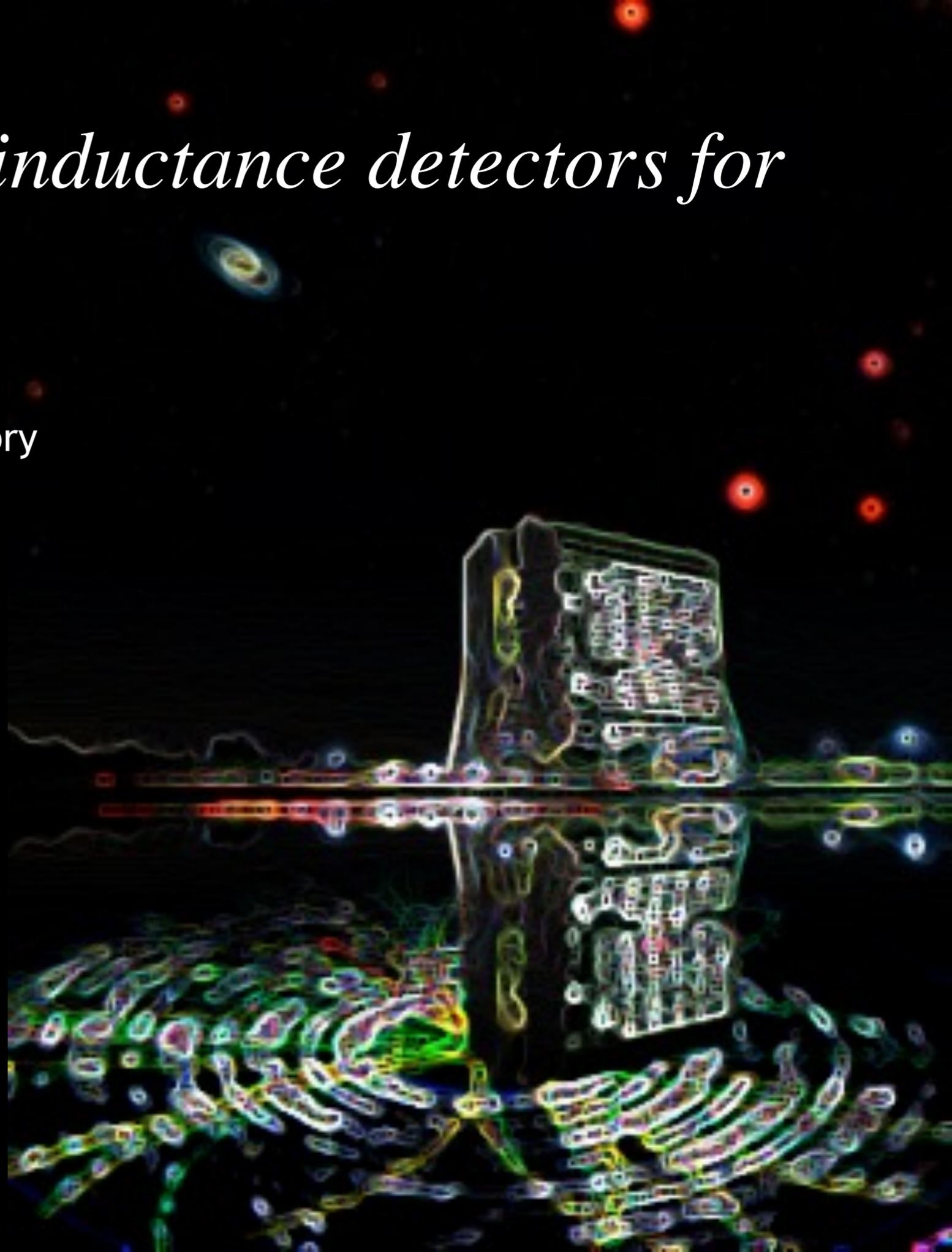


# *Microwave kinetic inductance detectors for Dark Energy.*

Juan Estrada  
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory  
[estrada@fnal.gov](mailto:estrada@fnal.gov)



# this talk

- redshifts for cosmology
- the case for low resolution spectroscopy
- MKIDs as a tool for cosmology
- R&D plan for MKIDs
- Conclusion

# Two ways to determine redshift

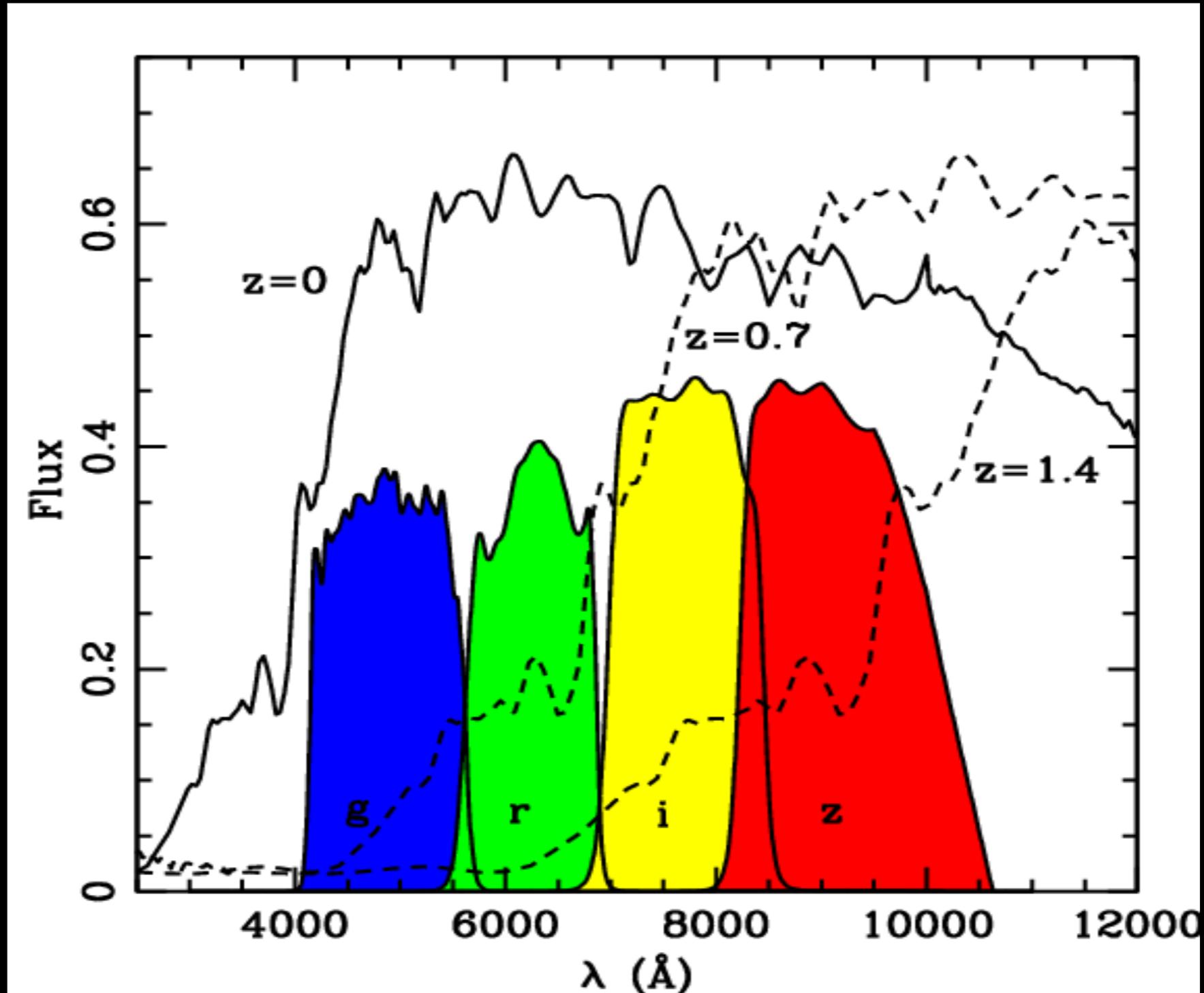
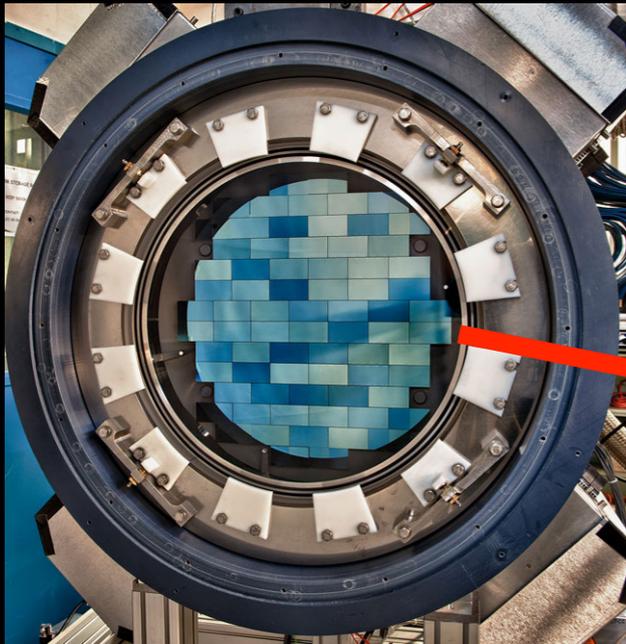
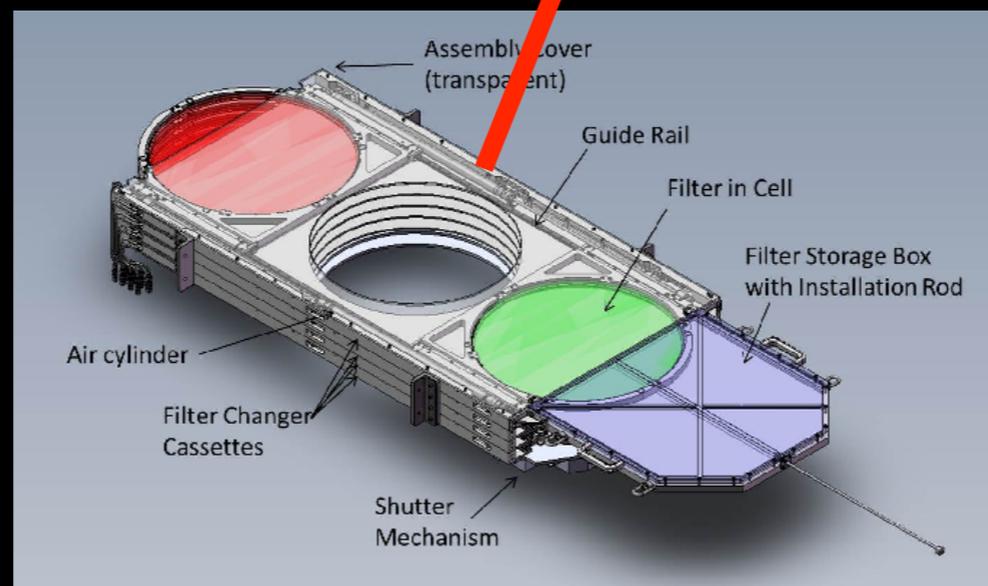
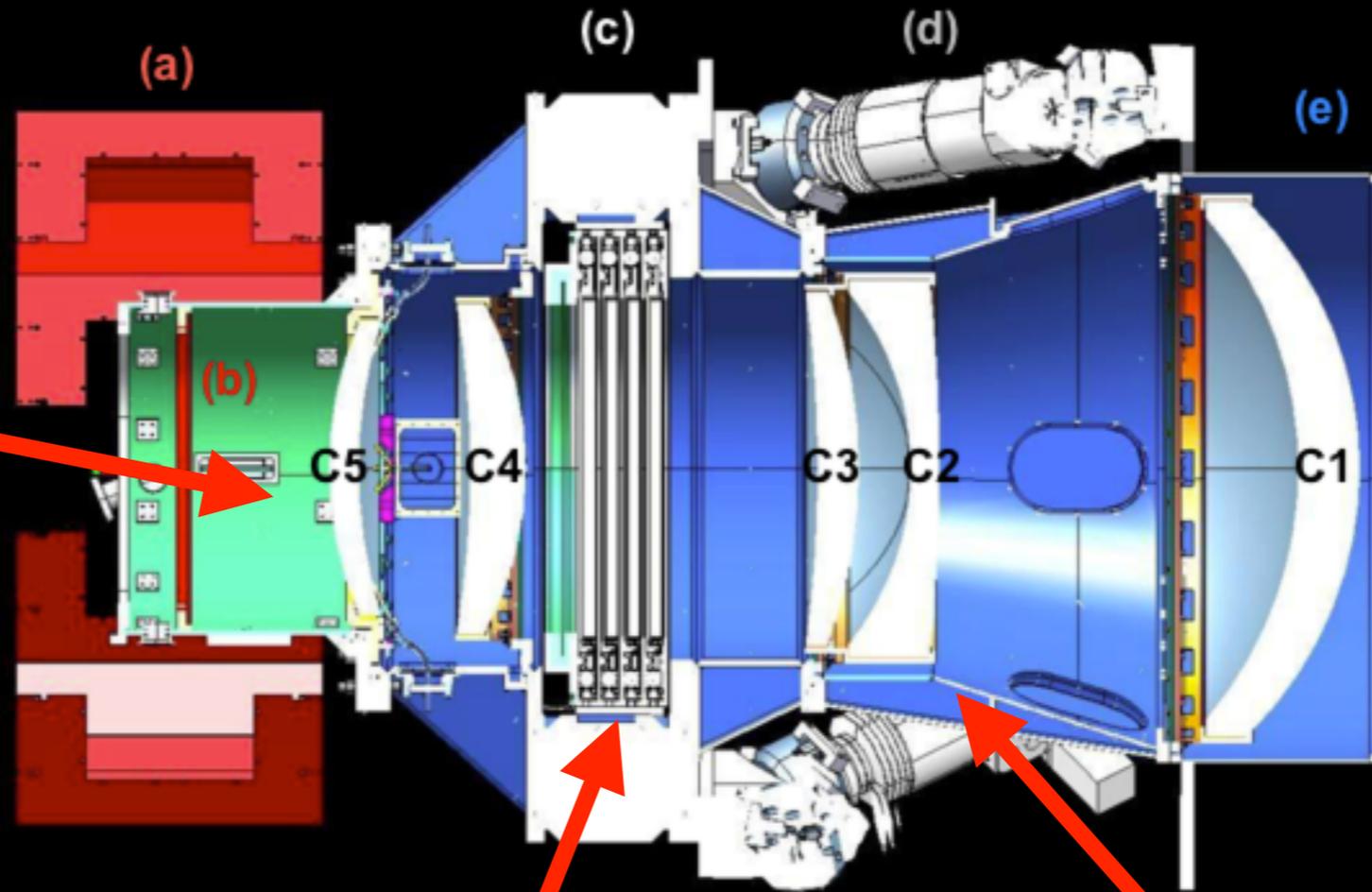


Photo-Z : imaging with few filters  
spectroscopy : spectrum of pre-selected objects

# Traditional Photo-Z machine : DECam



focal plane  
with many  
CCD sensors  
(600Mpix)

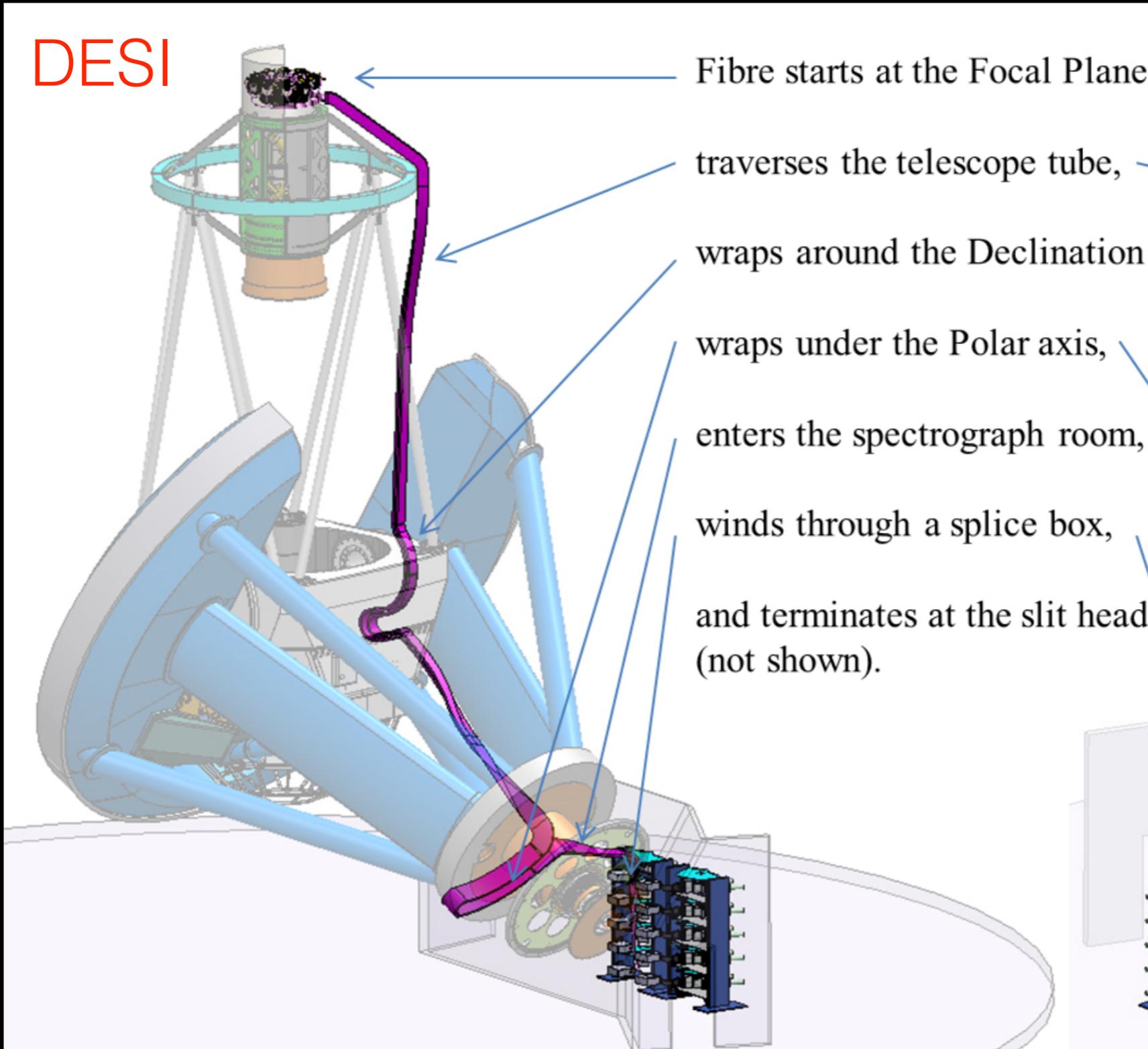


filter changer

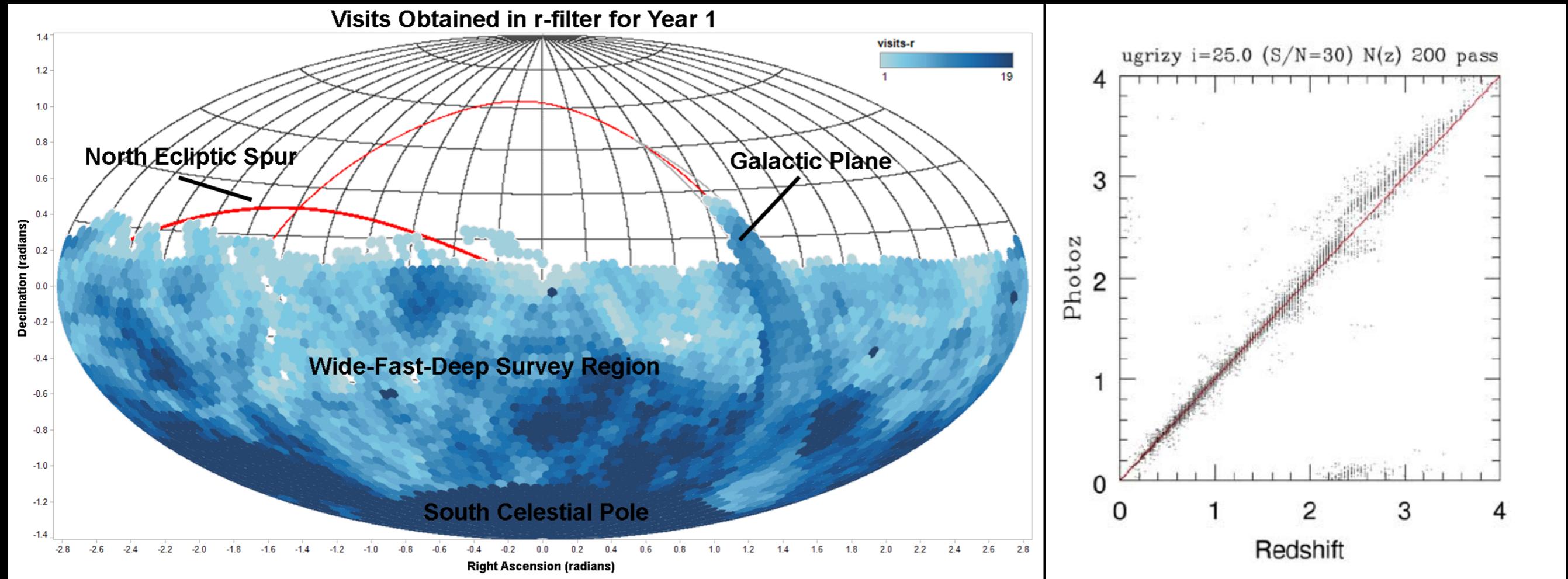
wide field  
corrector

# spectroscopy machine

DESI



# Where are we going to be after LSST?



LSST will produce photometric data for 20,000 sq-deg to magnitude 27. Redshift will be estimated from the colors of the objects.

We will never have enough spectroscopic instruments to follow up all these observations using current technology.

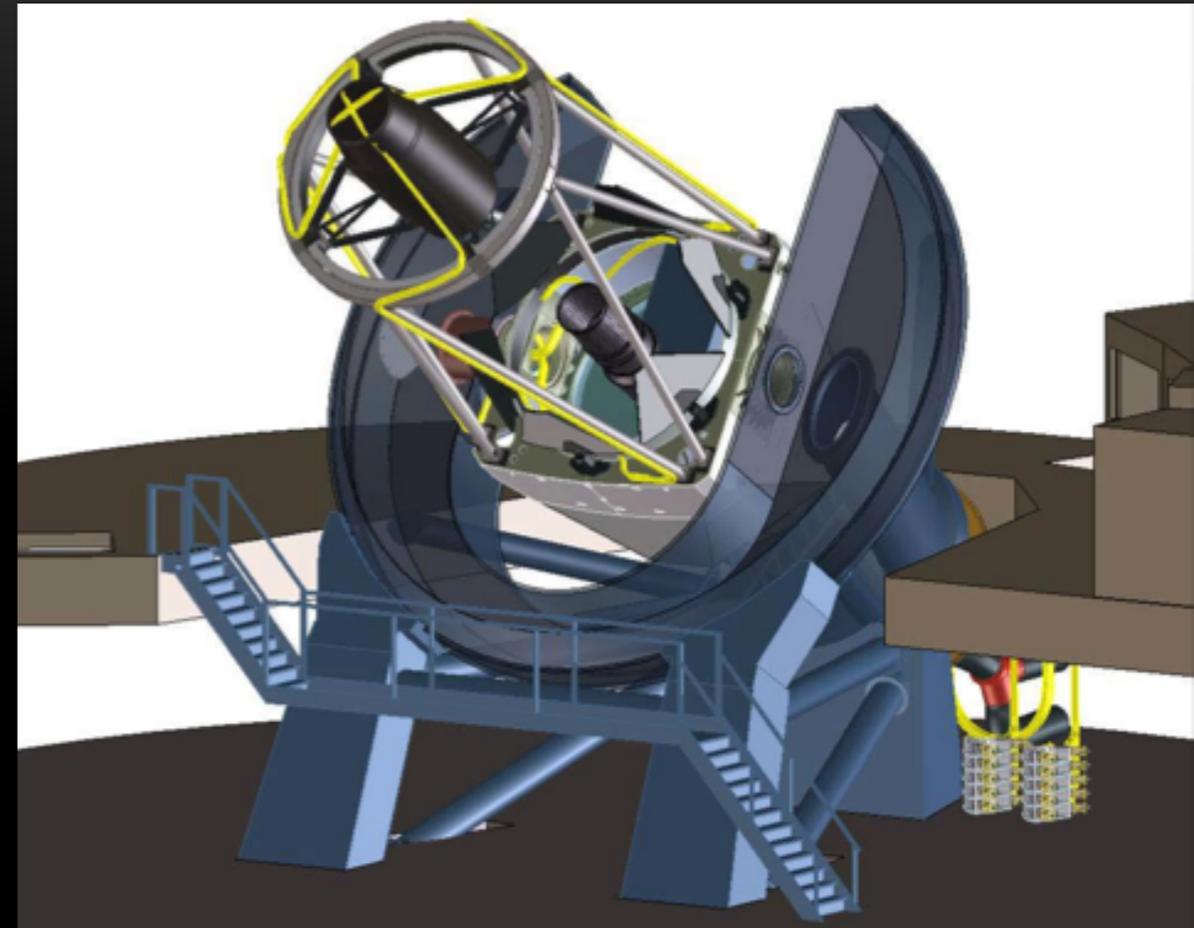
# DARK ENERGY SPECTROSCOPIC INSTRUMENT (DESI)

- 4 m telescope in Arizona
- 5000 fiber, 3 arm spectrograph,
- $R \sim 4000$
- Spectra for 1800 objects/deg<sup>2</sup> (~10% of available galaxies)
- Magnitude limit  $\sim 22.5$ ,  $z \sim 3.5$
- Will cover 14,000 deg<sup>2</sup> in 3 years
- 20 M galaxies, 0.6 M QSO

Starting construction in soon...

This technology is not enough to address the need.

**NOT enough!**



# Good news: Low Resolution Spectroscopy can help a lot

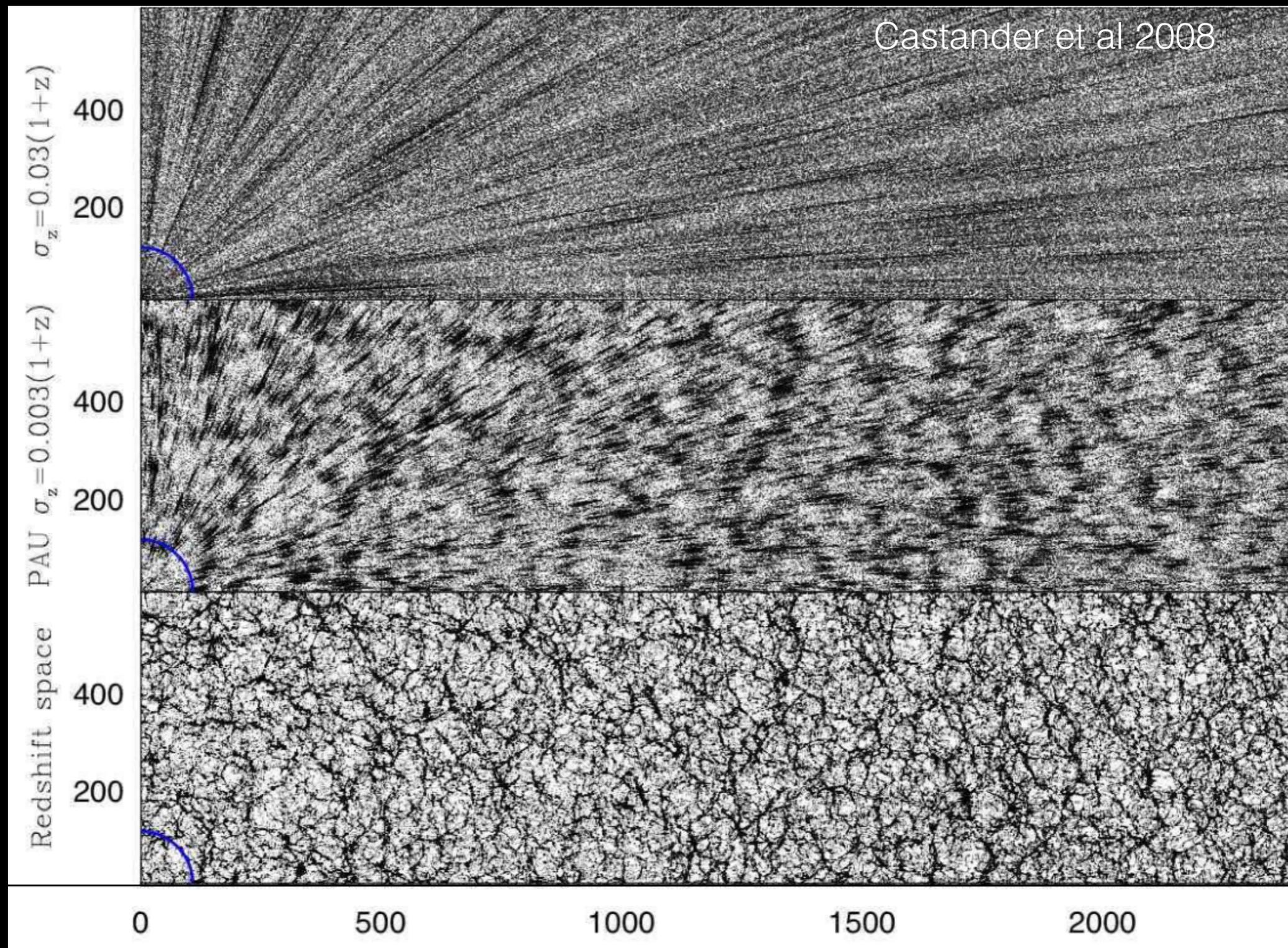
5

filters

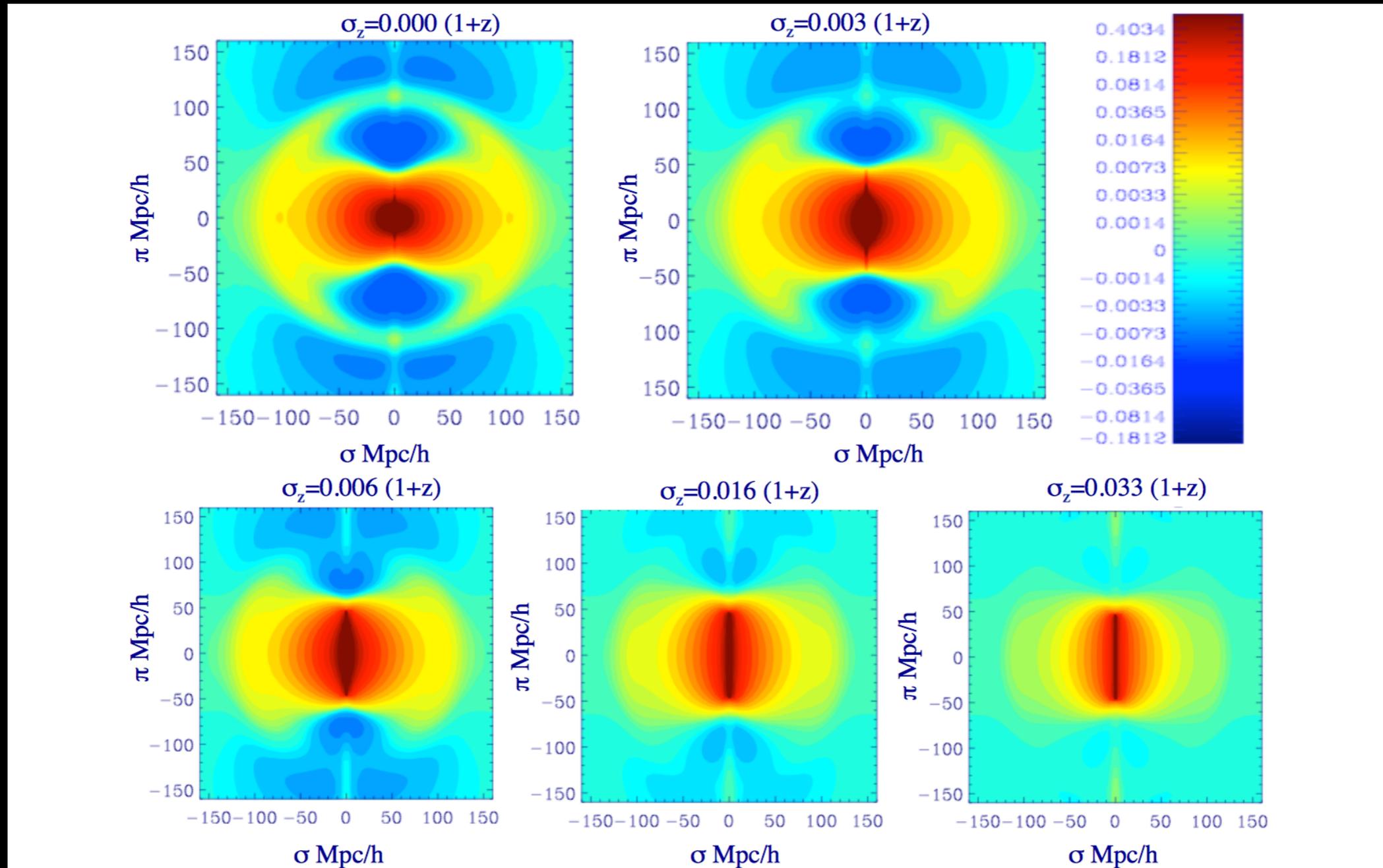
40

filters DES/LSST

DES



Low resolution could get us a lot of information



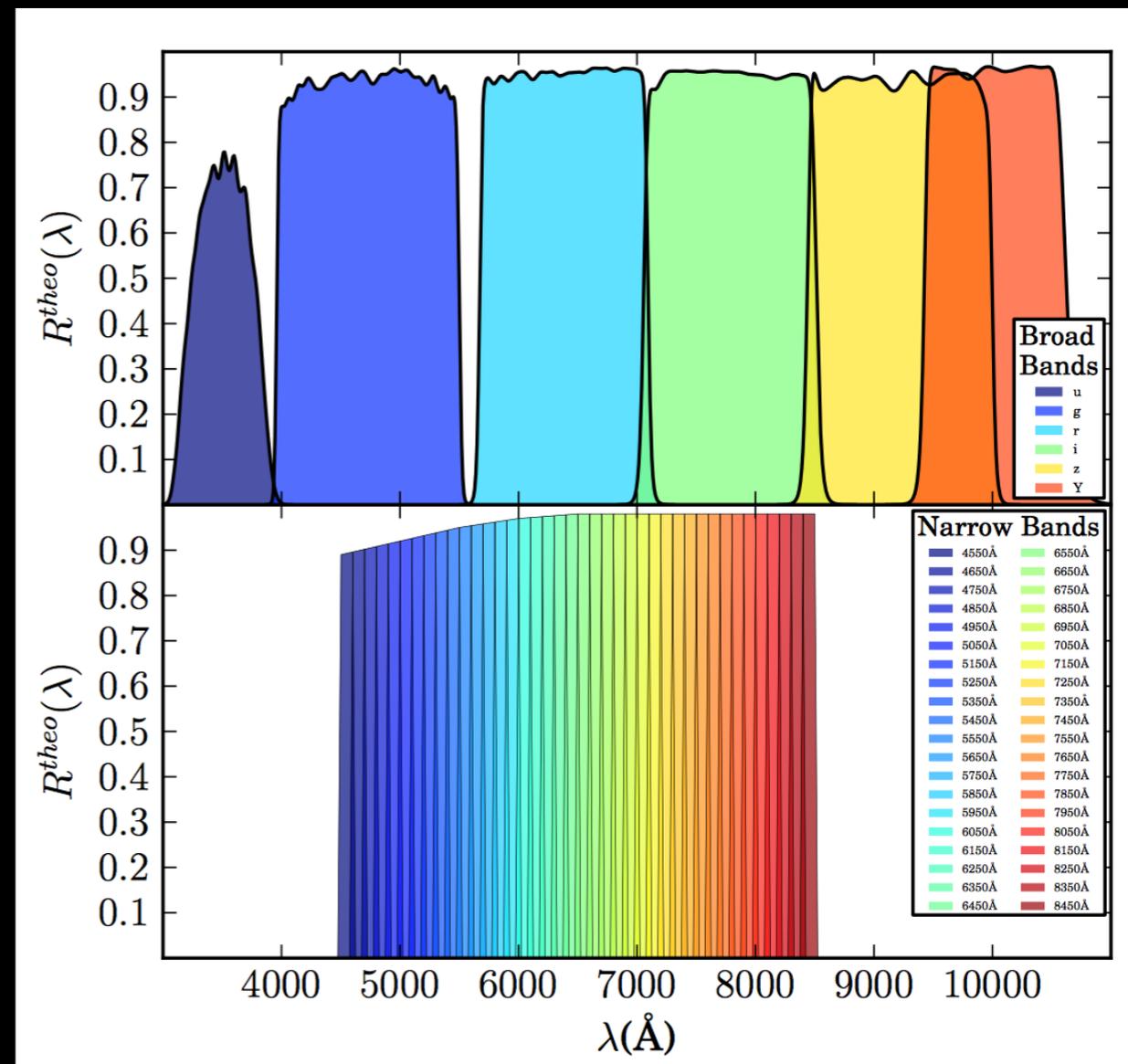
**Figure 2.** Top left panel shows the  $\xi(\pi, \sigma)$  correlation in the Kaiser model with no photo- $z$  error, i.e.  $\sigma_z = 0$  (from Gaztañaga, Cabré & Hui 2009). The correlation is clearly squashed in the radial direction with a region of negative correlation (in blue) between  $\pi = 50 - 100$  Mpc/h. Top right panel shows the same model but with a photo- $z$  degradation of  $\sigma_z = 0.003(1+z)$ , corresponding to the PAU Survey. The difference is small and is mostly confined to small radial scales. Bottom panels show how the results are degraded as we increase  $\sigma_z$  to 0.006 (left), 0.016 (center) and 0.033 (right panel). As the photo- $z$  increases the radial squashing disappears, turning instead into a radial elongation. Note also how the region of negative correlation vanishes as we increase the photo- $z$  error.

Low resolution could get us a lot of information

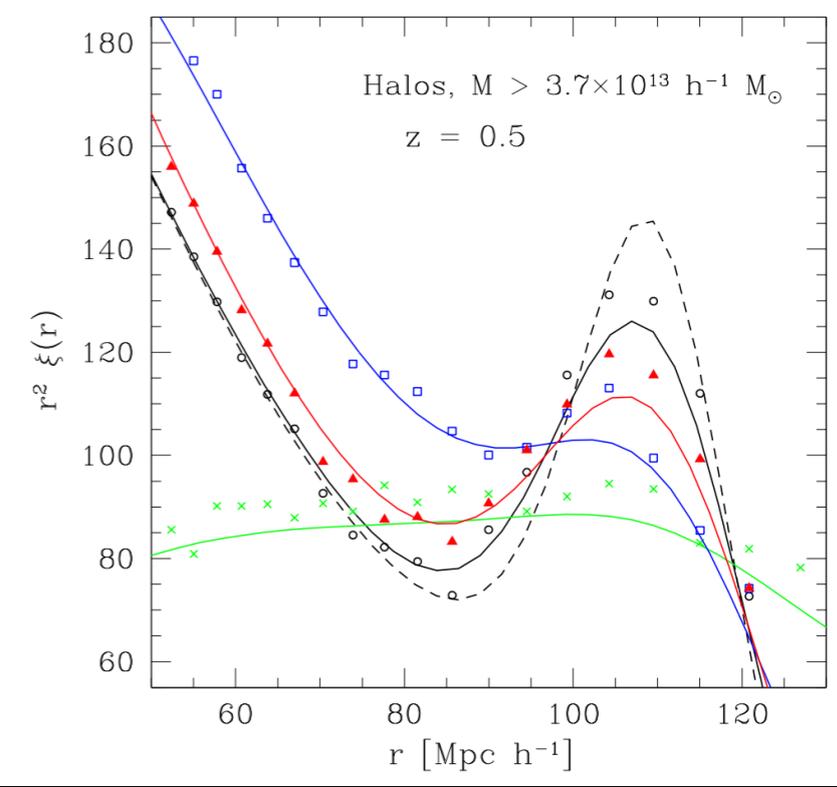
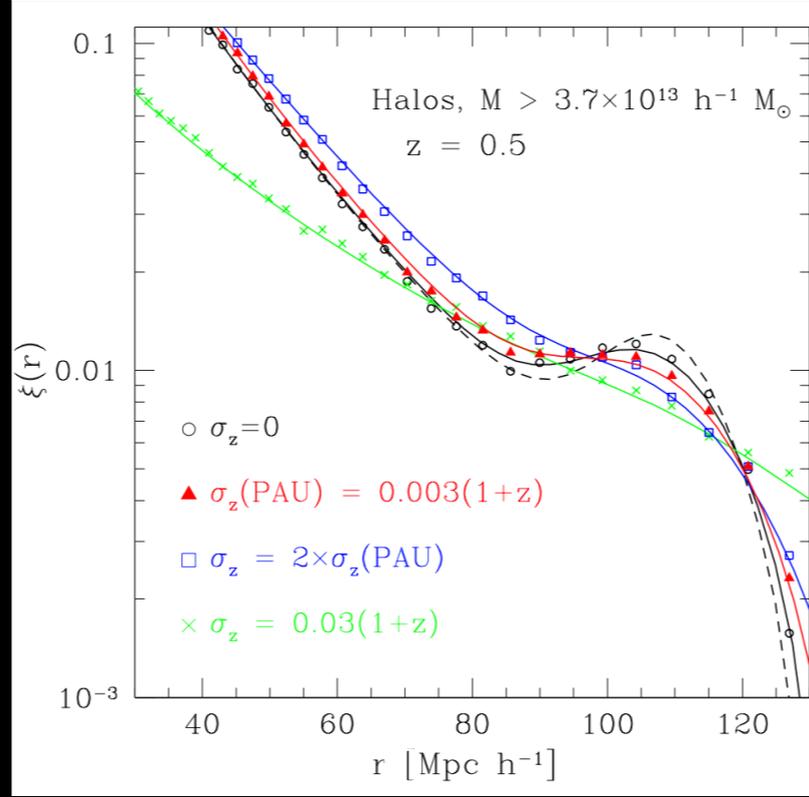
# Physics of the Accelerating Universe

This project takes does photometry in 40 filter. It is starting to operate now. The point is **a lot of cosmology could be done with low resolution spectroscopy**

The issue is that if you use 40 filters, you are discarding 39/40 of the photons on each observation. A DES like survey would take 40 years instead of 5.



Example of potential of BAO measurement with 10 times better photo-z. Castander et al 2008.

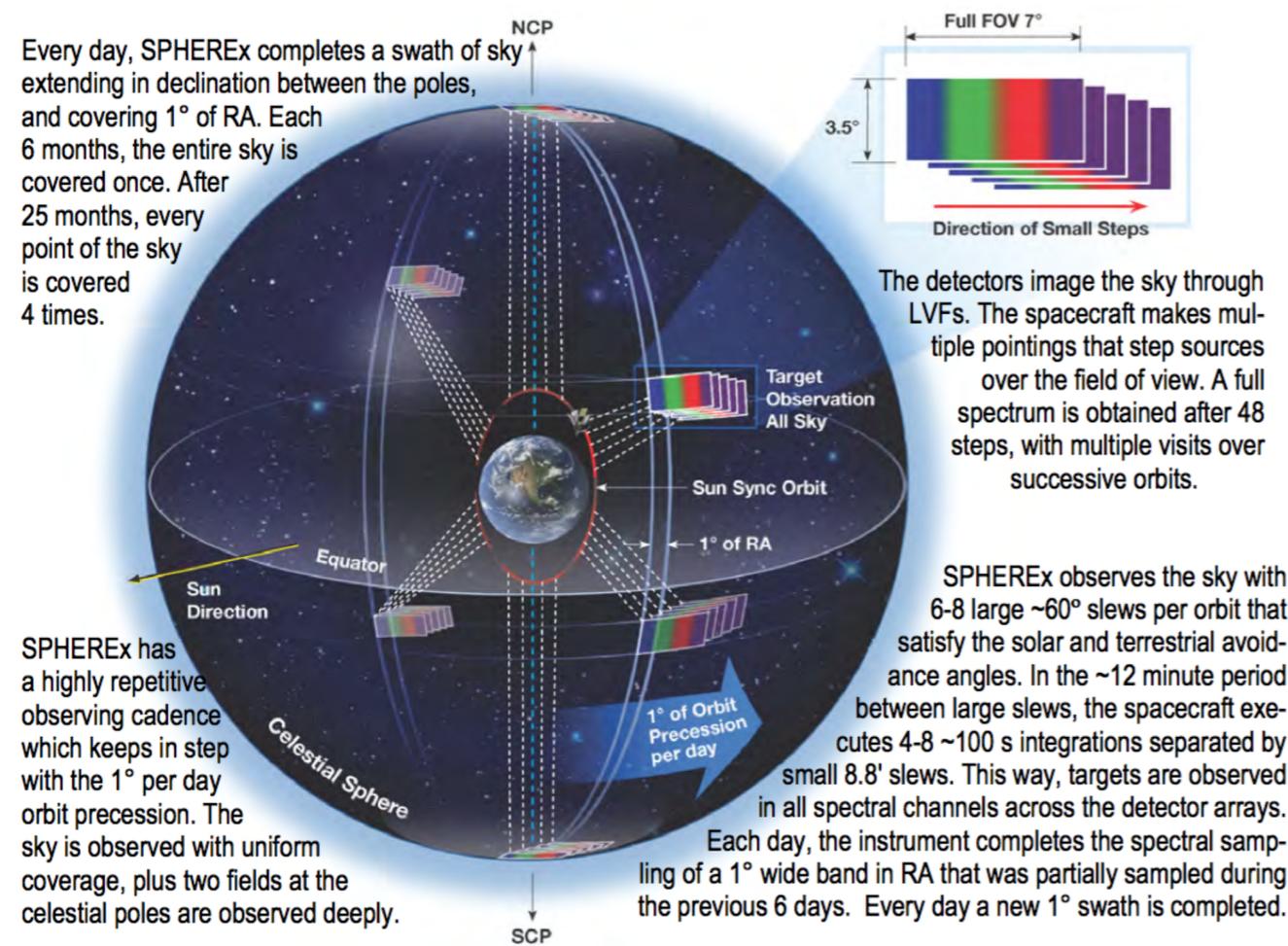


# Cosmology with the SPHEREx All-Sky Spectral Survey

Olivier Doré, Jamie Bock, Matthew Ashby, Peter Capak, Asantha Cooray, Roland de Putter, Tim Eifler, Nicolas Flagey, Yan Gong, Salman Habib, Katrin Heitmann, Chris Hirata, Woong-Seob Jeong, Raj Katti, Phil Korngut, Elisabeth Krause, Dae-Hee Lee, Daniel Masters, Phil Mauskopf, Gary Melnick, Bertrand Mennesson, Hien Nguyen, Karin Öberg, Anthony Pullen, Alvise Raccanelli, Roger Smith, Yong-Seon Song, Volker Tolls, Steve Unwin, Tejaswi Venumadhav, Marco Viero, Mike Werner, Mike Zemcov

(Submitted on 16 Dec 2014 (v1), last revised 25 Mar 2015 (this version, v3))

SPHEREx (Spectro-Photometer for the History of the Universe, Epoch of Reionization, and Ices Explorer) ([this http URL](#)) is a proposed all-sky spectroscopic survey satellite designed to address all three science goals in NASA's Astrophysics Division: probe the origin and destiny of our Universe; explore whether planets around other stars could harbor life; and explore the origin and evolution of galaxies. SPHEREx will scan a series of Linear Variable Filters systematically across the entire sky. The SPHEREx data set will contain  $R=40$  spectra for  $0.75 < \lambda < 4.1 \mu\text{m}$  and  $R=150$  spectra for  $4.1 < \lambda < 4.8 \mu\text{m}$  for every 6.2 arc second pixel over the entire-sky. In this paper, we detail the extra-galactic and cosmological studies SPHEREx will enable and present detailed systematic effect evaluations. We also outline the Ice and Galaxy Evolution Investigations.



Parameter	Value
Telescope Effective Aperture	20 cm
Pixel Size	$6.2'' \times 6.2''$
Field of View	$2 \times (3.5^\circ \times 7.0^\circ)$ ; dichroic
Spectrometer Resolving Power and Wavelength Coverage	$R=41.5$ ; $\lambda=0.75-4.1 \mu\text{m}$ $R=150$ ; $\lambda=4.1-4.8 \mu\text{m}$
Arrays	2 x Hawaii-2RG $2.5 \mu\text{m}$ 2 x Hawaii-2RG $5.3 \mu\text{m}$
Point Source Sensitivity	18.5 AB mag ( $5\sigma$ ) on average per frequency element with 300% margin
Cooling	All-Passive
$2.5 \mu\text{m}$ Array and Optics Temperature	80K with 700% margin on total heat load
$5.3 \mu\text{m}$ Array Temperature	55K with 450% margin on total heat load
Payload Mass	68.1 kg (current best estimate + 31% contingency)

TABLE I: SPHEREx Key Instrument Parameters.

Low spectral resolution, big fixes, all sky!

# Another low resolution spectroscopy example : PRIMUS

failure rate in redshift measurements with low-res spectra

TABLE 1  
PRIMUS REDSHIFT CONFIDENCE CLASSES

Class	$\sigma_{\delta z}/(1+z)$	Outliers <sup>a</sup>	Sample Fraction <sup>b</sup>
4	0.005	7.85	49.2
3	0.022	5.32	21.6
2	0.050	5.06	29.2

<sup>a</sup> Fraction of objects with known redshifts deviating more than  $5\sigma$  from agreement.

<sup>b</sup> Fraction of PRIMUS primary galaxies which received the specified class designation.

This is data, not simulation. Primus with  $R \sim 100$  gets in real 5% failure rate in the best 50% sample, and 8% failure in the rest.

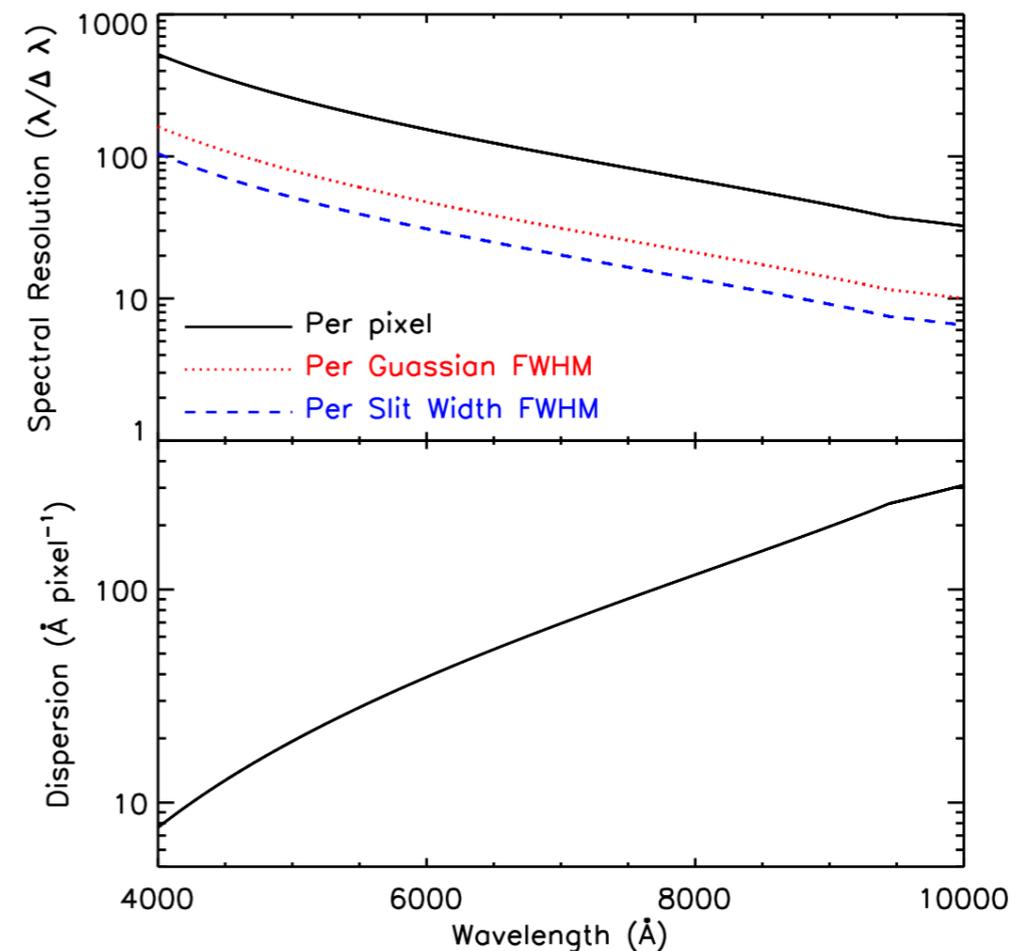
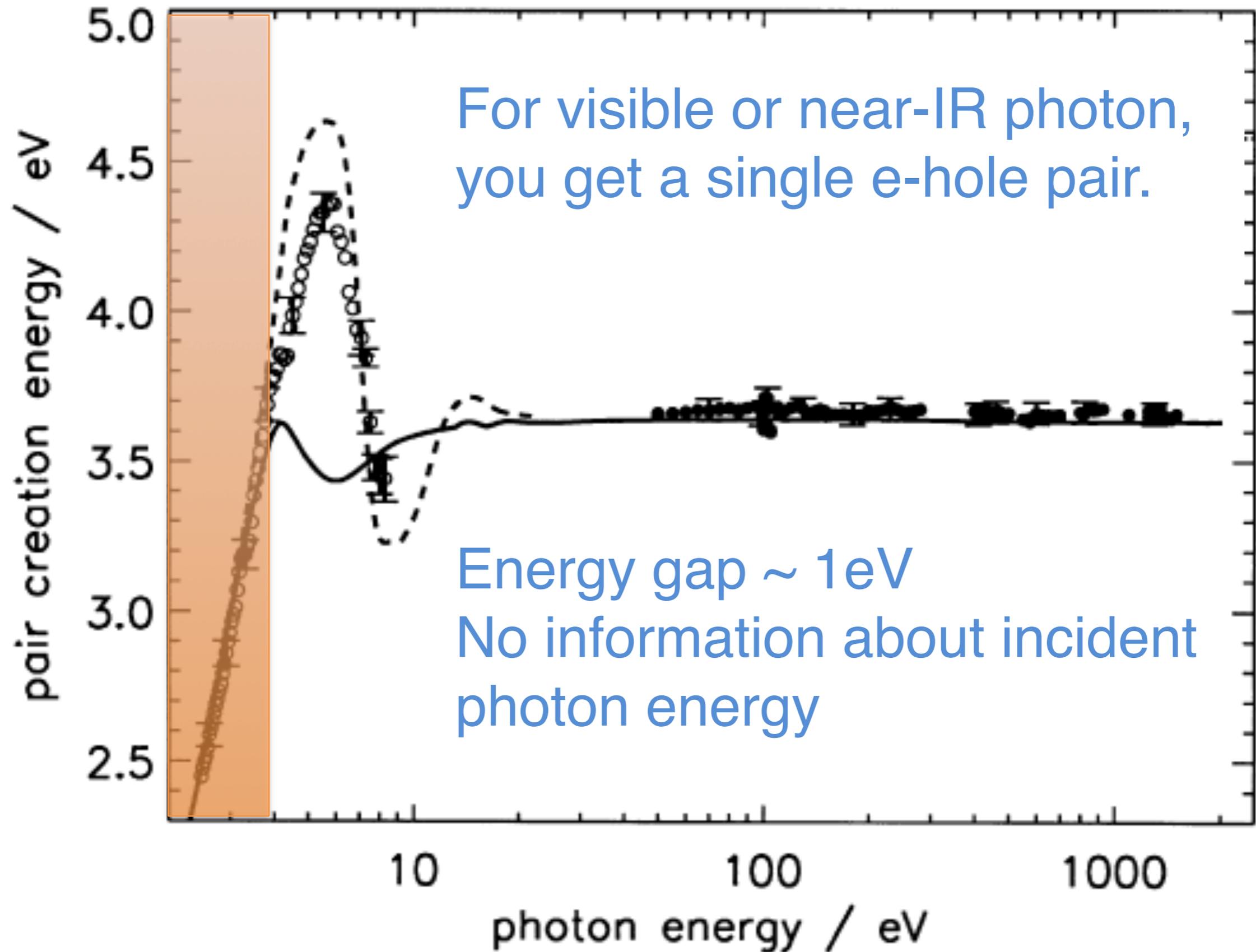


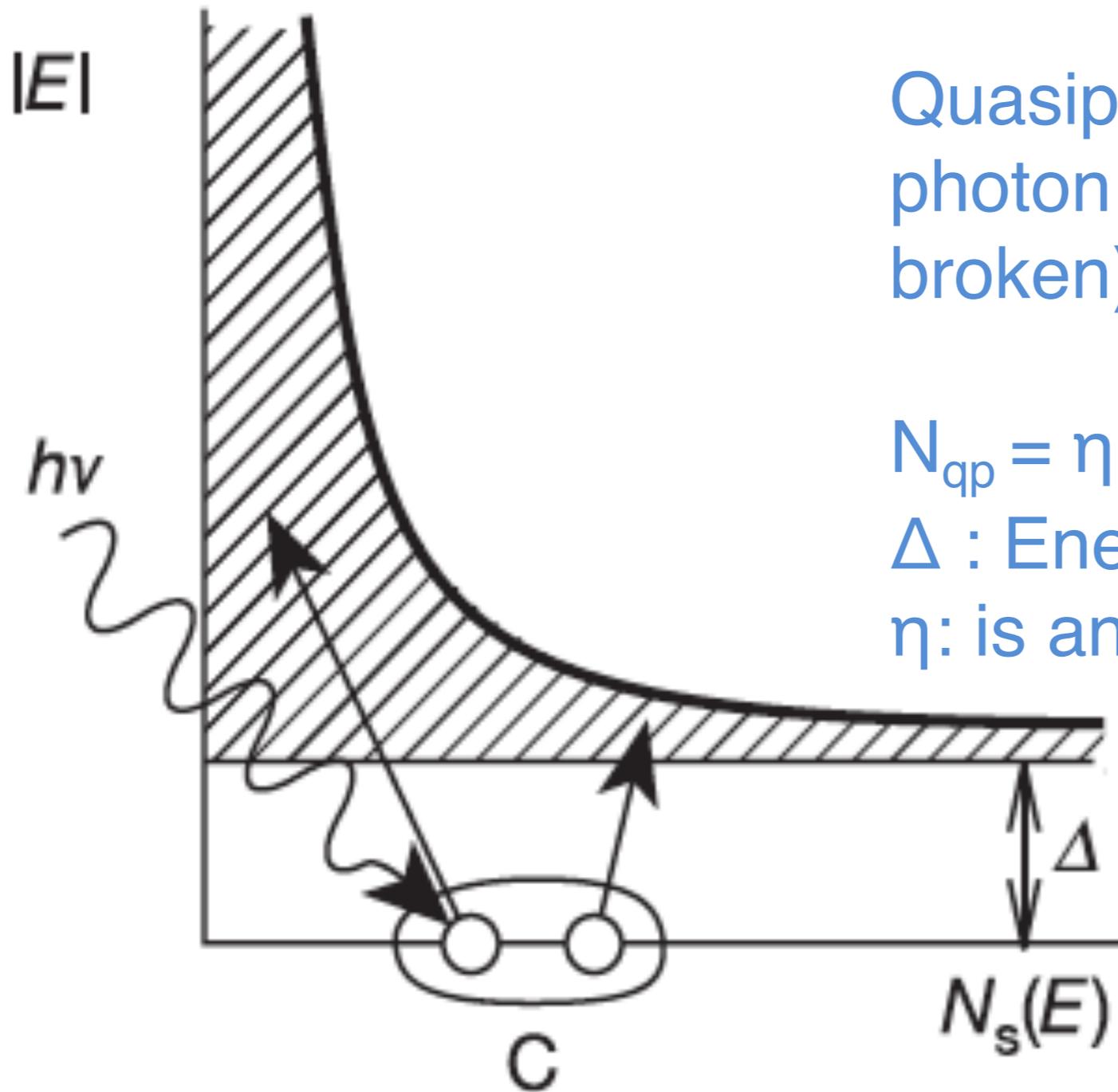
FIG. 2.— Resolution and dispersion of the PRIMUS prism versus wavelength. The resolution and dispersion generated by the low dispersion prism is a strong function of the wavelength with increased resolution in the blue but low resolution at  $9000\text{\AA} - 1\mu m$ . The low resolution allows us to observe the full optical spectrum of a target galaxy on only  $\sim 150$  pixels on the detector and up to  $\sim 3000$  galaxies on a single mask.

Microwave Kinetic Inductance Detectors could be a technology for high volume low resolution spectroscopy without filters.

# limitation of Si semiconductor detectors...



# superconductors overcome this limitation



Quasiparticles are created when a photon hits a SC (Cooper pairs broken)

$$N_{qp} = \eta h\nu / \Delta$$

$\Delta$  : Energy gap  $\sim 0.001$  eV

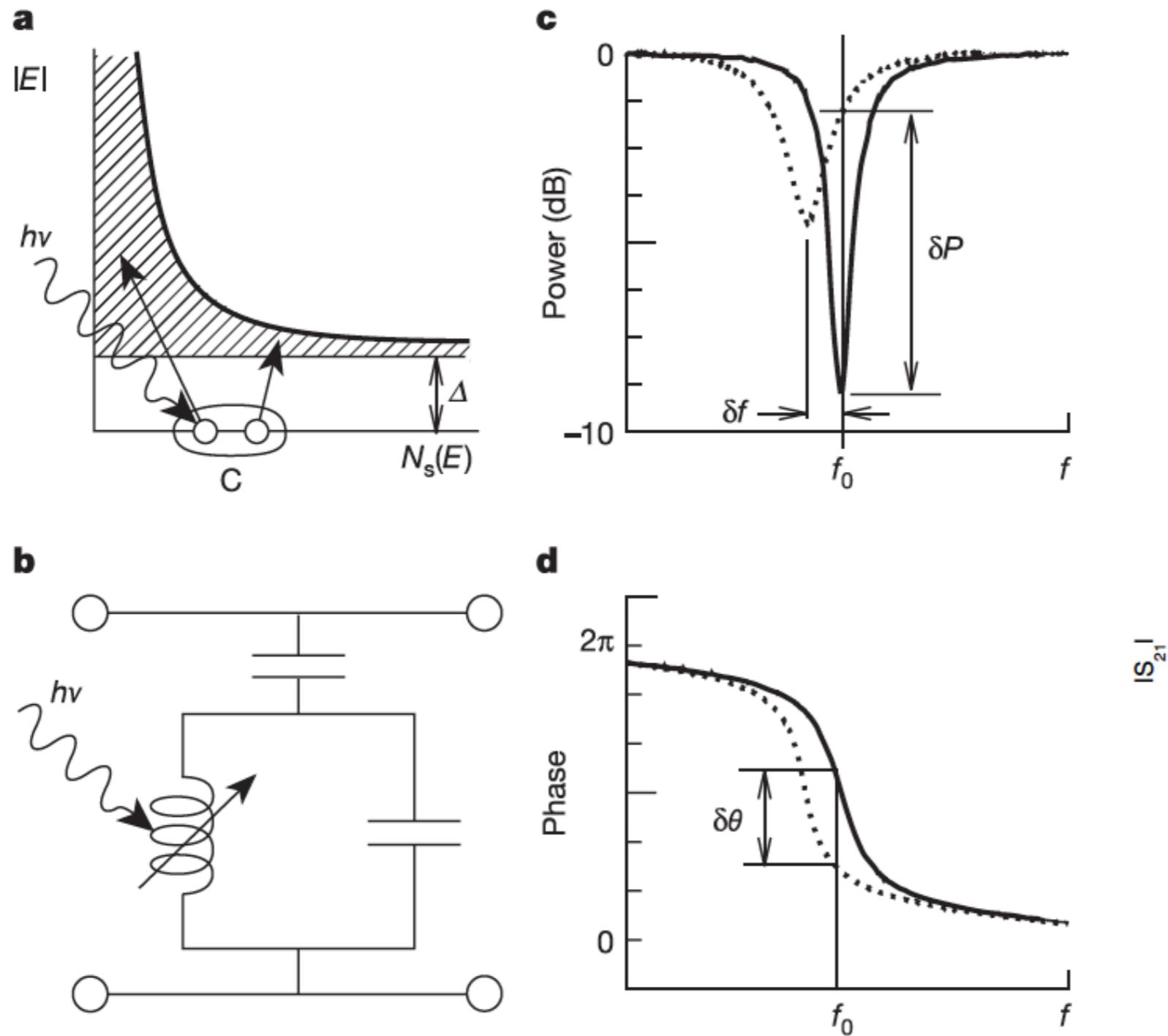
$\eta$ : is an efficiency  $\sim 0.6$

	Niobium $T_c = 9.25$ K $\Delta = 1.4$ meV	Tantalum $T_c = 4.47$ K $\Delta = .68$ meV	Aluminum $T_c = 1.175$ K $\Delta = .18$ meV	Titanium $T_c = 0.4$ K $\Delta = .06$ meV	Hafnium $T_c = 0.128$ K $\Delta = .02$ meV
IR ( 0.62 eV)	15	22	42	73	126
Optical ( 3.1 eV)	34	48	94	163	282
UV ( 10.3 eV)	61	88	171	297	514
X-ray (6 keV)	1500	2140	4000	7200	12500

Table 3.2: Energy resolution  $R = E/\Delta E$  limits for different superconducting absorbers for photon counting detectors. These calculations were done with an IR wavelength of  $2 \mu\text{m}$ , optical wavelength of  $.4 \mu\text{m}$ , UV wavelength of  $.12 \mu\text{m}$ , and X-ray energy of 6 keV.

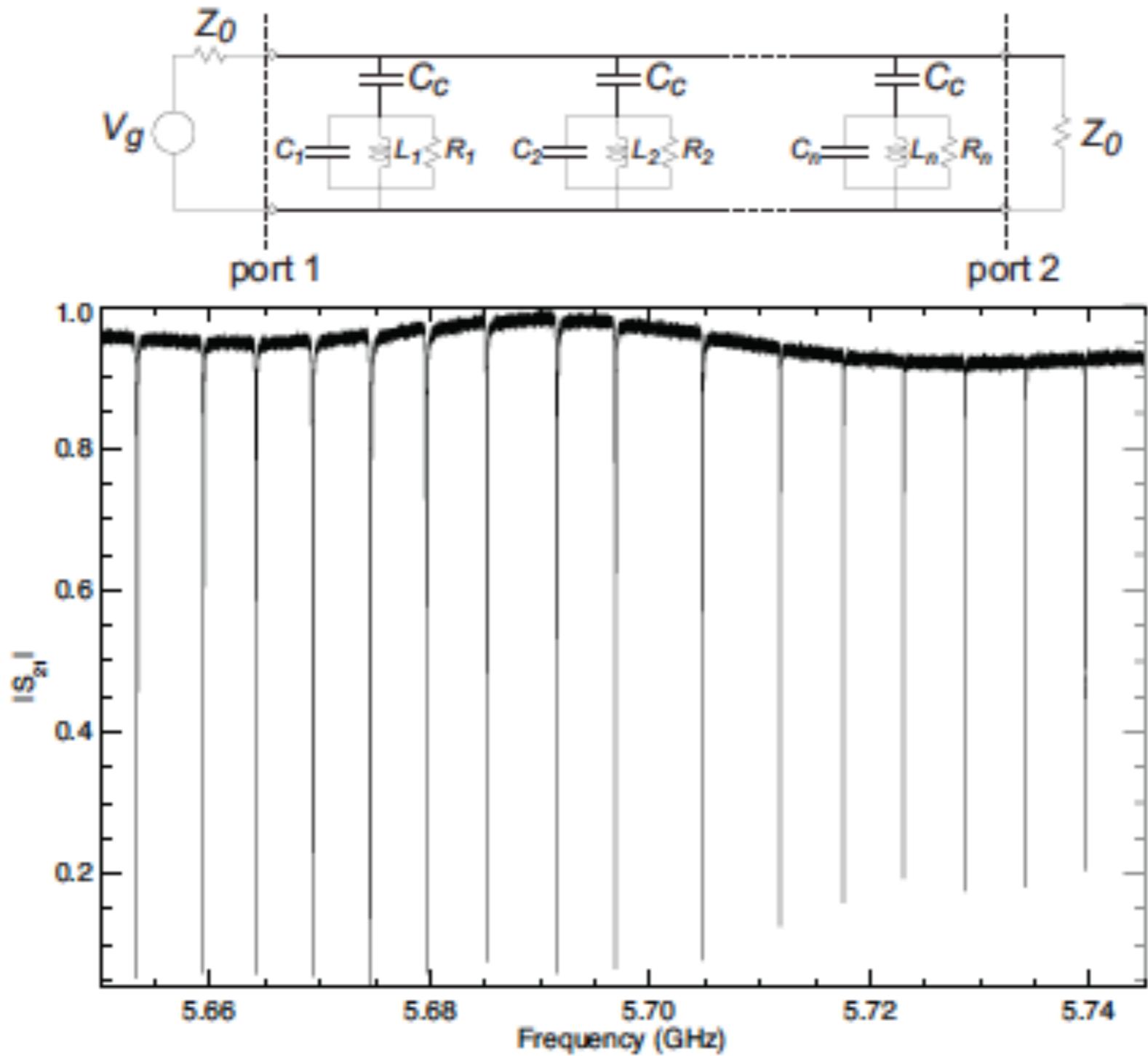
Number of quasiparticles is proportional to photon energy!  
 $\sim 5000$  quasiparticles for a visible photon

# Microwave Kinetic Inductance Detectors



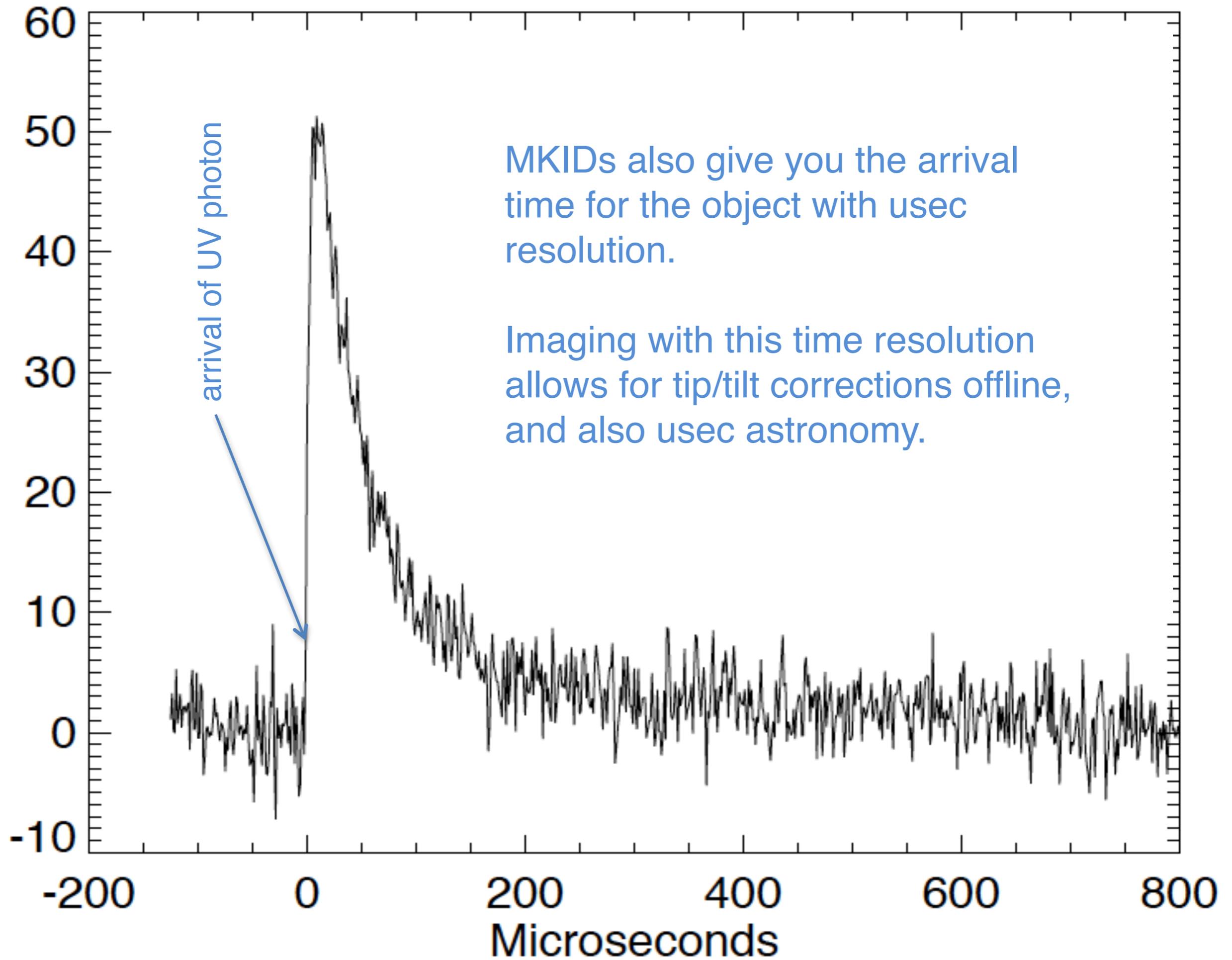
Superconductor sensors with “easy” frequency multiplexing

Each pixel is tuned to a different frequency. Photons each a pixel and move the resonance for that pixel. Digital FM radio.



Large array of superconducting detectors are NOW possible.

Phase (Degrees)



MKIDs also give you the arrival time for the object with usec resolution.

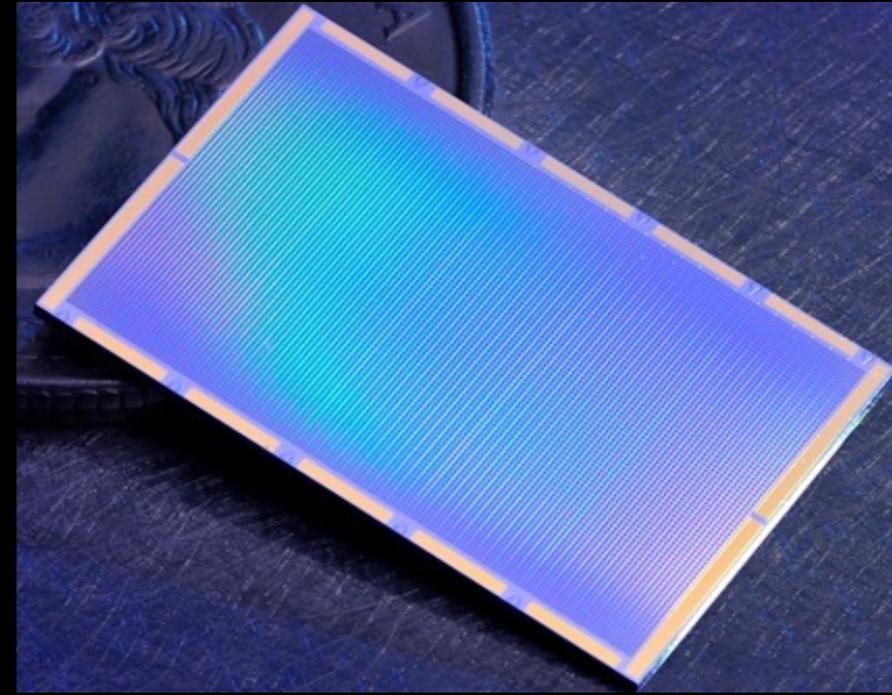
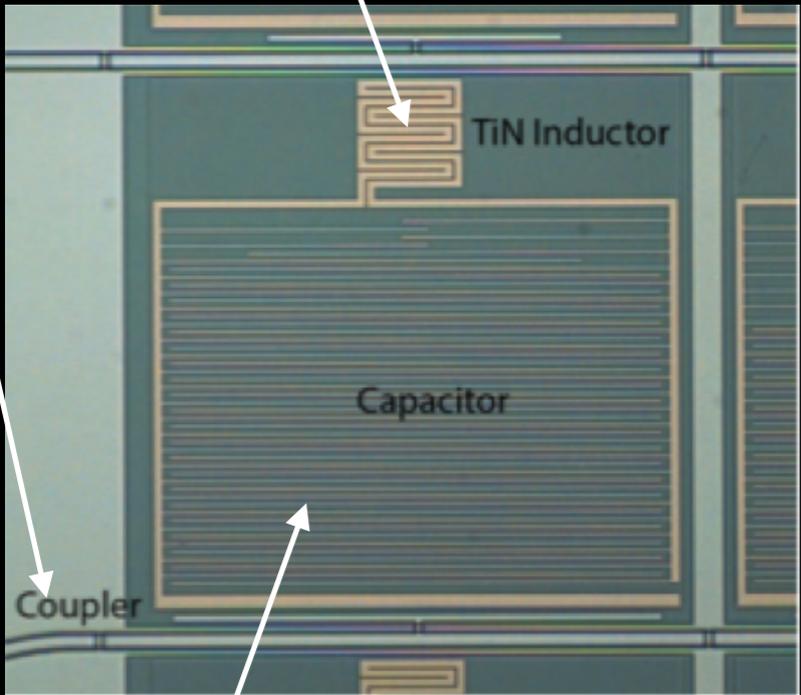
Imaging with this time resolution allows for tip/tilt corrections offline, and also usec astronomy.

# MKID pixel- designed by B.Mazin (UCSB)

RF feedline

inductor

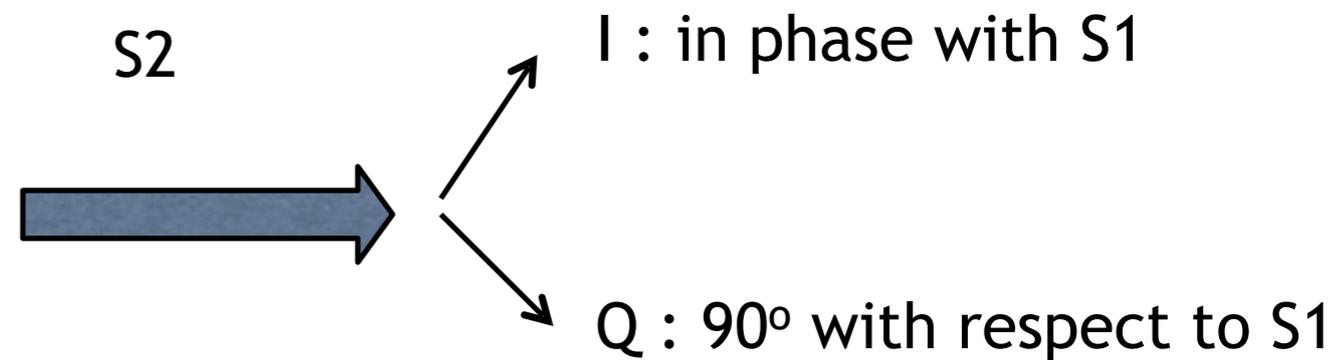
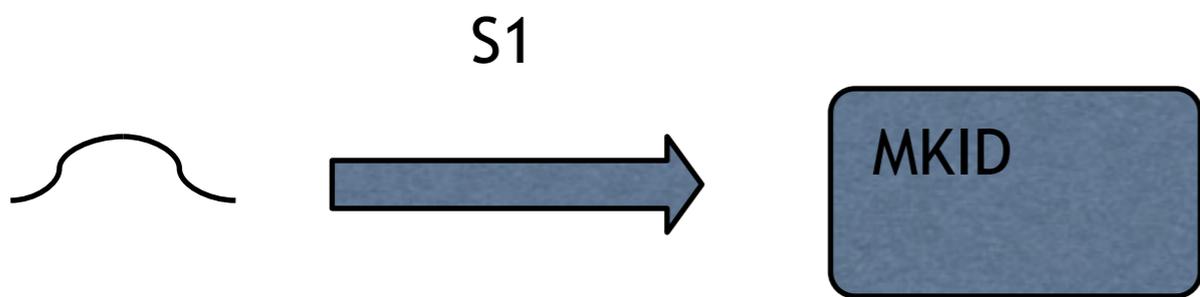
(need microlens)



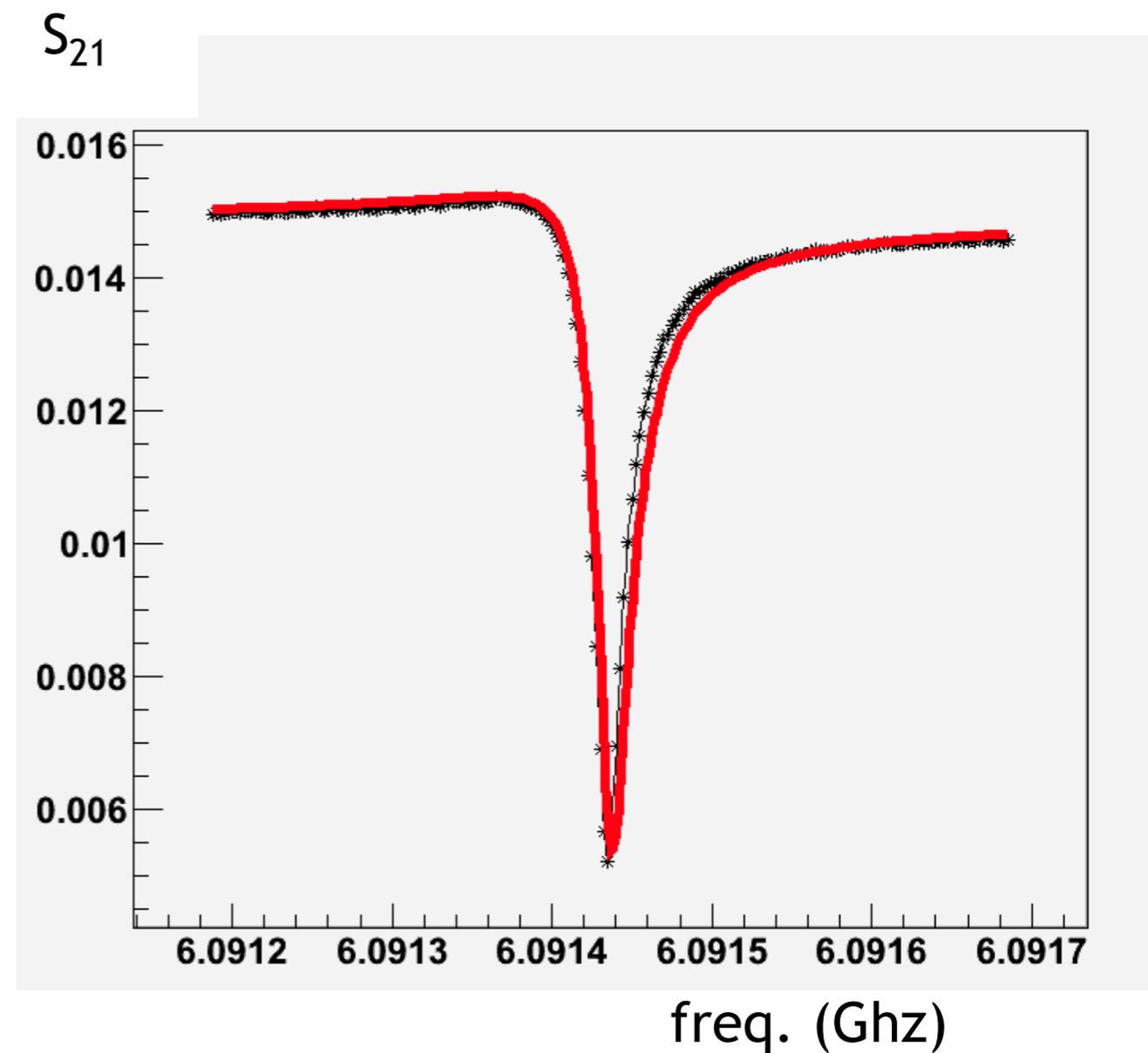
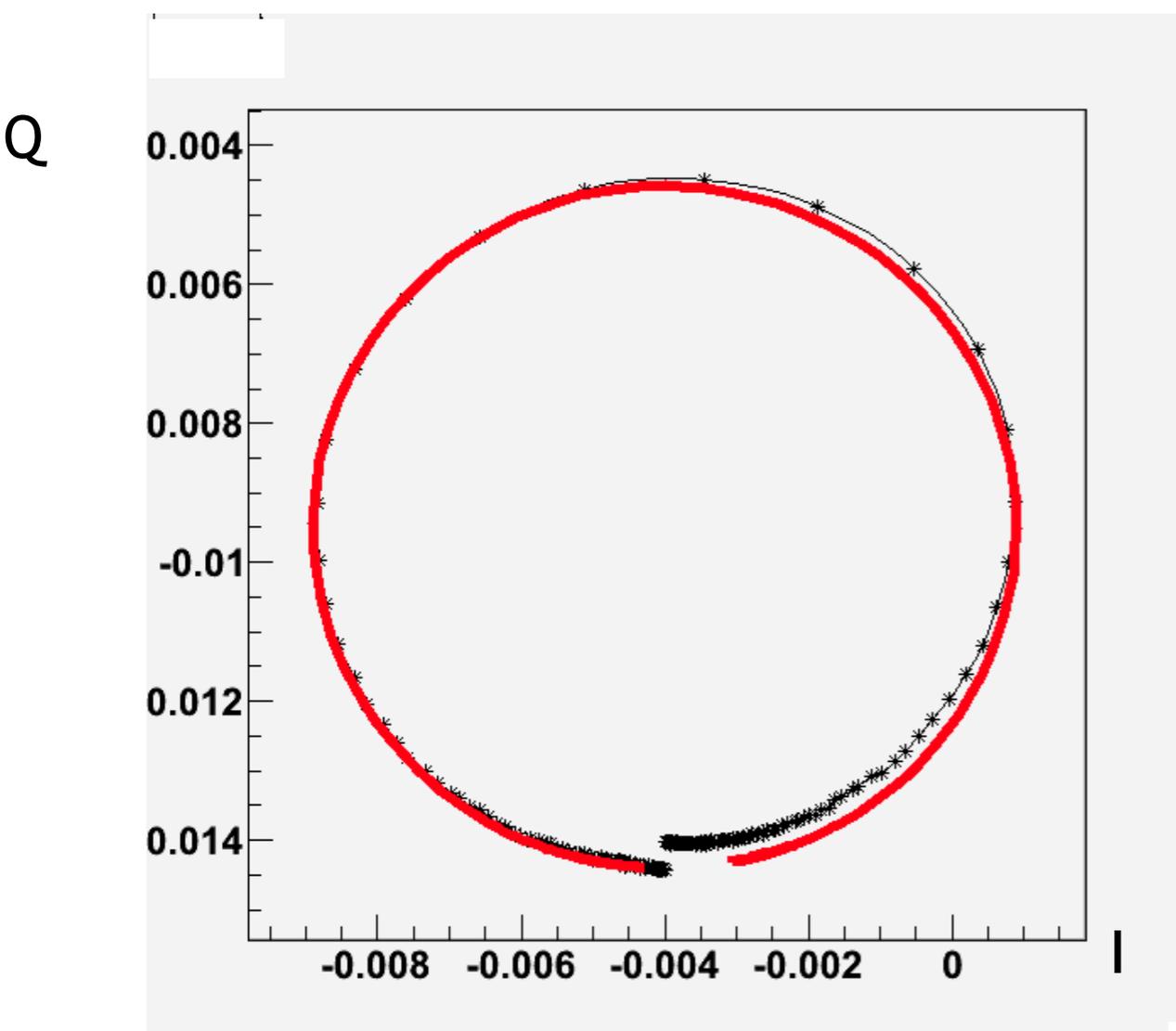
10k pixels in a sensor  
4-8 GHz

capacitor

Current performance  $R=E/\Delta E \sim 10$ , the sensors should be able to achieve  $R \sim 100$ . Lot's of R&D still needed. DAQ is a big challenge.



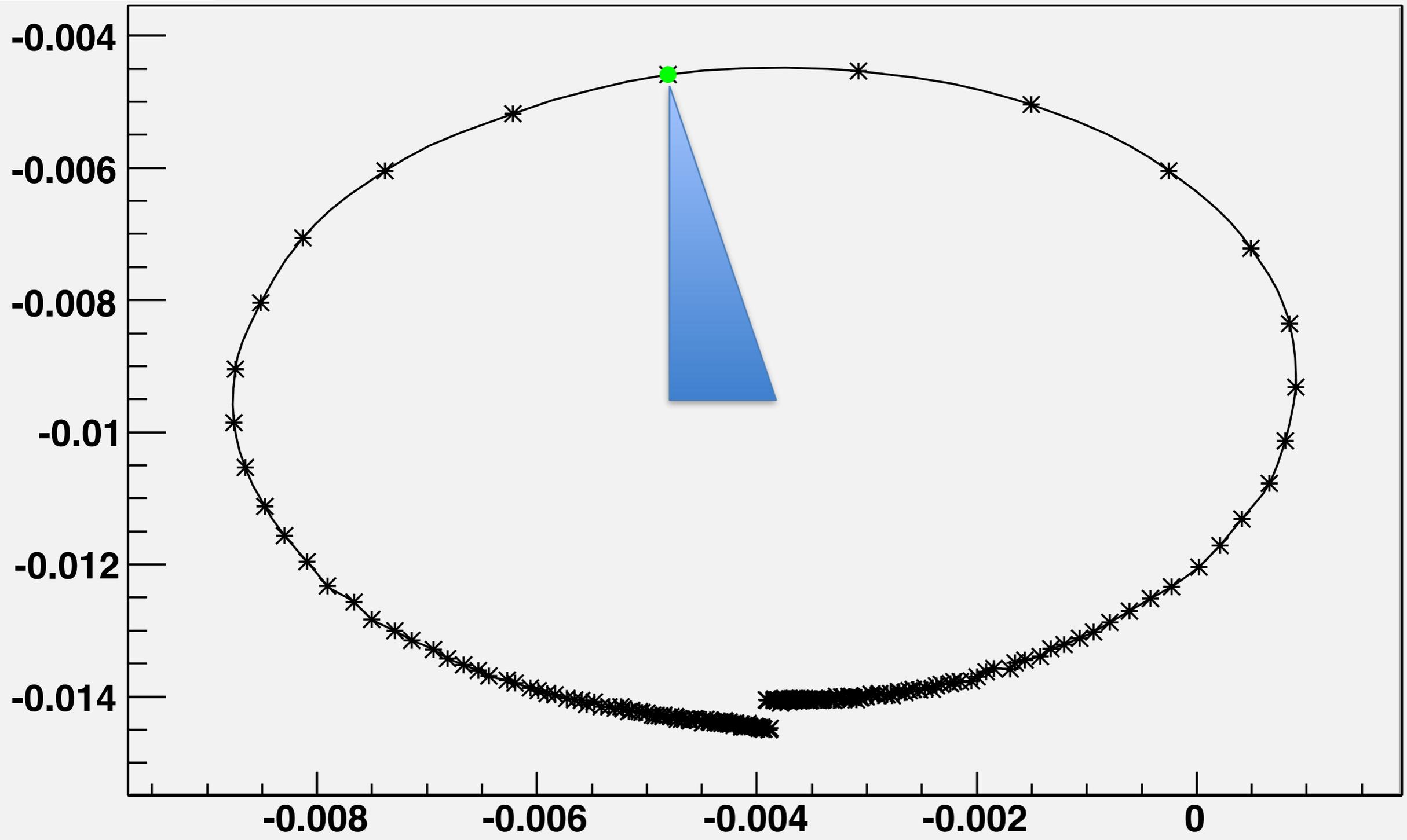
Q & I measured relative to  $S_1$   
 $S_{21}$  is the sum in quadrature of Q & I



Pixel 1:  $Q=187k$  ,  $f_0=6.09143$  Ghz



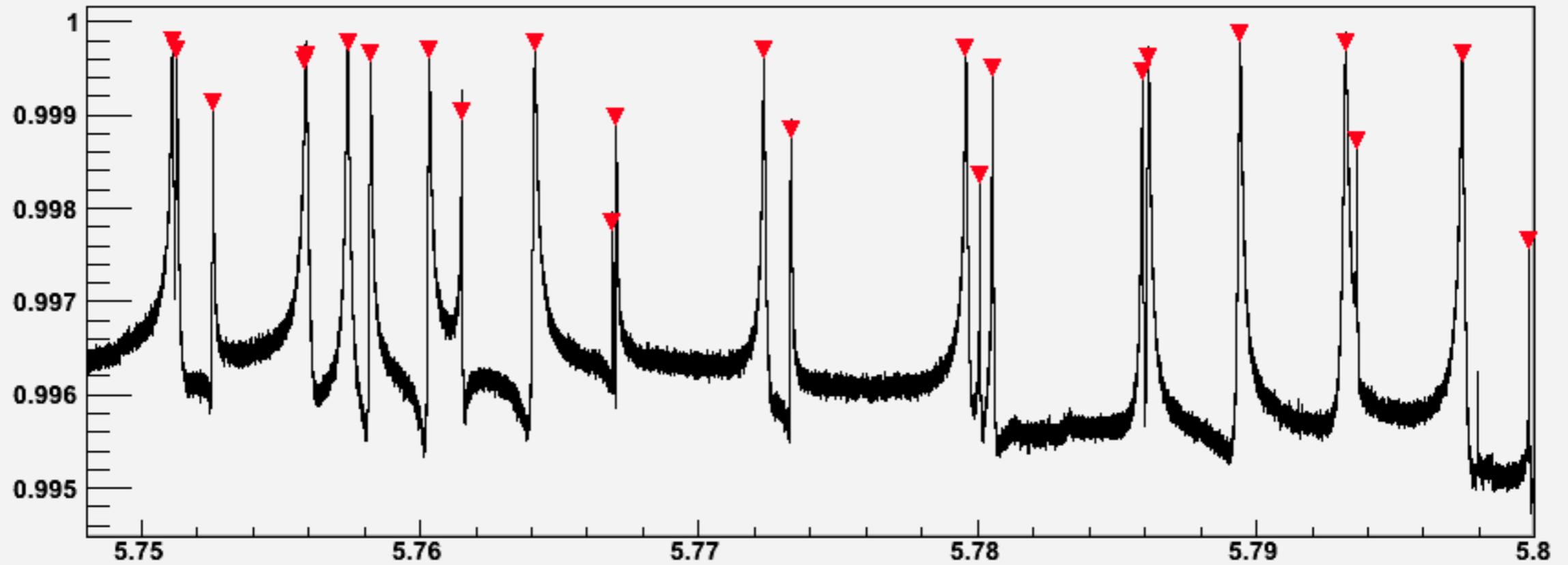
150mK



There is still a lot of work  
to do

- Pixel overlap
- Pixel non-uniformity (Q)
- Pixel spacing

$1-S_{21}$

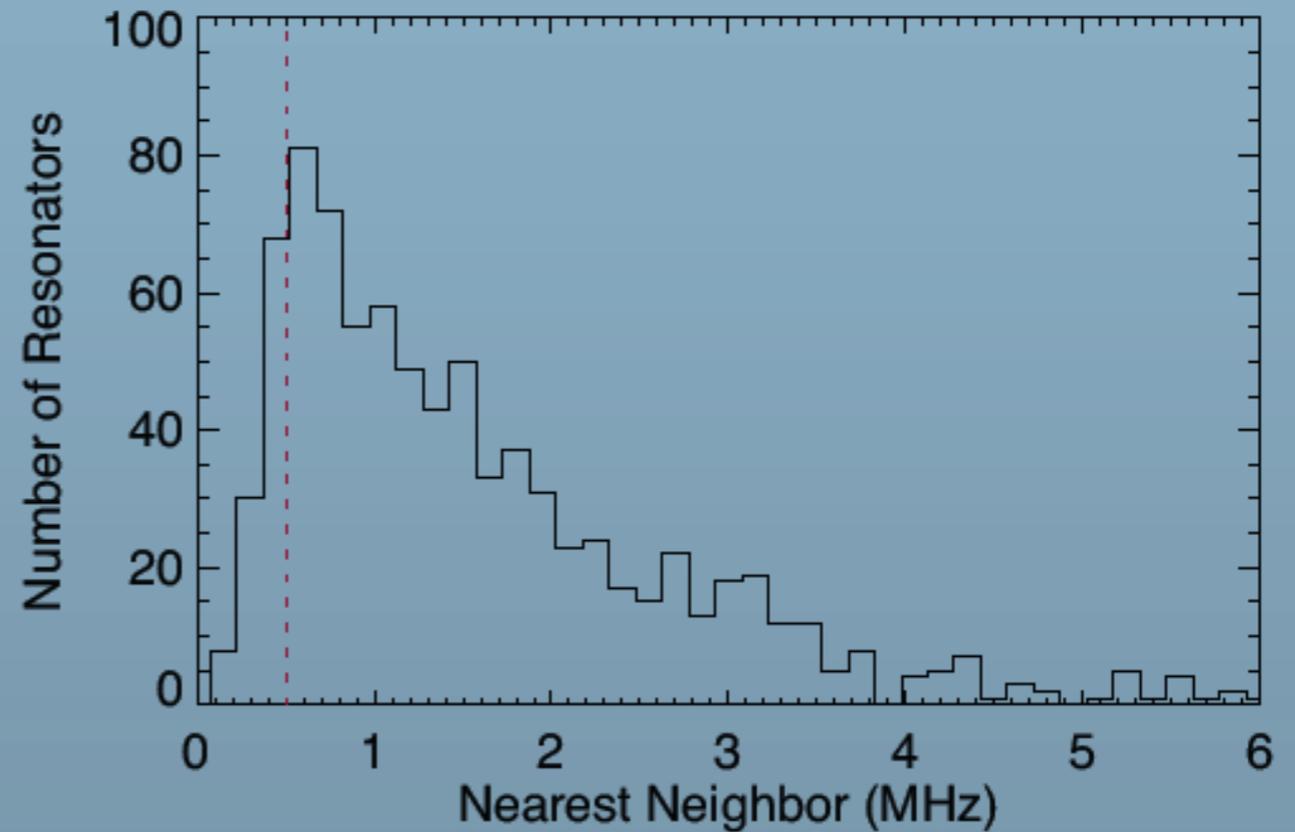
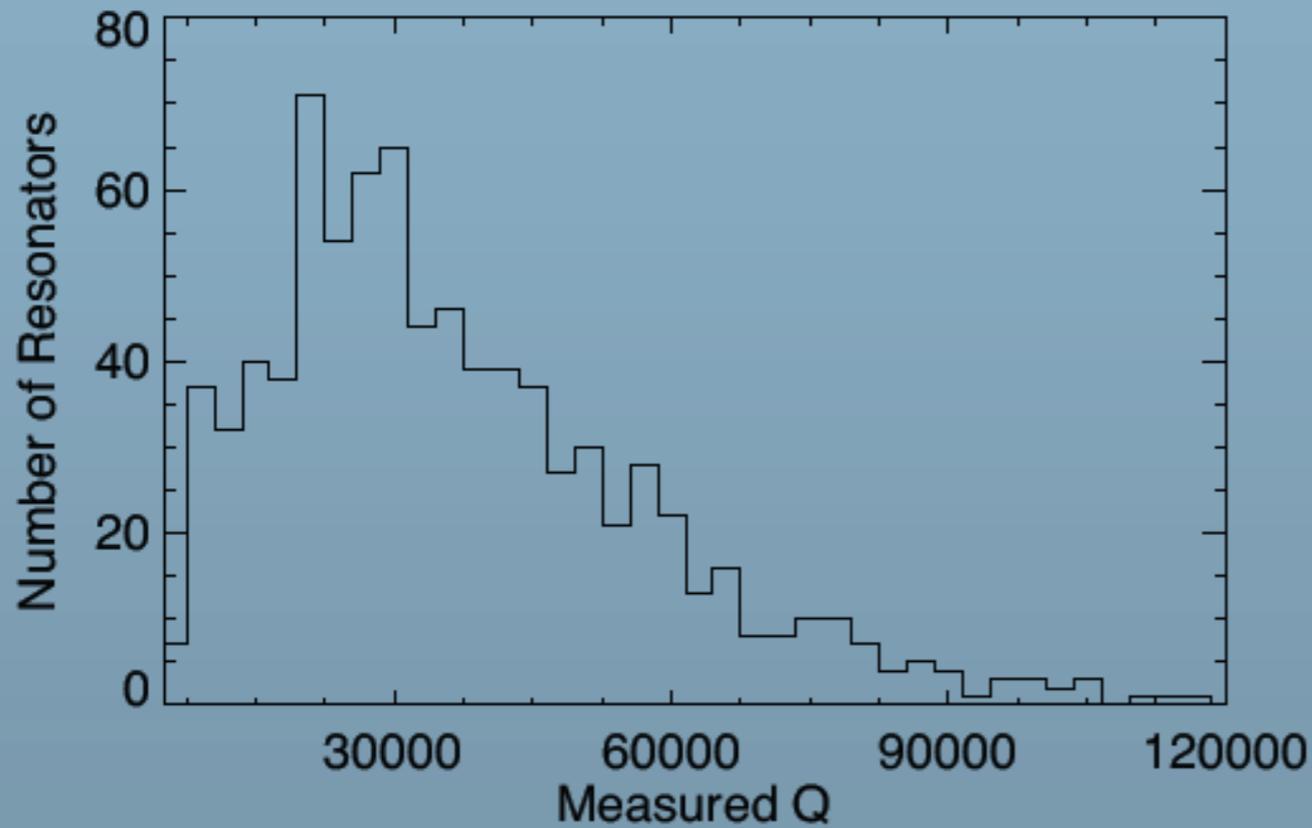
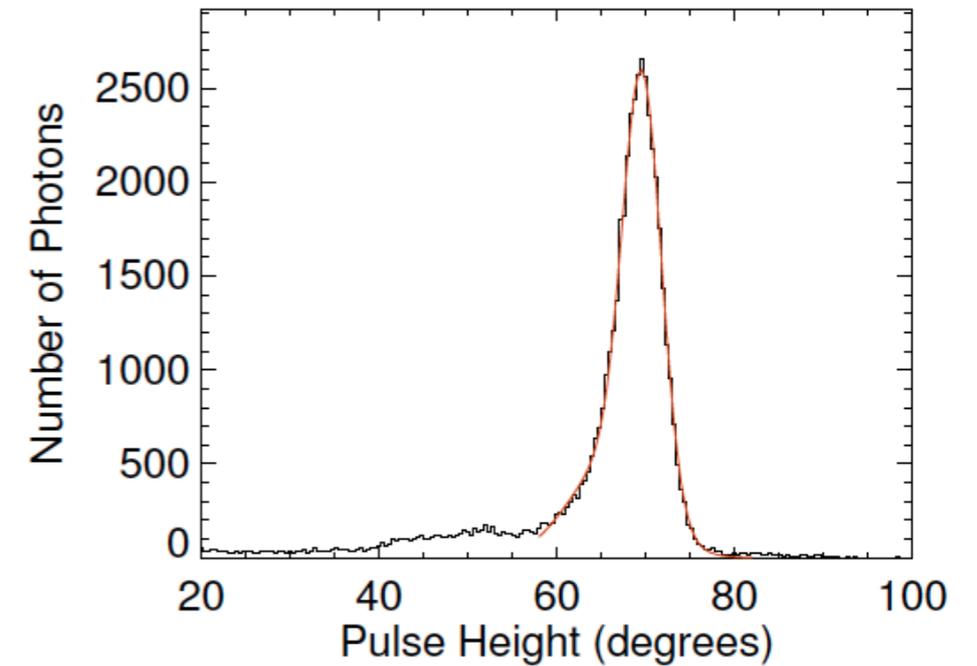


Frequency (GHz)

$R = E/\delta E = 16 @ 250\text{nm}$

Theoretical limit for the MKIDs is  $R=180$ ... there is still ways to go.

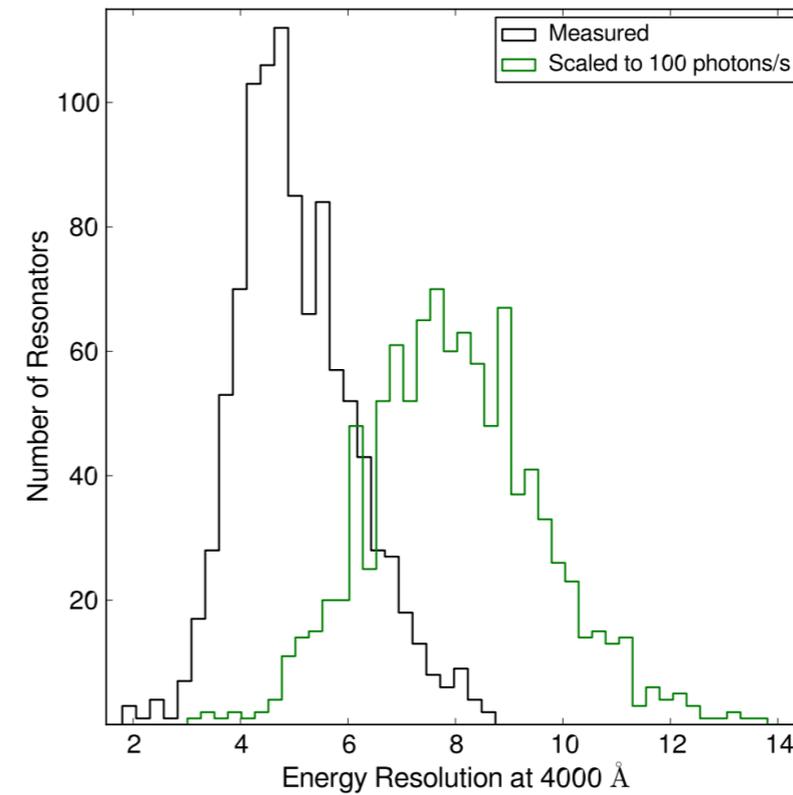
Q is not always the same.



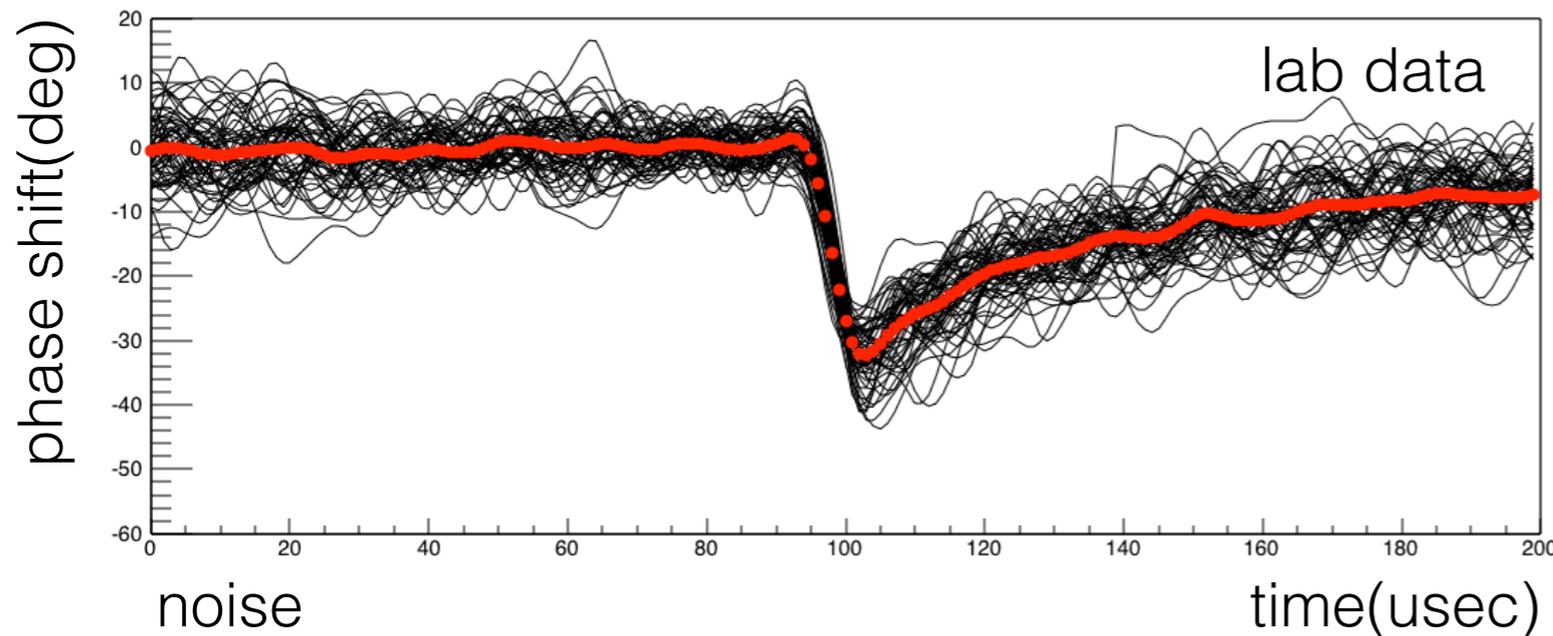
yield issues



**Figure 10.** The results of beam mapping the ARCONS array. Pixels with good locations are shown in white. Vignetting is apparent at the bottom right side of the array. The overall pixel yield in this engineering-grade array is  $\sim 70\%$ .



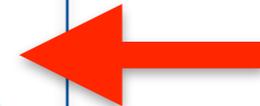
**Figure 11.** A histogram of spectral resolution of one feedline from the array. The black line shows the energy resolution from calibration files taken at Palomar with a high count rate of  $\sim 1000$  cts/sec. The green curve shows the projected energy resolution we expect to recover at the nominal sky count rate of 100 cts/sec by scaling the black data by the expected degradation in spectral resolution with count rate, the red curve in Figure 13. The other feedline is very similar.



the UCSB group has done huge progress. Now we need to invest more resources to make them viable for Dark Energy.

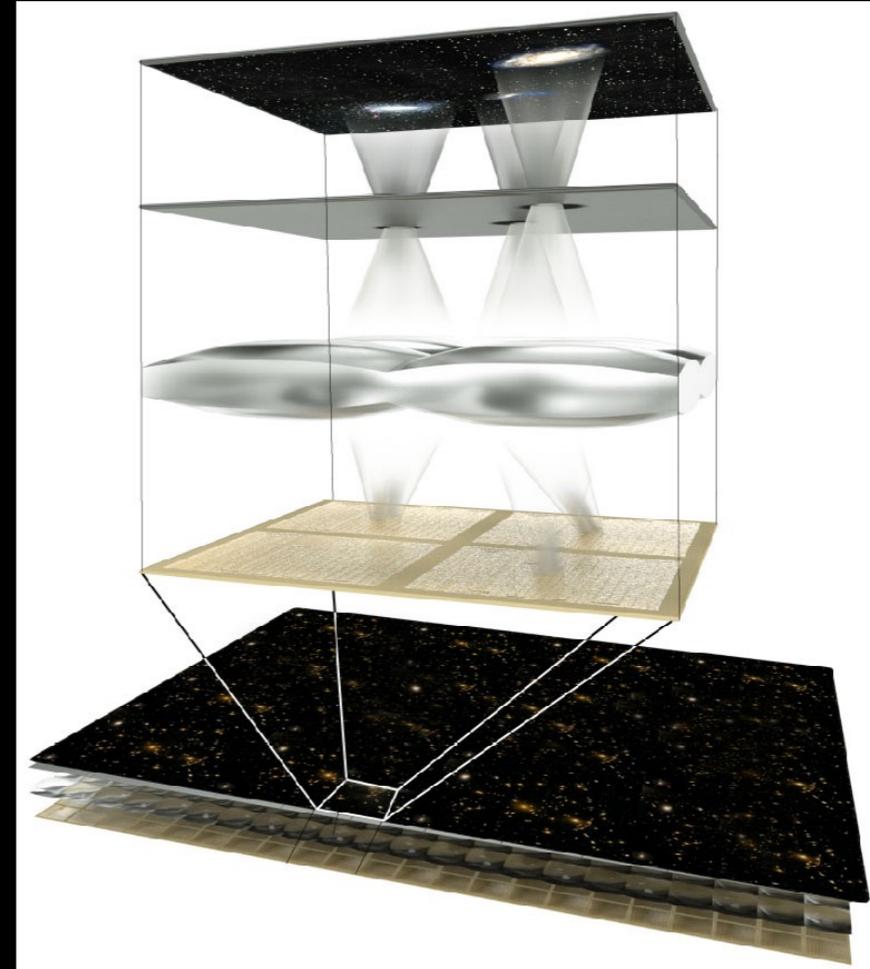
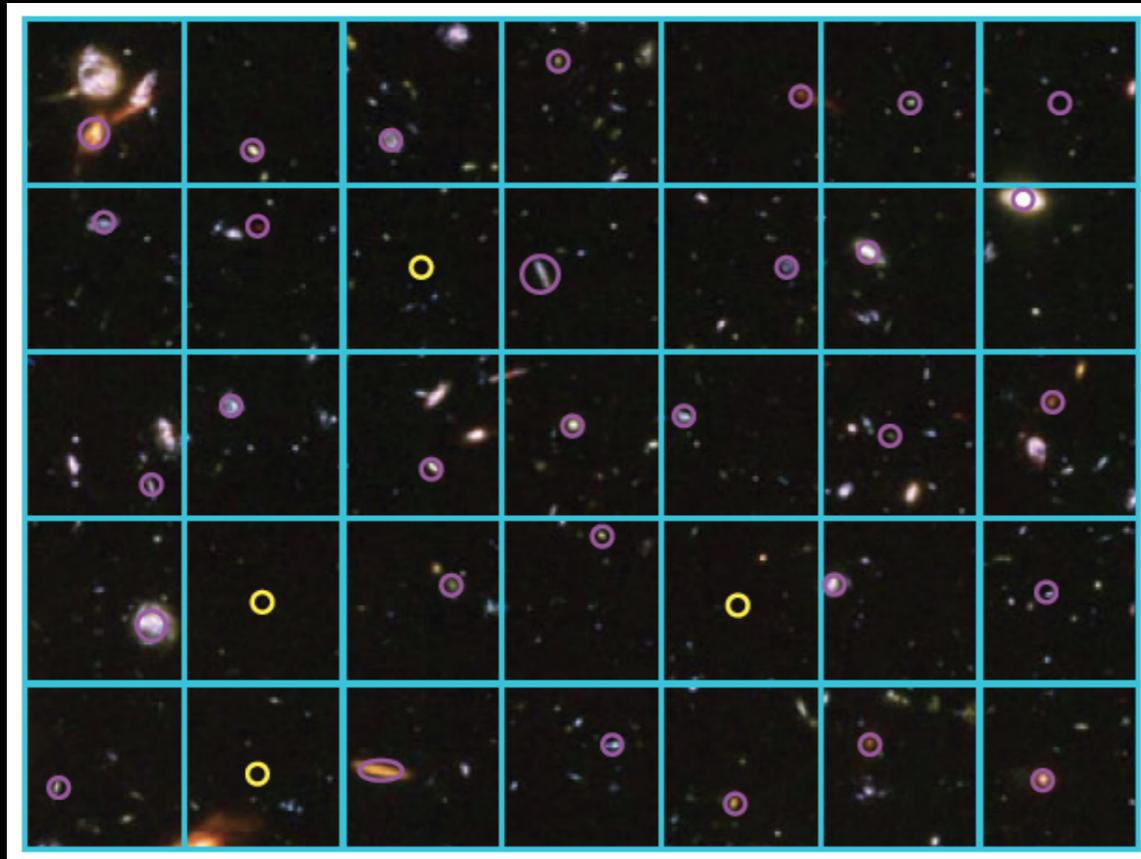
Recognized by P5 as a technology that could dramatically leverage investments.

Candidates for the **Small Projects Portfolio** can dramatically leverage investments in DESI and LSST. With Integral Field Spectrographs, the large samples of both nearby and distant supernovae found by, *e.g.*, DES and LSST can be studied in detail to make supernova-based measurements as precise as the complementary DESI BAO measurements. With focused spectroscopic follow-up of the LSST galaxies, the galaxy-based measurements from LSST can be calibrated much more precisely. Proposals to develop novel Microwave Kinetic Inductance Detectors would allow the billions of galaxies found by LSST to be used for wider field/lower resolution RSD. Novel probes to search for the new force introduced by explanations of acceleration that modify Einstein's theory of gravity were identified at Snowmass.



# GigaZ/MegaZ : Photo-z machine

- Marsden et al 2013
- LOI ESO 2014 (Oxford, Fermilab, UCSB)



Make large pixels, and use mask to select a galaxy for each pixel. **100,000 spectroscopic channels in 1 square deg. is possible (20x DESI).** **Resolution  $R \sim 100$ .** White paper to Snowmass 2013. Large project after LSST. (See comment from P5)

Marsden et al  
2013.

This paper  
discusses what is  
possible with an  
MKID base  
survey. Some  
aspects of the  
science with  
MKIDs after  
LSST are  
presented.

There is still a lot  
of work to do in  
this area.

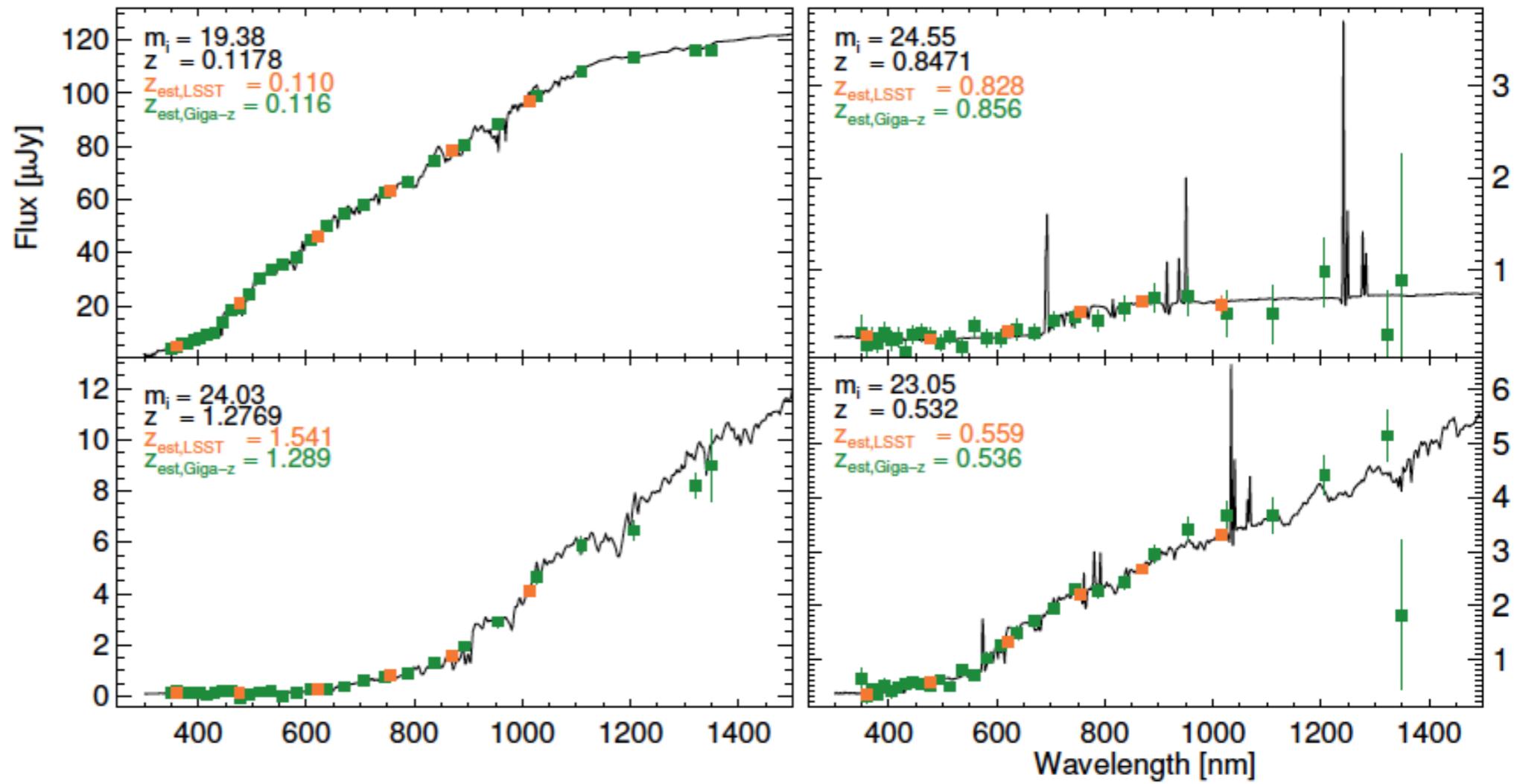
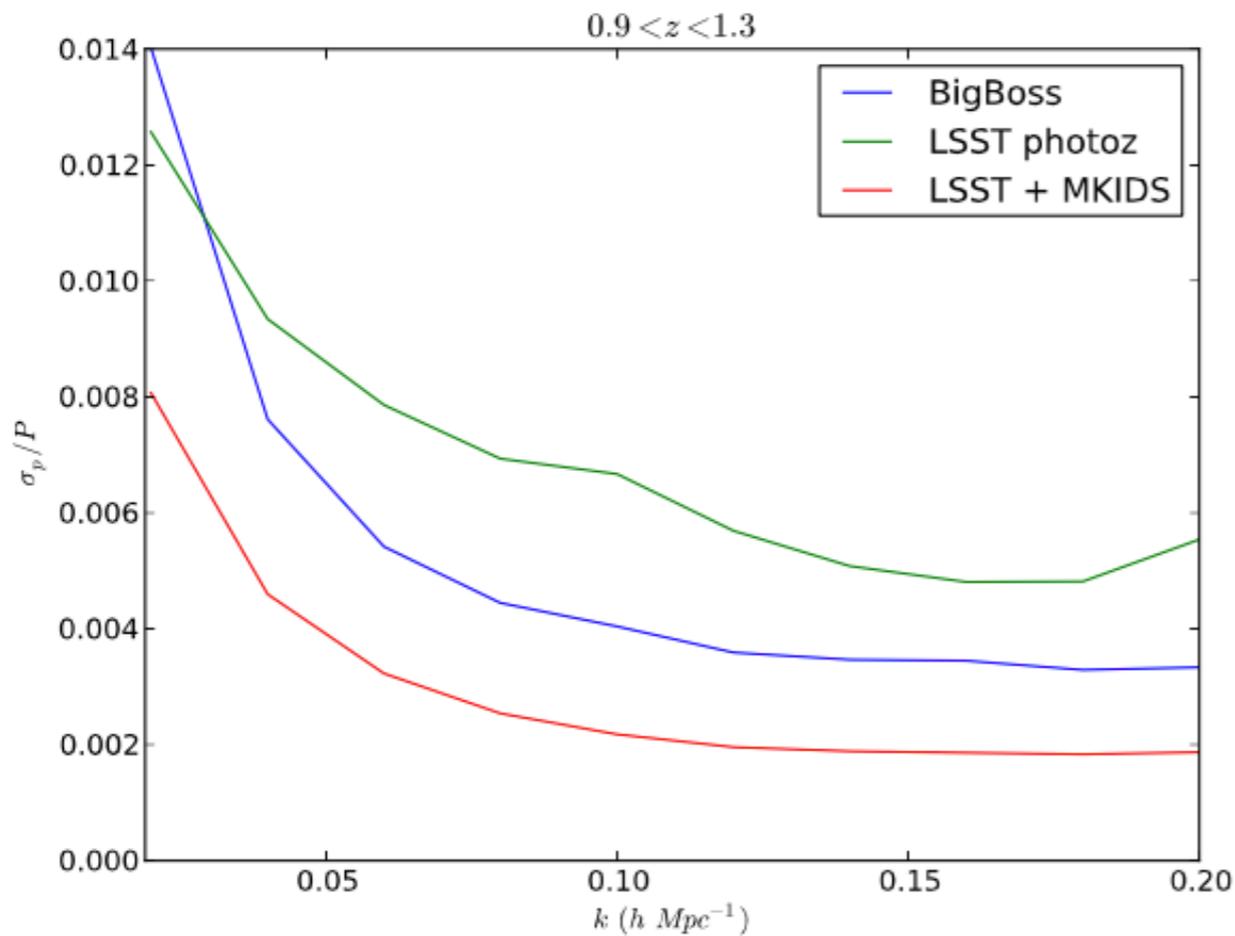


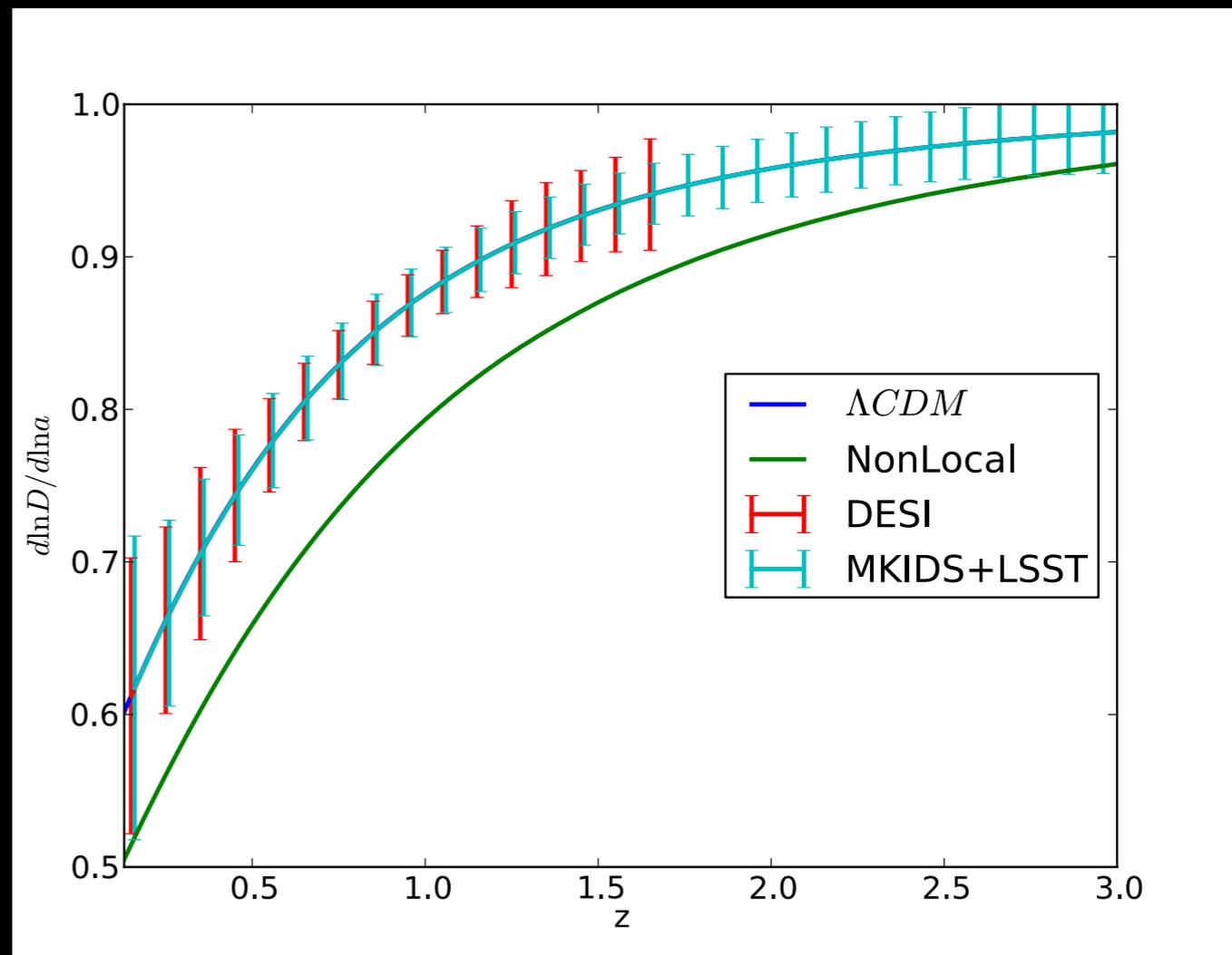
TABLE 4  
A COMPARISON OF REDSHIFT RECOVERY STATISTICS BETWEEN MULTI-BAND PHOTOMETRY OR MULTI-OBJECT SPECTROSCOPY EXPERIMENTS, BOTH PAST AND PLANNED.

Experiment	$N_{gals}$	Area [deg <sup>2</sup> ]	Magnitude Limit	$N_{filters}/Resolution$	Scatter	Cat. Failure Rate
COMBO 17 <sup>a</sup>	$\sim 10,000$	$\sim 0.25$	$R < 24$	17	0.06	$\lesssim 5\%$
COSMOS <sup>b</sup>	$\sim 100,000$	2	$i_{AB}^+ \sim 24$	30	0.06	$\sim 20\%$
	$\sim 30,000$	2	$i^+ < 22.5$	30	0.007	$< 1\%$
CFHTLS - Deep <sup>c</sup>	244,701	4	$i'_{AB} < 24$	5	0.028	3.5%
CFHTLS - Wide <sup>c</sup>	592,891	35	$i'_{AB} < 22.5$	5	0.036	2.8%
PRIMUS <sup>d</sup>	120,000	9.1	$i_{AB} \sim 23.5$	$R_{423} \sim 90$	$\sim 0.005$	$\sim 2\%$
WiggleZ <sup>e</sup>	238,000	1,000	$20 < r < 22.5$	$R_{423} = 845$	$\lesssim 0.001$	$\lesssim 30\%$
Alhambra <sup>f</sup>	500,000	4	$I \leq 25$	23	0.03	...
BOSS <sup>g</sup>	1,500,000	10,000	$i_{AB} \leq 19.9$	$R_{423} \sim 1600$	$\lesssim 0.005$	$\sim 2\%$
DES <sup>h</sup>	300,000,000	5,000	$r_{AB} \lesssim 24$	5	0.1	...
EUCLID <sup>i</sup>	2,000,000,000	15,000	$Y, J, K \lesssim 24$	3 <sup>+</sup>	$\lesssim 0.05$	$\lesssim 10\%$
	50,000,000	15,000	$H_\alpha \geq 3e-16 \text{ erg/s/cm}^2$	$R_{1\mu m} \sim 250$	$\lesssim 0.001$	$< 20\%$
LSST <sup>j</sup>	3,000,000,000	20,000	$i_{AB} \lesssim 26.5$	6	$\lesssim 0.05$	$\lesssim 10\%$
Giga-z	2,000,000,000	20,000	$i_{AB} \lesssim 25.0$	$R_{423} = 30$	0.03	$\sim 19\%$
	224,000,000	20,000	$i_{AB} \lesssim 22.5$	$R_{423} = 30$	0.01	0.3%



How well could we measure the power spectrum if we reduce the redshift error in LSST from 0.1 to 0.01. From  $R \sim 5$  (5 filters) to  $R \sim 50$  (MKIDs)?

GR versus non-local gravity. The logarithmic derivative of the growth function as a function of redshift; this is directly measured in spectroscopic surveys capable of probing redshift space distortions. (arXiv:1310.4329)



# Challenges for this technology

- Sensor performance: need to improve  $R_n$  closer to theory limit
- Number of channels per feed line is currently limited to digital signal processing and ADC speed.
- MKID packaging is not mechanically or thermally viable for a large array.
- MKID DAQ: Data rates on the scale of a particle physics experiment.

UCSB, Oxford and Fermilab interested in developing large instruments with MKIDs. The current plan includes building an instrument at FNAL to be installed at SOAR to address these challenges. Ongoing tests at Palomar. Also Darkness, a Coronagraph developed by UCSB.

## Current status:

Tests done now: UCSB, Caltech, FNAL, Oxford, JPL  
September/October 2014

- Palomar 200" ARCONS array with latest wafer
- Hot pixels and "cosmic ray" noise greatly reduced
- > 75% pixels working;  $R = 5$
- Targets Observed:
  - 1SWASP J000205 (W Uma with reference star)
  - J0303 magnet wd eclipsed by M-dwarf
  - PSR J0337 (triple system)
  - Supernova PSN234416 + host galaxy image/spectroscopy
  - Ring nebula, NGC6751
  - X2 ULX in core of M82

# The ARCONS Camera

44x46 pixels

Lick and Palomar

30 nights  
observing



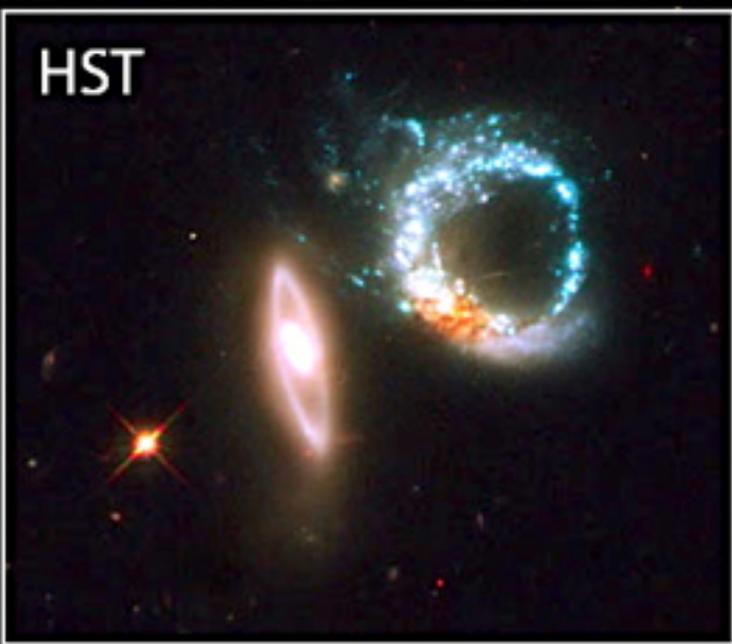
## First Papers:

Excess Optical Enhancement Observed with ARCONS for  
Early Crab Giant Pulses Strader et al. 2013 (ApJL)

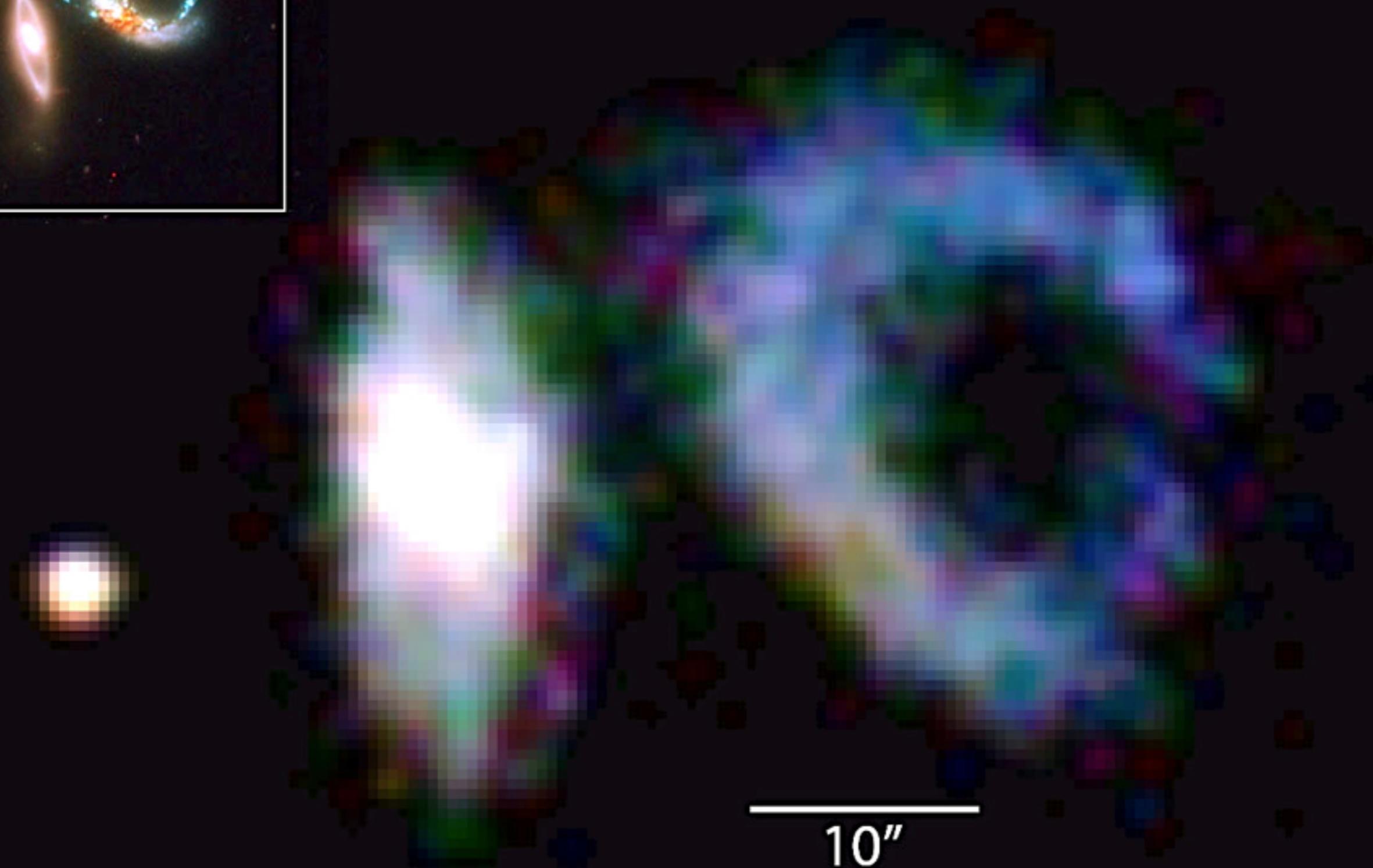
Direct Detection of SDSS J0926+3624 Orbital Expansion with  
ARCONS Szypryt et al. 2013 (MNRAS)

... not dark energy yet.

HST



Arp 147



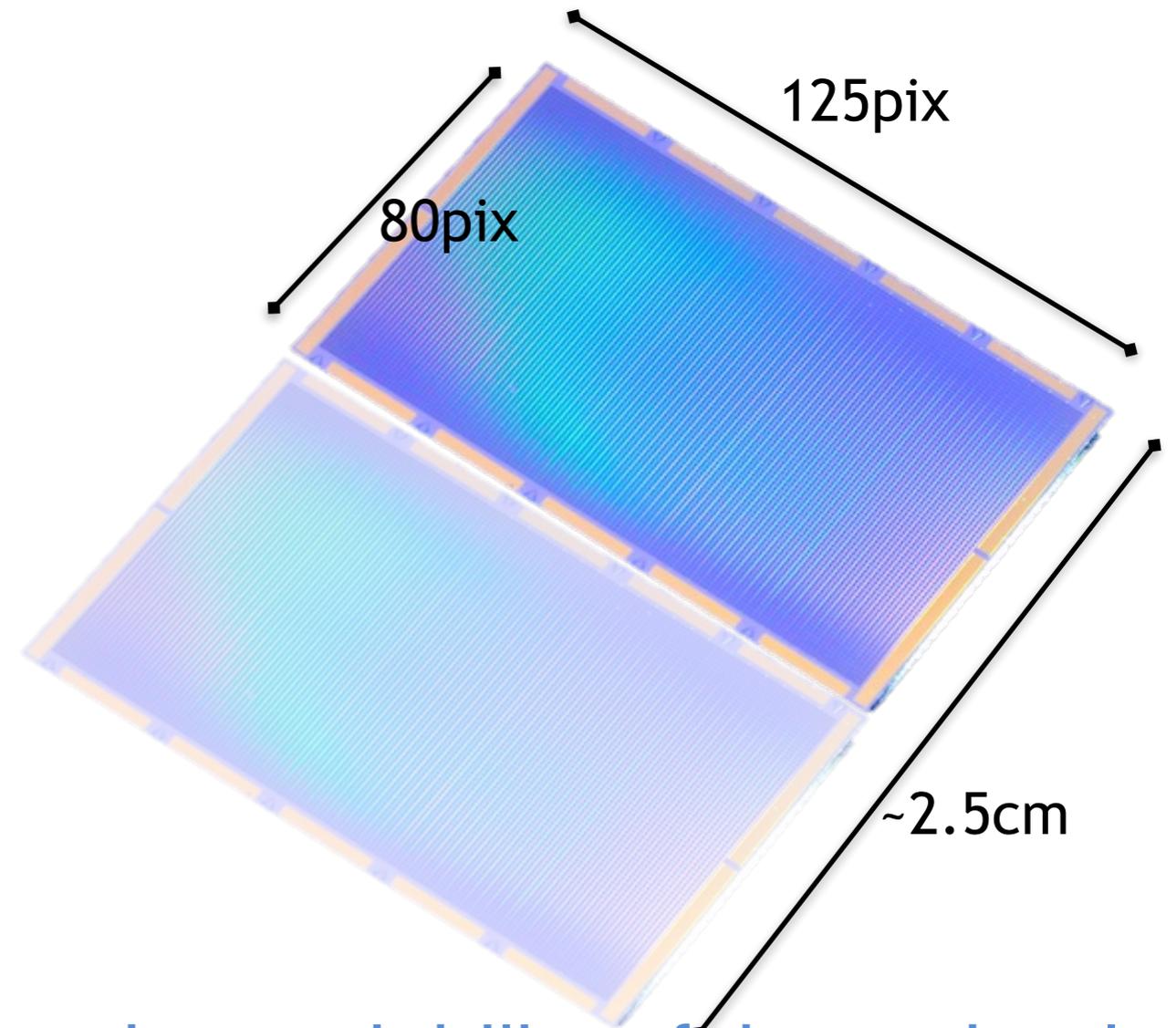
10''

Arcons observation

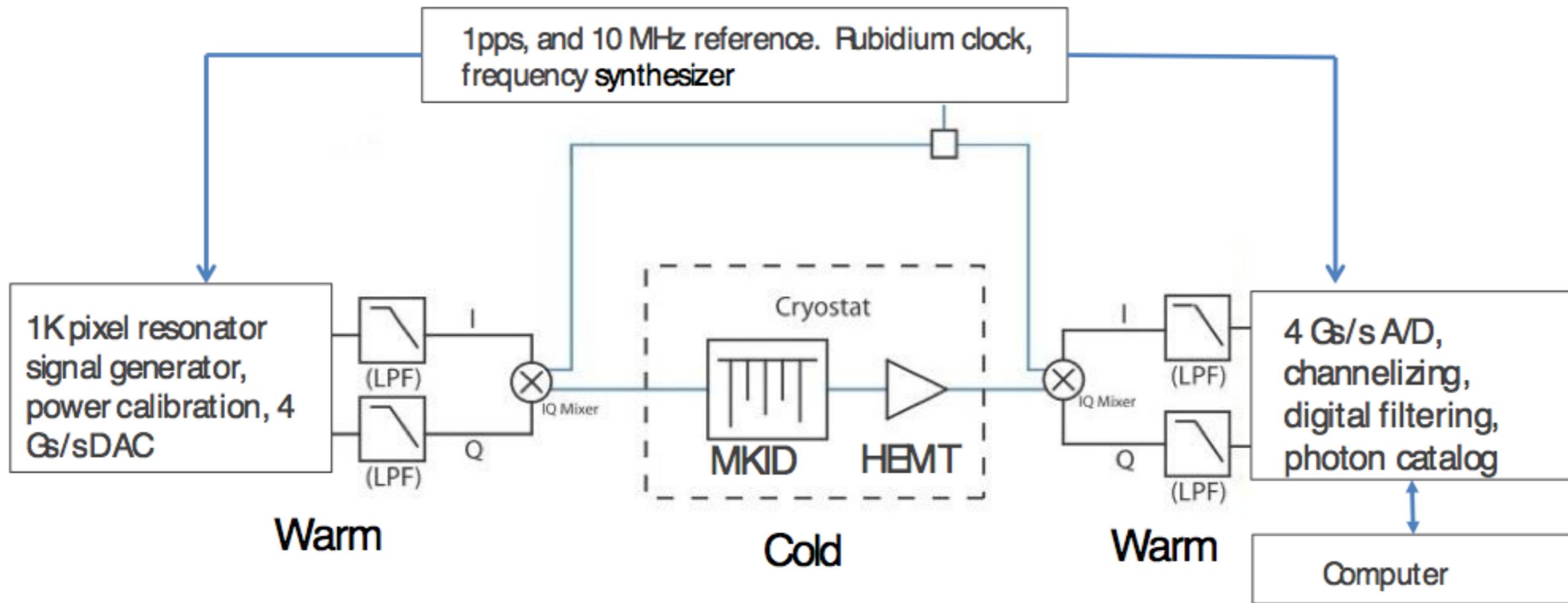
# 10k R&D instrument for Dark Energy (for 4m SOAR telescope)

## Baseline

- 10K pixels
- 0.3" pixel scale
- 80x125 pixels
- Band: 350-1350 nm
- $R_{423}=30$
  
- Maybe Mini-Mosaic with 2 sensors
- Scalable electronics
- Scalable packaging

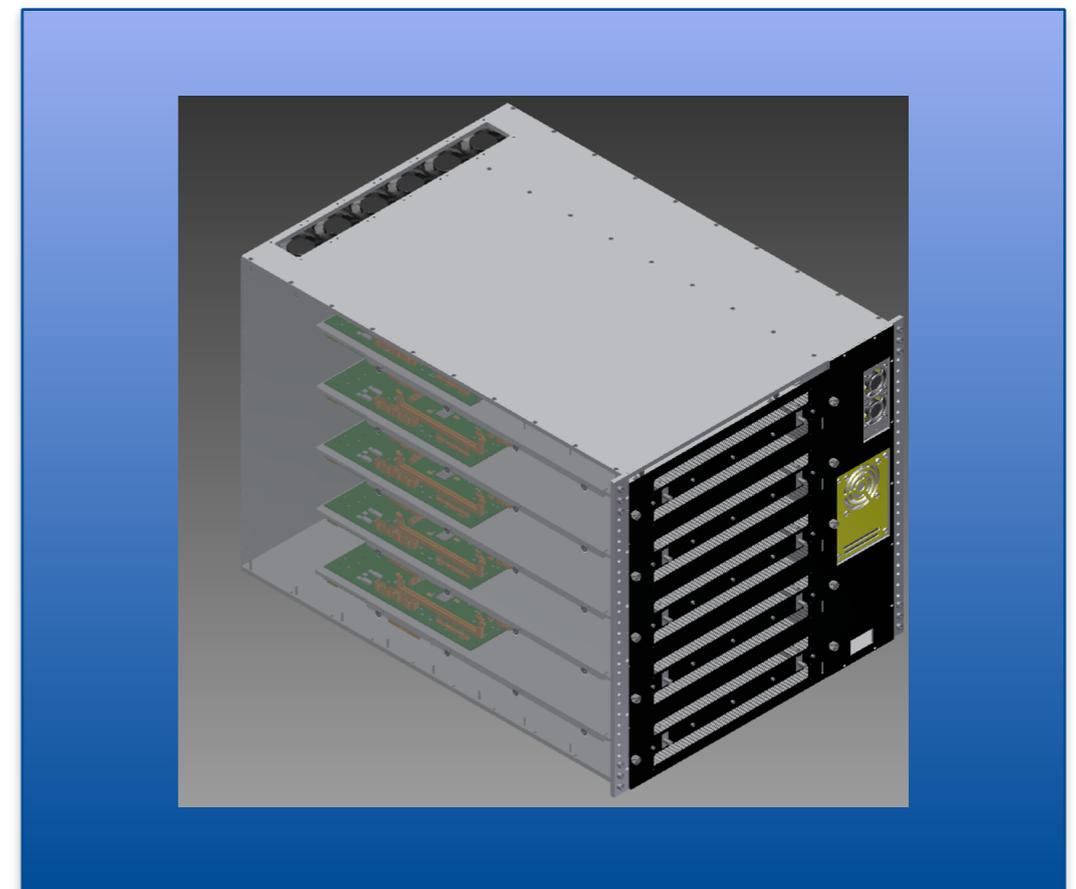


The main goal is to demonstrate the scalability of the technology.  
Baseline is one 10k array (2 would make it more fun!)



**Critical:** Scalable electronics being developed at FNAL and UCSB together.

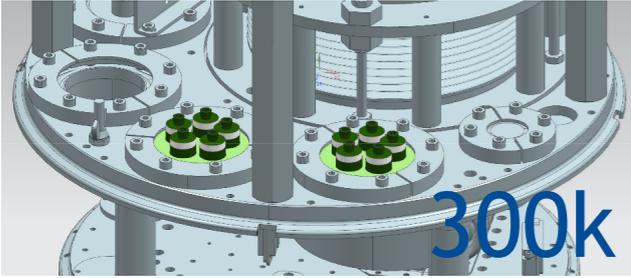
DAQ crate concept. Each crate with 10 systems reads 10K pix.



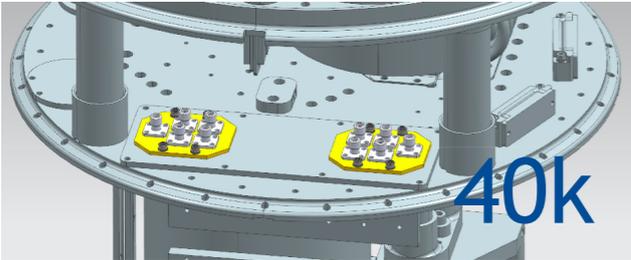
# Conclusion - Outlook

- After LSST we will have huge needs to measure spectra. Low resolution spectra could be very valuable.
- MKIDs are a possible technological solution for this. R&D needed in sensor, DAQ and cryogenics.
- Next R&D step is a 10k array... but will need to increase the effort if we want to make real progress after that.

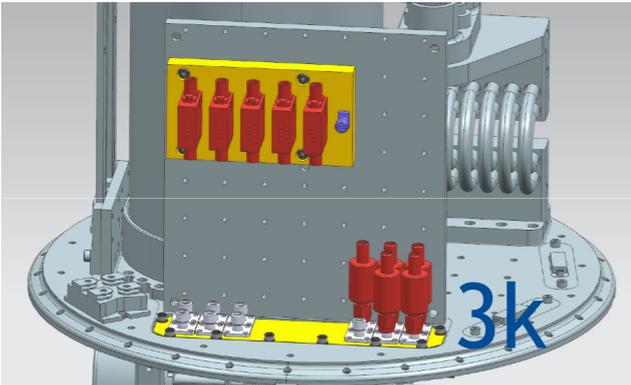
# MKIDs instrument for SOAR



300k

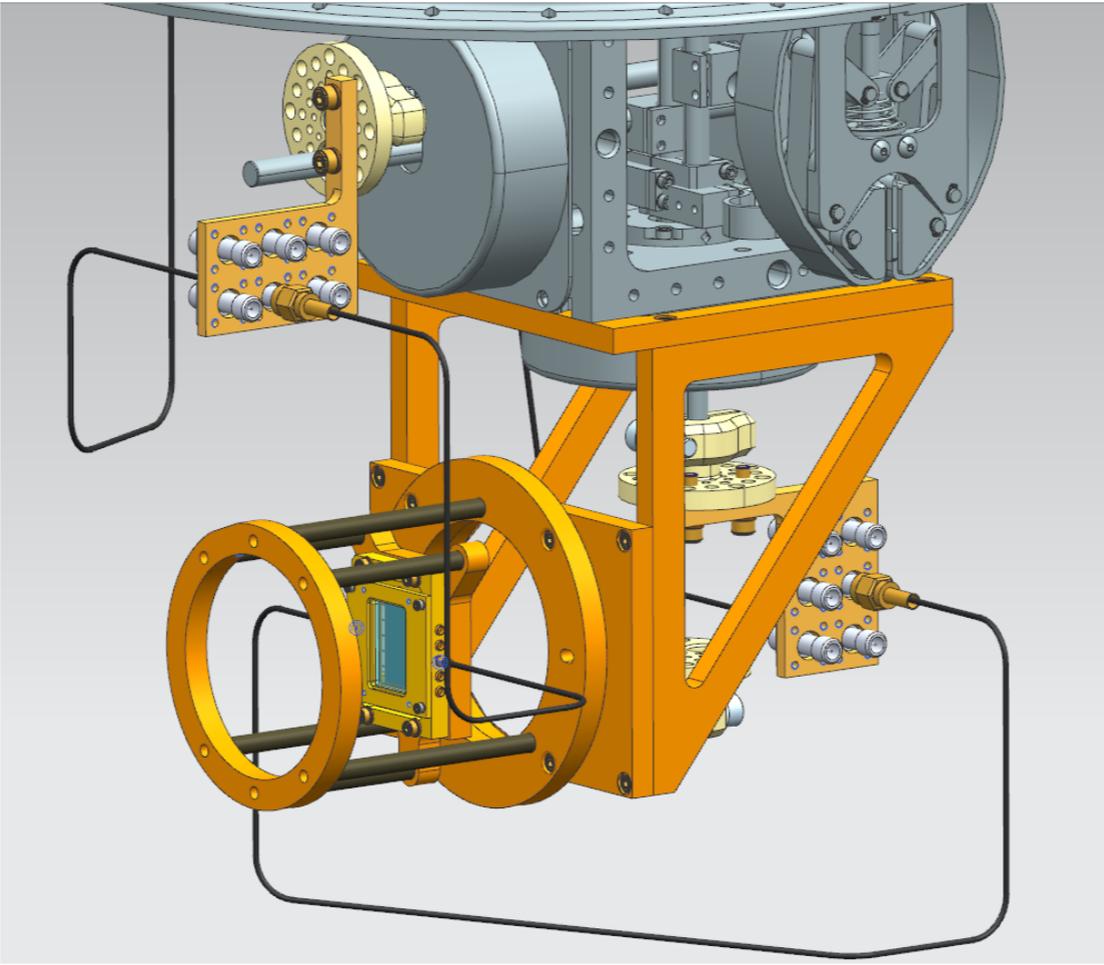


40k

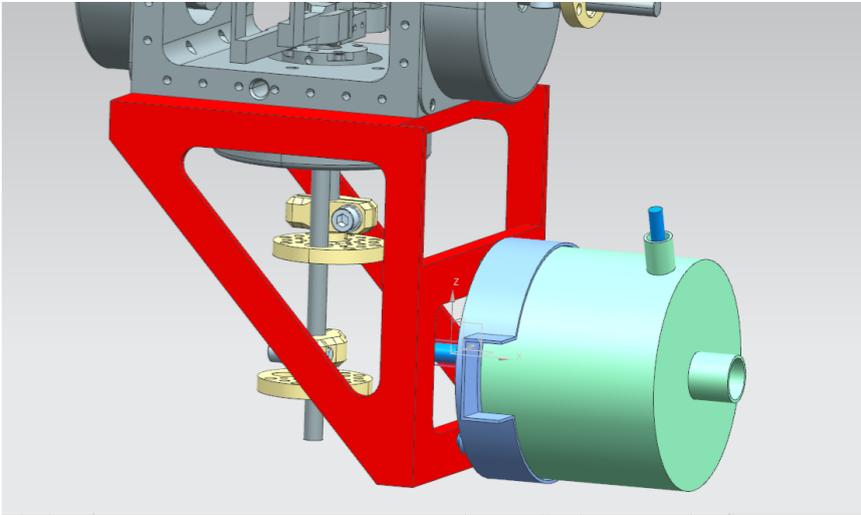


3k

Cabling +  
cold  
electronics



Focal plane



Magnetic  
shield