

Crosstalk in TES Microwave Frequency Multiplexing Systems

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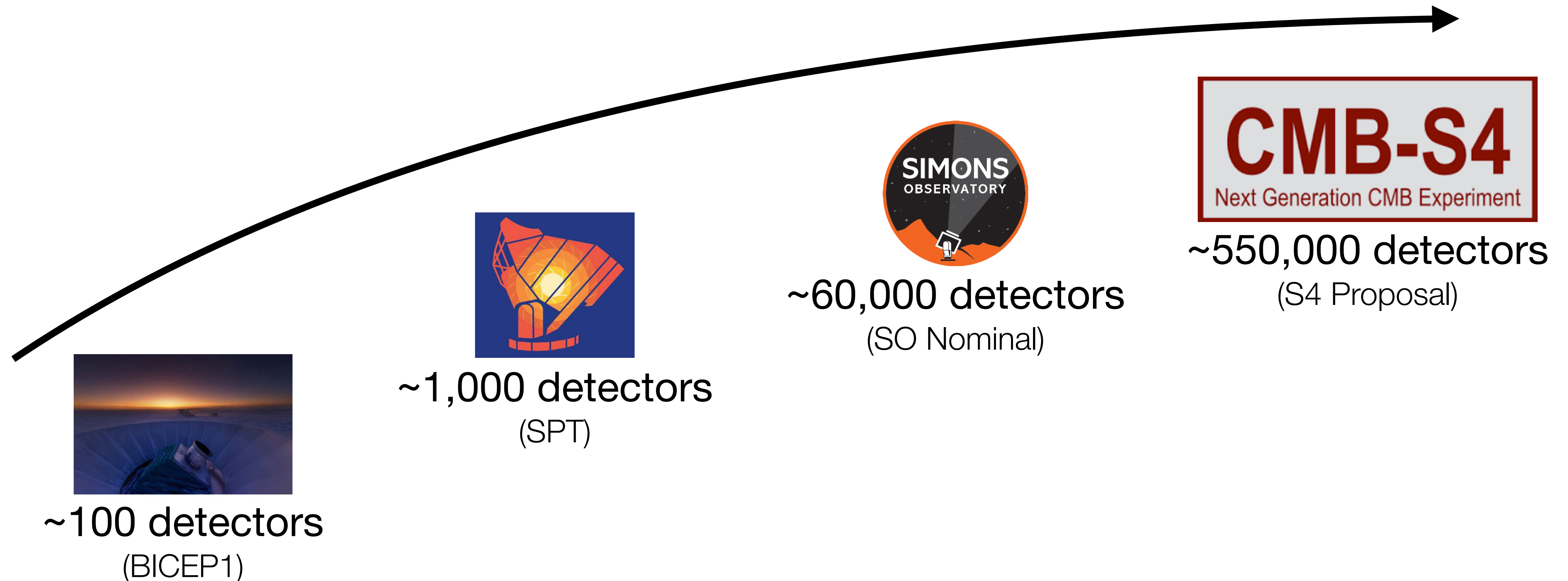
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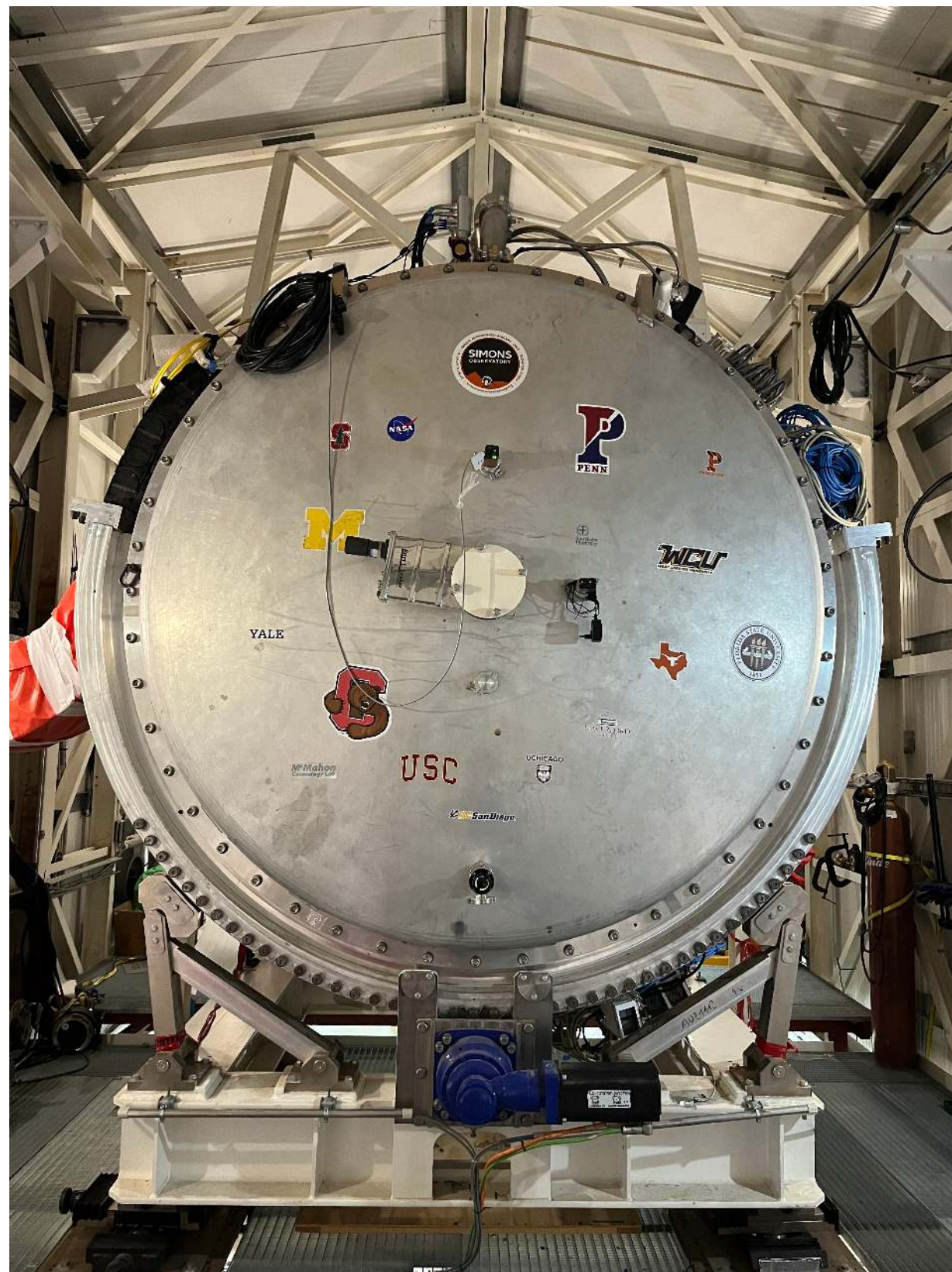
Next-generation CMB experiments require ever-increasing number of detectors



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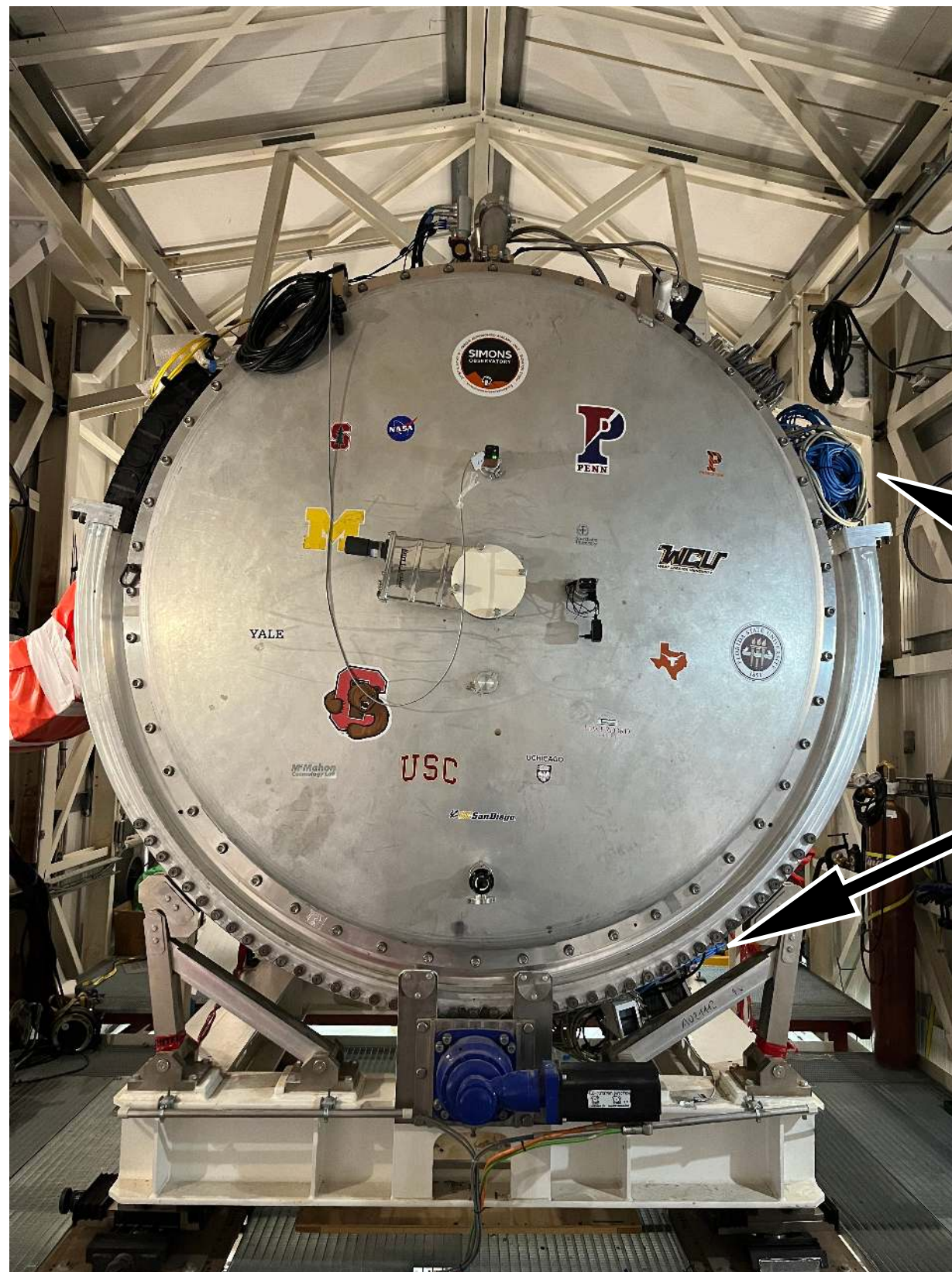


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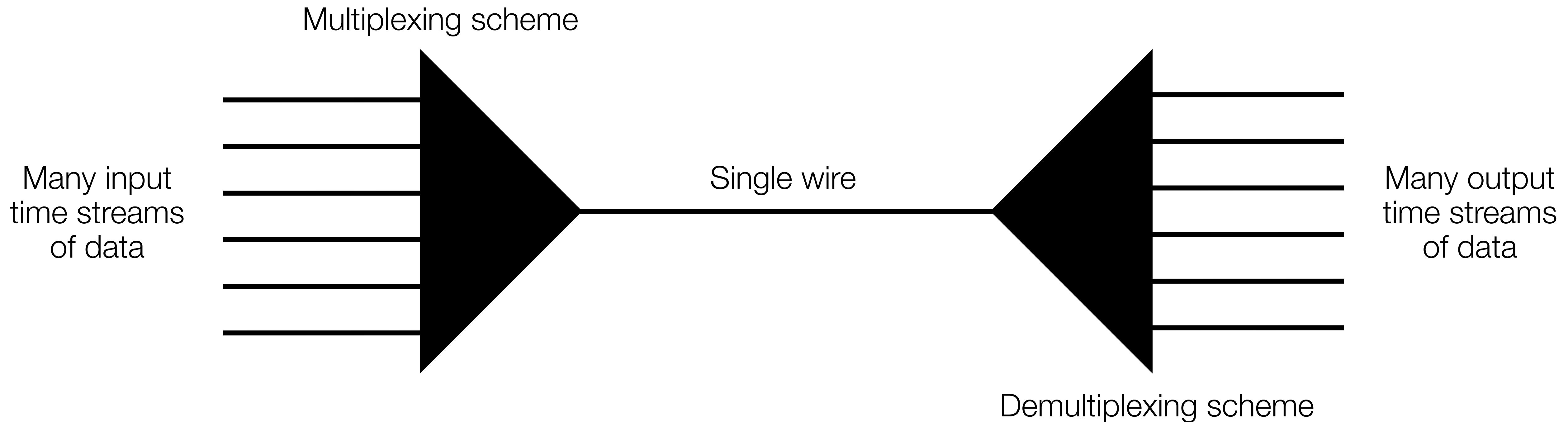
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Need novel methods for reading out
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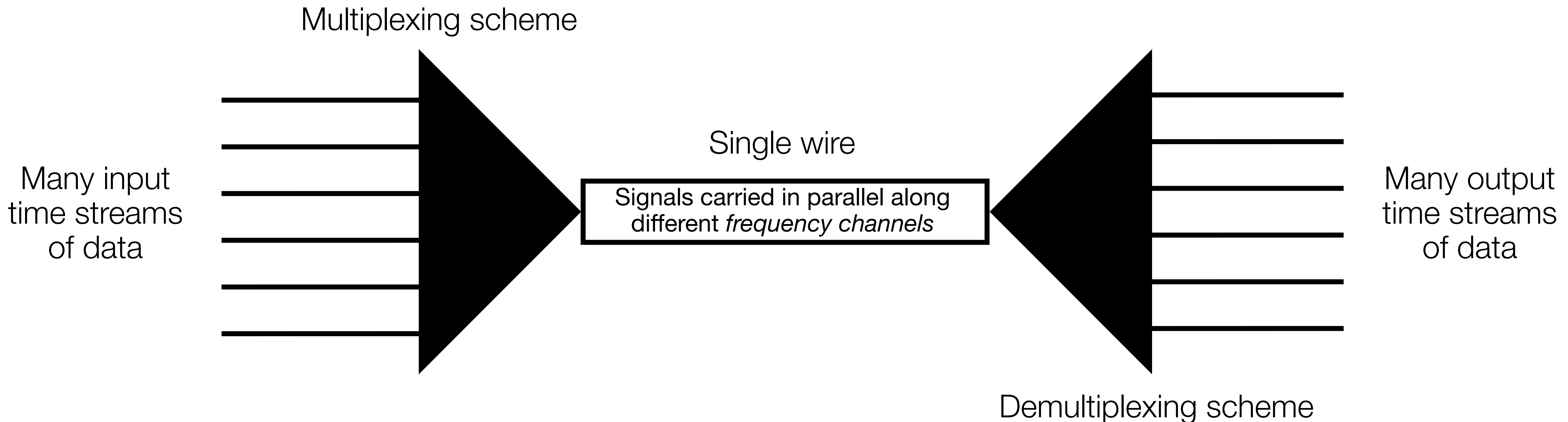
Multiplexing: combining multiple signals onto a single pathway



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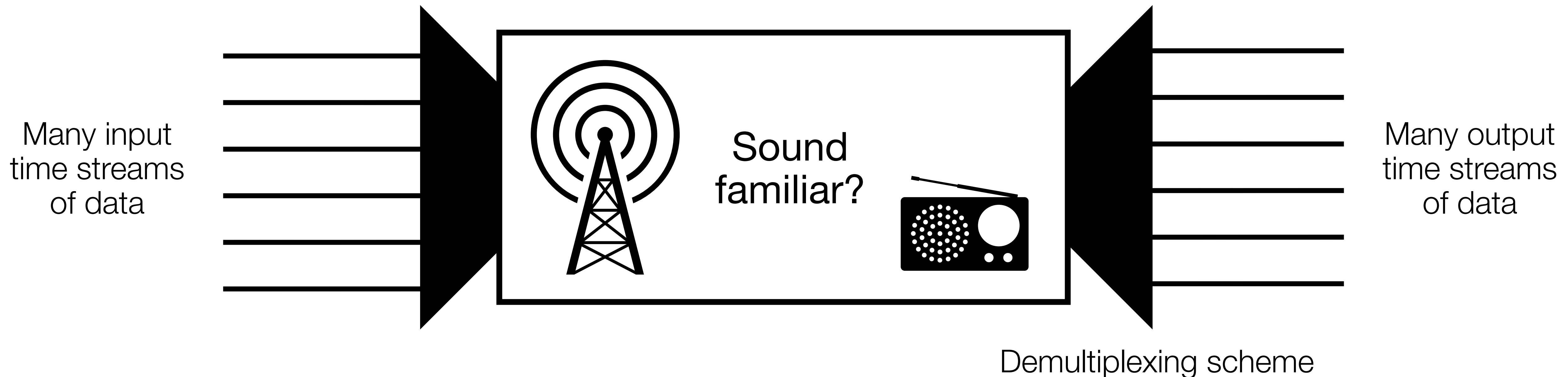


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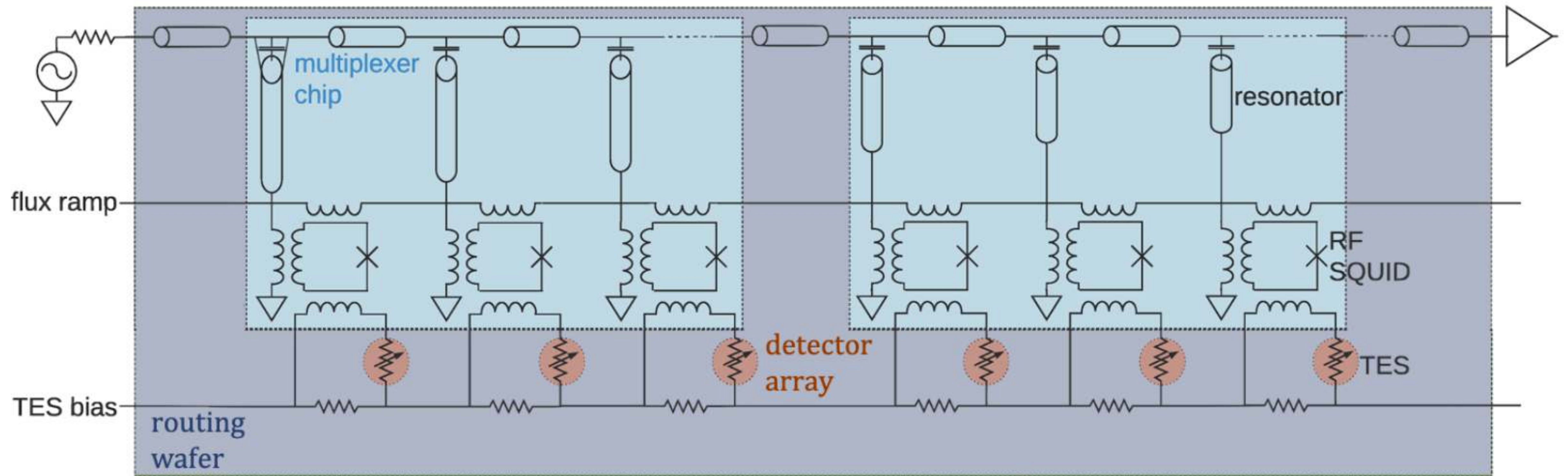
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Multiplexing scheme



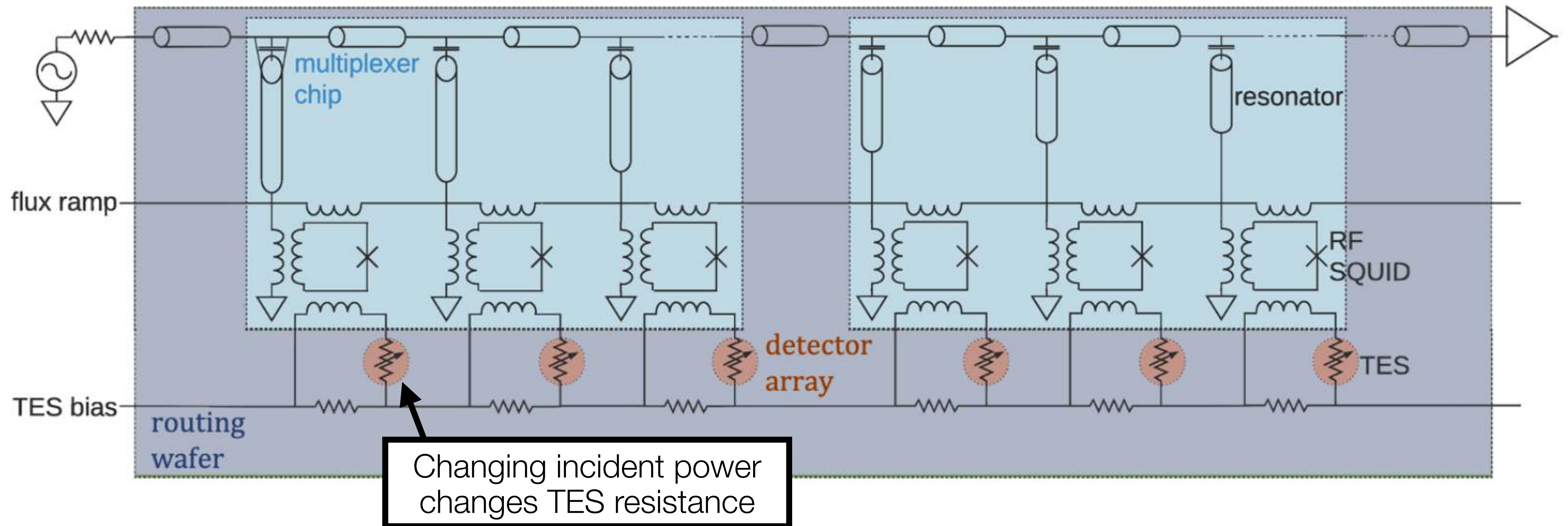
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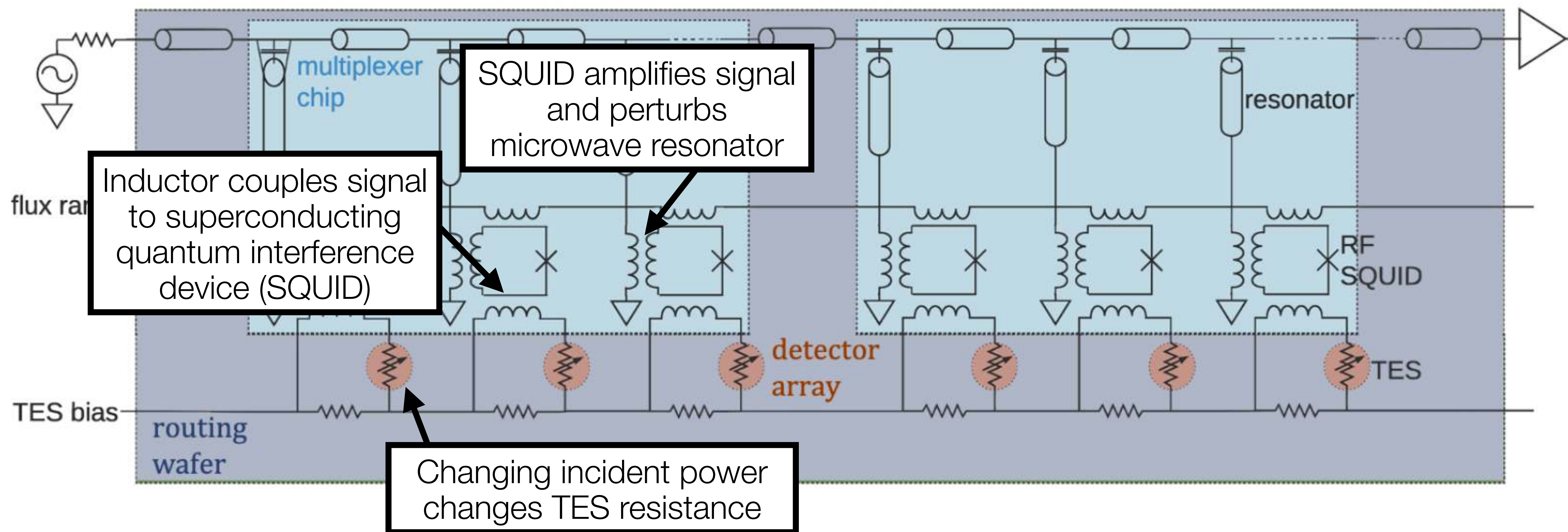


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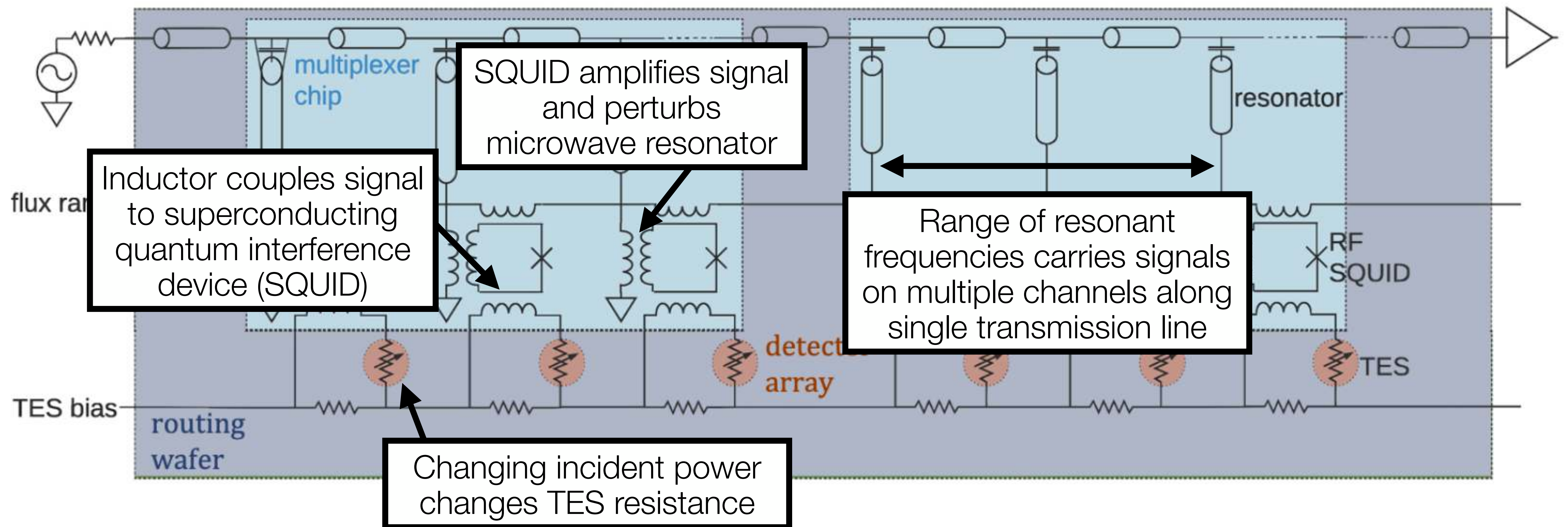
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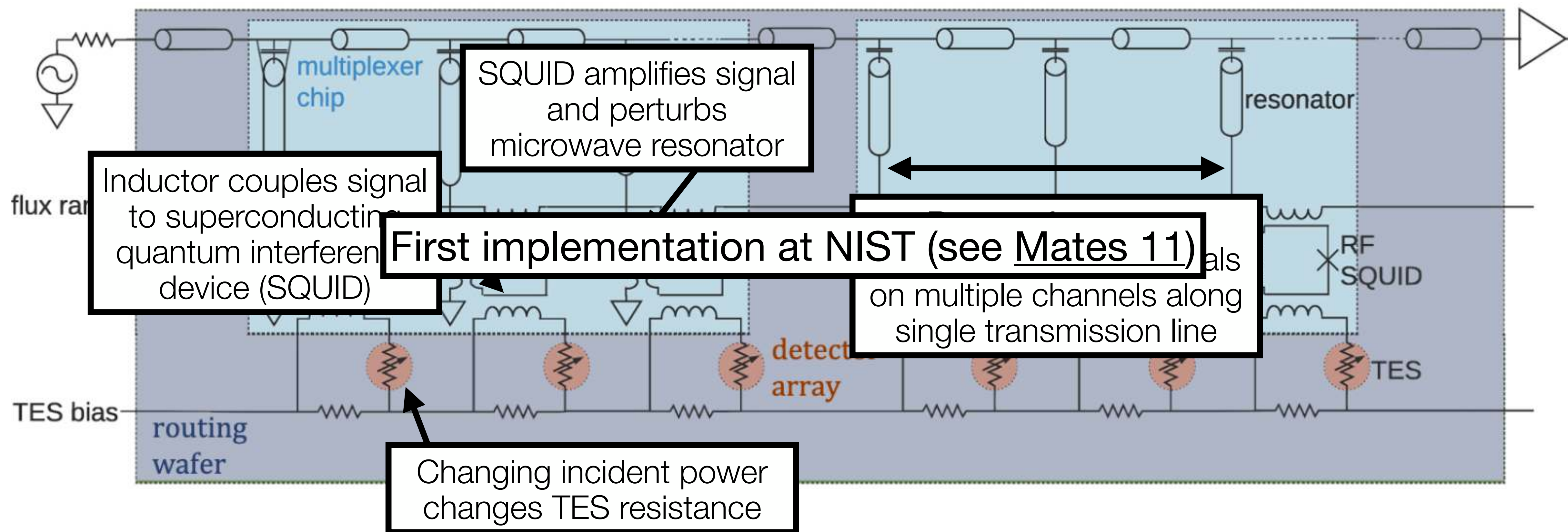
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In practice

SLAC Microresonator RF electronics (SMuRF): one stop MUX shop



Each system provides warm electronics for serving RF tones, biasing TESs, and generating flux ramp signal

Achieves multiplexing factor of $\sim 1,000$

One “crate” capable of reading out $\geq 10,000$ detectors

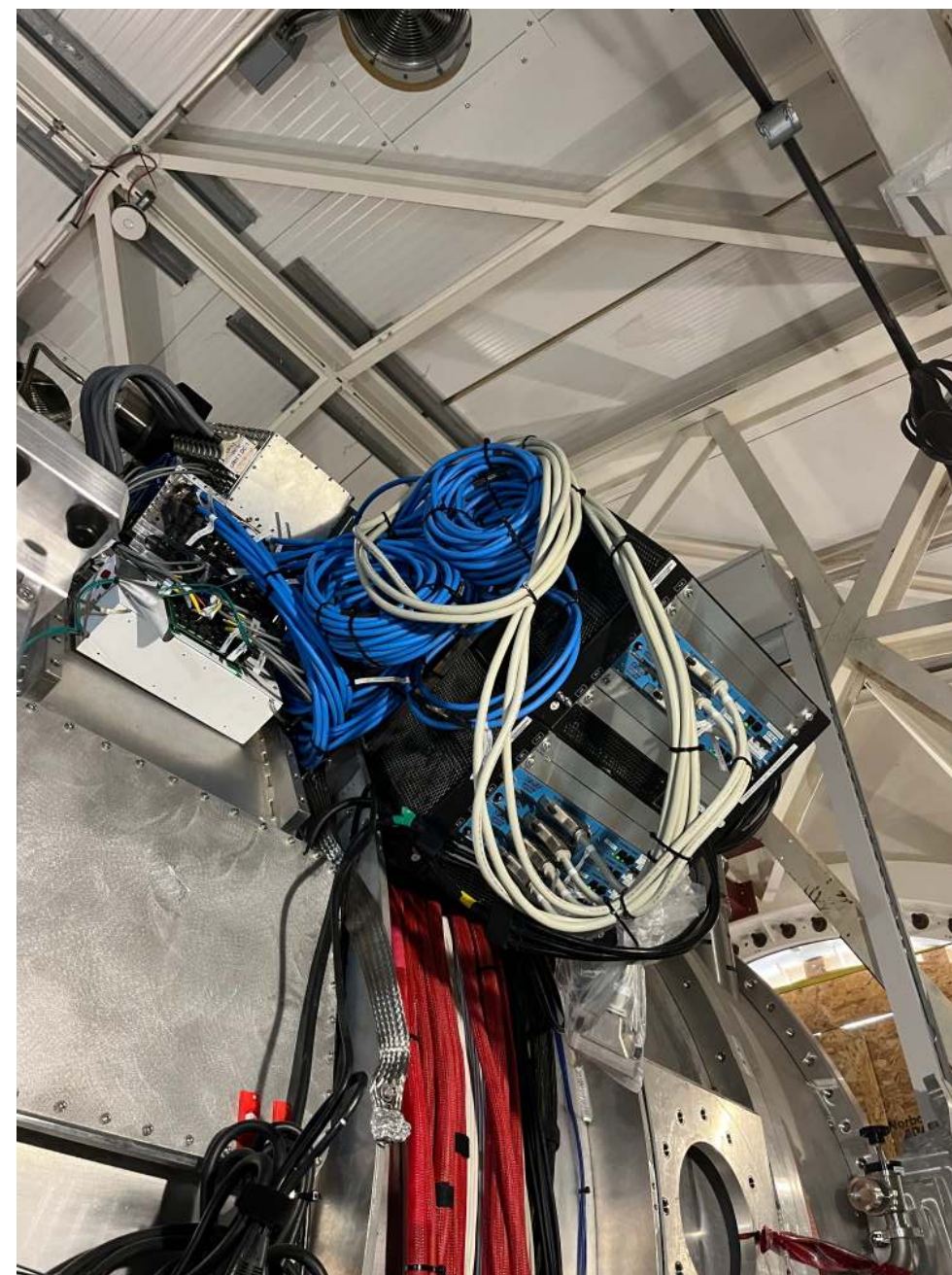
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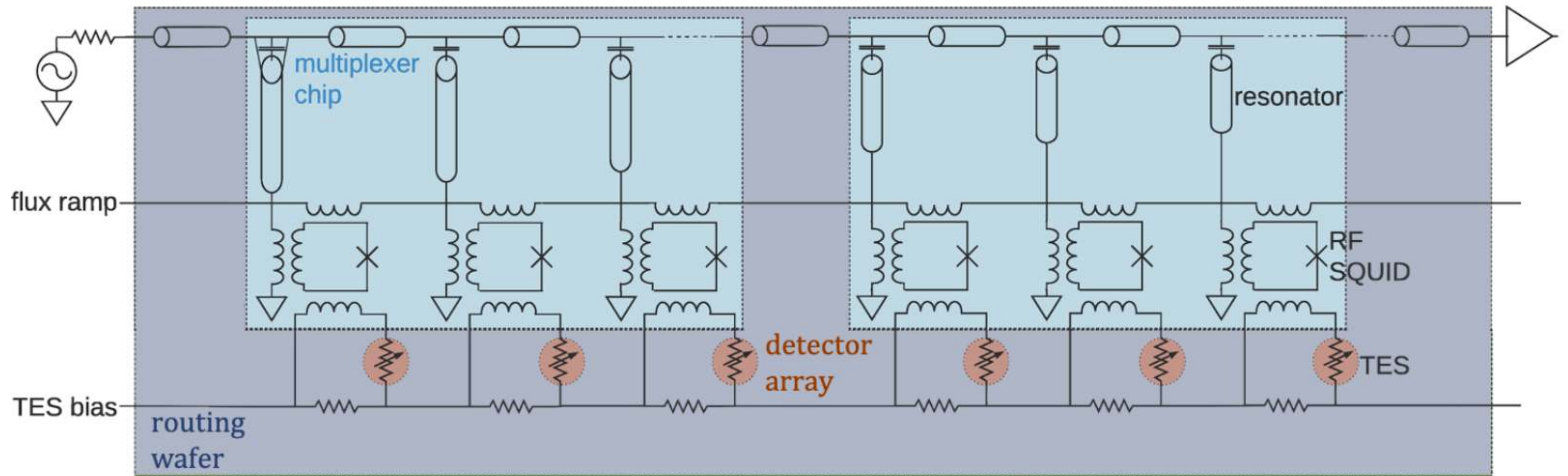


SMuRF in action

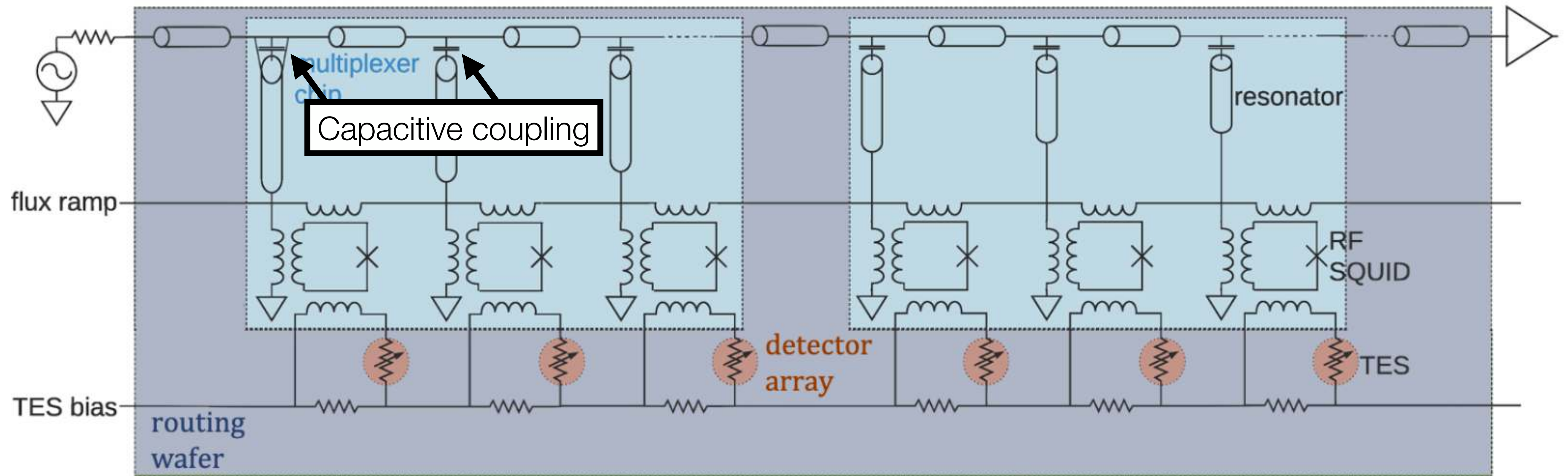
Currently being deployed to the Simons Observatory

Largest-ever deployment of μ MUX for astronomy ($> 60,000$ detectors)

Crosstalk Mechanism

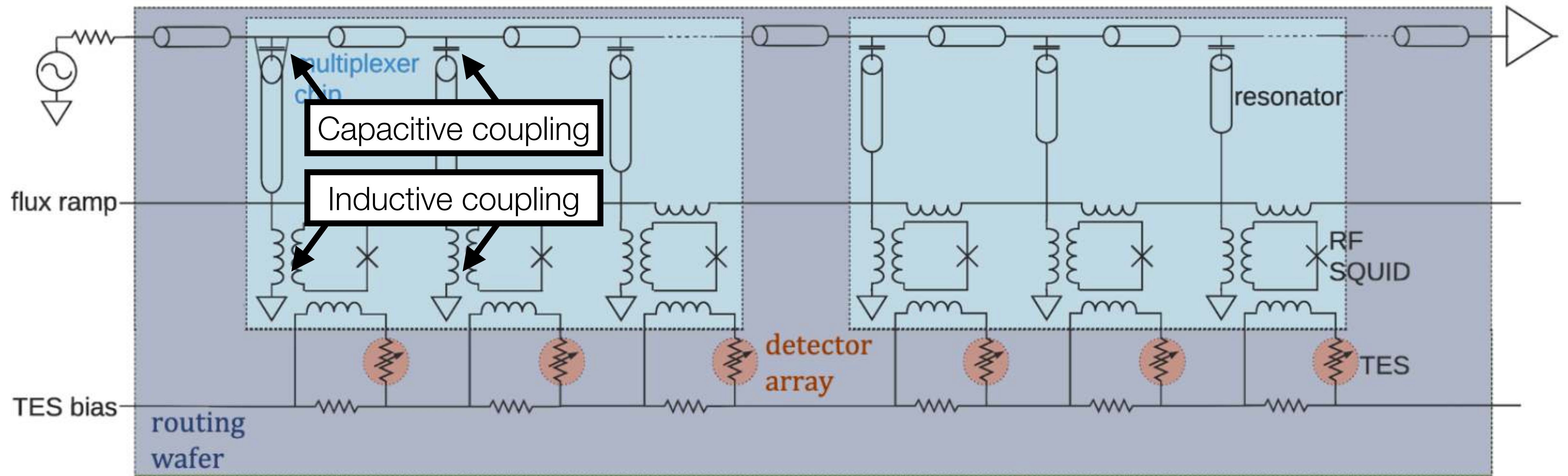


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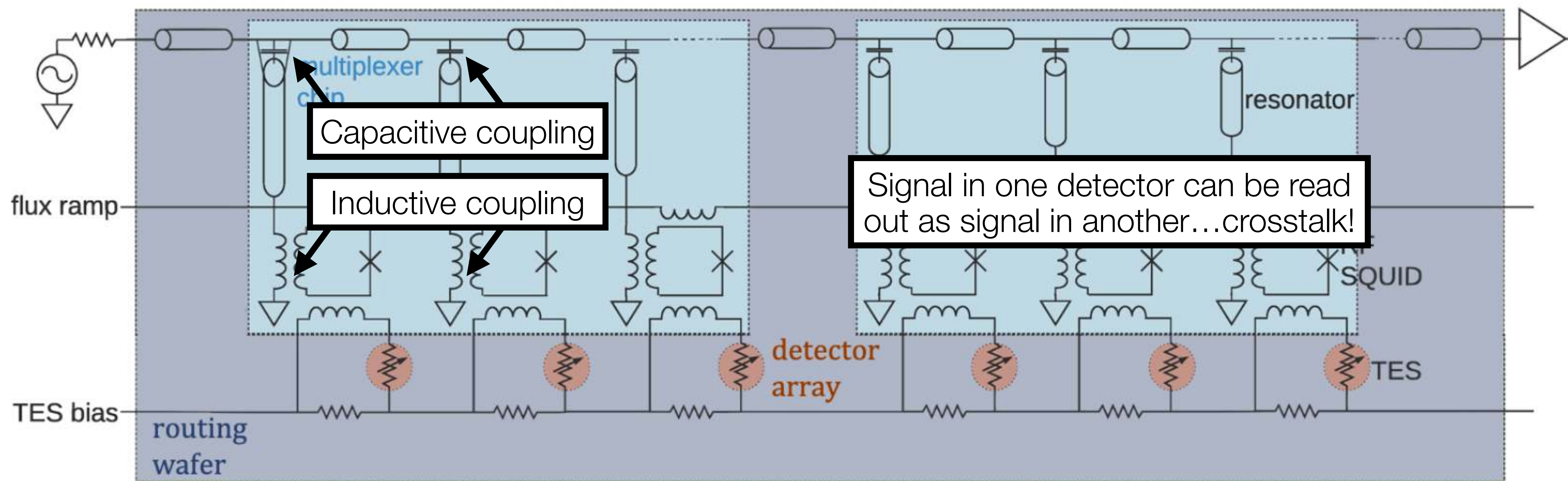
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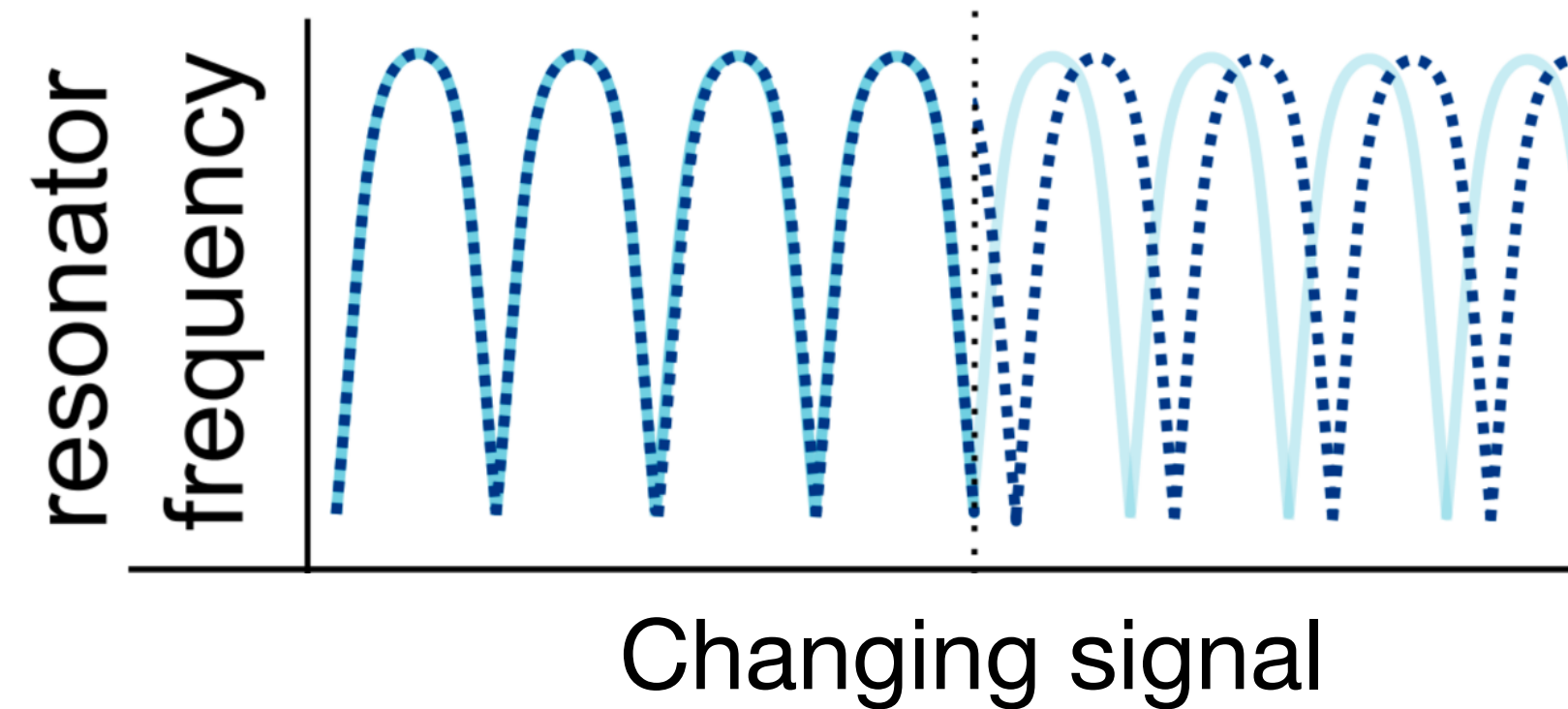
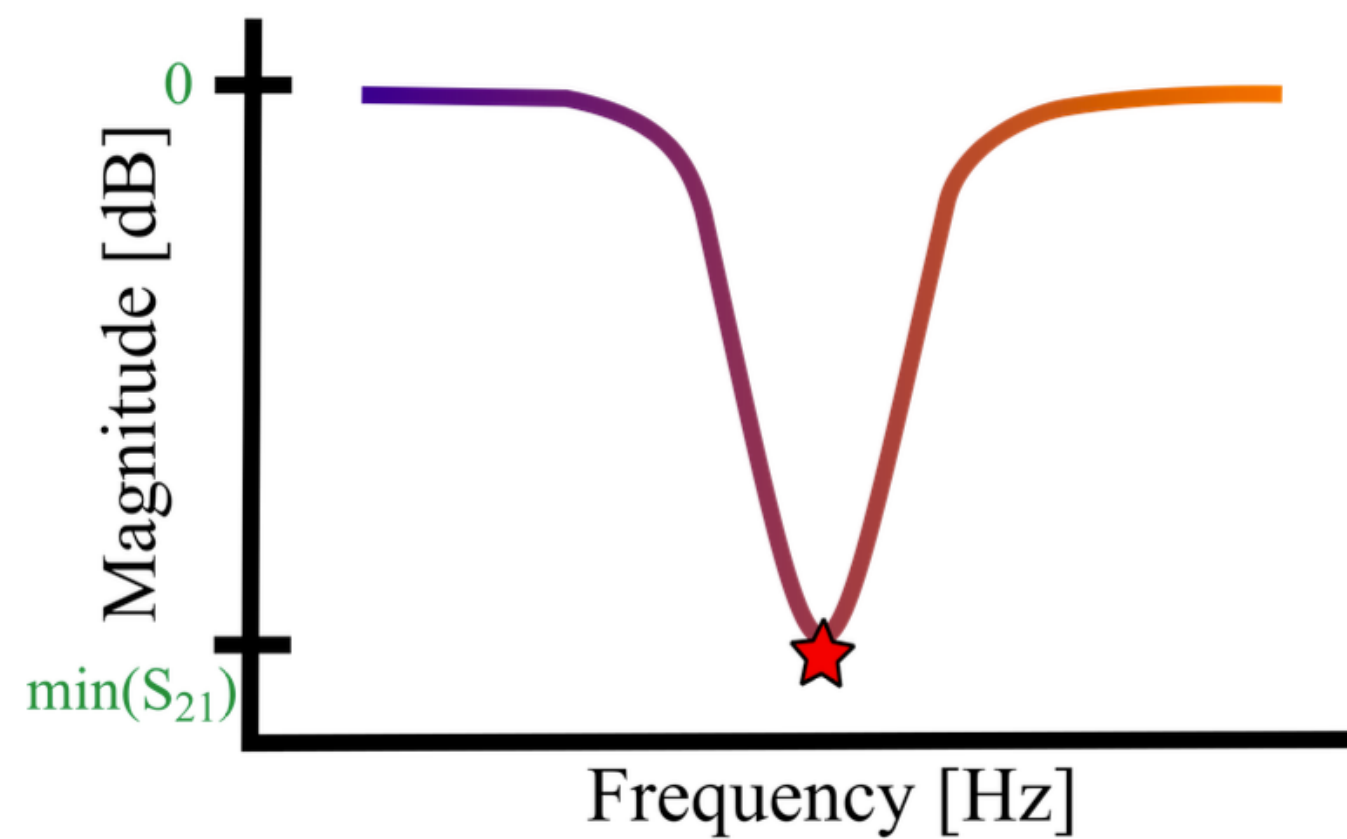
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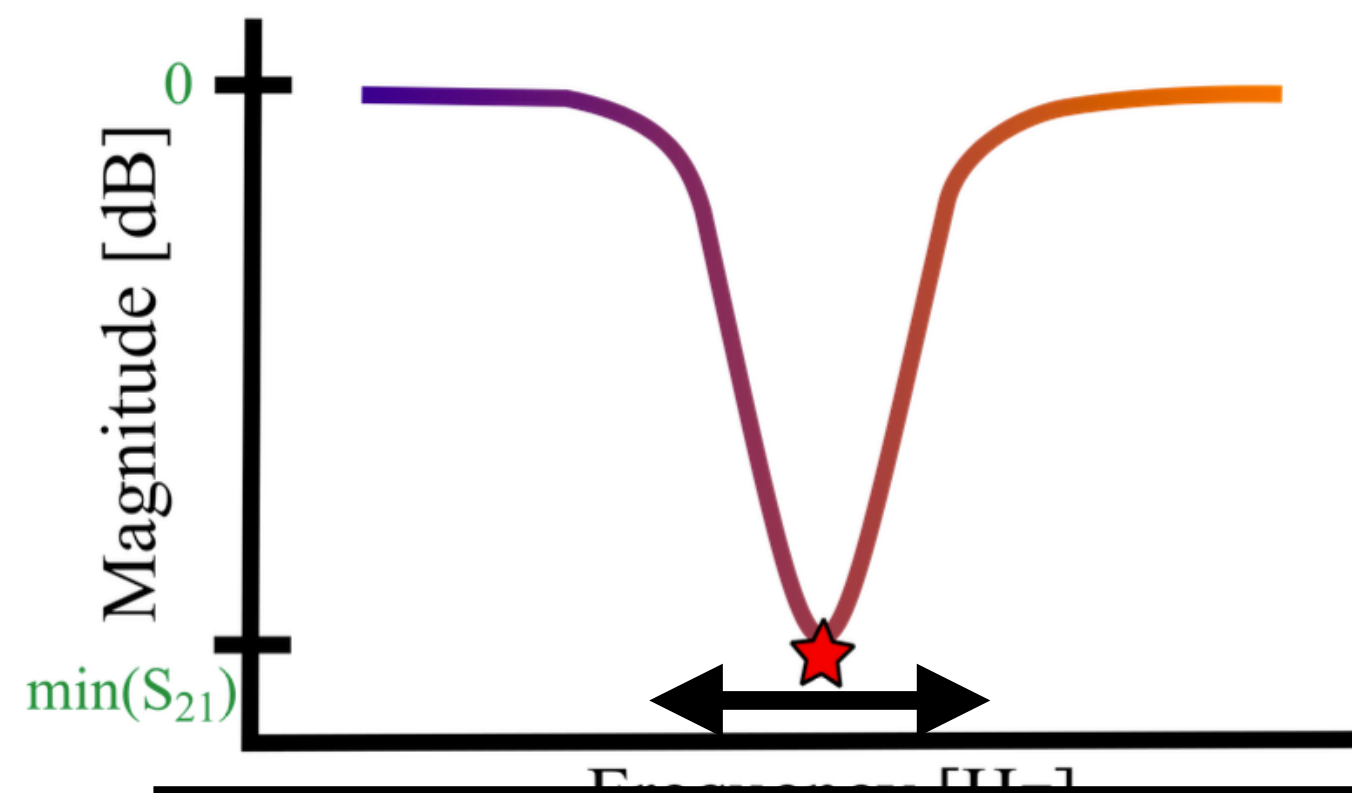
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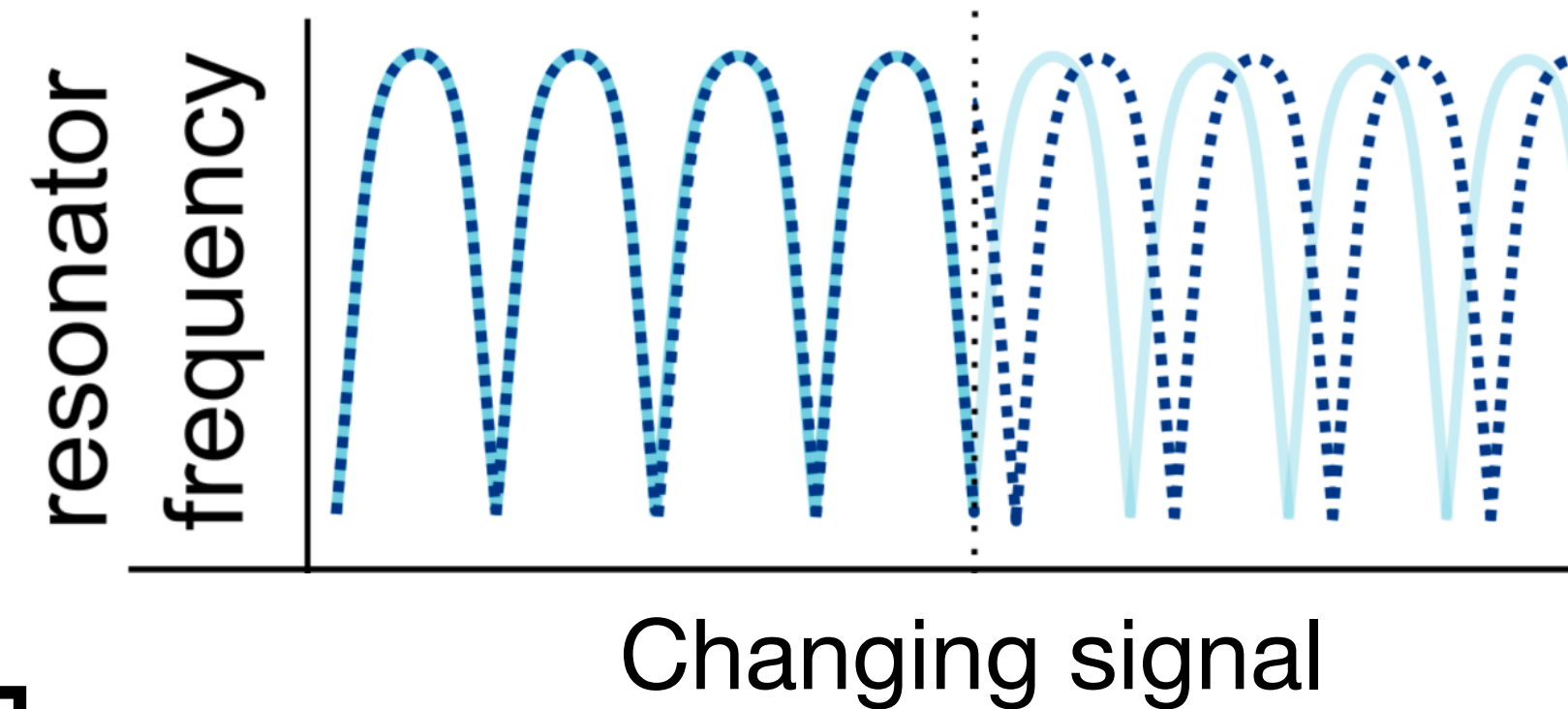
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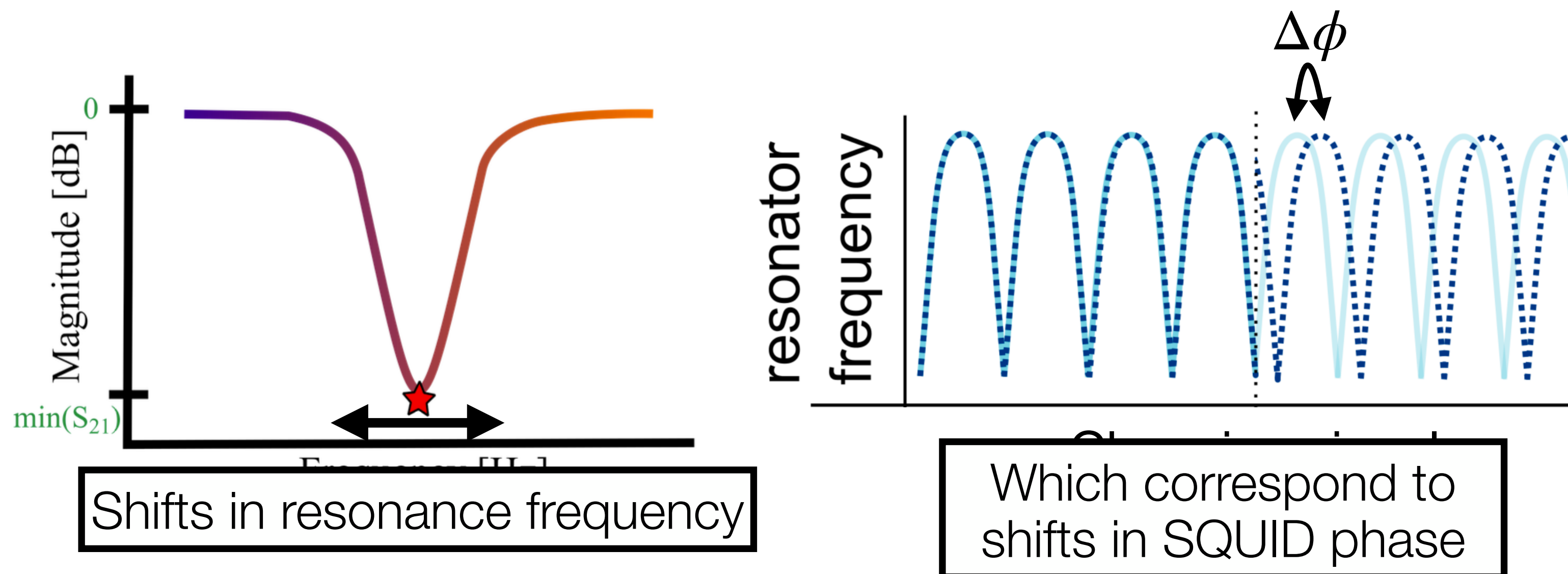
Shifts in resonance frequency



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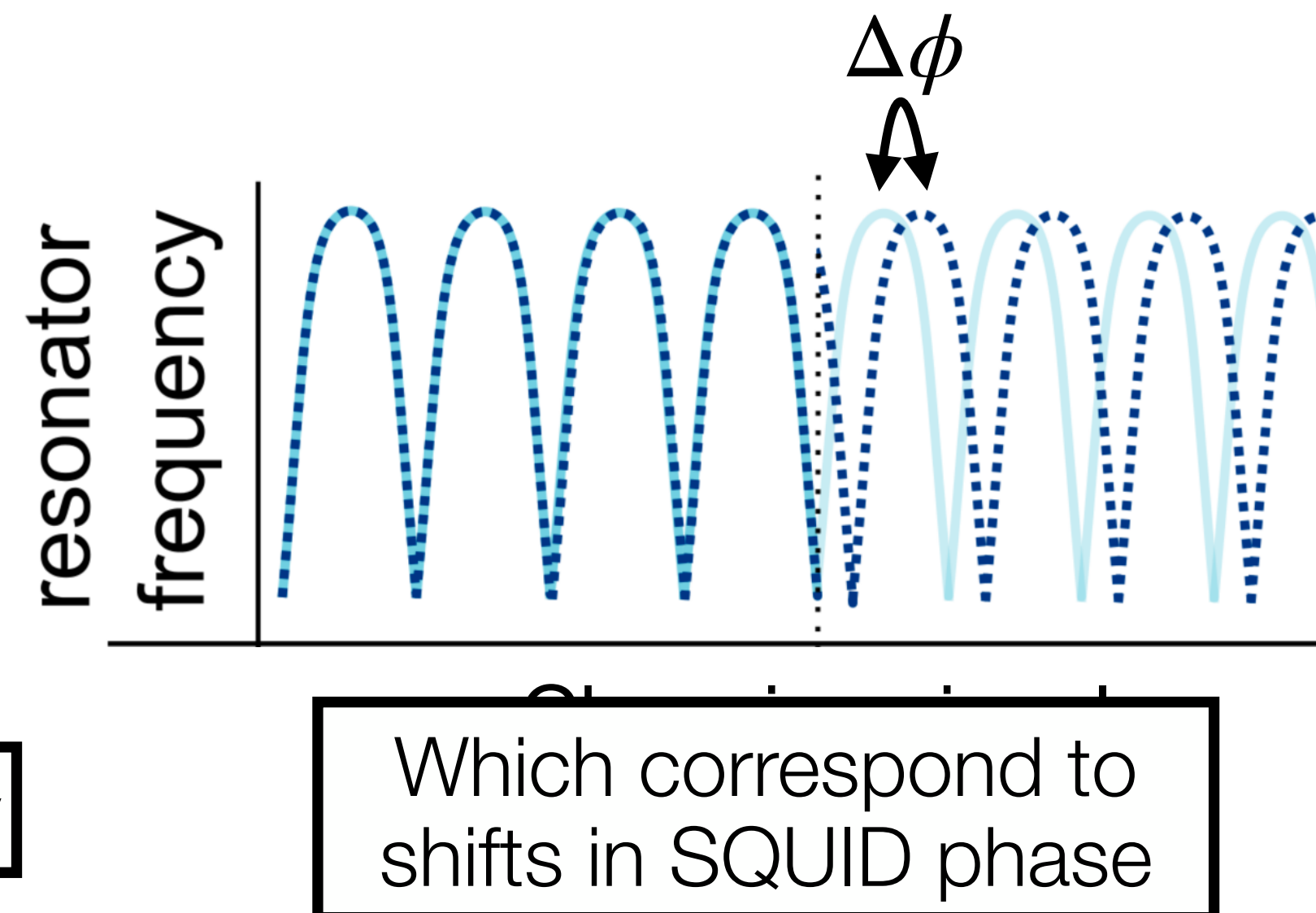
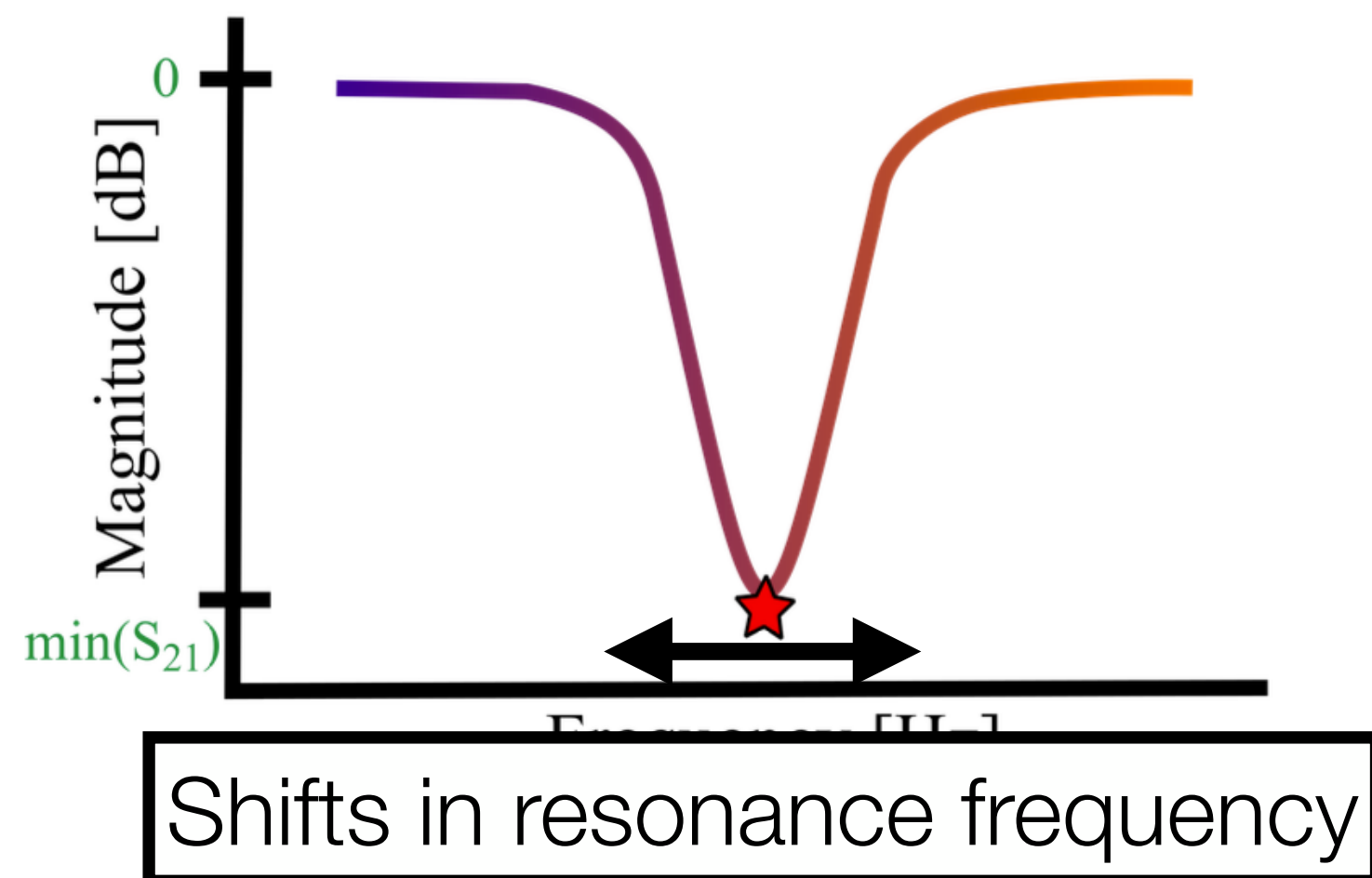
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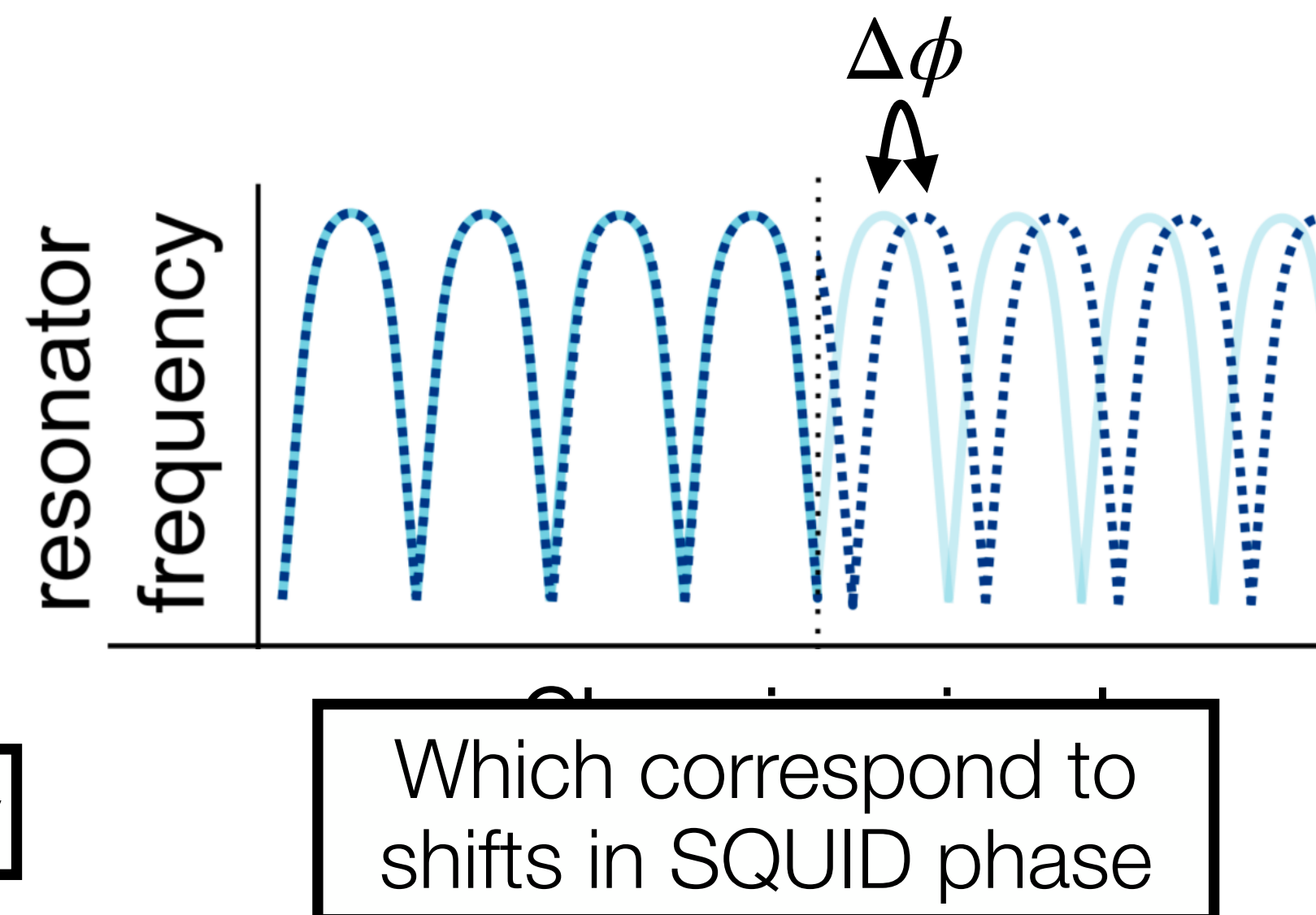
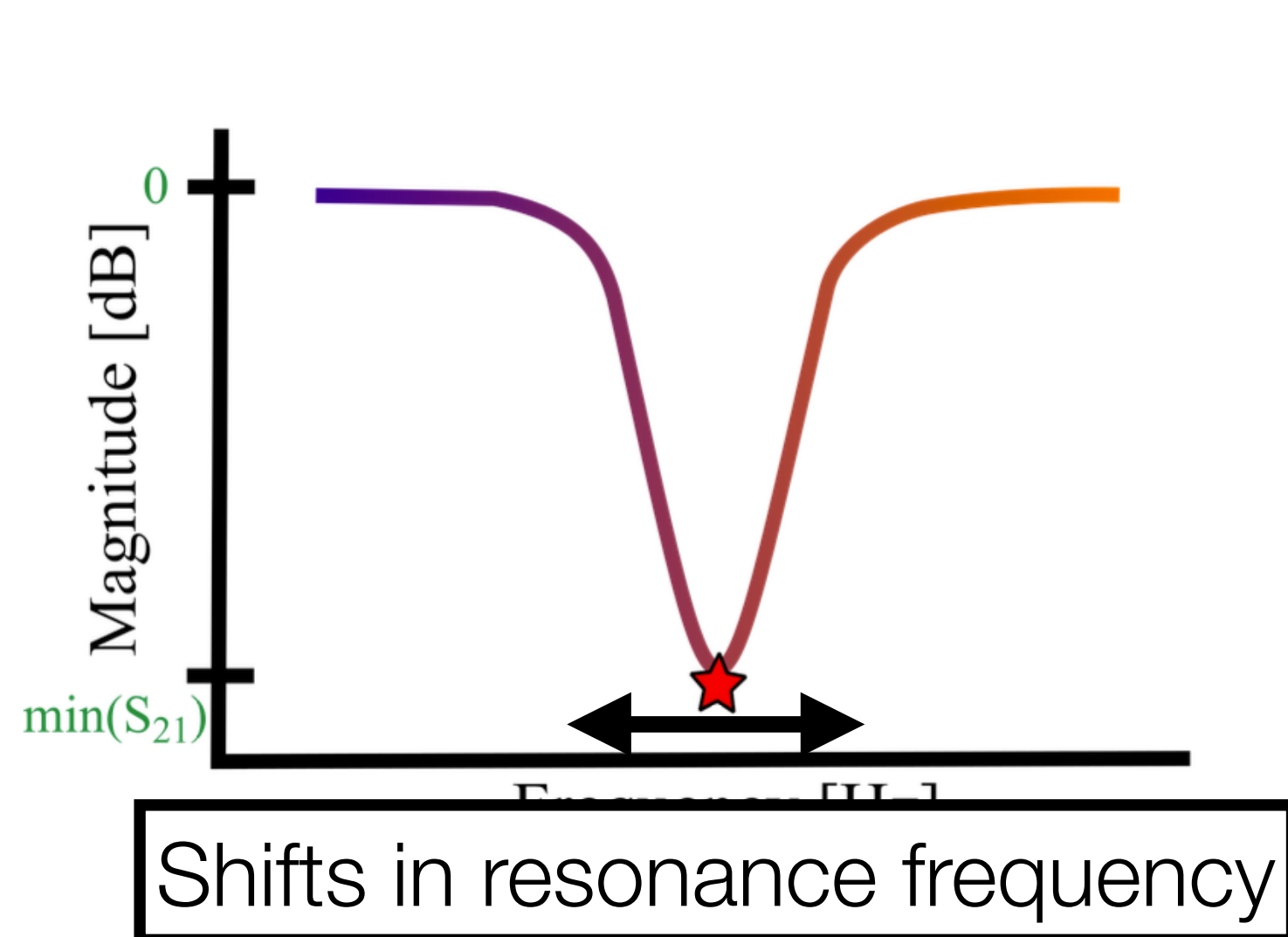
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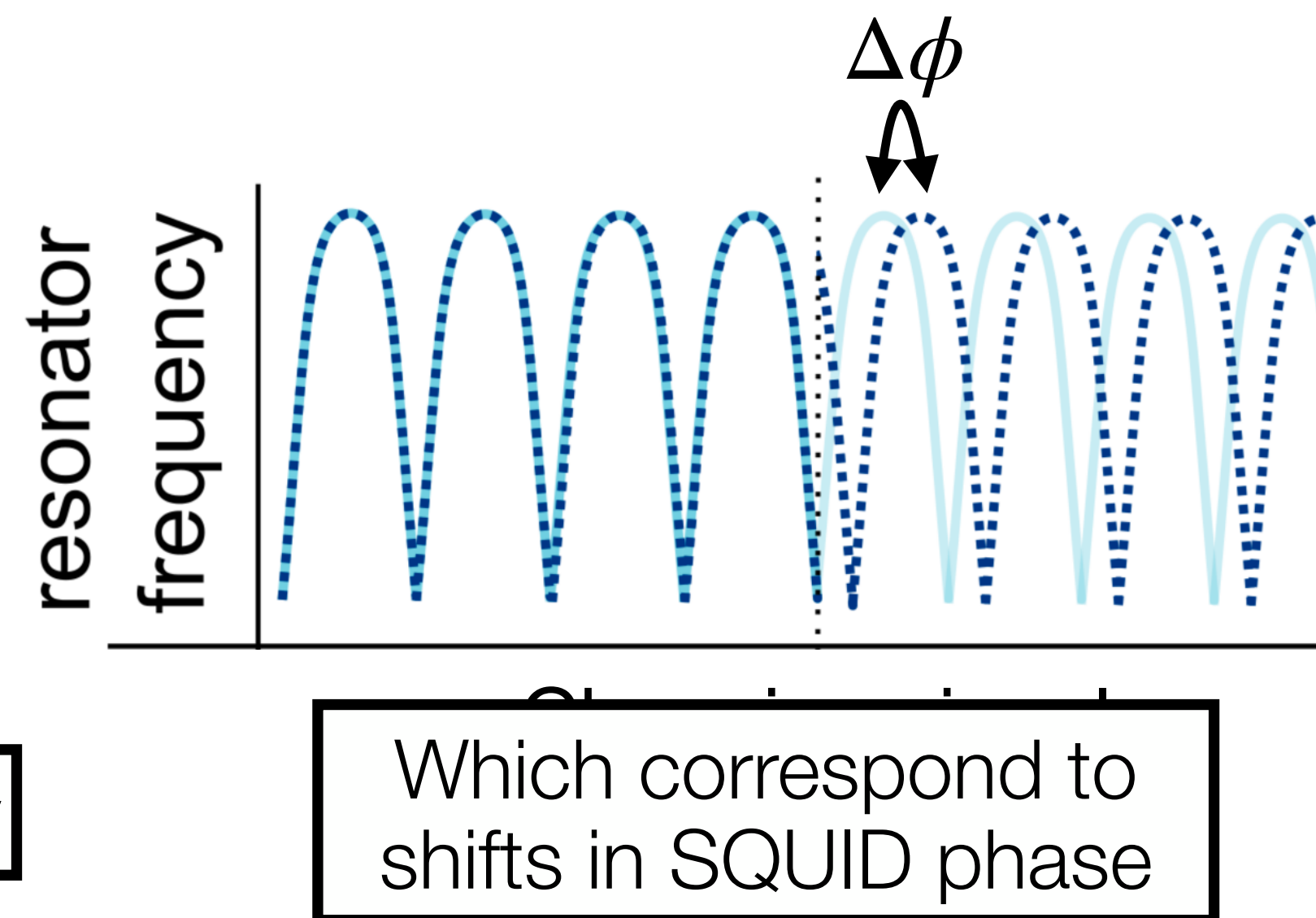
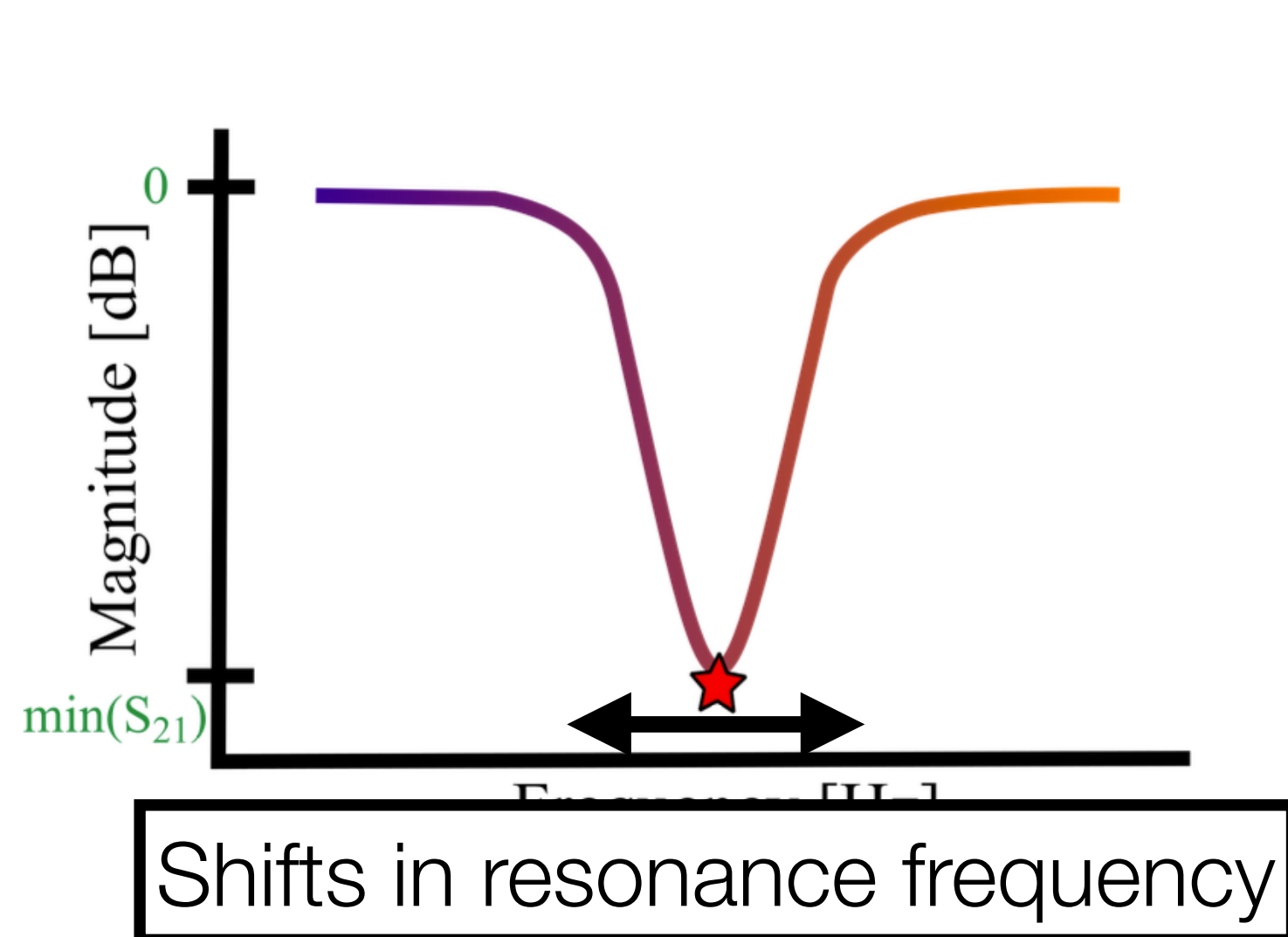
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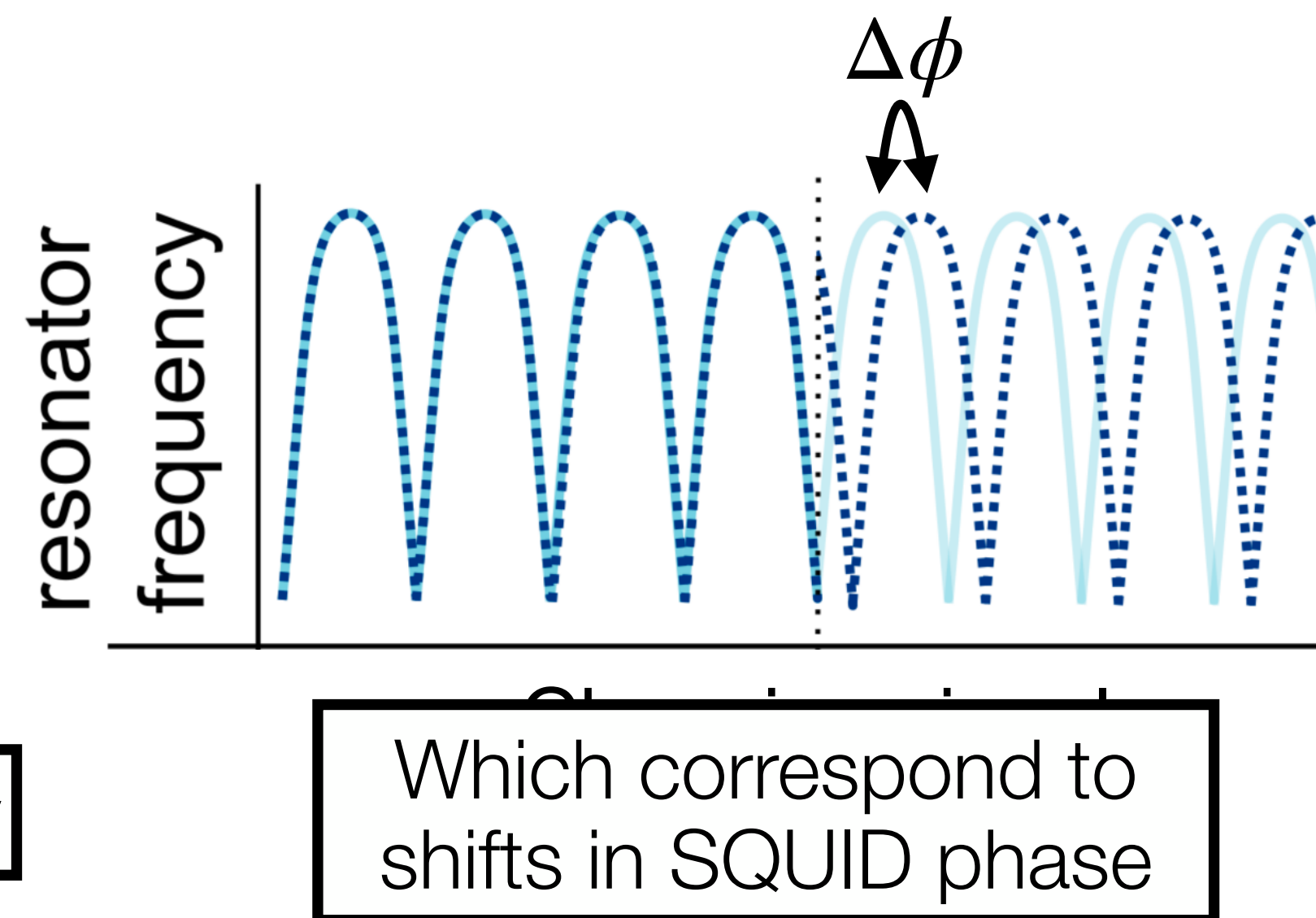
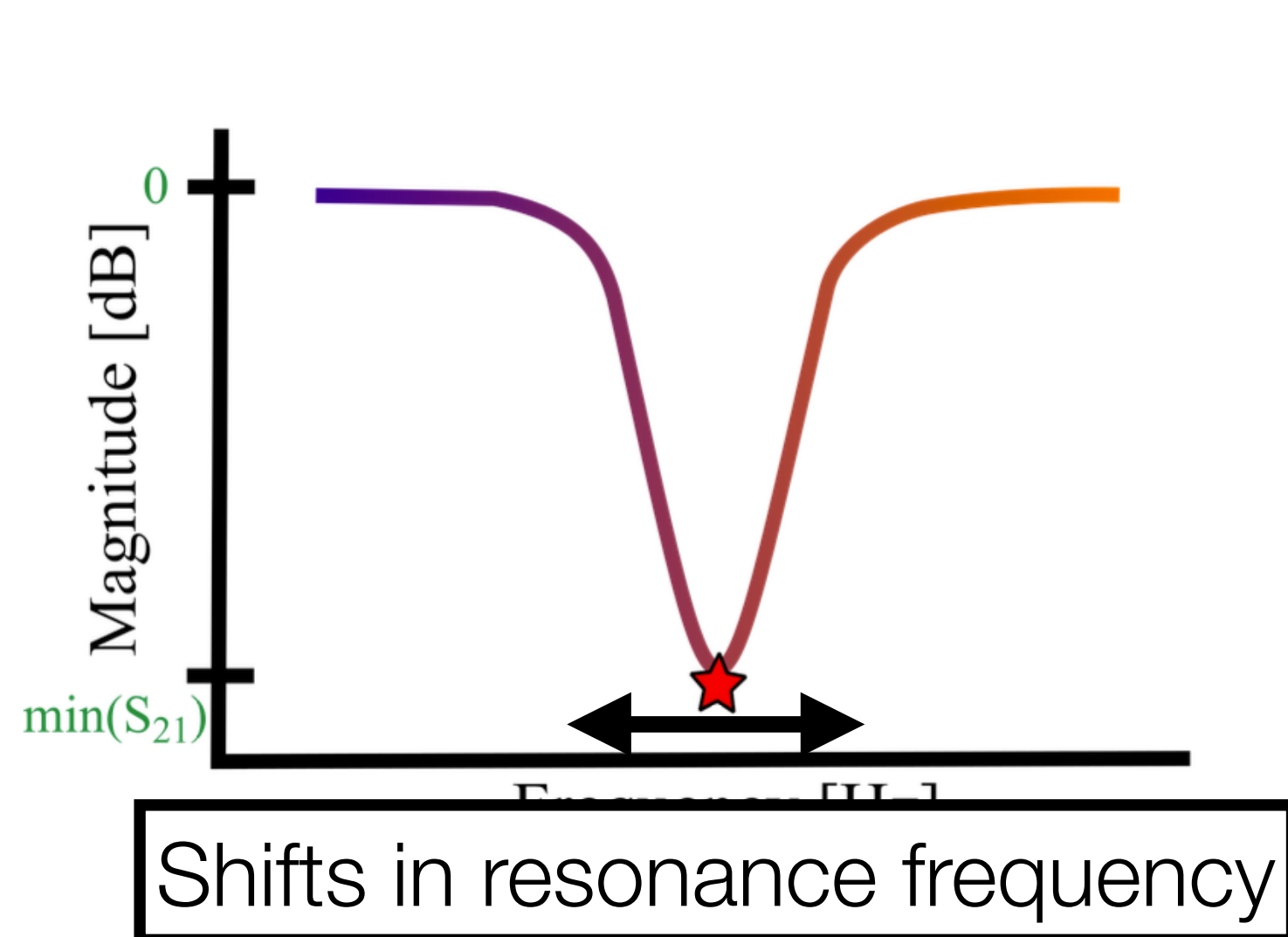
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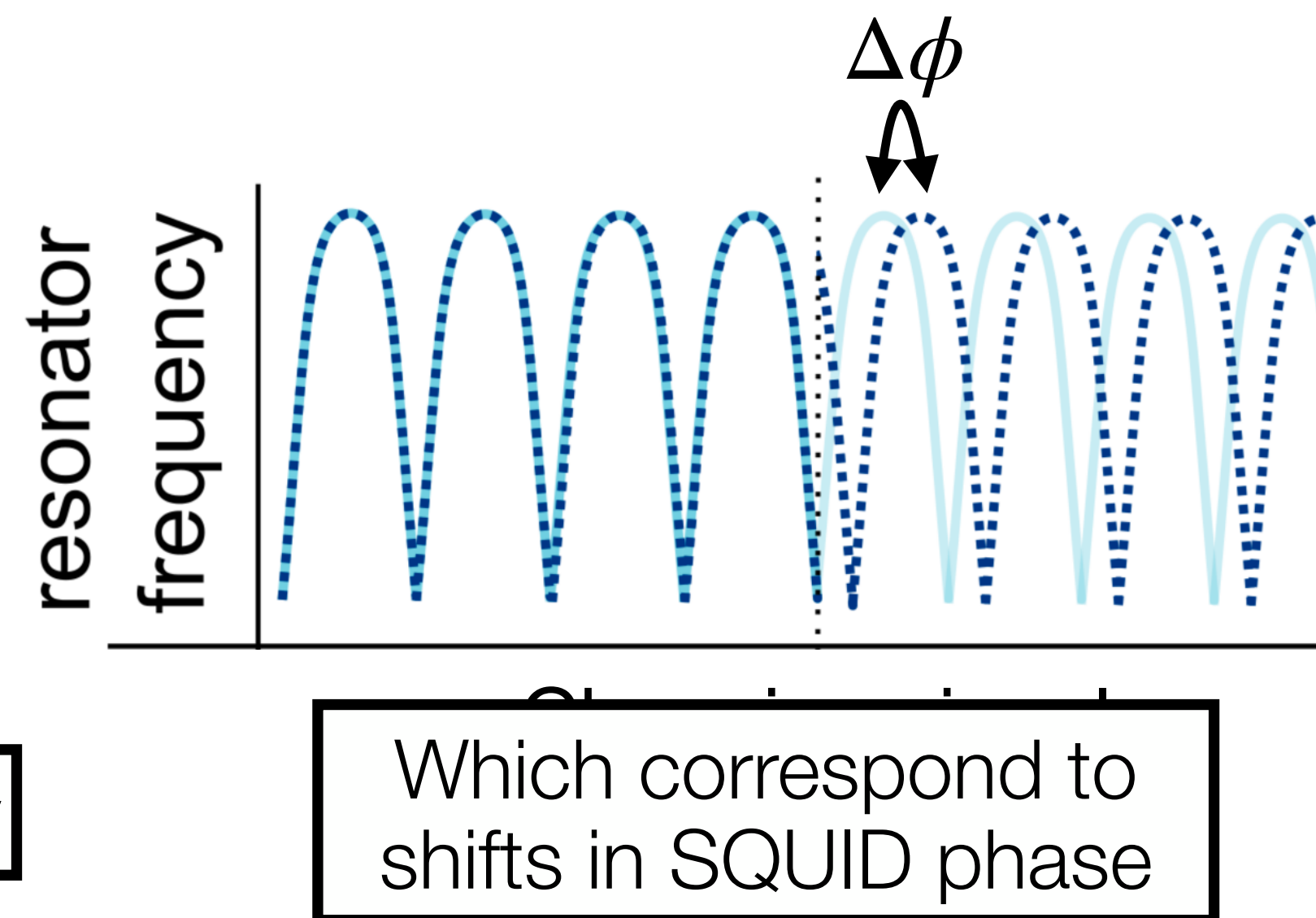
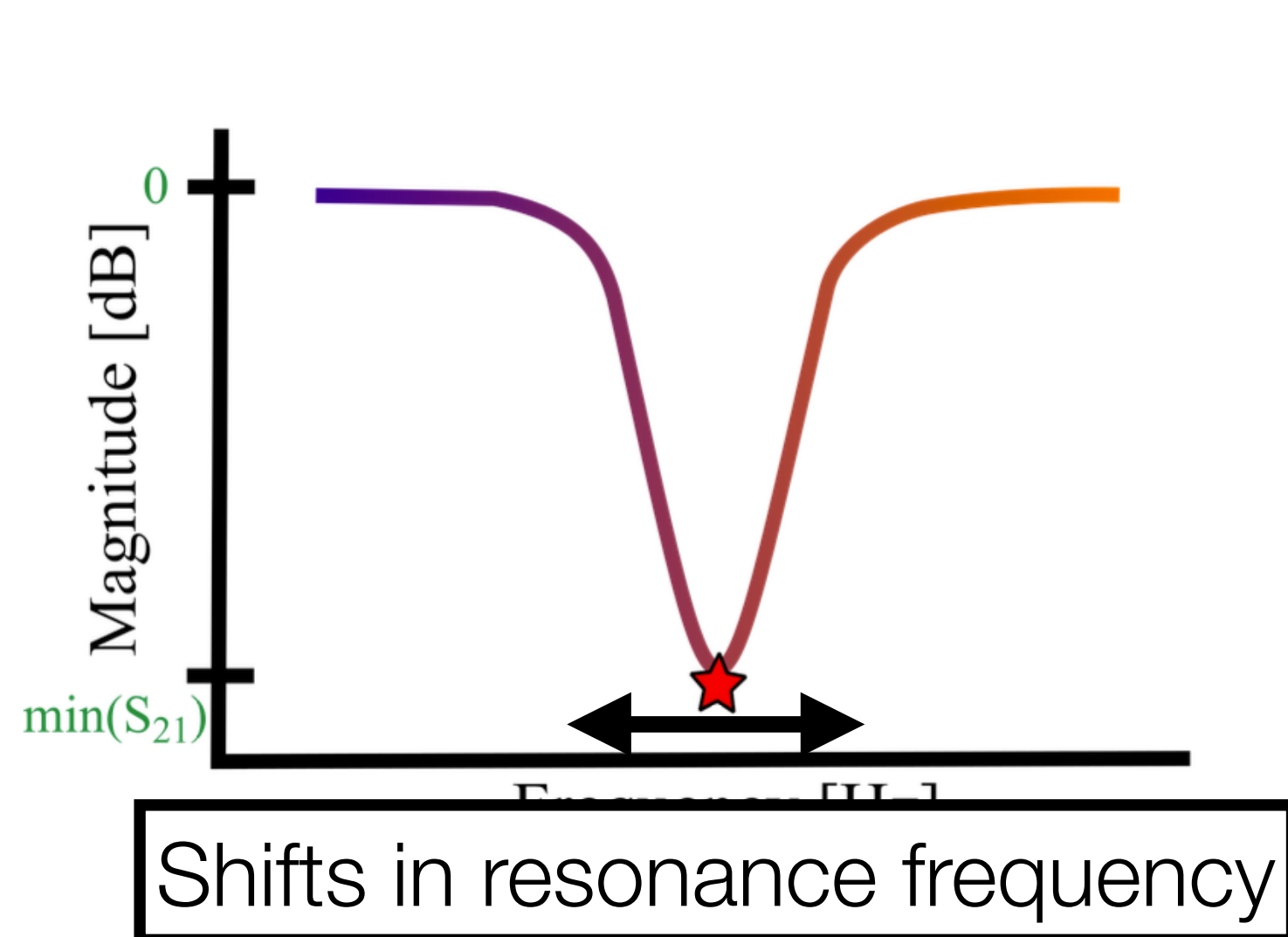
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Diagram illustrating the approximation of crosstalk:

- Original phase** (points to ϕ_1 and ϕ_2)
- Measured phase** (points to ϕ_1^*)
- Strength of effect** (points to χ)
- Time variability** (points to ϕ_2)
- Non-linearity** (points to $\sin(\phi_2 - \phi_1)$)

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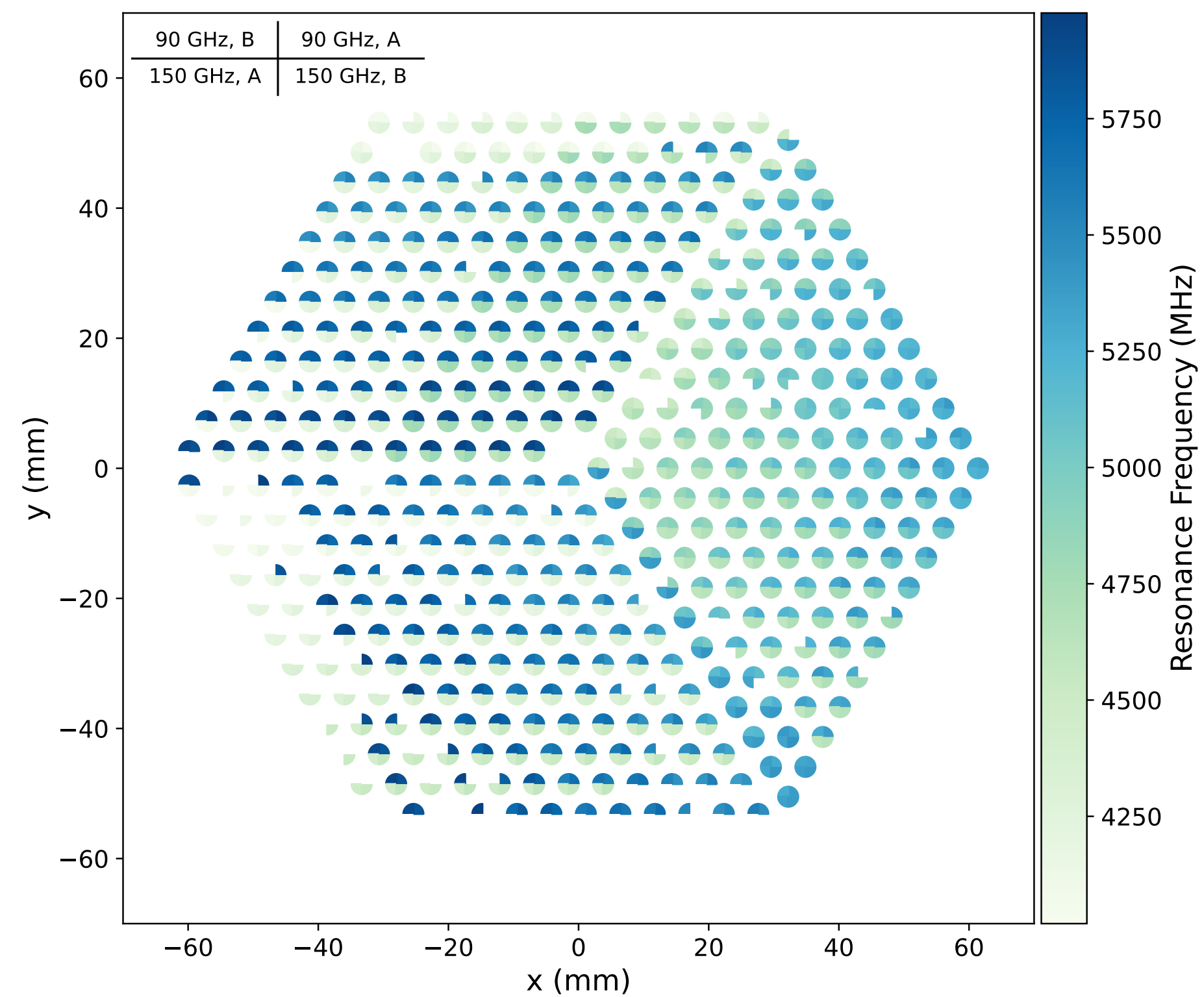
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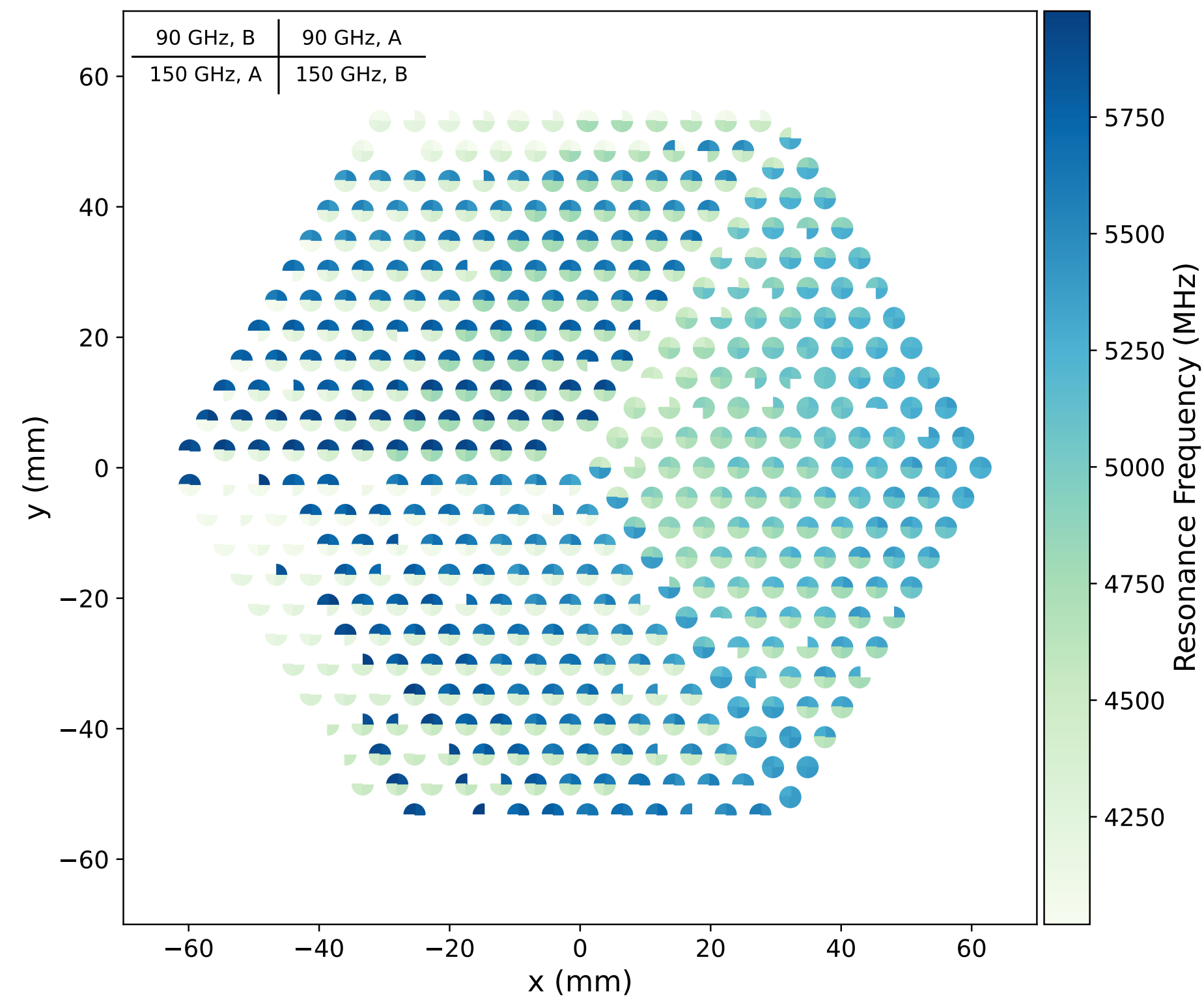
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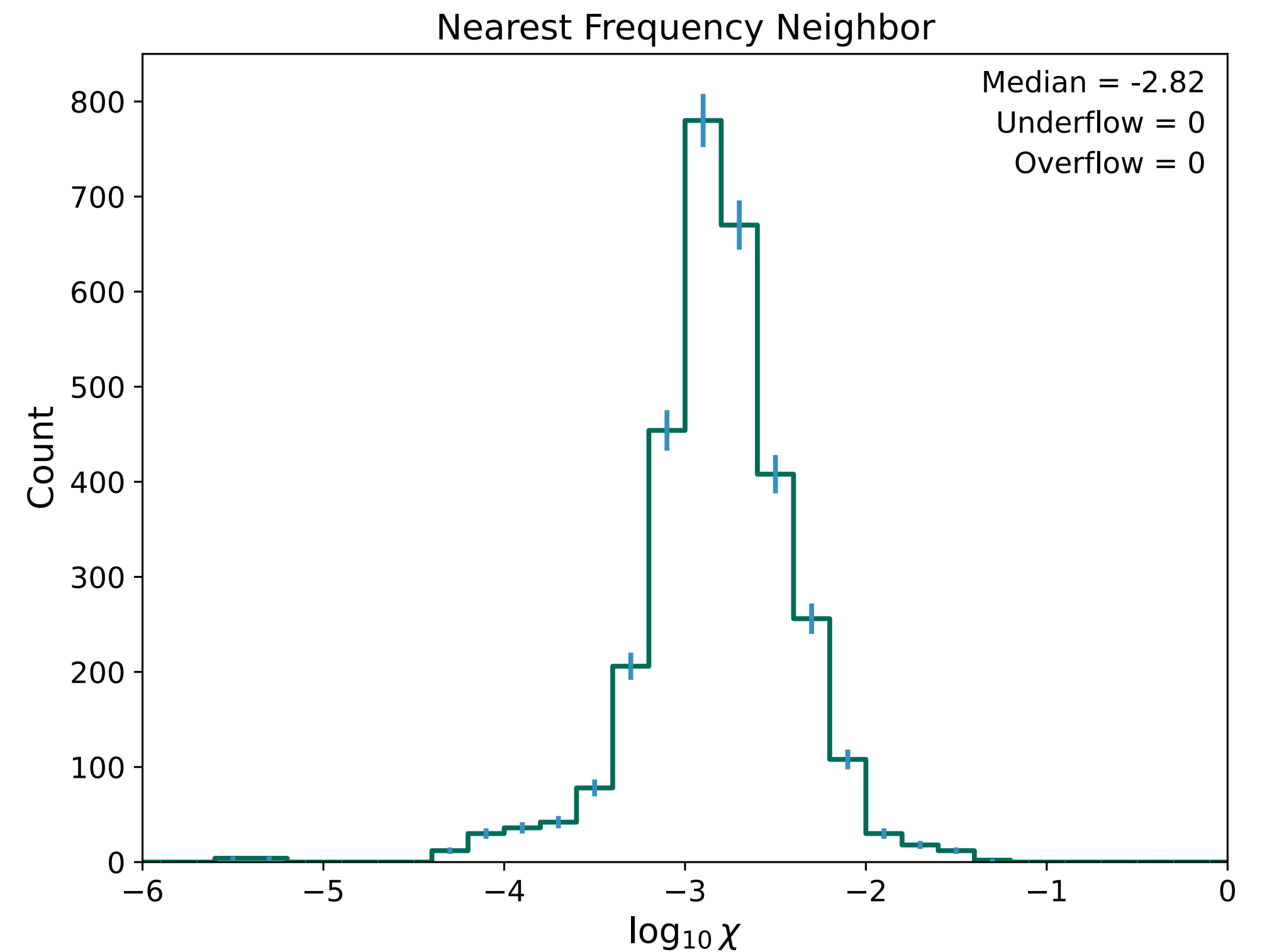
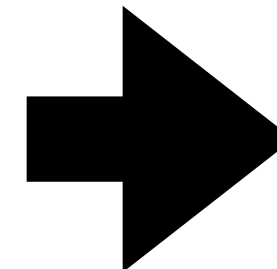
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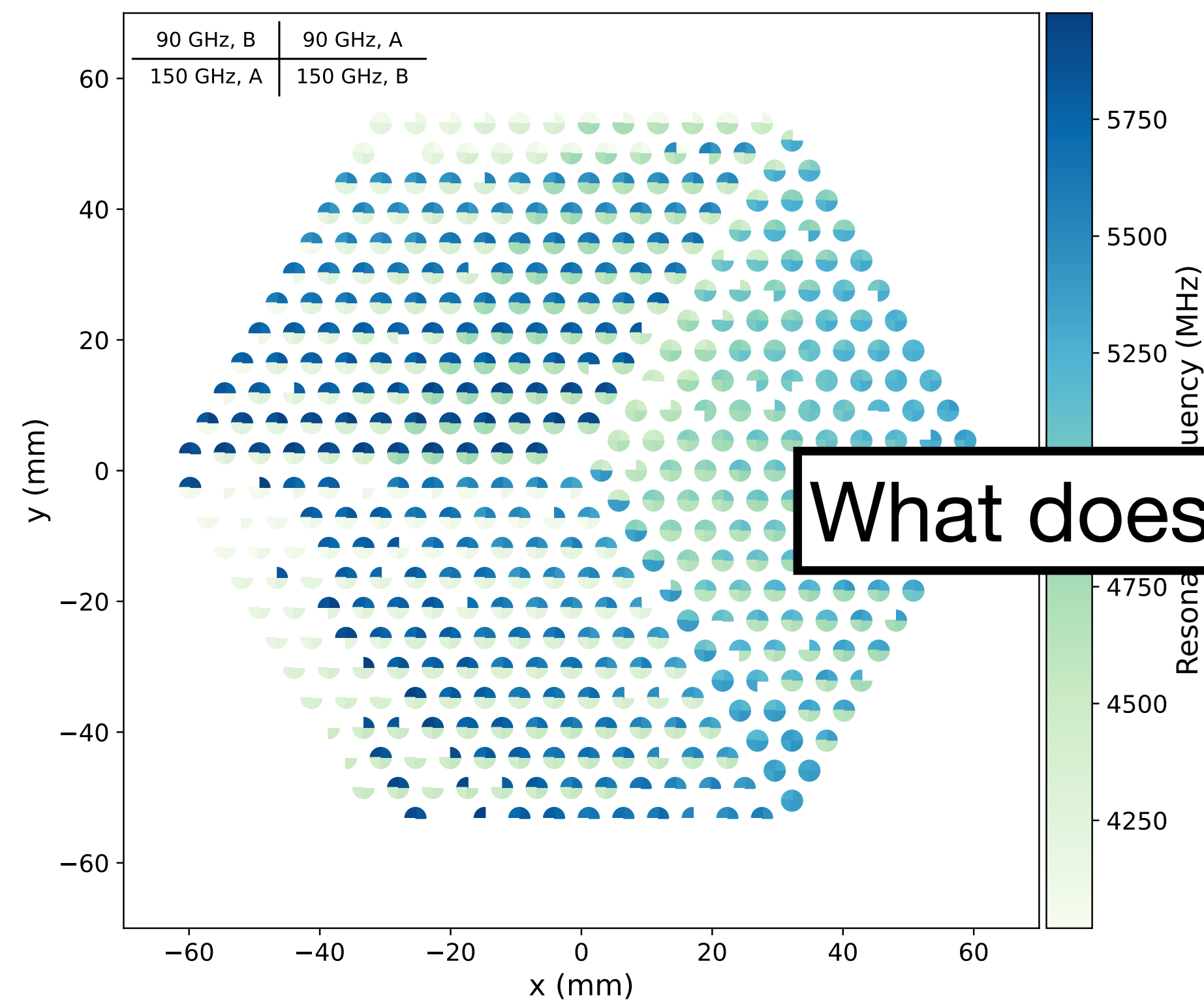
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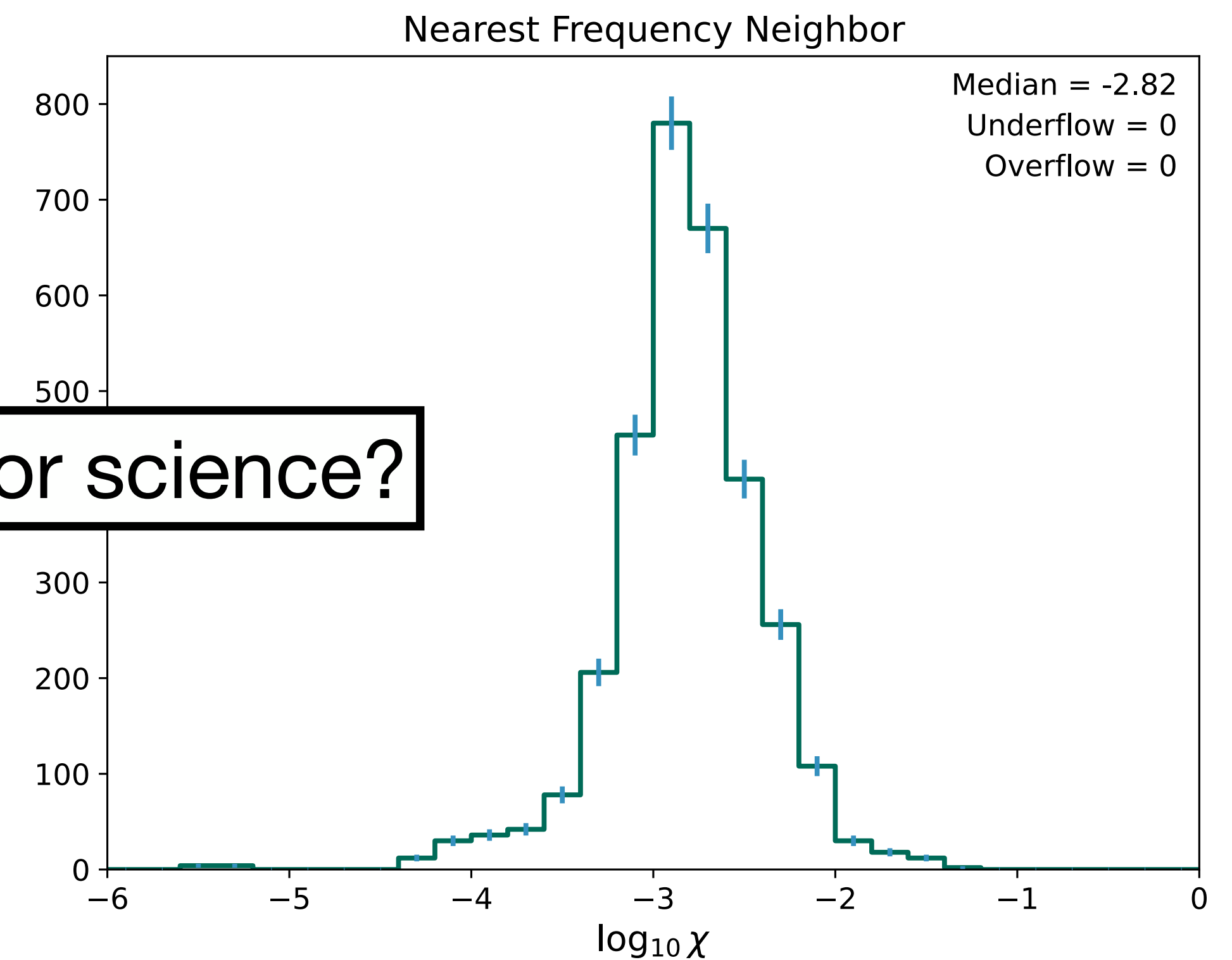
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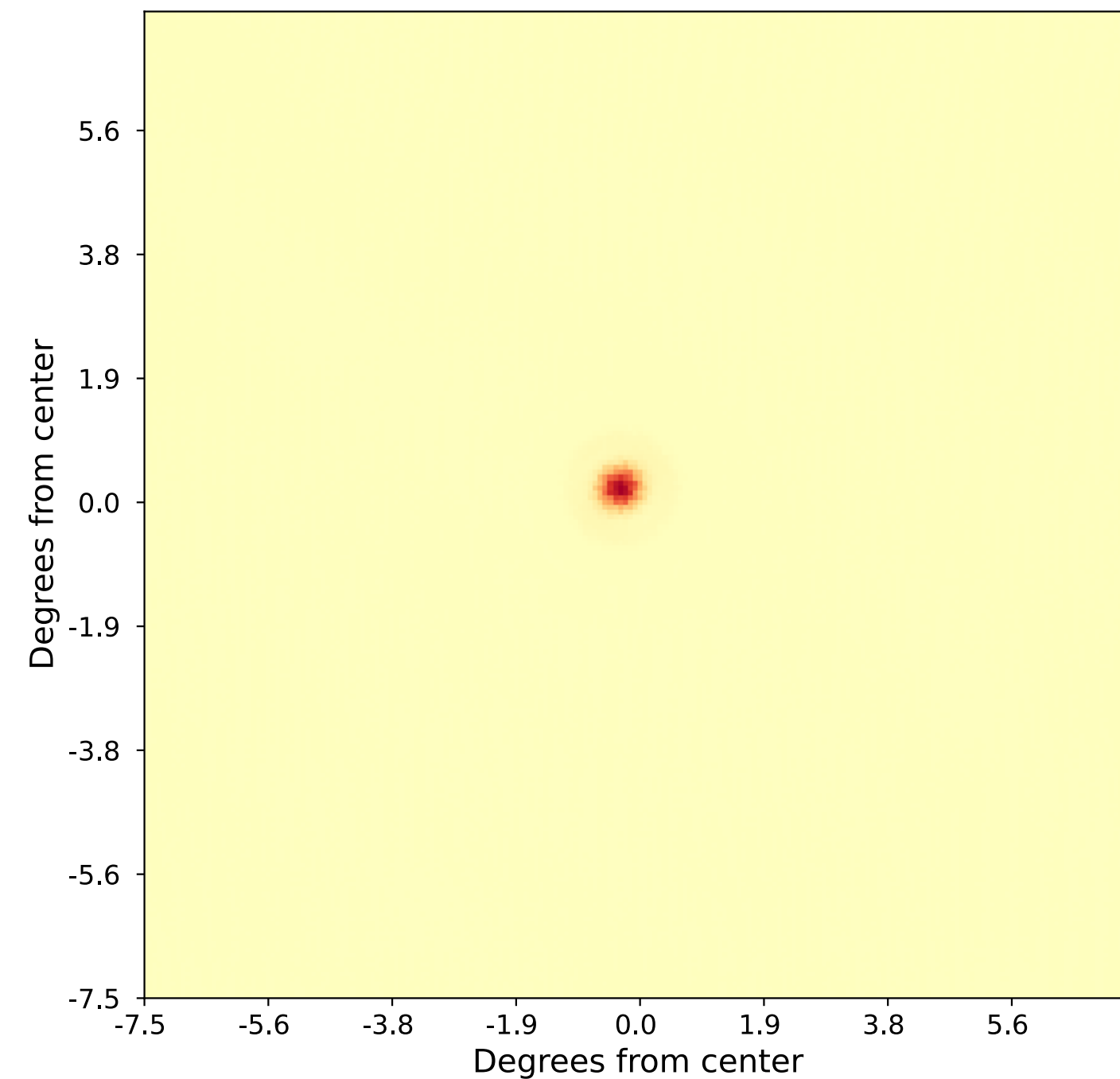


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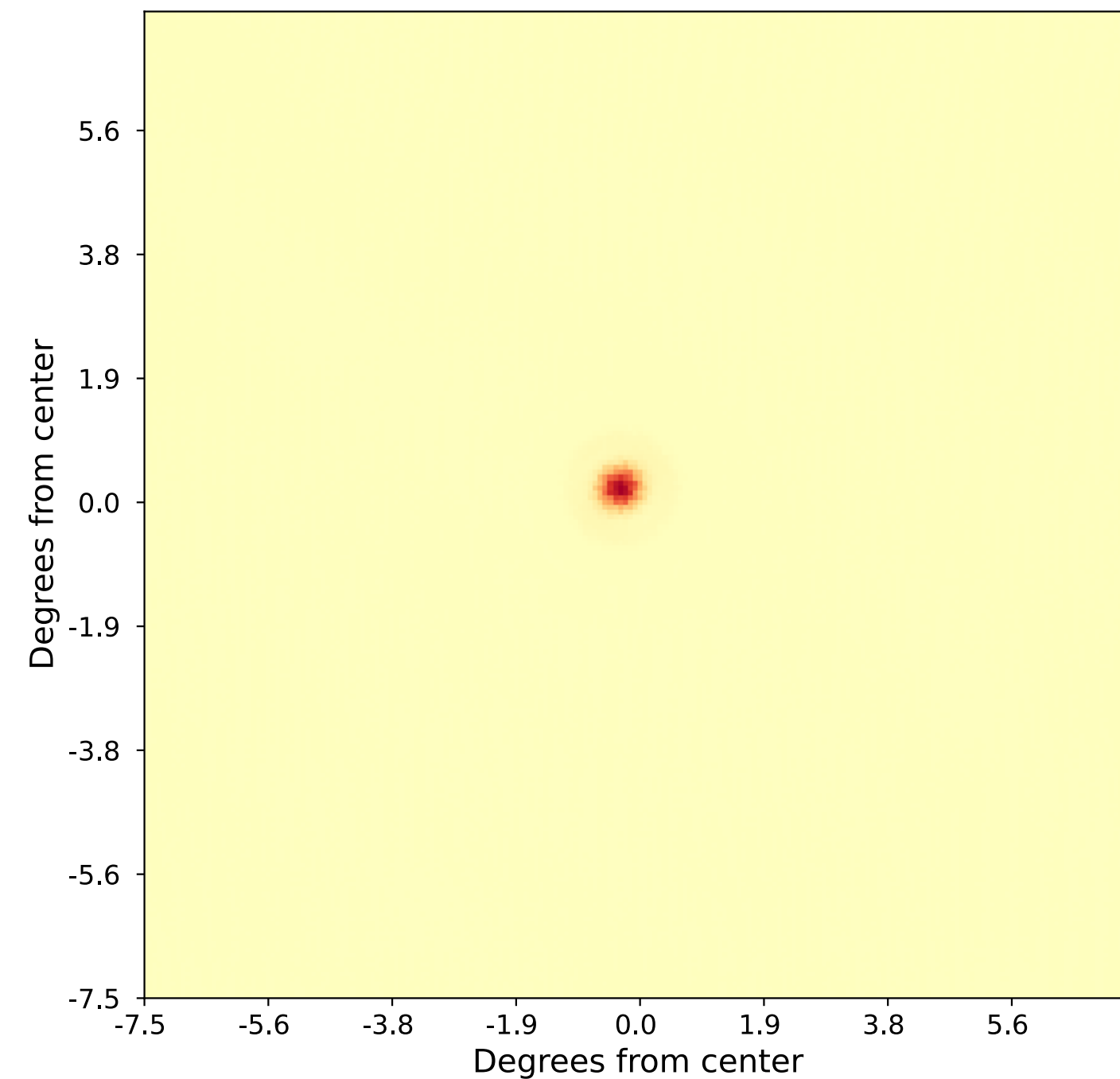


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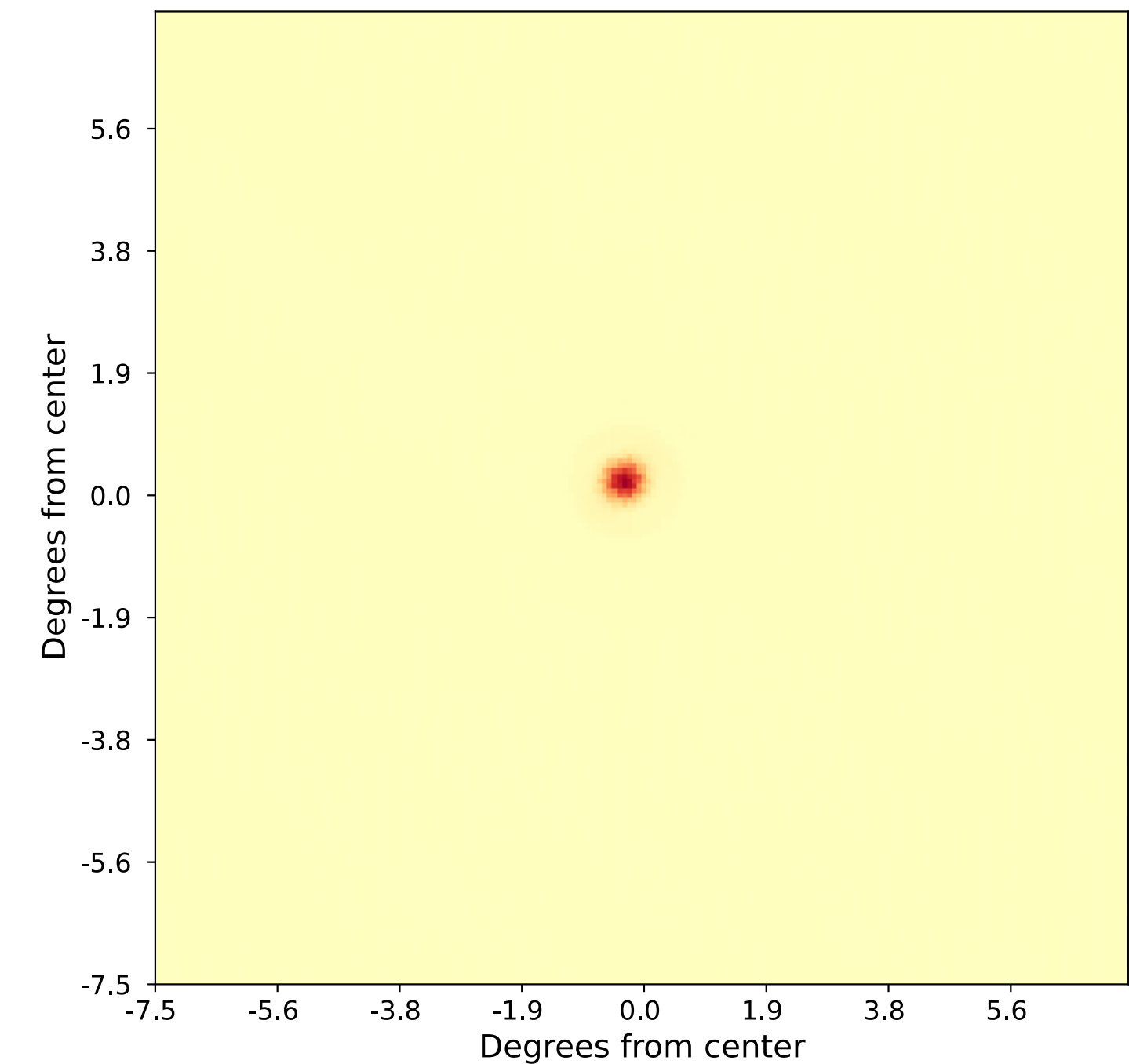
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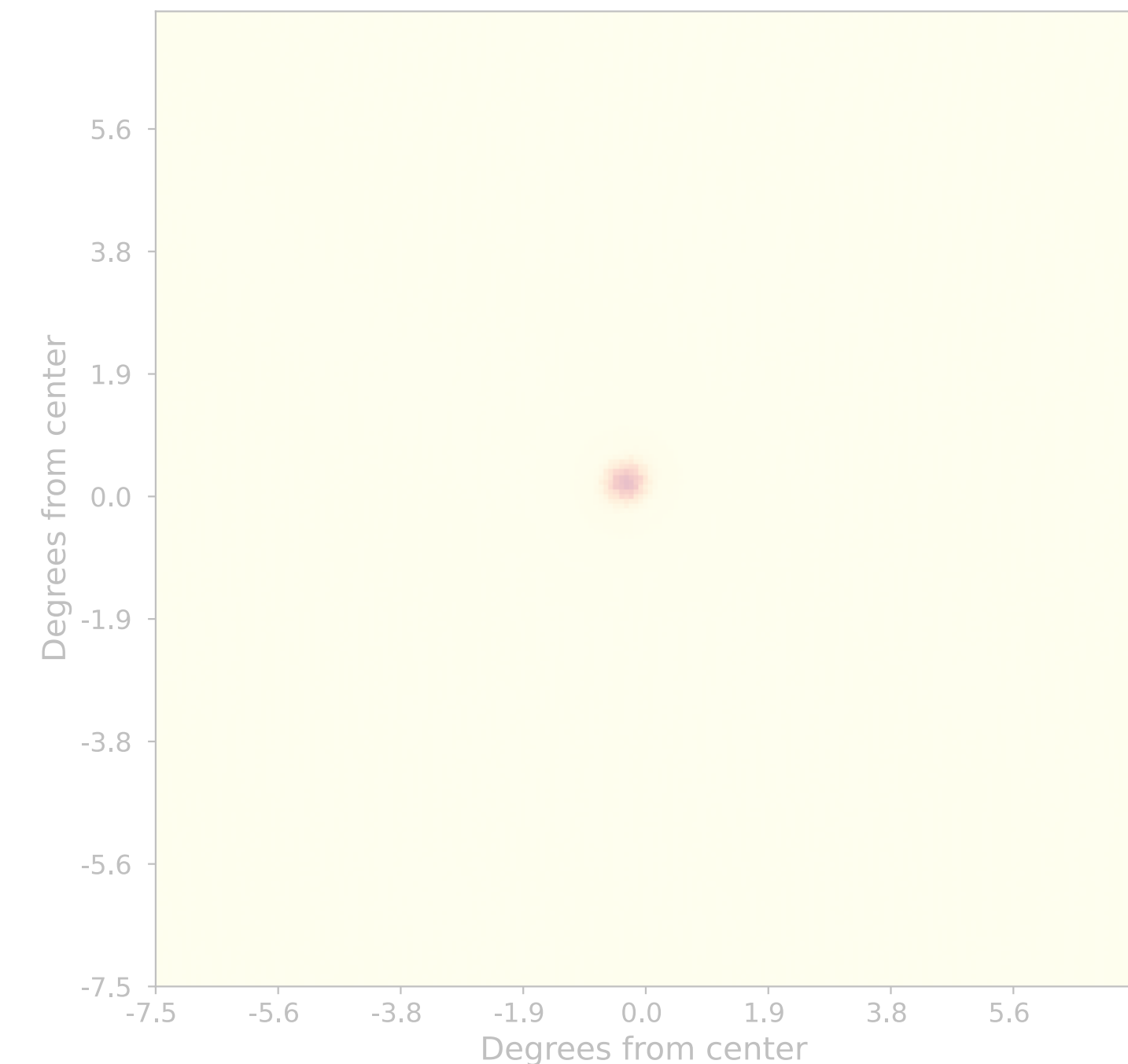
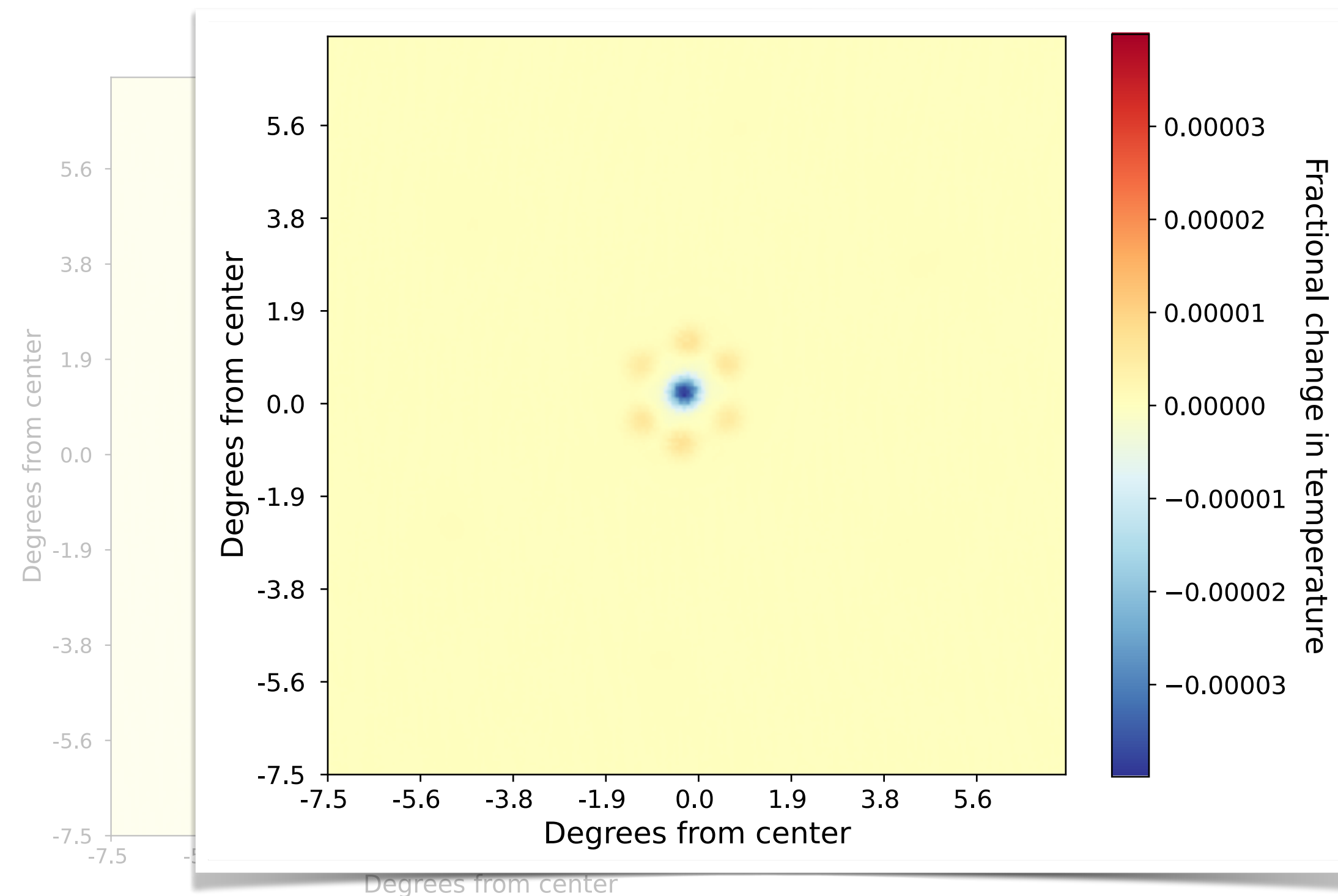


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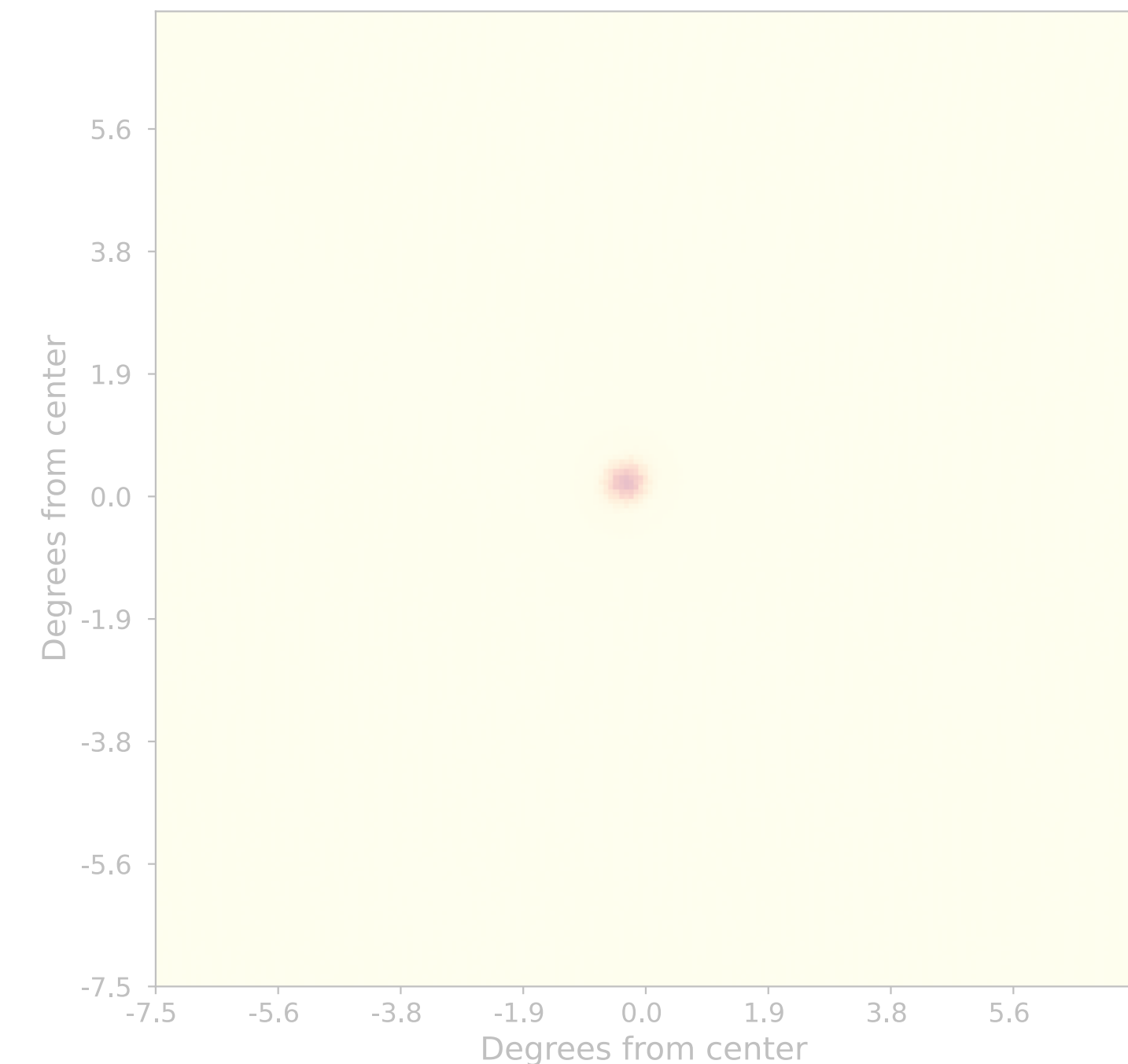
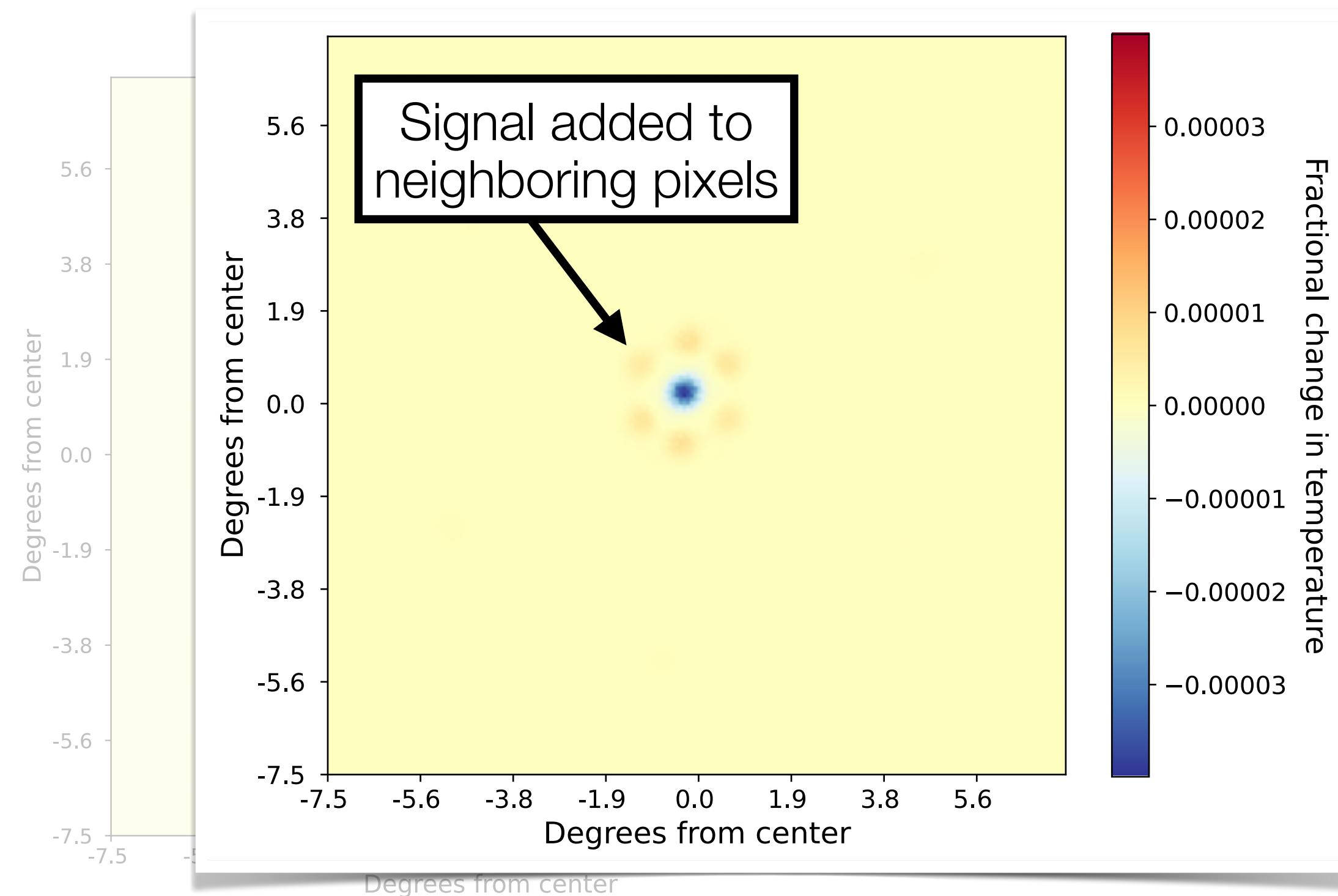


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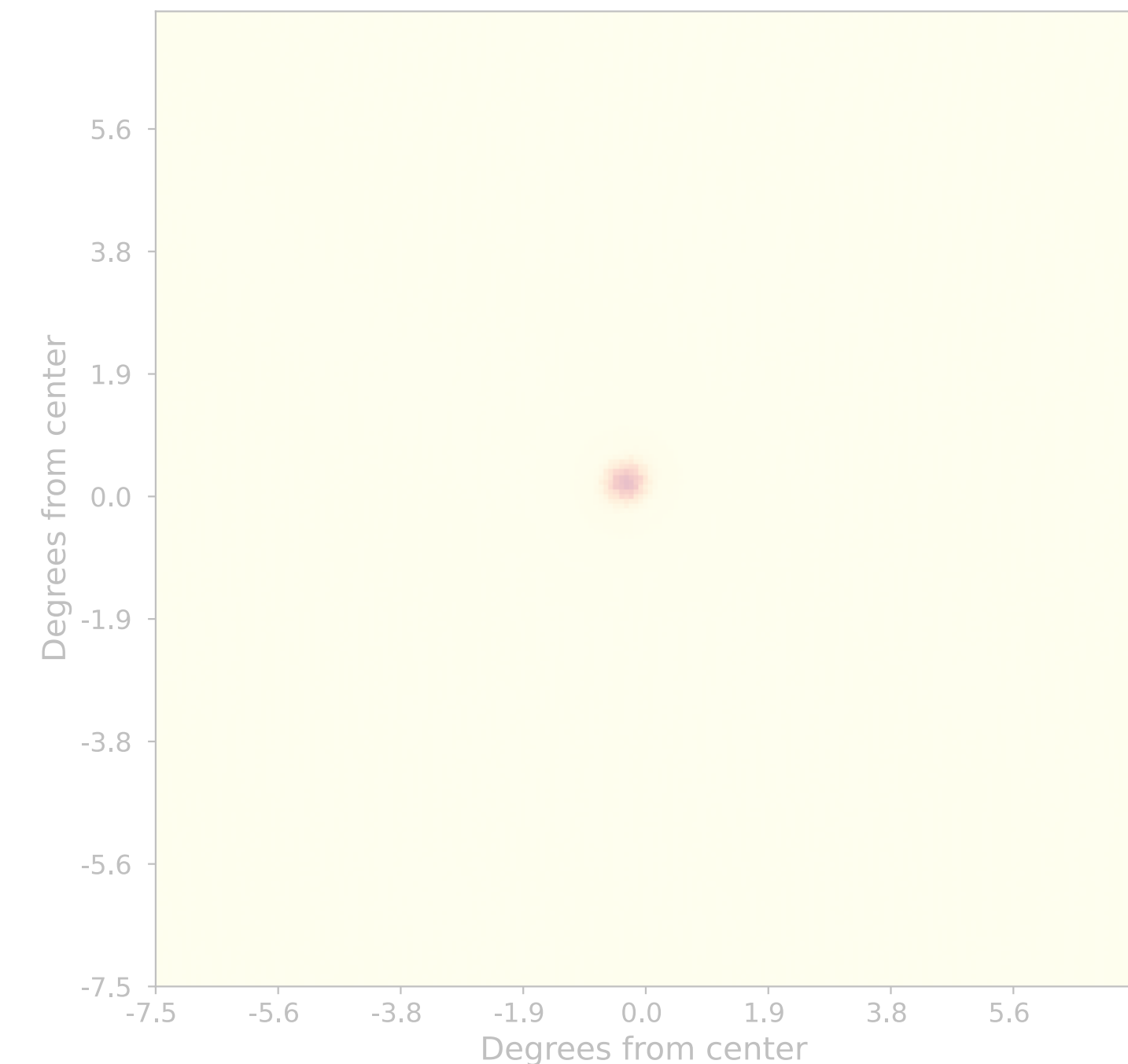
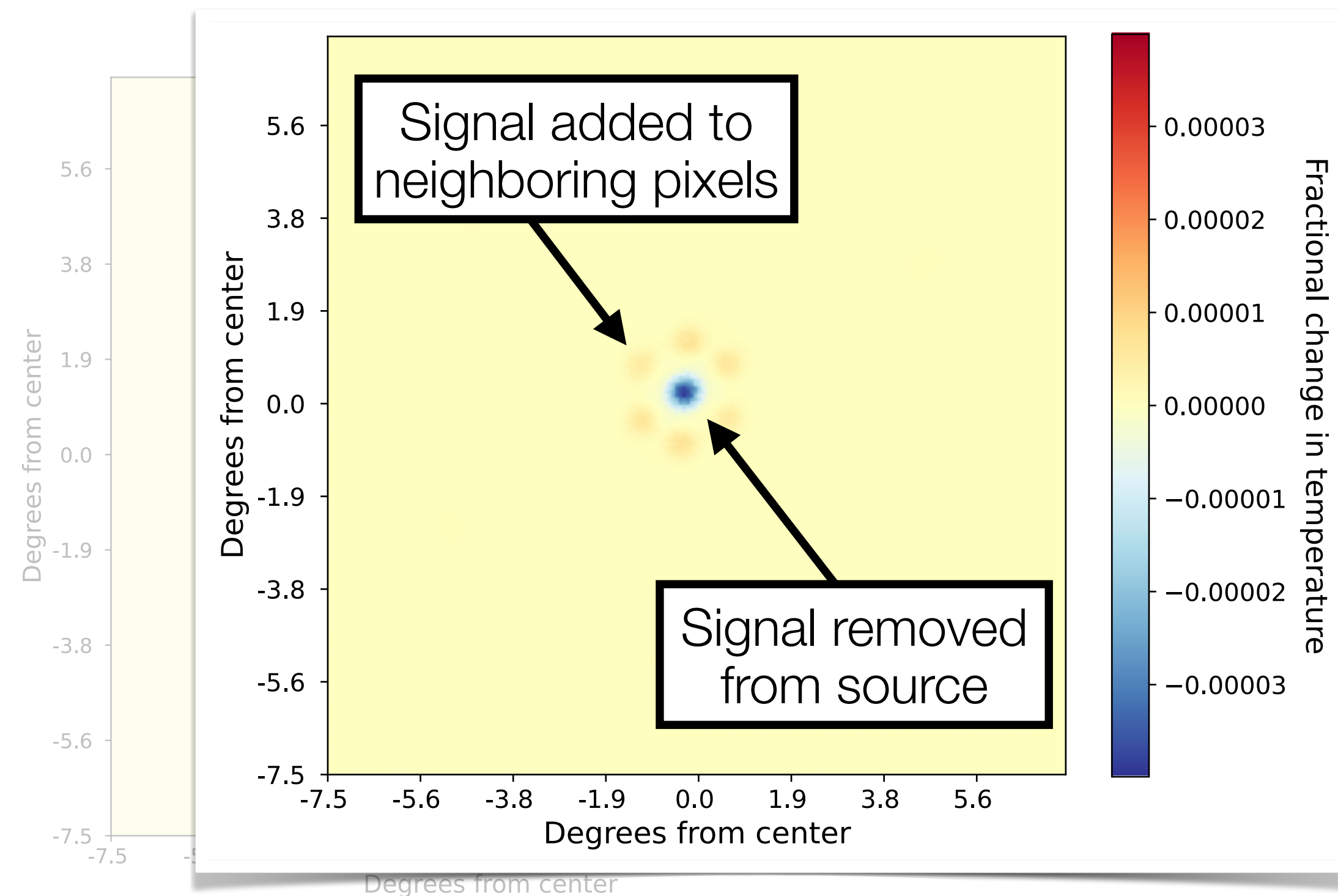


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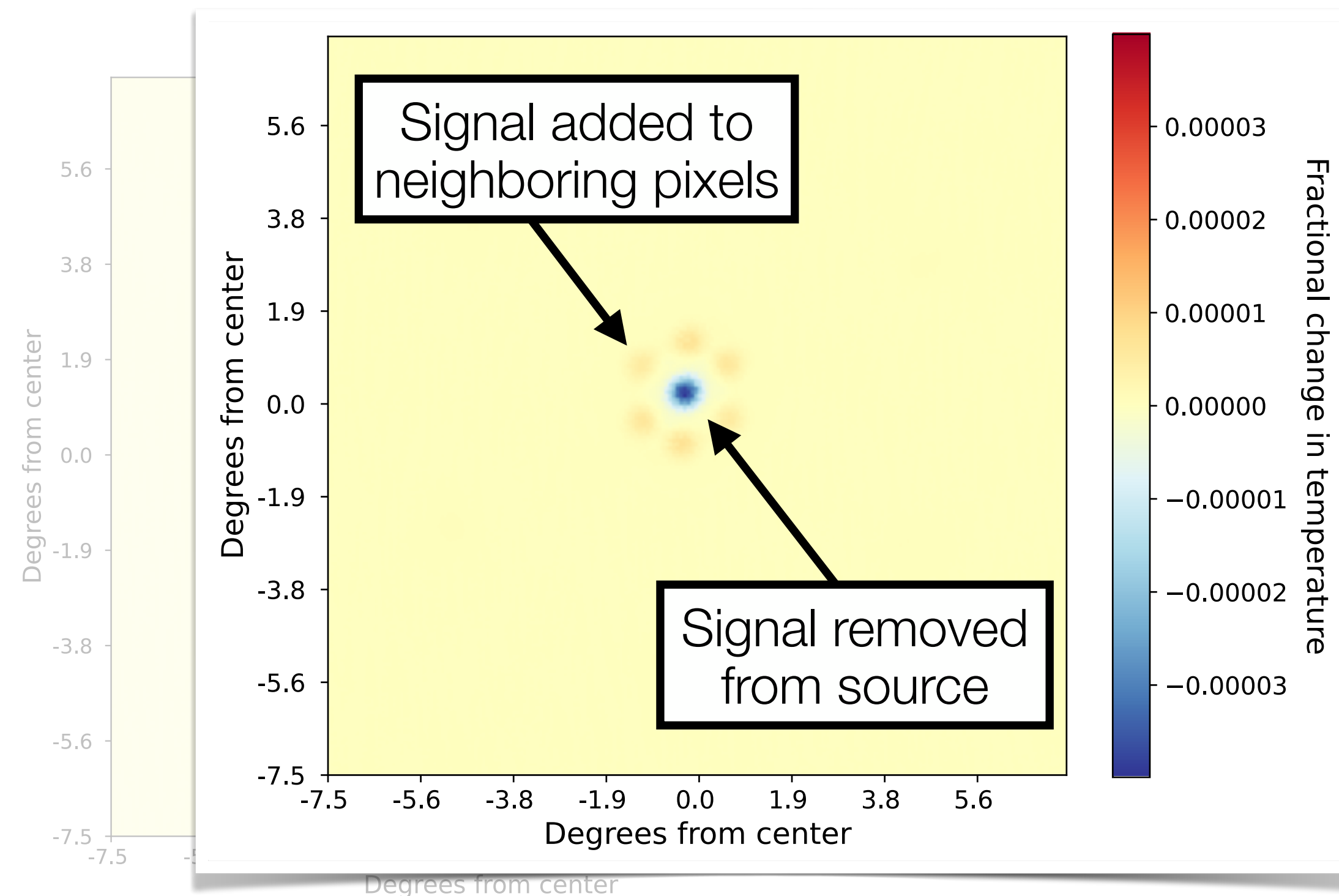


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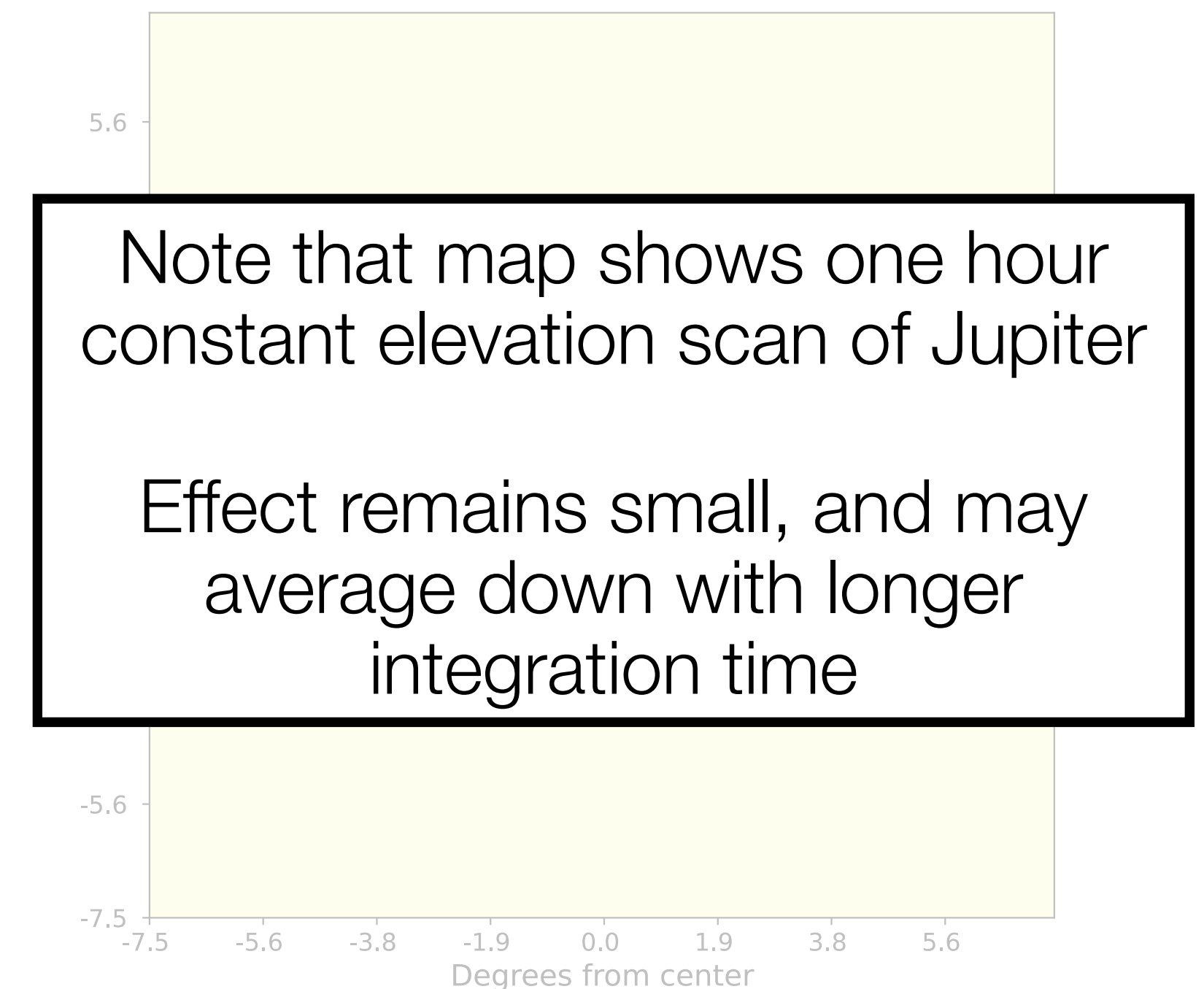
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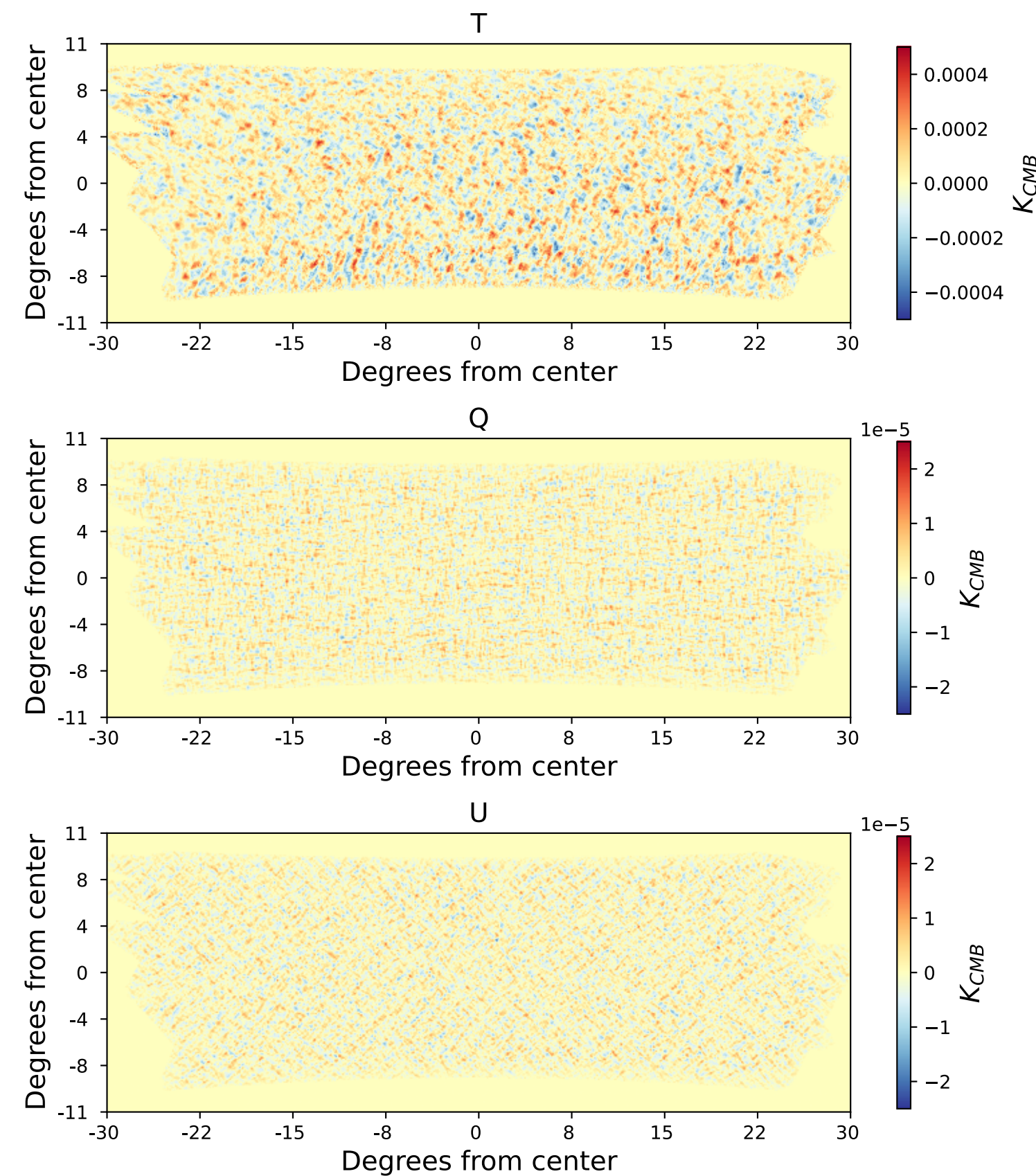


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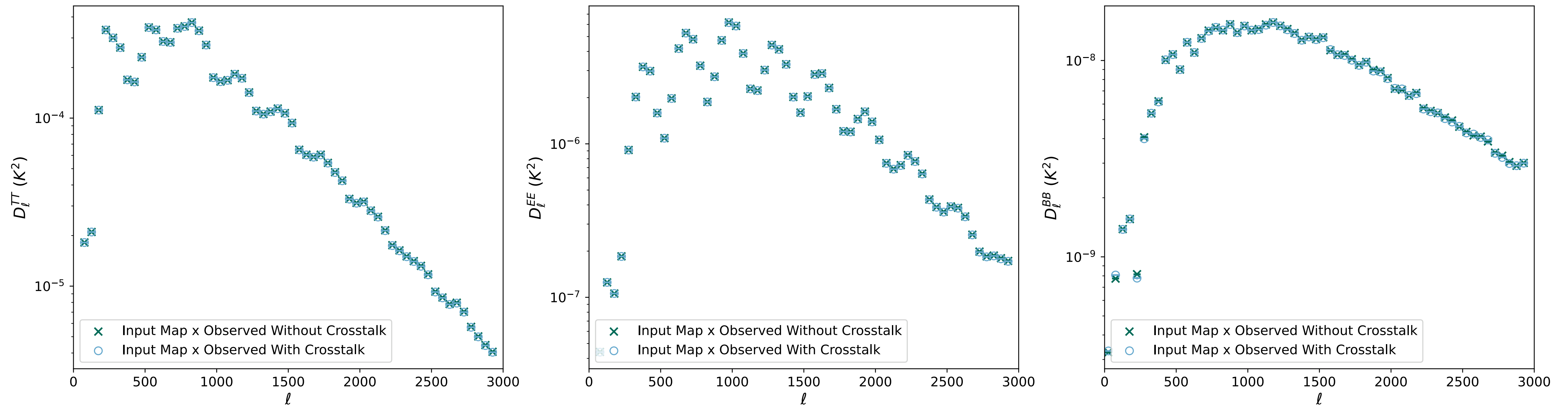
Simulating scans of the deep56 patch
($\sim 500 \text{ deg}^2$) helps us understand potential
impacts on science

Simulation shows scan with single LAT
optics tube at 150 GHz, with no
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TT, EE, BB cross-spectra show optimistic results



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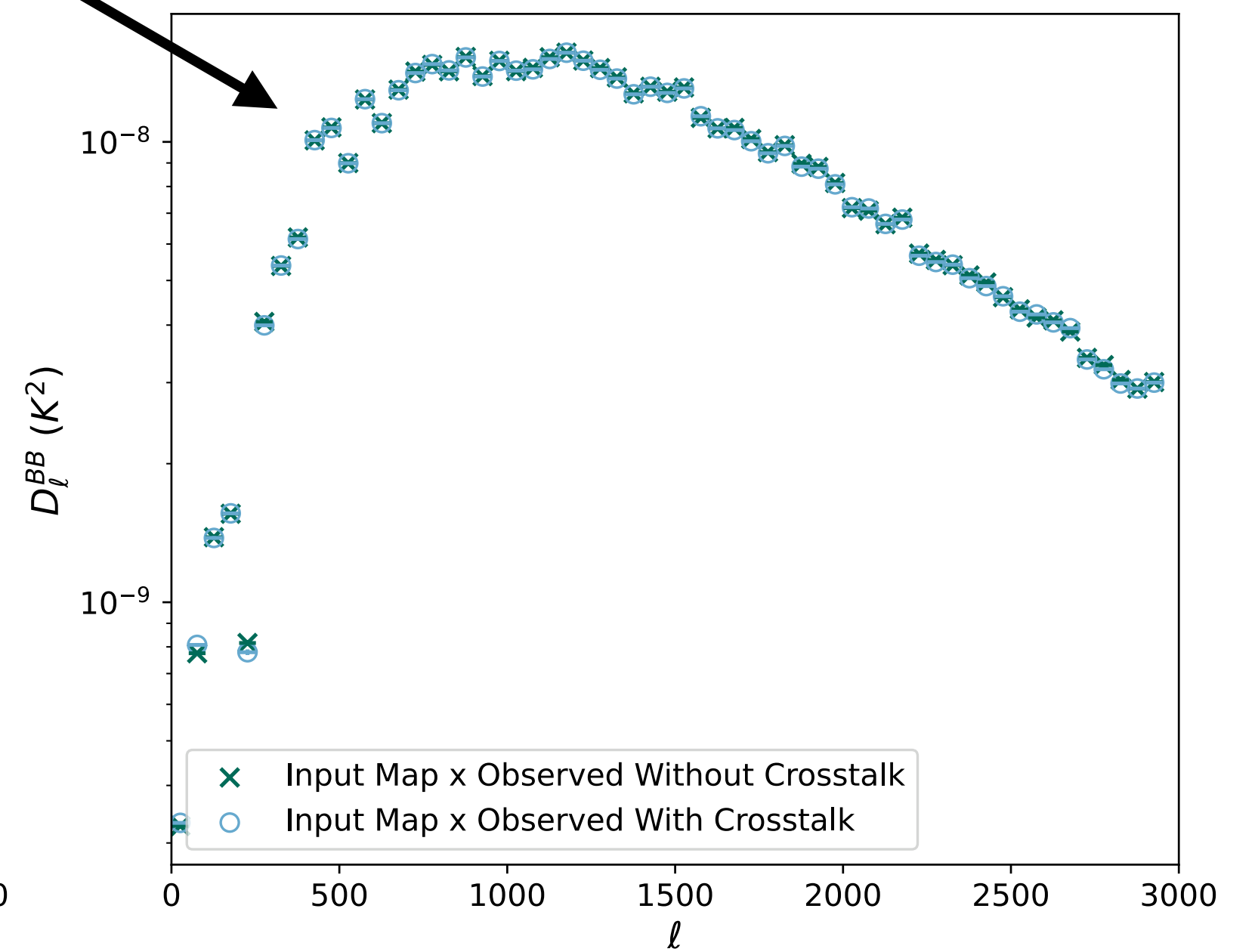
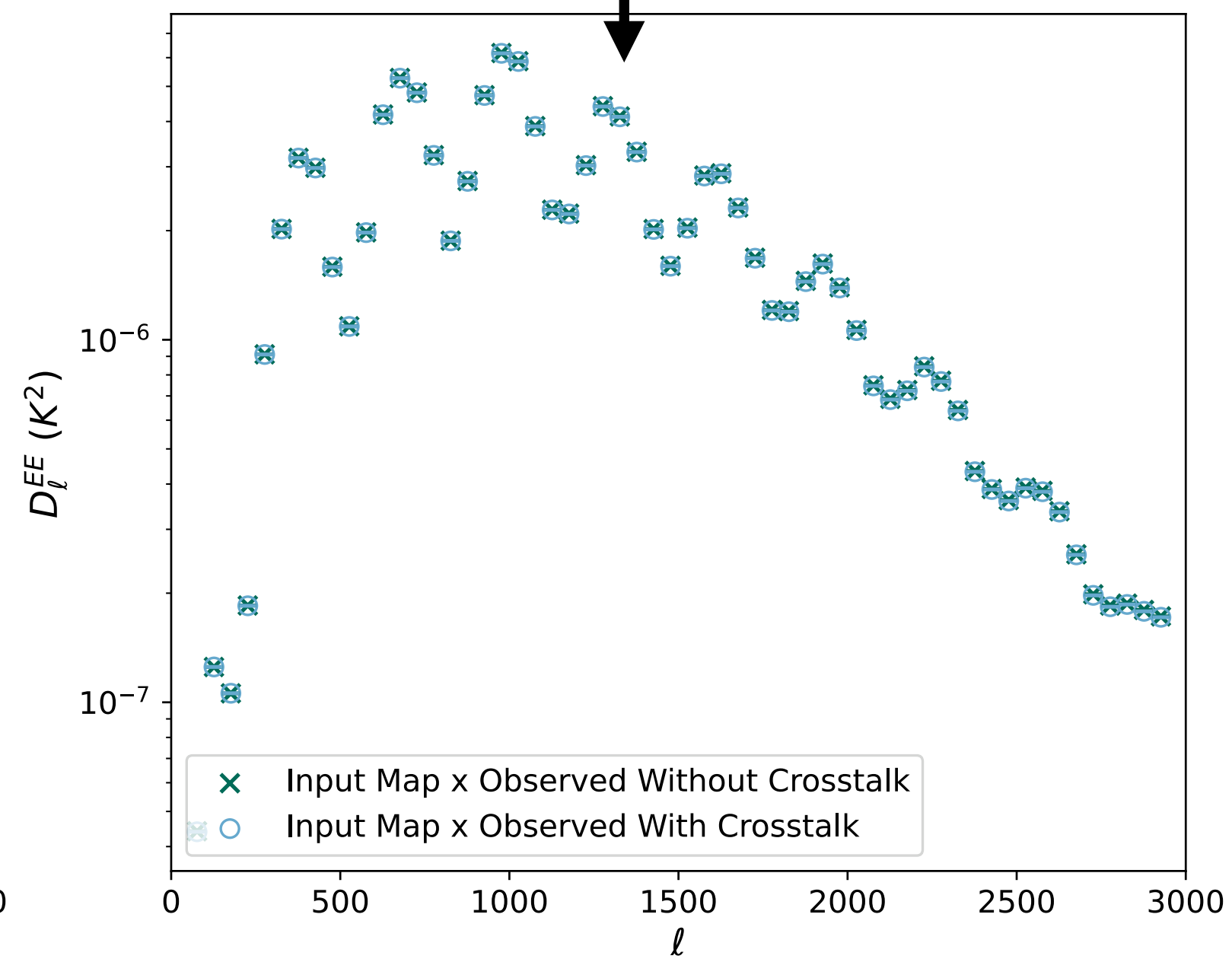
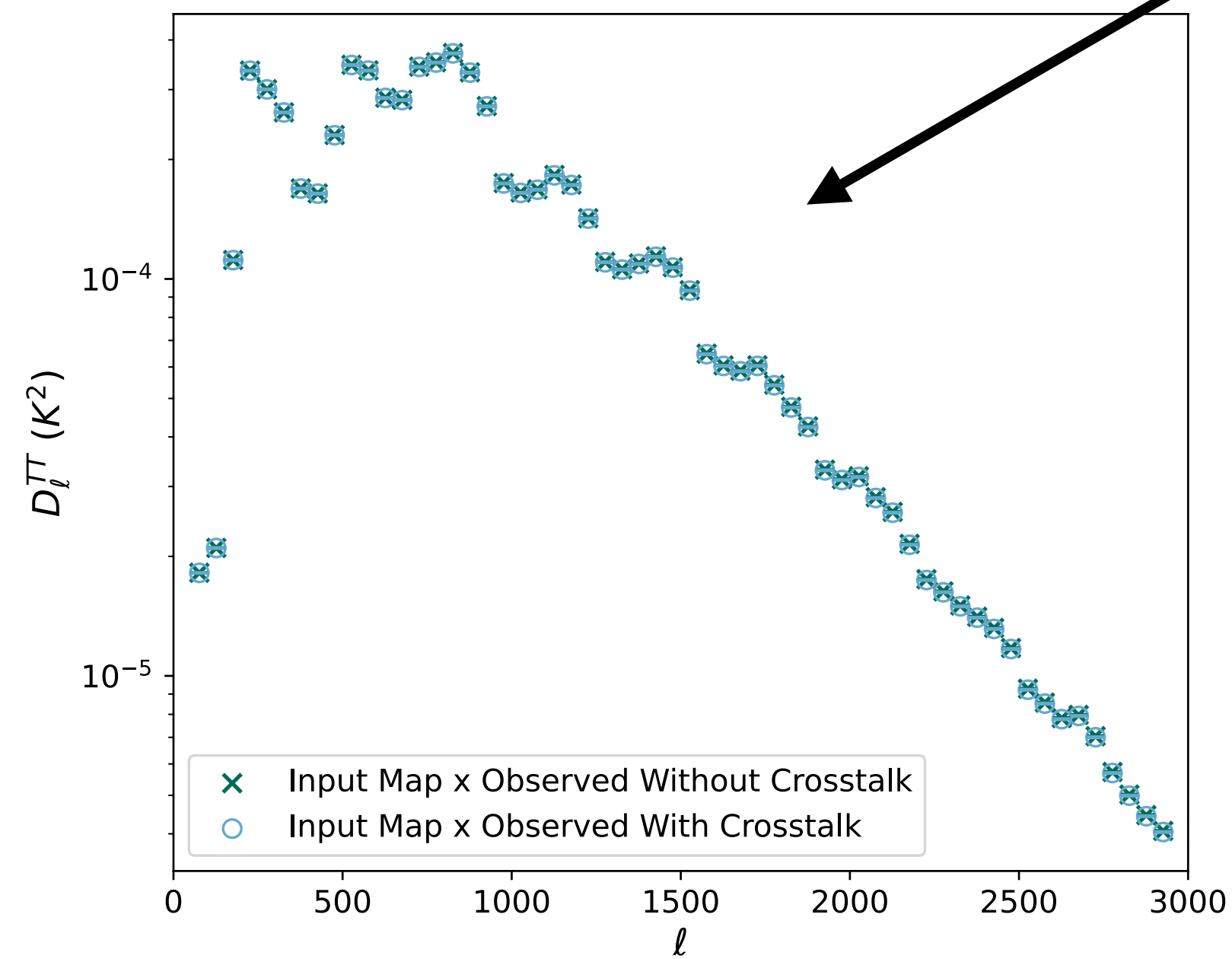
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Systematic impact of
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Next steps

We look forward to:

- Expanding simulations to longer integration times and more diverse weather conditions to understand seasonal averaging
- Analyzing considerations for analyses of CMB secondaries and cosmological parameters

Current work suggests that the effect of non-linear crosstalk is small, and that it may be reduced by modeling and/or averaging

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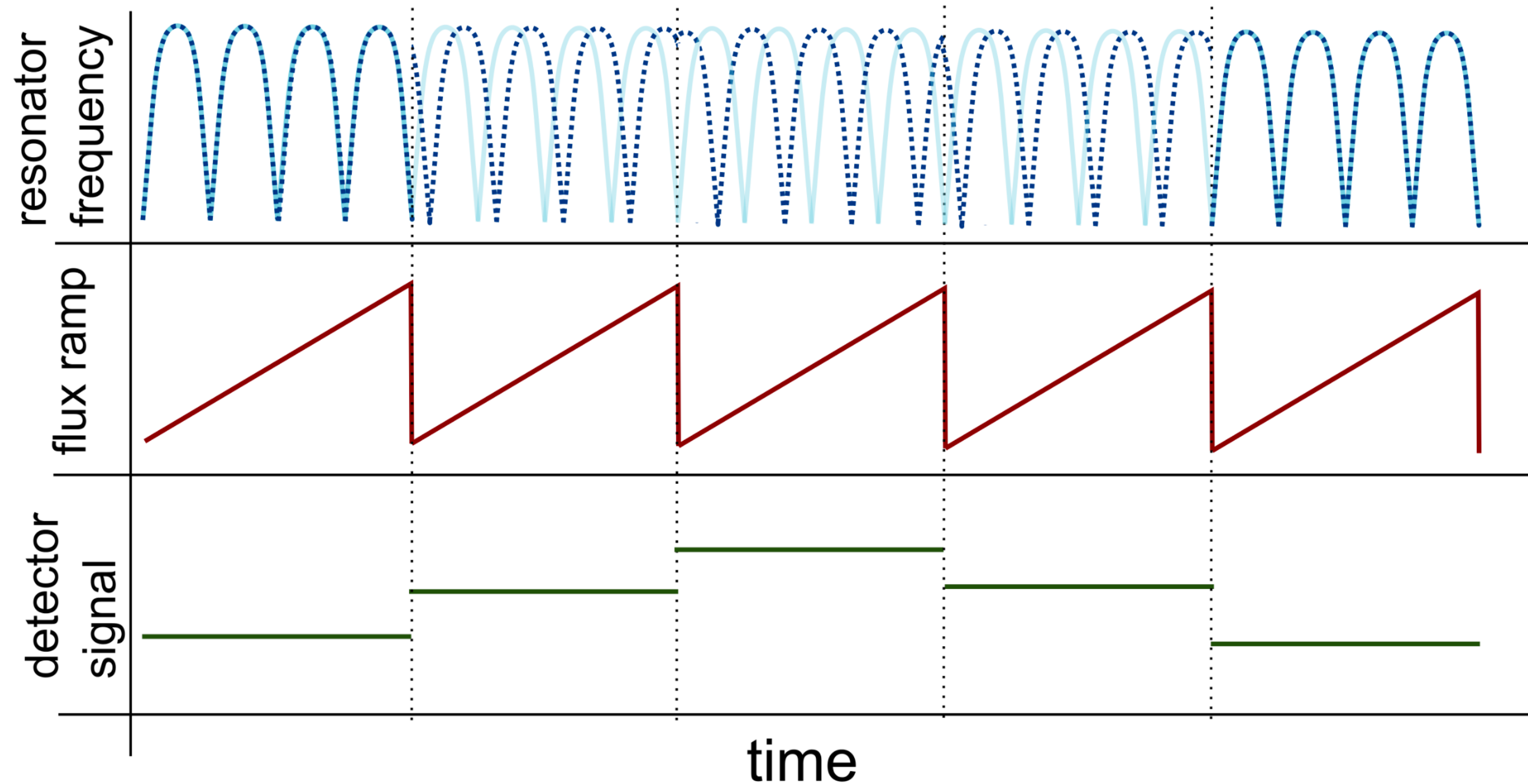
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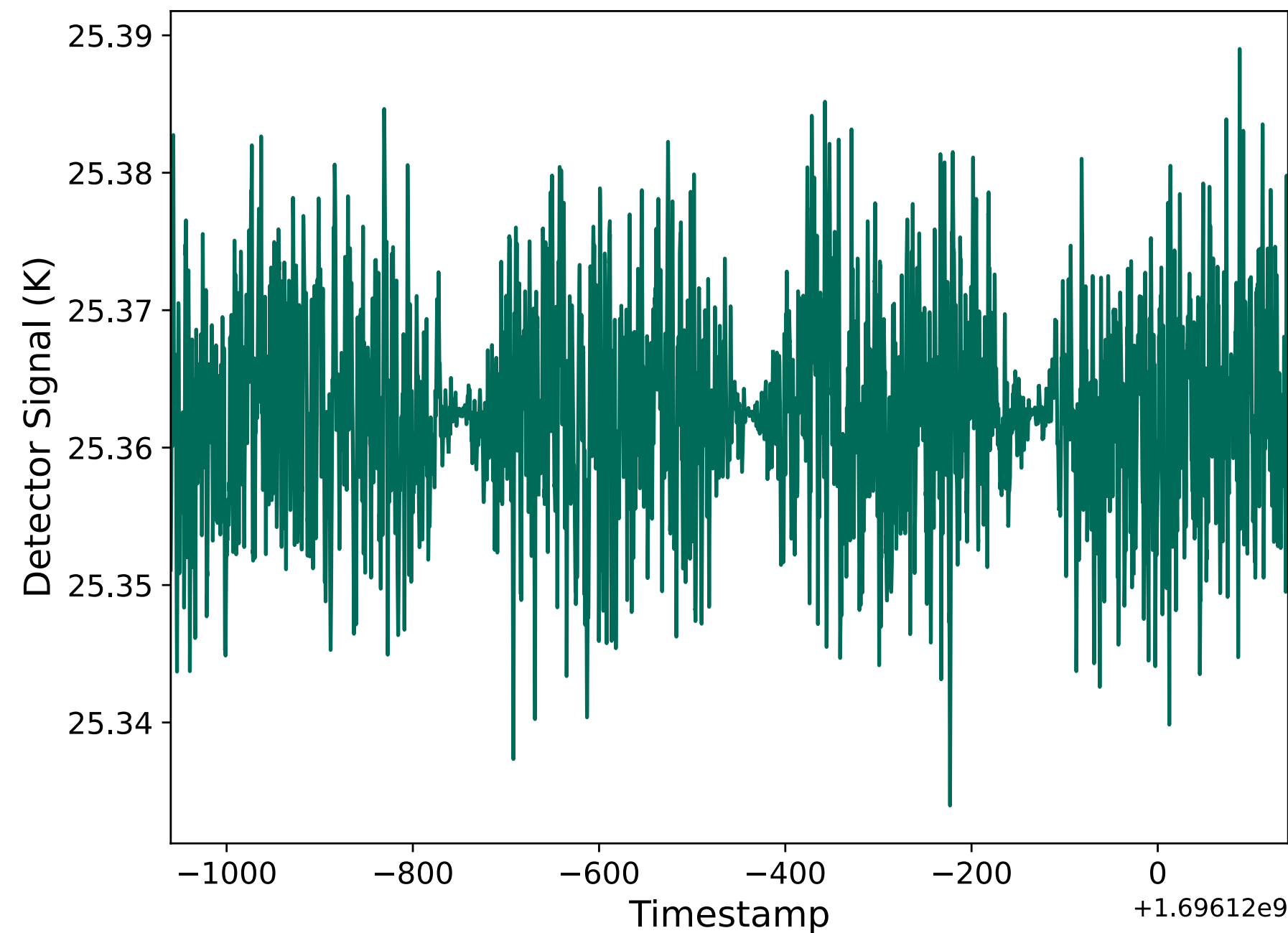
General schematic



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Introduction to TOAST

Time ordered astrophysics scalable tools (TOAST): CMB observation toolkit



Sample detector TOD as generated
by TOAST

TOAST allows us to simulate
time-ordered data (TOD) for a
sample observation using, e.g.,
SO telescopes

Crosstalk can be injected into
TODs to understand its
implications