



# Measurements of Degree-Scale B-mode Polarization with the BICEP/Keck Experiments at South Pole

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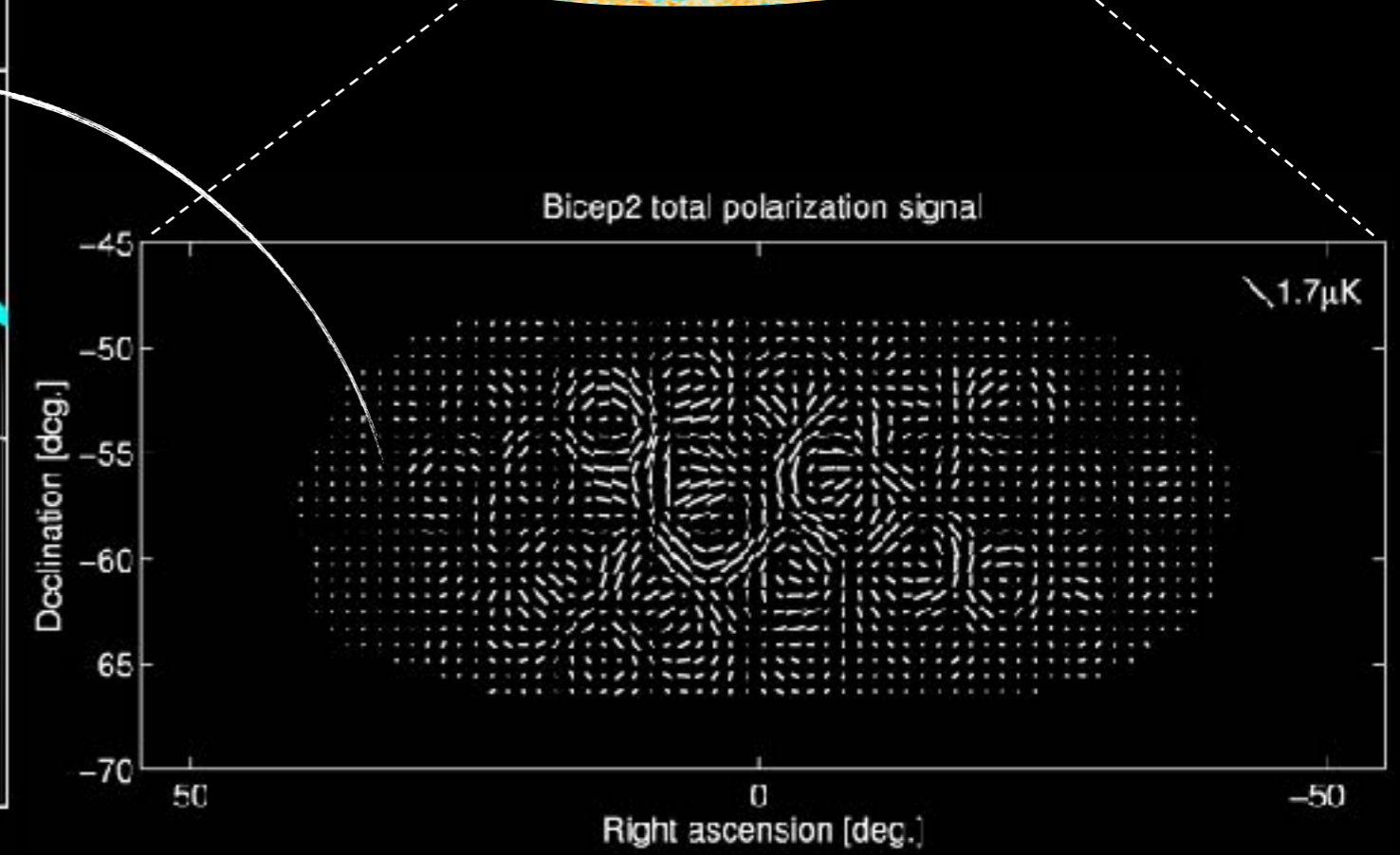
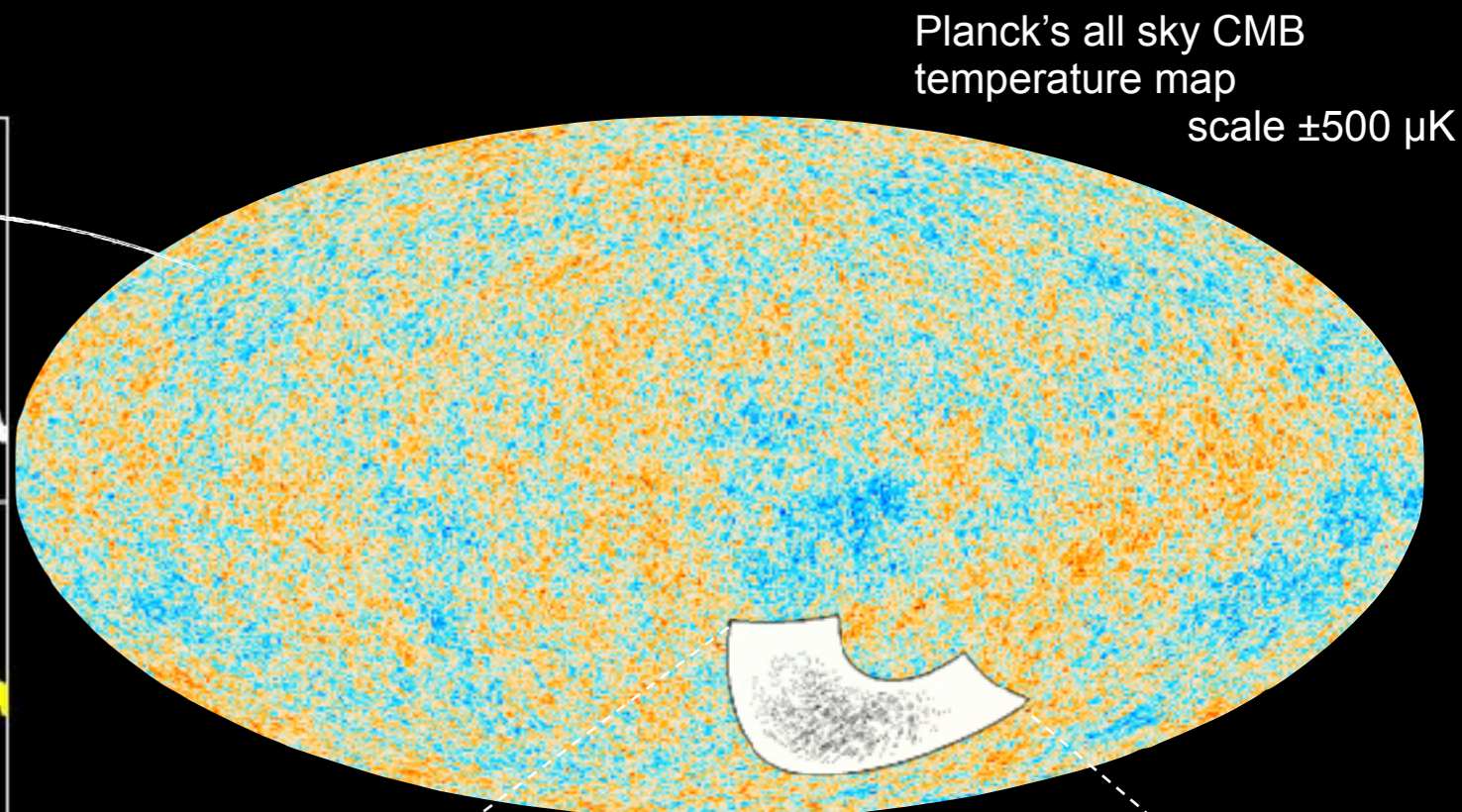
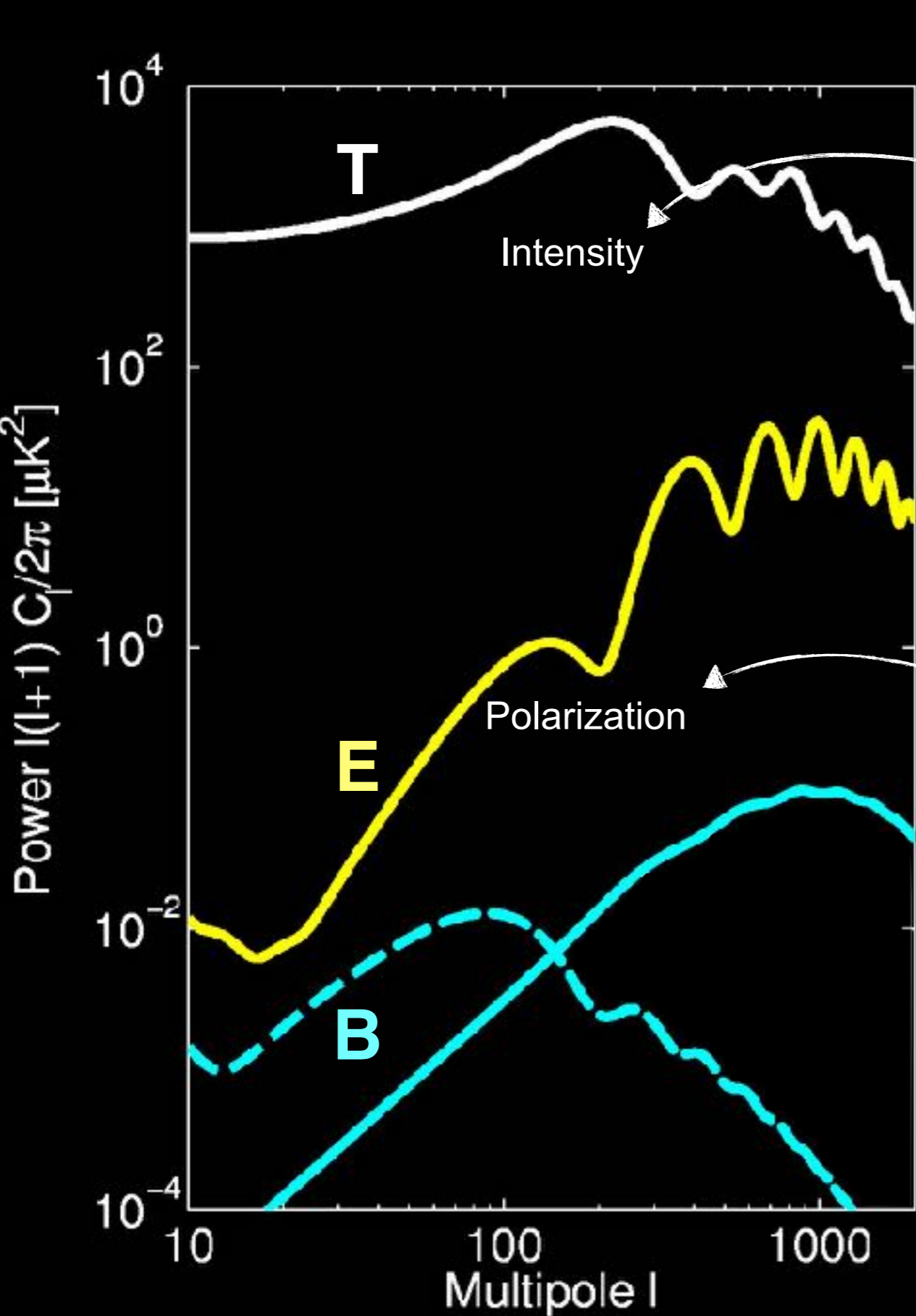
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December 18th, 2019

B modes from Space  
MPA

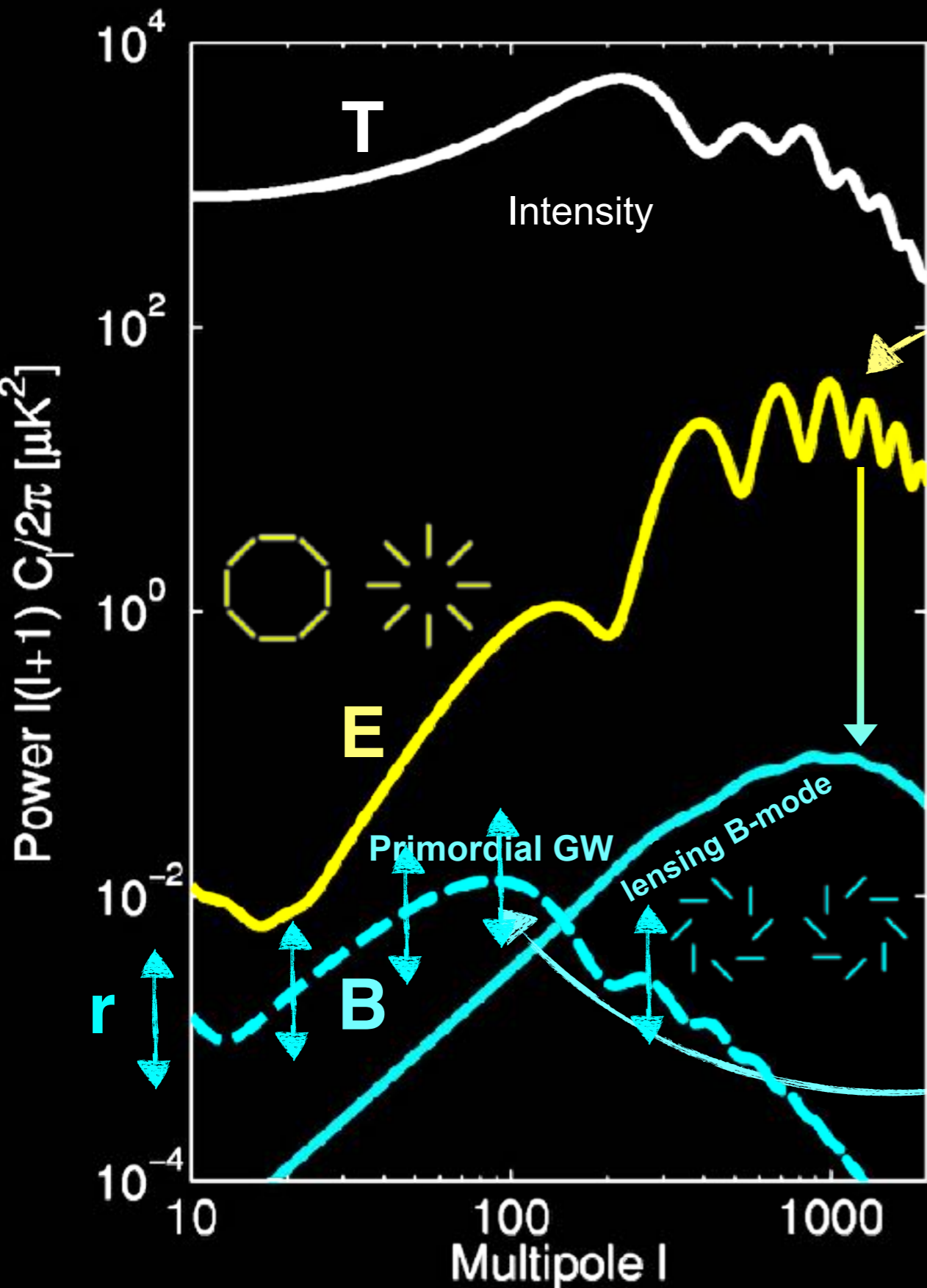


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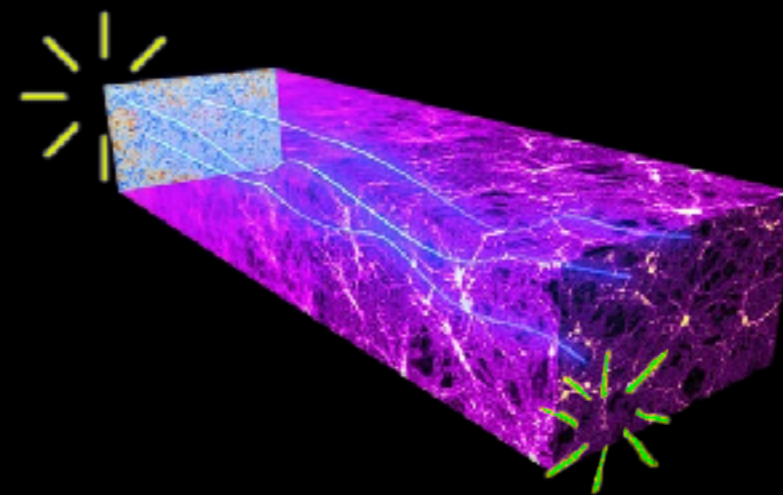




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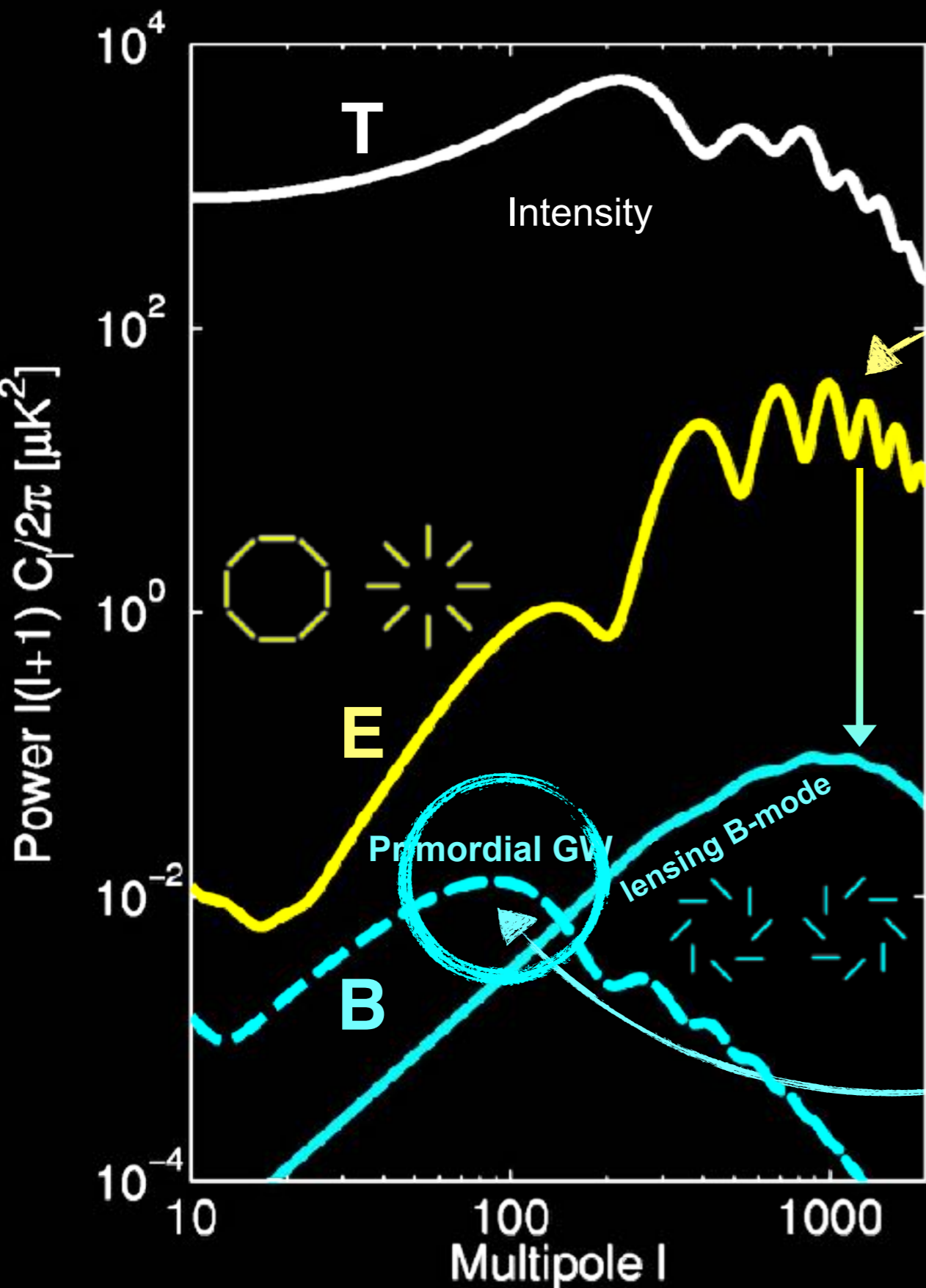
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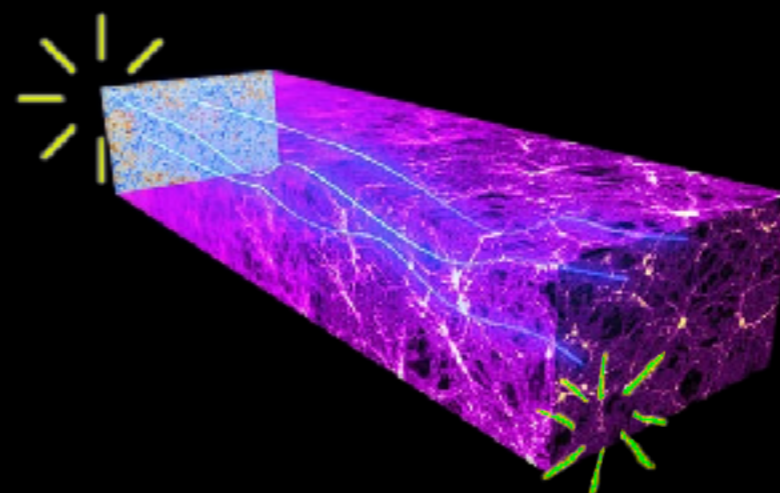
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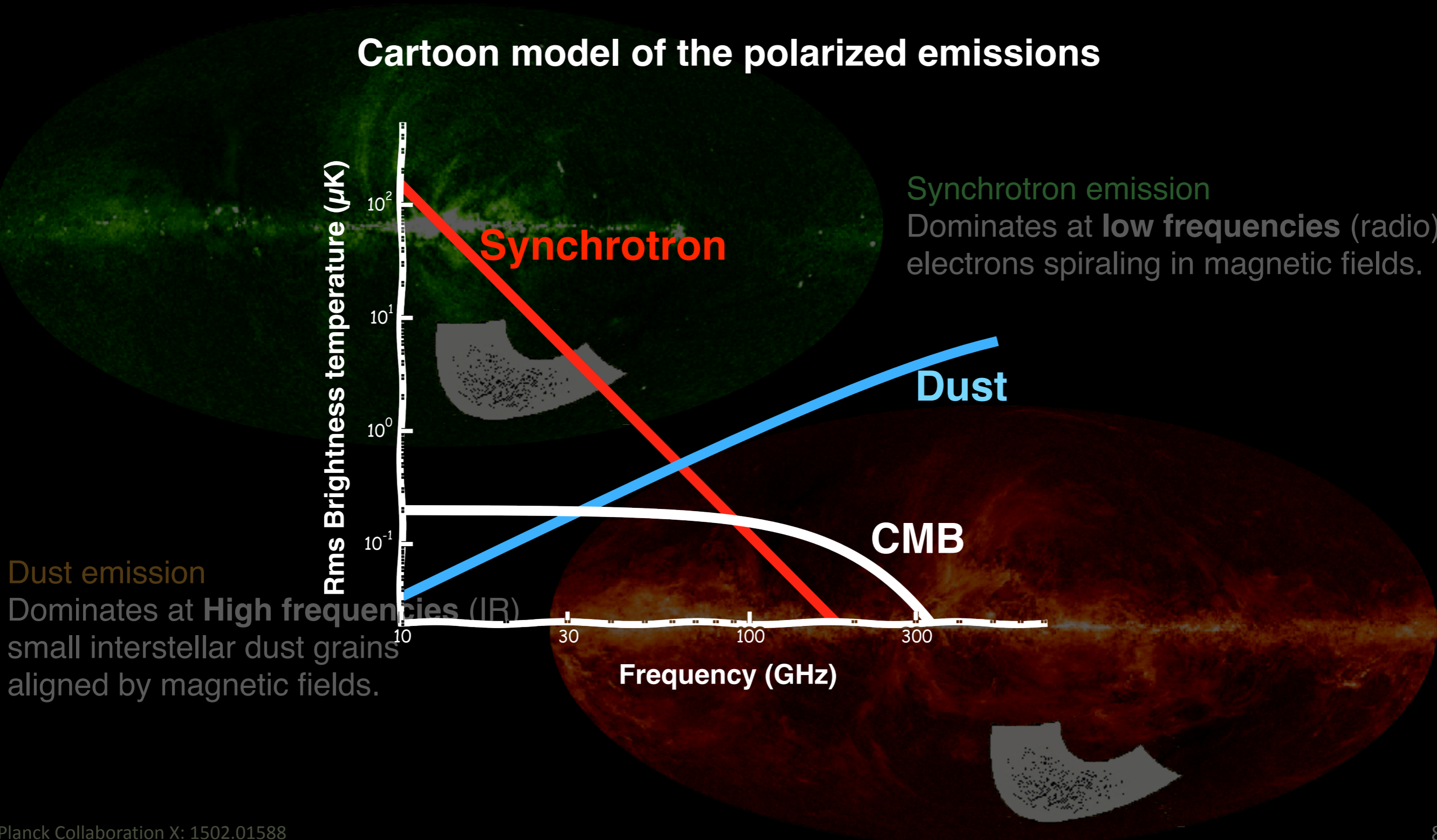
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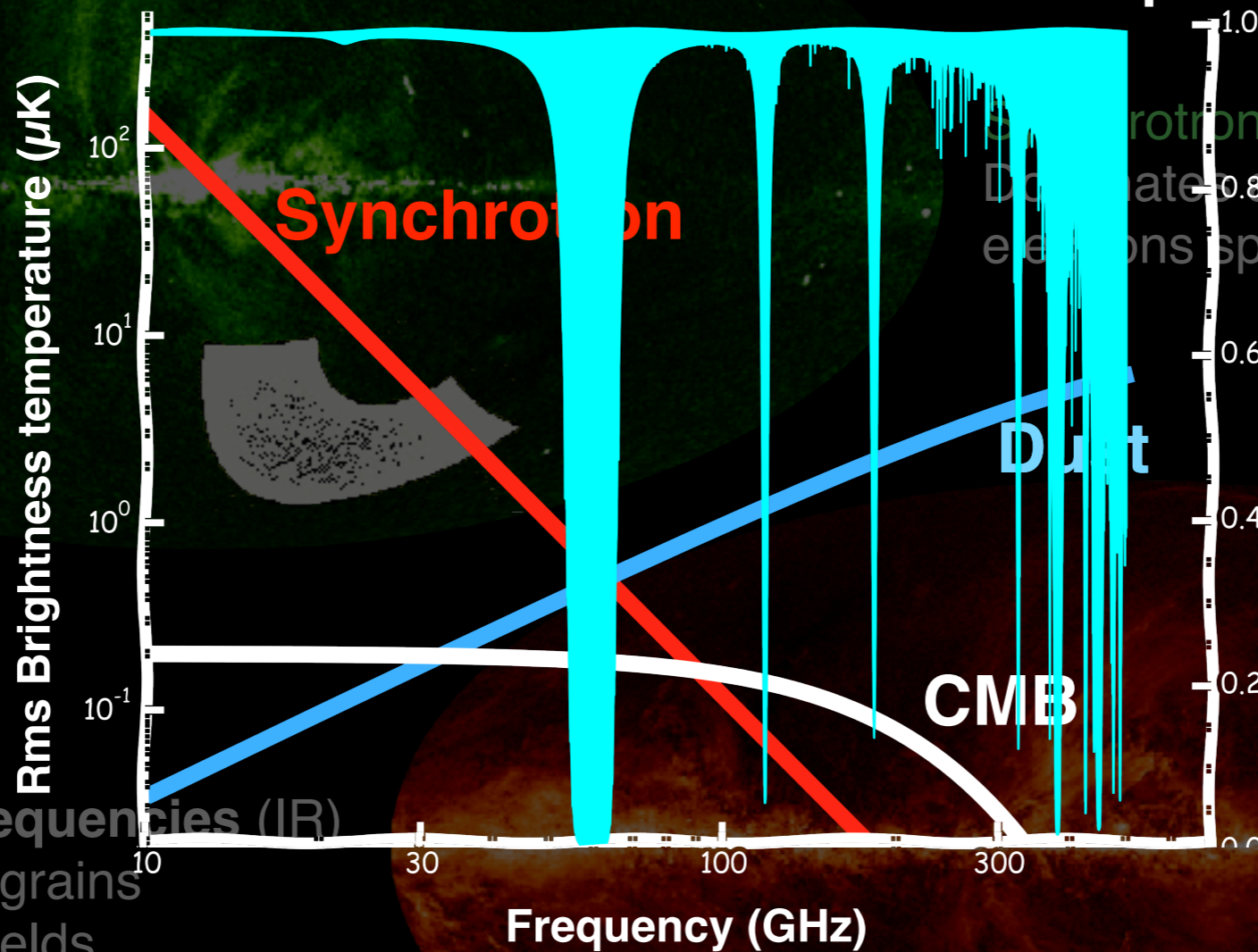
**Frequency (GHz)**



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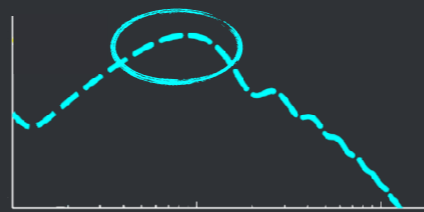


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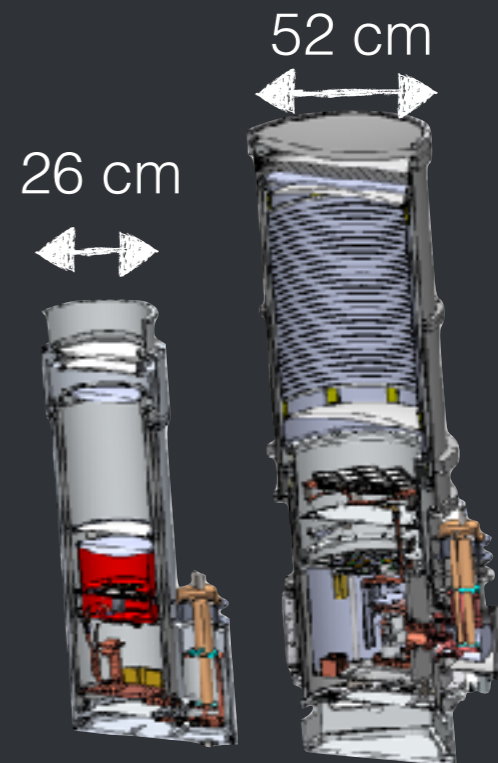
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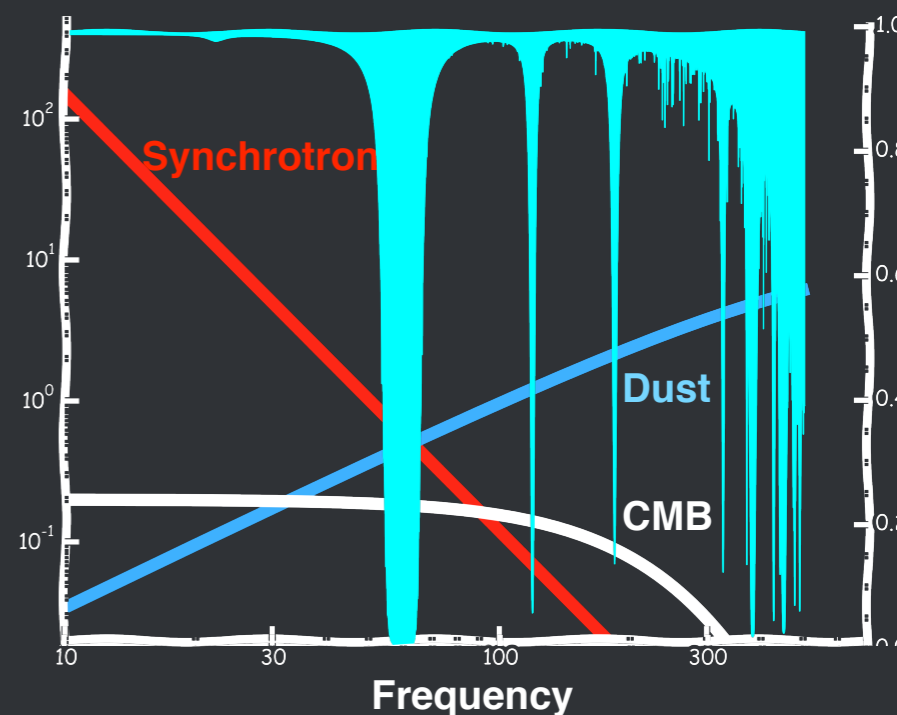
# We need:



- ★ Large scales ( $\sim 2$  degrees):  
Need **small telescopes**



- ★ Multiple Frequencies:  
Need **good atmospheric conditions**





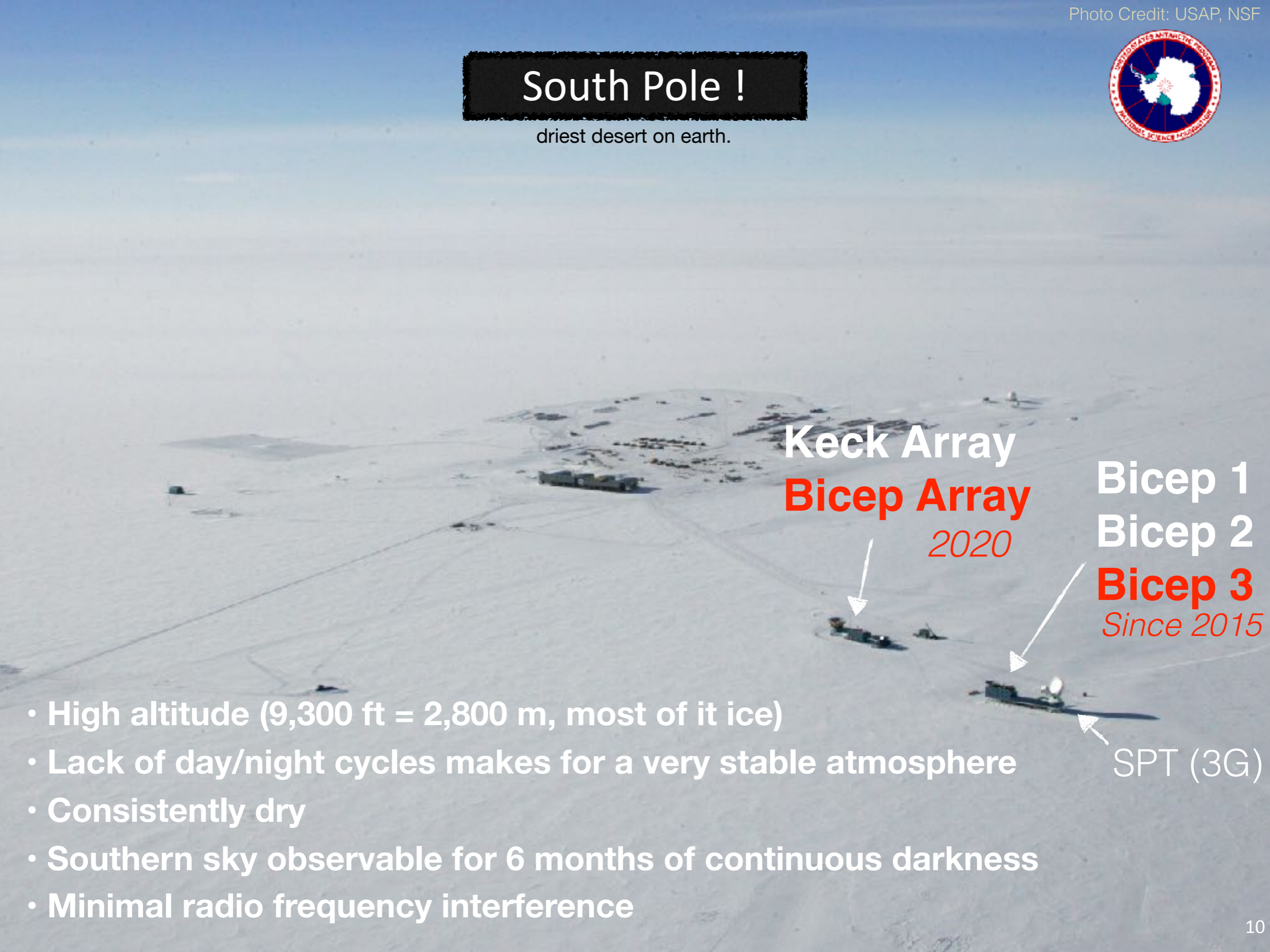
BICEP/Keck





# South Pole !

driest desert on earth.



Keck Array

**Bicep Array**

*2020*

Bicep 1

Bicep 2

**Bicep 3**

*Since 2015*

SPT (3G)

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Bicep 2

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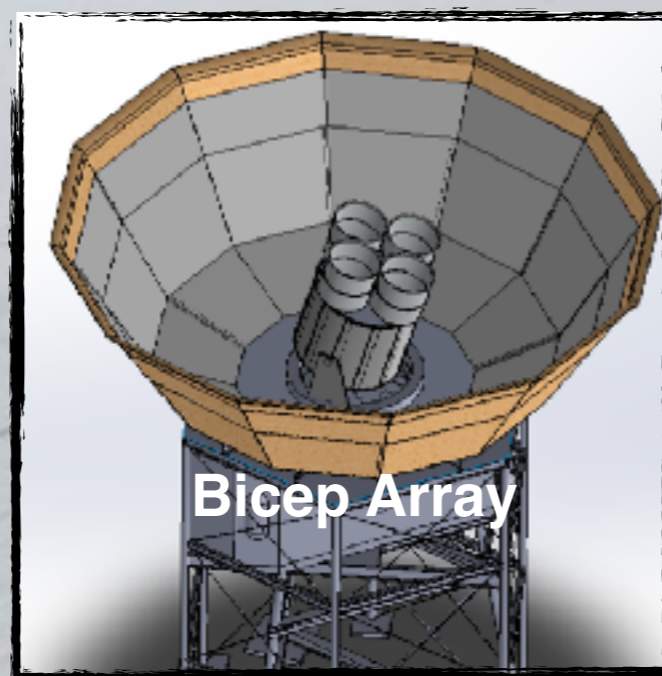


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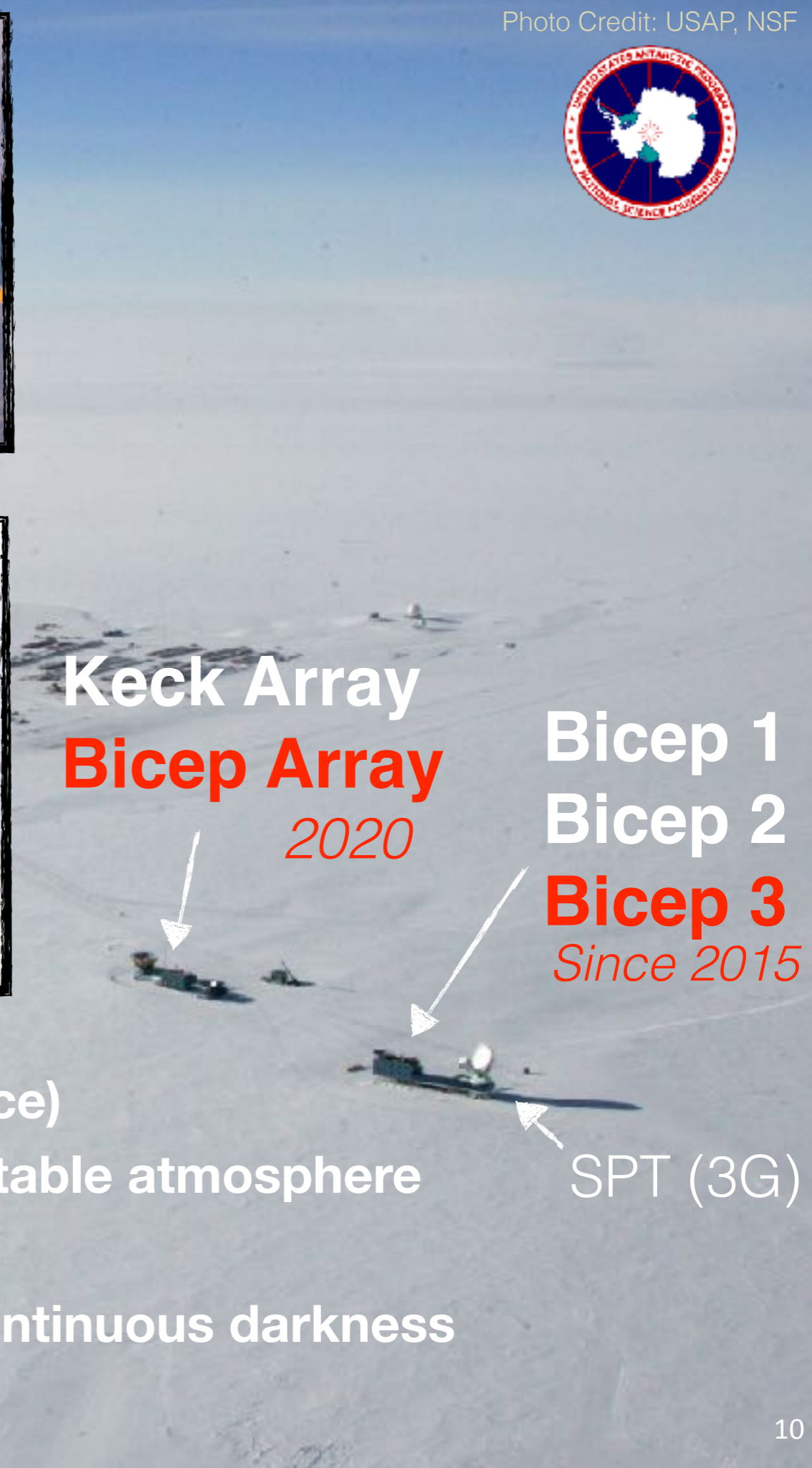


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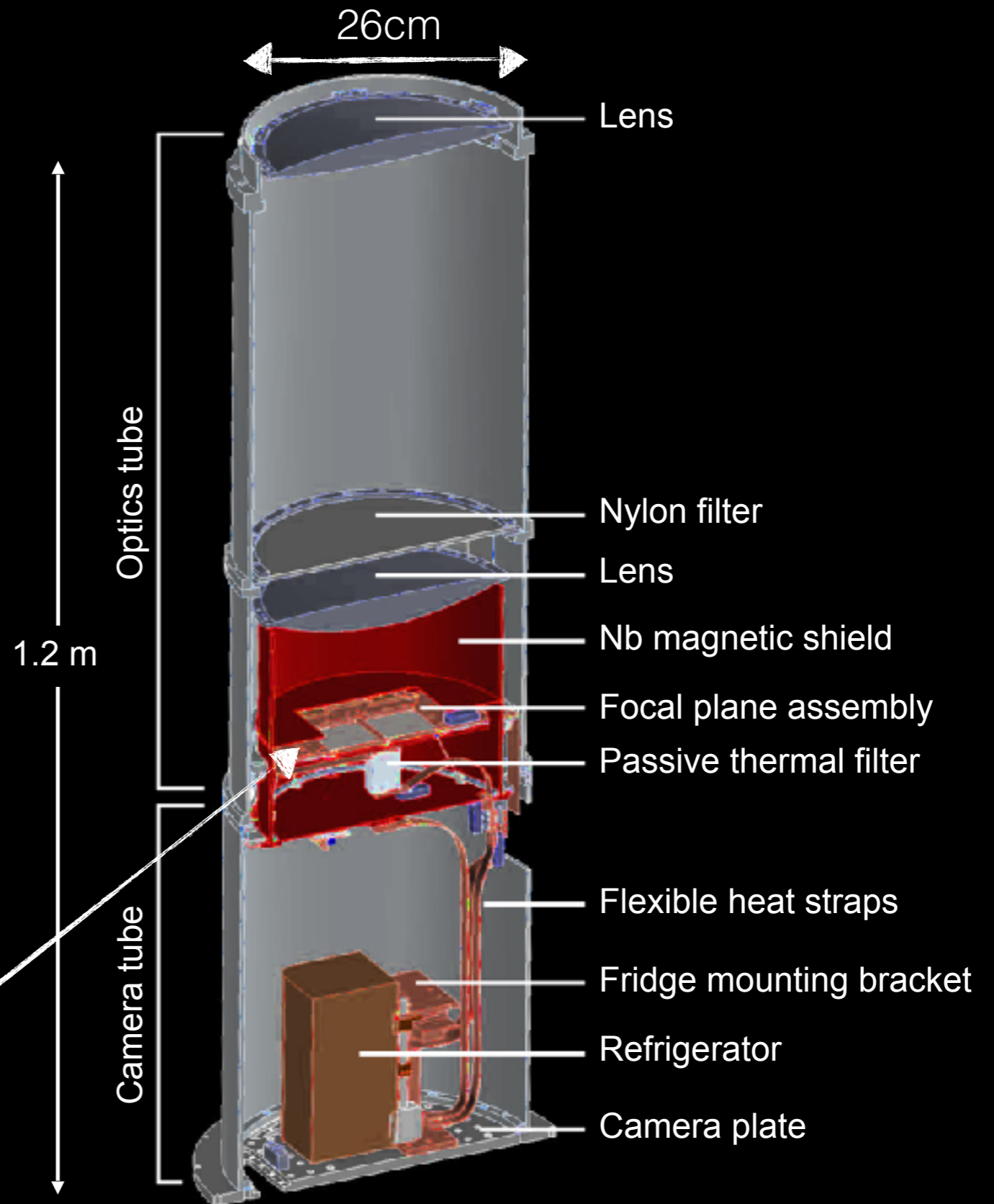
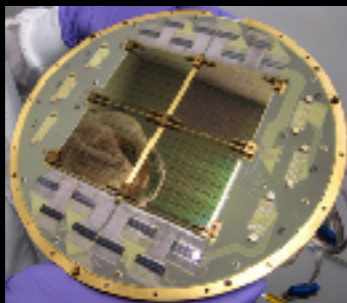
# The BICEP2/Keck Telescopes

Telescope as compact as possible while still having the angular resolution to observe degree-scale features.

Optical elements cooled to 4 K.

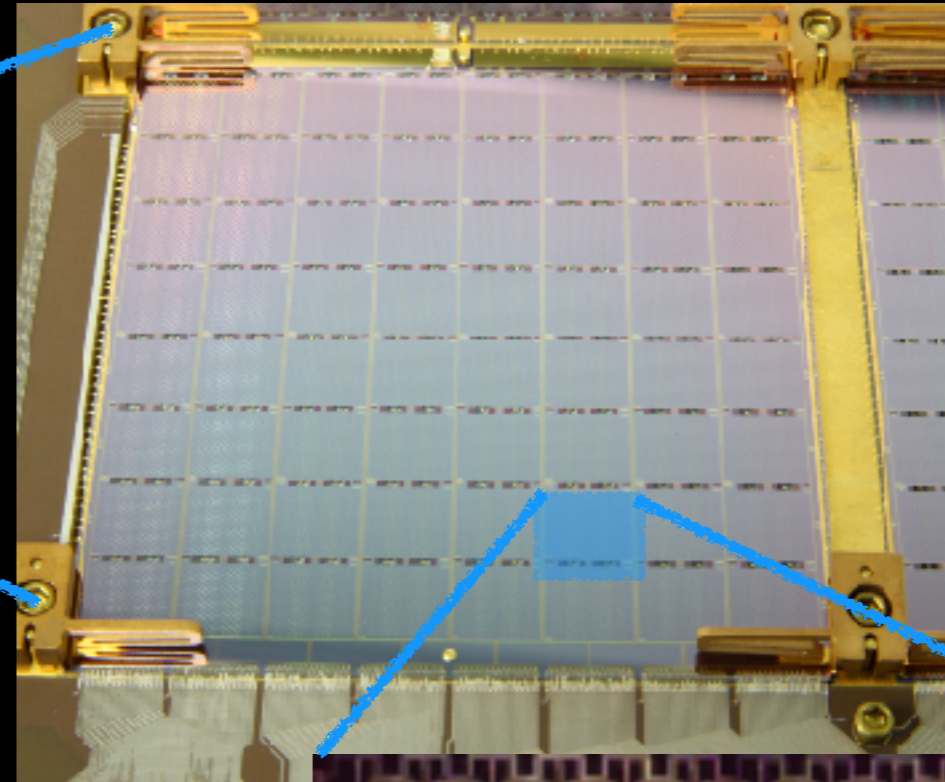
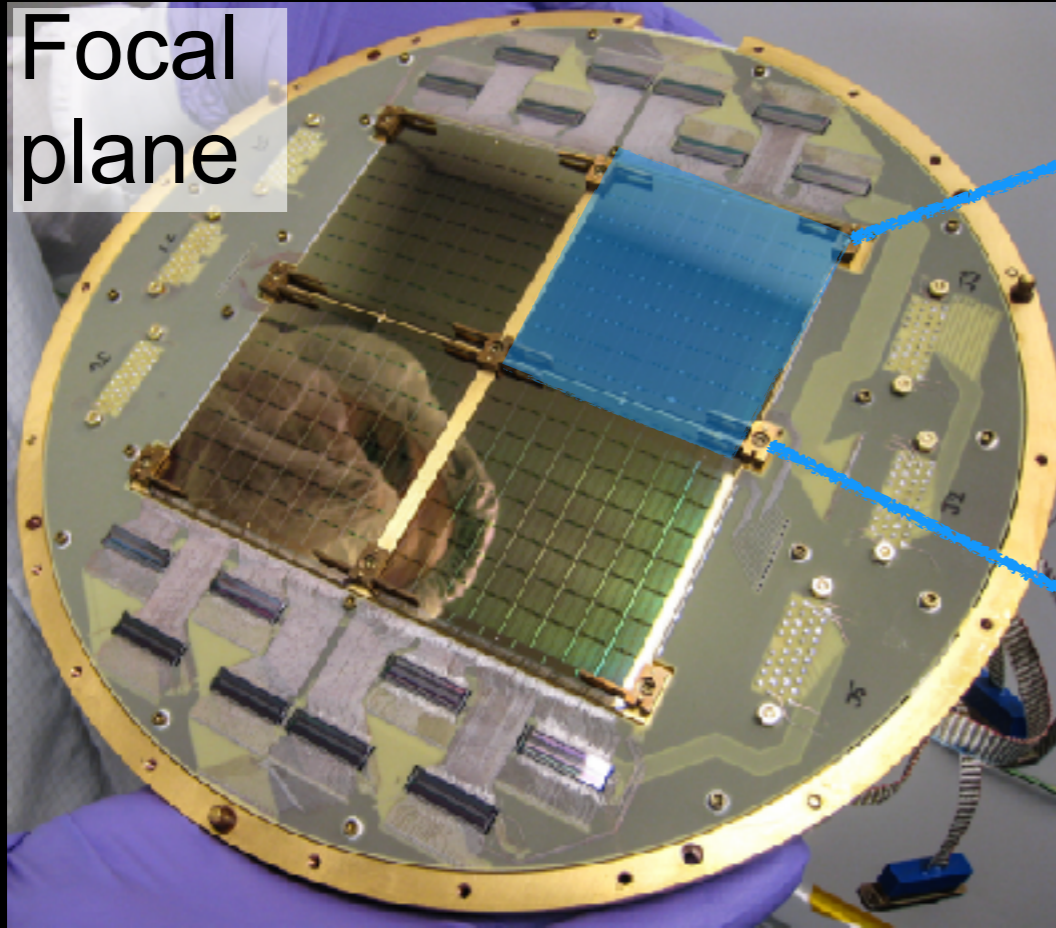
On-axis, refractive optics allow the entire telescope to rotate around boresight for polarization modulation.

A 3-stage helium sorption refrigerator further cools the detectors to 250 mK.

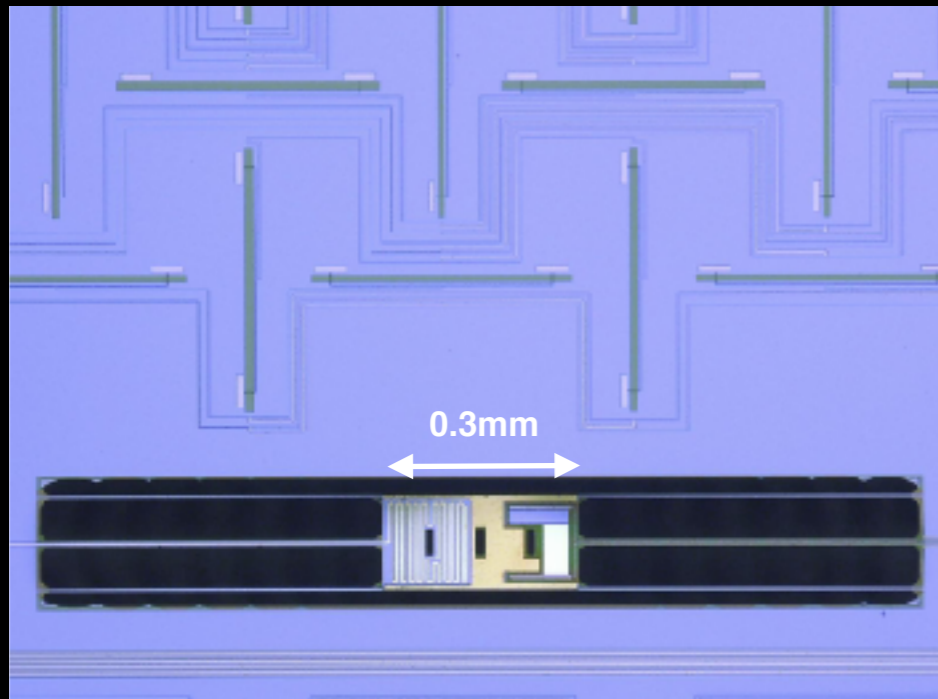




# Mass-produced Superconducting Detectors



**JPL**



Slot antennas



Transition Edge Sensor

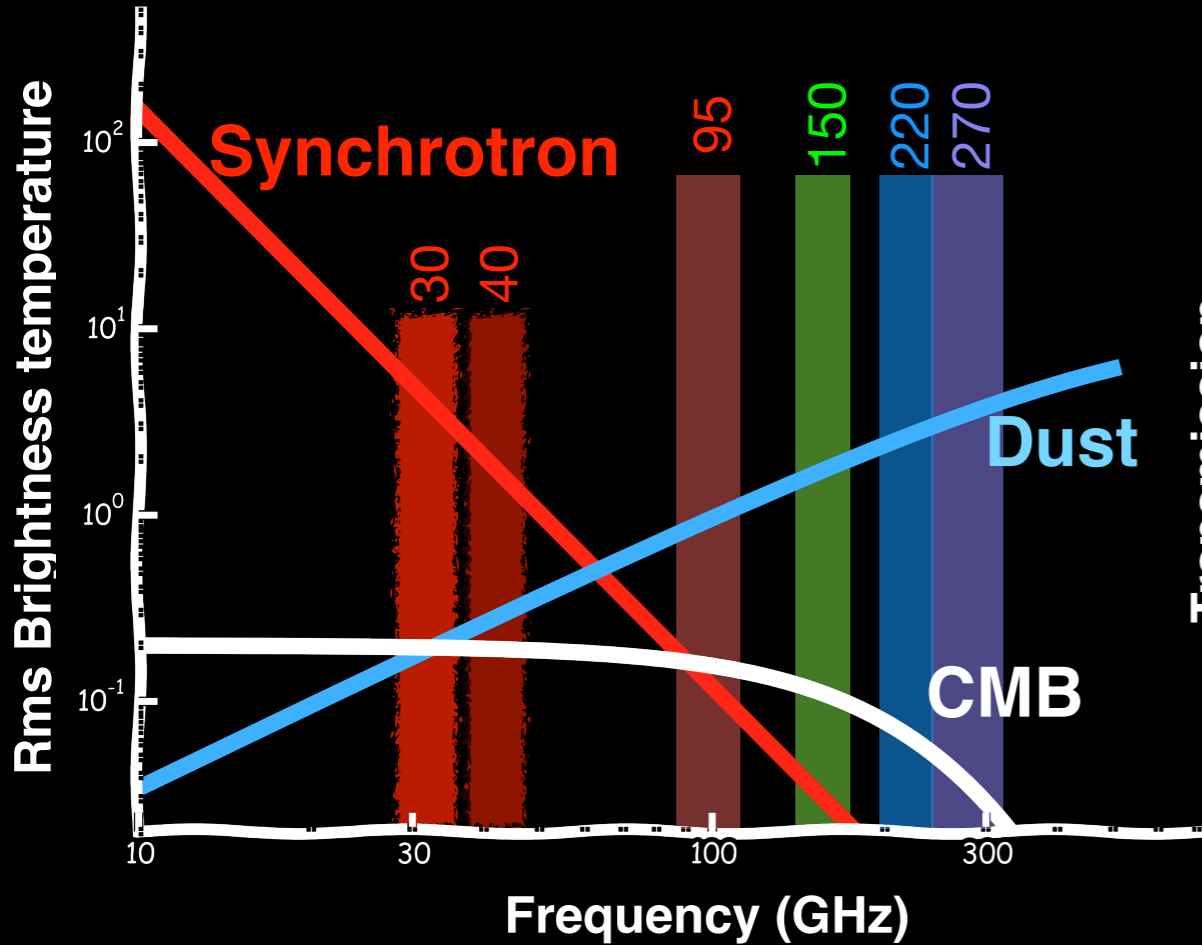


Microstrip filters

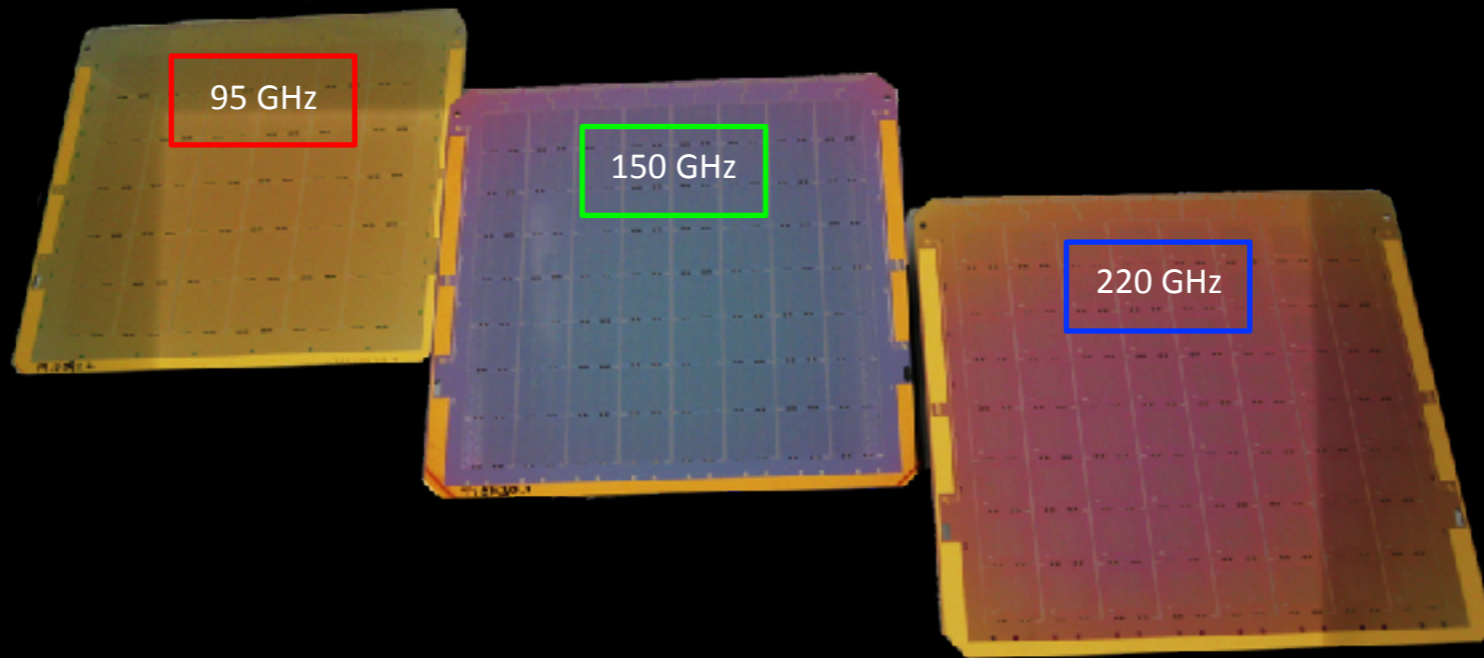
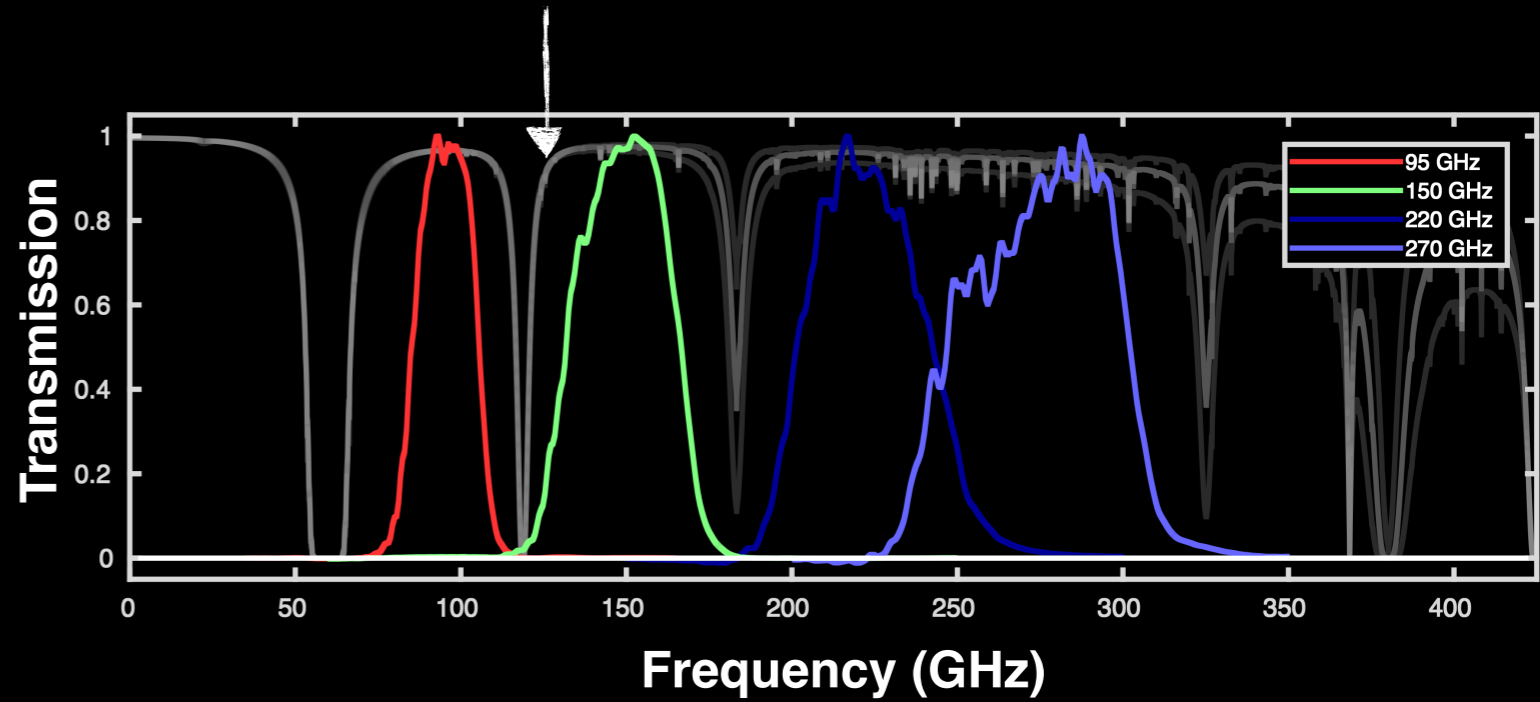


# BICEP2/Keck Band Response

Cartoon model of the polarized emissions



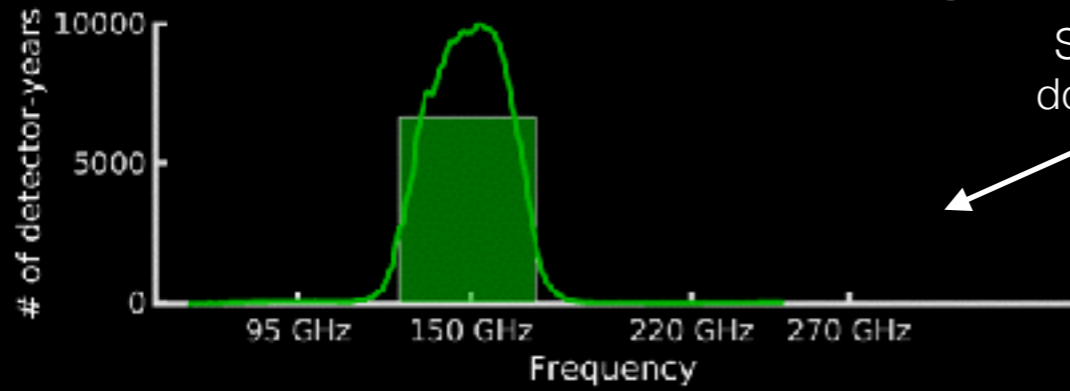
Typical South Pole atmospheric transmission



Detectors Designed to Scale in Frequency (JPL)

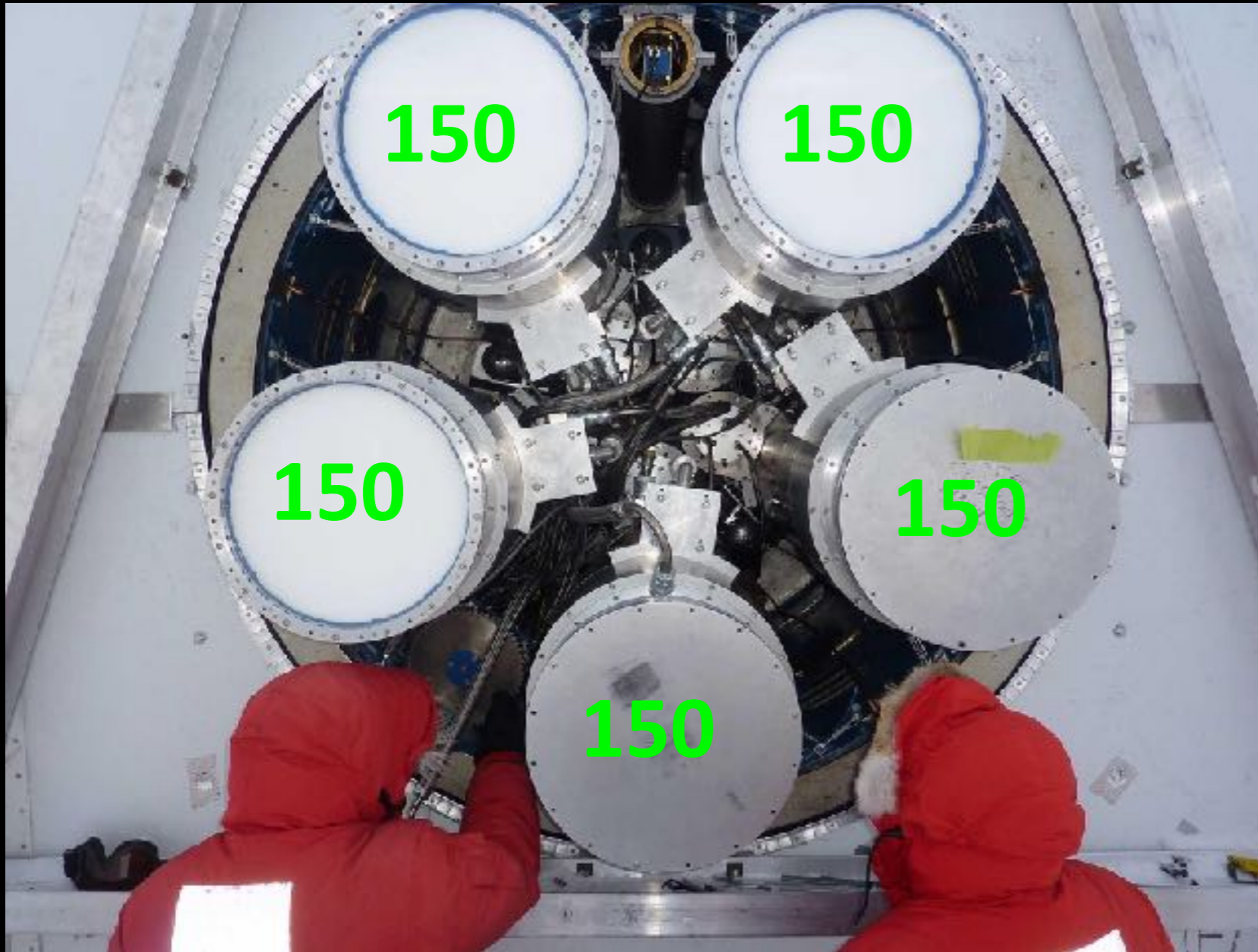


# Keck Array Frequency Coverage



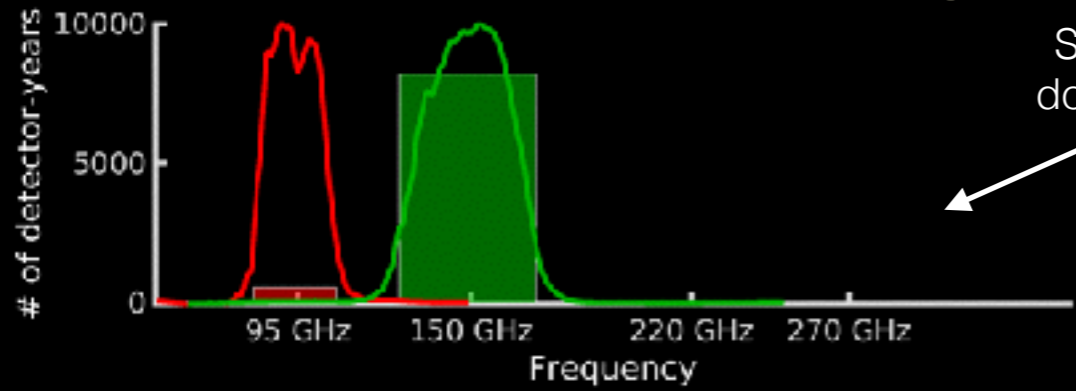
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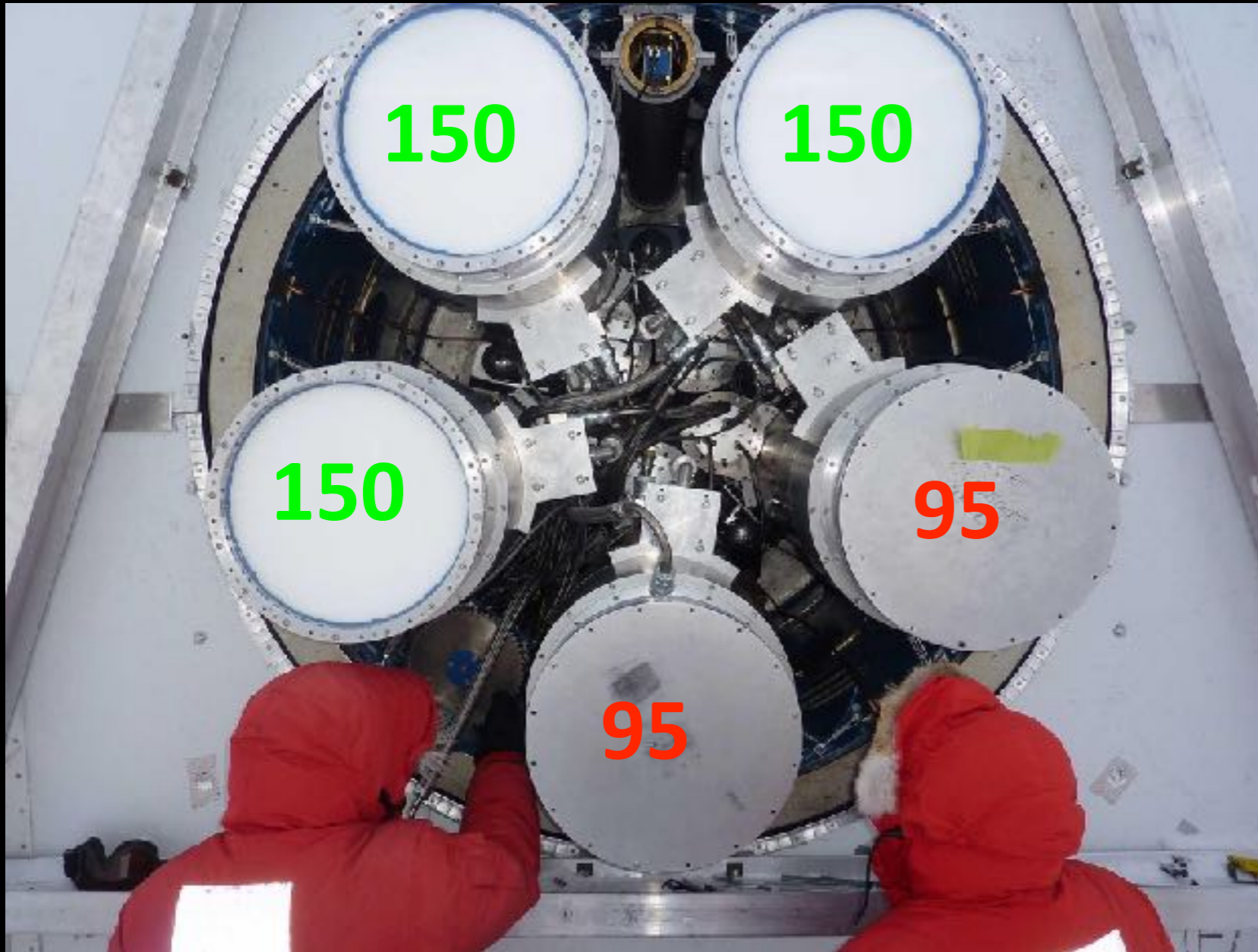
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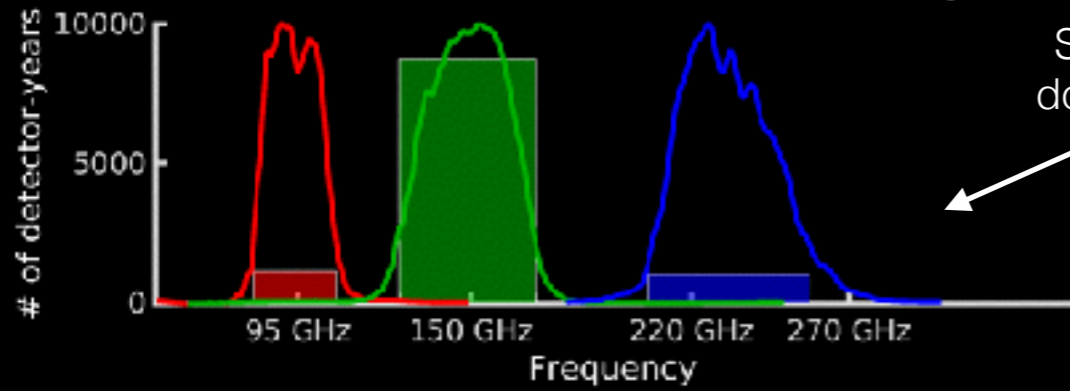
2014

BK14

[arxiv/1510.09217](https://arxiv.org/abs/1510.09217)

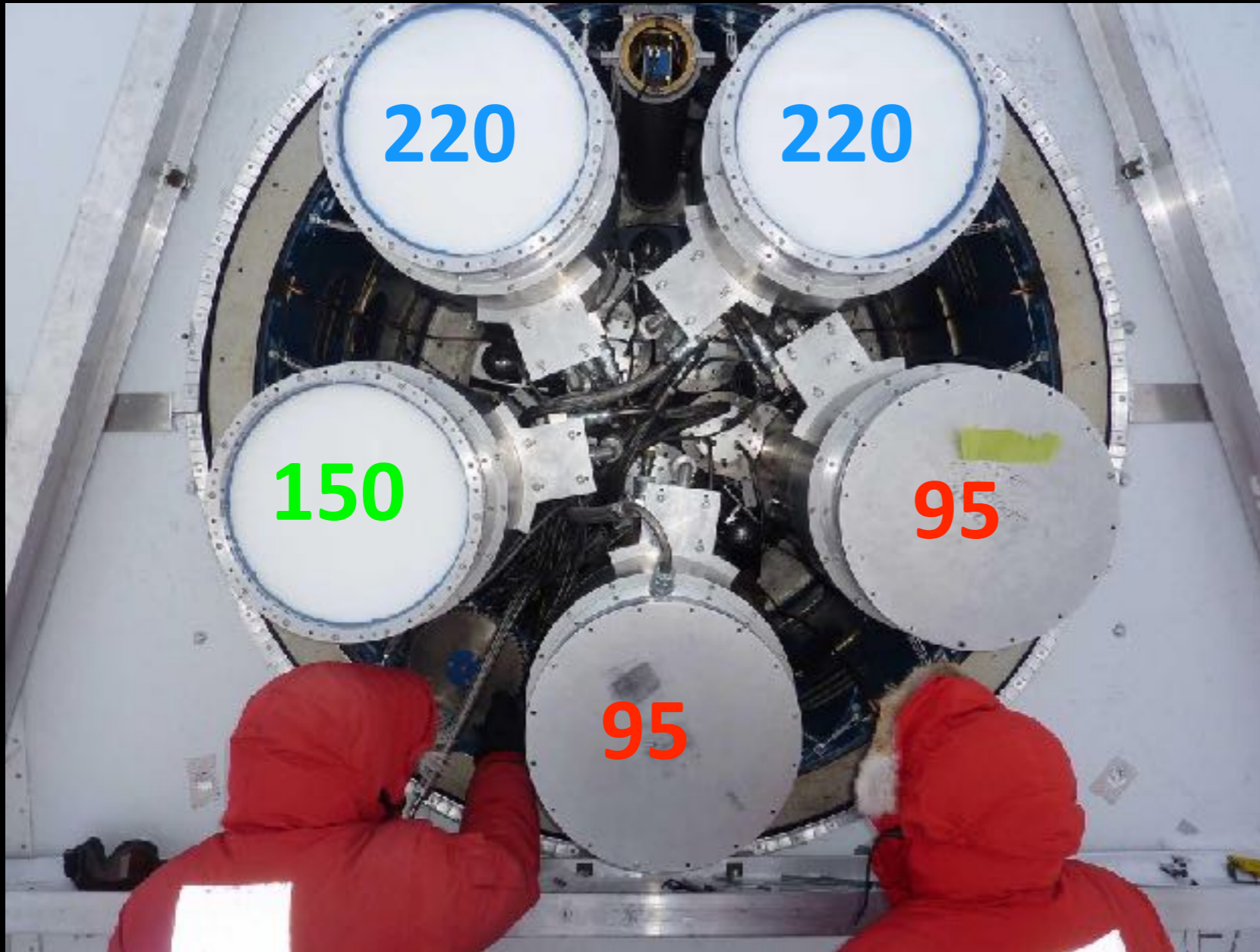


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- replaced two additional 150s with 220s for 2015



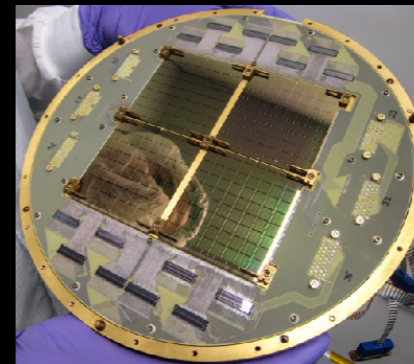
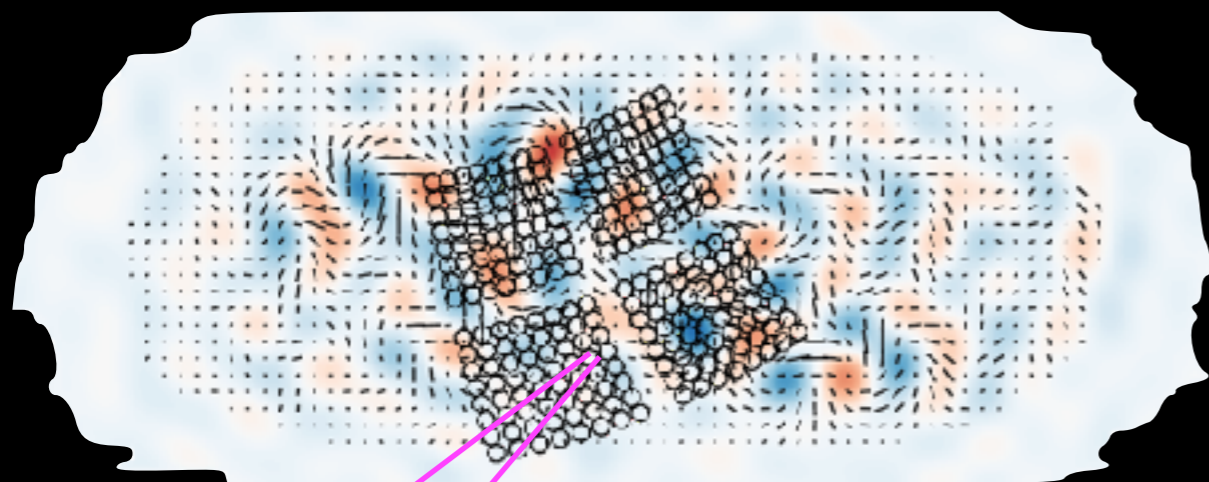
2015

BK15

[arxiv/1810.05216](https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.05216)



# Scanning



Video from Robert Schwarz



Each focal plane pixel is really *two* detectors — a horizontally polarized one and a vertically polarized one.

$A+B$  -> Full signal

$A-B$  -> Polarization only

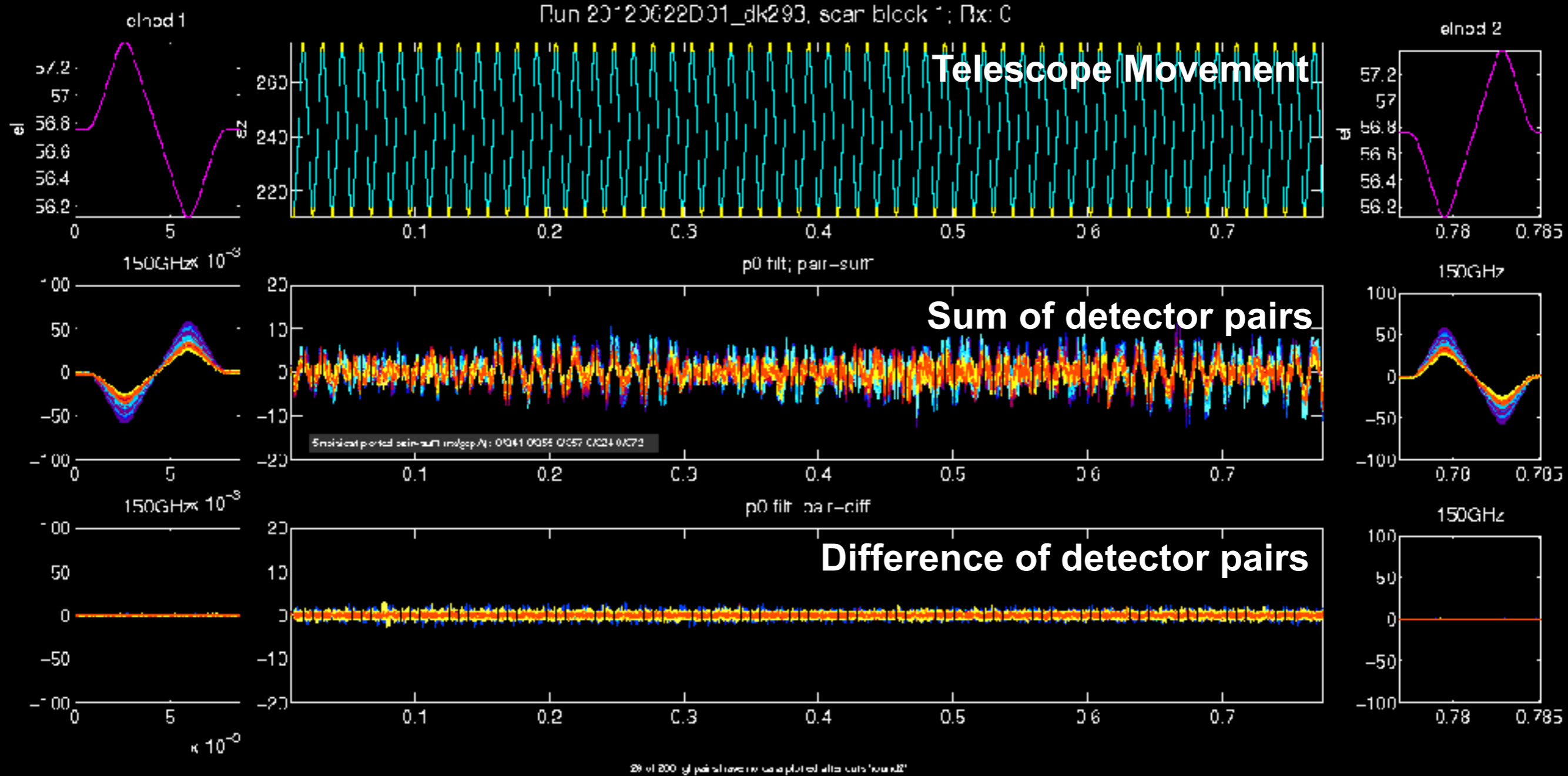




# Raw Data - Typical Weather



Time 50 mins



► Scanning over lumpy atmosphere  
→ “clouds”

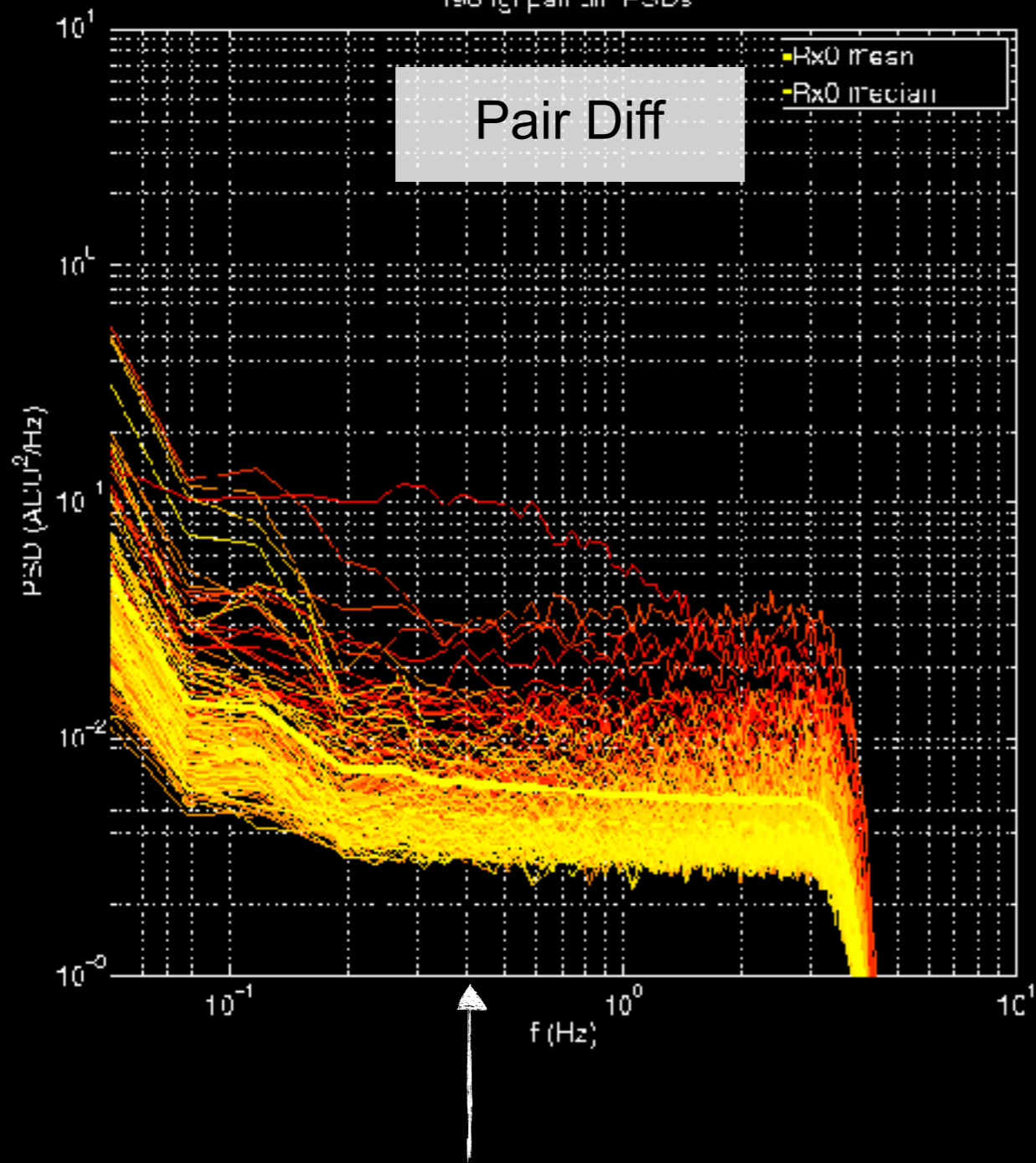
► Pair difference still clean  
→ atmosphere is unpolarized

# Timestream PSDs

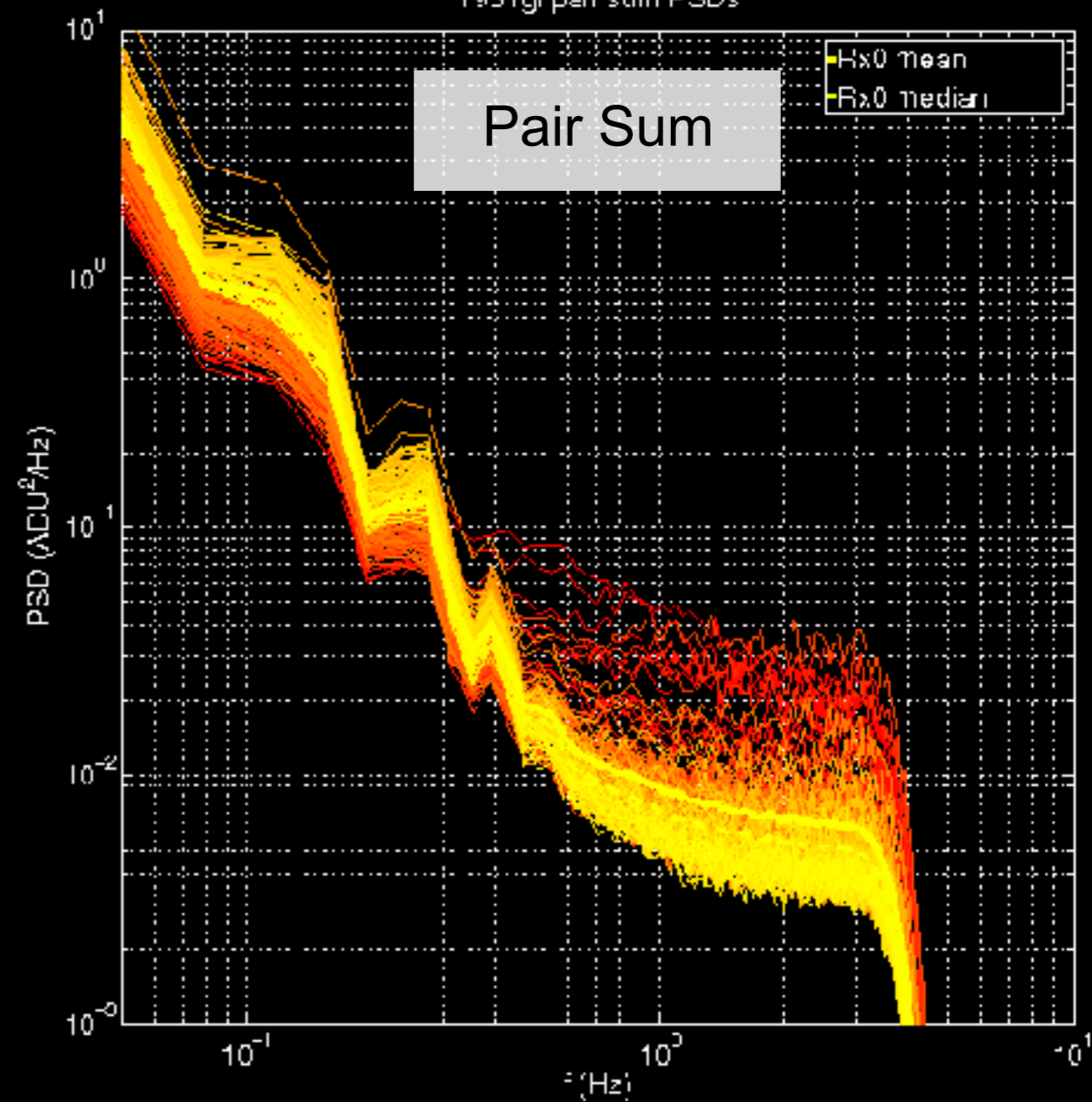
A  
B



PSDs (s/d  $\rightarrow$  p0  $\rightarrow$   $\Sigma$ PSD<sub>11s</sub> / N<sub>11s</sub>): Jun 20120622G01\_dk293, scan block 1; Rx 0  
198 rgl pair diff PSDs



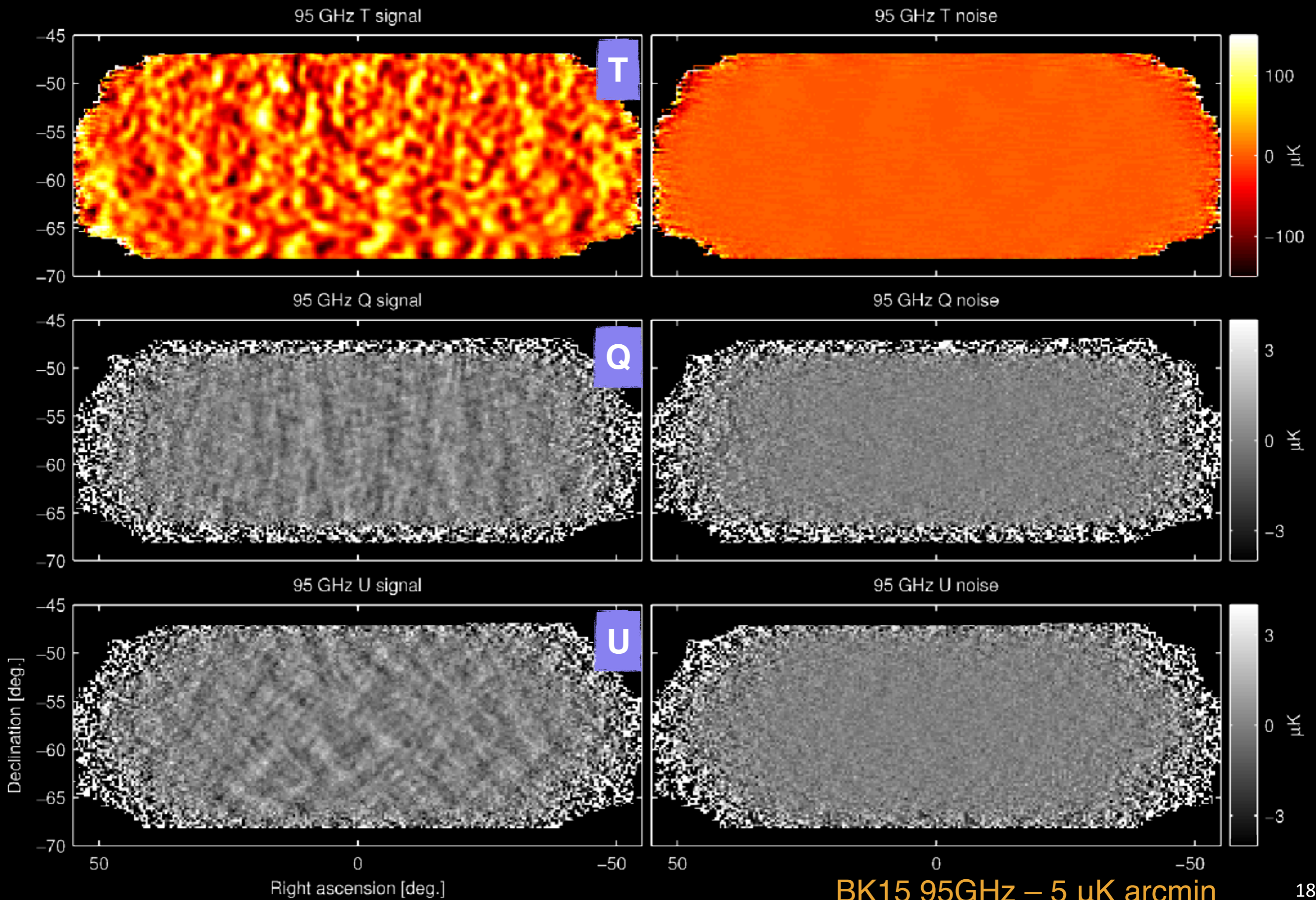
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► Multipole 100 at 0.4Hz

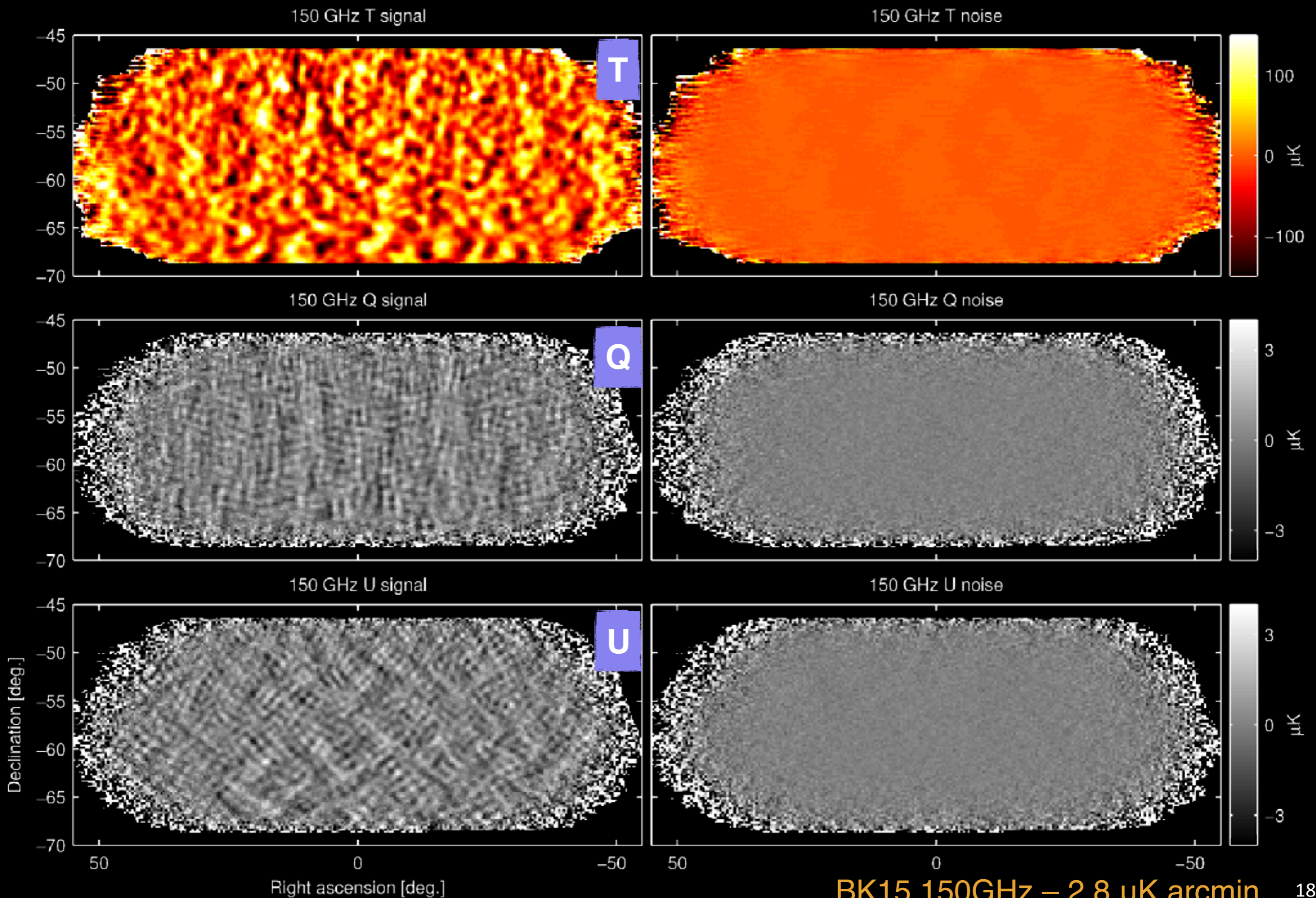


# BK15 95 GHz Maps





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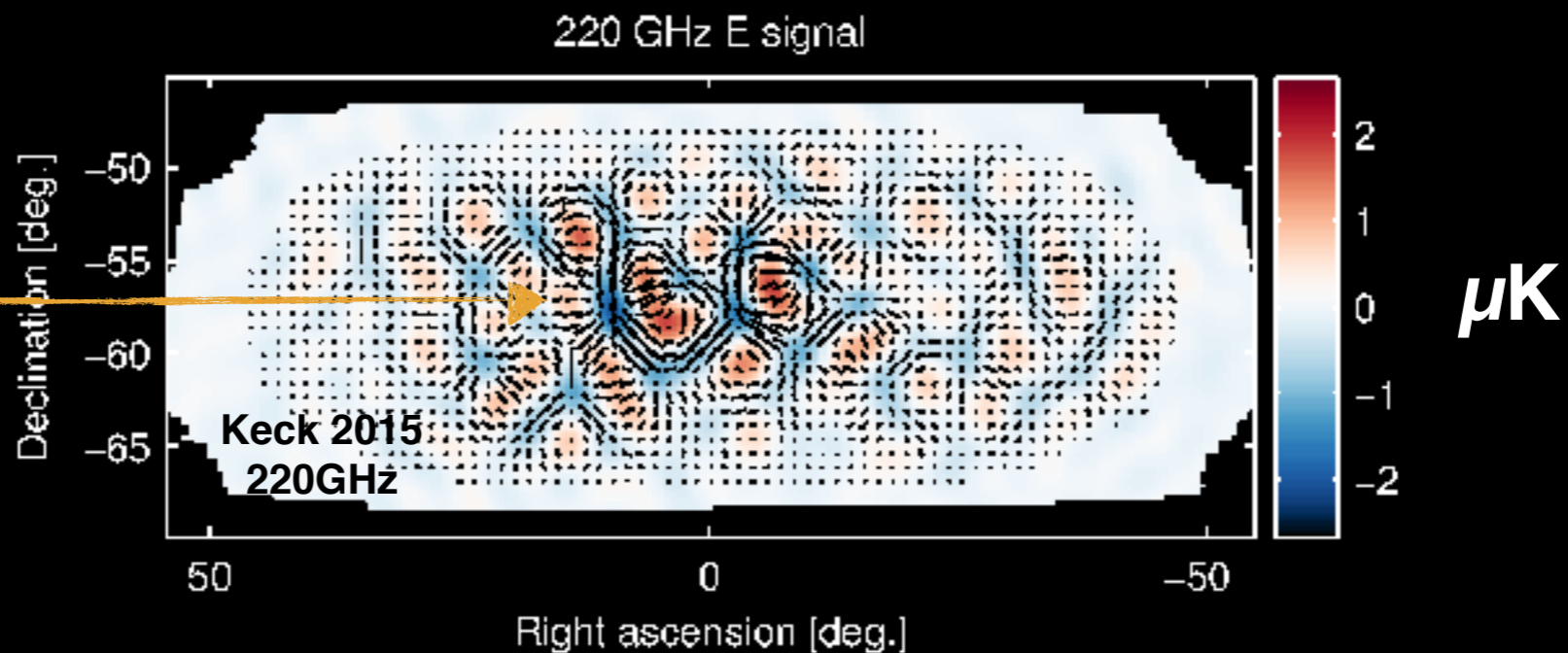
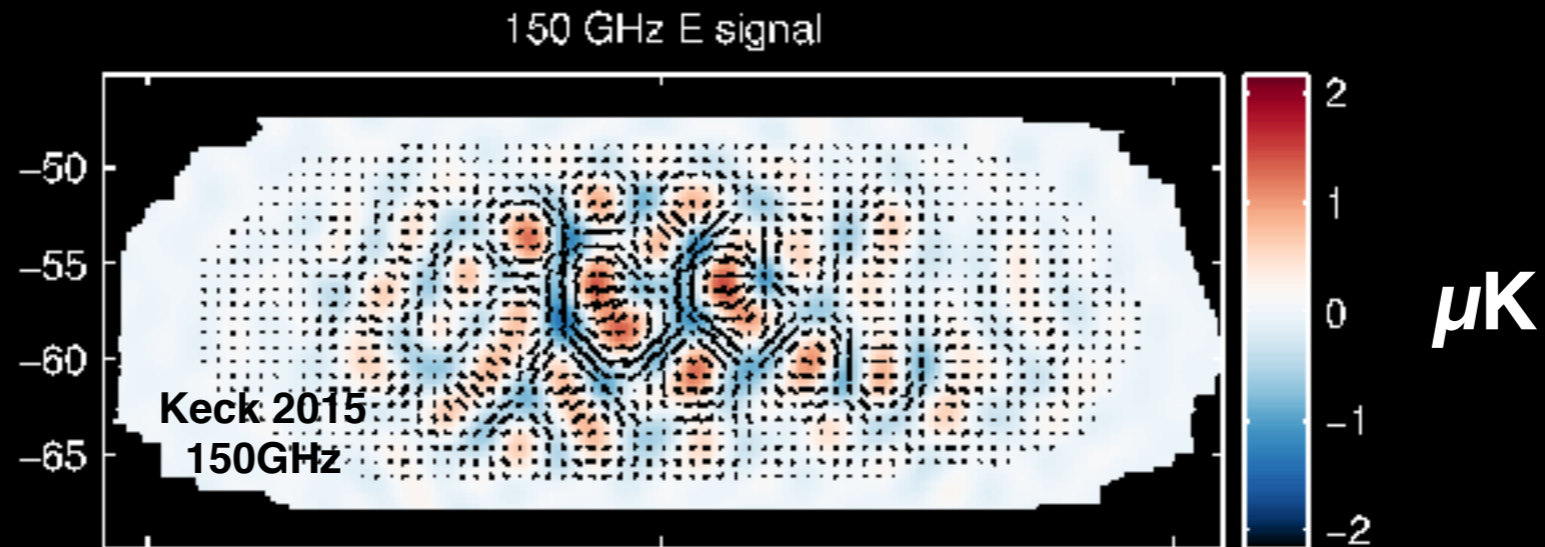
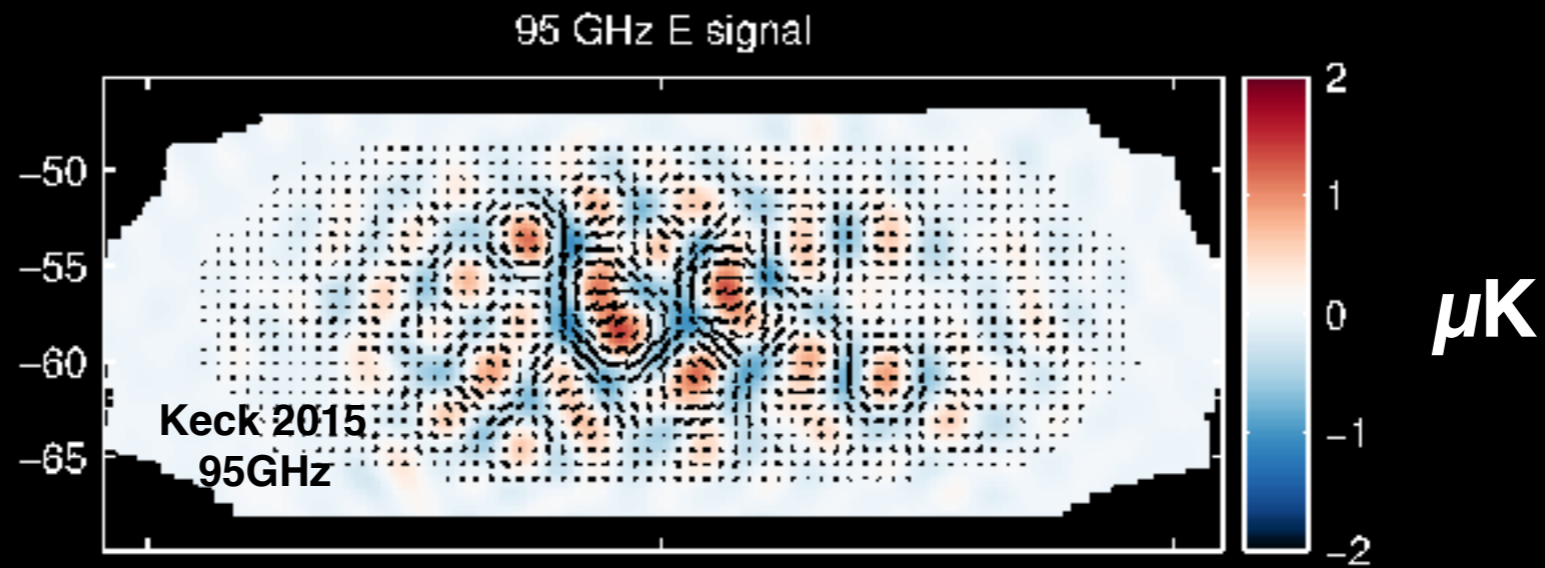








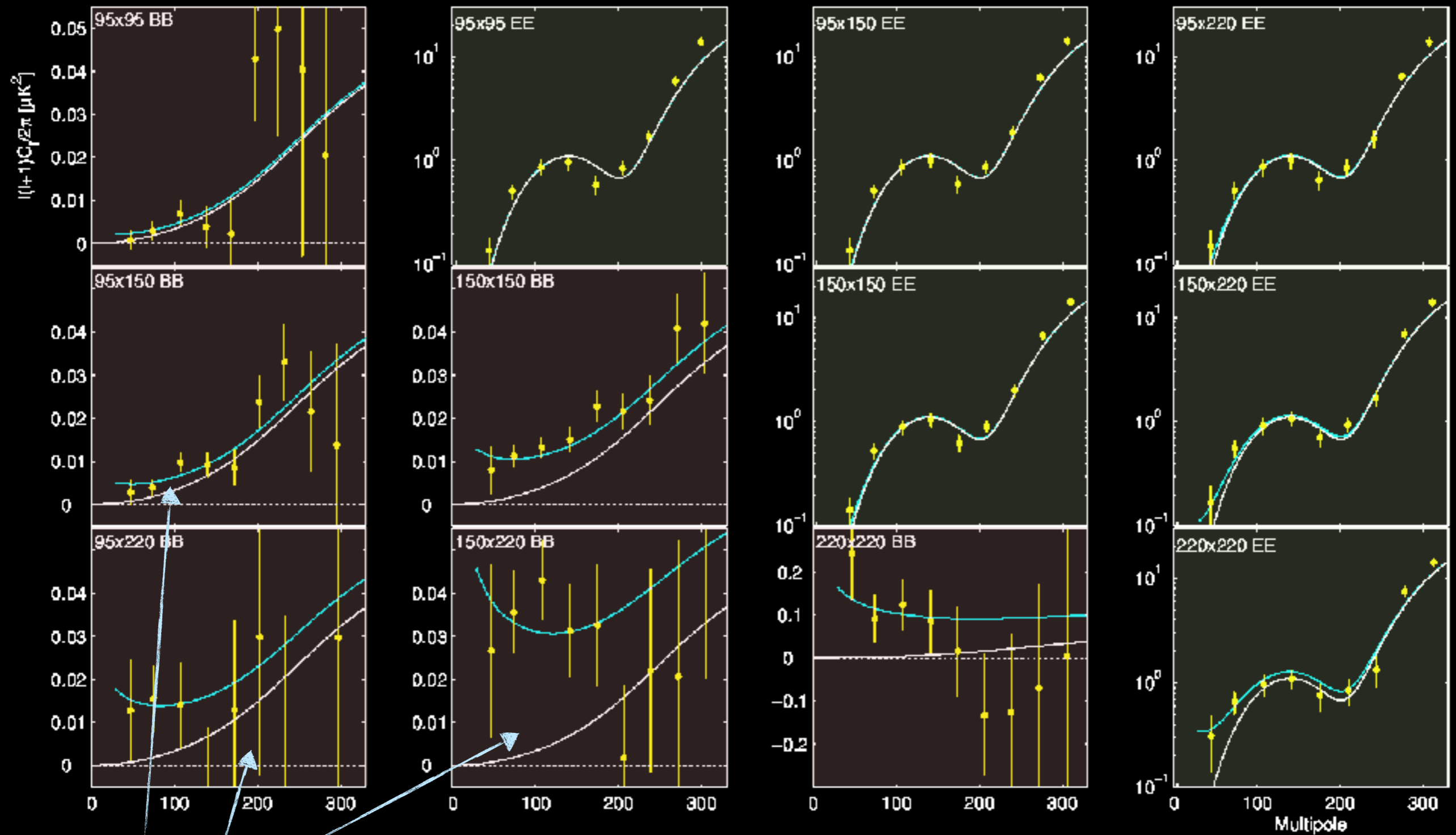
# Keck 2015 only E-Mode Maps



Already 3 times  
deeper than  
Planck 217GHz



# BK15 Spectra



cross-spectra only trace spatially correlated component of maps

Cyan lines: BK14 CMB + polarized dust model with  $r = 0$

Spectra using all data up to and including 2015 - for the first time adding Keck 220GHz

# Check Systematics: Jackknives

TABLE I. Jackknife PTE values from  $\chi^2$  and  $\chi$  (sum of deviations) tests for *Keck Array* 95 GHz data taken in 2014. This table is analogous to Table I of BK-I and Table 4 of BK-V.

Jackknife	Band powers 1-5 $\chi^2$	Band powers 1-9 $\chi^2$	Band powers 1-5 $\chi$	Band powers 1-9 $\chi$
Deck jackknife				
EE	0.625	0.591	0.523	0.569
BB	0.166	0.192	0.076	0.020
EB	0.876	0.539	0.814	0.445
Scan Dir jackknife				
EE	0.439	0.513	0.760	0.423
BB	0.944	0.535	0.565	0.168
EB	0.539	0.192	0.912	0.980
Tag Split jackknife				
EE	0.543	0.537	0.810	0.938
BB	0.768	0.780	0.687	0.539
EB	0.313	0.547	0.407	0.451
Tile jackknife				
EE	0.234	0.477	0.395	0.709
BB	0.050	0.072	0.012	0.046
EB	0.828	0.902	0.812	0.822
Phase jackknife				
EE	0.862	0.982	0.577	0.471
BB	0.944	0.521	0.639	0.325
EB	0.691	0.890	0.204	0.357
Mux Col jackknife				
EE	0.084	0.146	0.182	0.337
BB	0.172	0.337	0.012	0.152
EB	0.541	0.695	0.956	0.812
Alt Deck jackknife				
EE	0.098	0.076	0.030	0.036
BB	0.092	0.126	0.102	0.140
EB	0.858	0.842	0.858	0.741
Mux Row jackknife				
EE	0.232	0.289	0.699	0.918
BB	0.289	0.267	0.082	0.014
EB	0.148	0.130	0.996	0.998
Tile/Deck jackknife				
EE	0.924	0.956	0.162	0.399
BB	0.507	0.034	0.561	0.343
EB	0.477	0.361	0.954	0.994
Focal Plane inner/outer jackknife				
EE	0.477	0.335	0.200	0.792
BB	0.886	0.437	0.762	0.569
EB	0.595	0.876	0.926	0.780
Tile top/bottom jackknife				
EE	0.261	0.519	0.998	0.990
BB	0.756	0.890	0.415	0.431
EB	0.850	0.920	0.377	0.317
Tile inner/outer jackknife				
EE	0.184	0.353	0.427	0.529
BB	0.772	0.772	0.749	0.707
EB	0.407	0.038	0.934	0.667
Moon jackknife				
EE	0.569	0.701	0.228	0.251
BB	0.305	0.465	0.978	0.990
EB	0.349	0.507	0.677	0.301
A/B offset best/worst				
EE	0.635	0.267	0.104	0.431
BB	0.407	0.387	0.677	0.287
EB	0.321	0.605	0.860	0.685

**Splits the 4 boresight rotations**

Amplifies differential pointing in comparison to fully added data. Important check of deprojection.



**Splits by time**

Checks for contamination on long (“Tag Split”) and short (“Scan Dir”) timescales. Short timescales probe detector transfer functions.

**Splits by channel selection**

Checks for contamination in channel subgroups, divided by focal plane location, tile location, and readout electronics grouping

**Splits by possible external contamination**

Checks for contamination from ground-fixed signals, such as polarized sky or magnetic fields, or the moon

**Splits to check intrinsic detector properties**

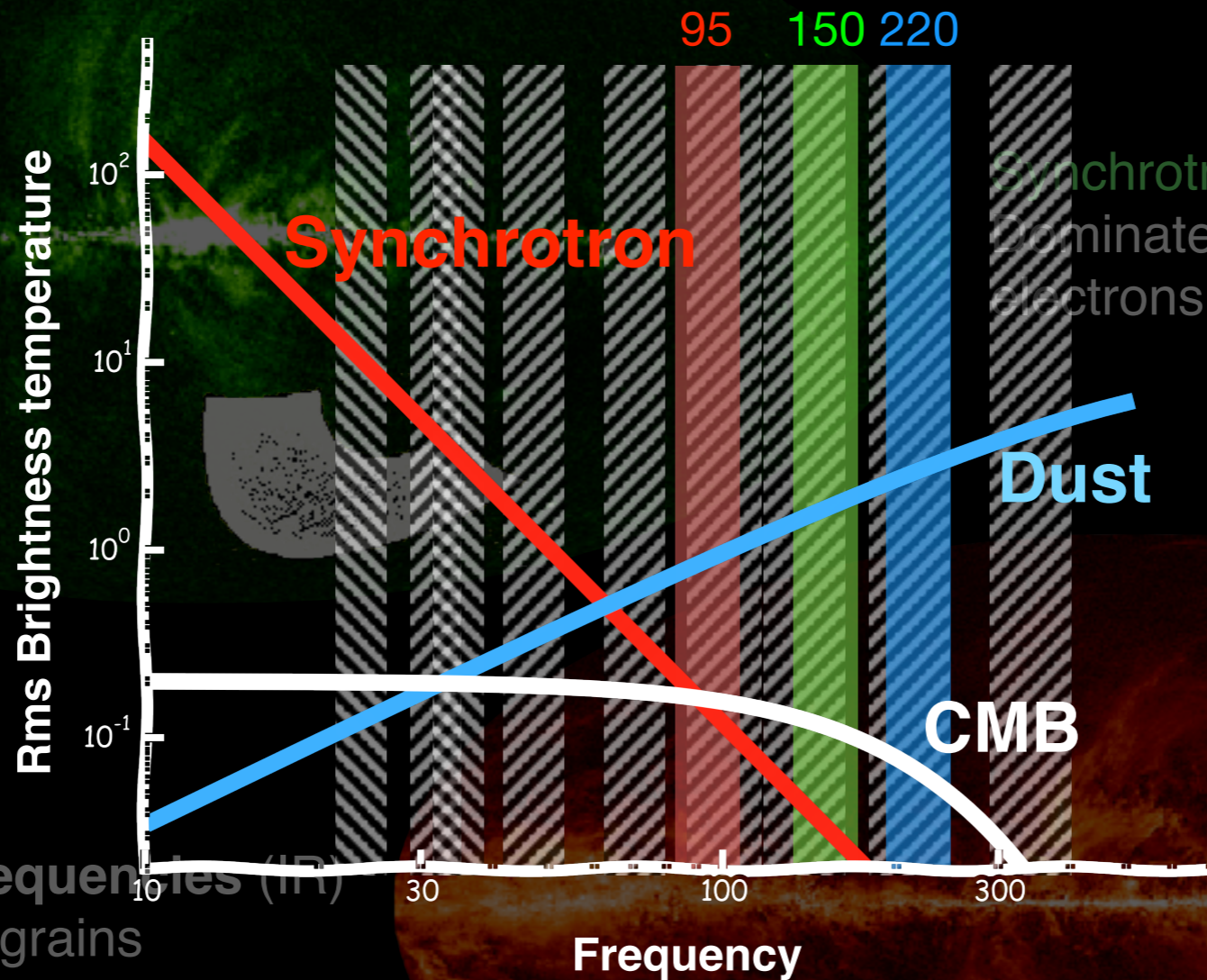
Checks for contamination from detectors with best/worst differential pointing. “Tile/dk” divides the data by the orientation of the detector on the sky.



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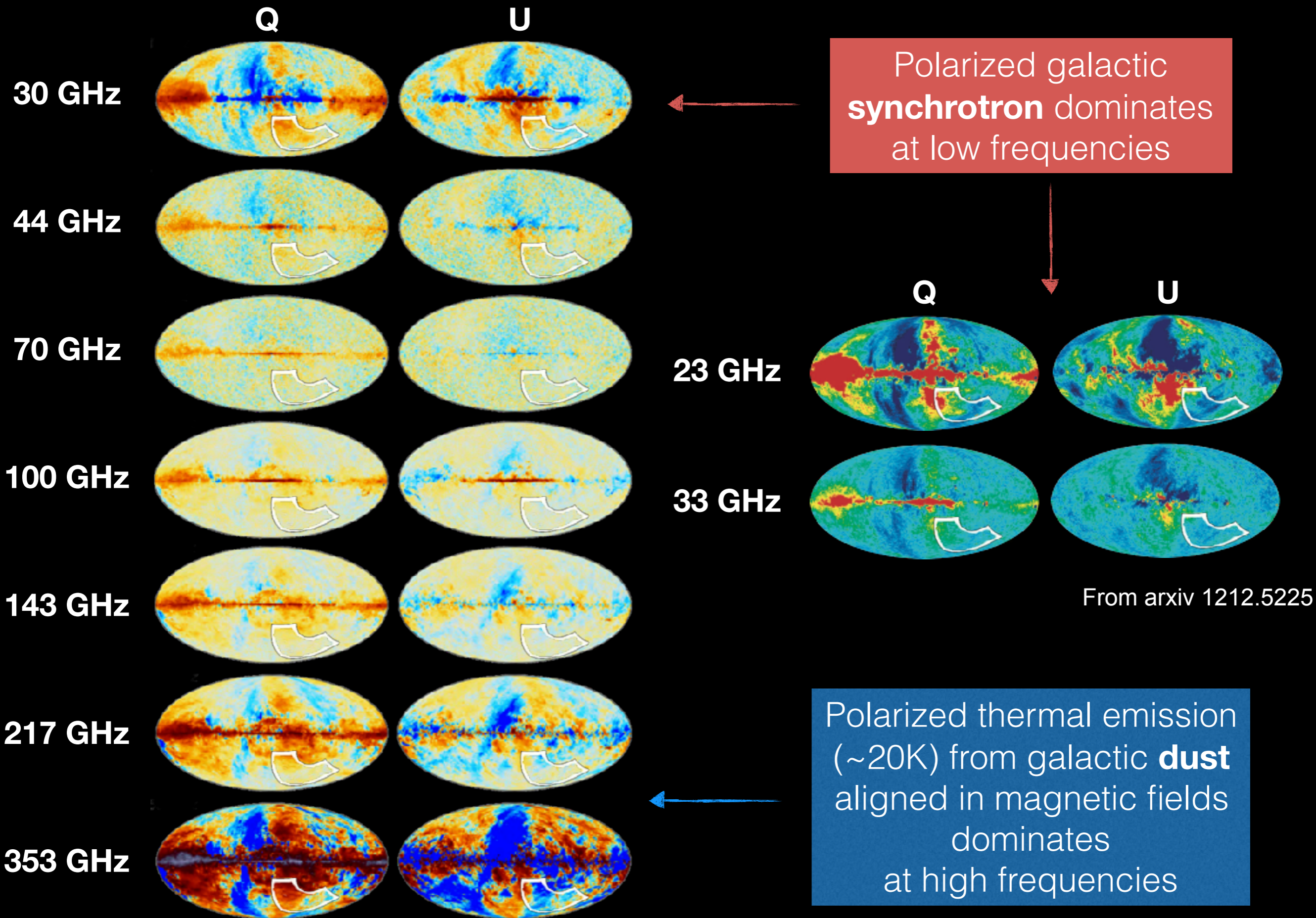
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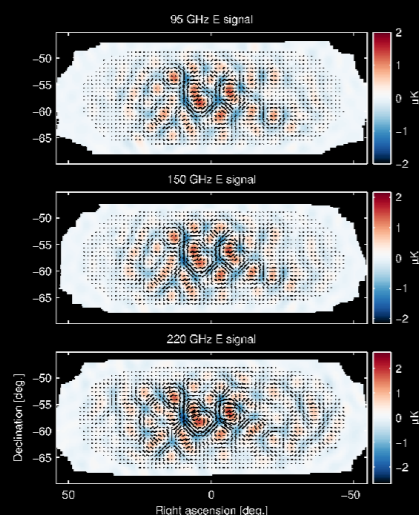
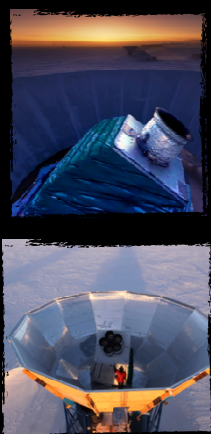
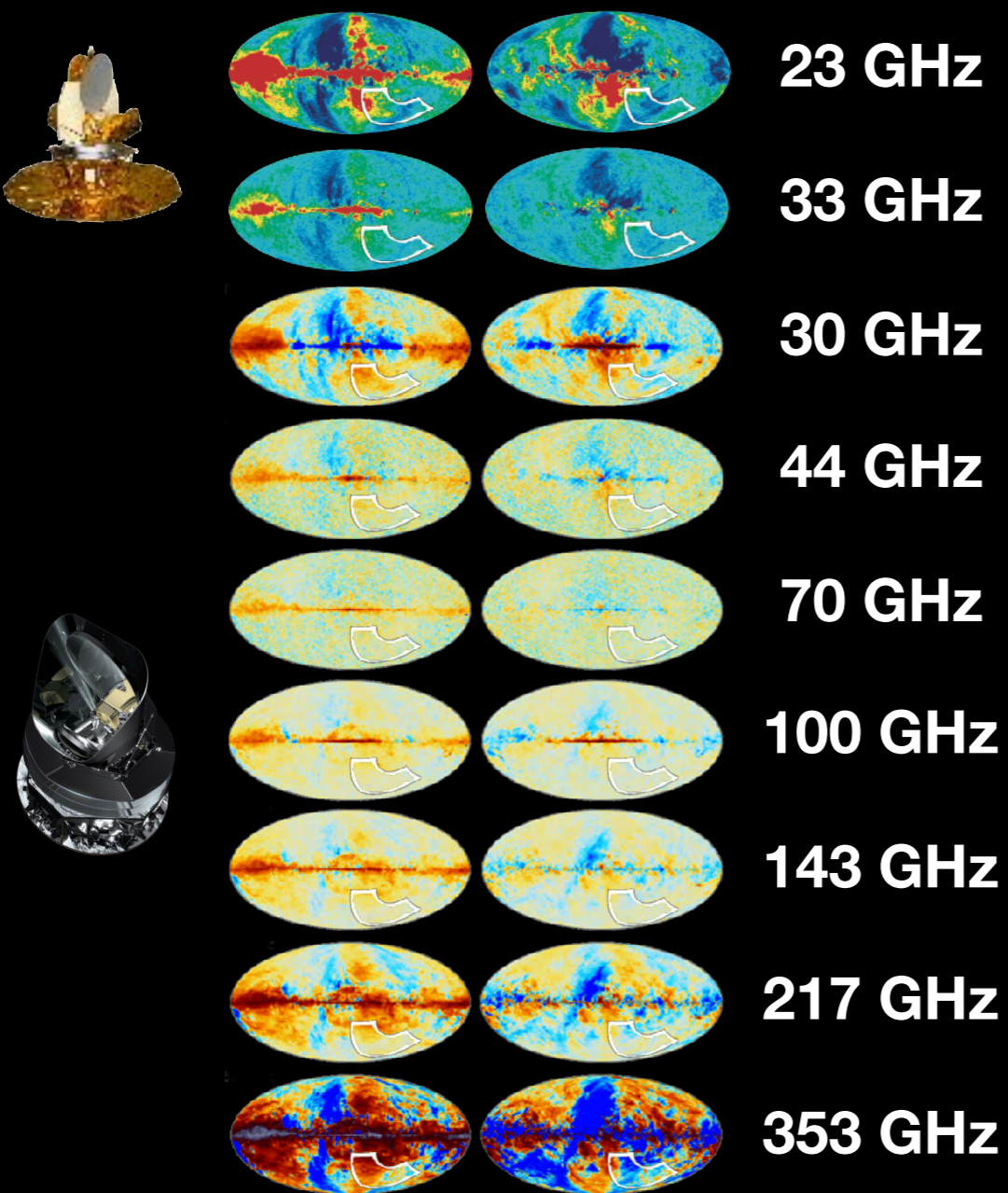


# Planck polarized maps at 7 frequencies + WMAP at 2 frequencies



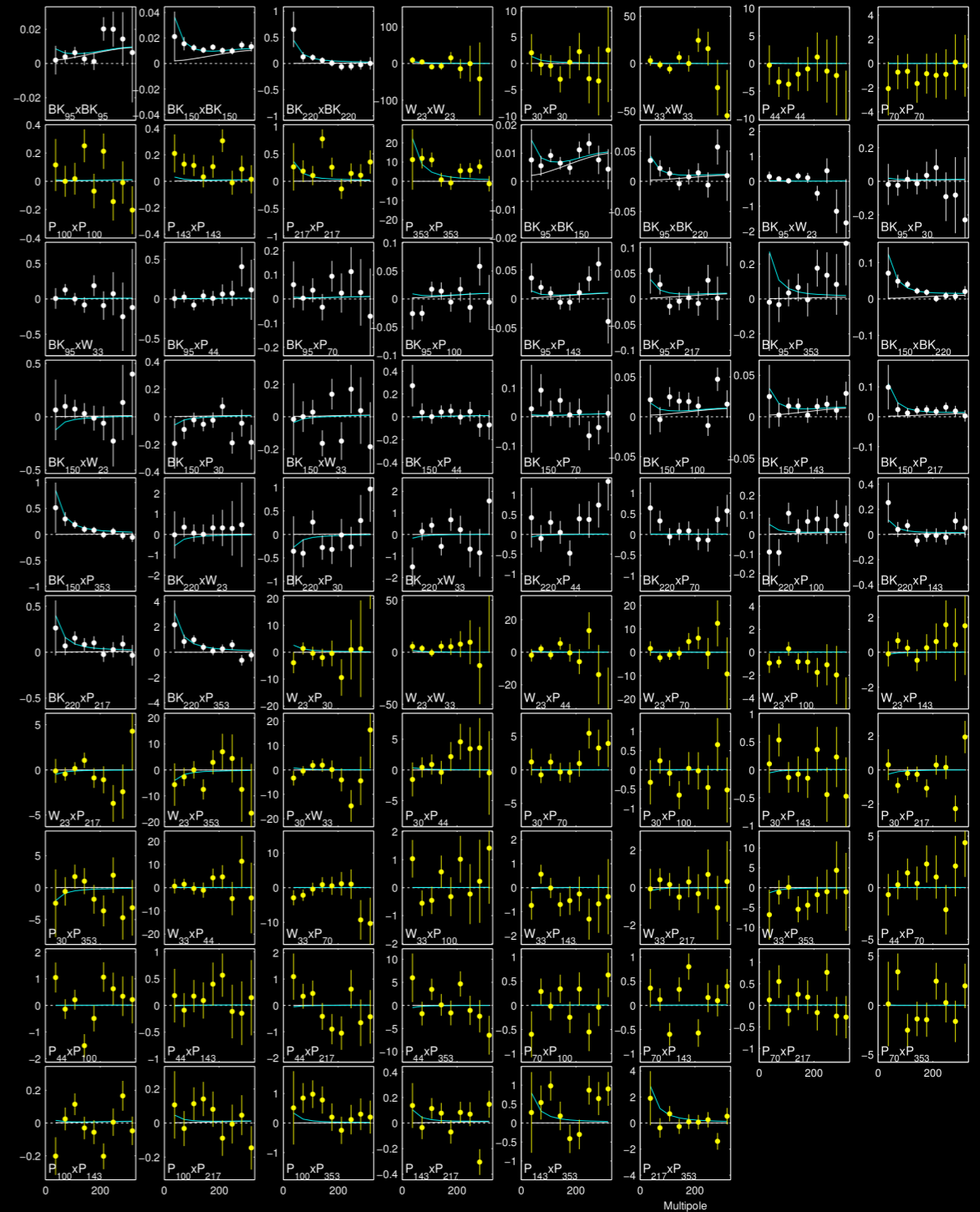


# Maps



**95 GHz**  
**150 GHz**  
**220 GHz**

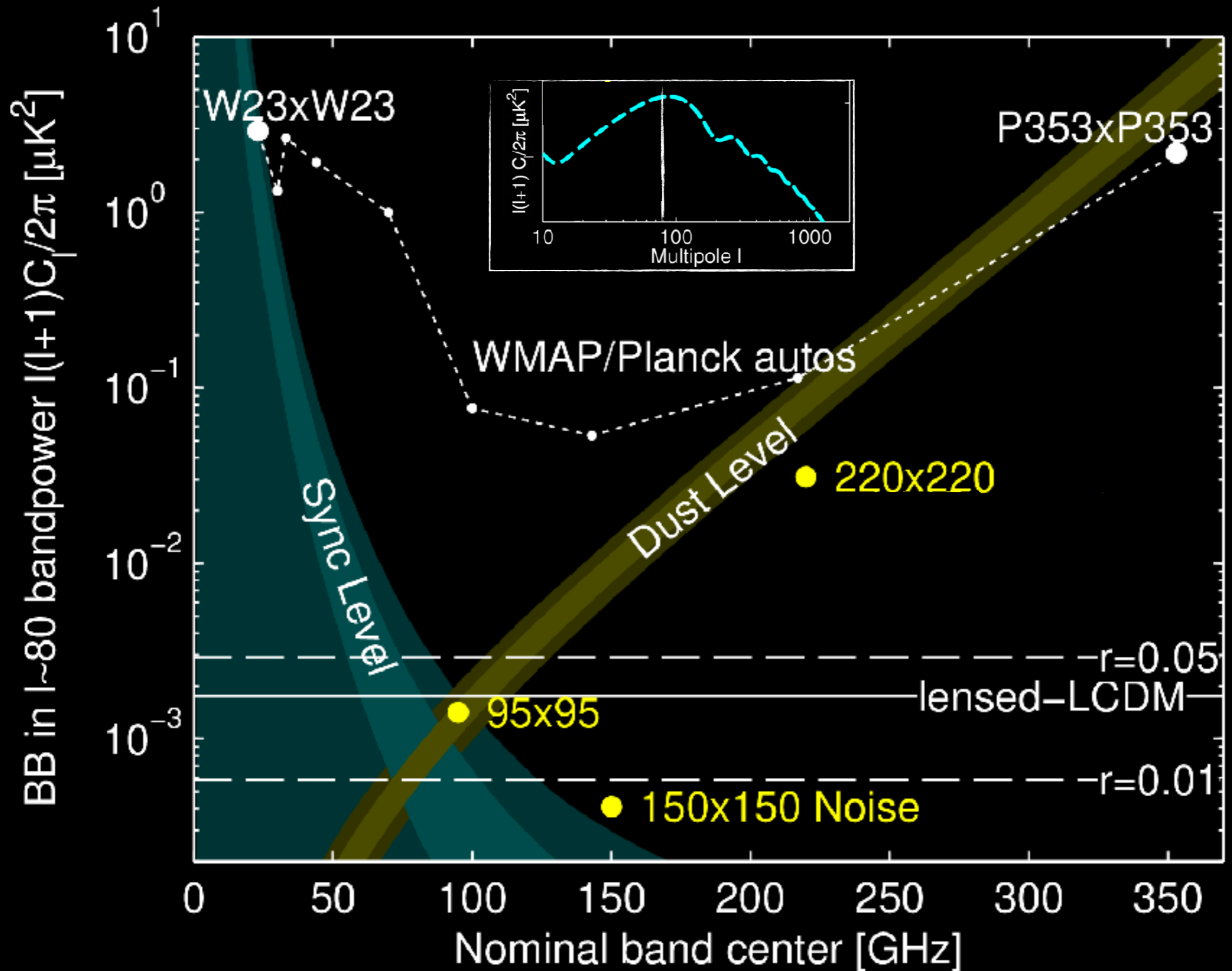
# Auto and cross-spectra between BICEP2 + Keck Array and all WMAP/Planck maps



**BK15: 78 spectra**

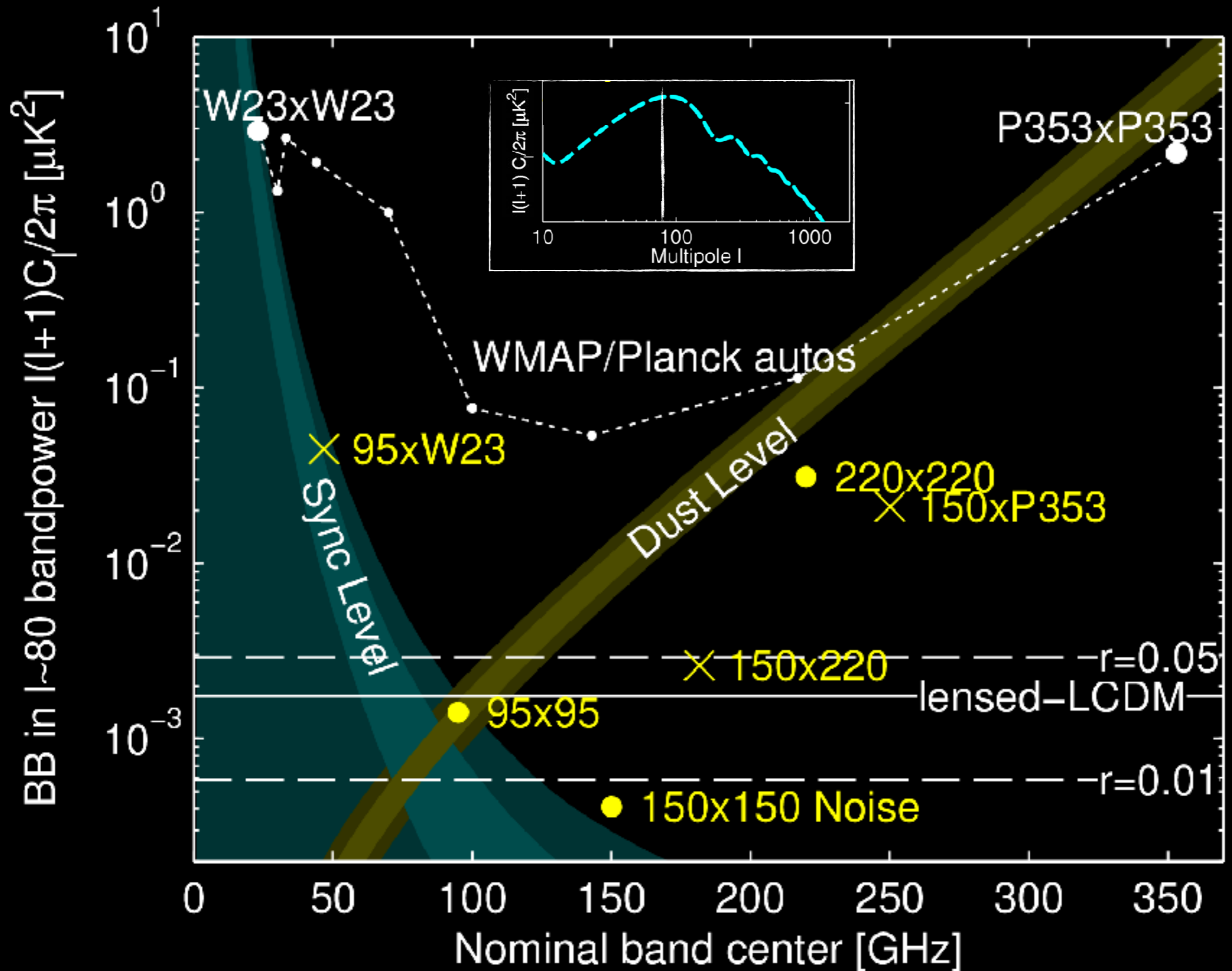
Statistics for all spectra and covariance matrix derived from simulations of signal and noise.

# BK15 Band Sensitivity (at $\ell \sim 80$ )

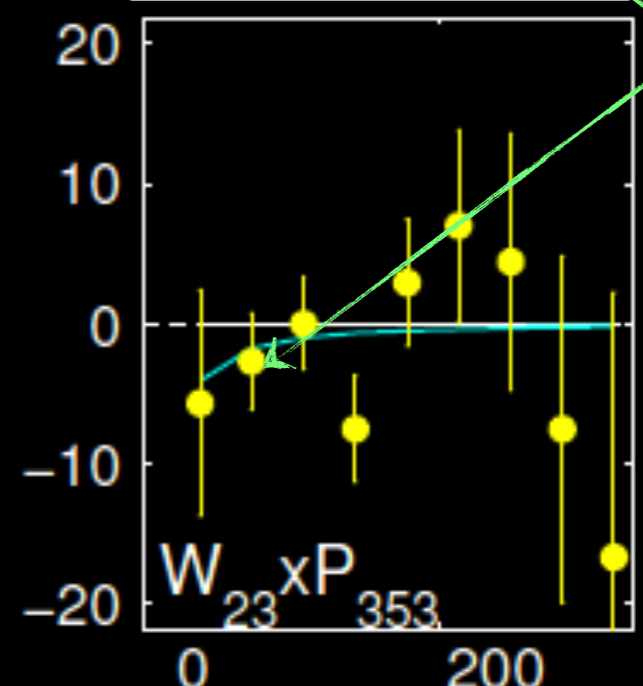
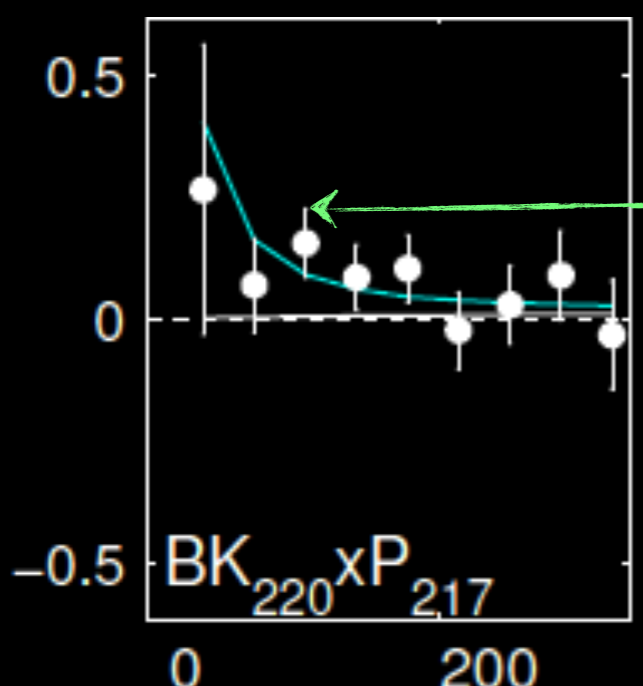
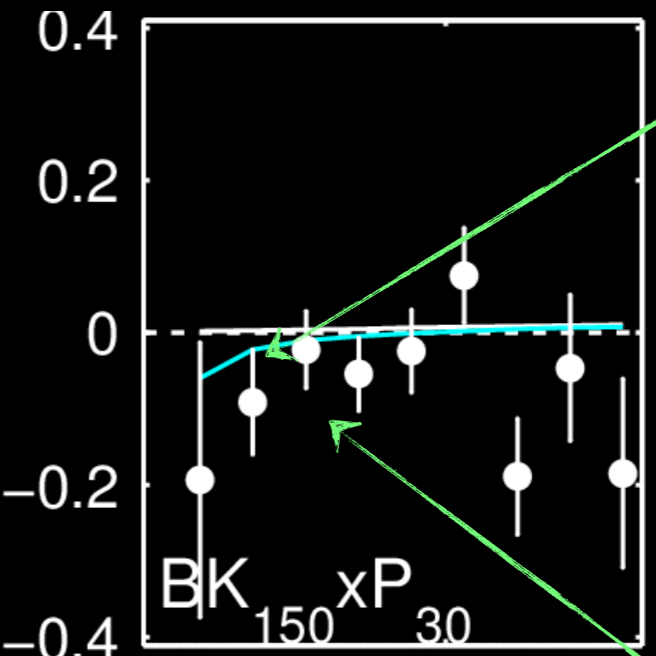
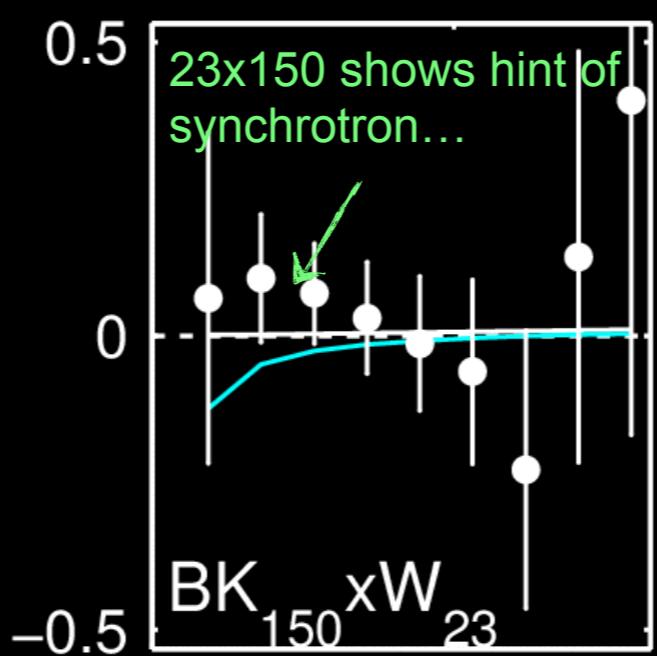
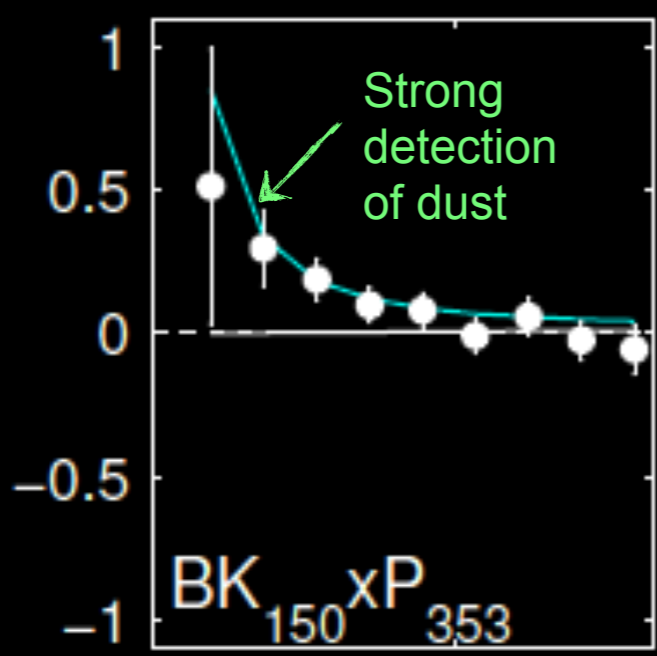
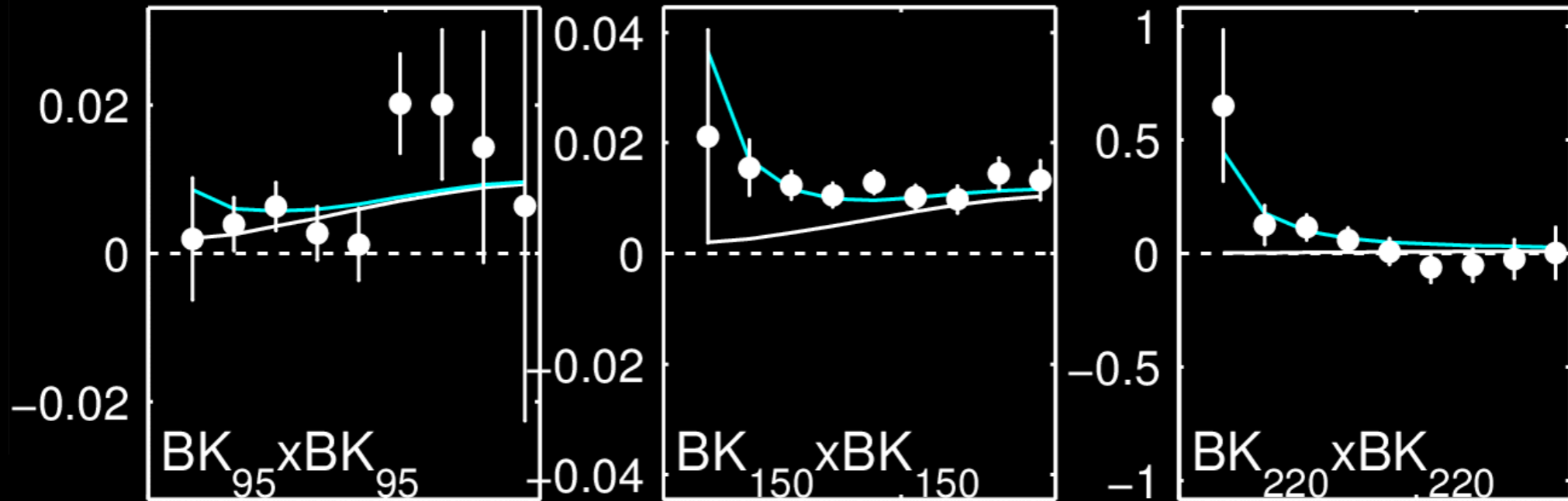




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# selected samples of auto- and cross-spectra





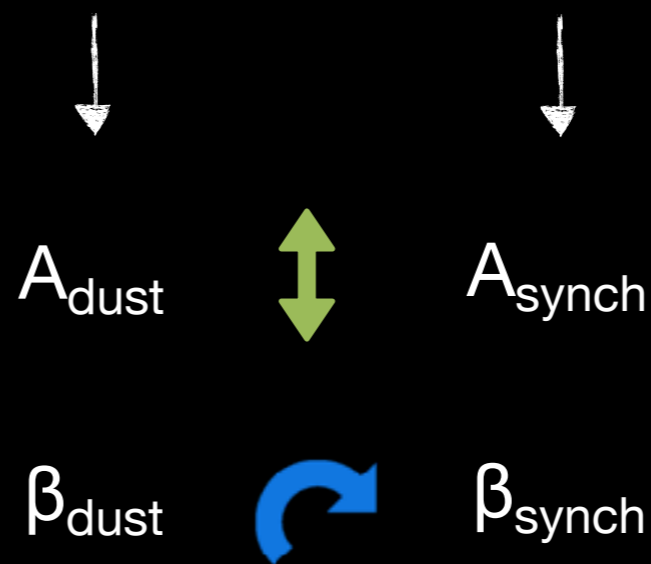
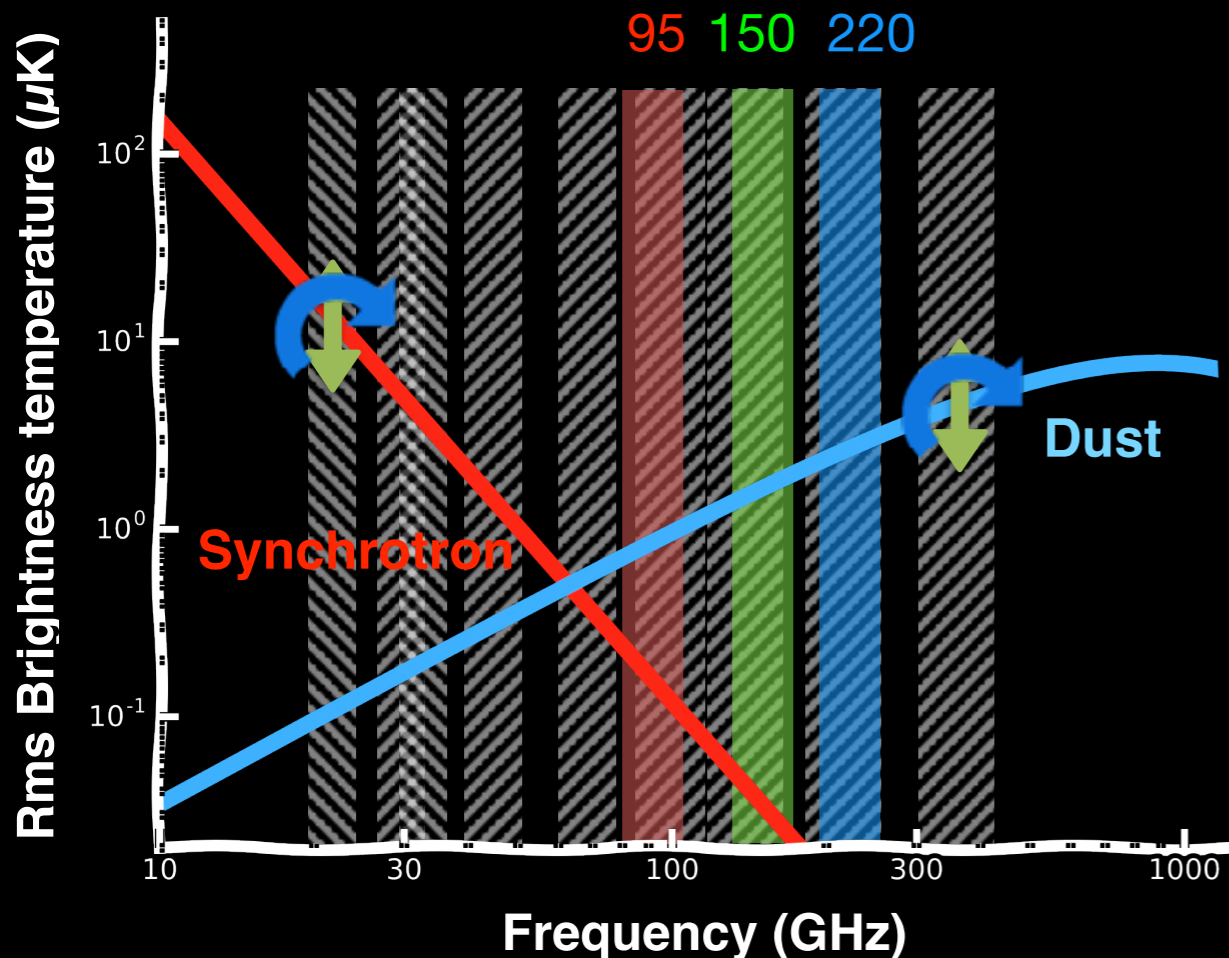
# Multicomponent Likelihood Analysis

Hamimeche Lewis: 0801.0554

Take the joint likelihood of all the spectra simultaneously  
vs. model for BB :  $\Lambda$ CDM lensing expectation  
+  $r$  + 7 foreground parameters

foreground model = dust + synchrotron

Cartoon model



amplitudes @  $l=80$

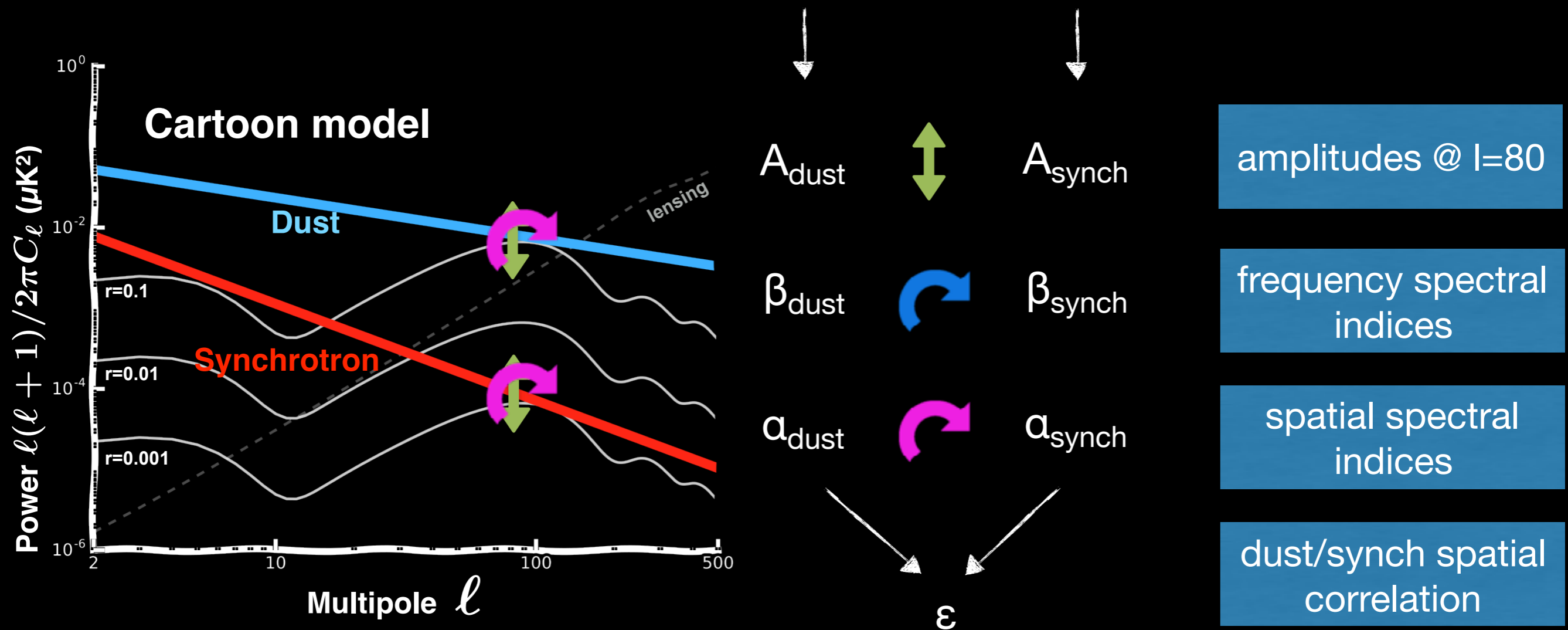
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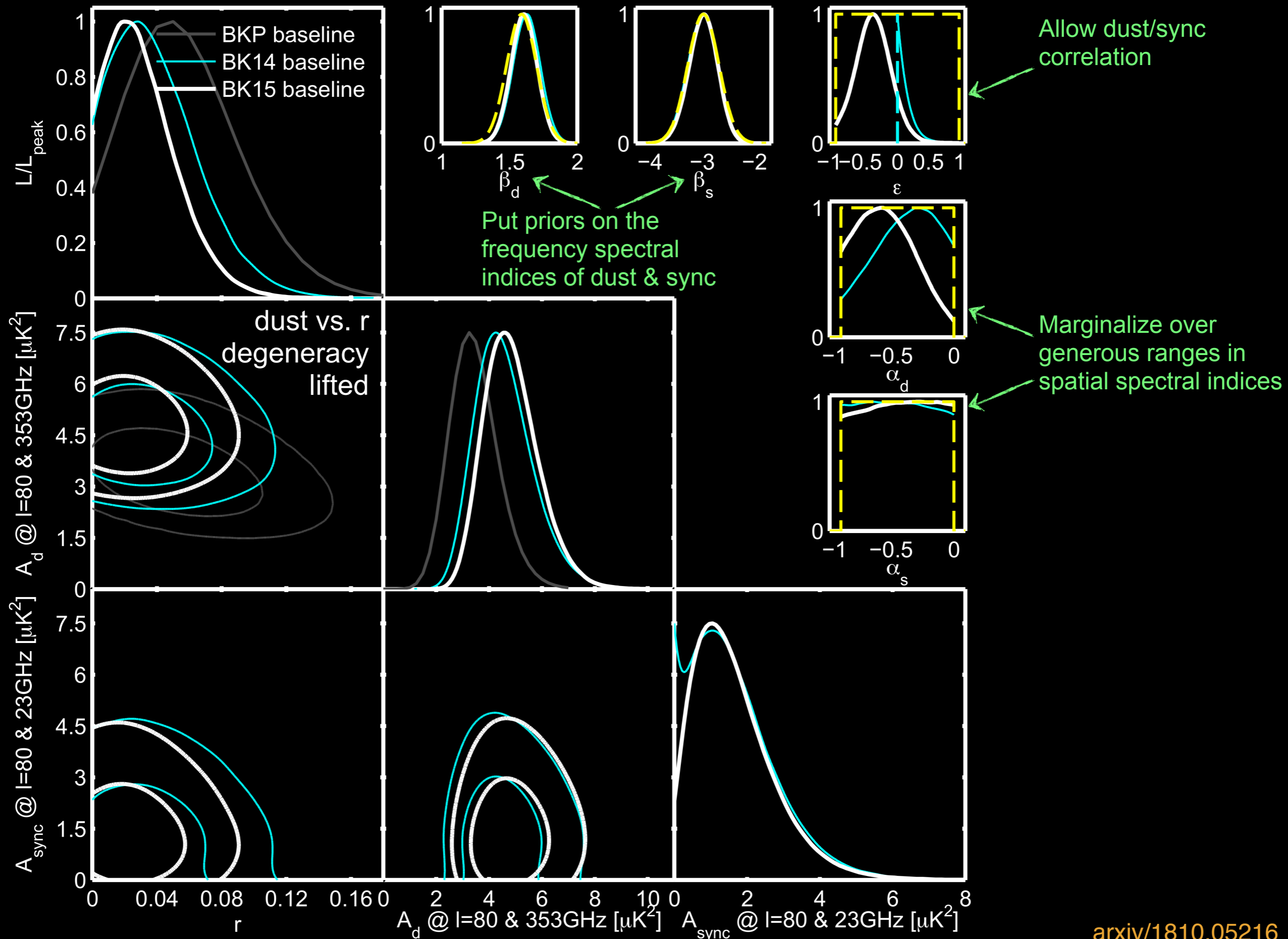
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vs. model for BB :  $\Lambda$ CDM lensing expectation  
+  $r$  + 7 foreground parameters

foreground model = dust + synchrotron

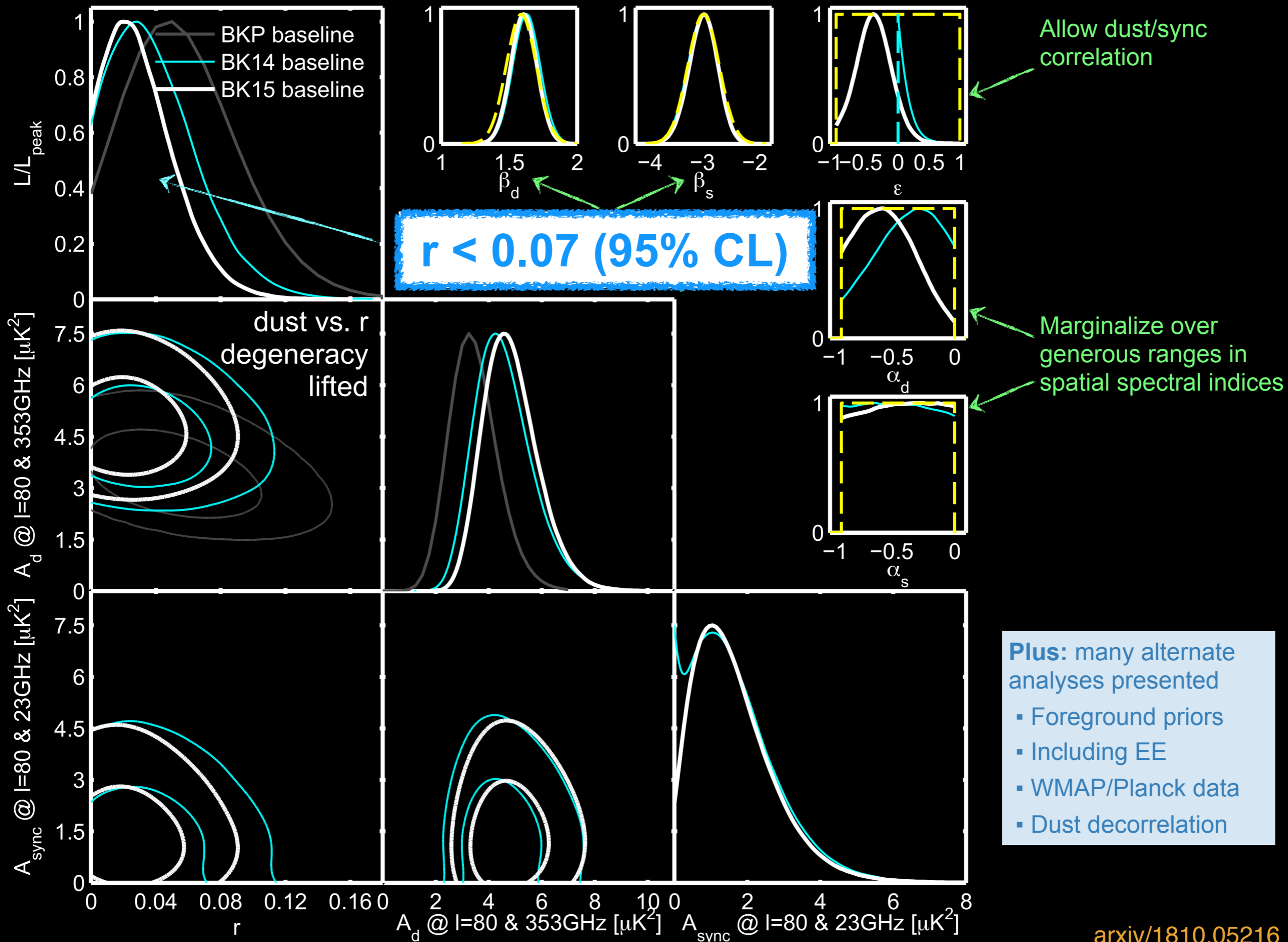




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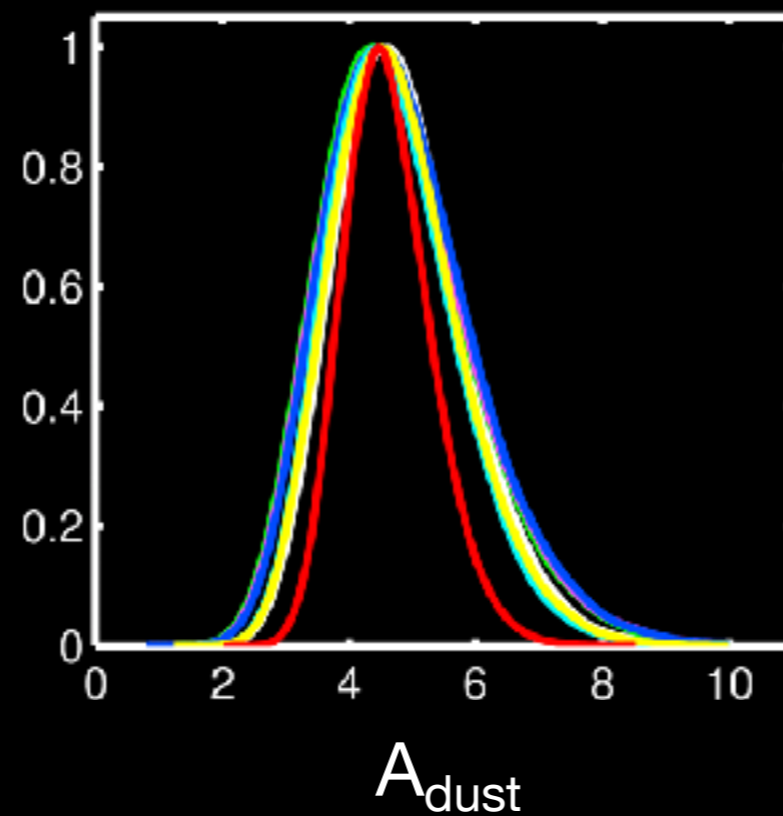
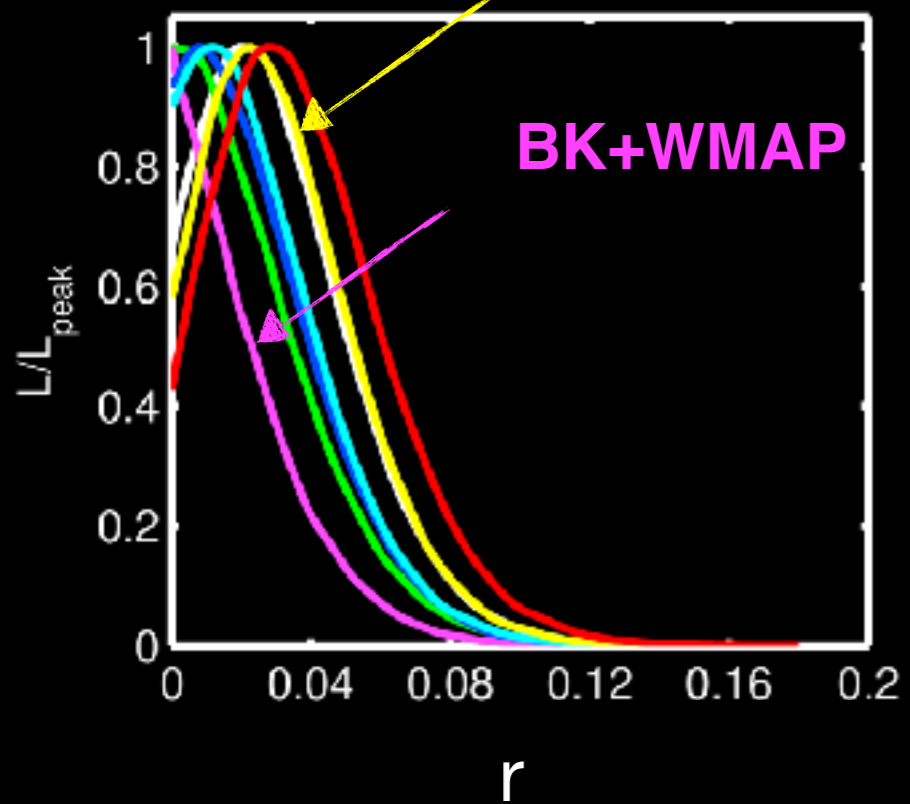


# BK15 Results: Variations with Data Selection

— BK15 baseline

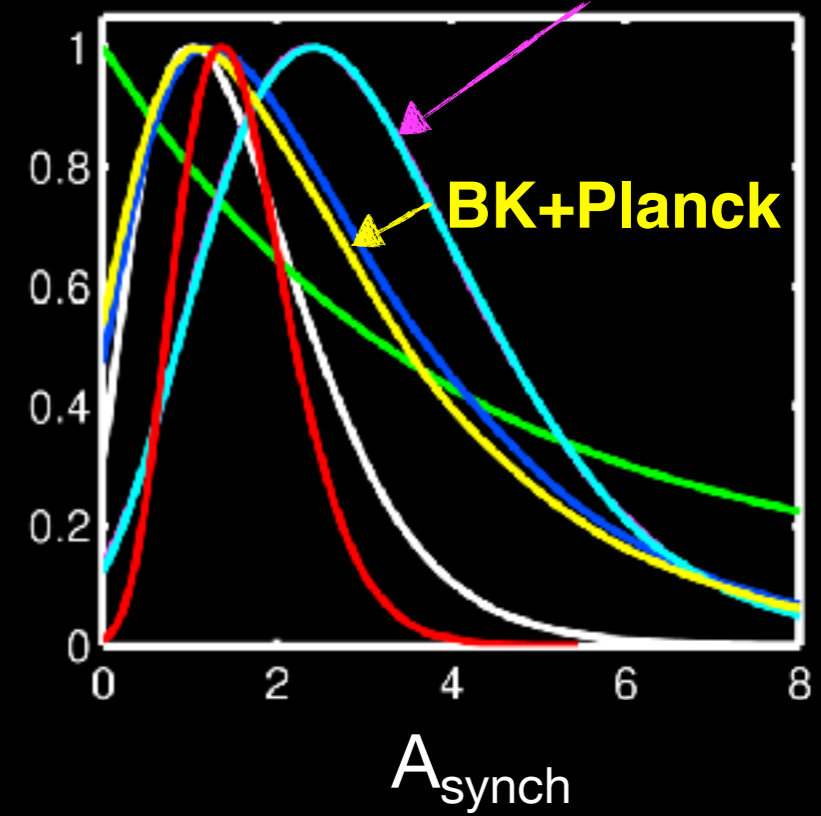
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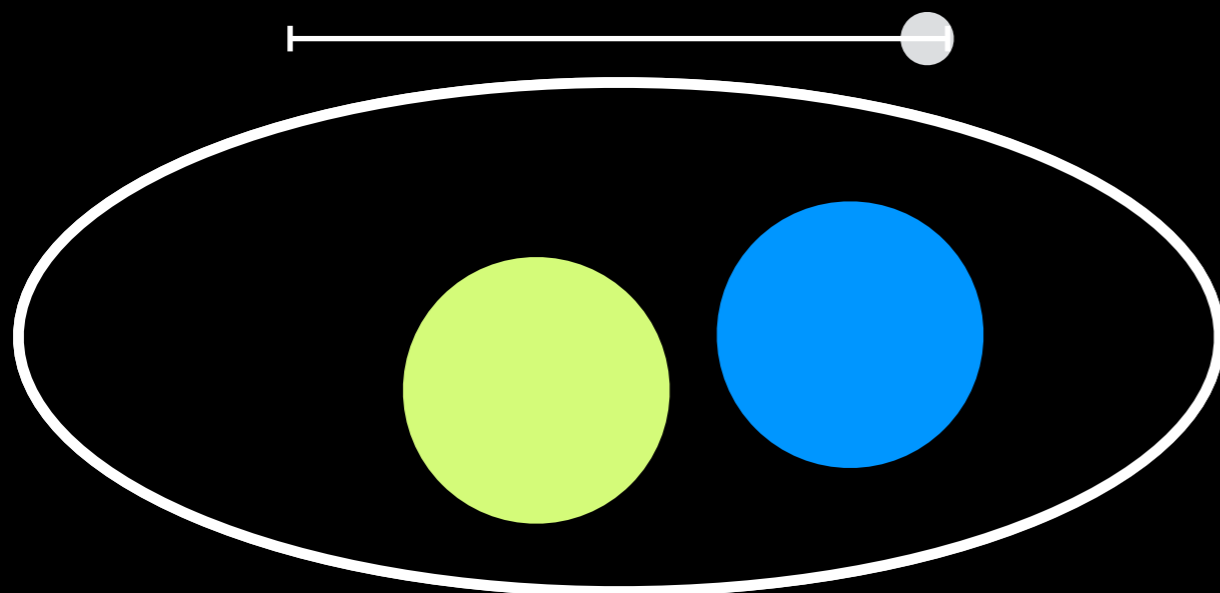
See Aumont, Hensley...

# Dust Decorrelation?

Planck 2018

arxiv/1801.04945

217 GHz 353 GHz



## Planck 2018 results. XI. Polarized dust foregrounds

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### ABSTRACT

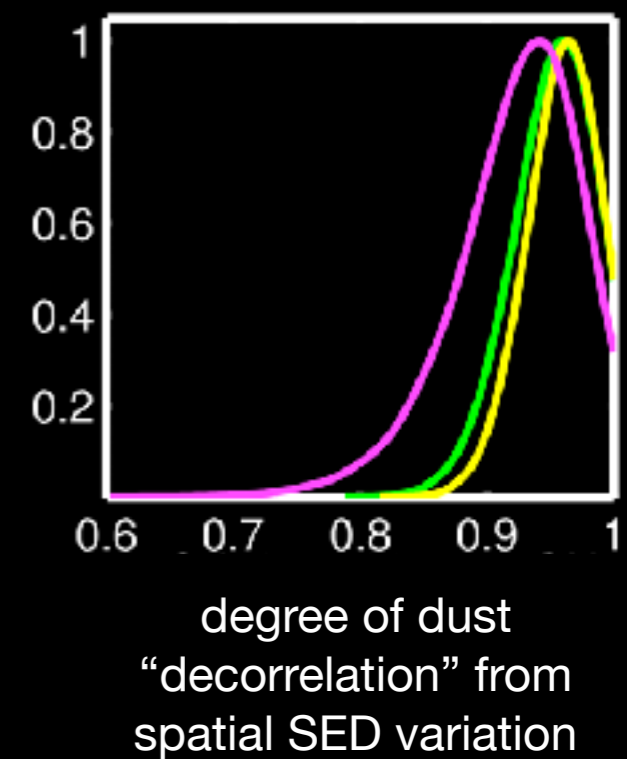
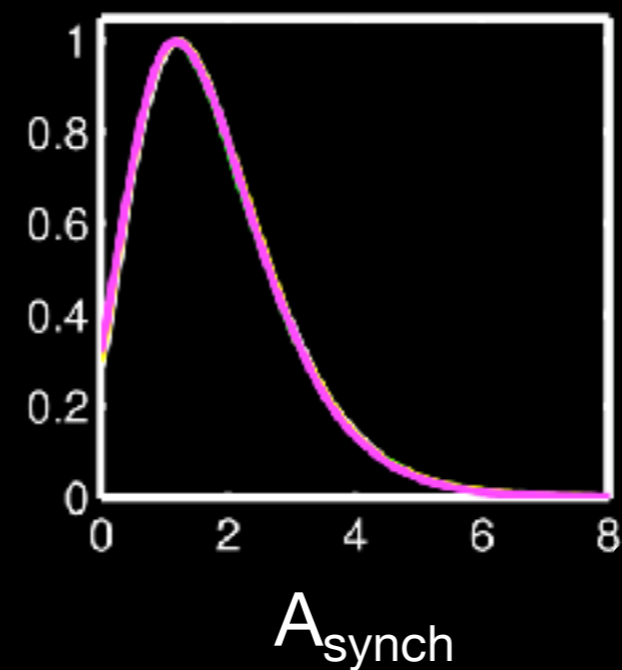
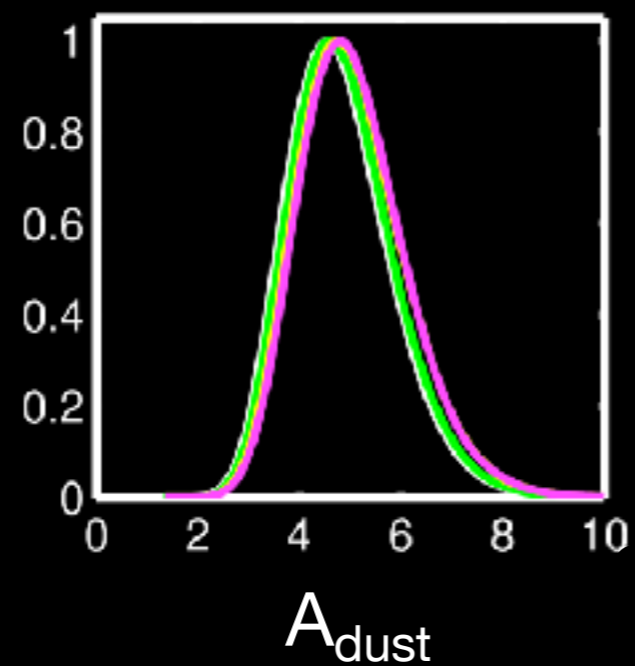
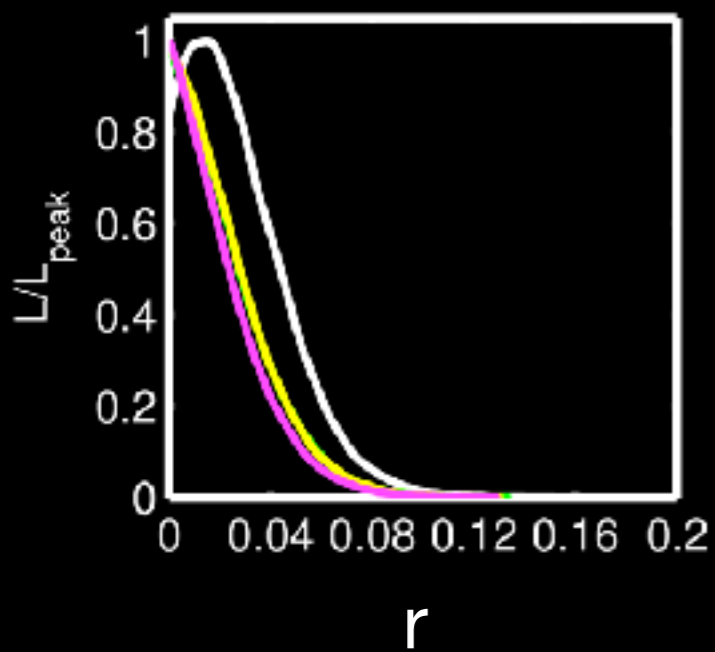
The study of polarized dust emission has become entwined with the analysis of the cosmic microwave background (CMB) polarization in the quest for the curl-like  $B$ -mode polarization from primordial gravitational waves and the low-multipole  $E$ -mode polarization associated with the reionization of the Universe. We use the new *Planck* PR3 maps to characterize Galactic dust emission at high latitudes as a foreground to the CMB polarization and use end-to-end simulations to compute uncertainties and assess the statistical significance of our measurements. We present *Planck*  $EE$ ,  $BB$ , and  $TE$  power spectra of dust polarization at 353 GHz for a set of six nested high-Galactic-latitude sky regions covering from 24 to 71 % of the sky. We present power-law fits to the angular power spectra, yielding evidence for statistically significant variations of the exponents over sky regions and a difference between the values for the  $EE$  and  $BB$  spectra, which for the largest sky region are  $\alpha_{EE} = -2.42 \pm 0.02$  and  $\alpha_{BB} = -2.54 \pm 0.02$ , respectively. The spectra show that the  $TE$  correlation and  $E/B$  power asymmetry discovered by *Planck* extend to low multipoles that were not included in earlier *Planck* polarization papers due to residual data systematics. We also report evidence for a positive  $TB$  dust signal. Combining data from *Planck* and WMAP, we determine the amplitudes and spectral energy distributions (SEDs) of polarized foregrounds, including the correlation between dust and synchrotron polarized emission, for the six sky regions as a function of multipole. This quantifies the challenge of the component-separation procedure that is required for measuring the low- $\ell$  reionization CMB  $E$ -mode signal and detecting the reionization and recombination peaks of primordial CMB  $B$  modes. The SED of polarized dust emission is fit well by a single-temperature modified blackbody emission law from 353 GHz to below 70 GHz. For a dust temperature of 19.6 K, the mean dust spectral index for dust polarization is  $\beta_d^p = 1.53 \pm 0.02$ . The difference between indices for polarization and total intensity is  $\beta_d^p - \beta_d^i = 0.05 \pm 0.03$ . By fitting multi-frequency cross-spectra between *Planck* data at 100, 143, 217, and 353 GHz, we examine the correlation of the dust polarization maps across frequency. **We find no evidence for a loss of correlation** and provide lower limits to the correlation ratio that are tighter than values we derive from the correlation of the 217- and 353-GHz maps alone. If the *Planck* limit on decorrelation for the largest sky region applies to the smaller sky regions observed by sub-orbital experiments, then **frequency decorrelation of dust polarization might not be a problem for CMB experiments** aiming at a primordial  $B$ -mode detection limit on the tensor-to-scalar ratio  $r \approx 0.01$  at the recombination peak. However, the *Planck* sensitivity precludes identifying how difficult the component-separation problem will be for more ambitious experiments targeting lower limits on  $r$ .

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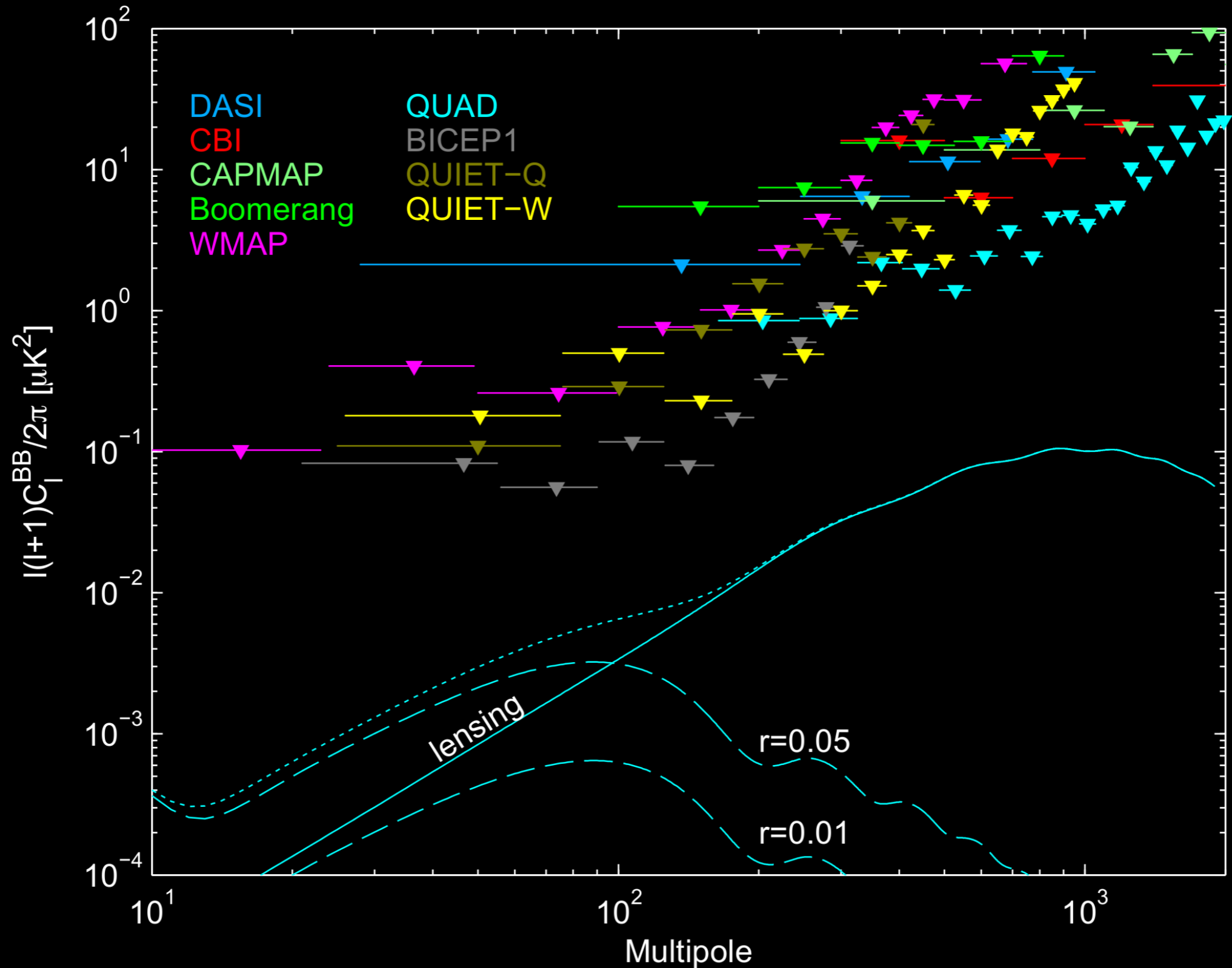


# BK15 Results: Variations with Dust Modeling

- No decorrelation
- $\Delta_d = 0.95/0.05$ , flat
- $\Delta_d = 1.00/0.05$ , lin
- Uniform Prior, lin

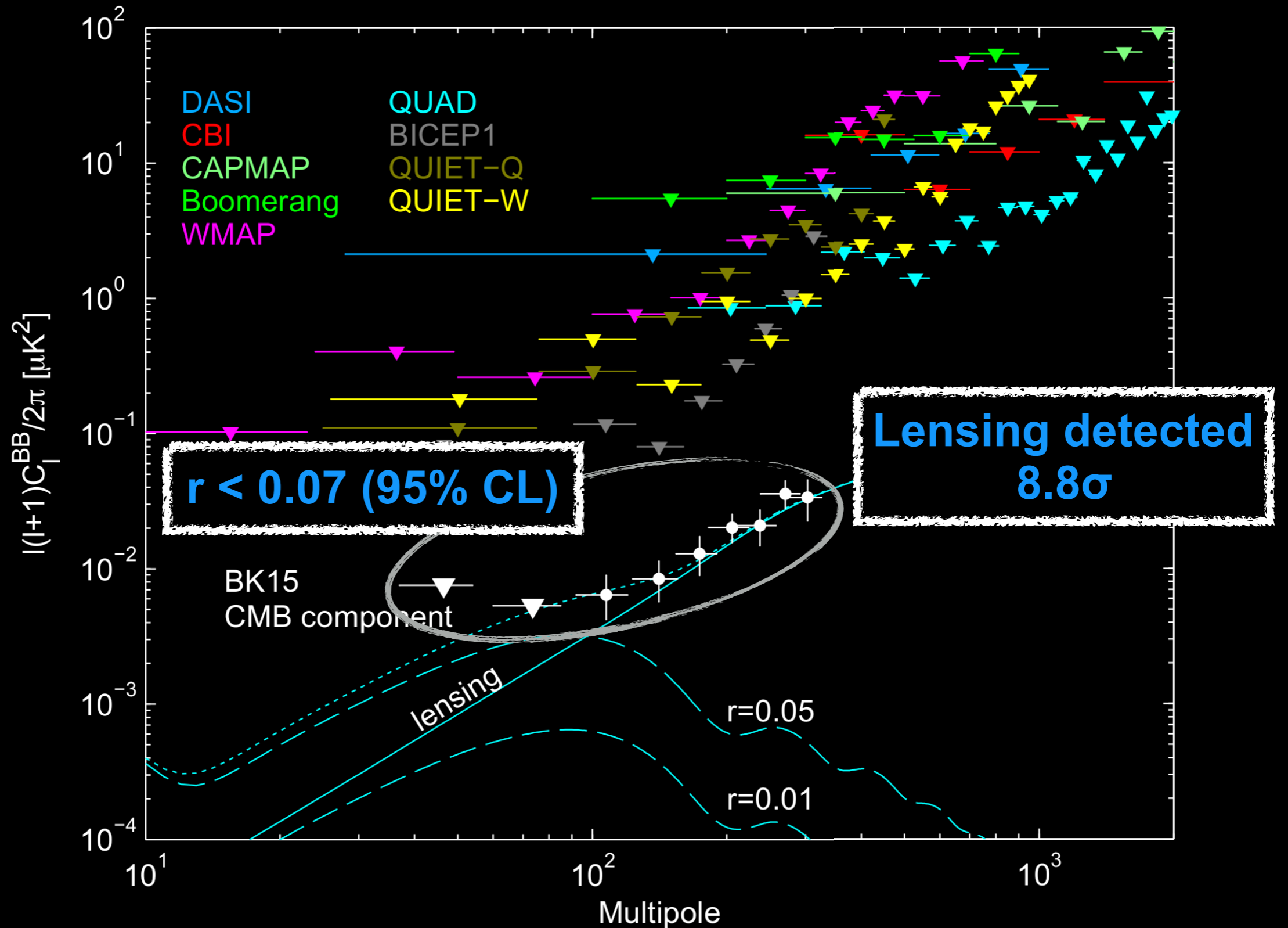


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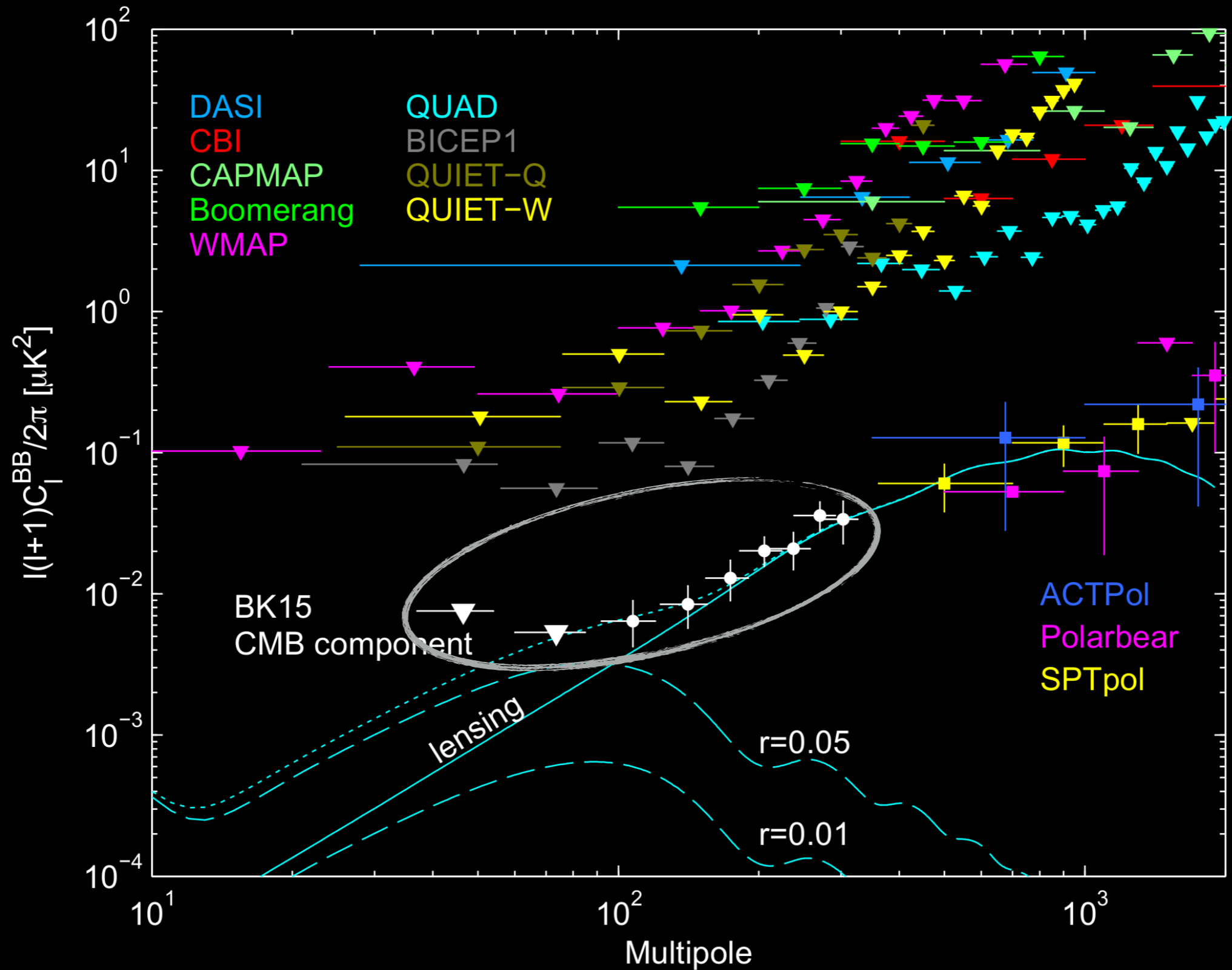




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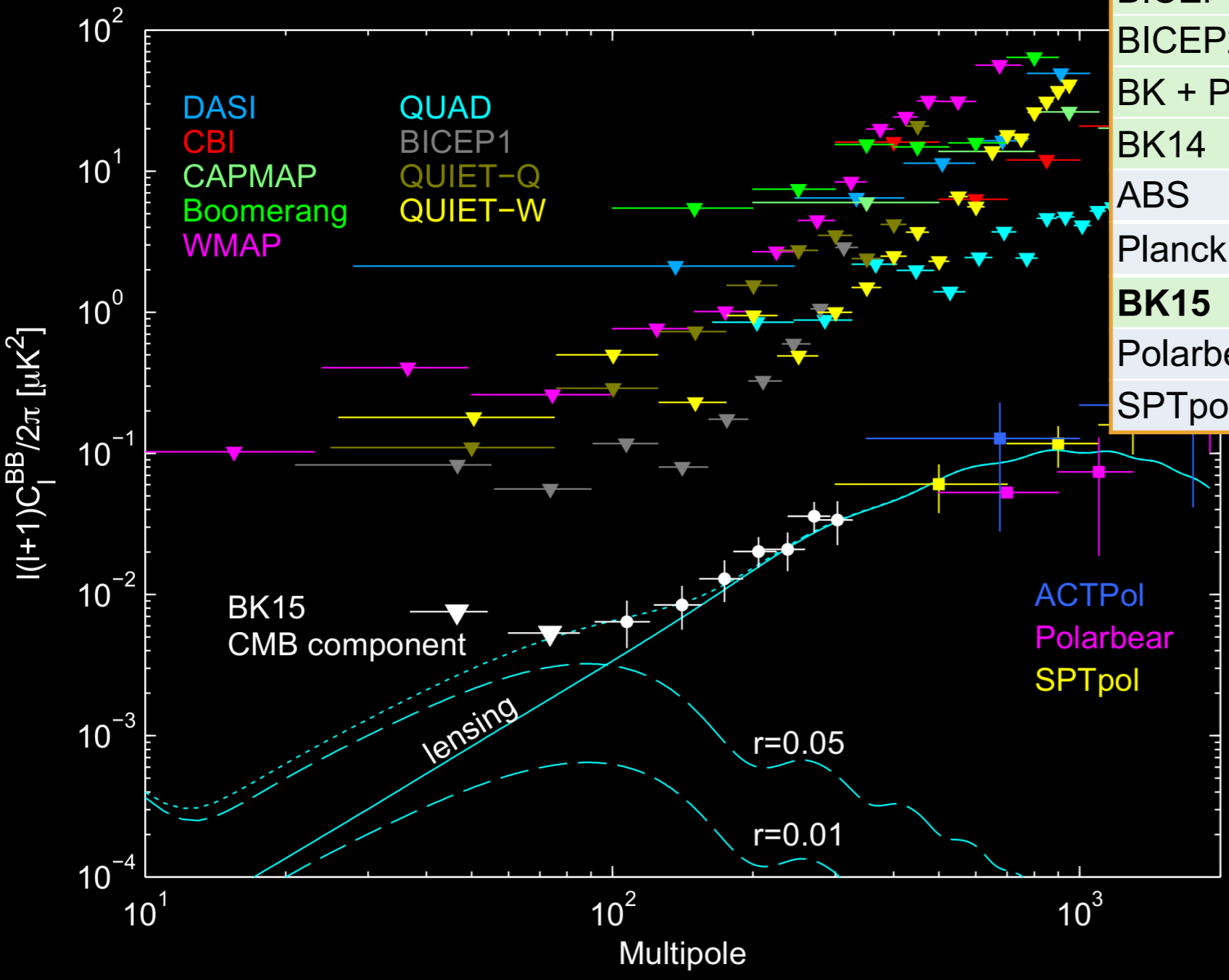
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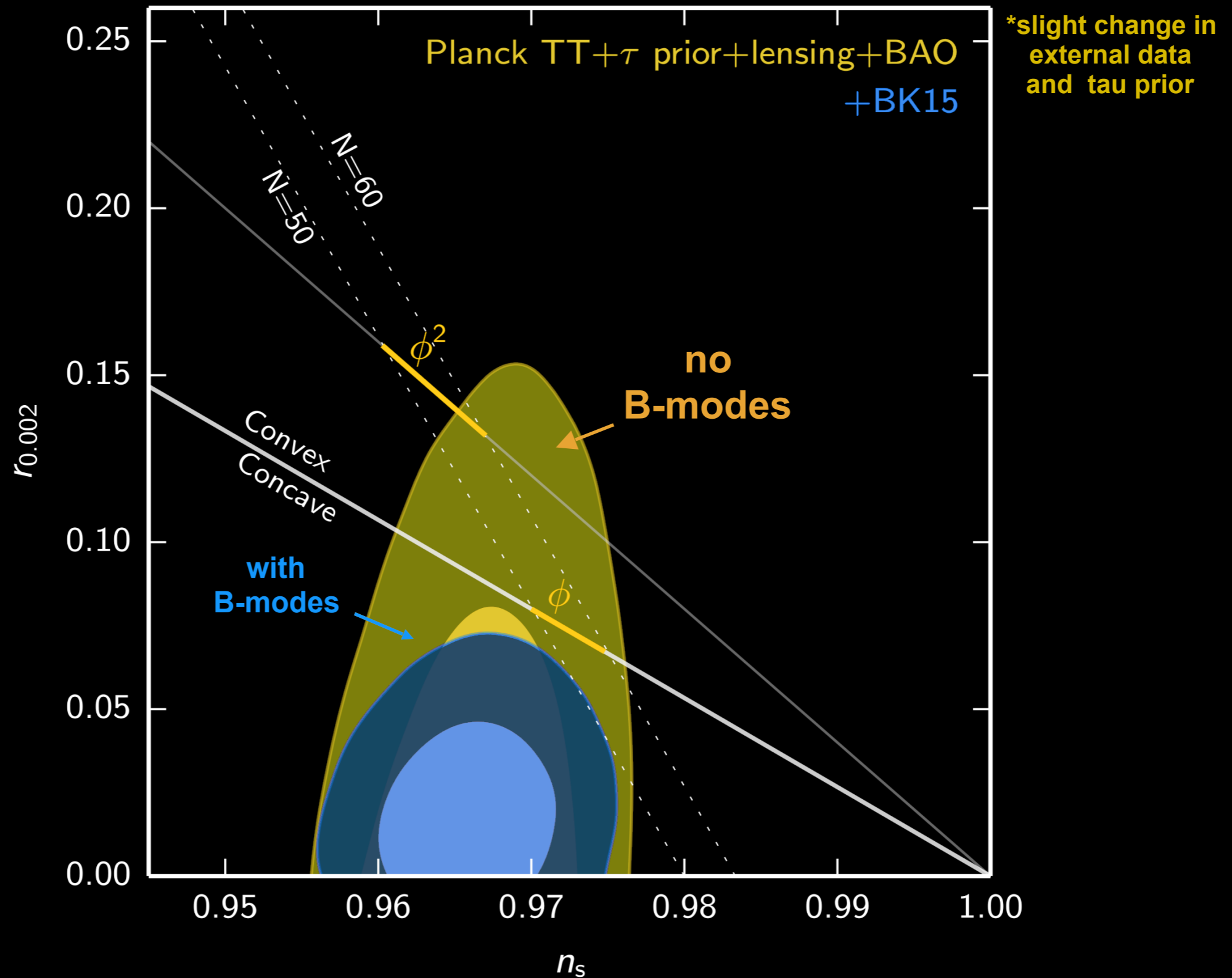


# B modes to

Published B-Mode Sensitivity to r			
Experiment	Year	Bands [GHz]	$\sigma(r)$
DASI	2004	26...36	7.5
BICEP1 2yr	2009	100, 150	0.28
WMAP 7yr	2010	30...60	1.1
QUIET-Q	2010	43	0.97
QUIET-W	2012	95	0.85
BICEP1 3yr	2013	100, 150	0.25
BICEP2	2014	150	0.10
BK + Planck	2015	150 + Planck	0.034
BK14	2015	95, 150 + P	0.024
ABS	2018	150	0.7
Planck	2018	30 ... 353	~0.2
<b>BK15</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>95, 150, 220 + P</b>	<b>0.02</b>
Polarbear	2019	150 + P	0.3
SPTpol	2019	150 + 95	0.22



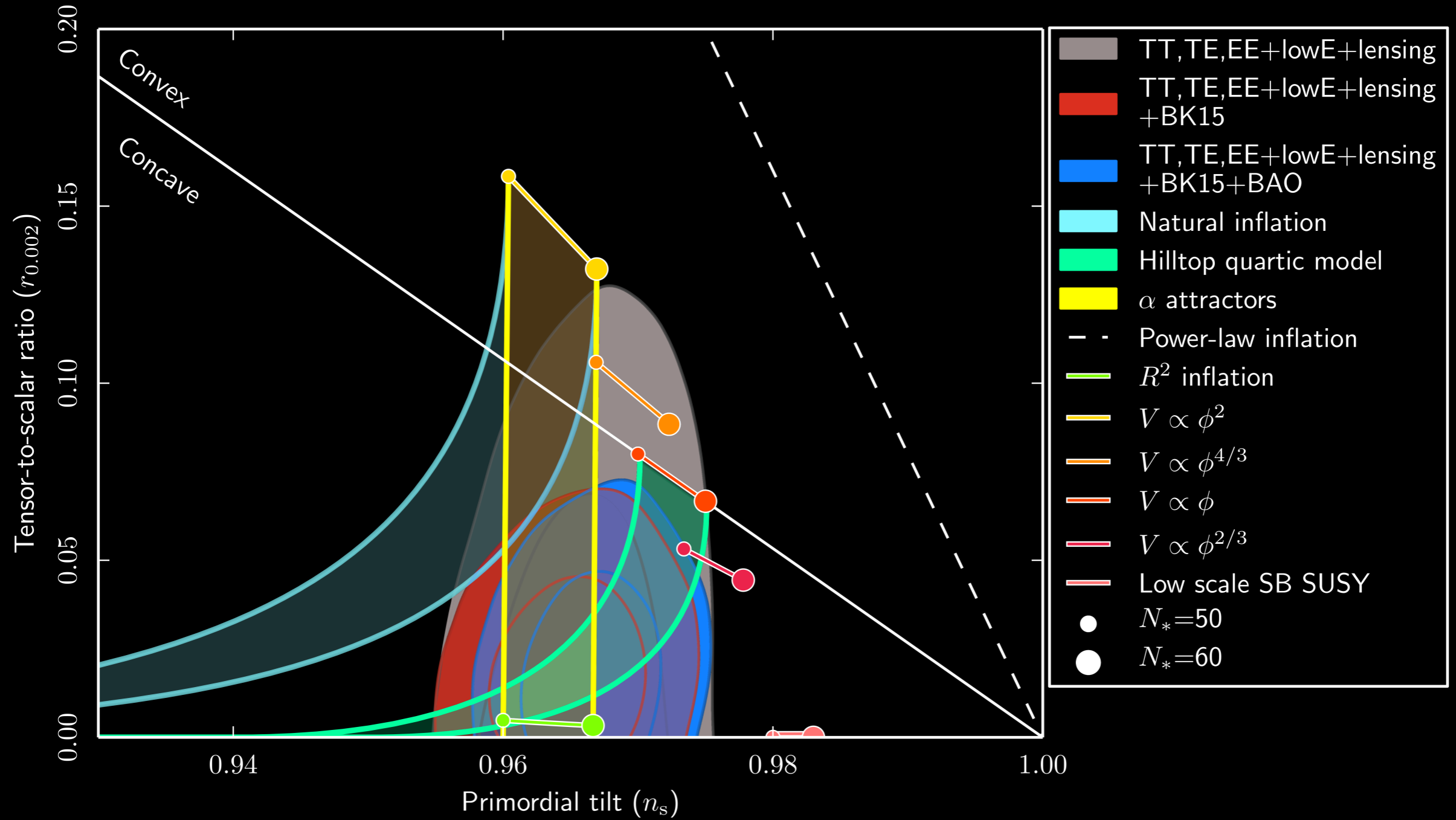
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BK15  $r_{.05} < 0.06$



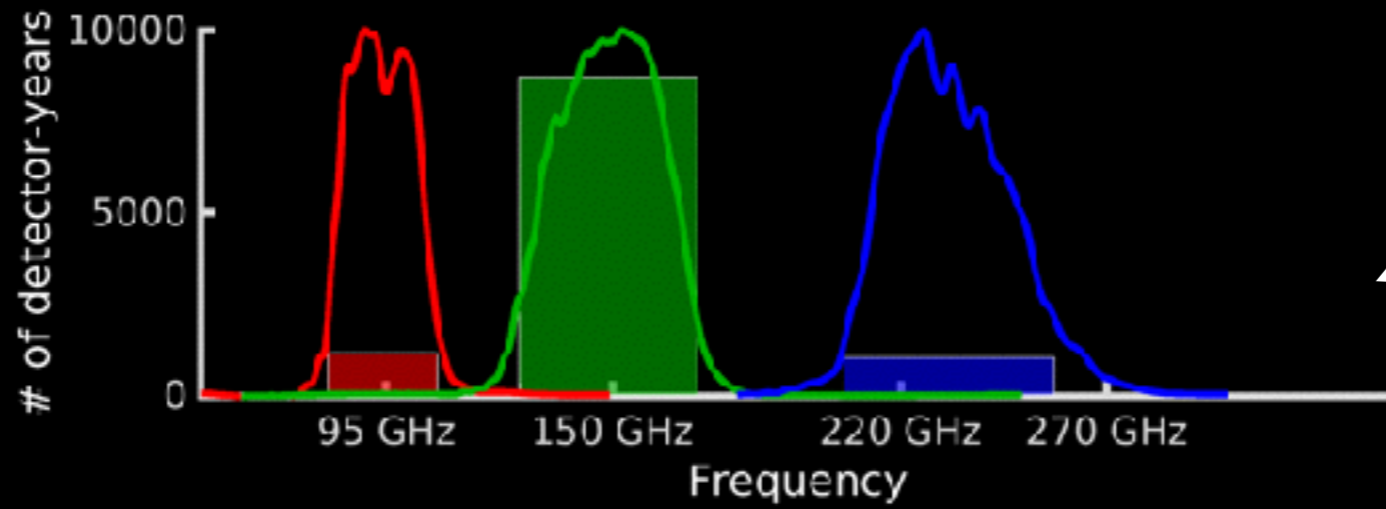
# Adding Planck 2015 Temperature



What since 2015?

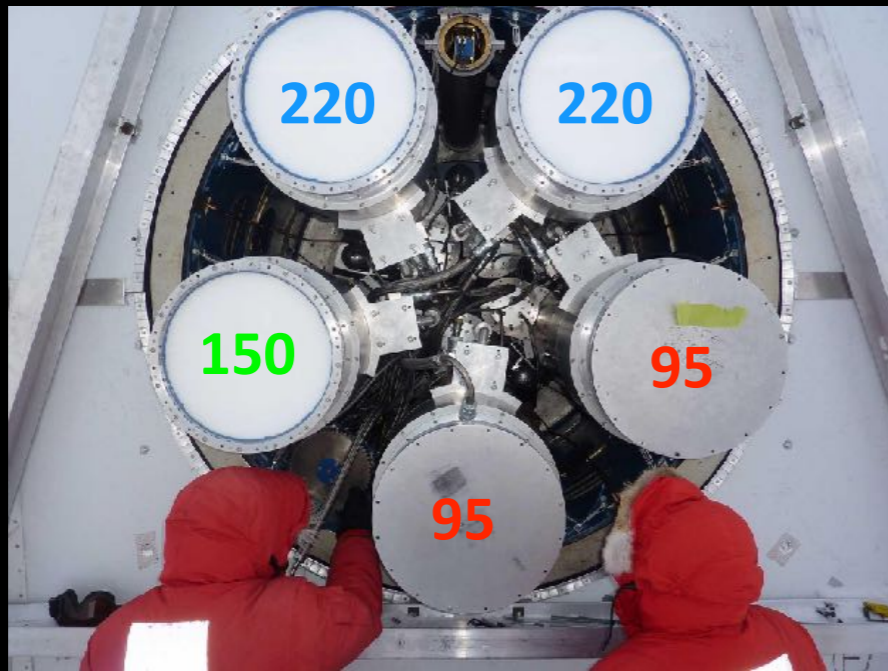


BICEP2  
2010-2012  
Keck Array  
2012-...

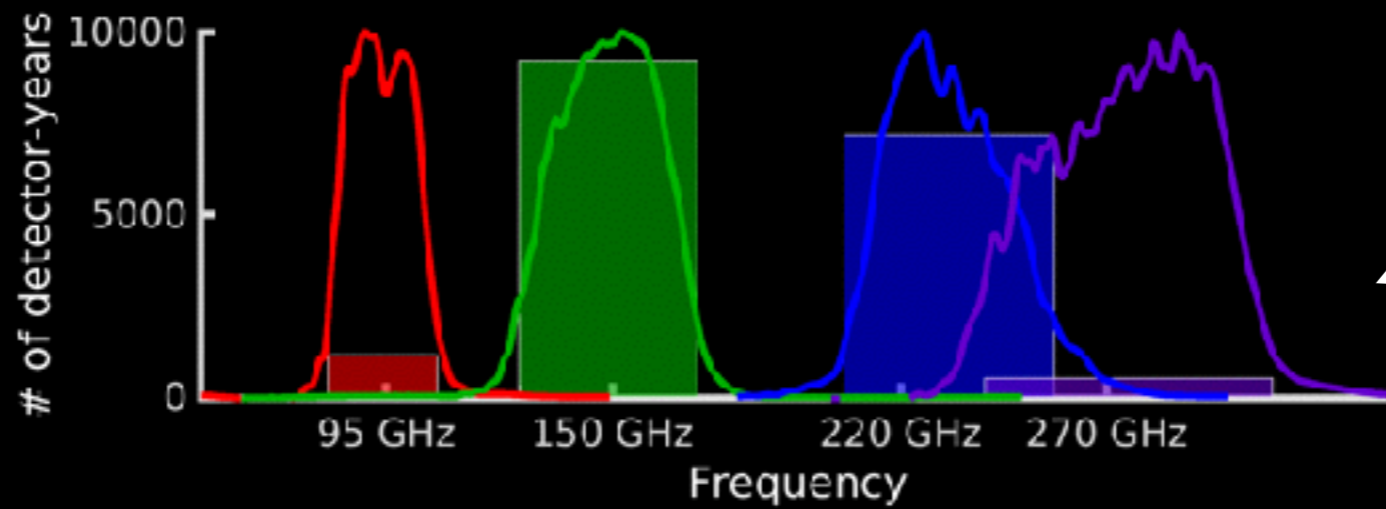


Simple raw observing effort,  
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years performed

2015

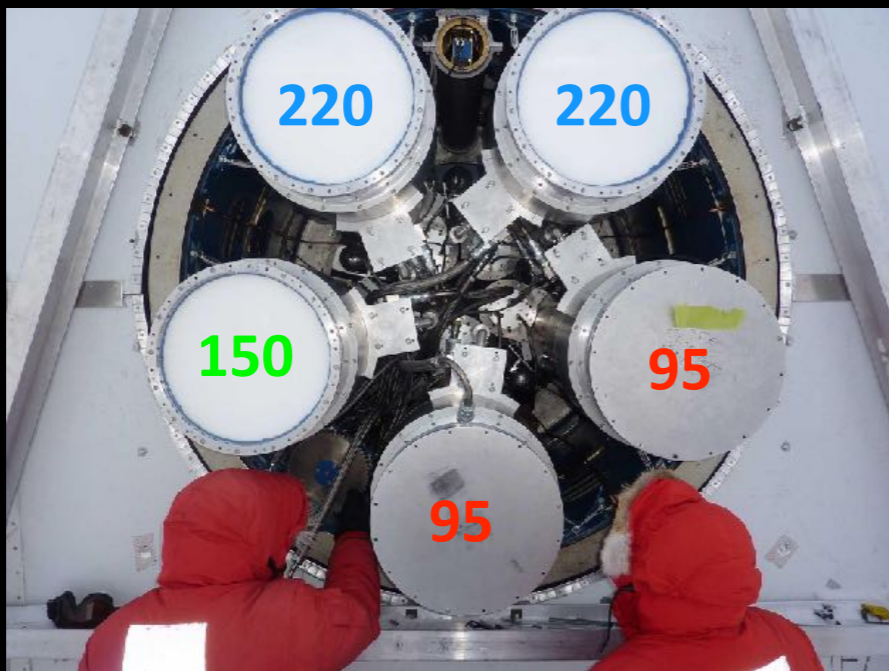


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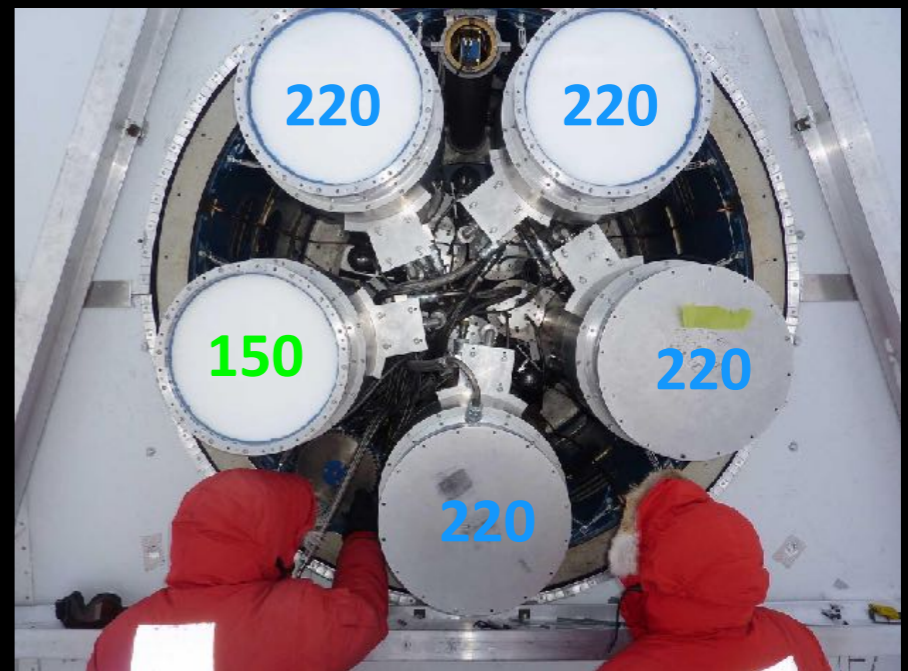


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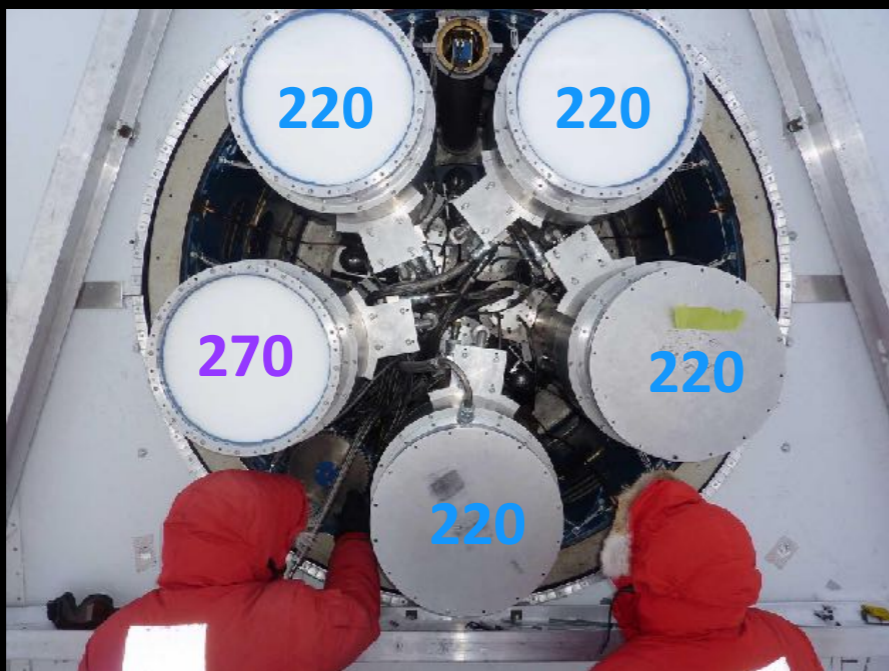
2015



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2017



2018





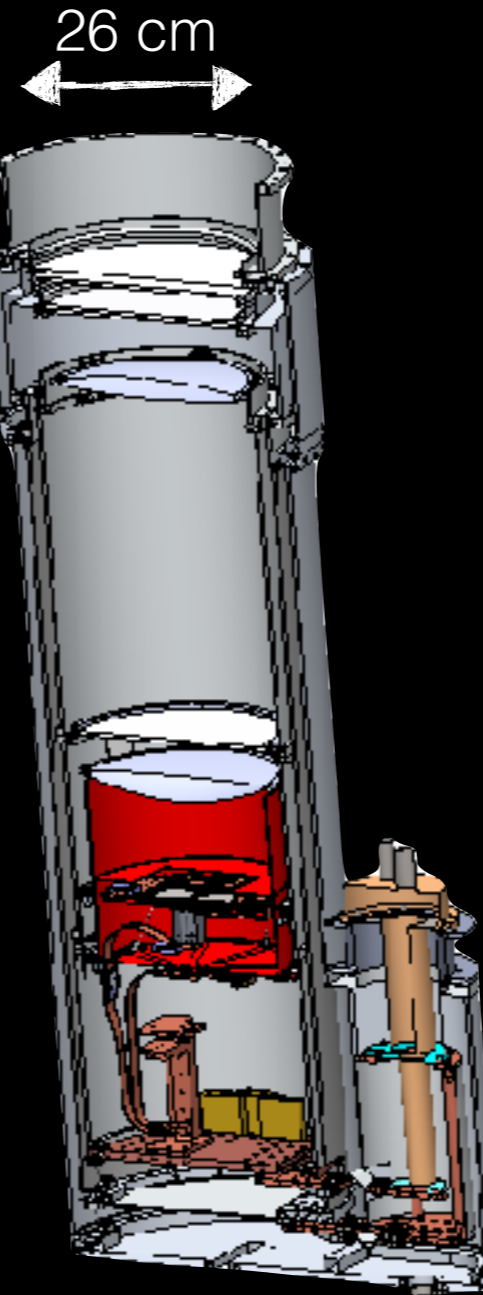
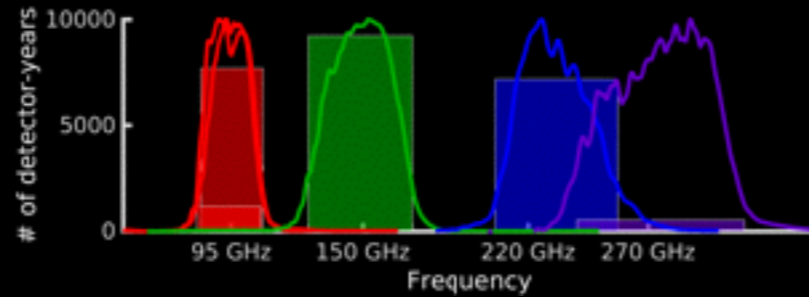
# BICEP3: Super Receiver

**All 95 GHz**

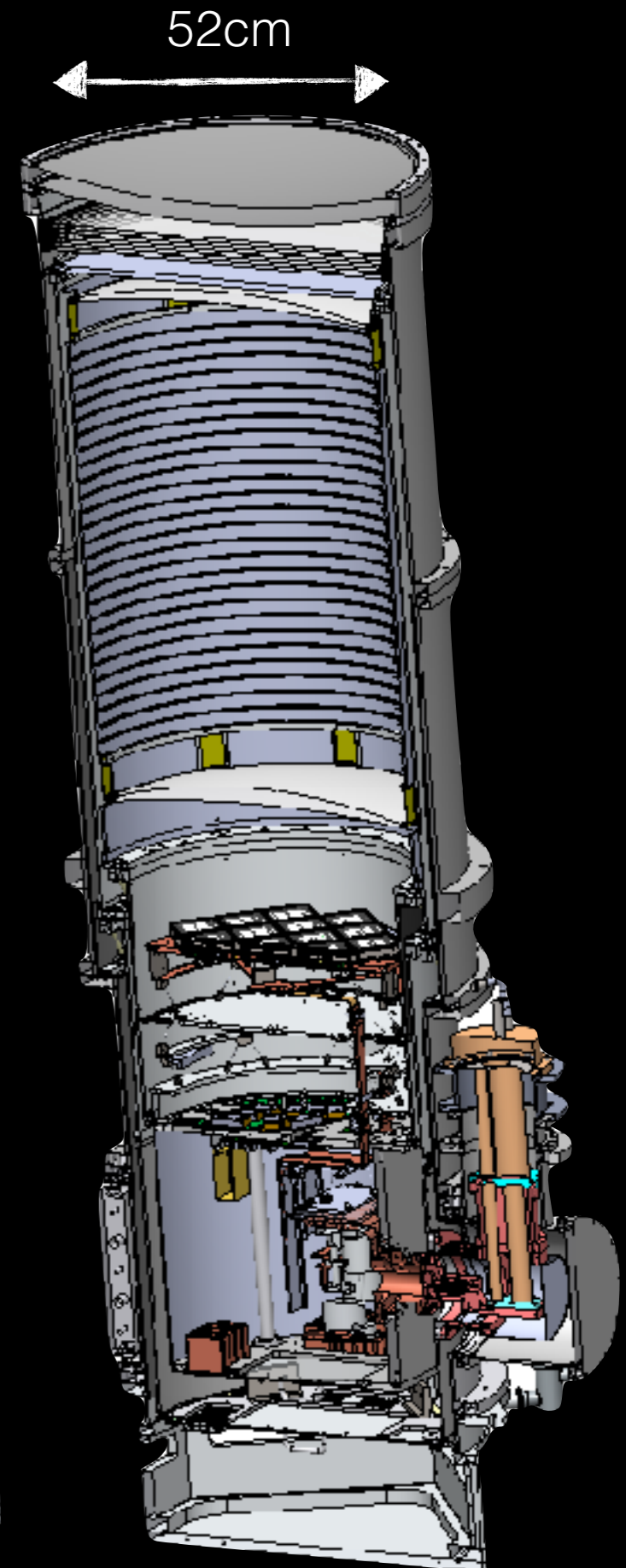
2560 detectors in modular focal plane

Large-aperture optics and infrared filtering

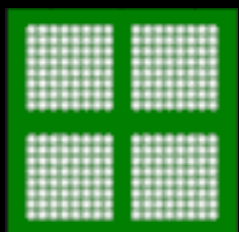
> 10x optical throughput of single BICEP2/Keck receiver



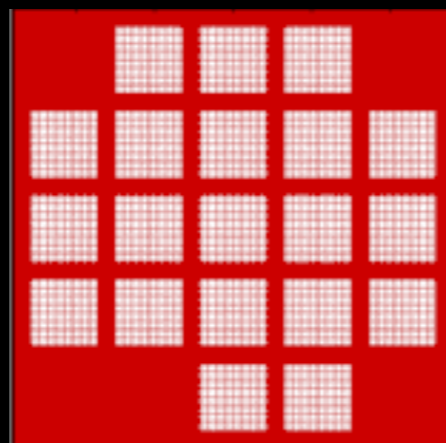
Keck receiver



BICEP3

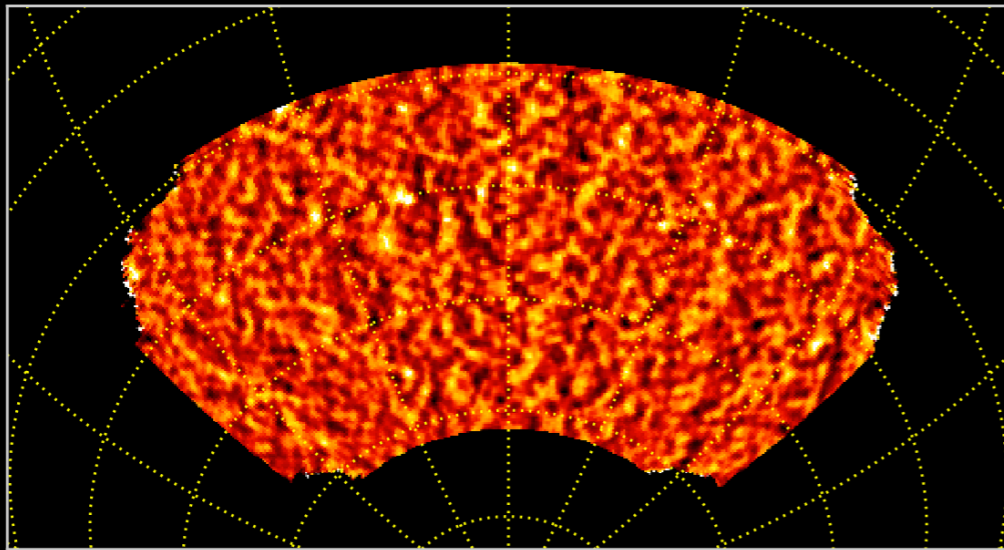


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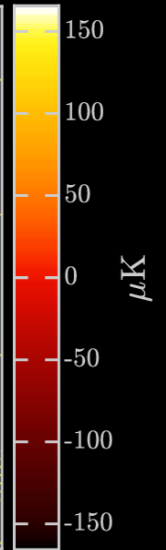
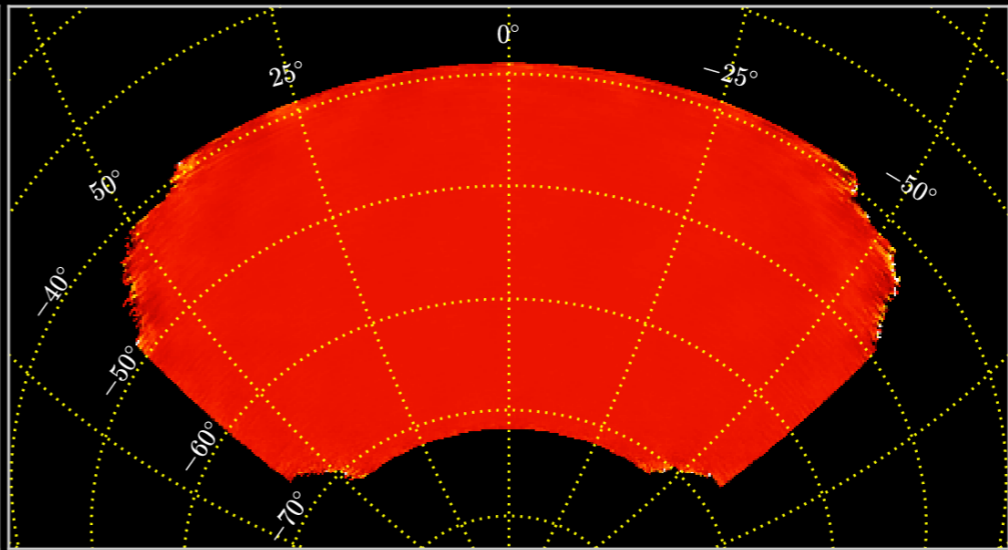


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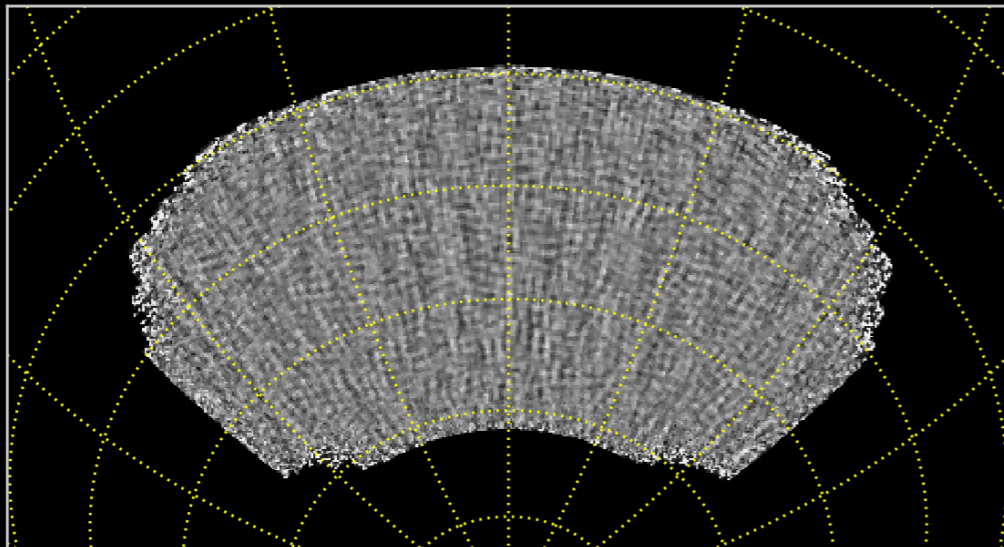
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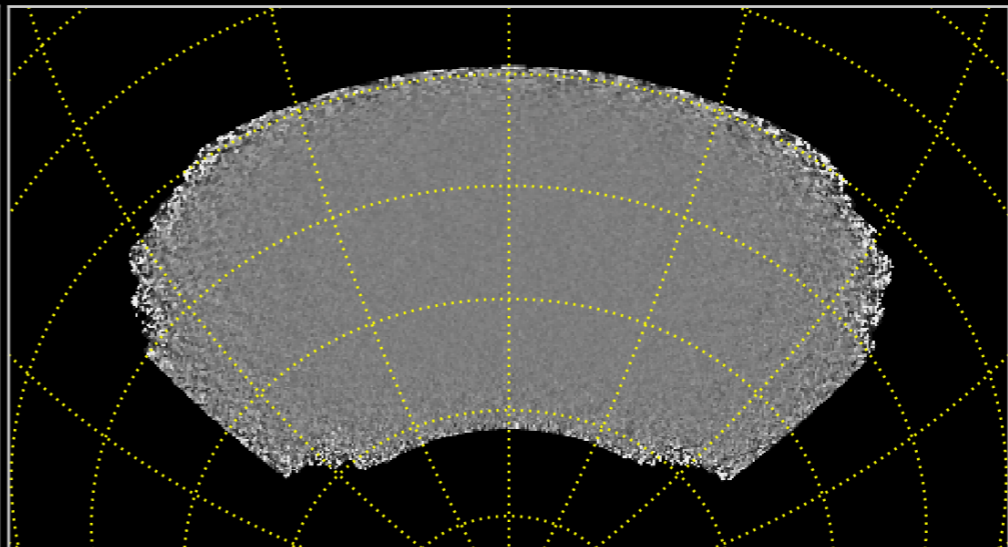
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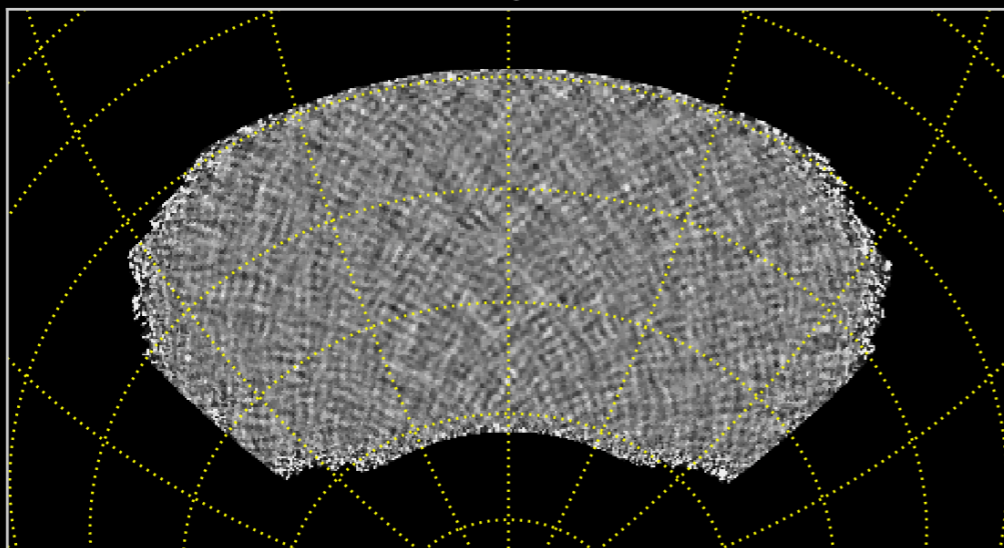
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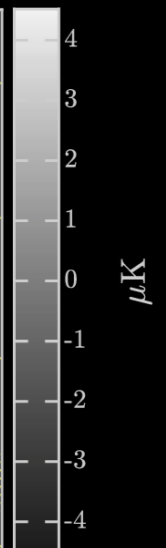
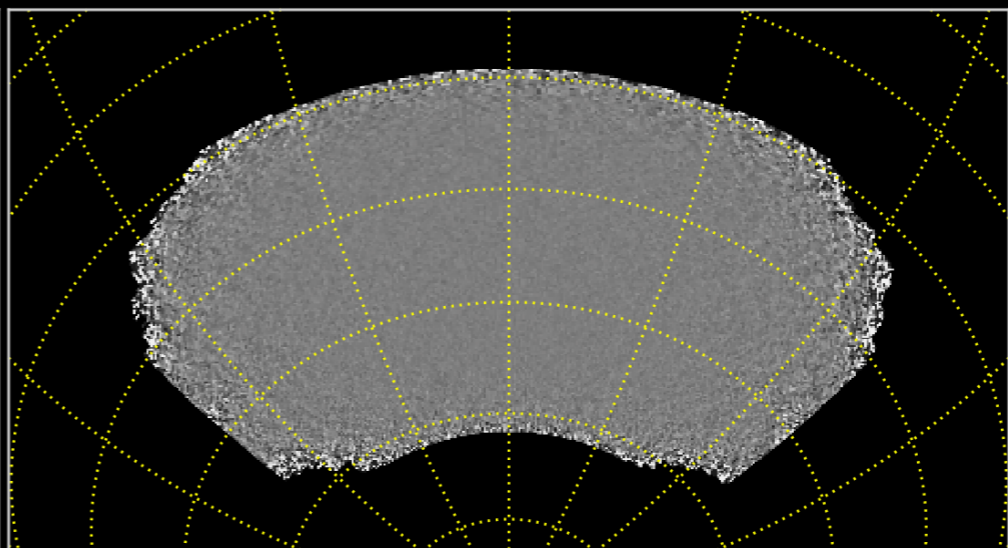
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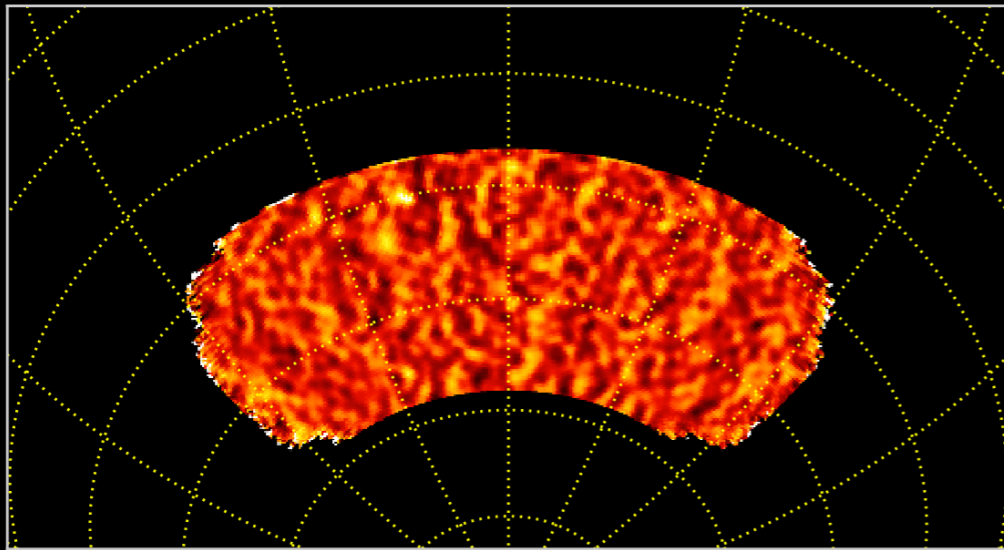


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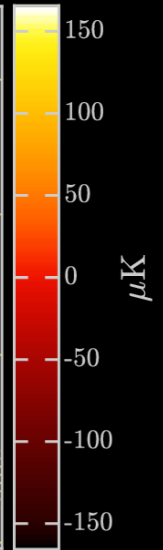
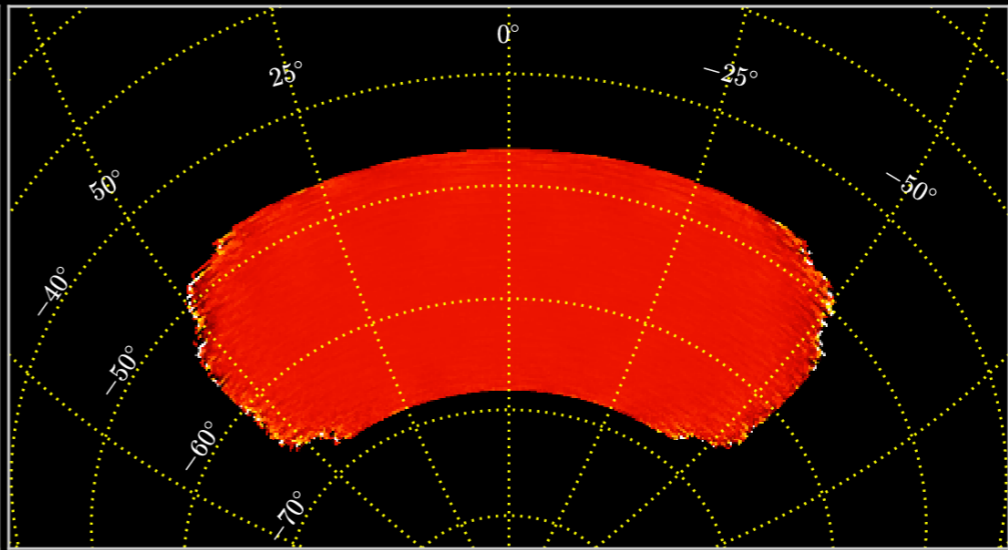




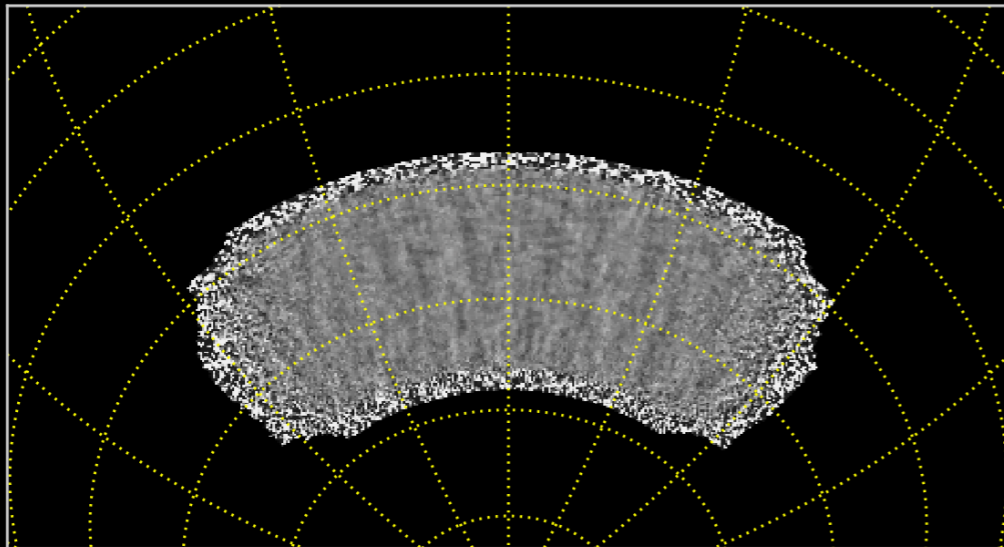
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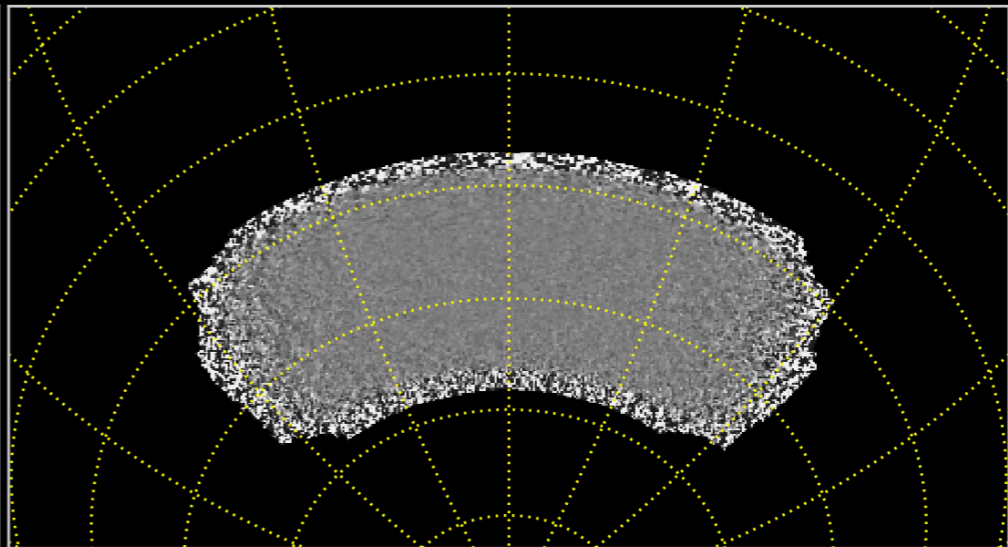
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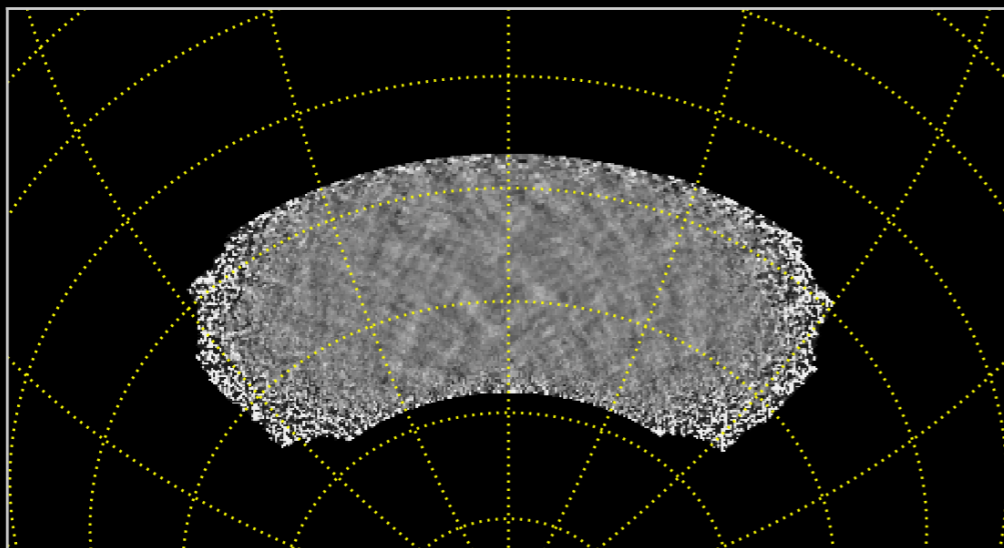
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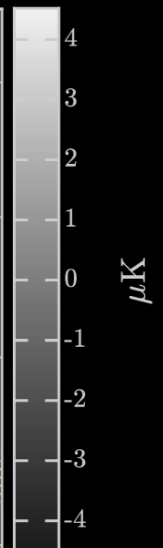
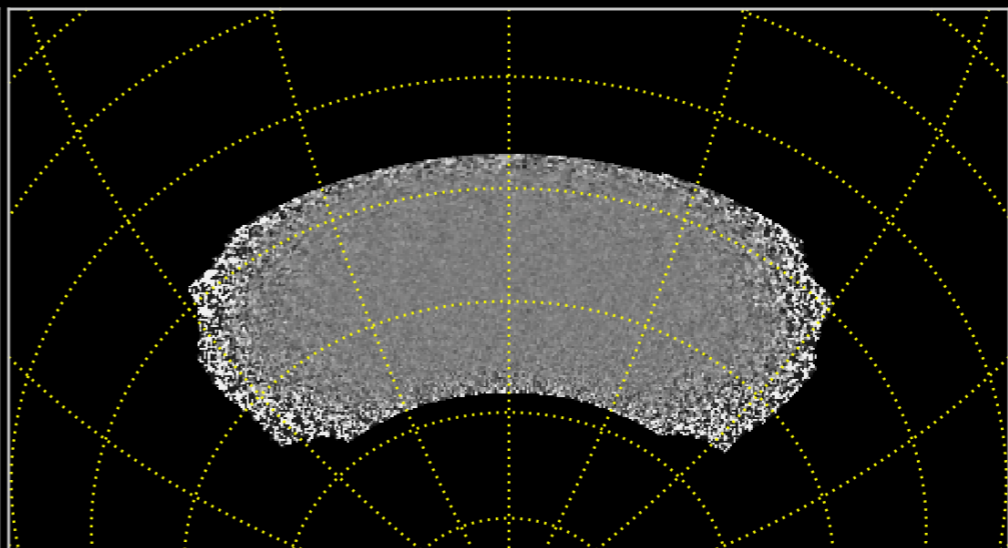
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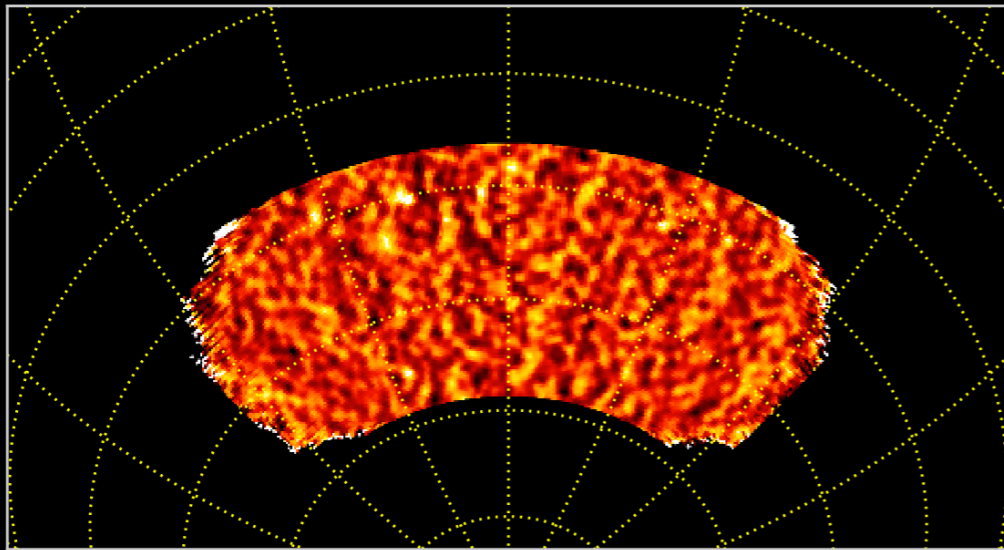


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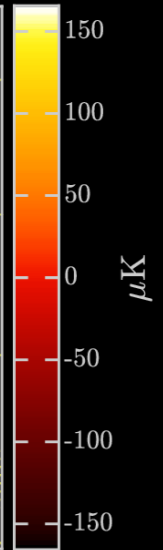
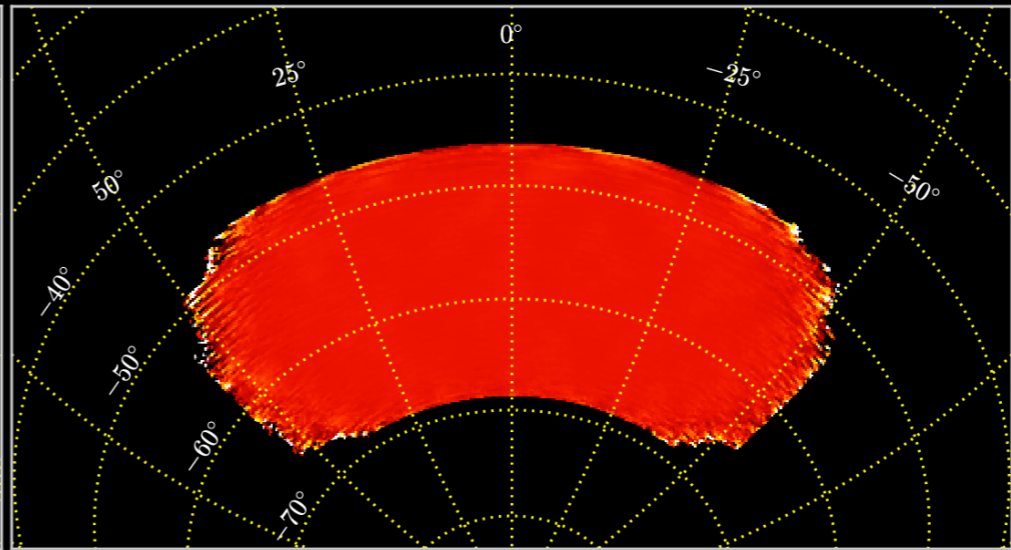
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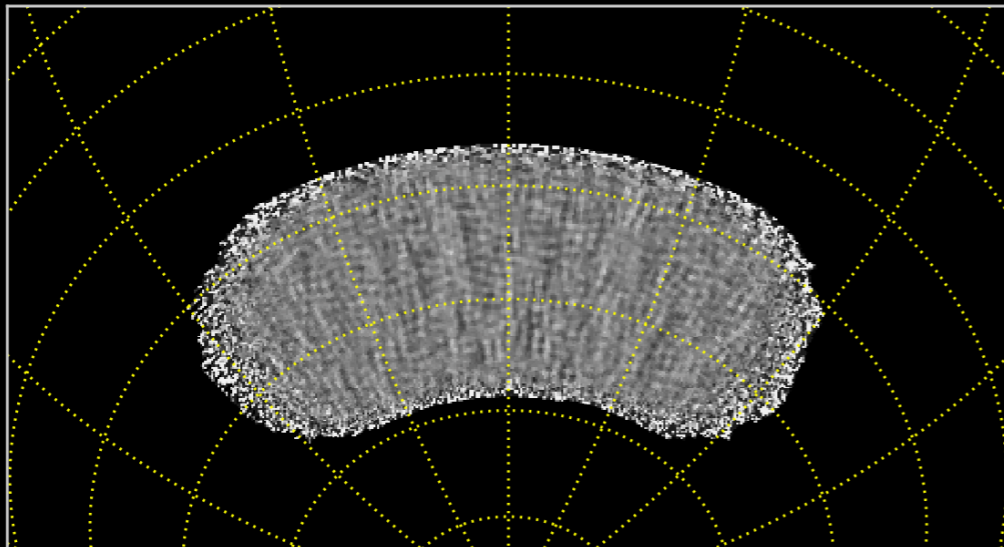
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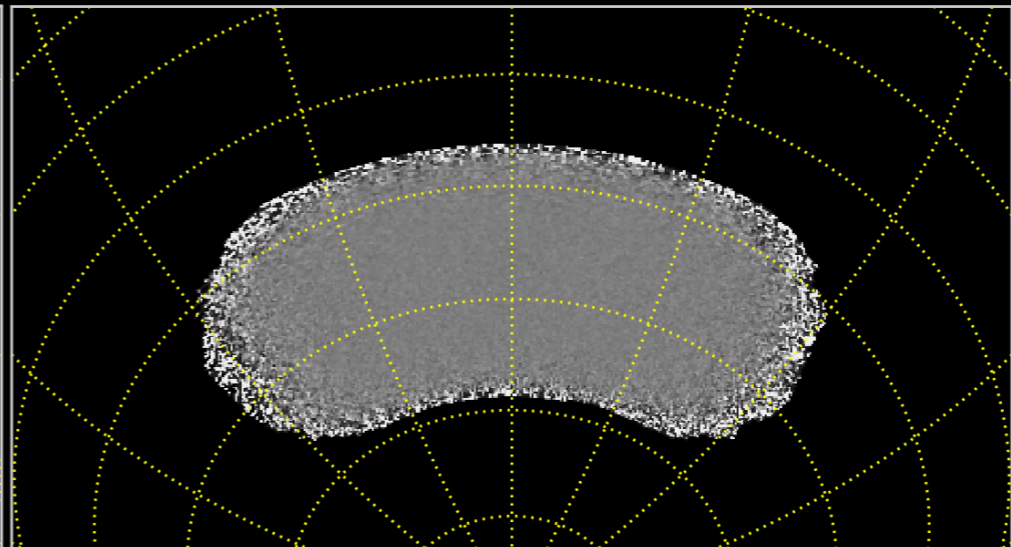
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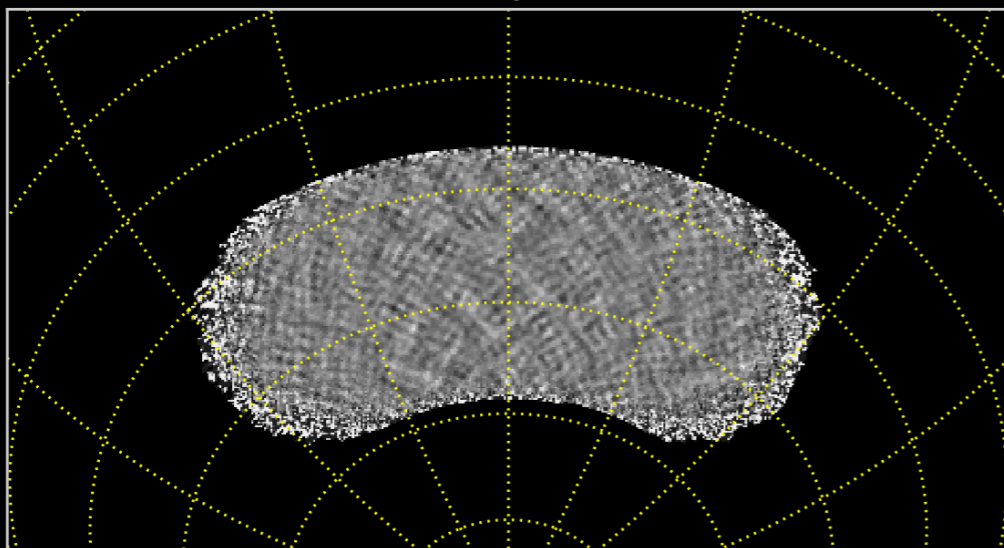
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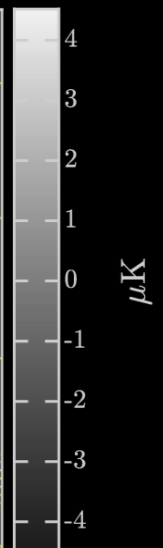
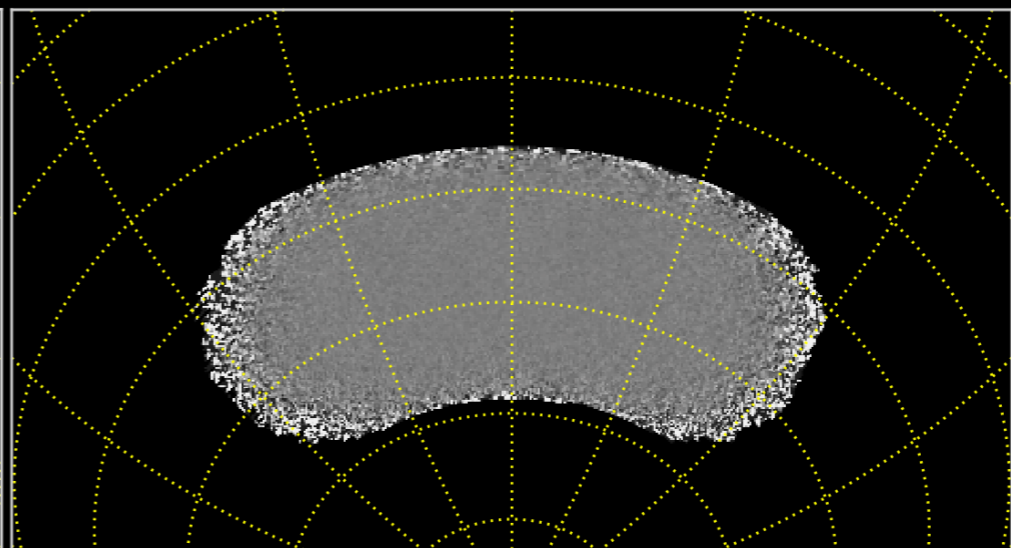
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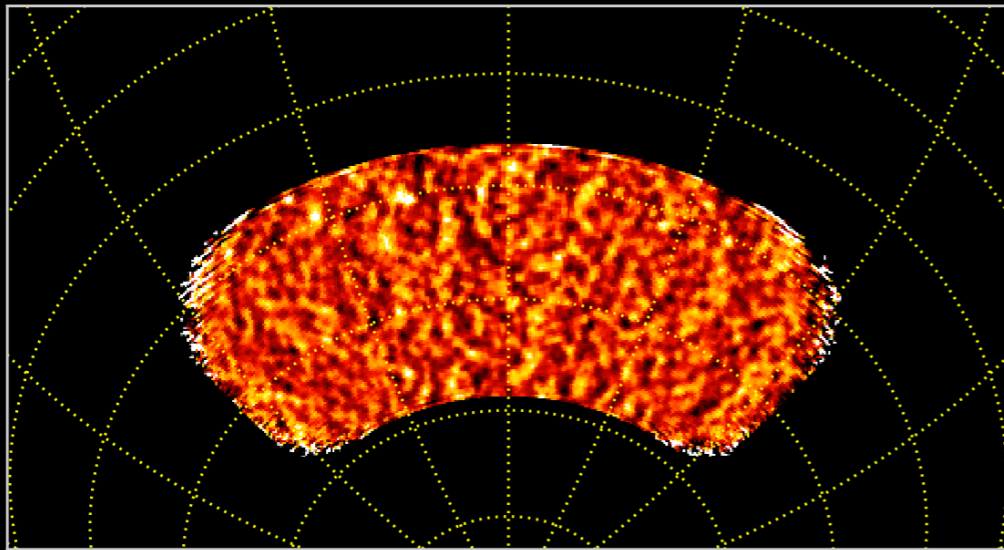


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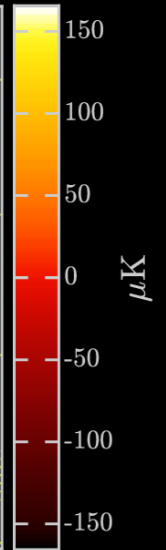
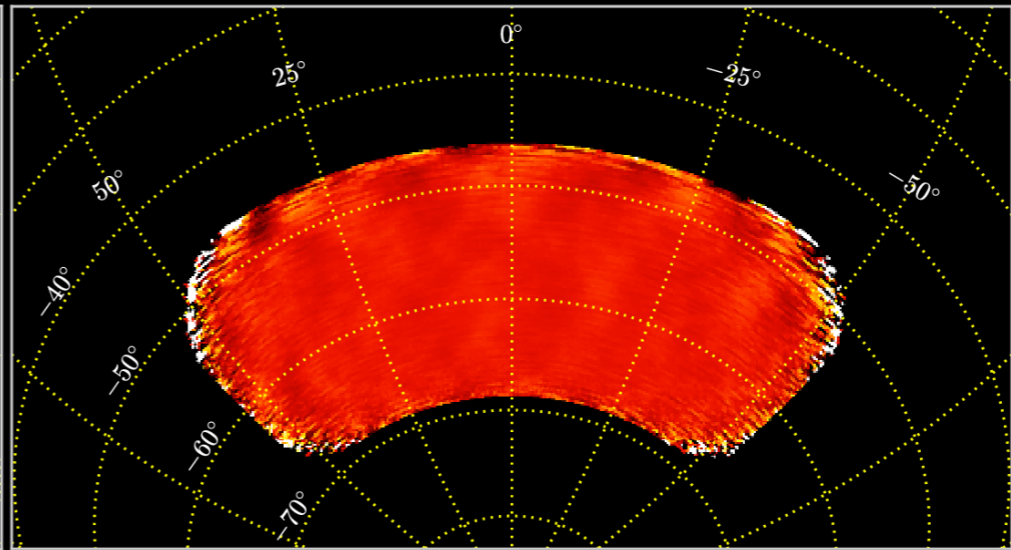
BICEP2-Keck

220GHz – 8.5  $\mu\text{K}$  arcmin

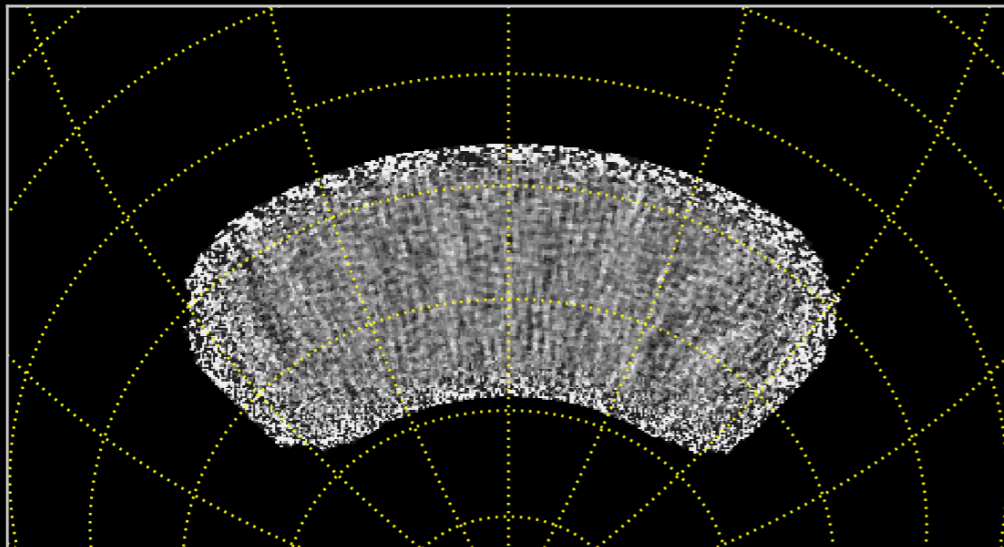
BK18<sub>220</sub>  $T$  signal



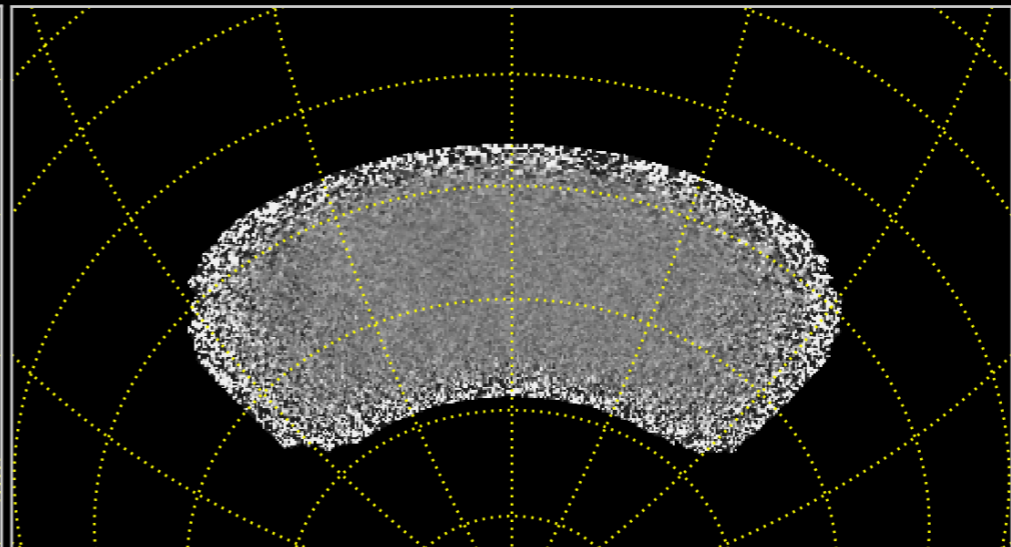
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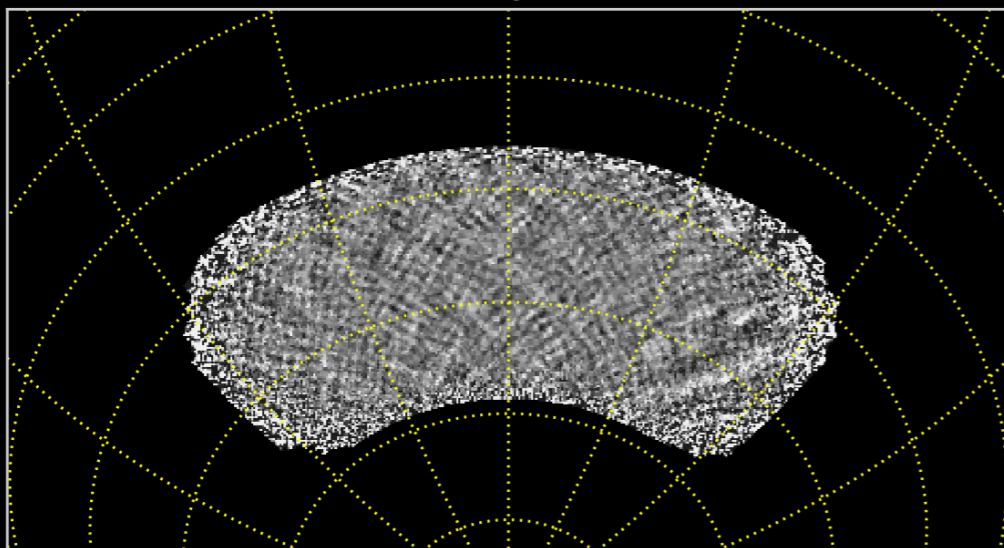
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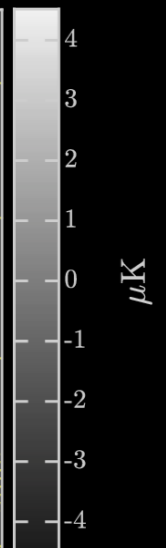
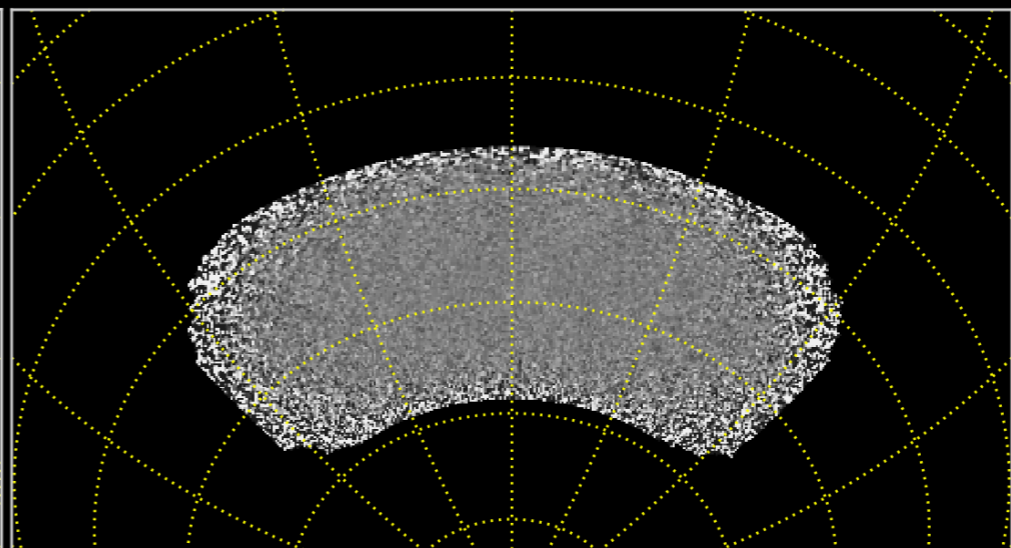
$Q$  noise



$U$  signal

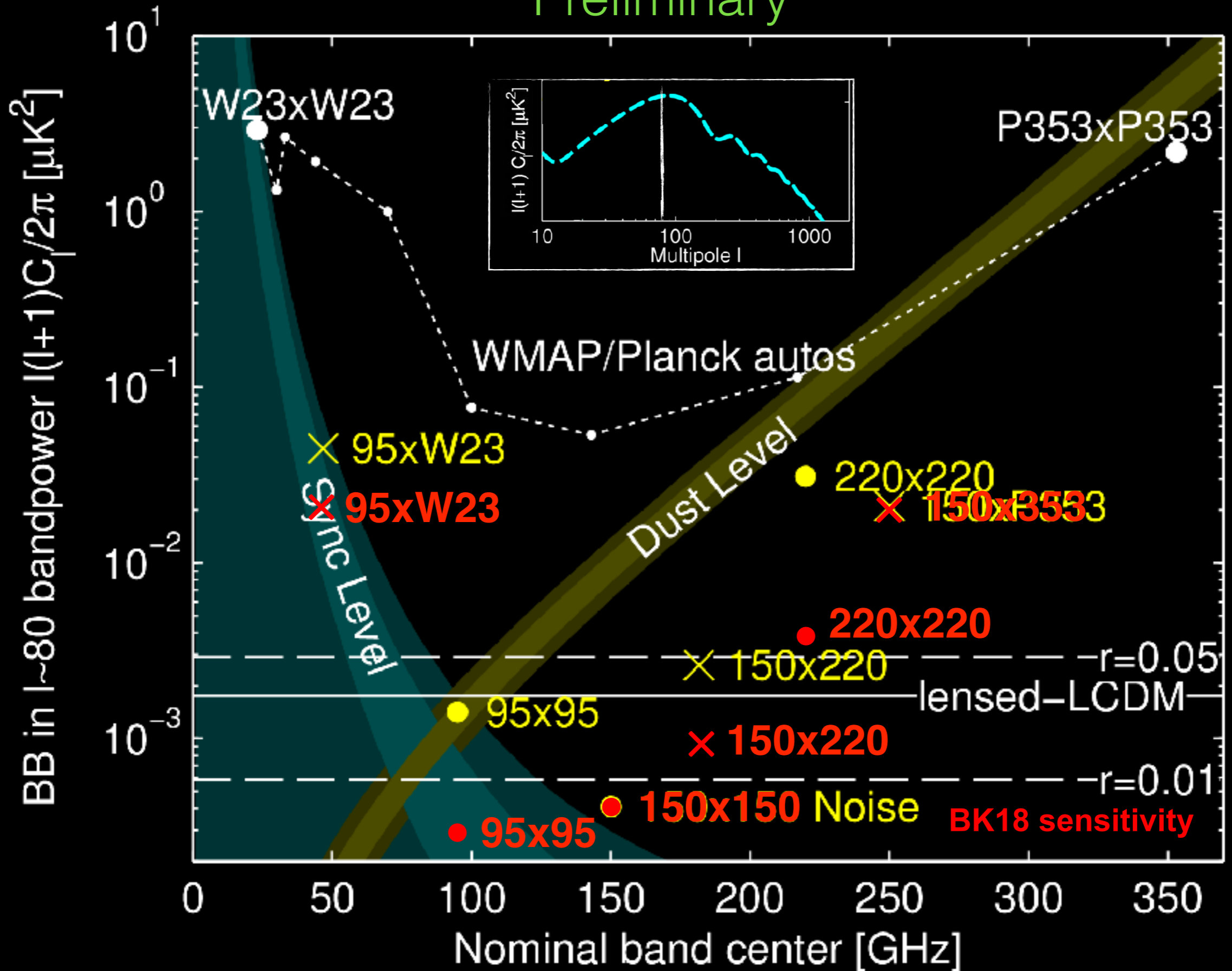


$U$  noise



# BK18 Band Sensitivity (at $\ell \sim 80$ )

Preliminary





## Stage 2

## Stage 3

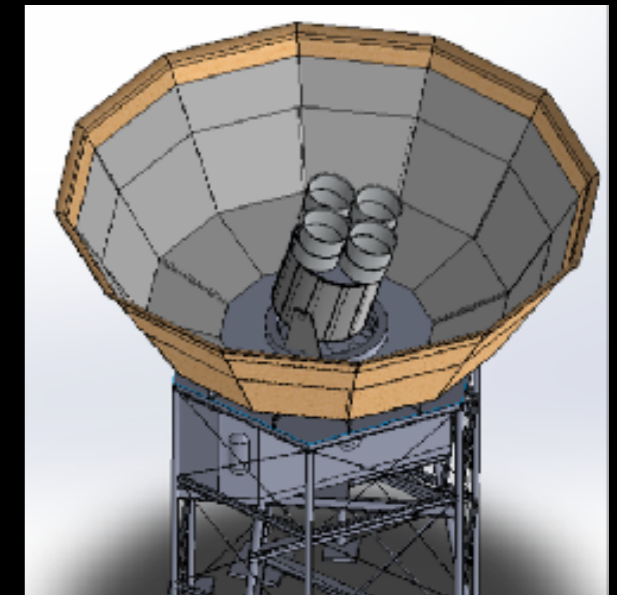
**BICEP2**  
(2010-2012)

**Keck Array**  
(2012-2019)

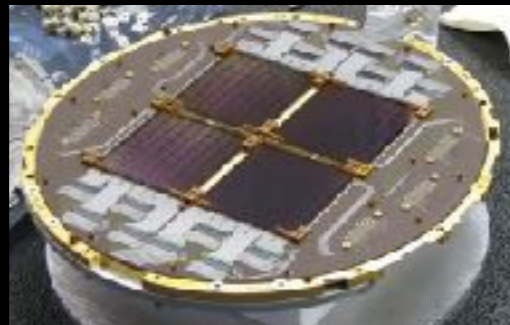
**BICEP3**  
(2015-)

**BICEP Array**  
(2020-)

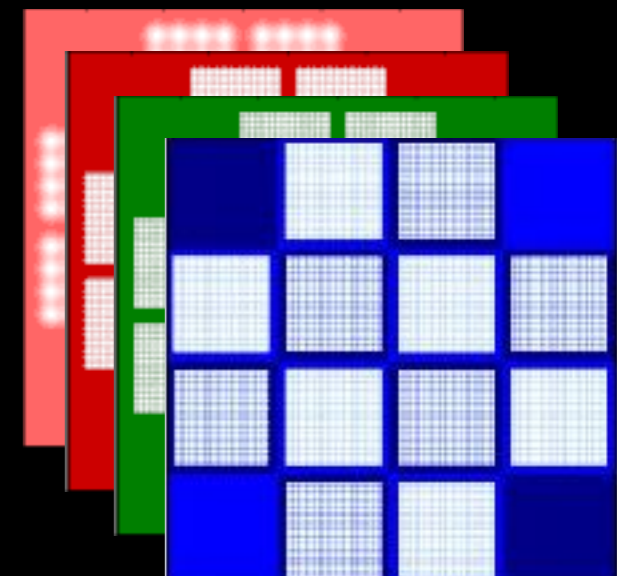
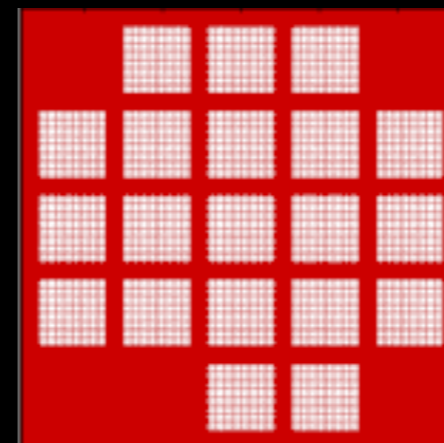
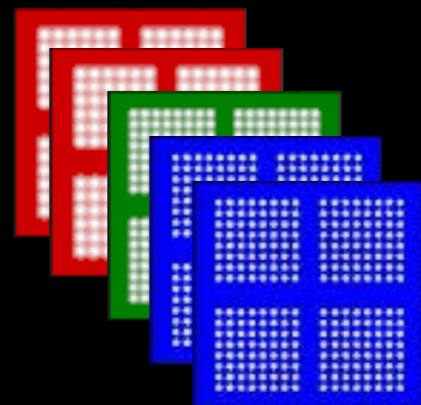
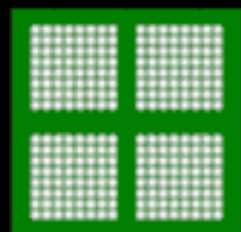
Telescope and Mount



Focal Plane



Beam on sky



detectors:

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2500

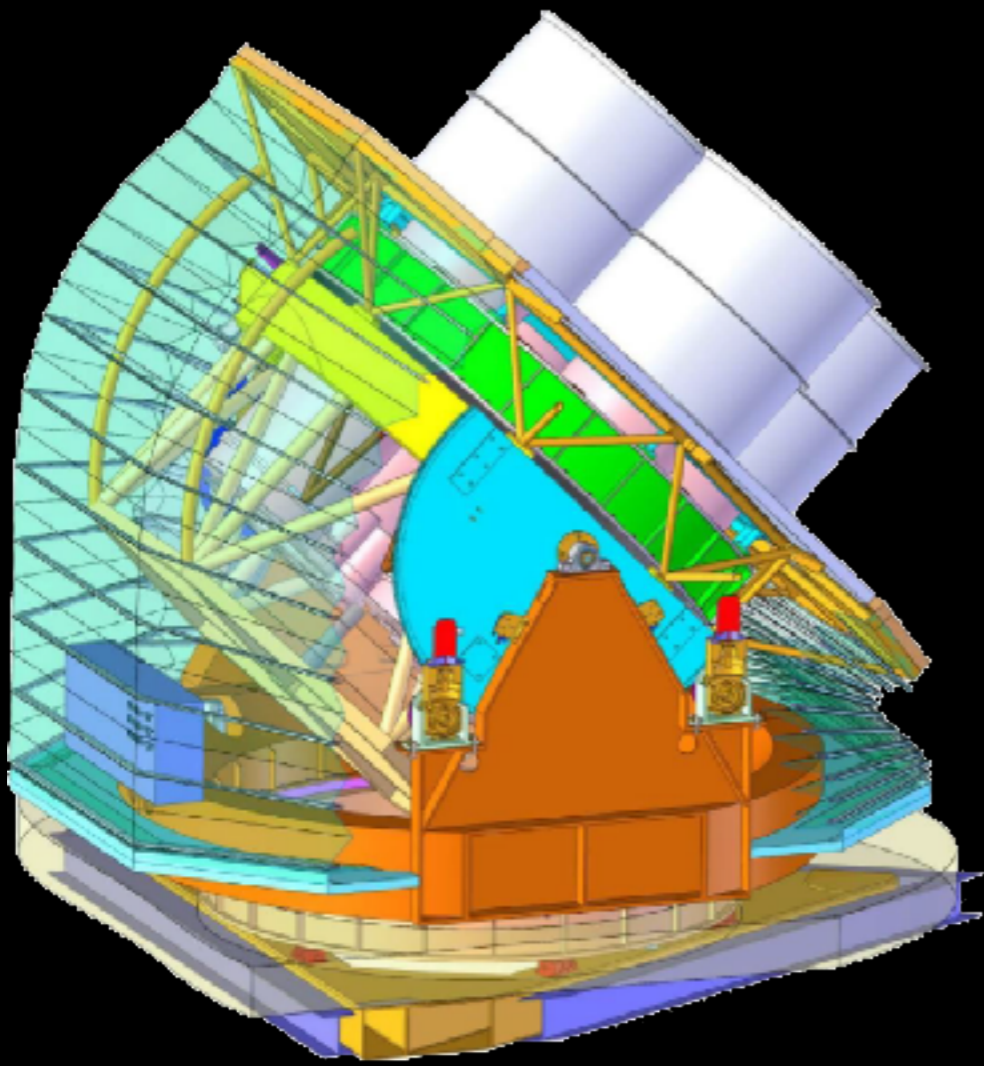
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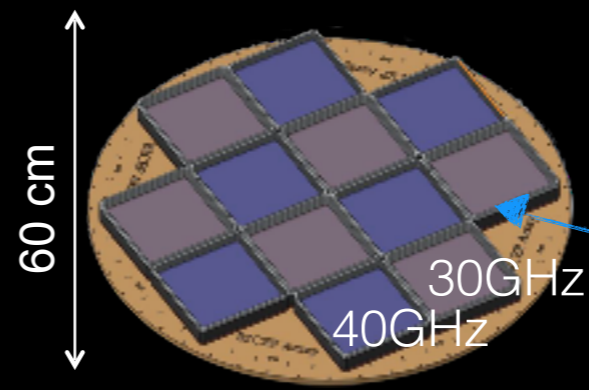
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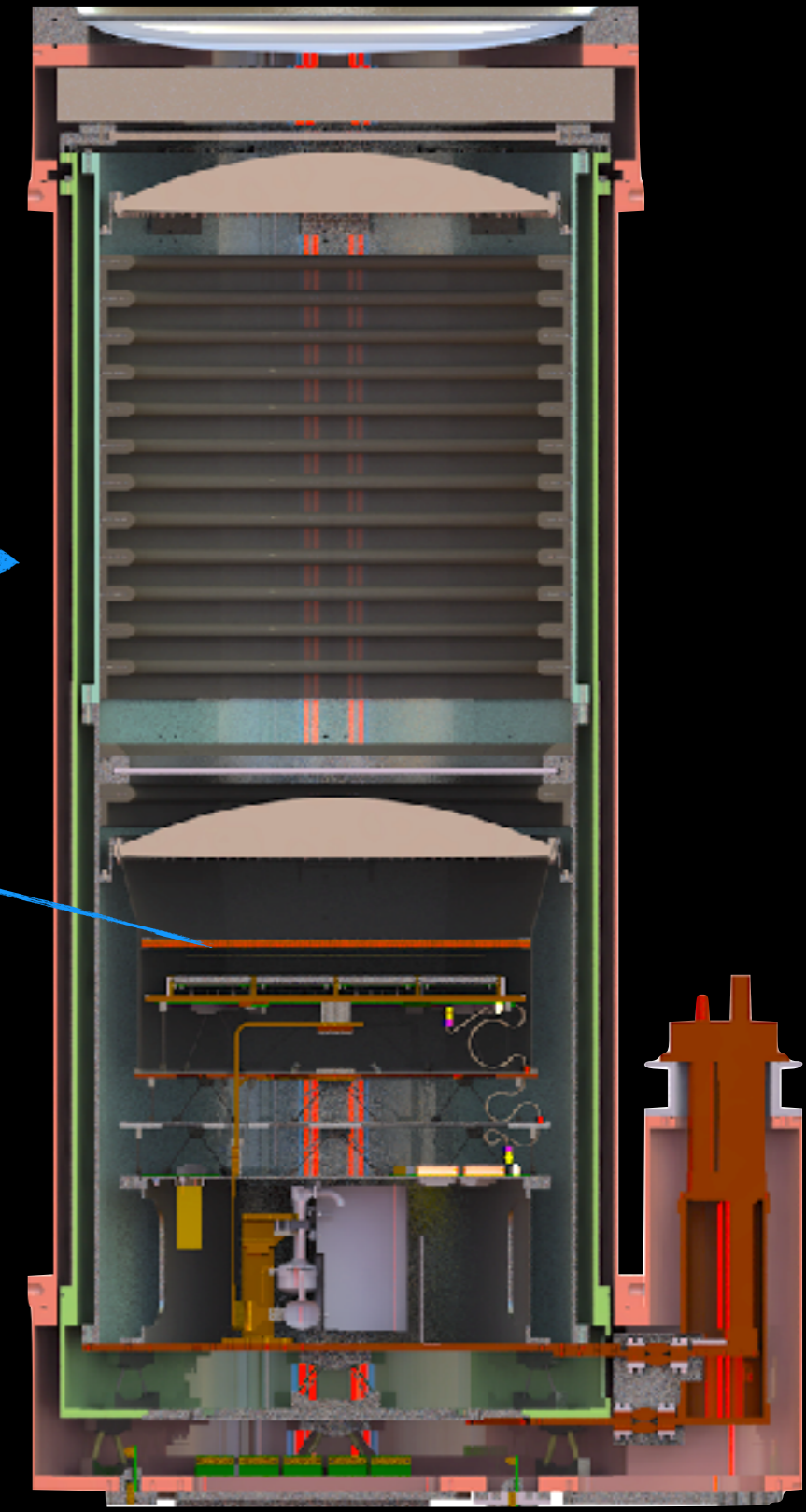
# BICEP Array Under Construction



4 wide-field receivers  
 30/40 GHz  
 95 GHz  
 150 GHz  
 220/270 GHz



Focal plane layout



Frequency	30/40 GHz	95 GHz	150 GHz	220/270 GHz
Tiles	12	12	12	12
# Detectors	192/300	3456	7776	13824/16224
# Det/ Tile	32/50	288	648	1152/1352
Beam FWHM (arcmin)	76/57	24	15	10/8.5
NET per det (uK-rts)	268/334	267	315	900/1800
Instr. NET (uK-rts)	21/21	4.93	3.87	8.3/15
3-yr map depth (uK-arcmin)	7.5/7.5	1.9	1.4	3.0/5.5



FPU & niobium magnetic shield



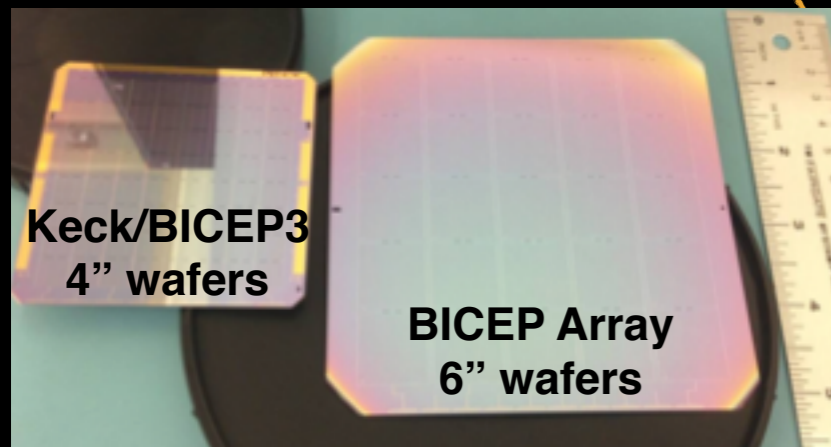
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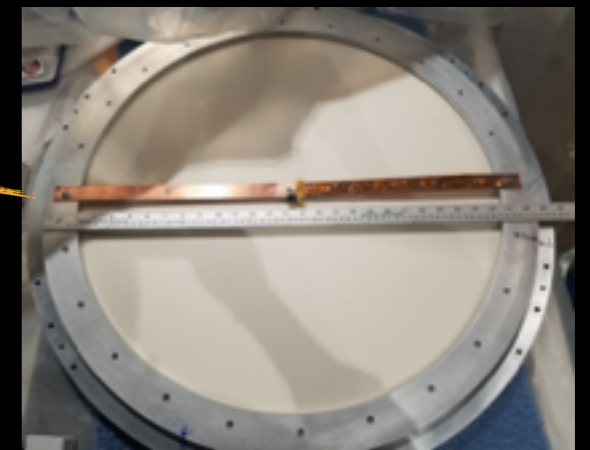
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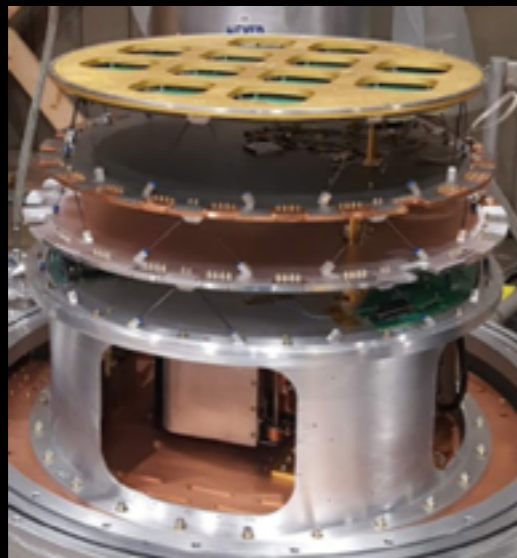
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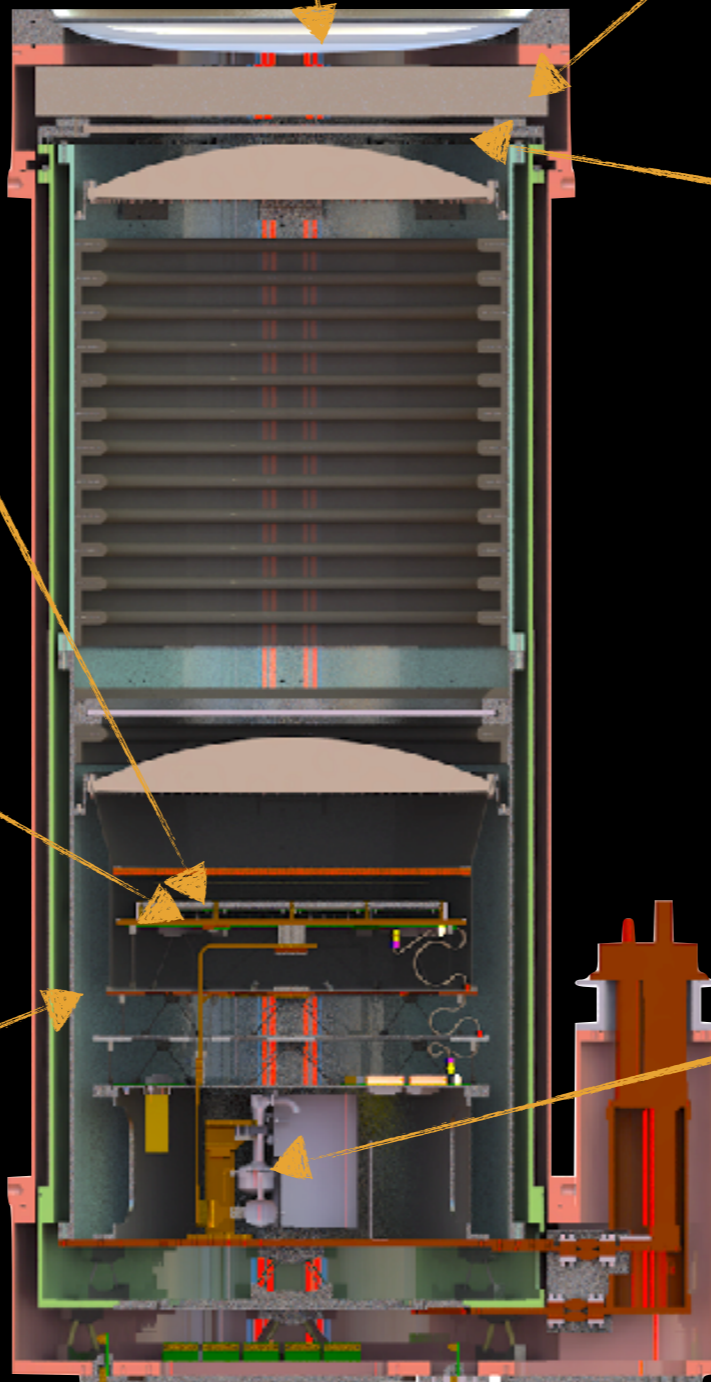
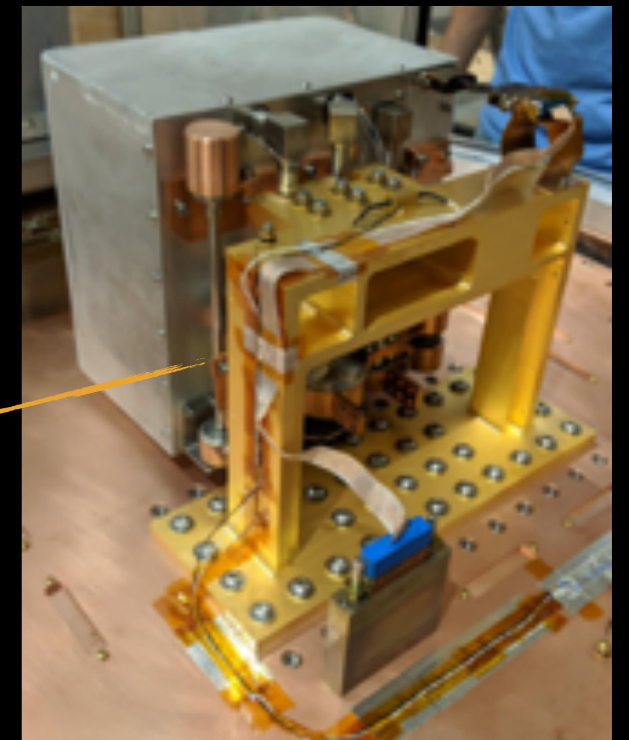
Alumina 50K filter



Insert truss



300mK sorption fridge





HDPE lenses

Zotefoam IR shaders





FPU & niobium magnetic shield



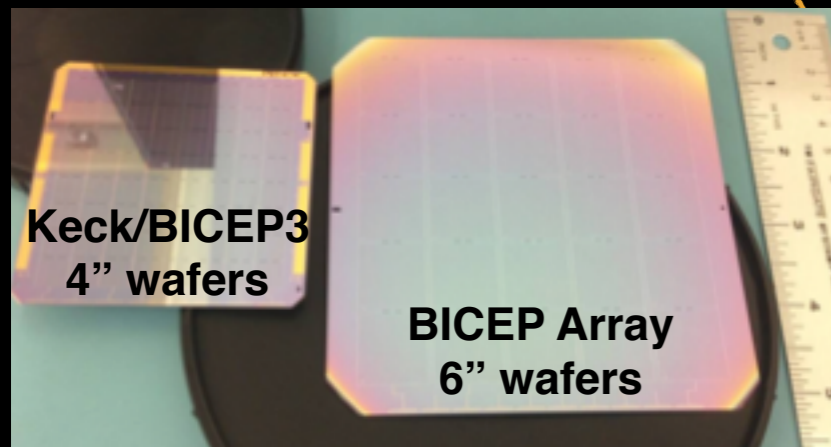
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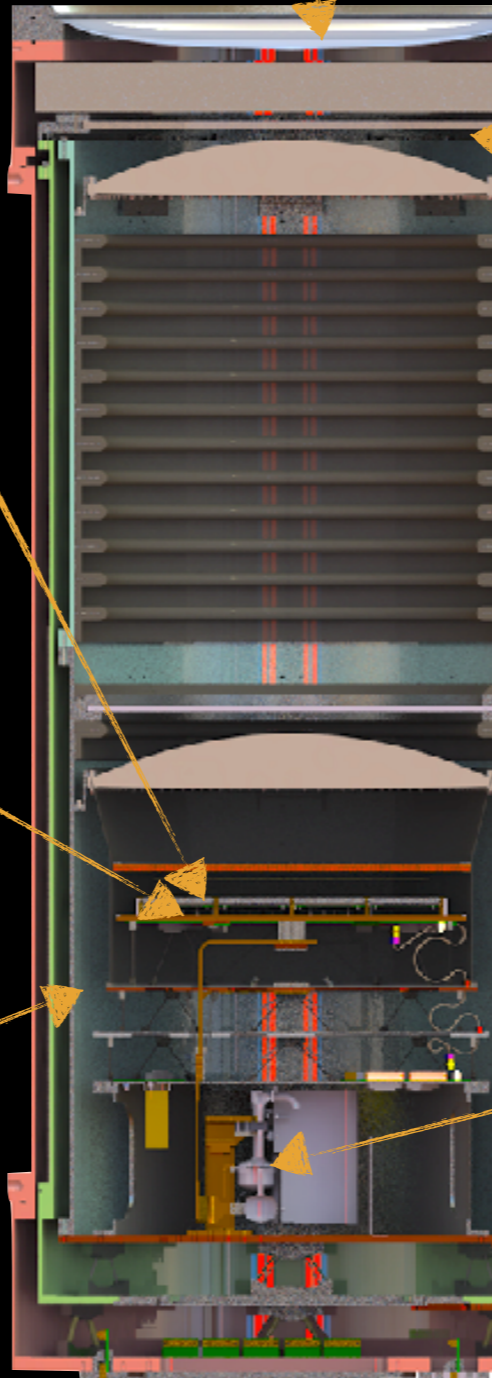
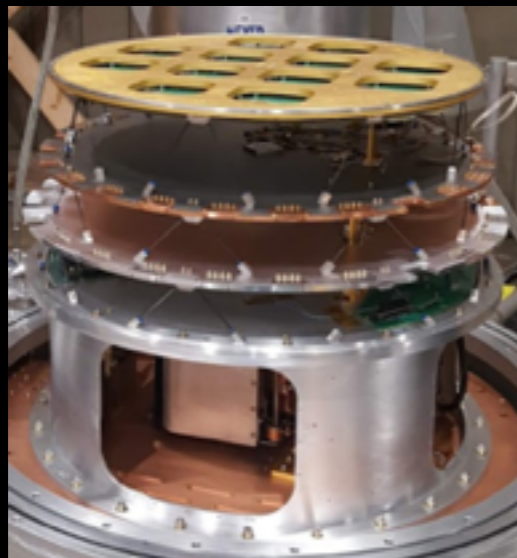
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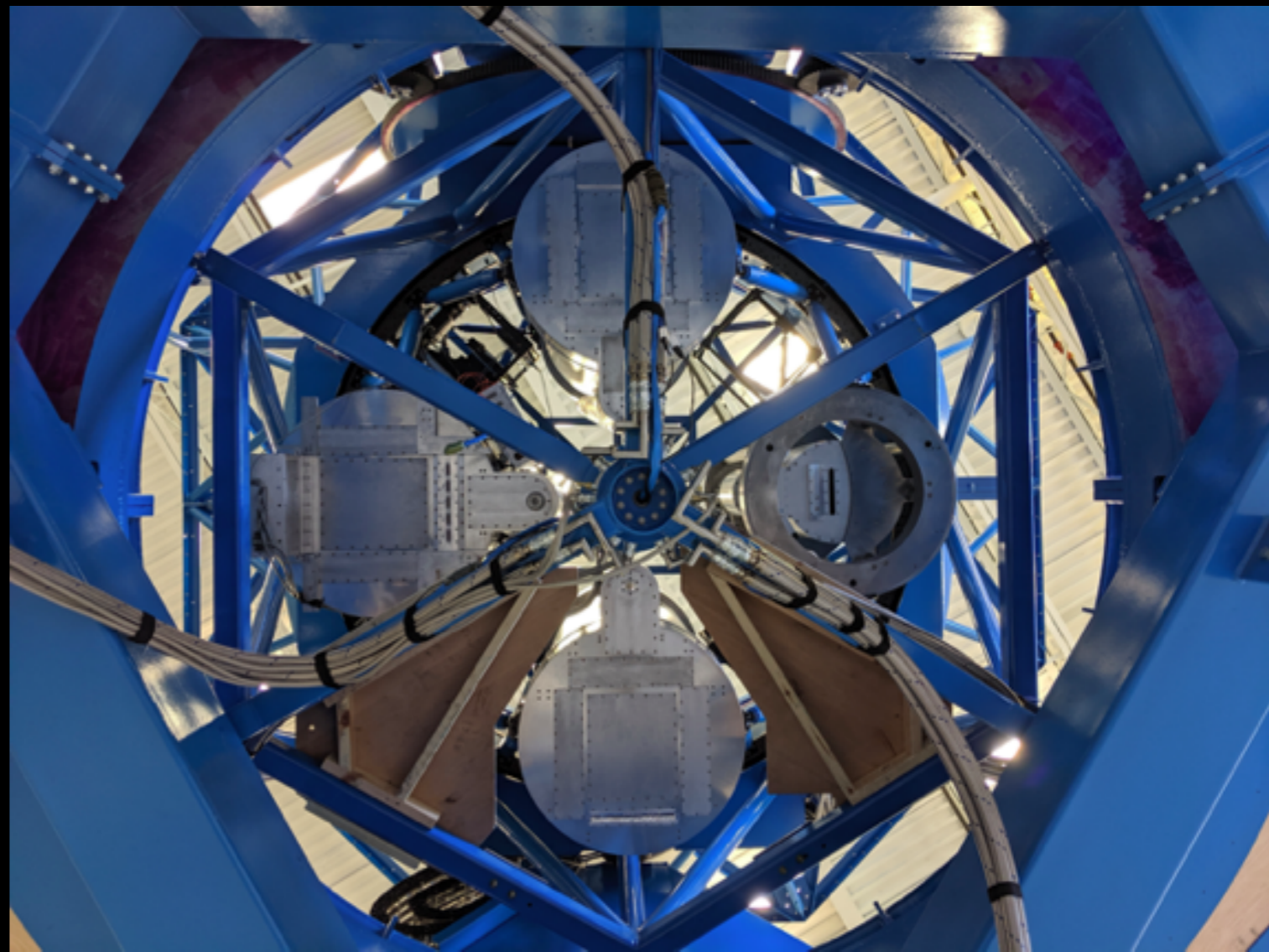
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Insert truss



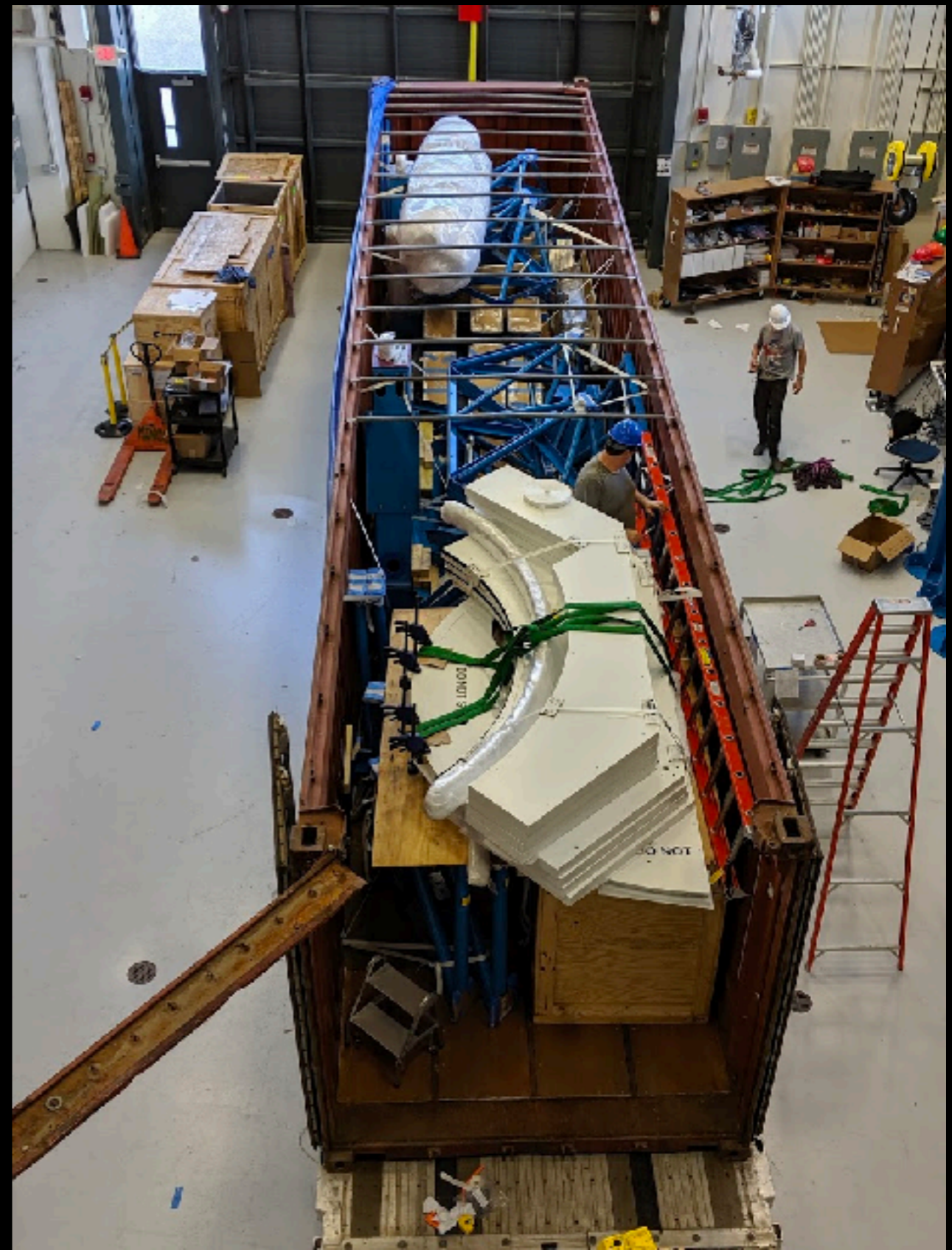








Assembled in Minnesota



Disassembled and now at Pole





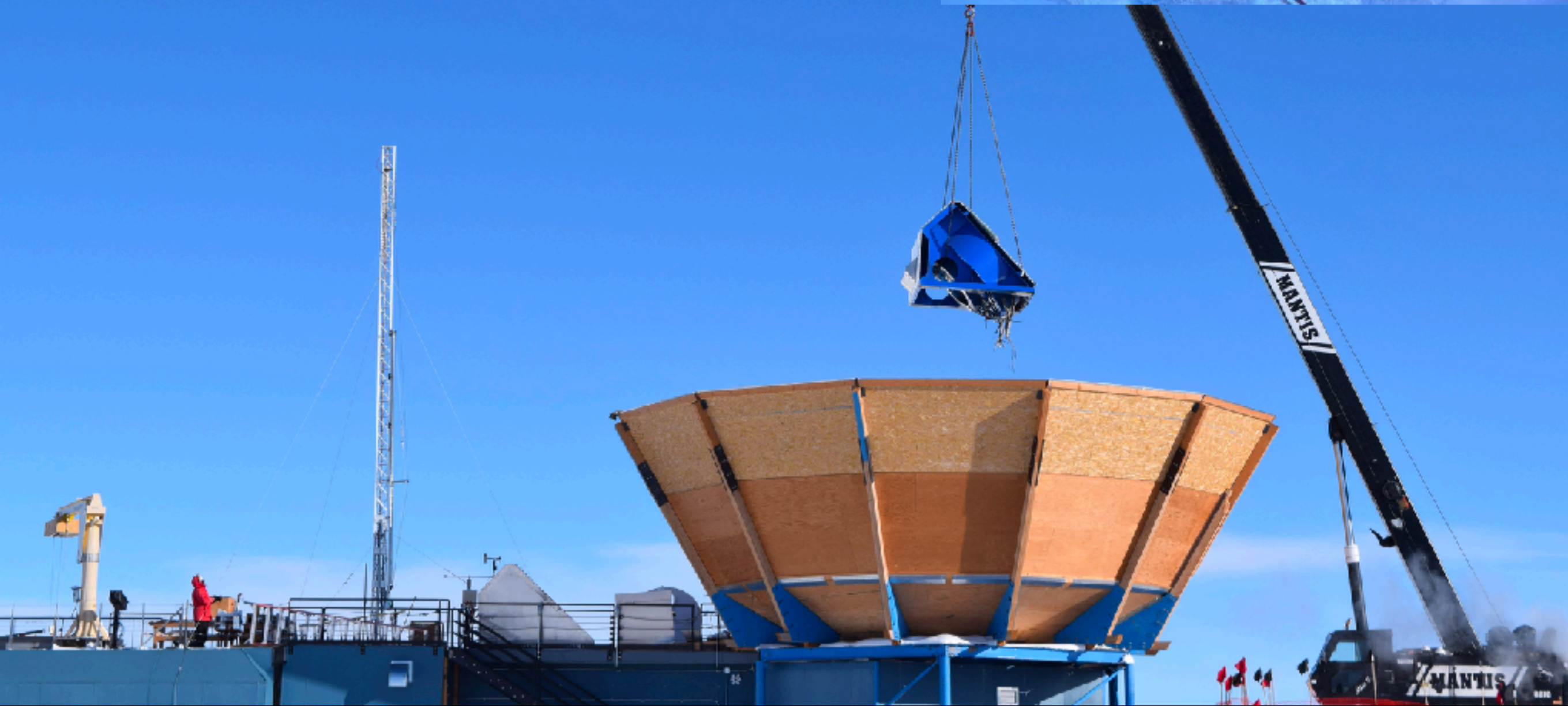
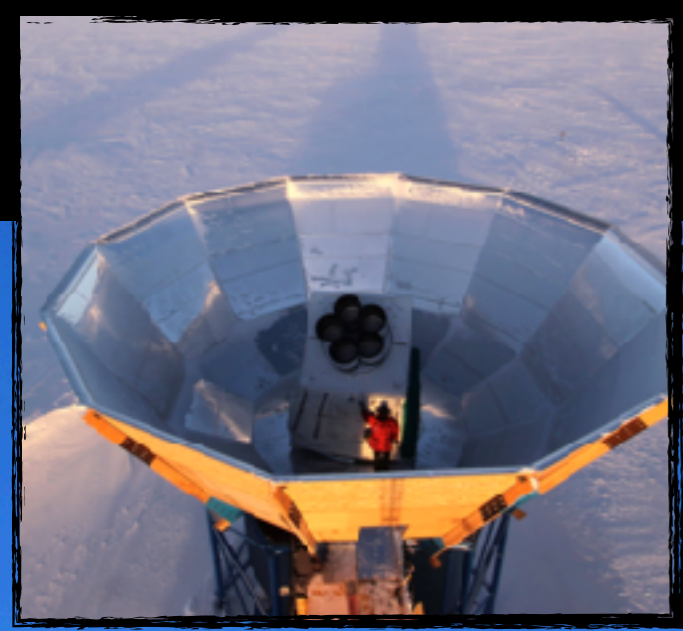
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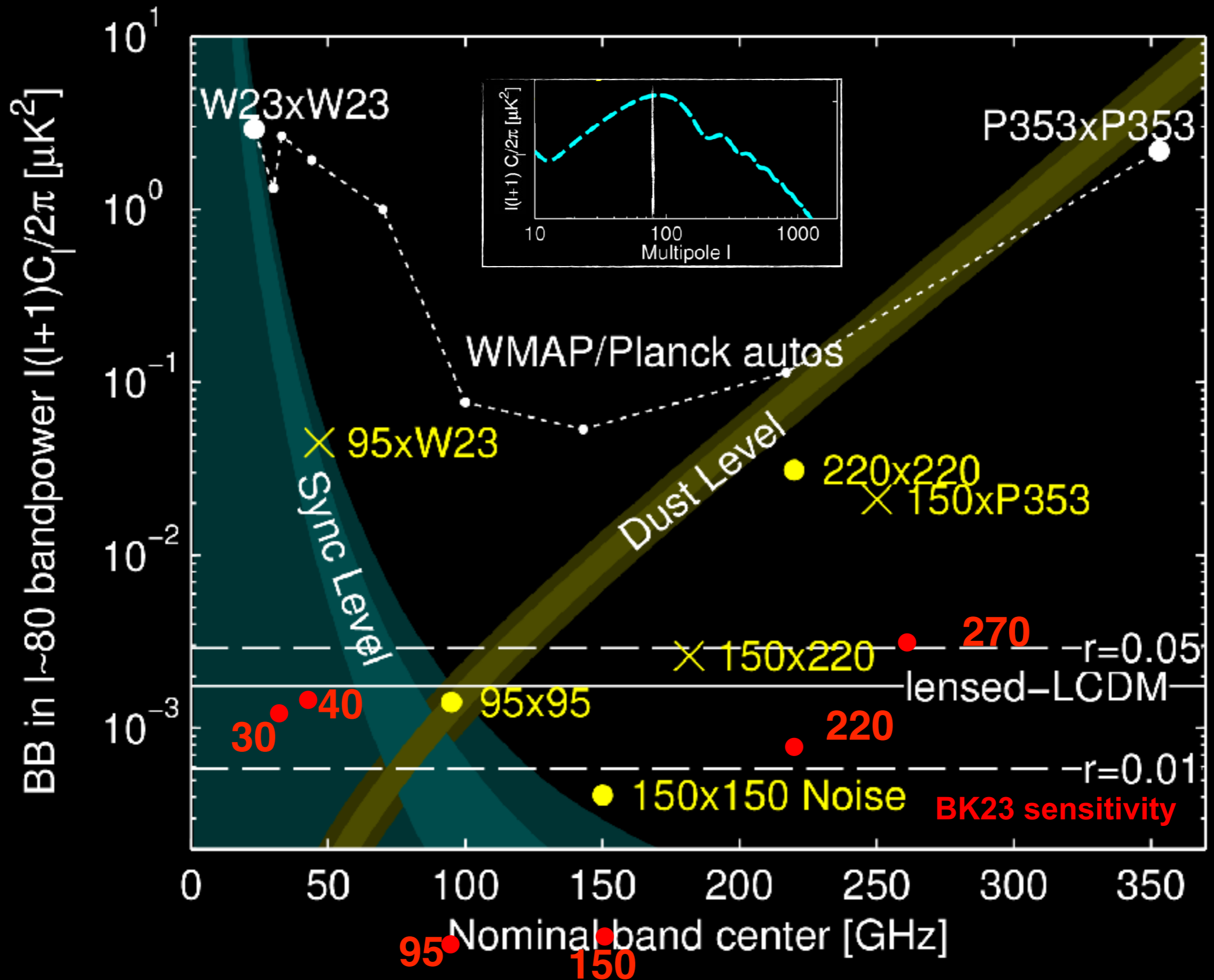


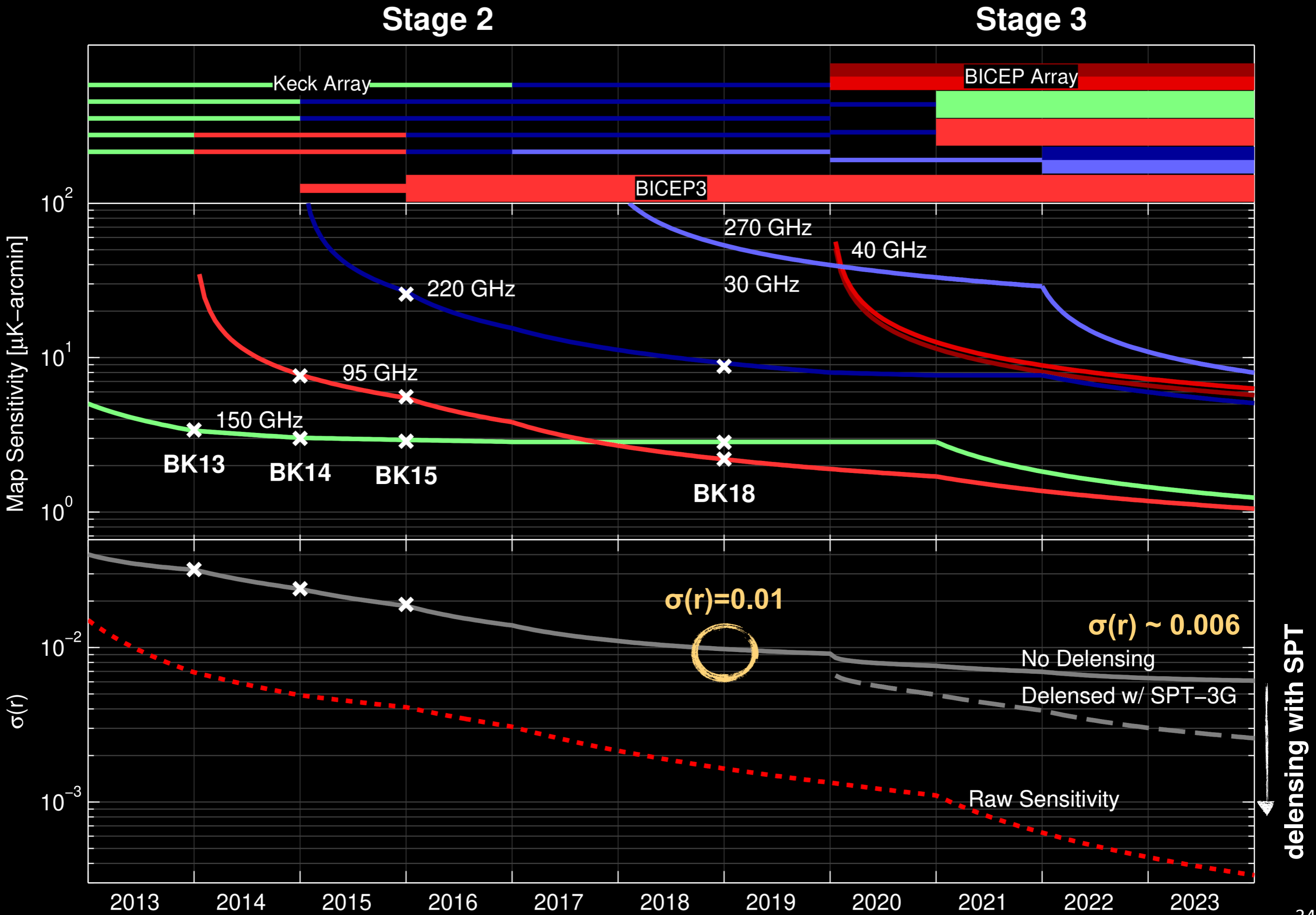






# BK23 Band Sensitivity (at $\ell \sim 80$ )





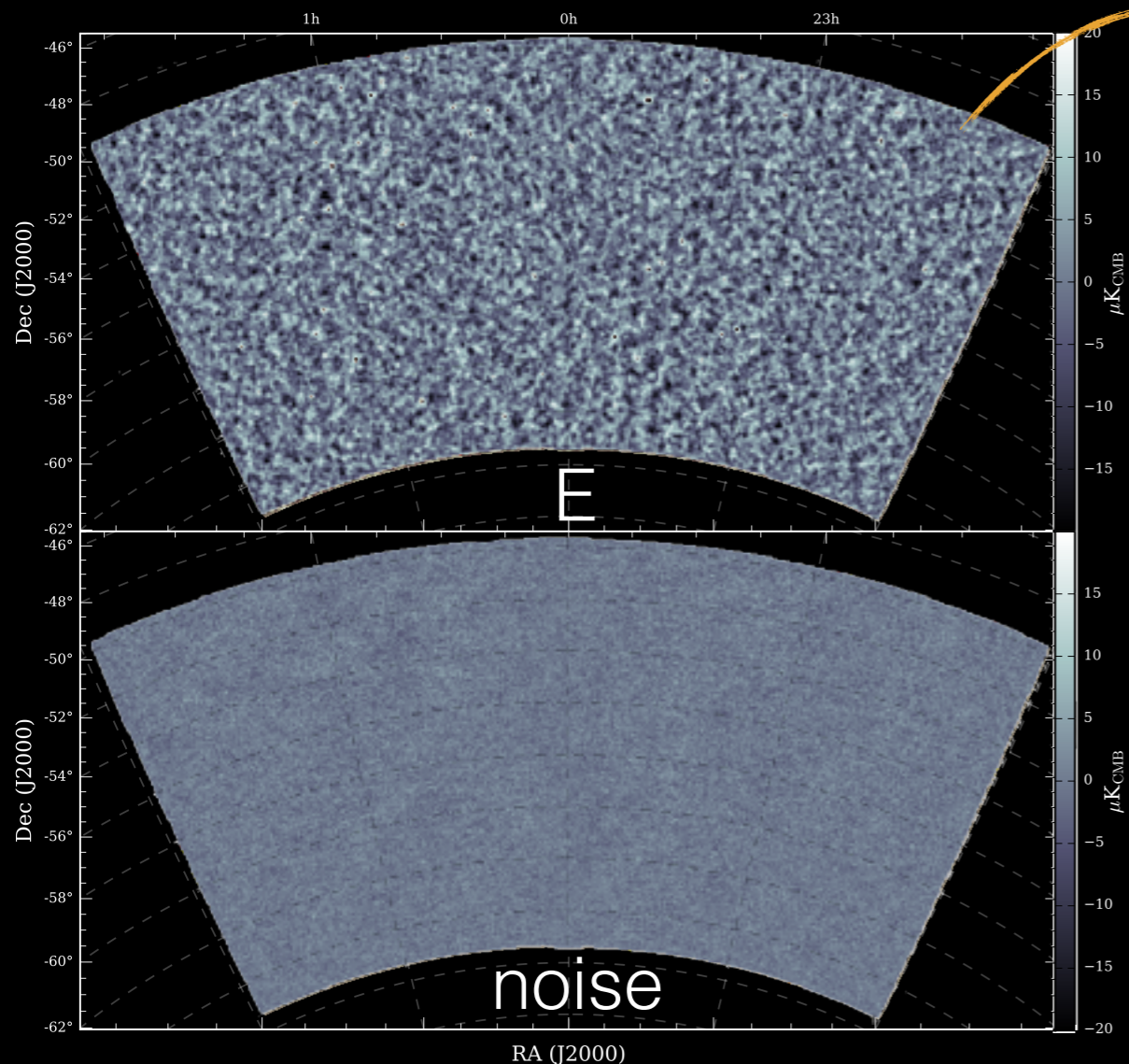


# BK + SPT3G delensing

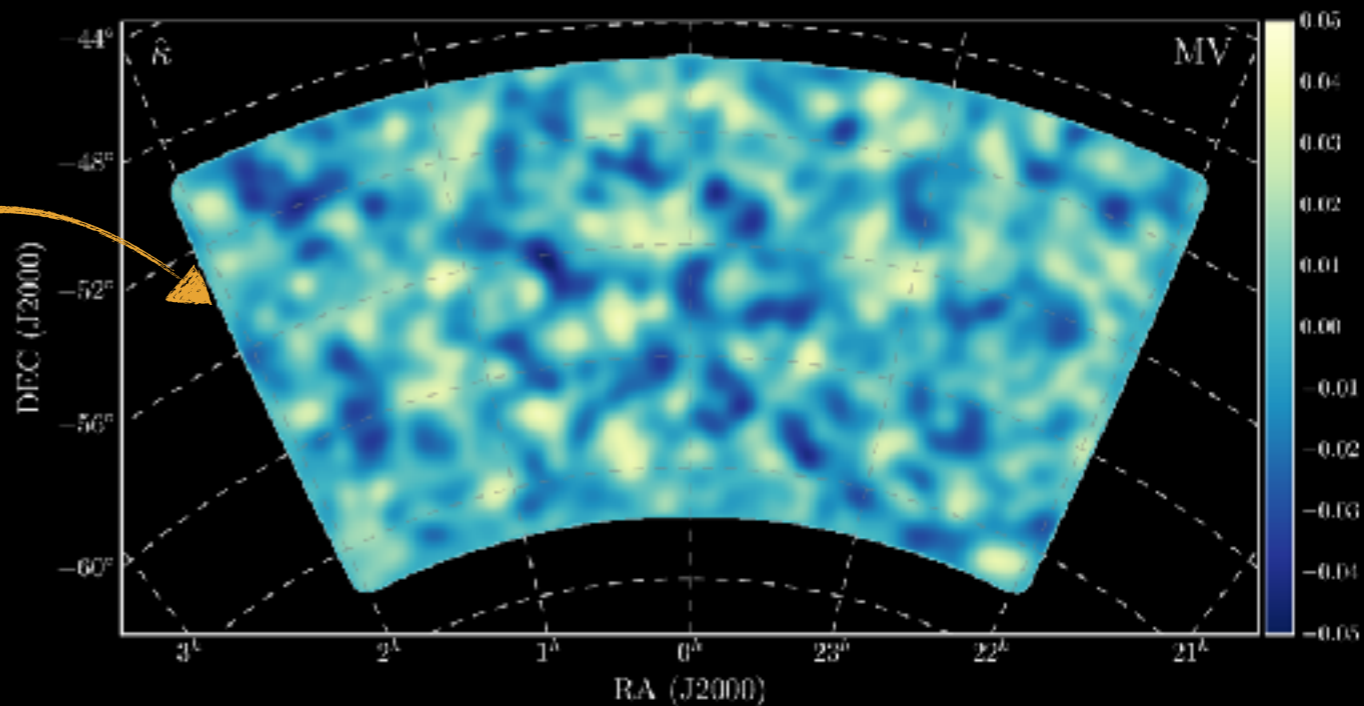
Kimmy Wu's talk

Reconstruct the lensing deflection map

Deep high resolution E maps

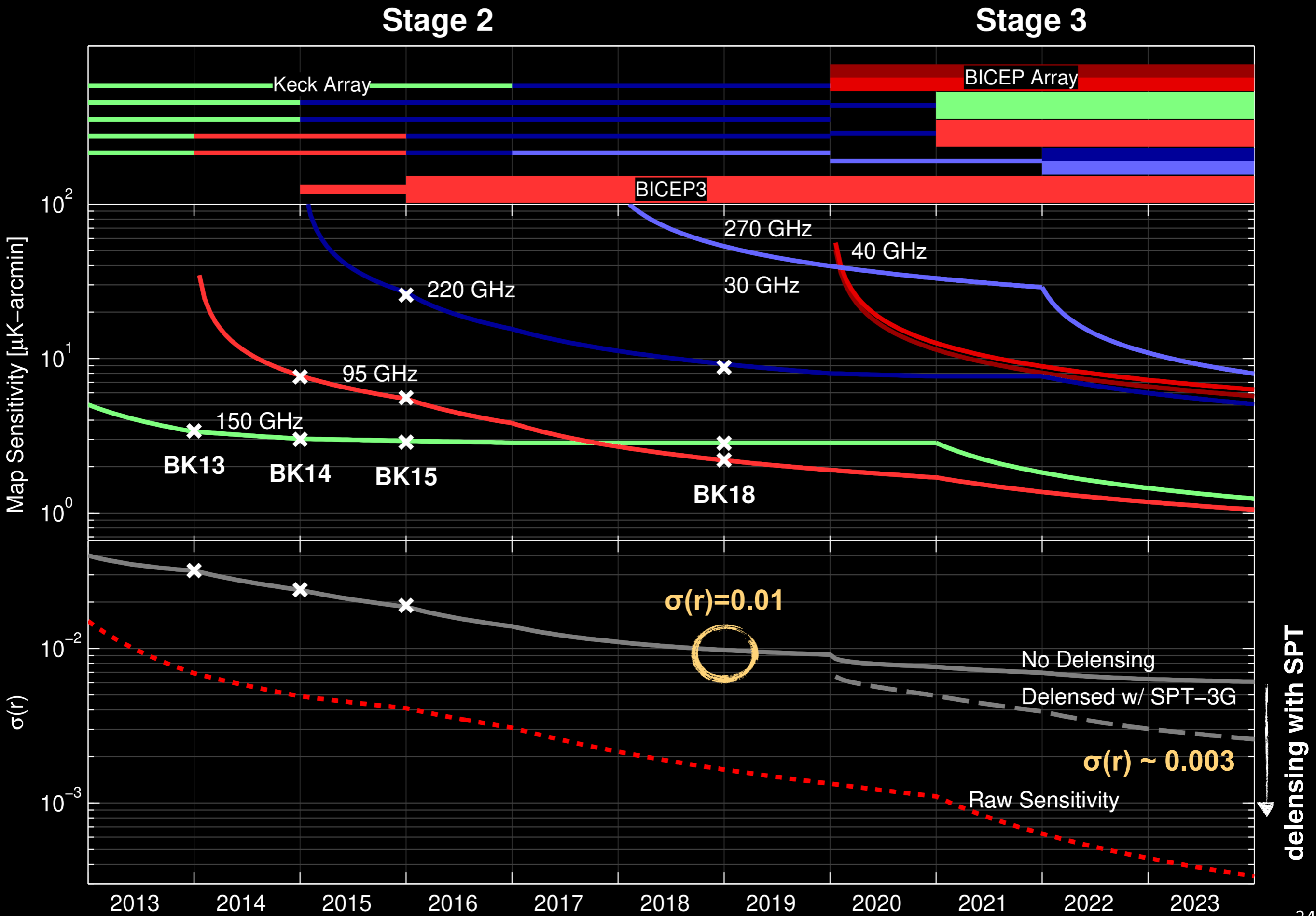


Henning et al. (SPTpol) 1707.09353



Wu et al. (SPTpol) 1905.05777

Use it to estimate the lensing B modes in BK maps, enabling deeper search for primordial gravitational waves





# South Pole Observatory



SPO :

- Coordination of South Pole CMB programs (Stage 3)
- Build on BICEP/Keck and SPT collaborations
- Path to S4: sharing data and lessons, develop infrastructure and methods
- ...

first meeting two months ago at UIUC

**Marius Millea**

**Ben Schmitt**

**Kimmy Wu**

**Jeff Filippini**



CMB-S4

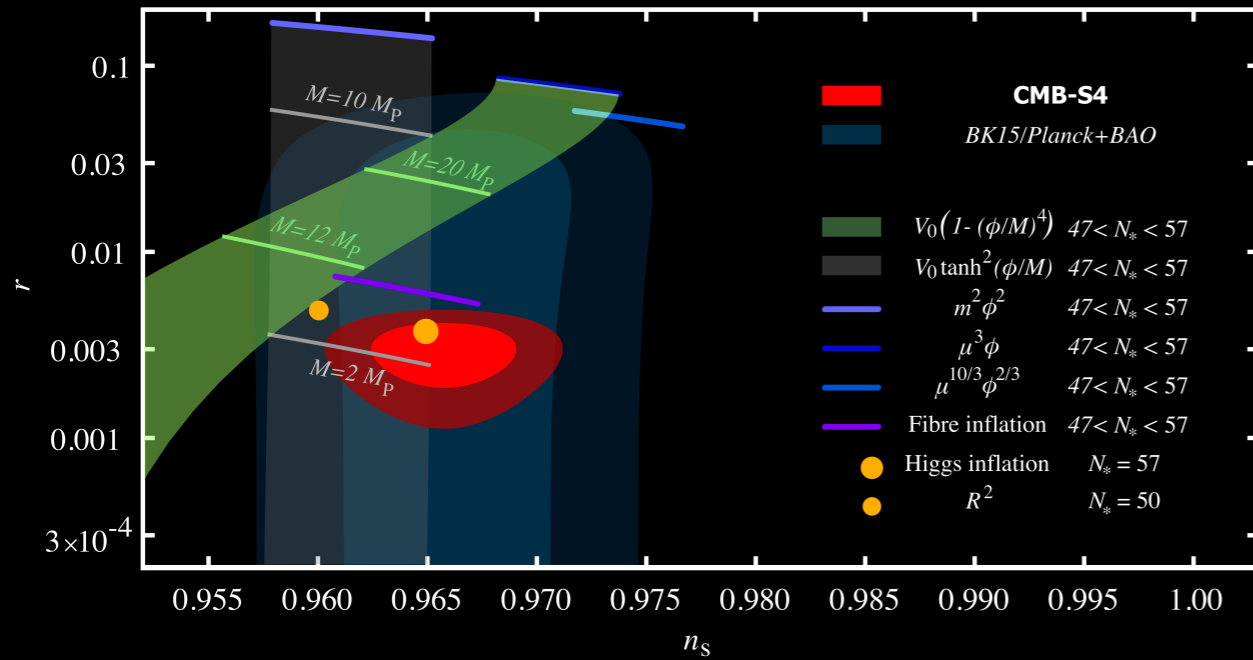


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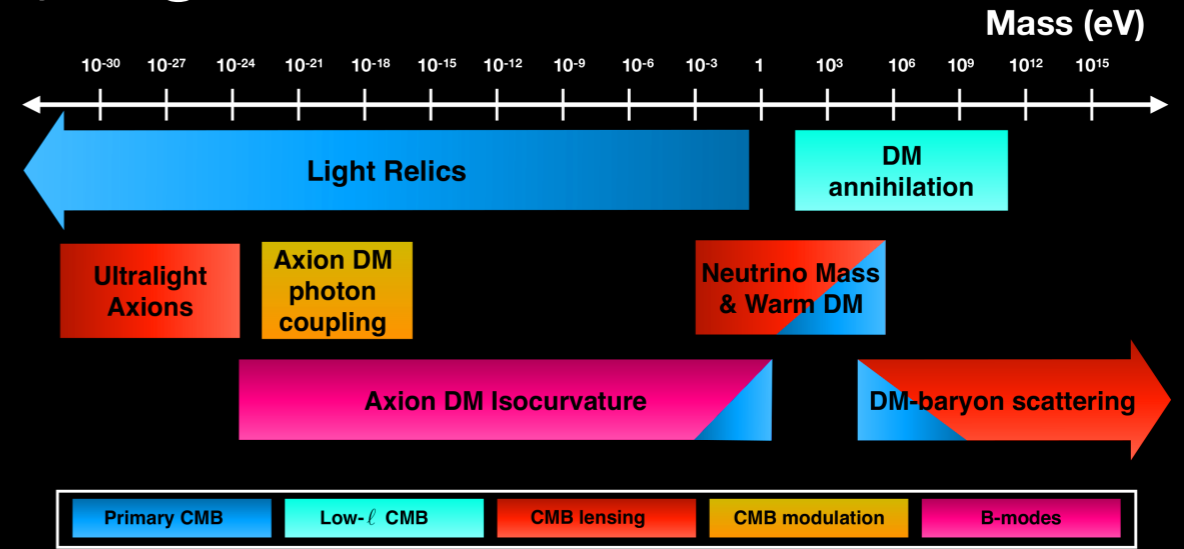


See  
CMB-S4 Decadal Survey  
APC White Paper  
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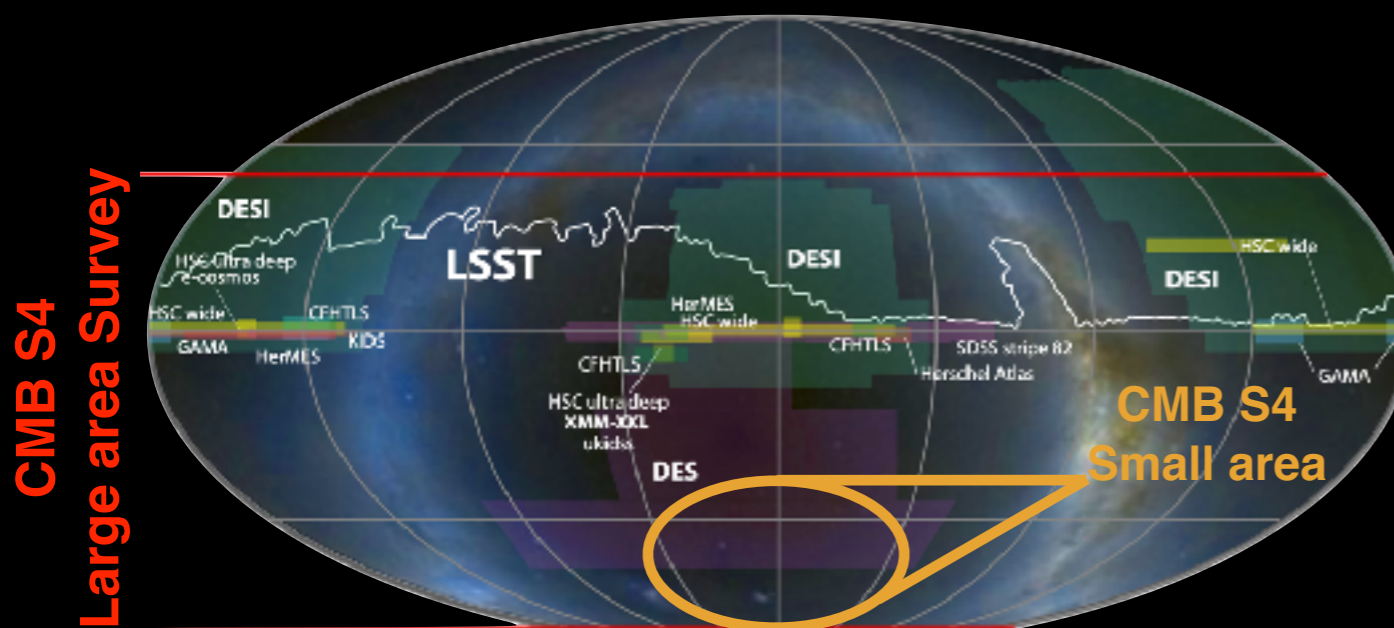


### 2) Light Relics, DM, neutrinos

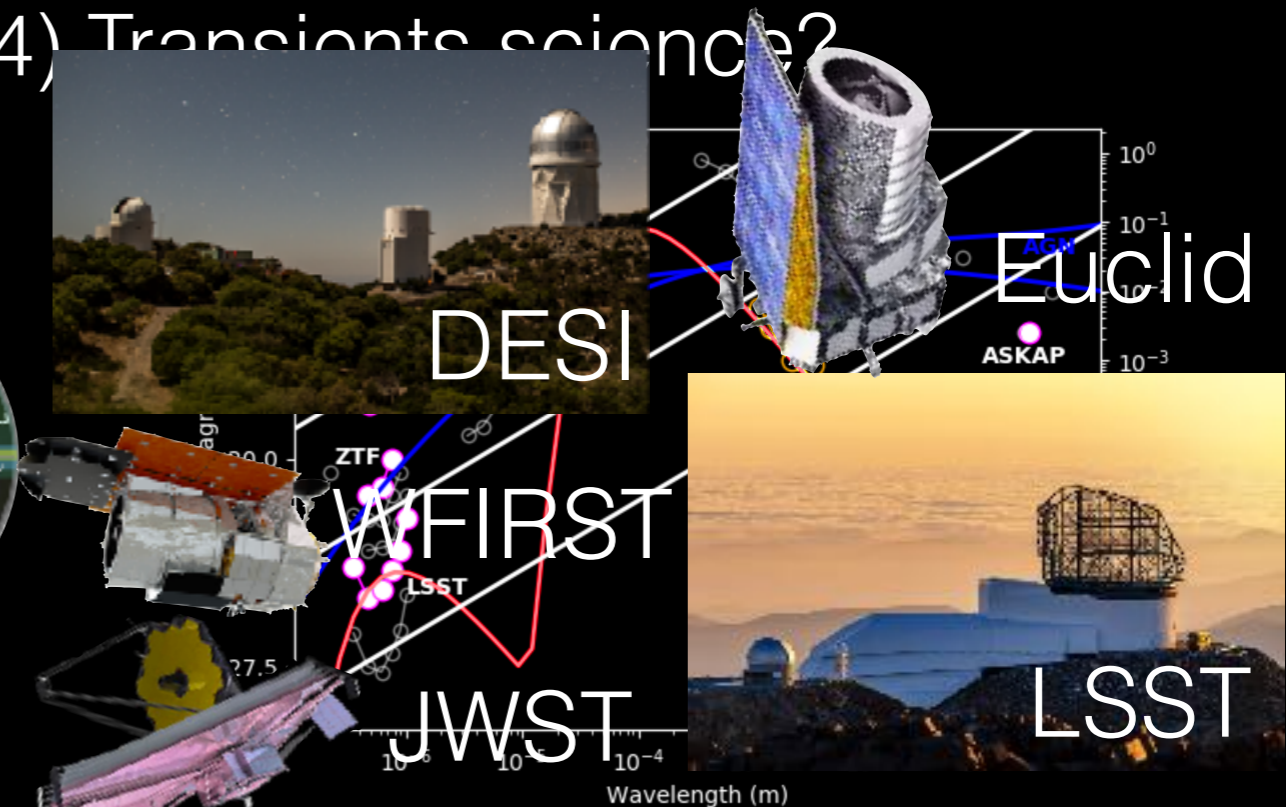


light relics, axions, neutrino mass, and dark matter properties

### 3) Microwave Survey 30-270 Ghz



### 4) Transients science?







# CMB-S4

Next Generation CMB Experiment

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Last meeting 2 months ago in UCSD



# Conclusions

- BICEP/Keck lead the field in the quest to detect or set limits on inflationary gravitational waves:
- Best published sensitivity to date
- Best proven systematic control at degree angular scales
- Adding 2015 data including, for the first time 220GHz data:
- incremental improvement:  $r_{0.05} < 0.09$  goes to  $r_{0.05} < 0.07$
- Planck 18 + BK14  $r_{0.002} < 0.064$  1807.06211
- Planck 15 + BK15  $r_{0.05} < 0.06$  1810.05216  
[ $r_{0.002} < 0.055$ ]
- We can explore more data/model variations
- And we can go much further:
- BICEP3 data in the can at 95GHz are now as deep as 150GHz
- Delensing using SPT/SPT3G
- ...and we have BIG plans for the future: BICEP Array –  $\sigma(r)=0.003$   
S4 –  $\sigma(r)=0.0005$