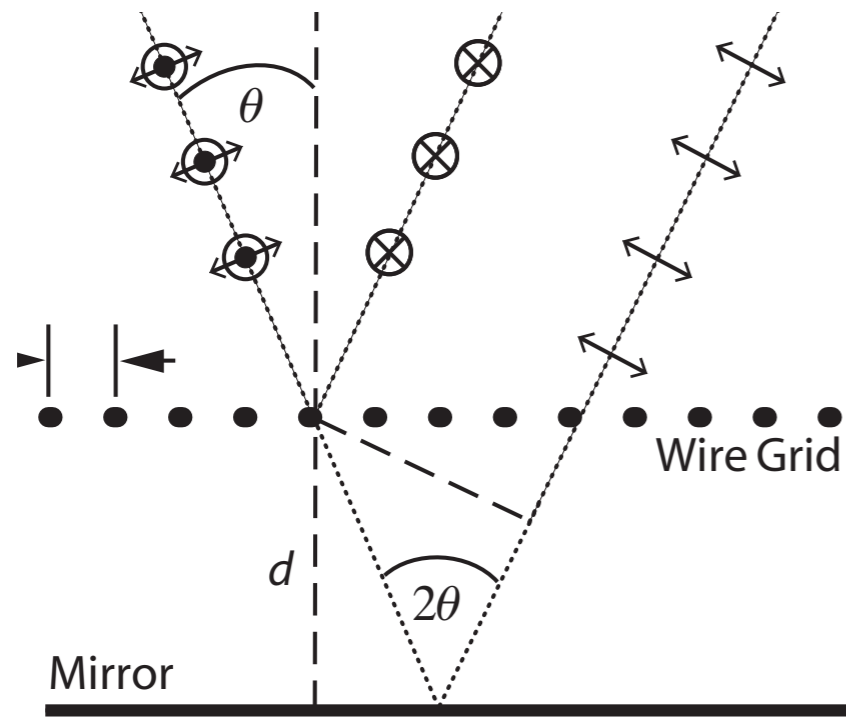
Measured ~90% efficiency and linear response up to source temperatures of 7.6 K



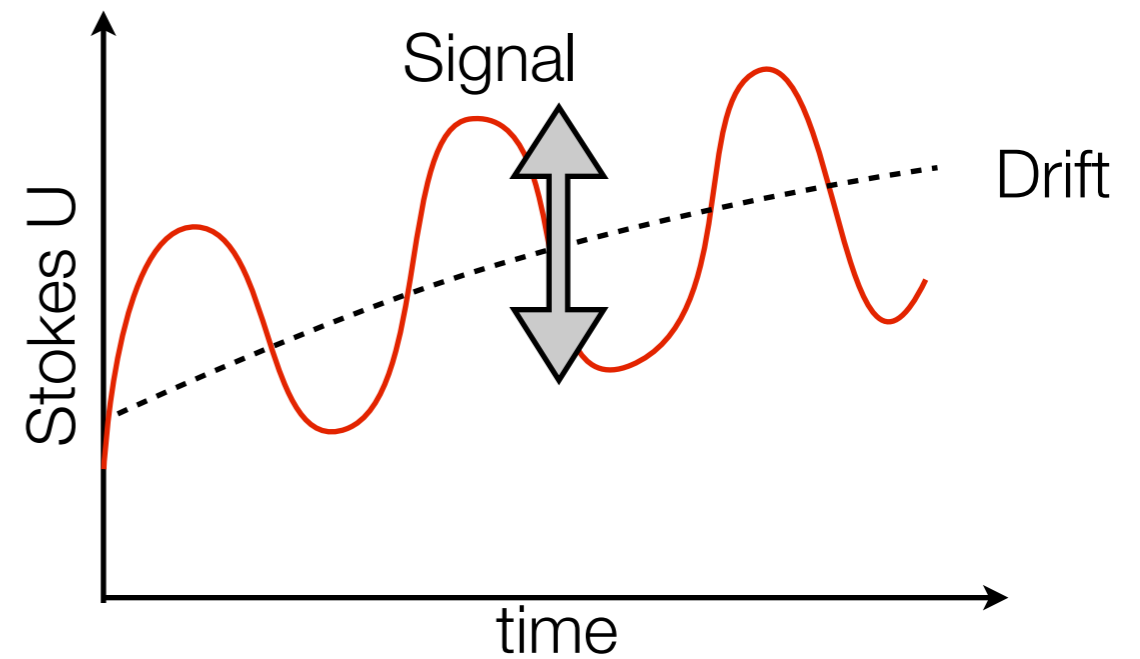
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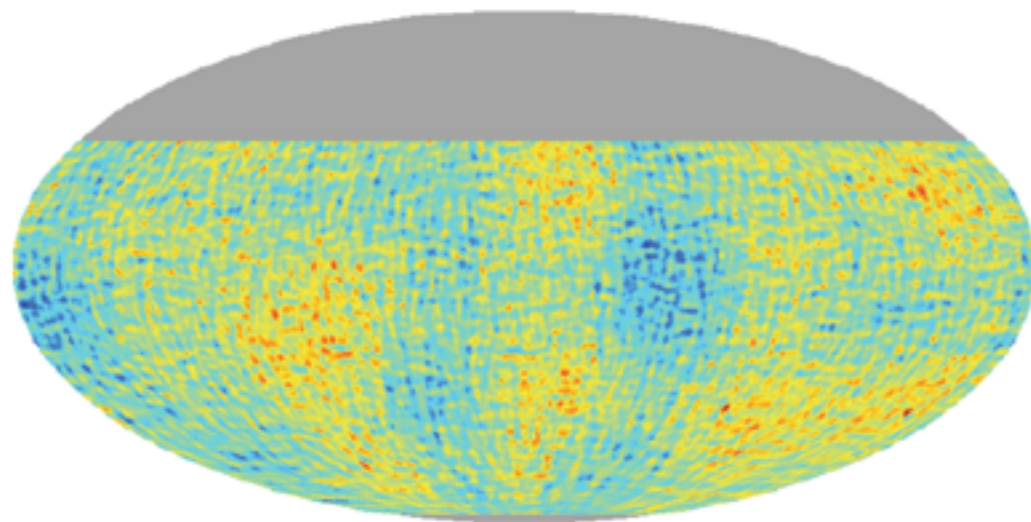
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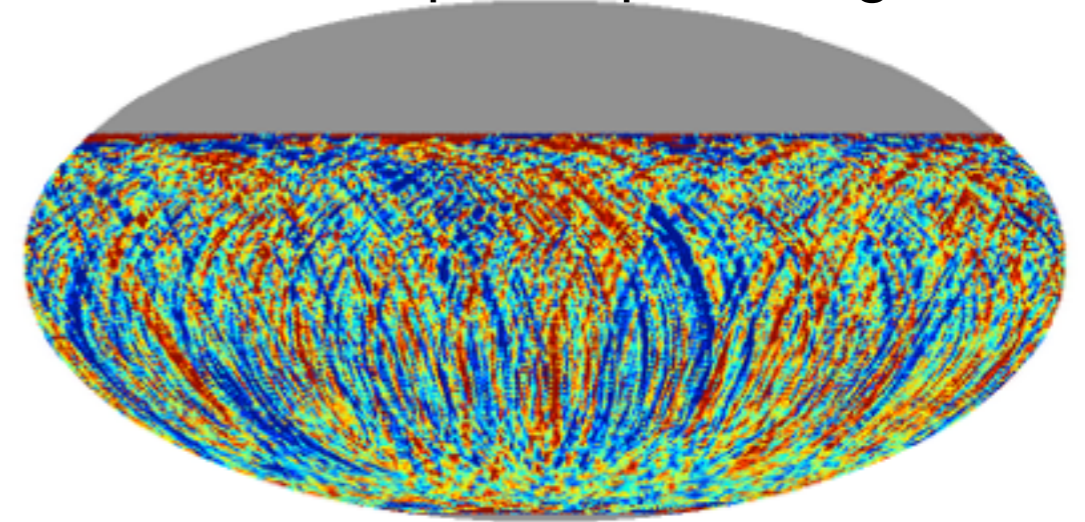


Recovery WITHOUT modulation and simple map-making



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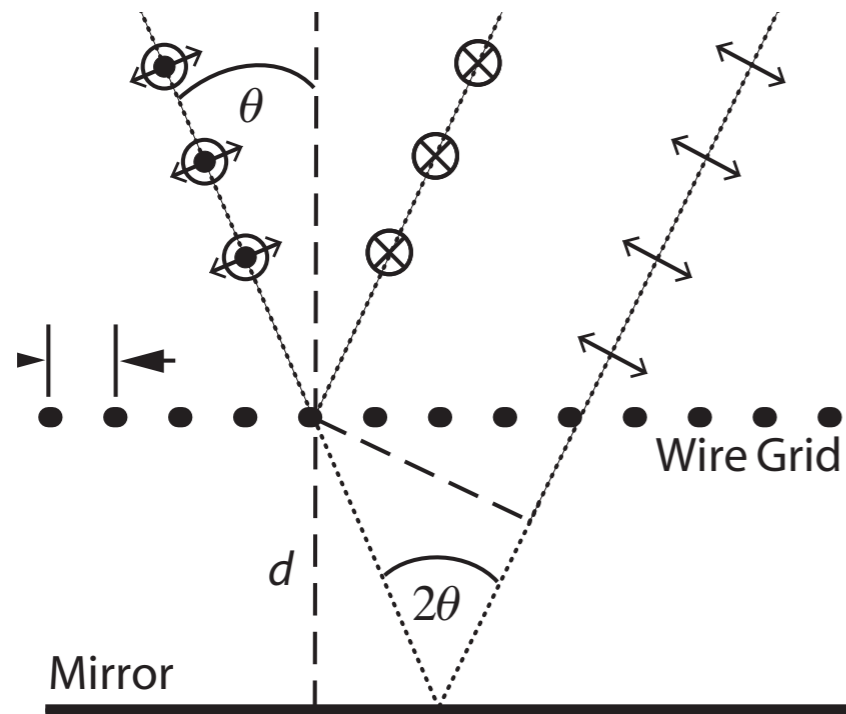
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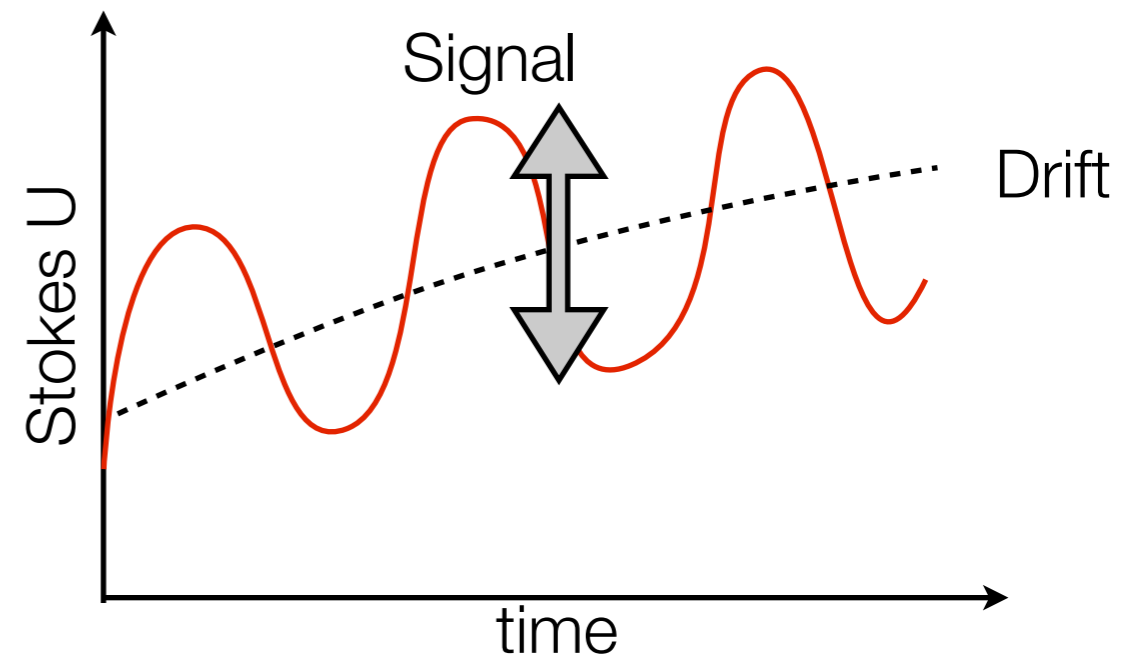
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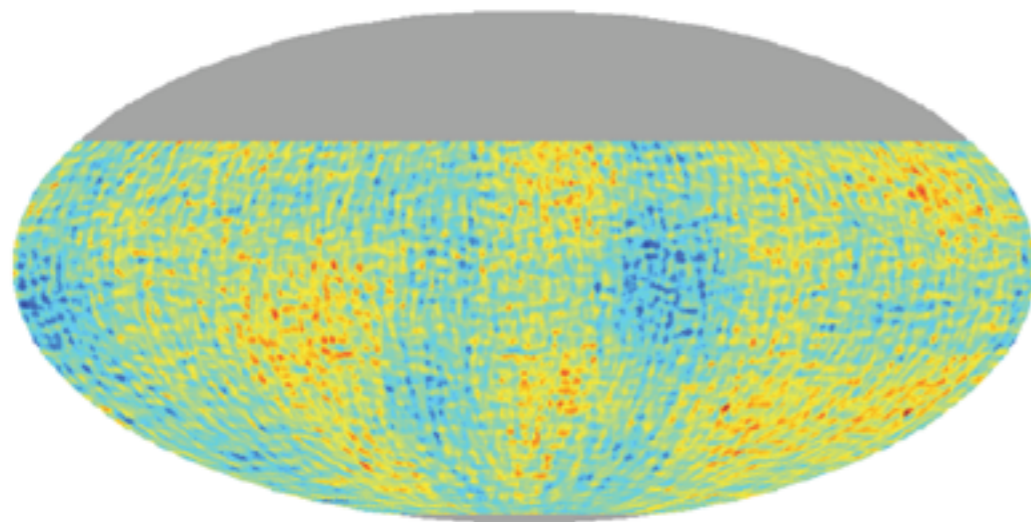
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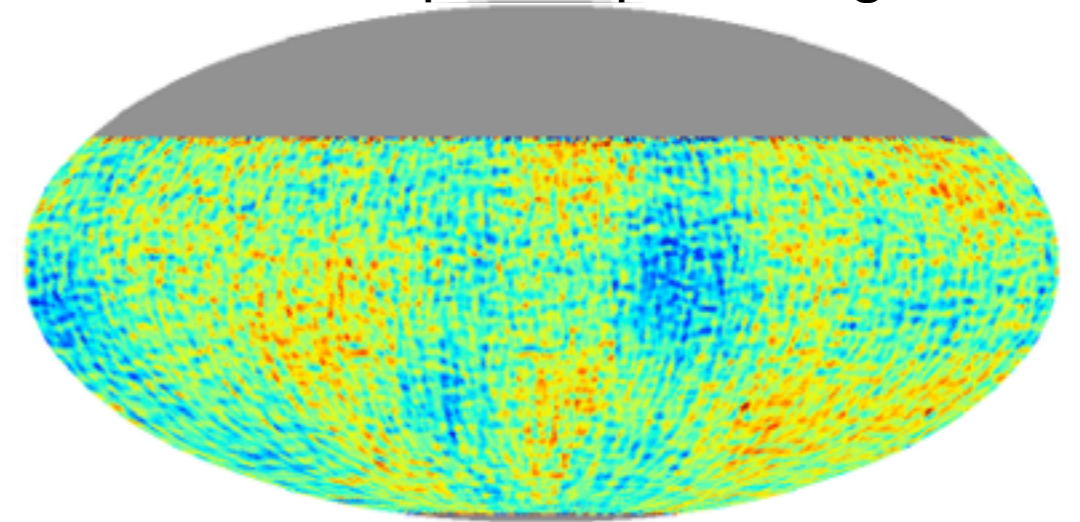


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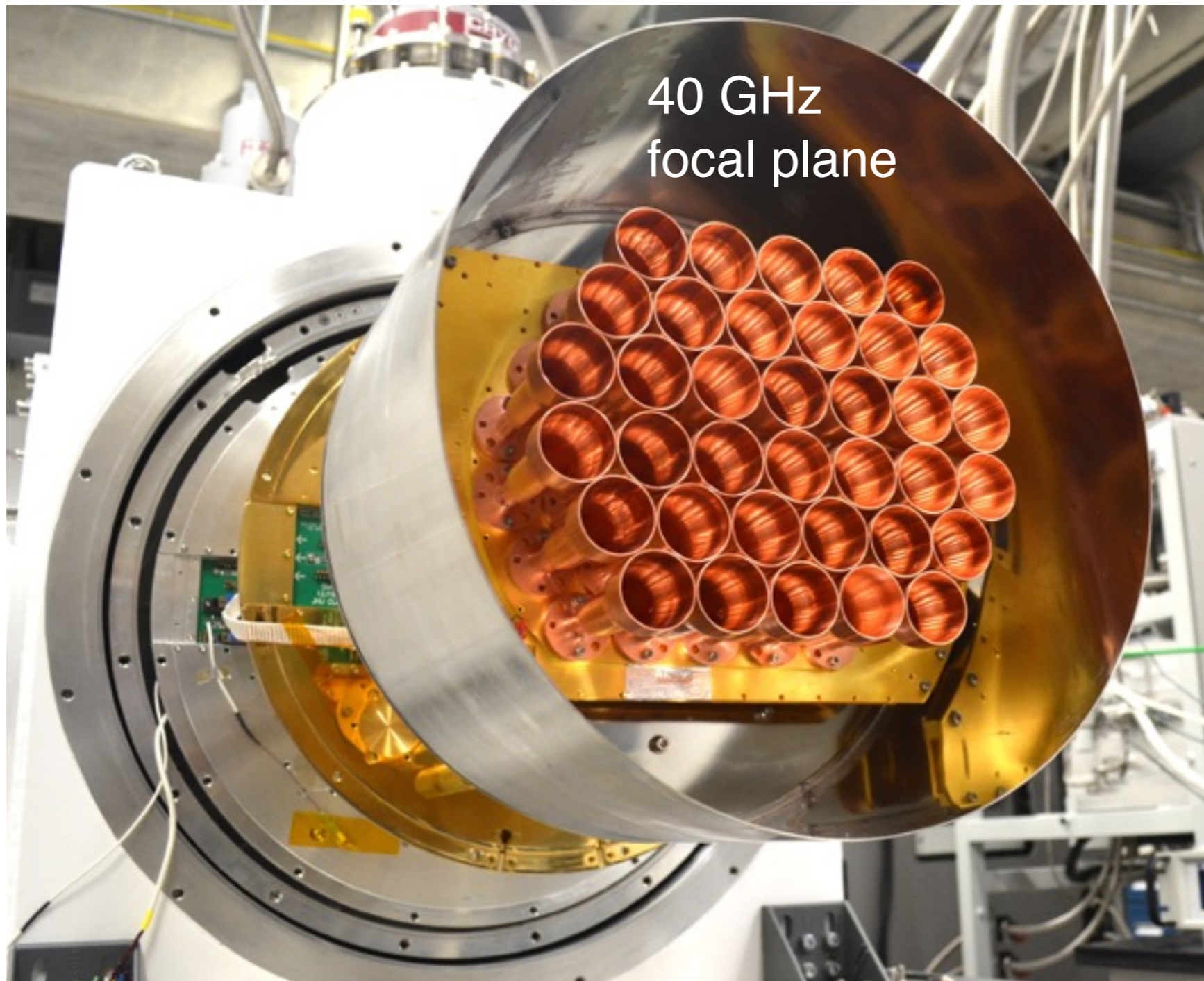


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# 40 GHz telescope headed to the Atacama!

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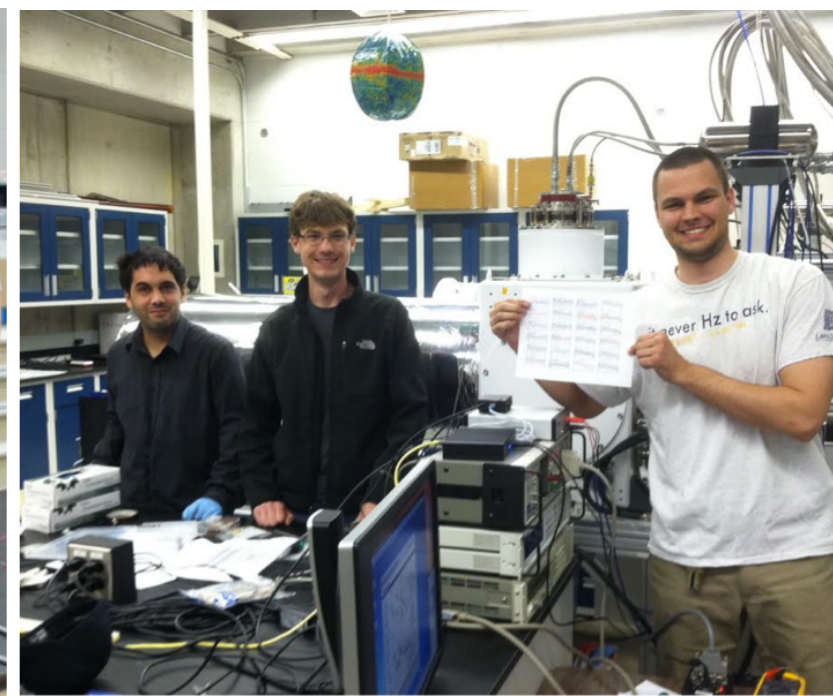
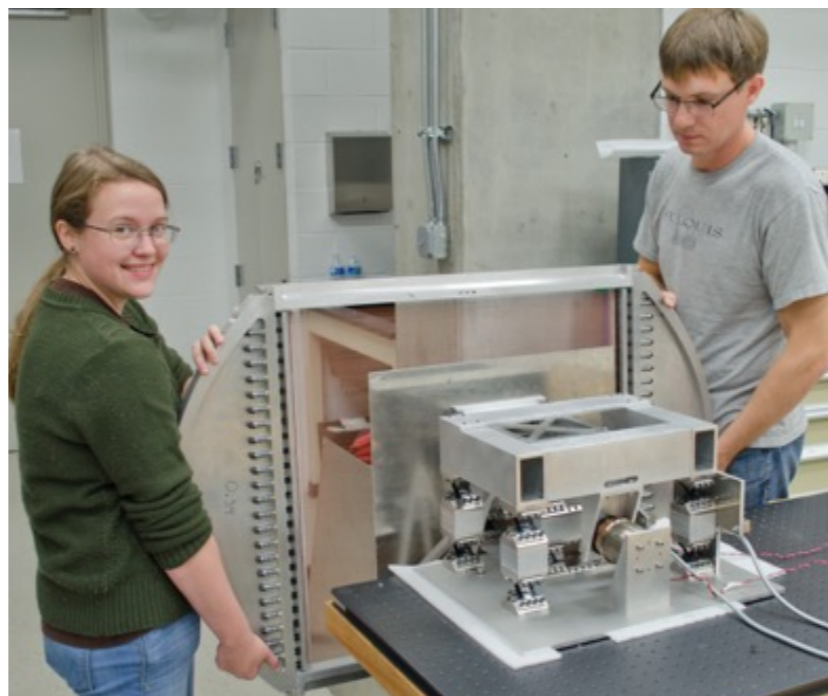
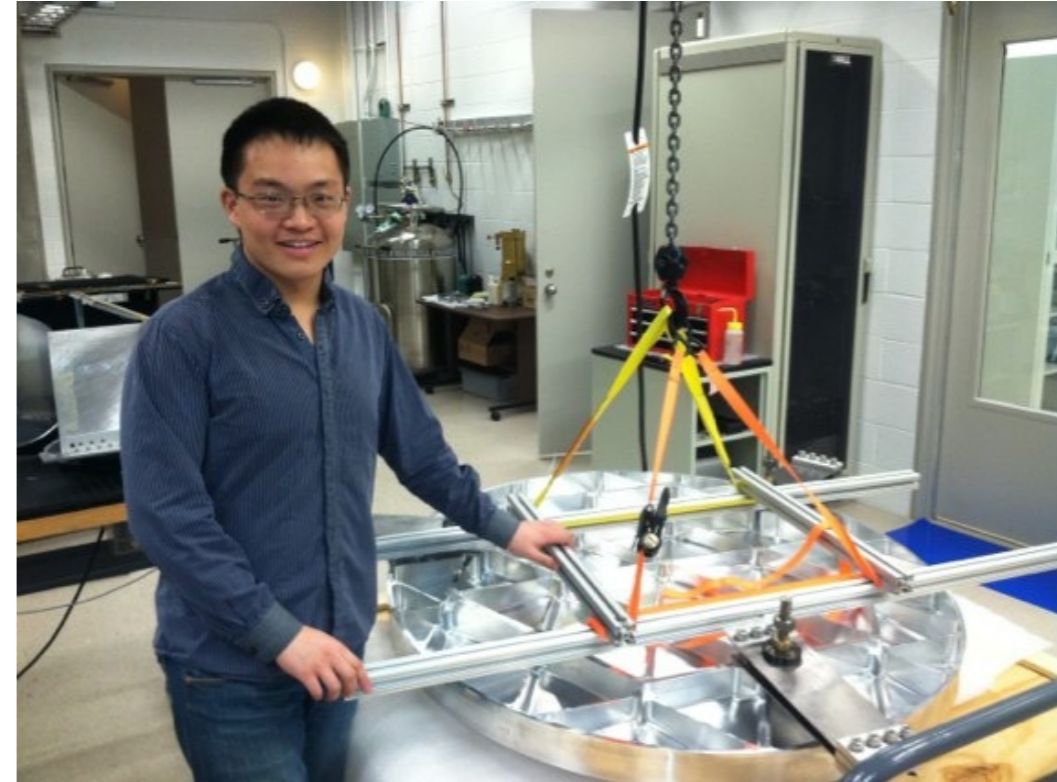
See Katie Harrington's poster for many instrument details.

# Summary

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- CLASS surveys CMB polarization in the full range of multipoles where primordial B-modes might dominate over gravitational lensing.
- The survey is made possible through the utilization of front-end polarization modulation and high-efficiency optics and detectors.
- The CLASS strategy of large survey area and multi-frequency coverage will enable a detection of  $r$  down to  $r = 0.01$  - even in the presence of galactic foregrounds.
- In addition to Inflation science, CLASS will make a cosmic variance limited measurement of the E-mode spectrum on the largest scales and therefore improve constraints on the optical depth to reionization.
- Site construction underway now — to be immediately followed by telescope deployment!

# Site construction underway!



Thank you.