

Exploring the primordial Universe with QUBIC

the Q U Bolometric Interferometer for Cosmology



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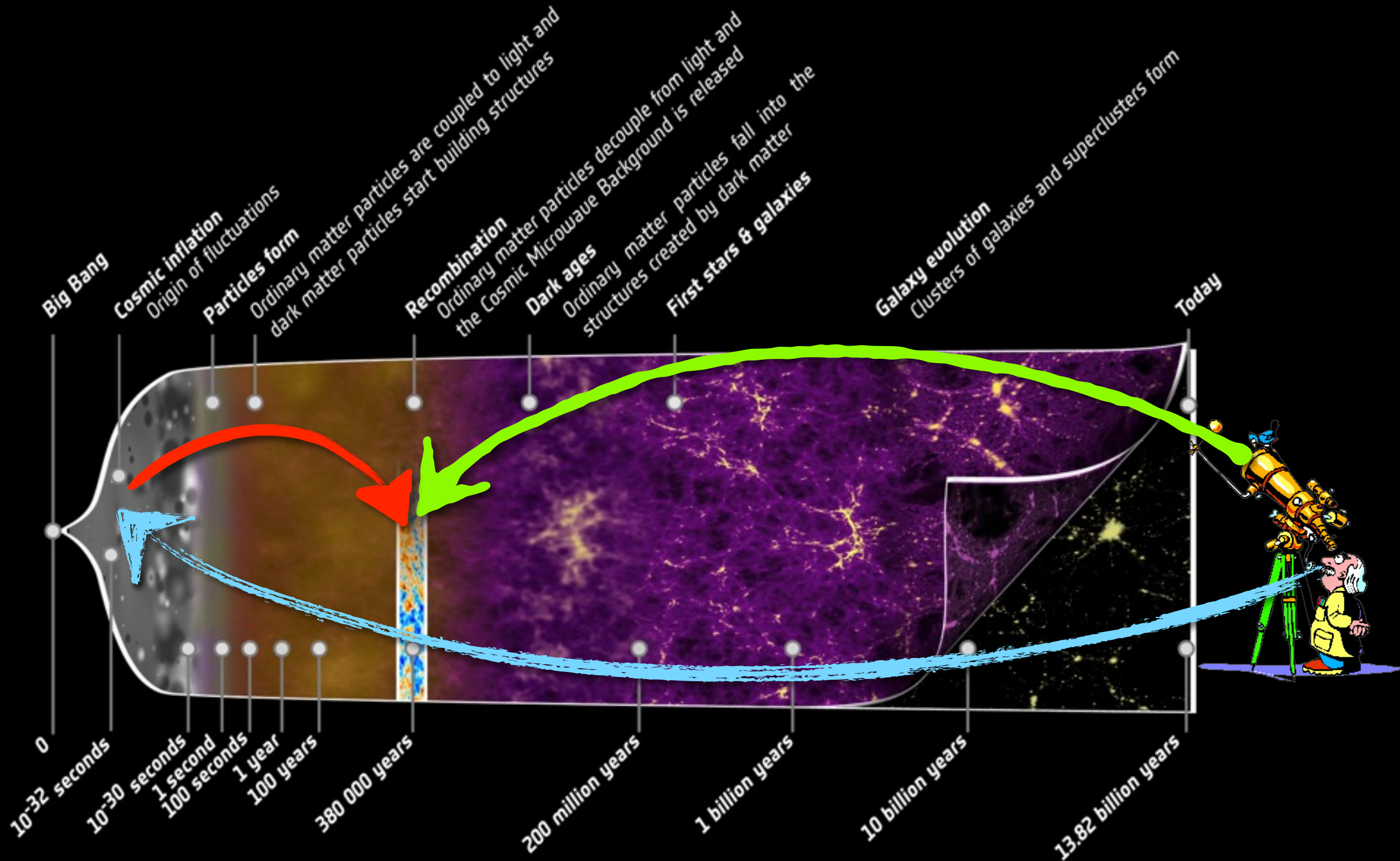


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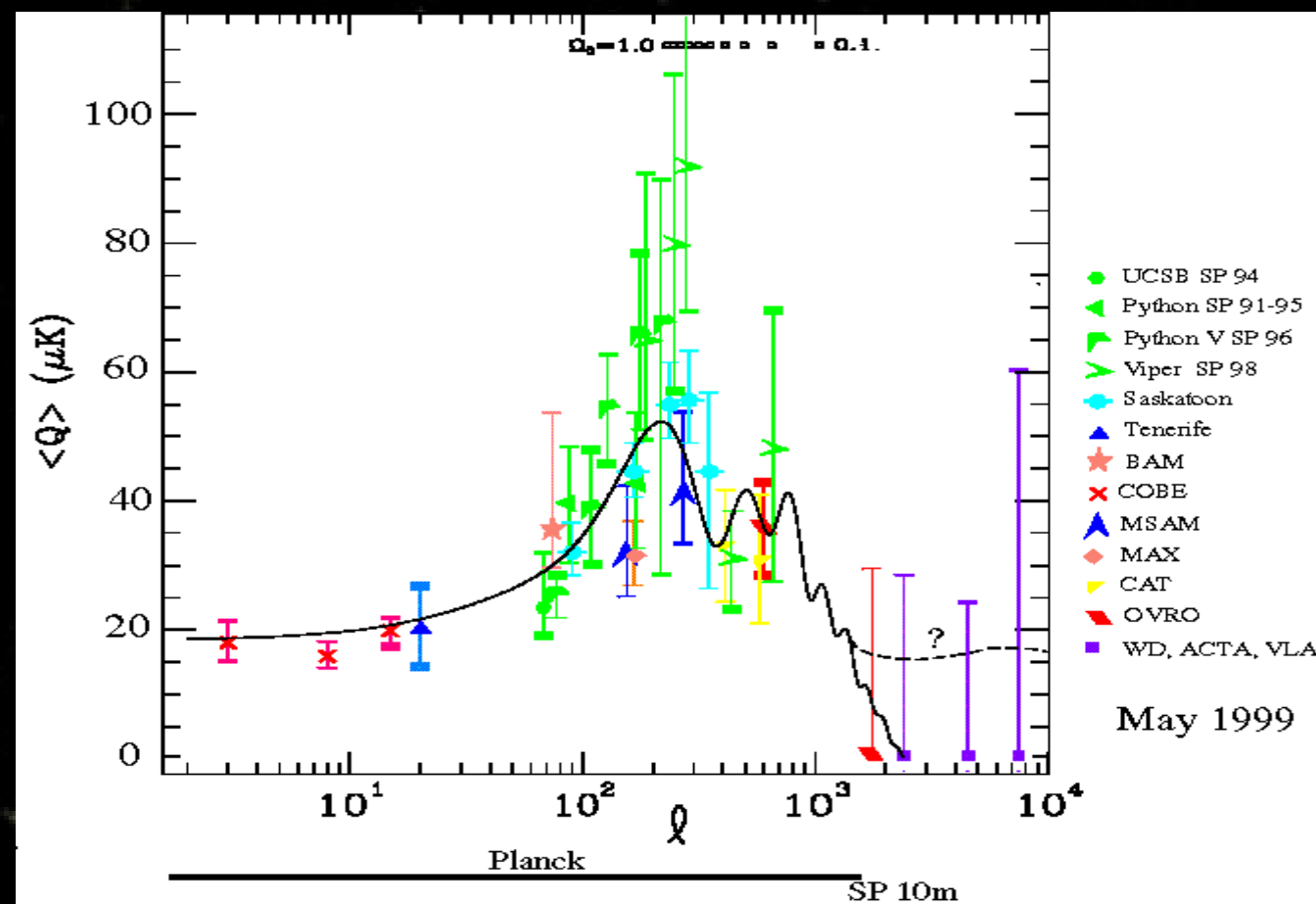
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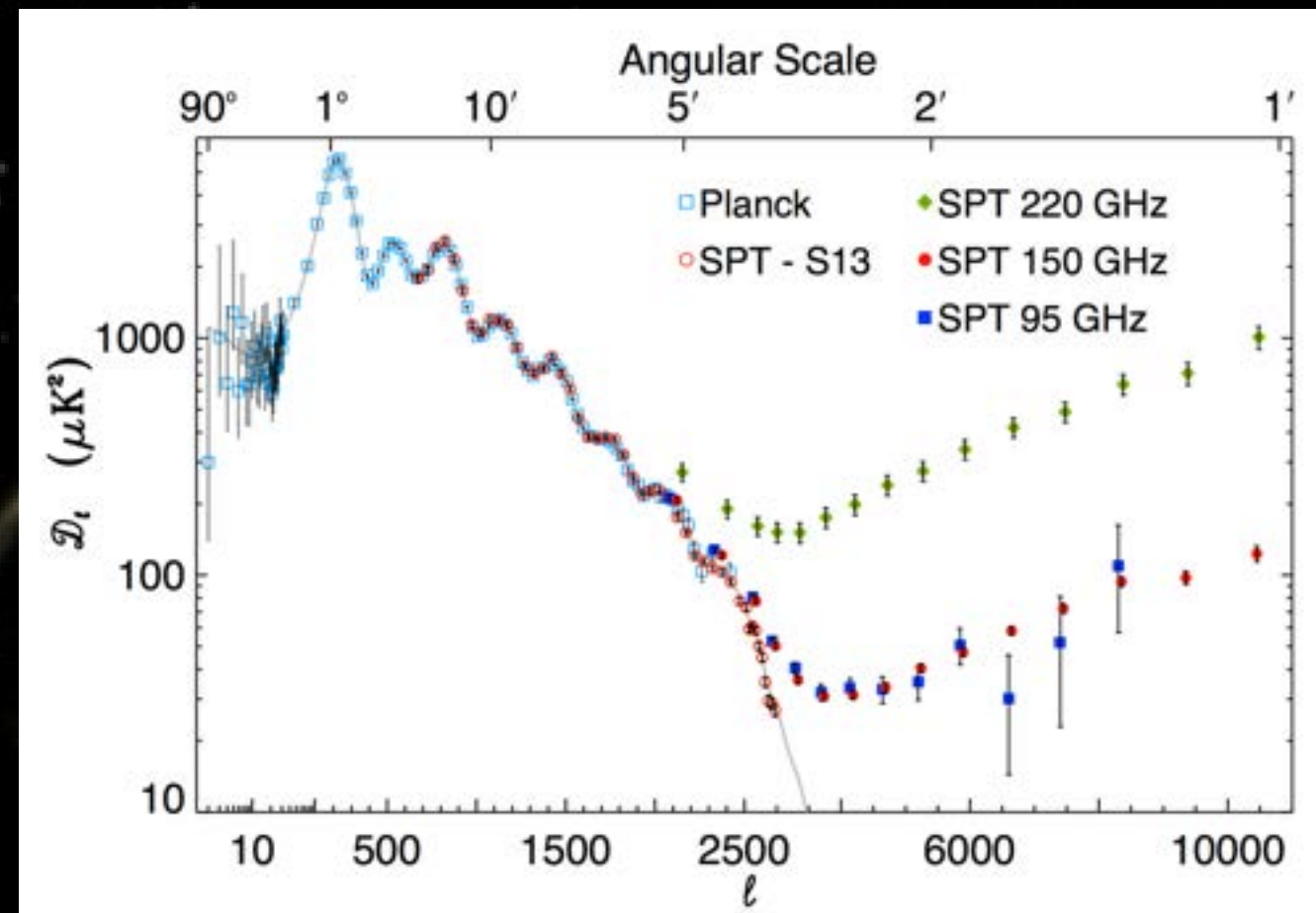


Observing the CMB polarization gives access to the
Primordial Universe physics (inflation epoch)

CMB: Tremendous progress over the last 15 years



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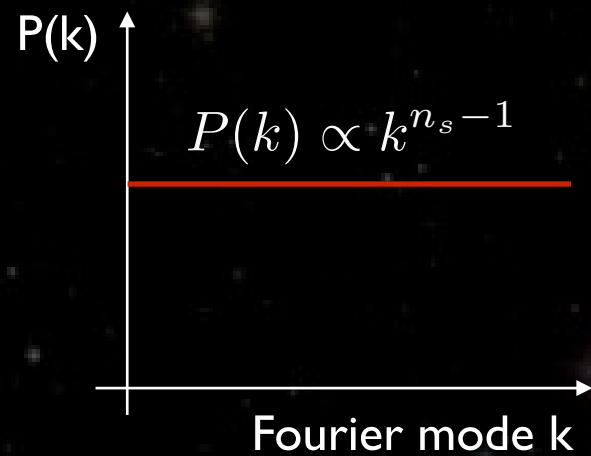
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Huge success : thousands of independent points fitted with less than 10 parameters and a χ^2/ndf about 1
Theoretical curve predicted in 1987 [Bond & Efstathiou] without any data. [Also by Zeldovitch, Sunyaev et al. in 1972 !!!]



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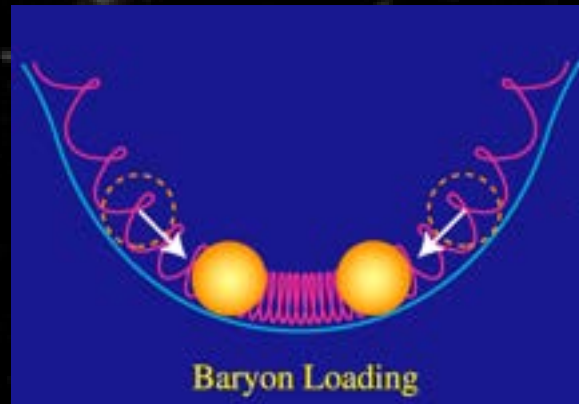
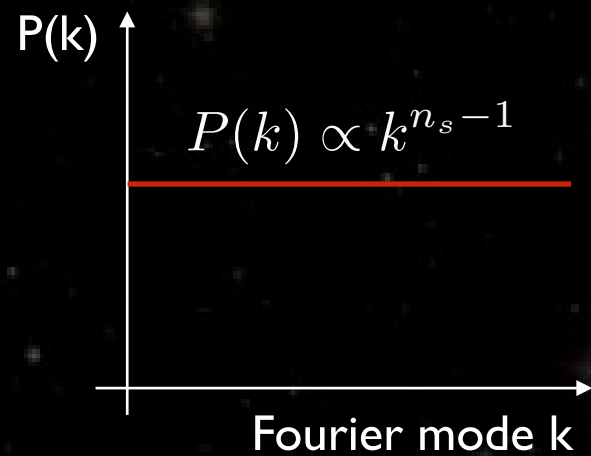


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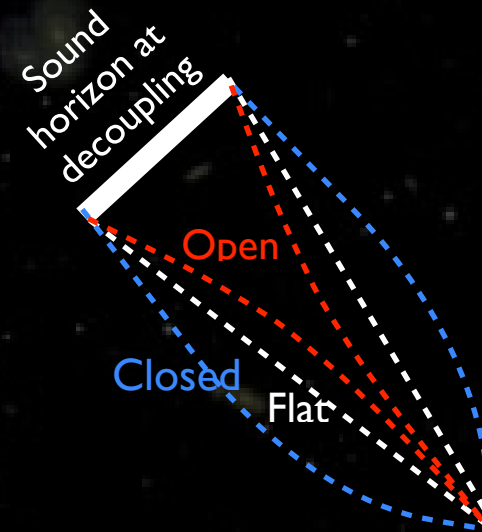
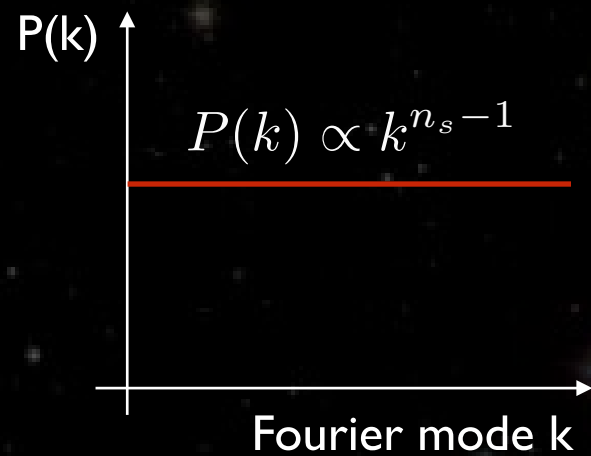
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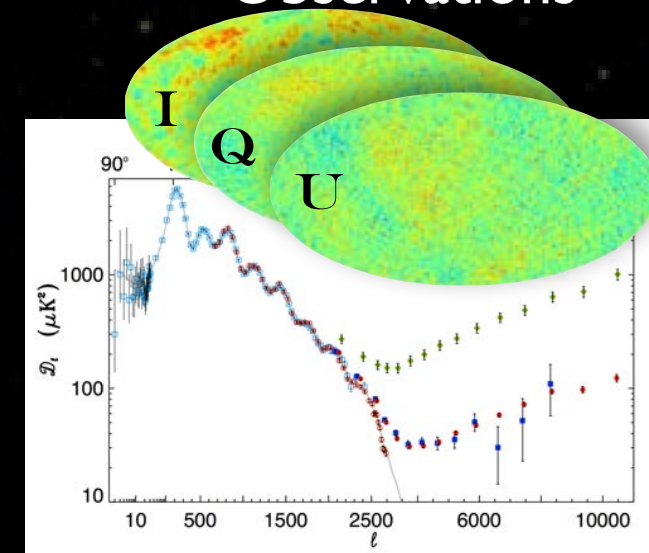
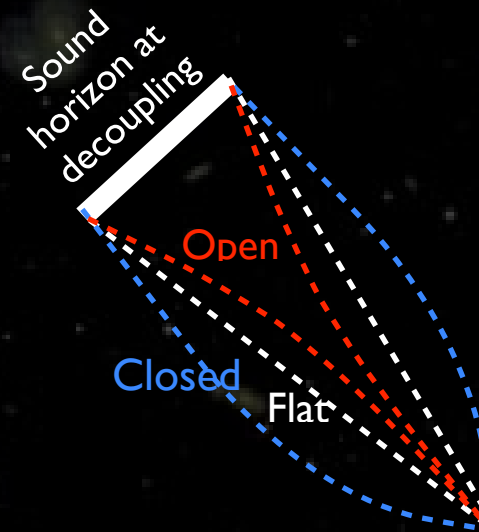
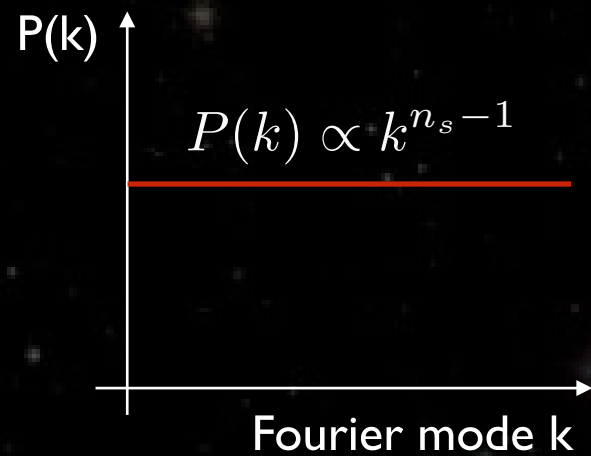
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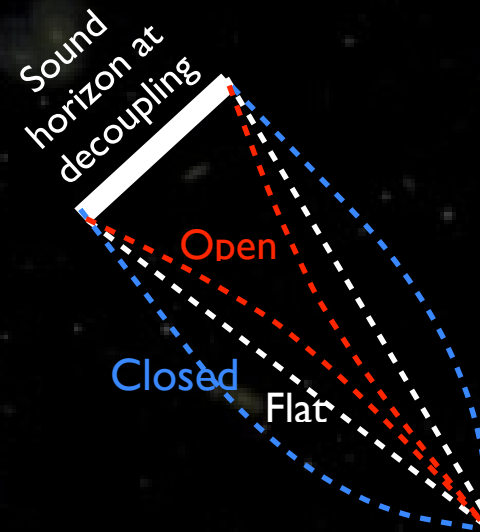
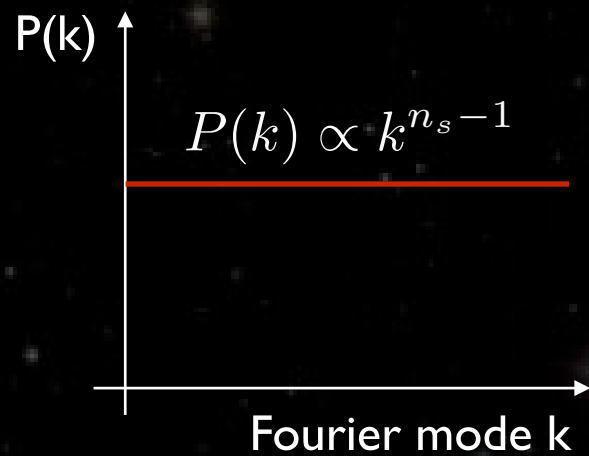
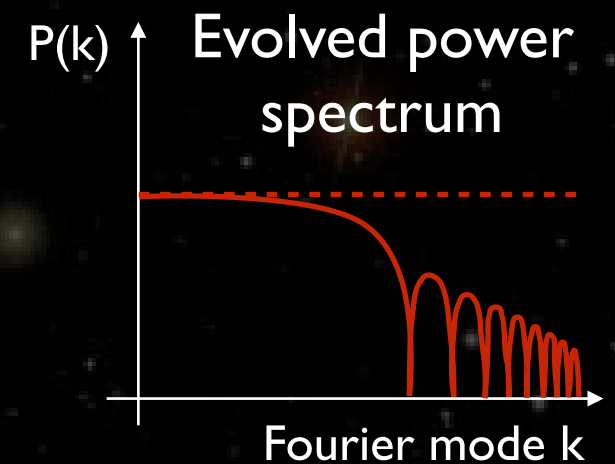
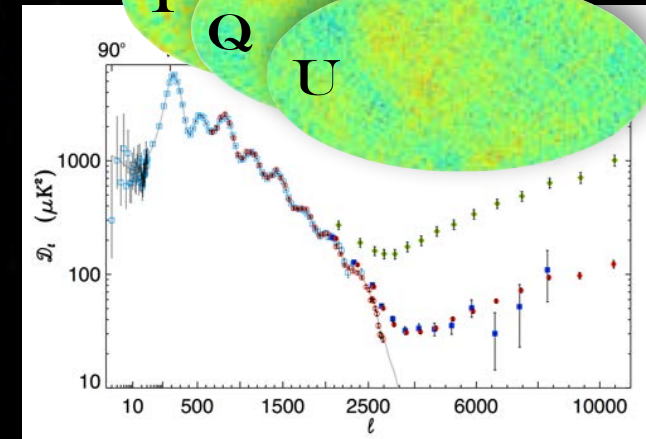
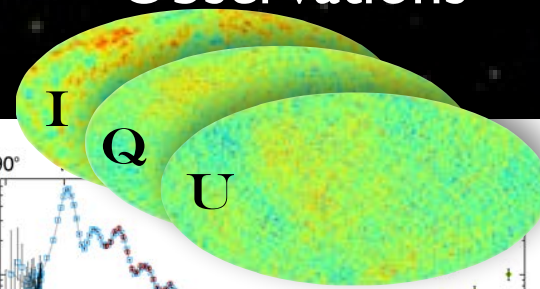
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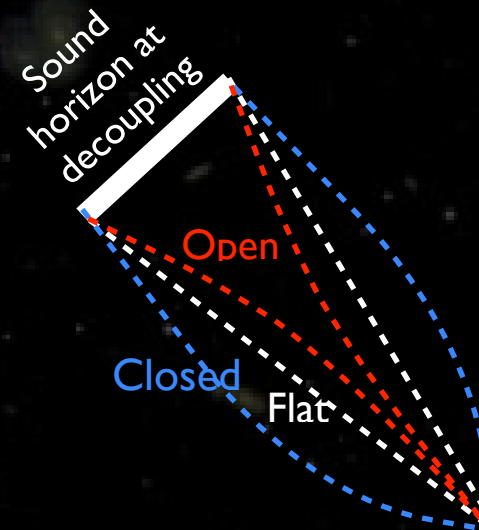
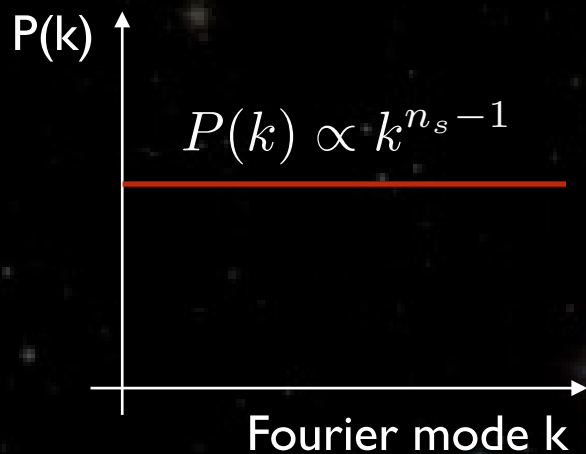
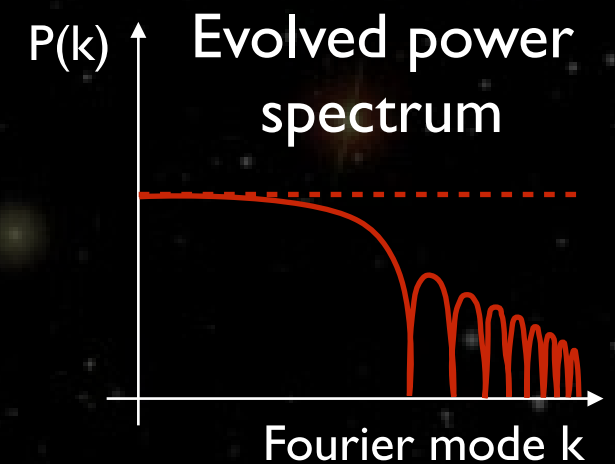
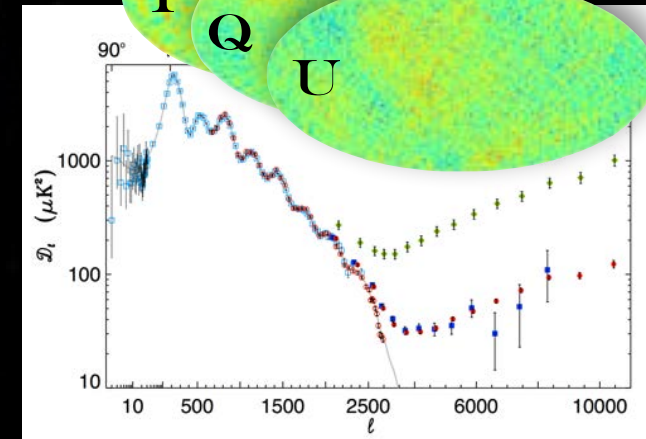
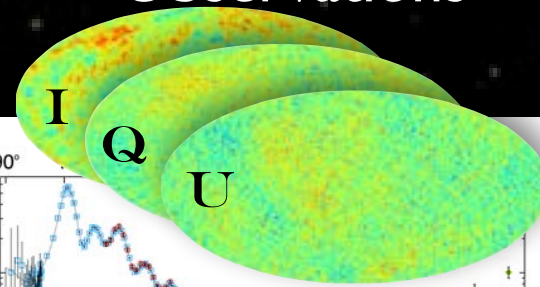
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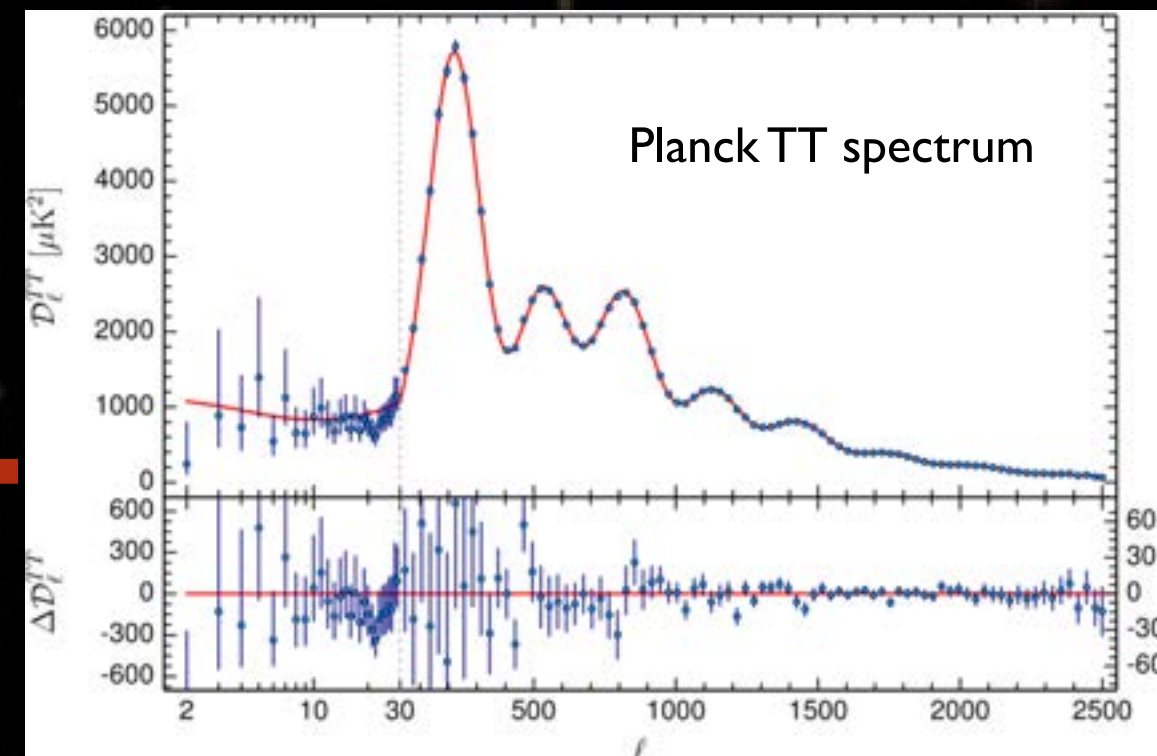
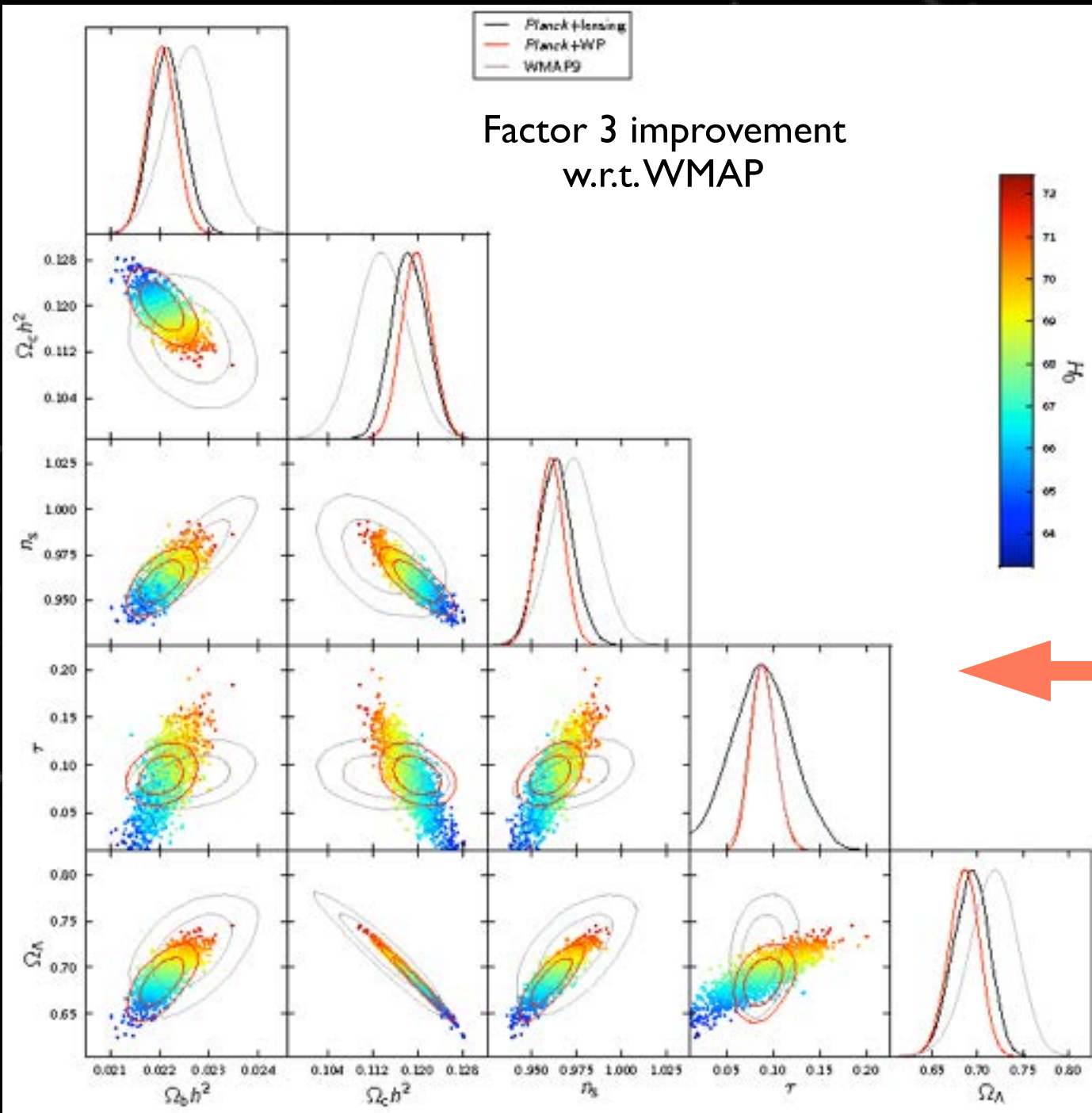
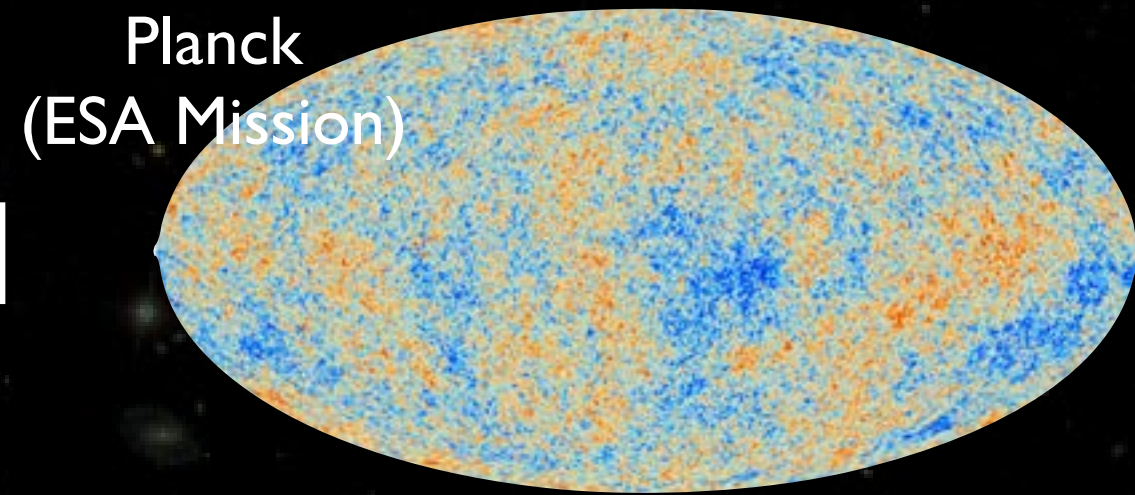


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- Perturbations evolve from end of inflation to decoupling due to matter-radiation oscillations.
- The transfer function depends upon « simple physics » and cosmological parameters
- Allows to fit both cosmology and primordial spectra (including inflationary physics)

Planck Results: Λ CDM firmly Established



Next (current actually !) step: Inflation Physics through CMB Polarization



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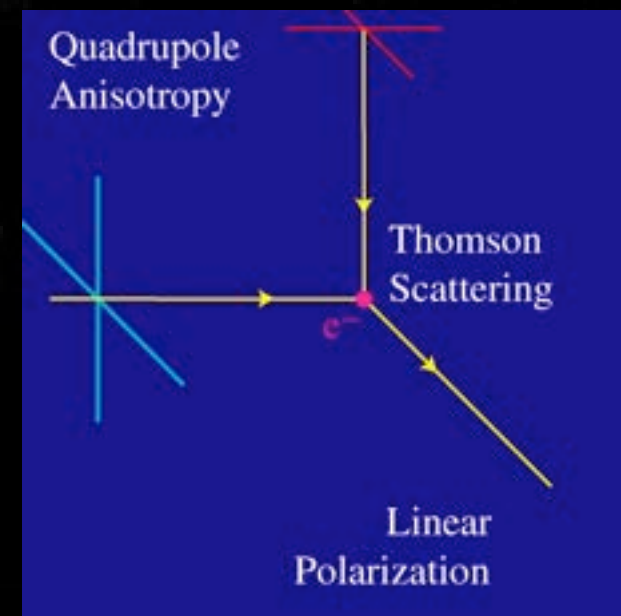
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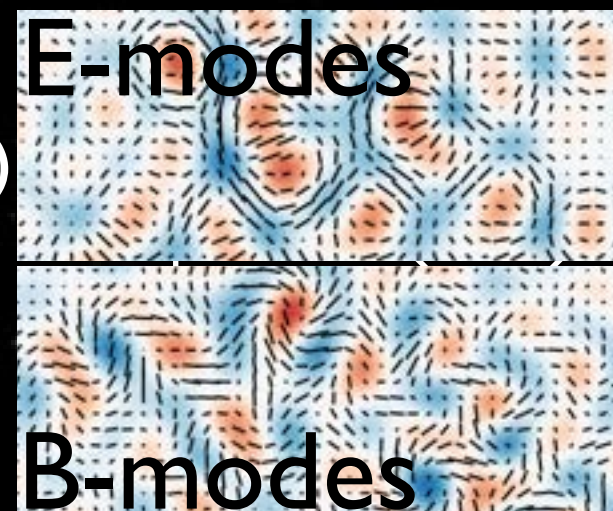


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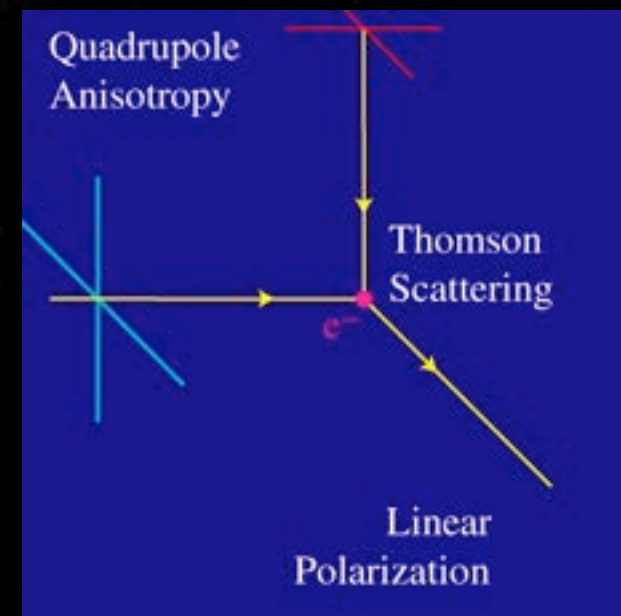
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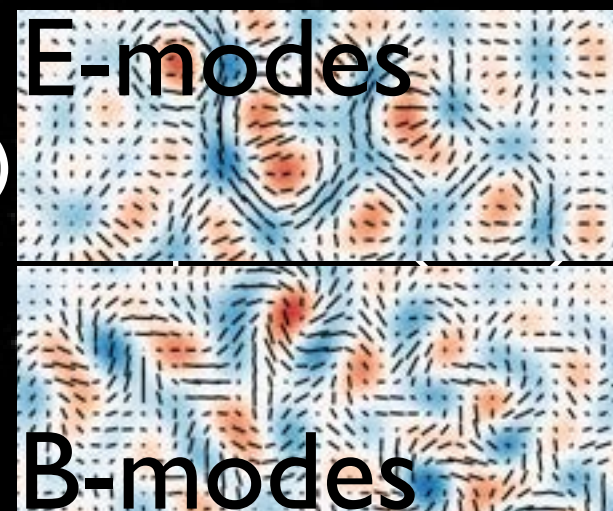


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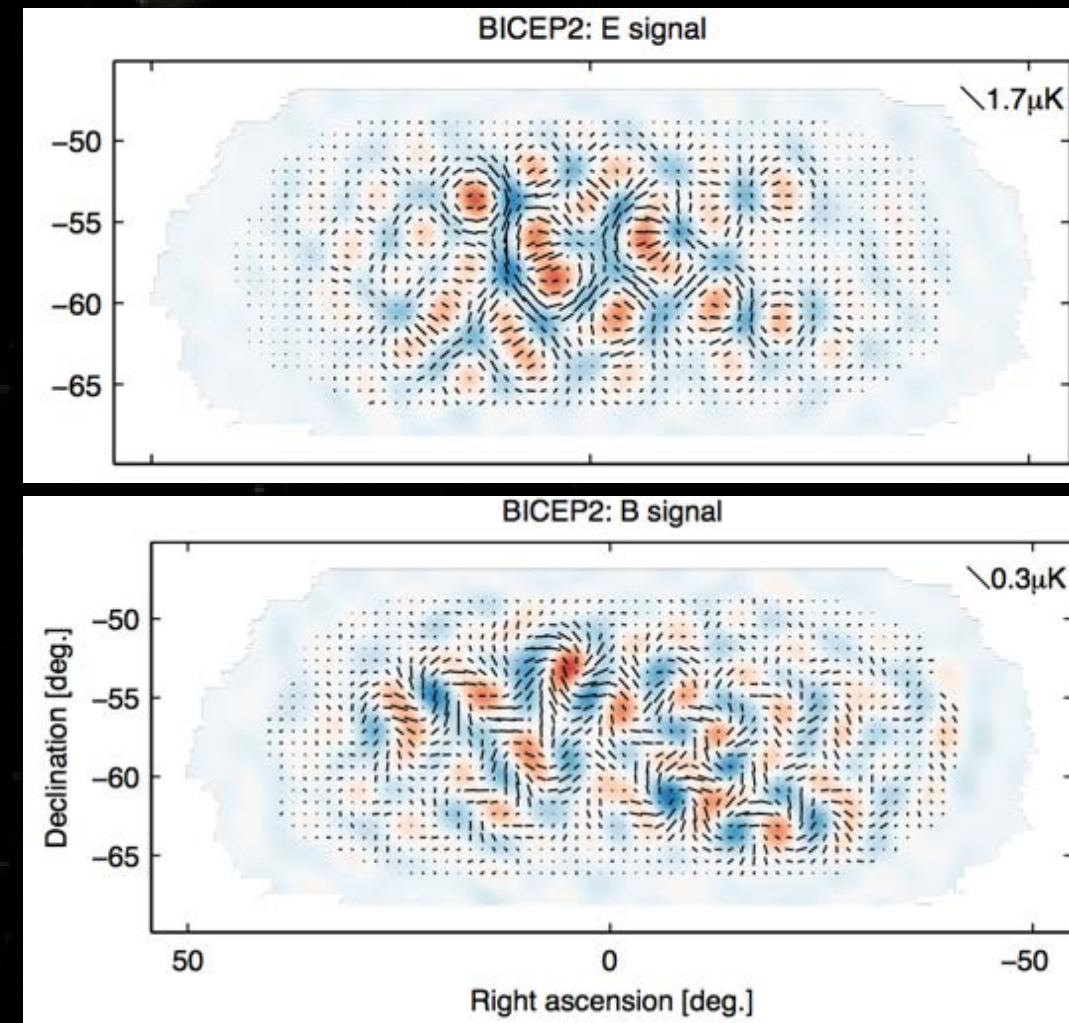
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Scalar and tensor modes - E & B polarization

- **Scalar perturbations:** $P_s(k) = A_s \left(\frac{k}{k_0} \right)^{n_s-1}$
 - Density fluctuations
 - Temperature
 - E polarization
 - No B polarization
- **Tensor perturbations:** $P_r(k) = A_t \left(\frac{k}{k_0} \right)^{n_t}$
 - Specific prediction from inflation!
= Primordial gravitational waves
 - Temperature
 - E polarization
 - B Polarization



⇒ **detecting primordial B-modes:**

- ▶ Direct detection of tensor modes
- ▶ «smoking gun» for inflation
- ▶ Measurement of its energy scale

$$r = \frac{P_t(k_0)}{P_s(k_0)}$$

~ ratio between E and B modes

$$V^{1/4} = 1.06 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV} \left(\frac{r_{\text{CMB}}}{0.01} \right)^{1/4}$$

Take home message:

Inflation

B-modes

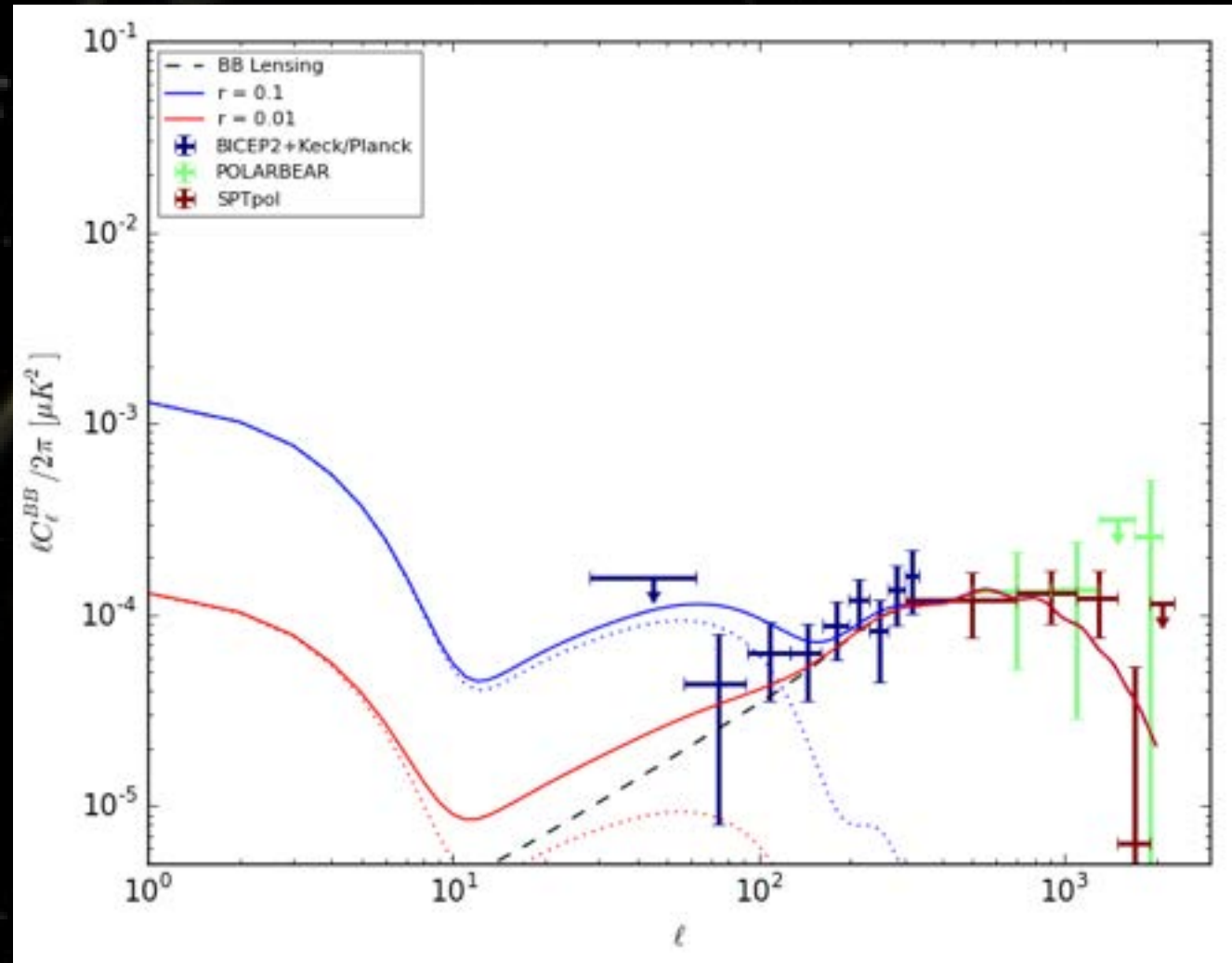
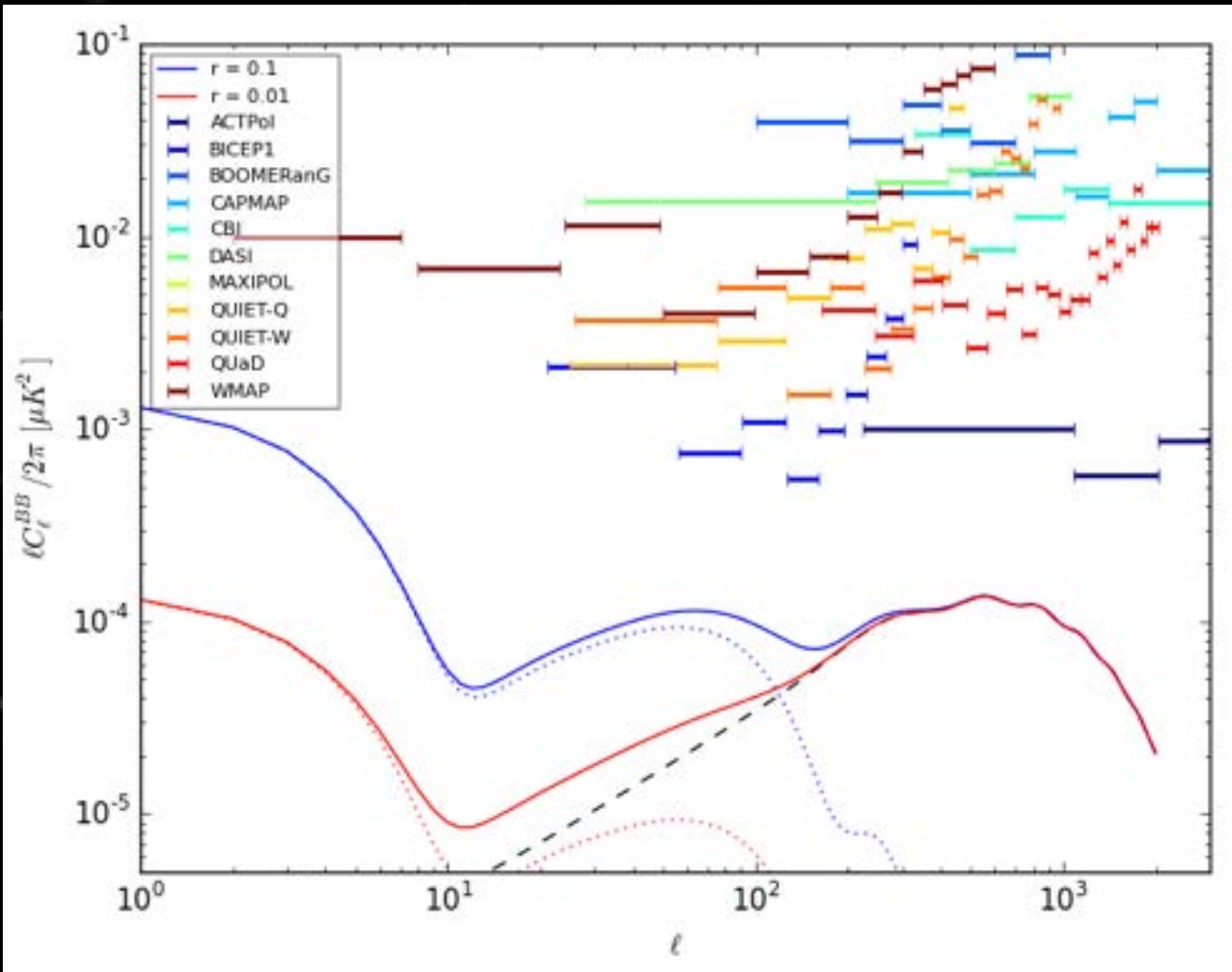


New landscape for B-modes

We have entered into the measurement era

Before

Today



Detected signal is Dust + Lensing [Planck+BICEP2]
Let's go deeper & cleaner !

Why B-modes are so hard ?

- Sensitivity :

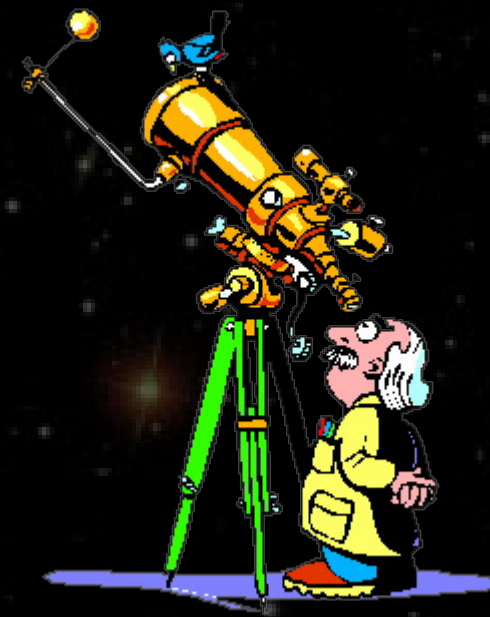
- ★ Signal amplitude ~ 70 nK on a 3K background
- ➔ Need extremely sensitive and stable detectors at ~ 150 GHz

- Astrophysical Foregrounds :

- ★ BICEP2 false alert has shown their importance
- ★ Interstellar Dust is already known to be high
 - ➔ Need high frequency detectors at > 150 GHz
- ★ Synchrotron emission might become an issue
 - ➔ Observations at < 70 GHz will be important in a few years

- Systematic effects :

- ➔ Need for accurate polarization modulation and detailed knowledge of instrument properties



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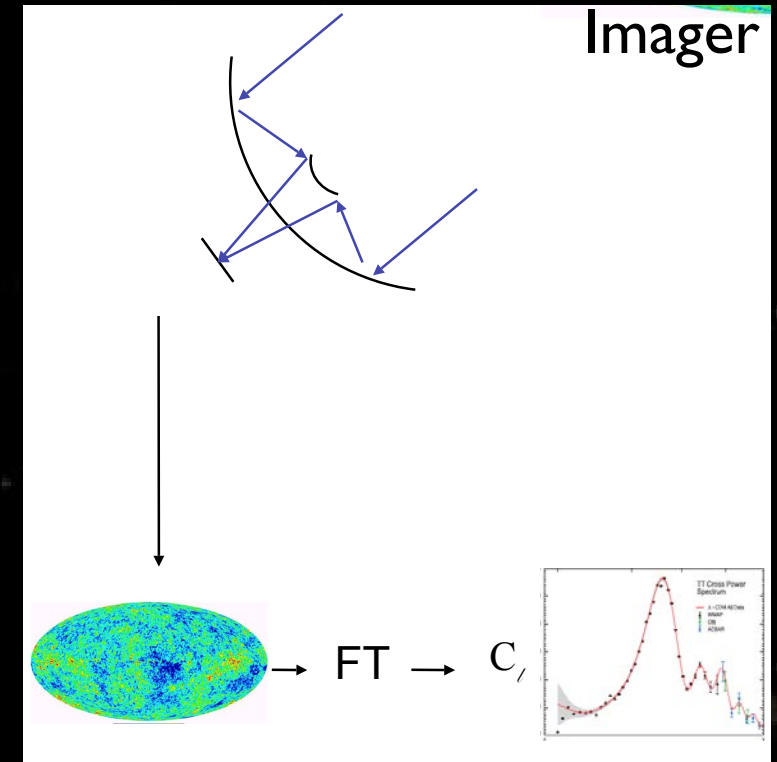
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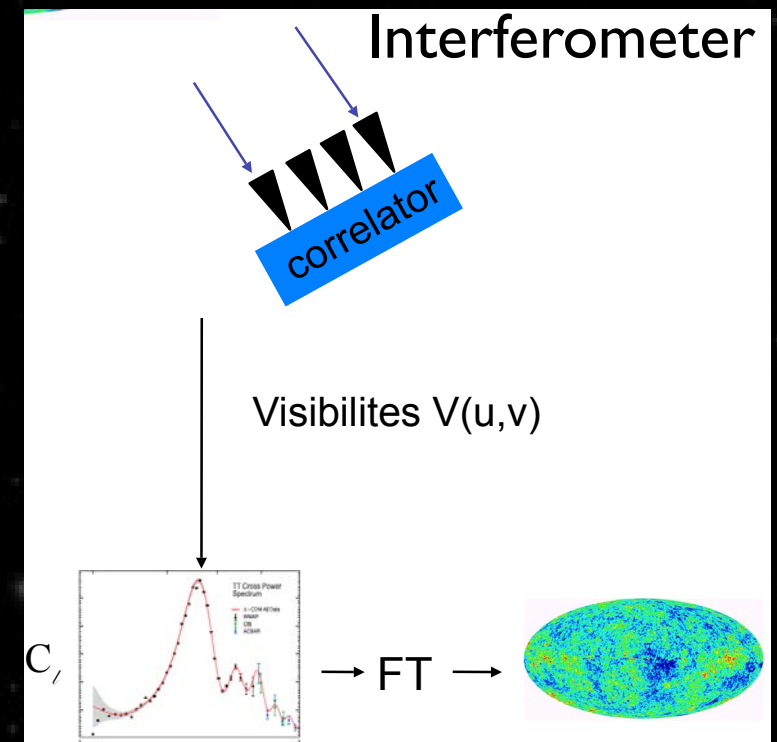
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P. Timbie
Imager



Interferometer



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Both



The QUBIC Collaboration



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- 2) Brown University, USA
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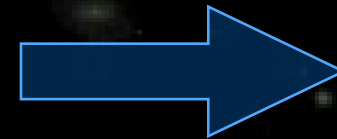
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QUBIC Main Features

- TES Focal planes

- ★ 2048 TES with NEP $\sim 4 \times 10^{-17} \text{ W.Hz}^{-1/2}$
- ★ 128:1 SQUIDs+ASIC Mux Readout

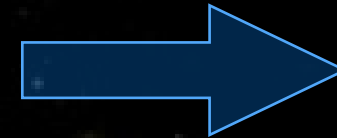


High Sensitivity

$r < 0.01$ @ 95% C.L. (No foregrounds)
 $r < 0.02$ @ 95% C.L. (inc. foregrounds)

- 400 Elements Bolometric Interf.

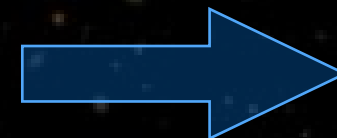
- ★ Synthesized imaging on focal planes
- ★ 23.5 arcmin FWHM



Synthesized imager
scanning the sky
Perfect beam control

- Dual Band operations

- ★ One focal plane for each band
- ★ 150 and 220 GHz



Dust Polarisation
contamination
removal

- Switches one each horn

- ★ Ability to reconstruct baselines individually
- ★ Self-Calibration like an interferometer



Unprecedented
control of systematics
with Self-Calibration



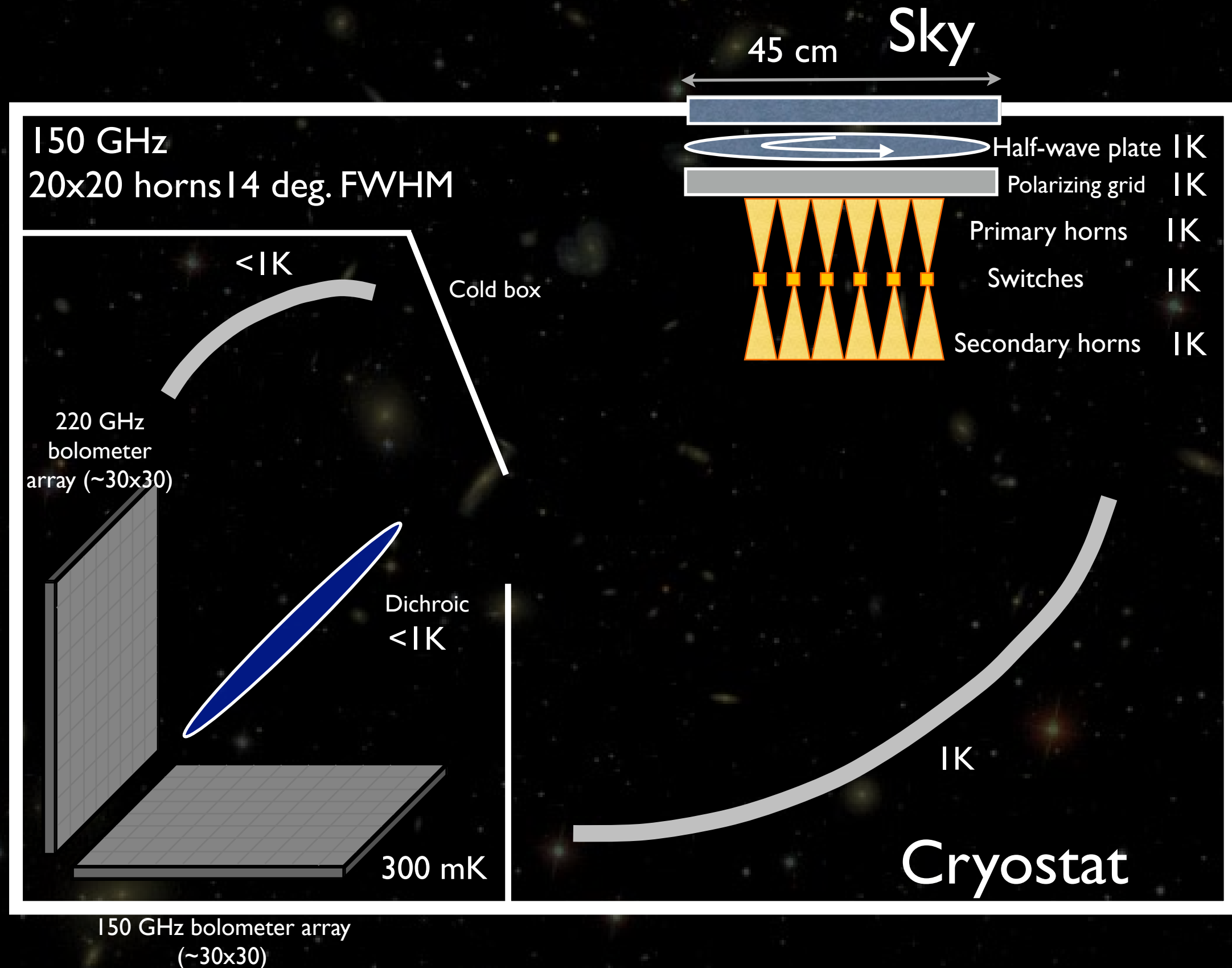
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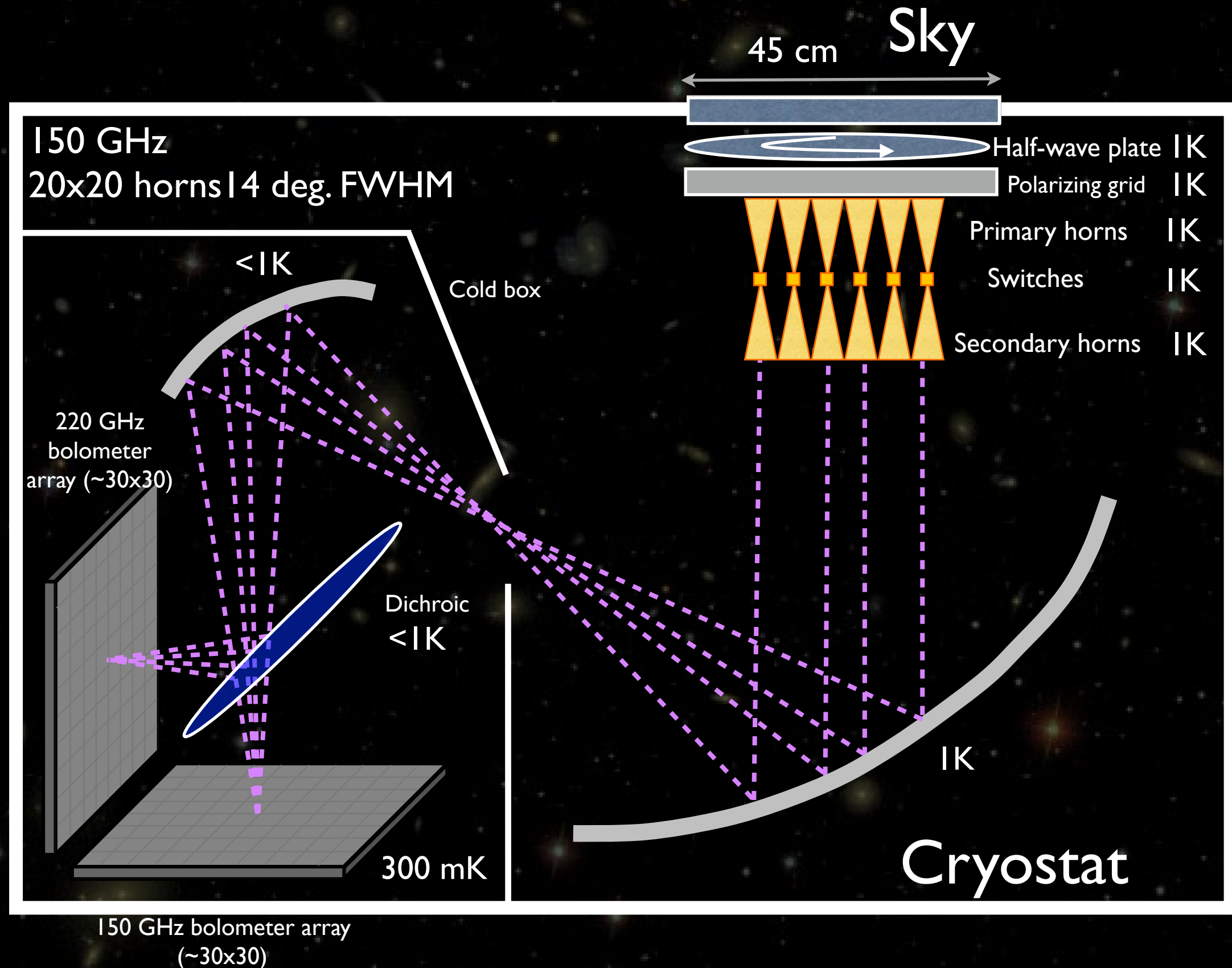
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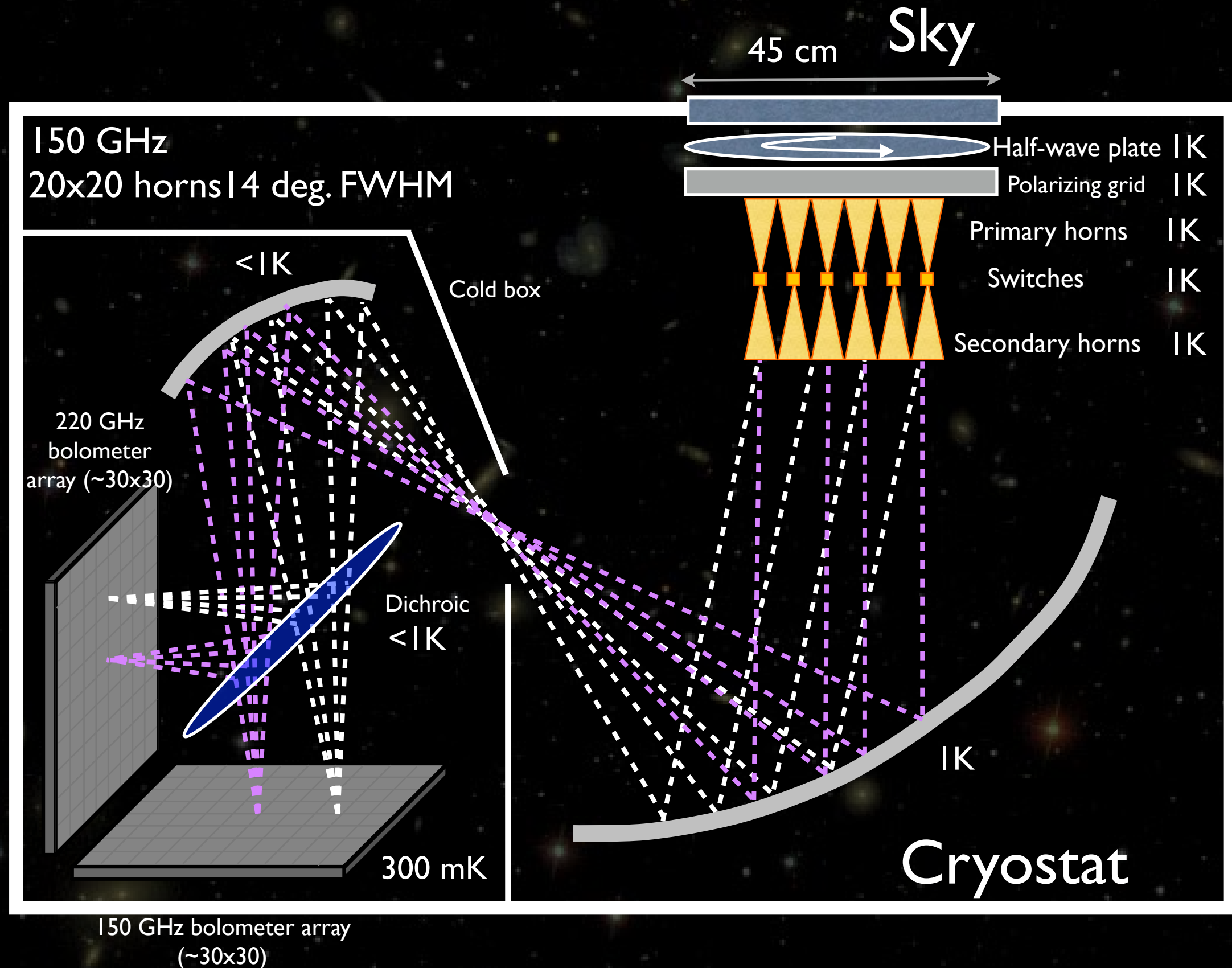
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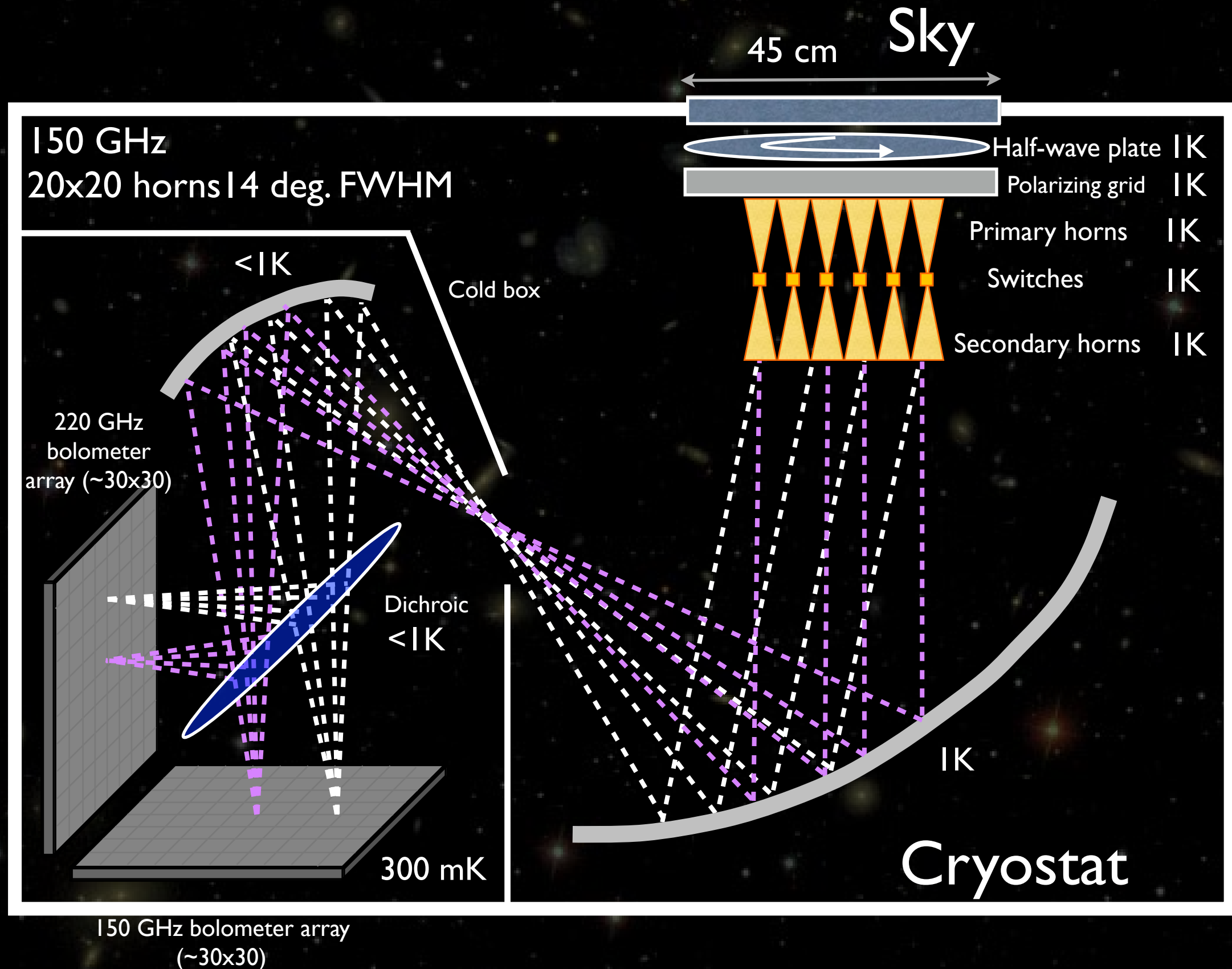
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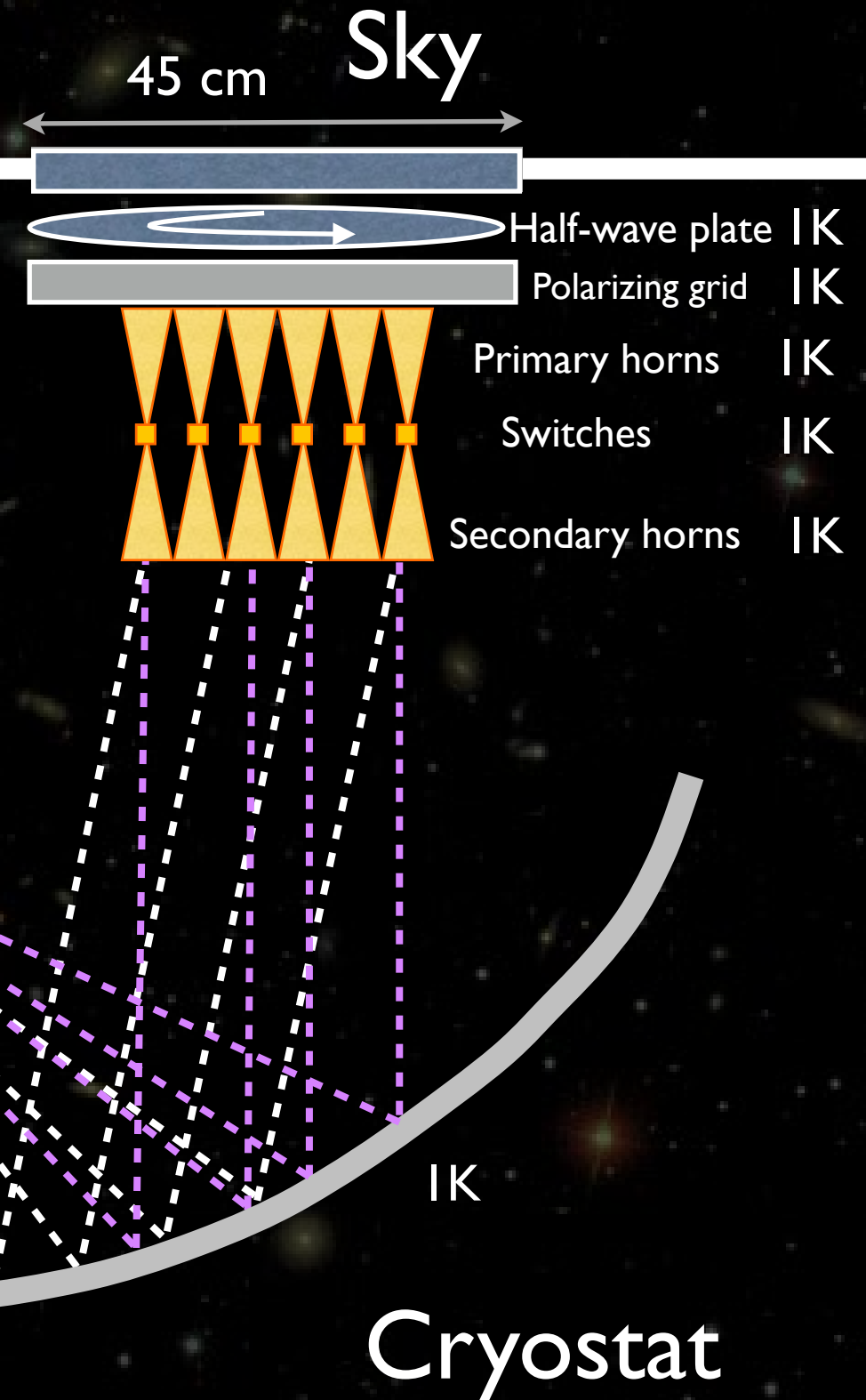
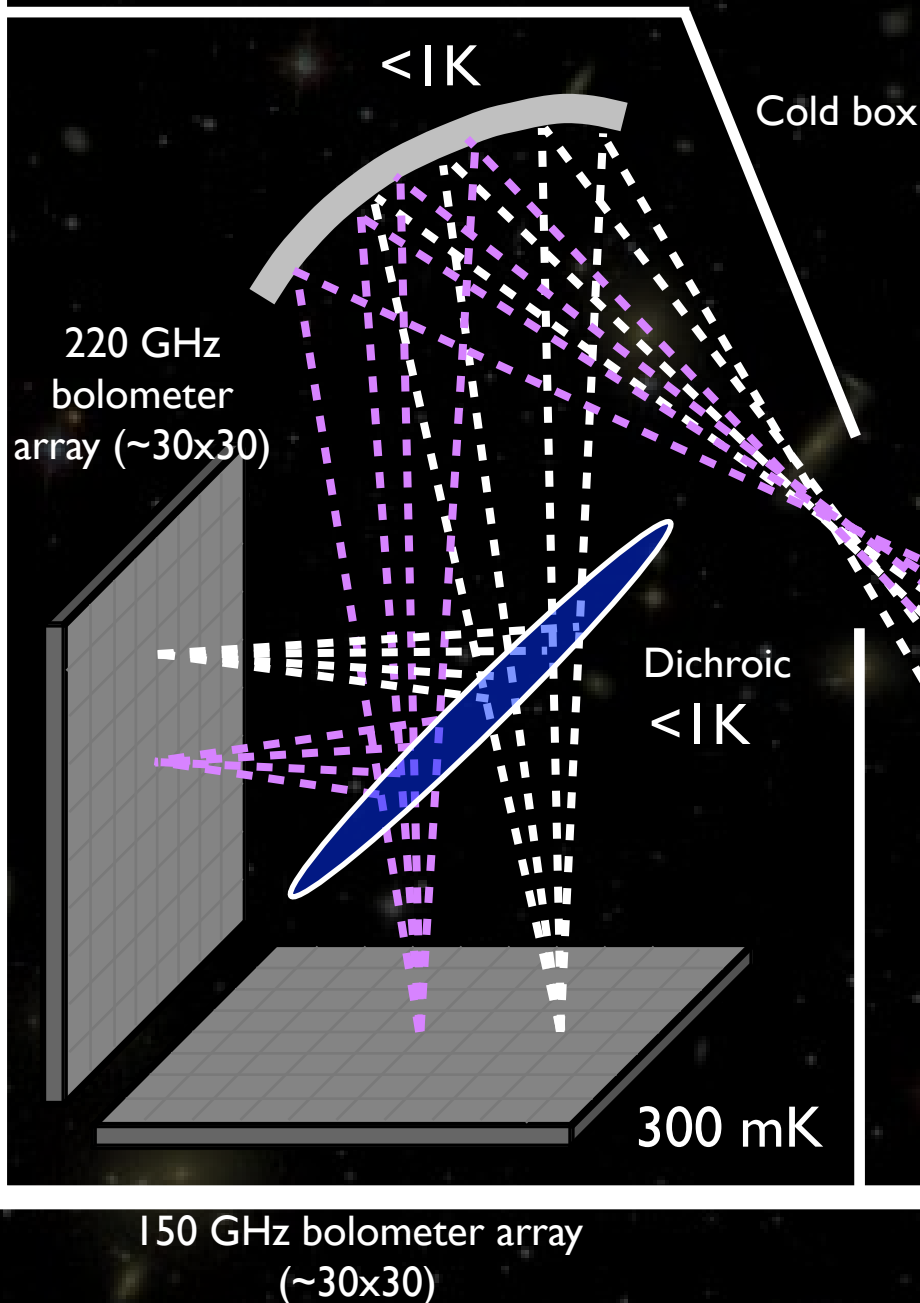
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150 GHz
20x20 horns | 4 deg. FWHM



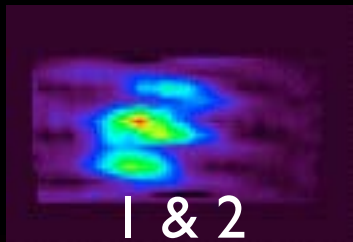
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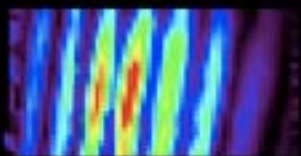


1 horn open

MBI-4 data
2009 campaign
(PBO- Wisc.)



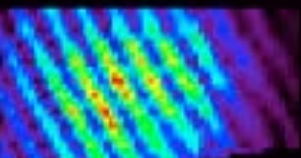
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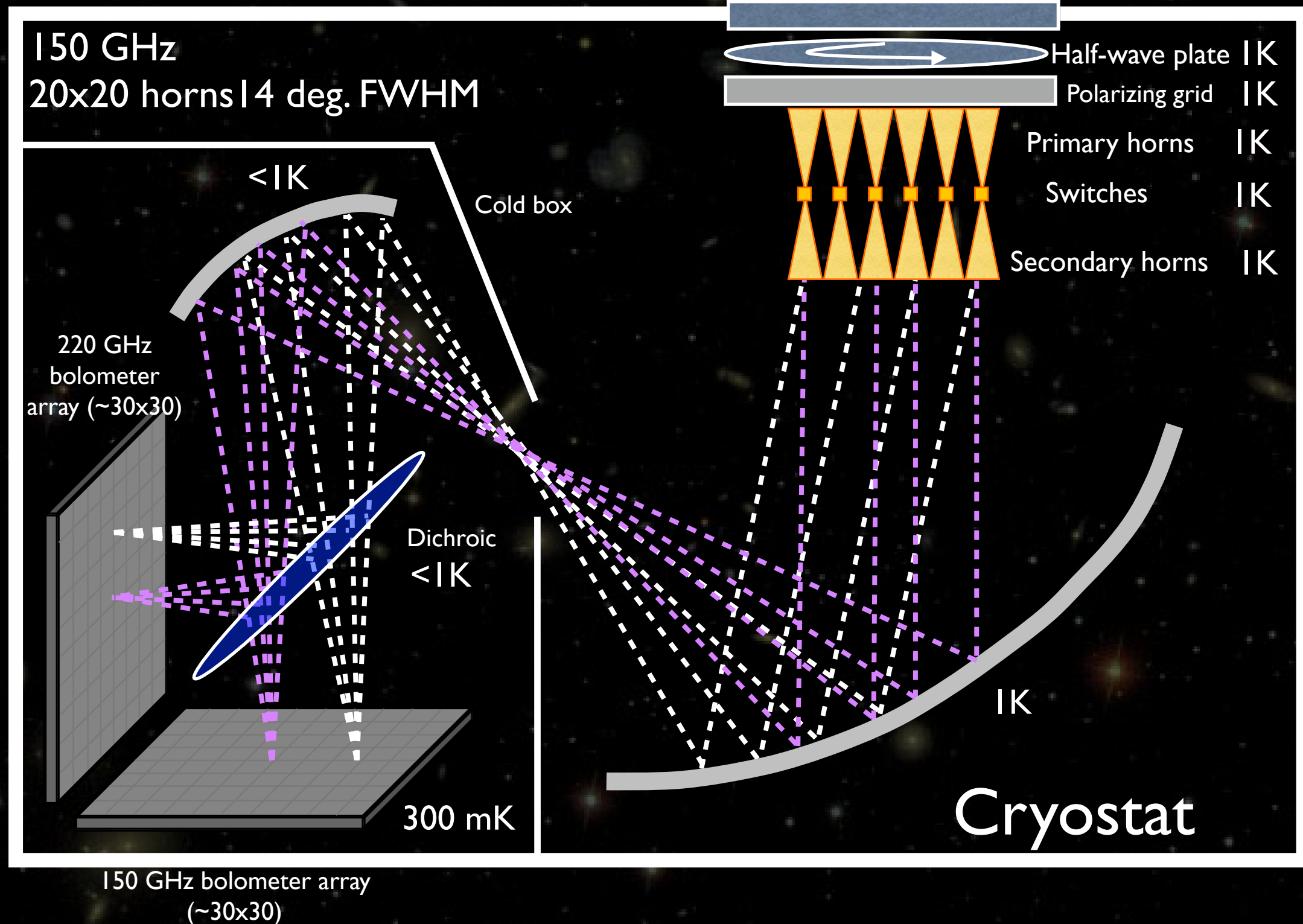
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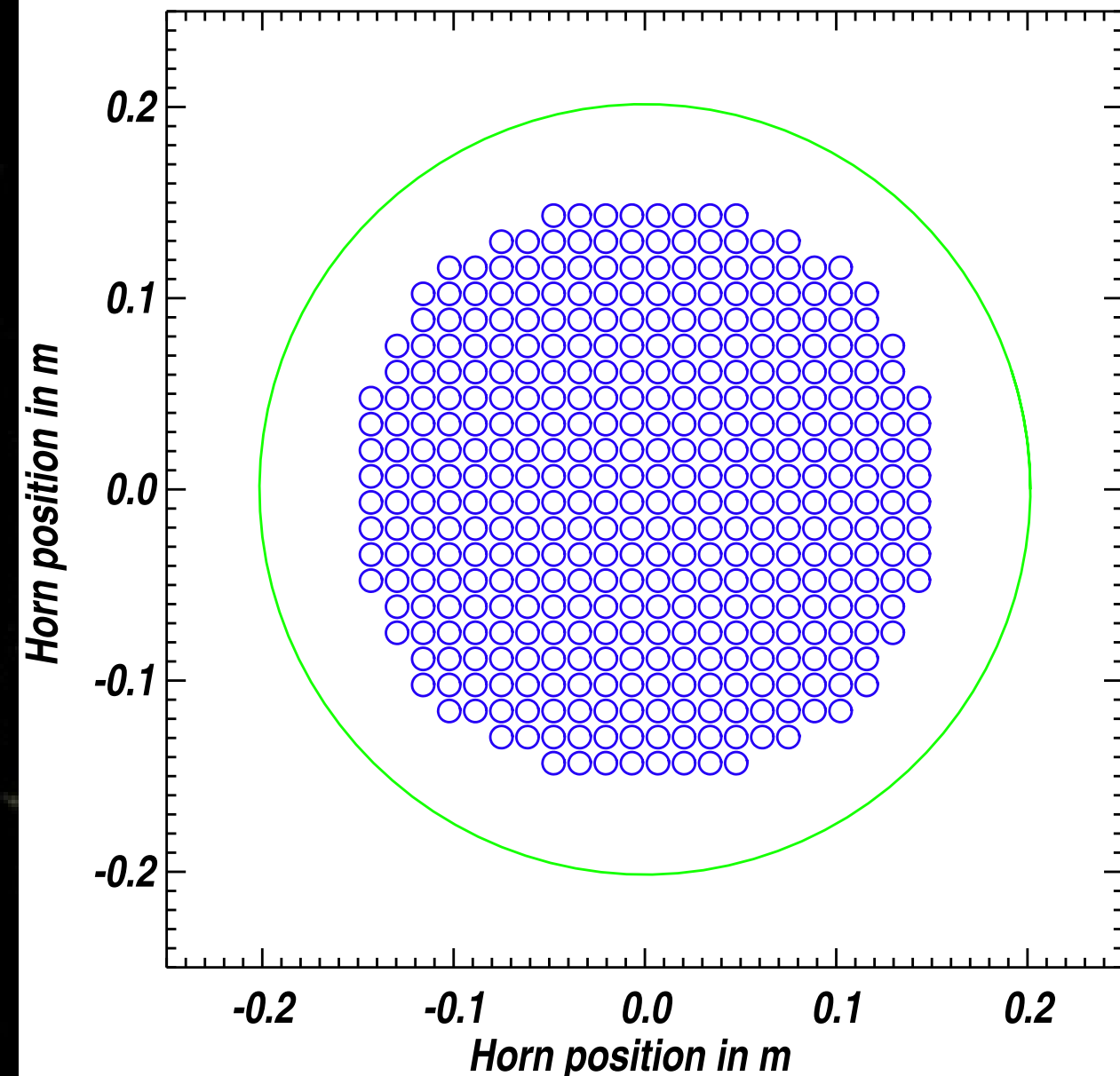


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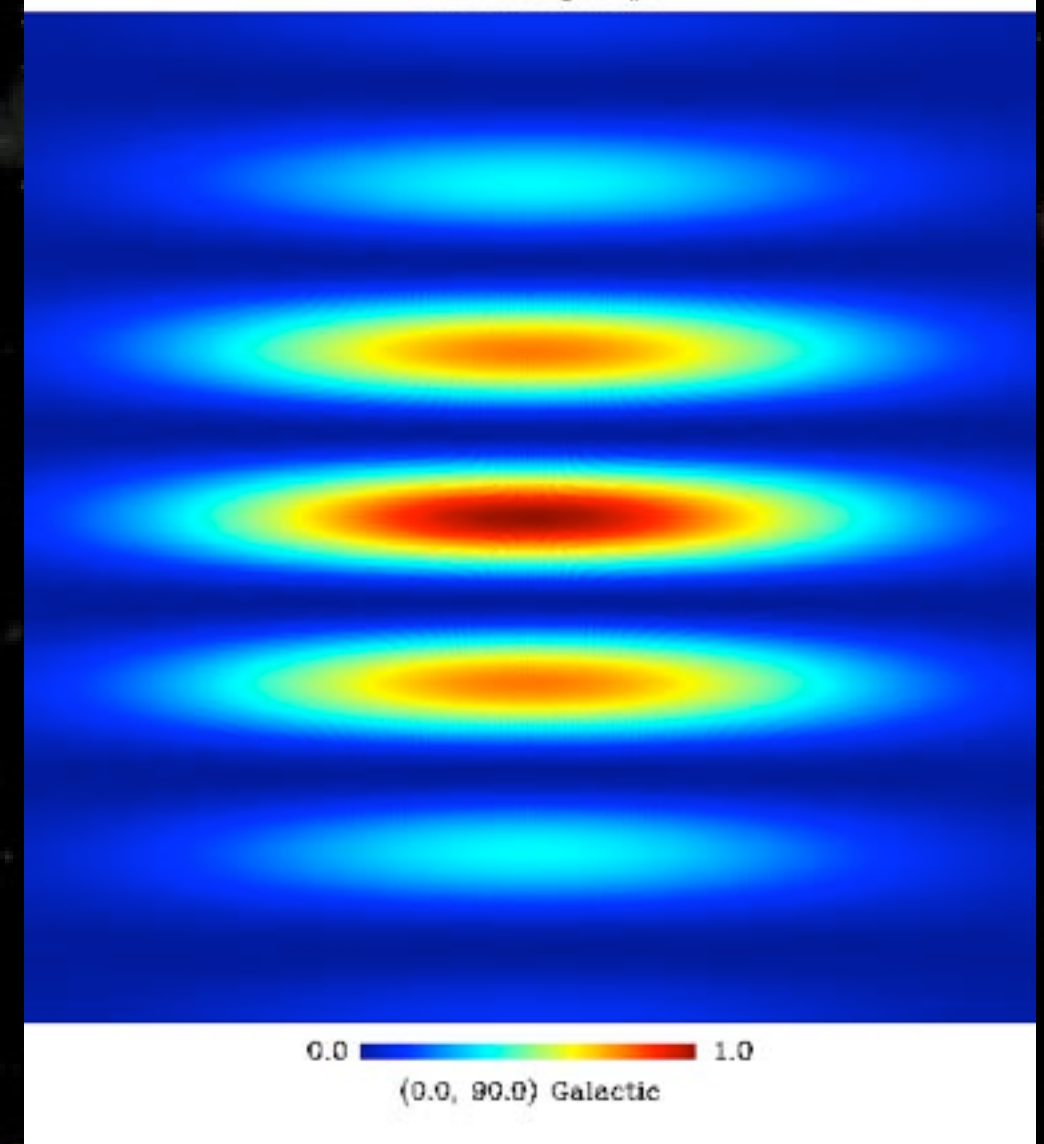
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Synthesized beam (on the sky)

Window: 403.0mm - Nhorns=400



Resulting Beam on the sky
Baselines up to #0



150-220 GHz, 20x20 horns,
13 deg. FWHM, D=1.2 cm

Synthesized beam used to scan
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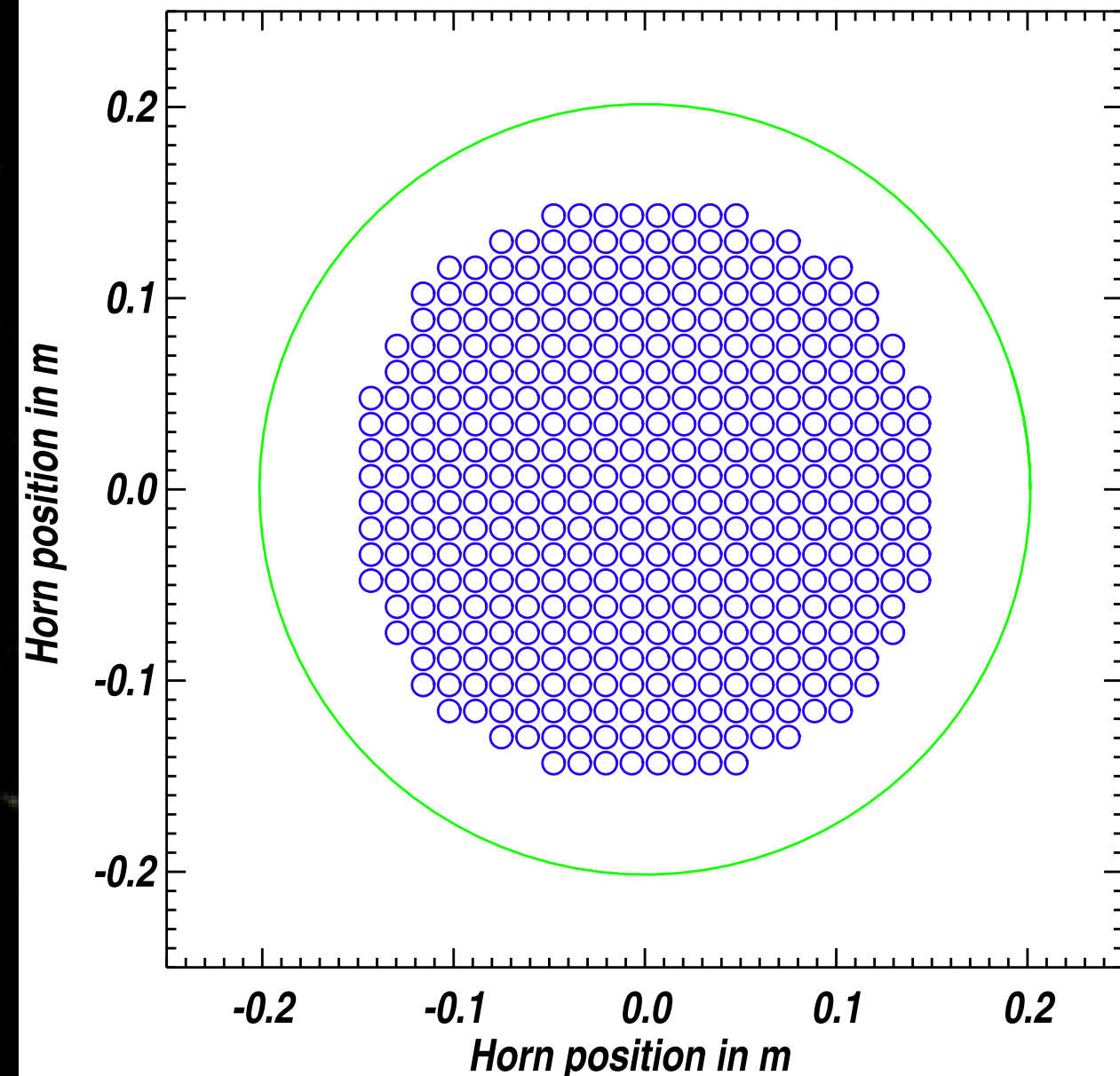


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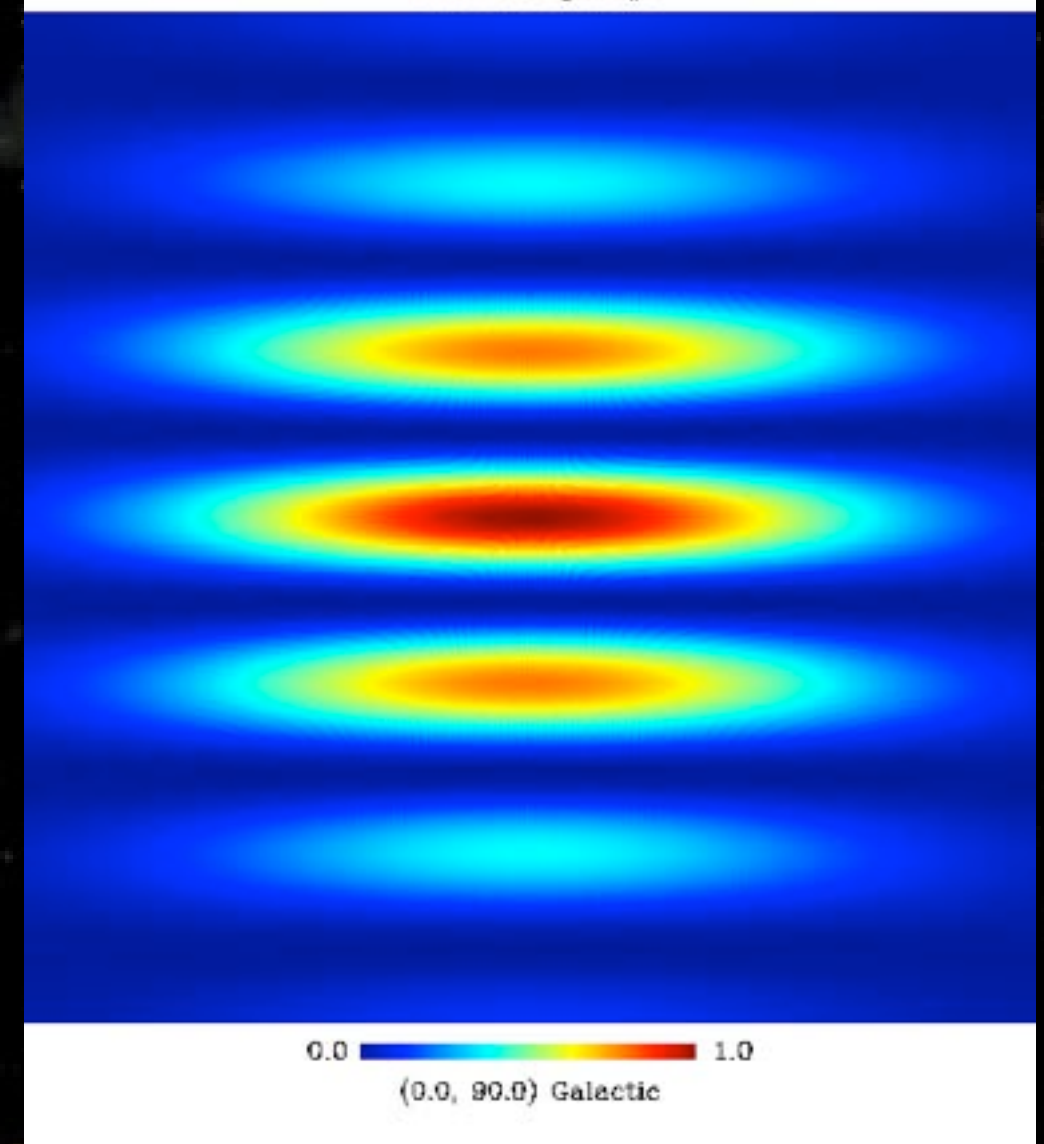
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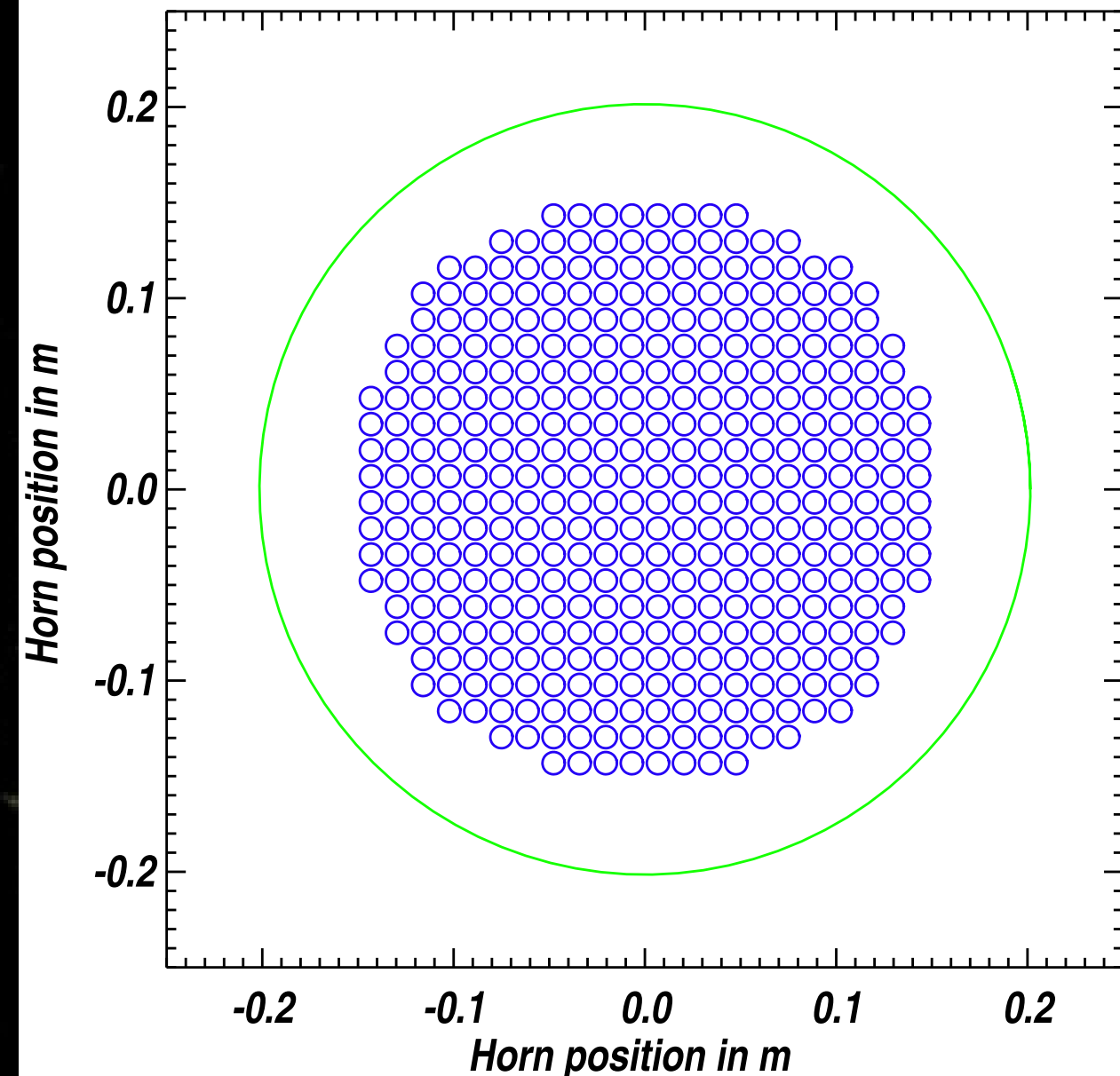


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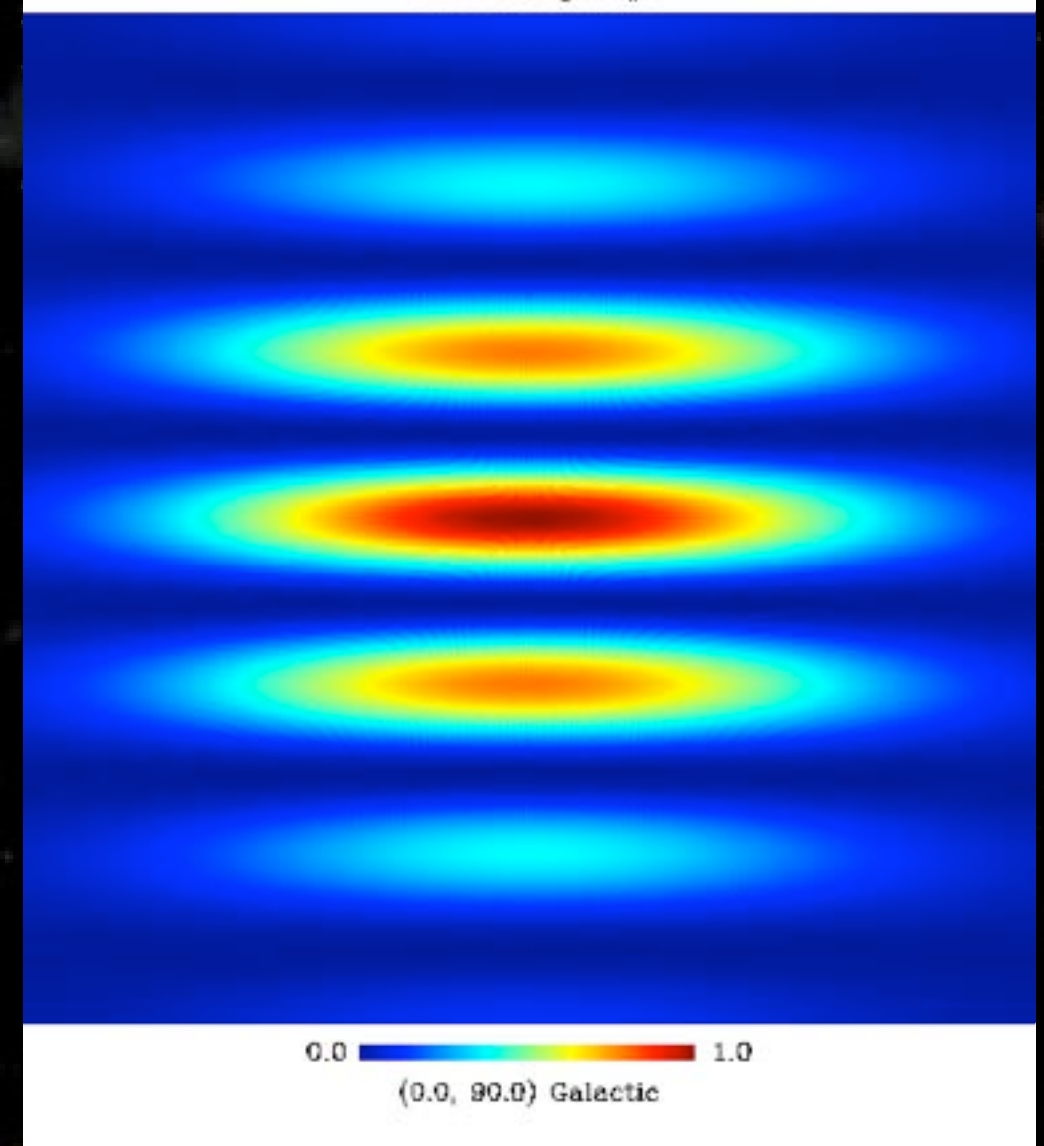
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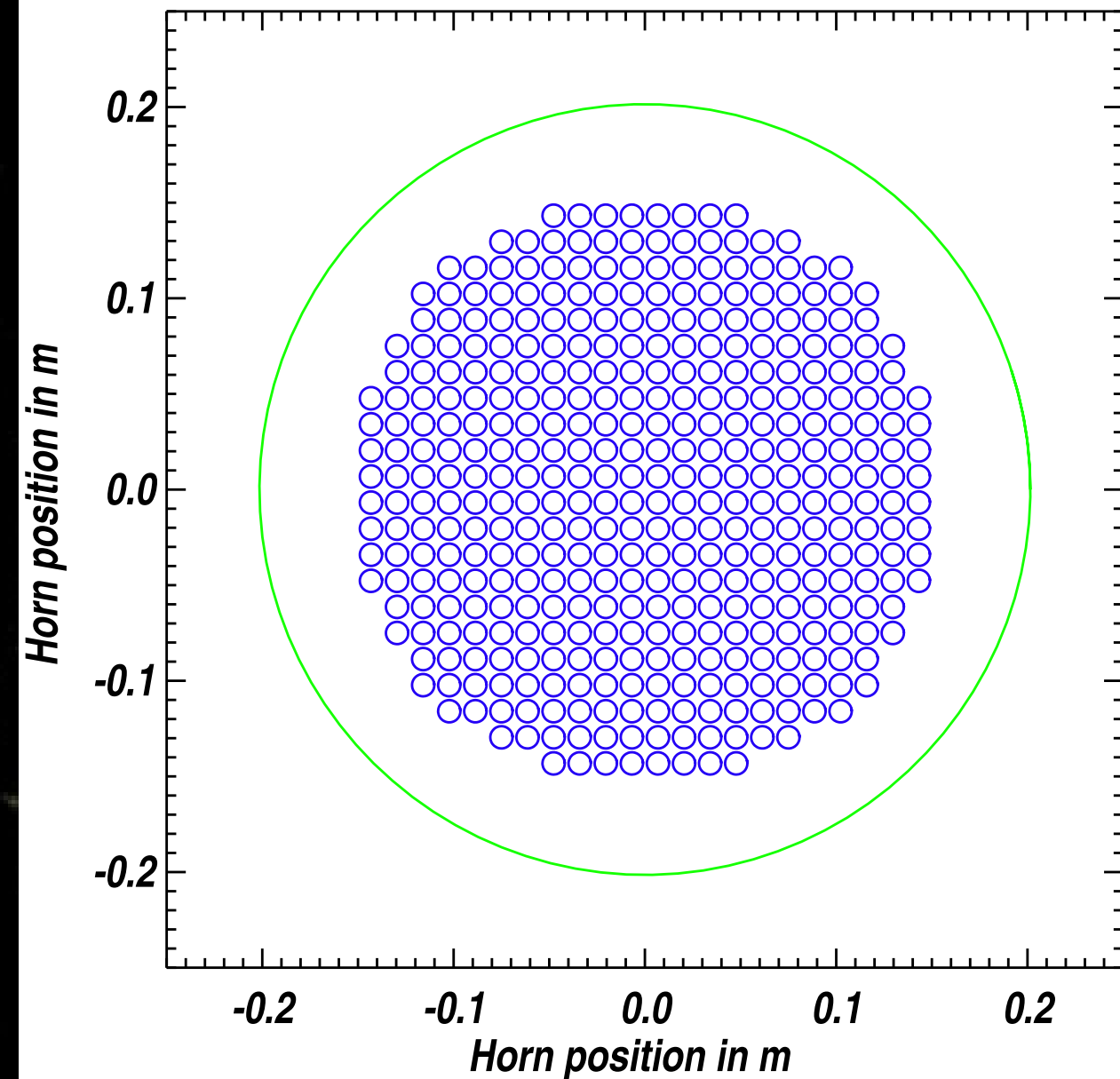
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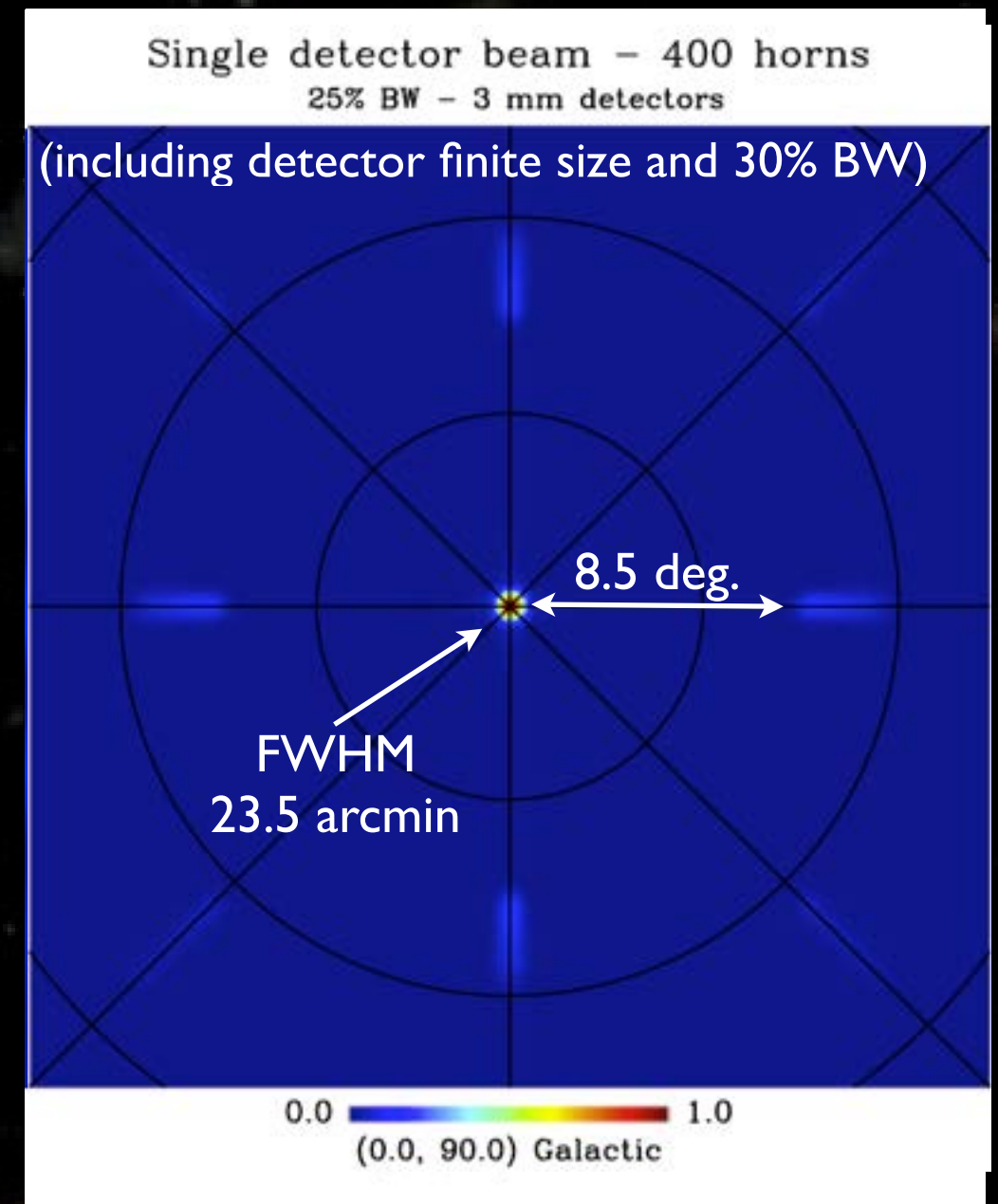
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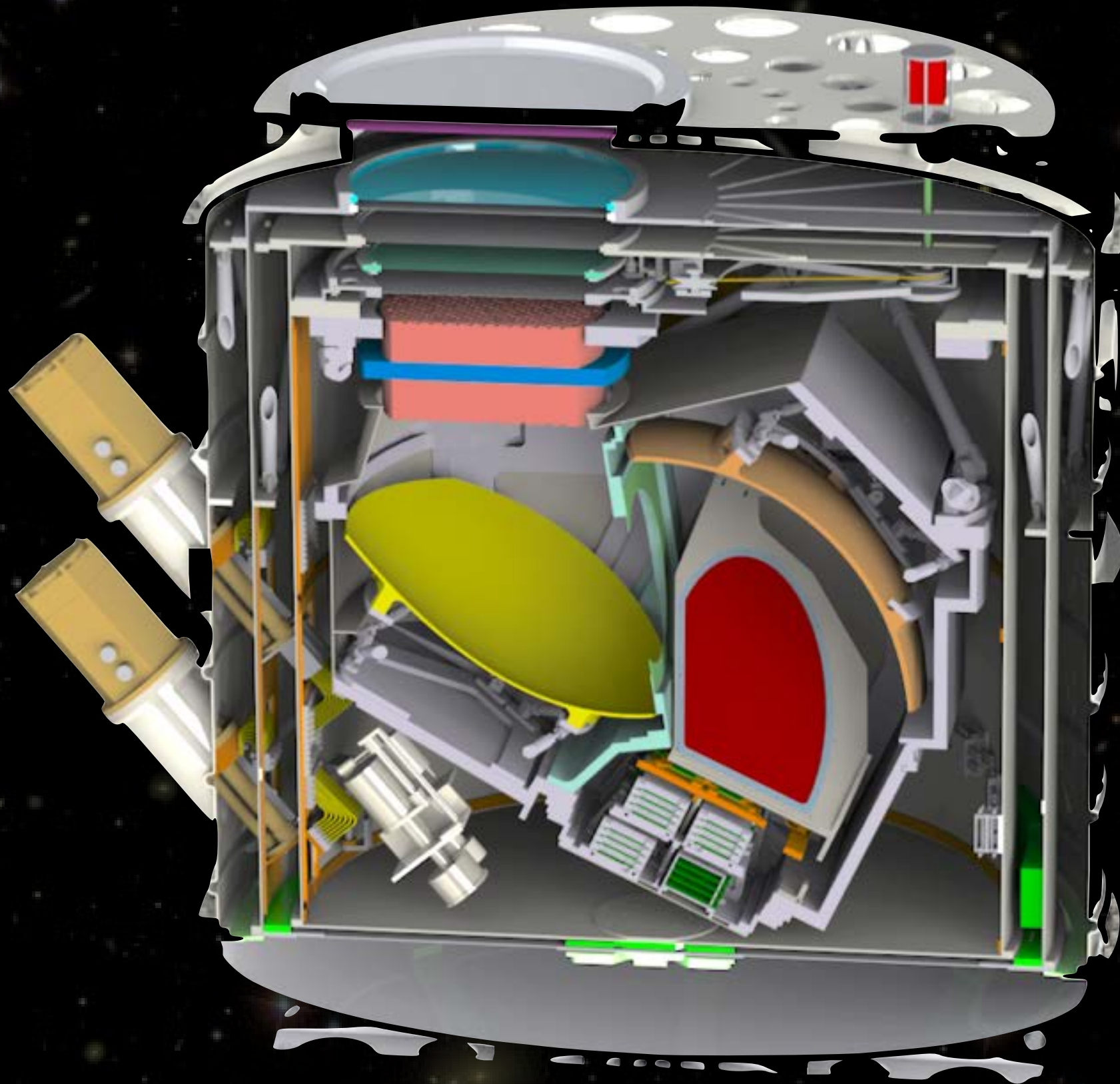


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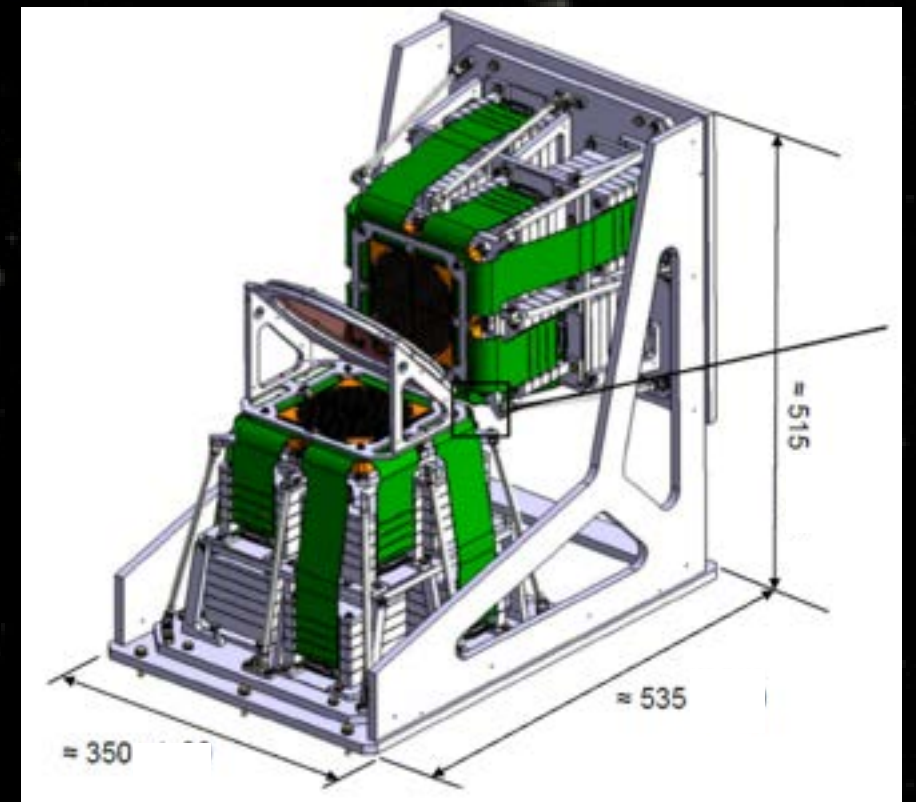
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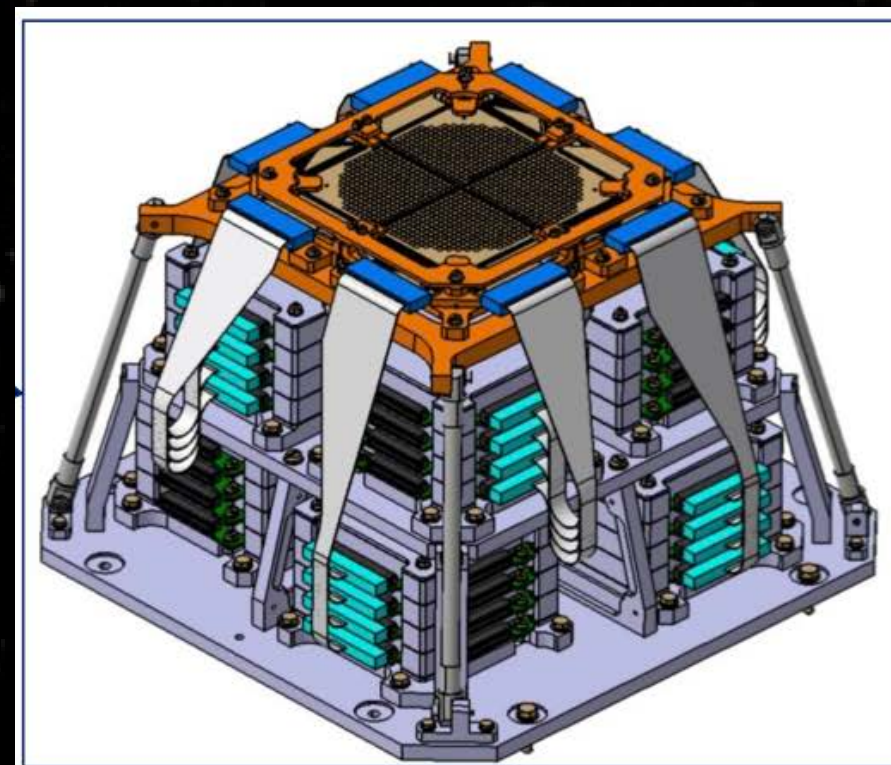
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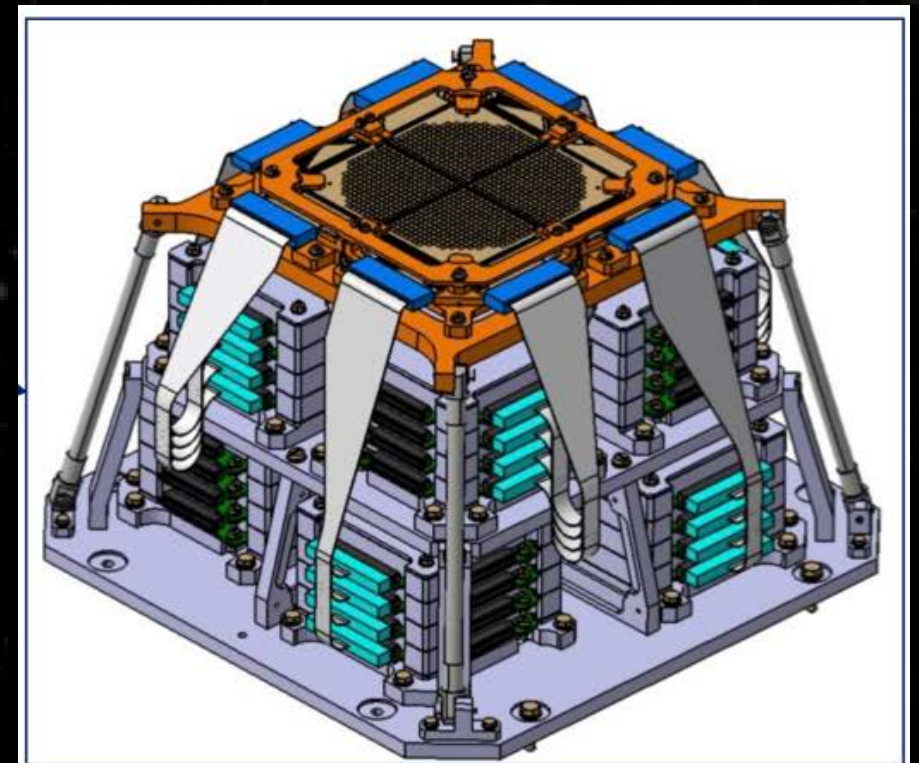
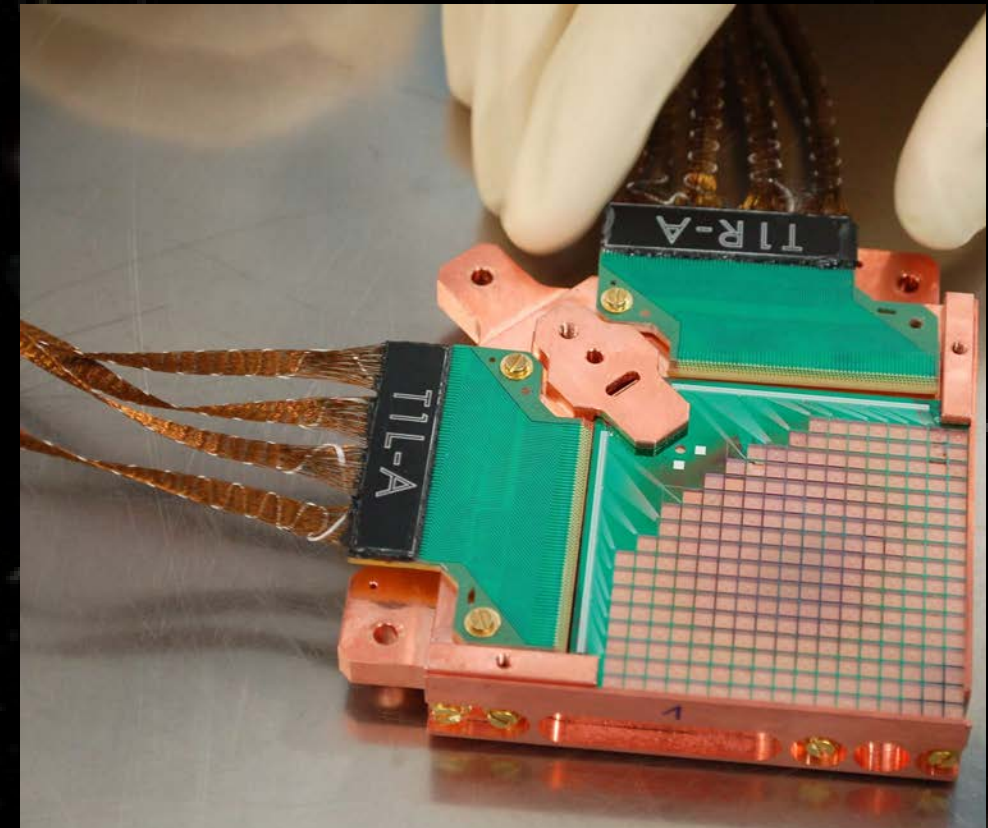
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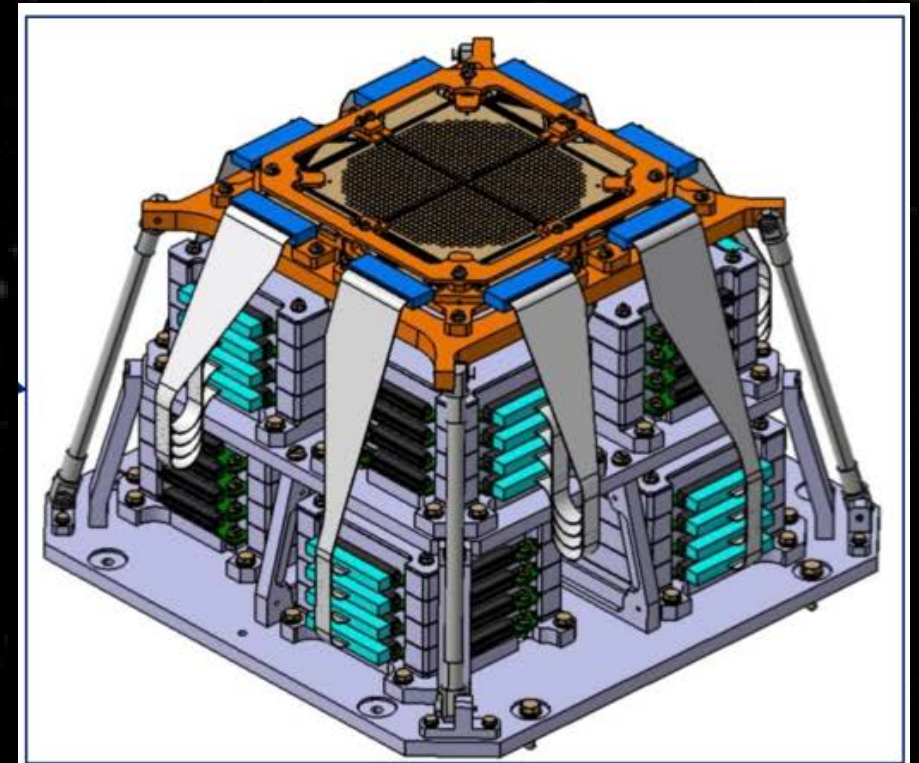
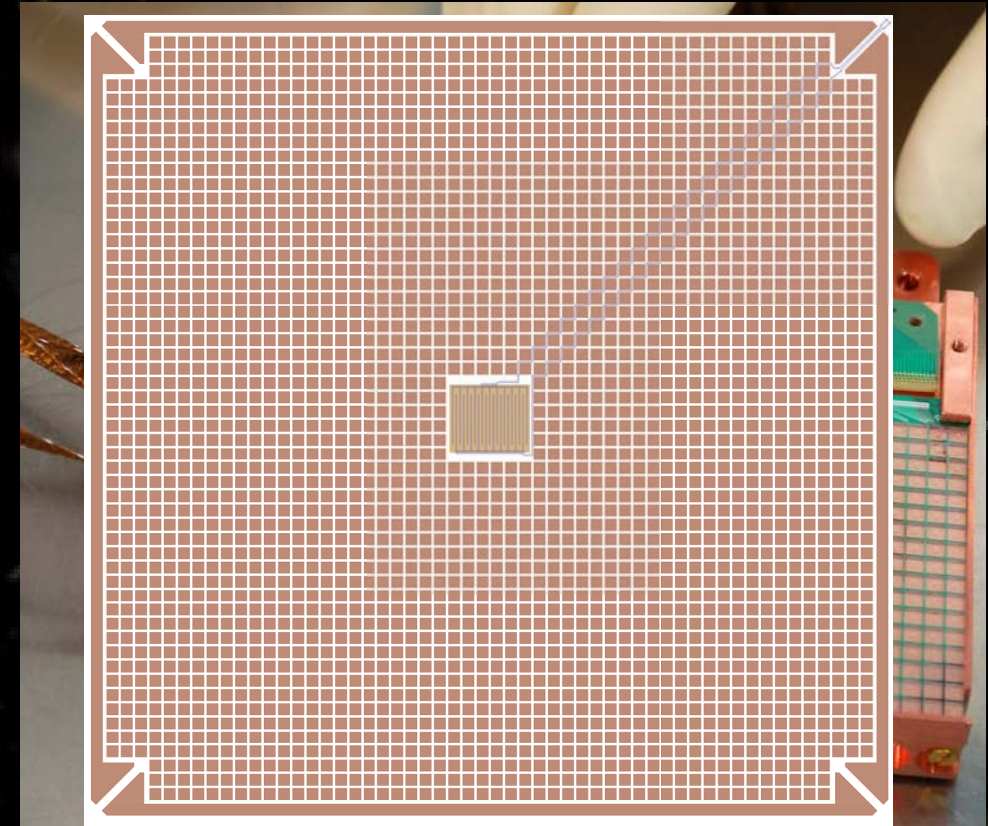
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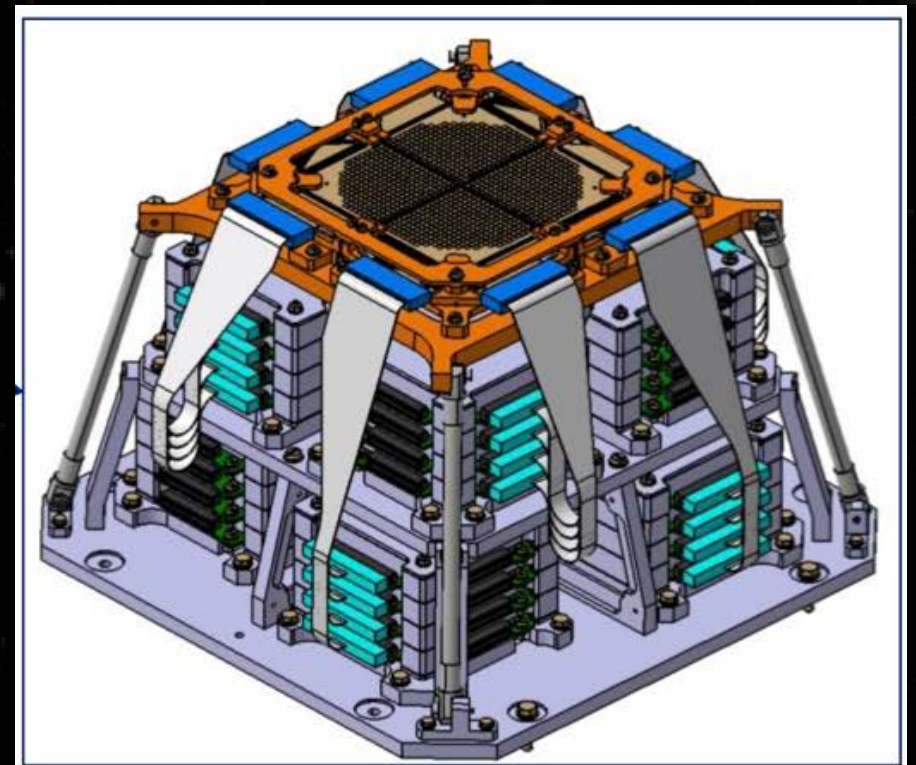
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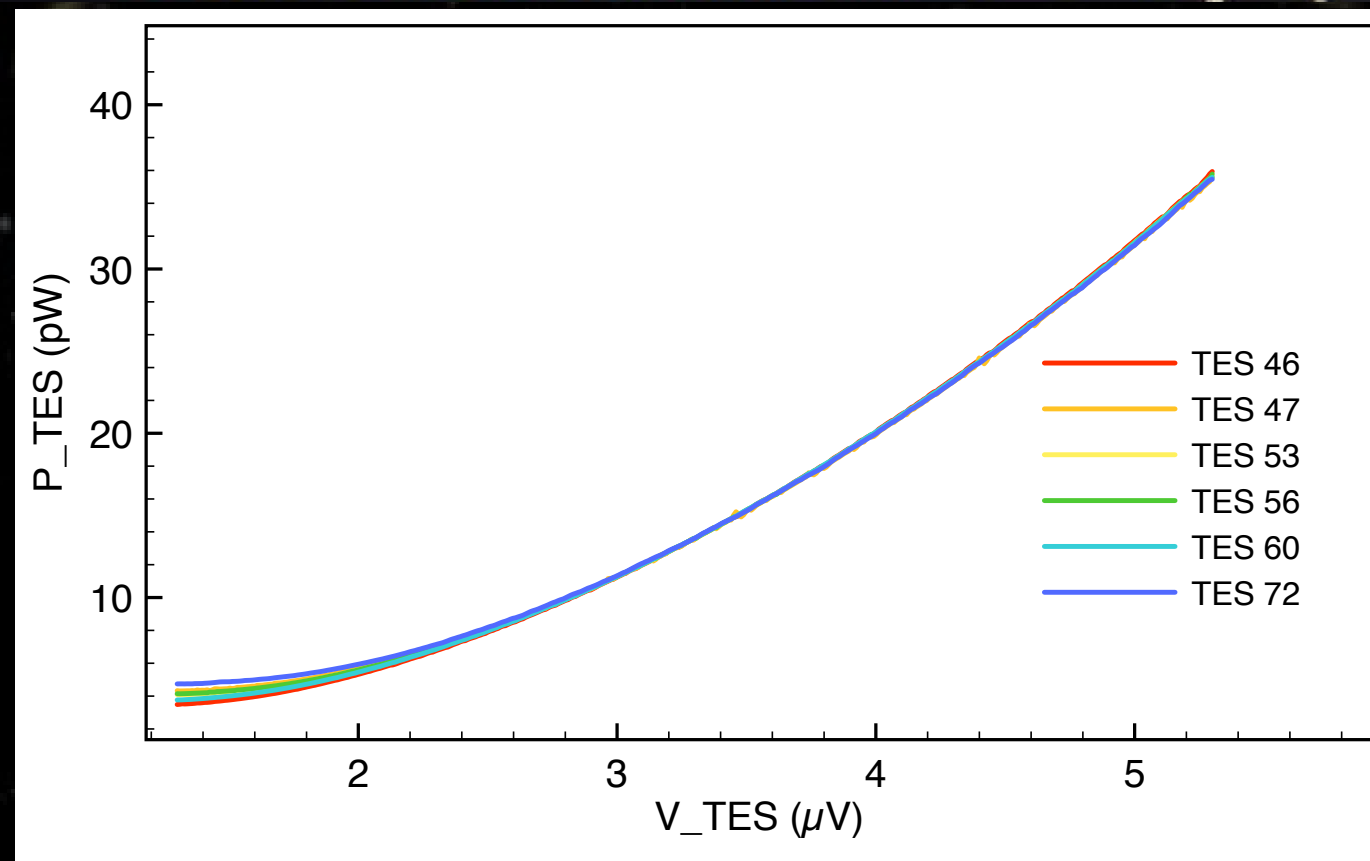
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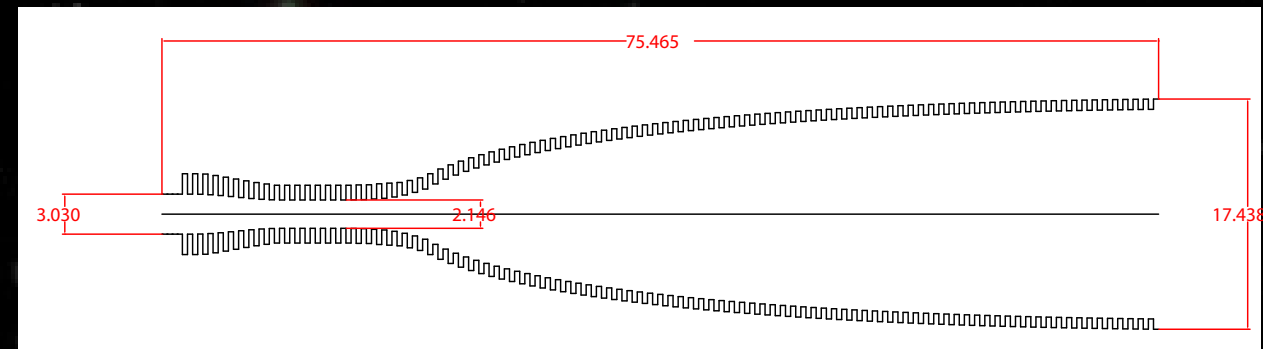
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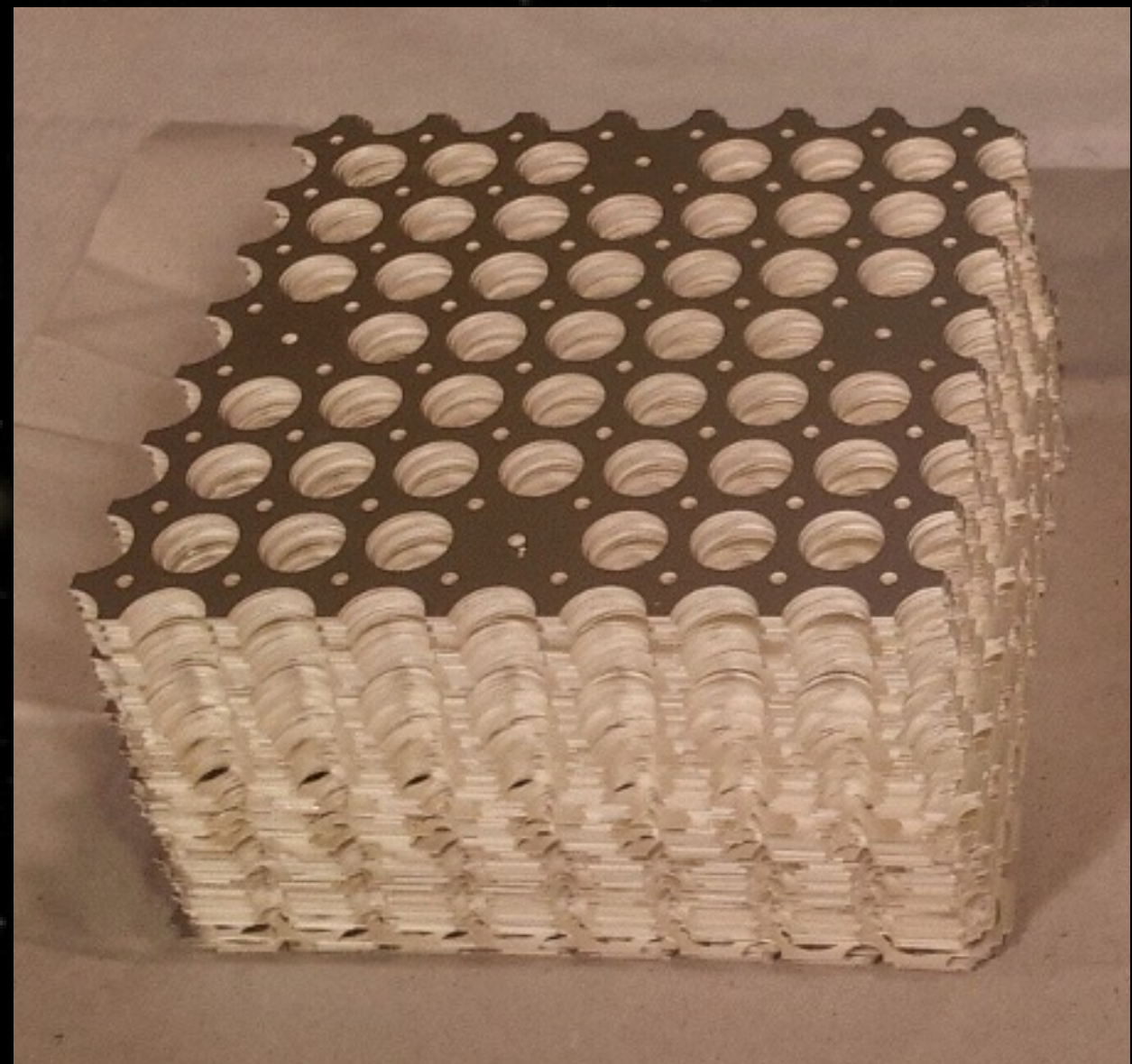
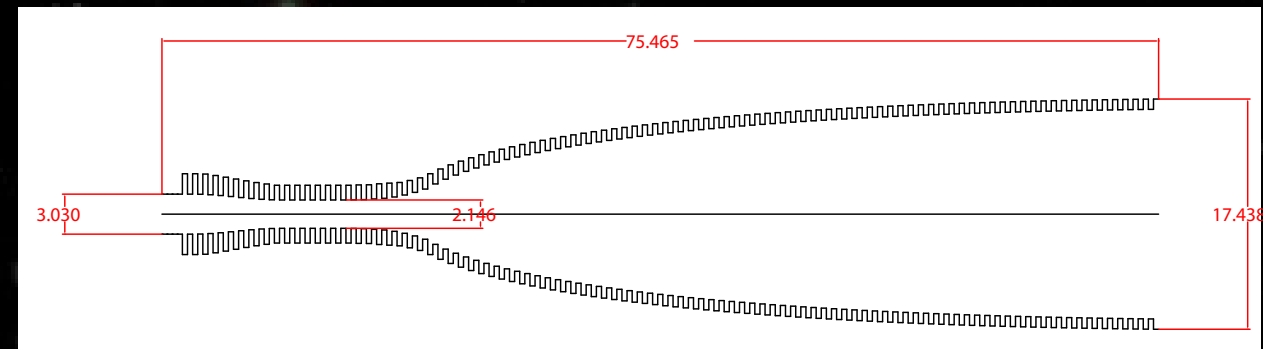
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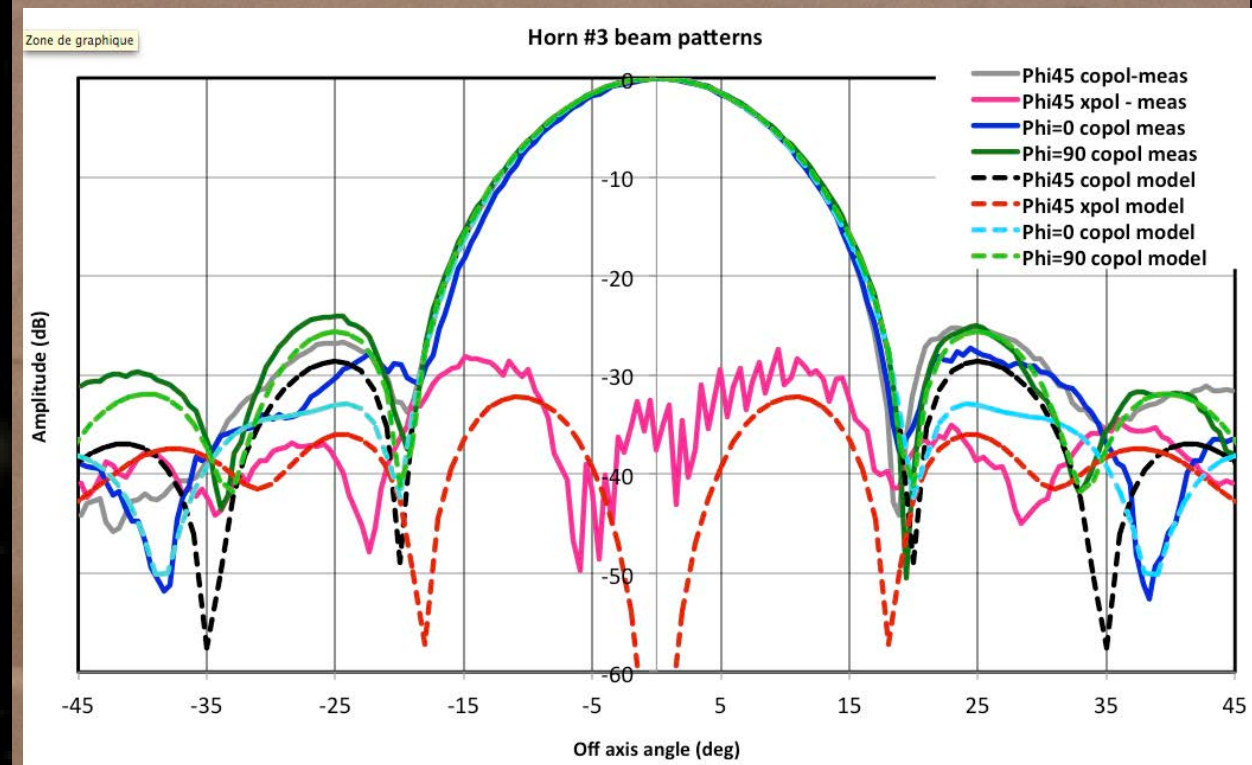
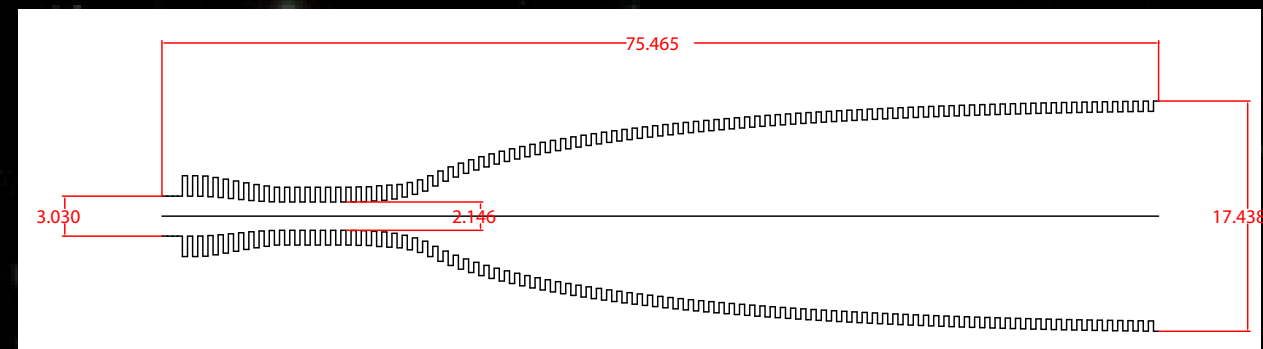
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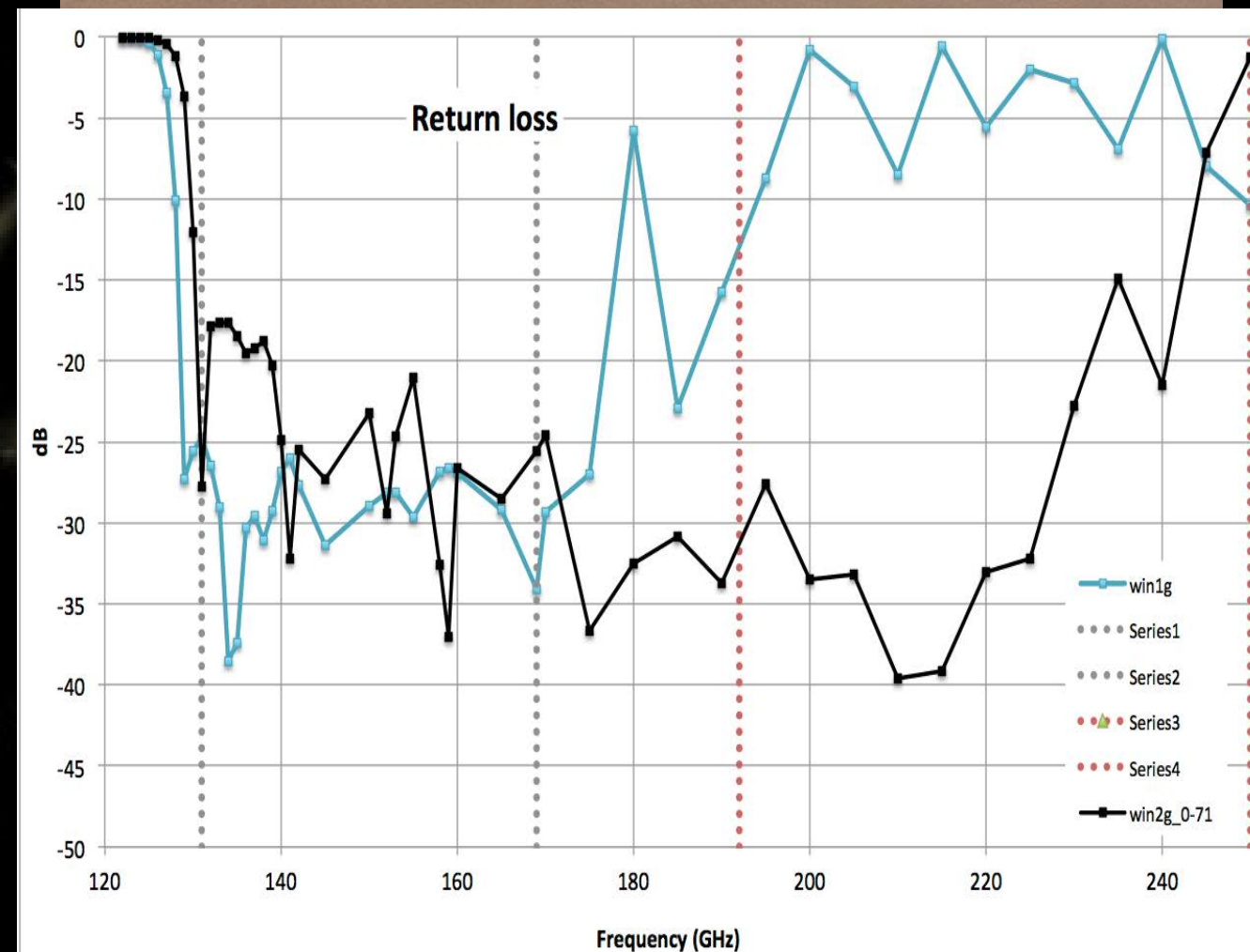
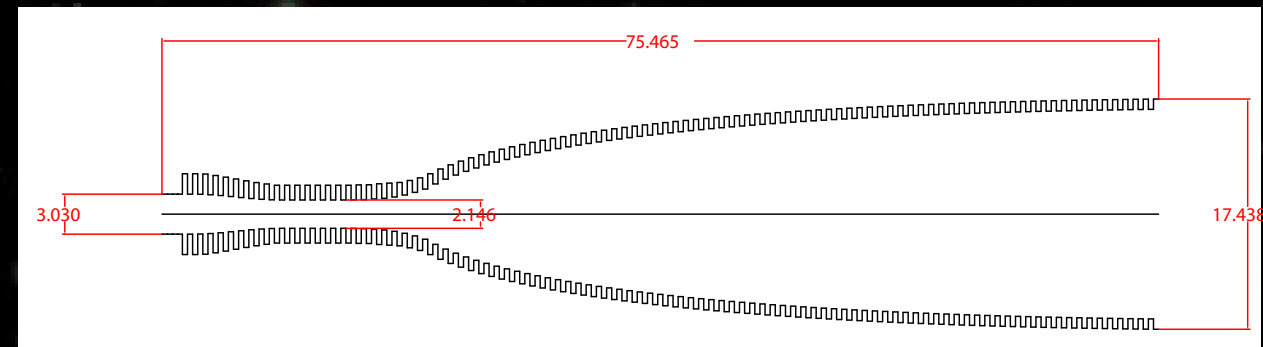
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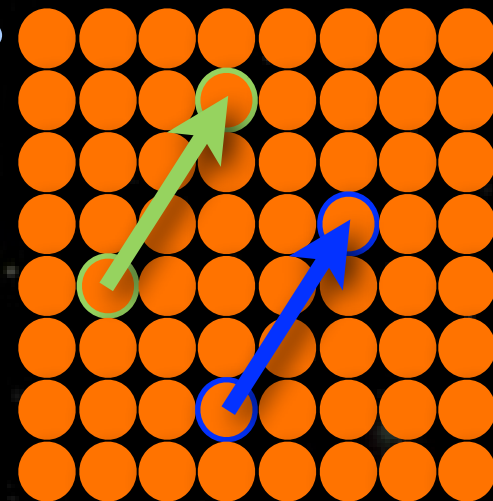
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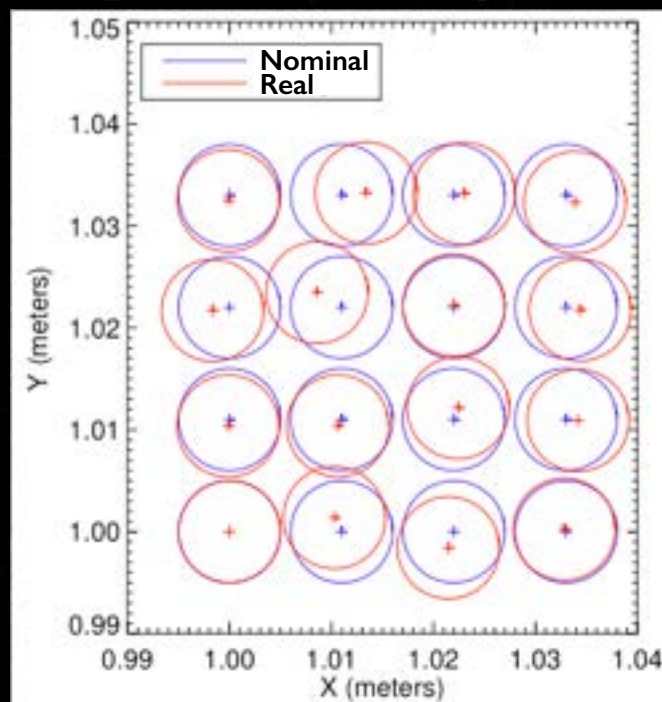
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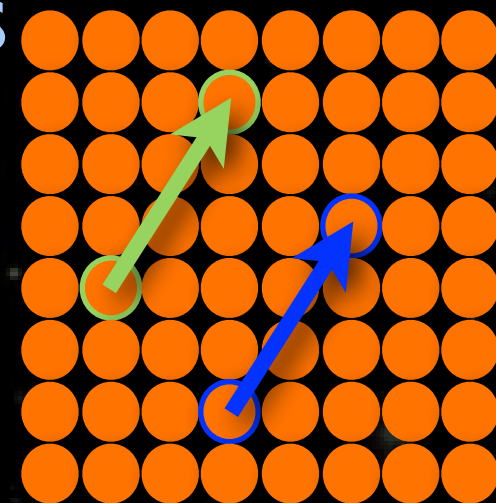
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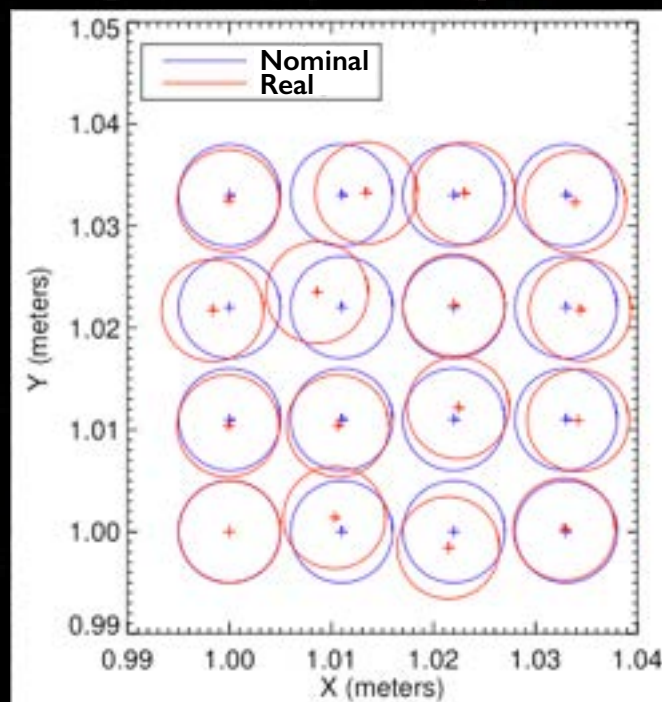
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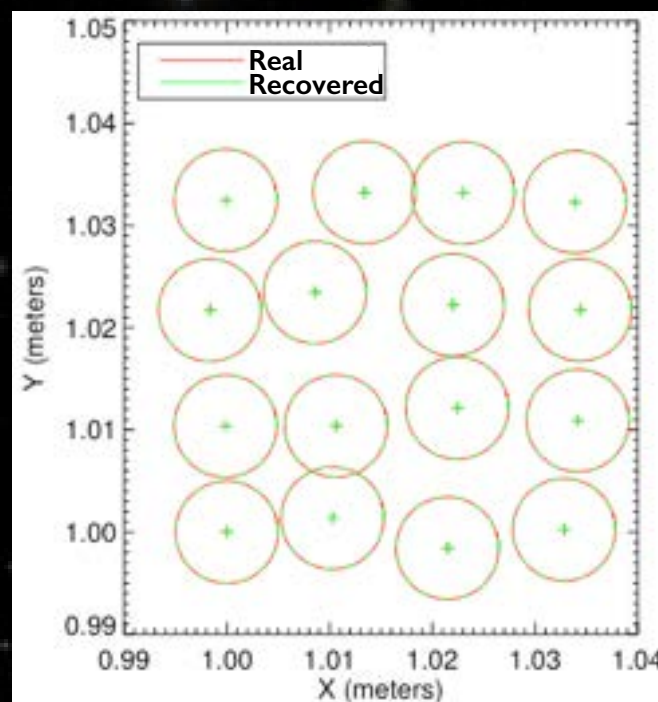
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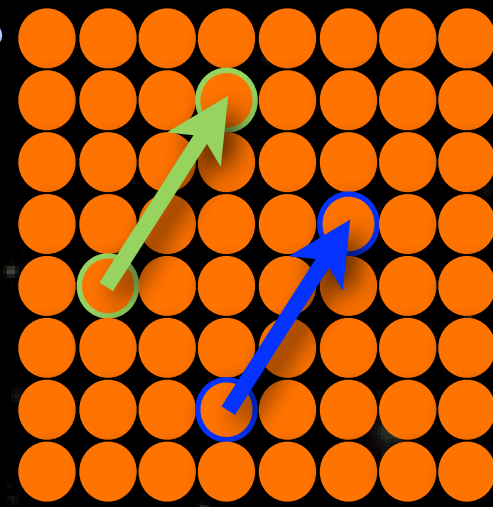
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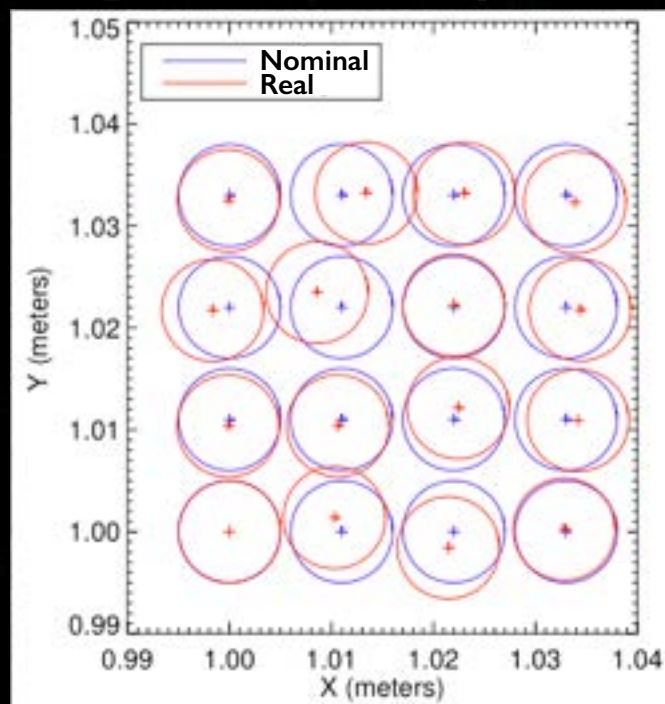
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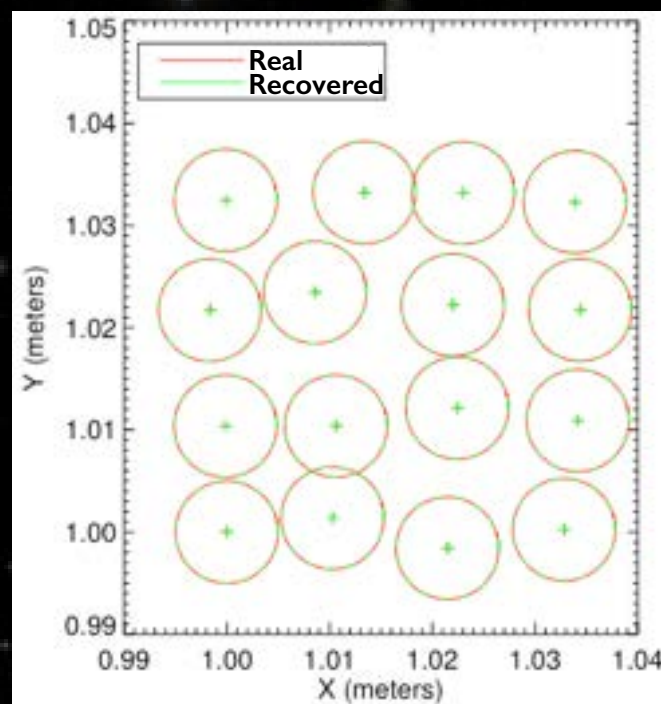
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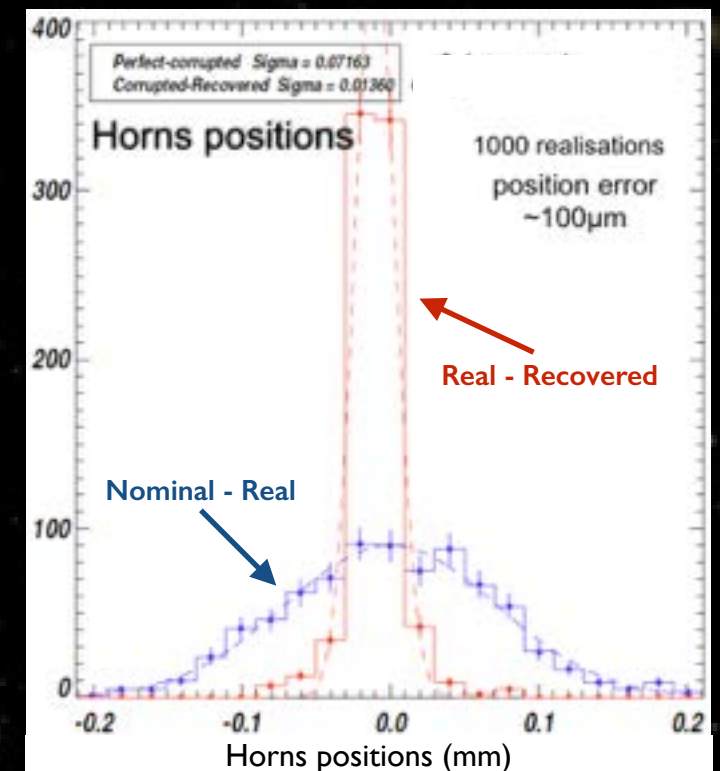
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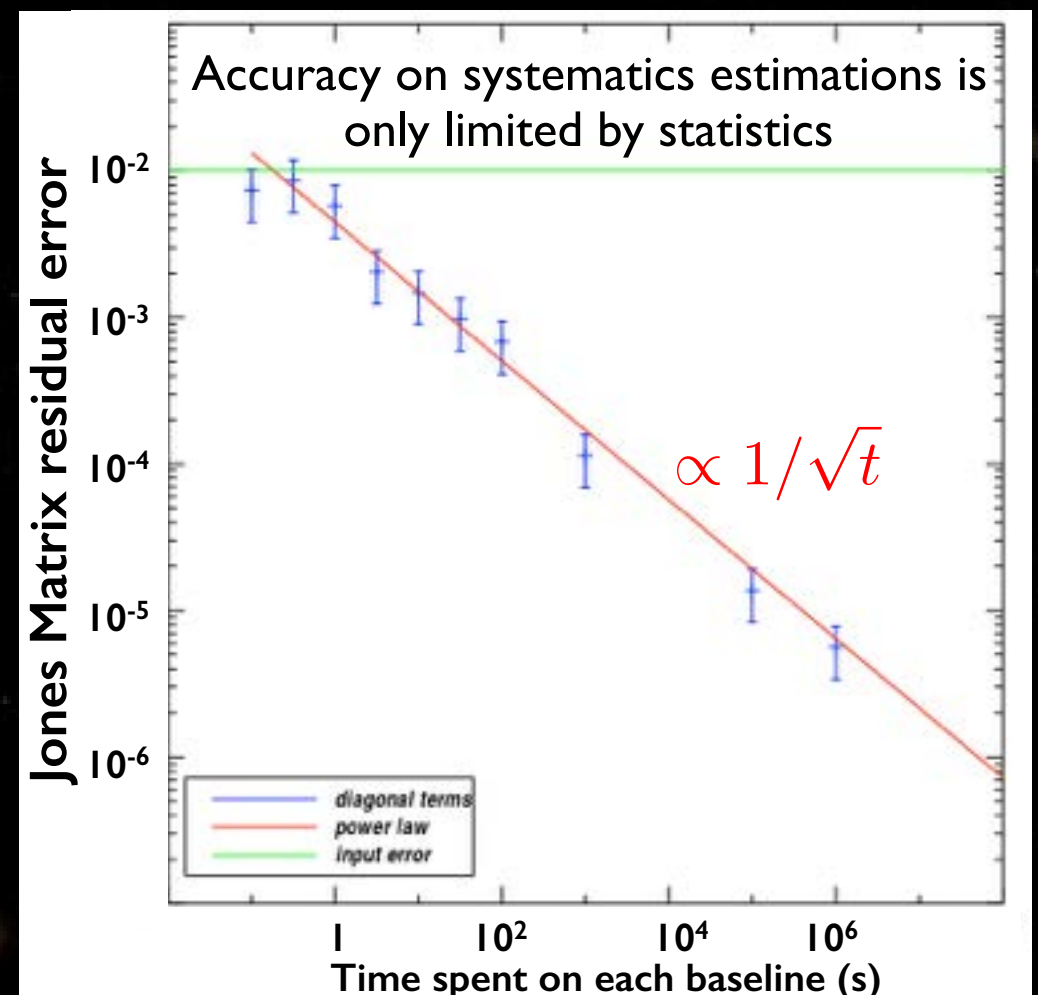


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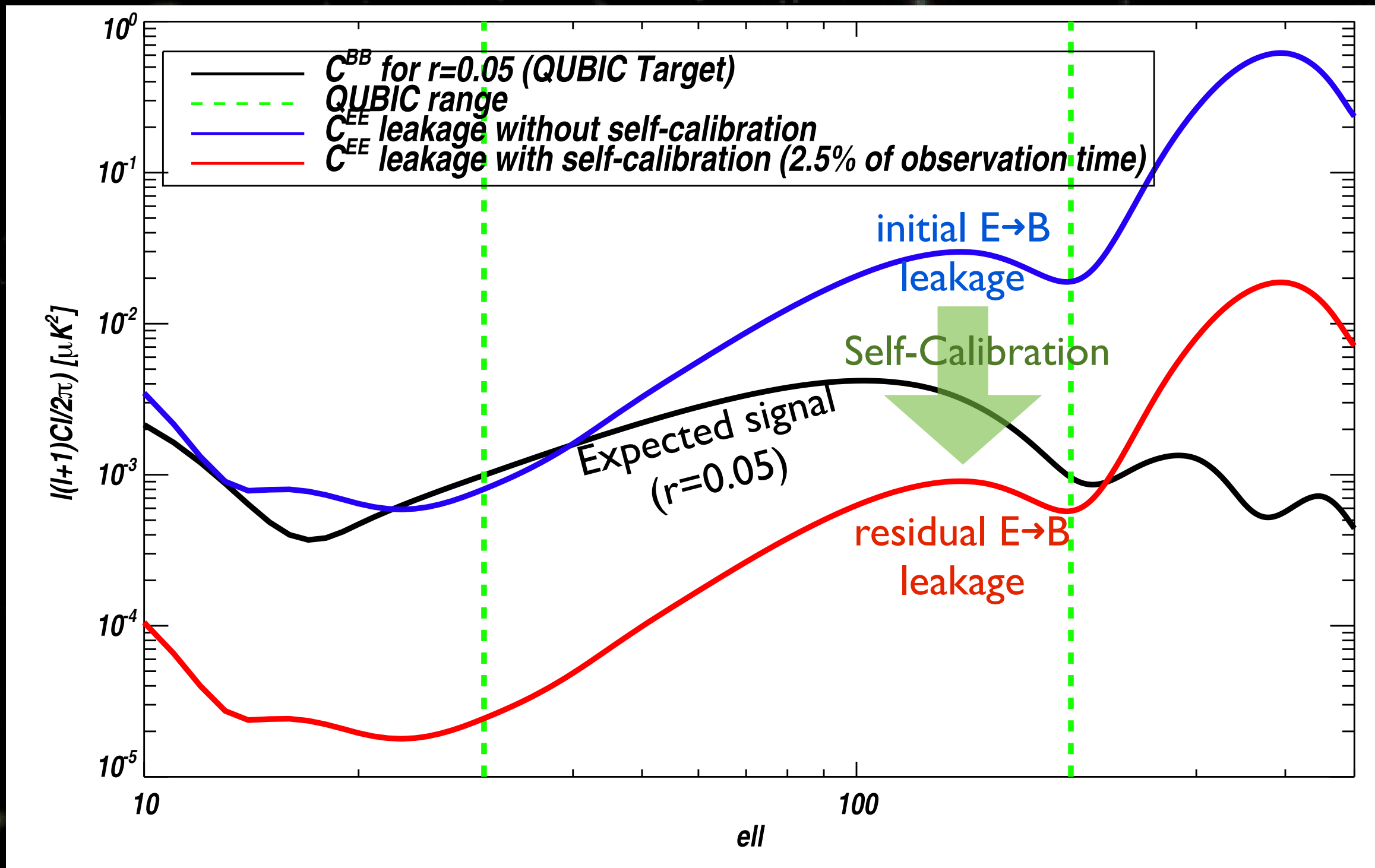
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h_η	0.01	1.18×10^{-4}	84	7.27×10^{-6}	1375
ξ_η	0.01	1.24×10^{-4}	80	5.81×10^{-6}	1722

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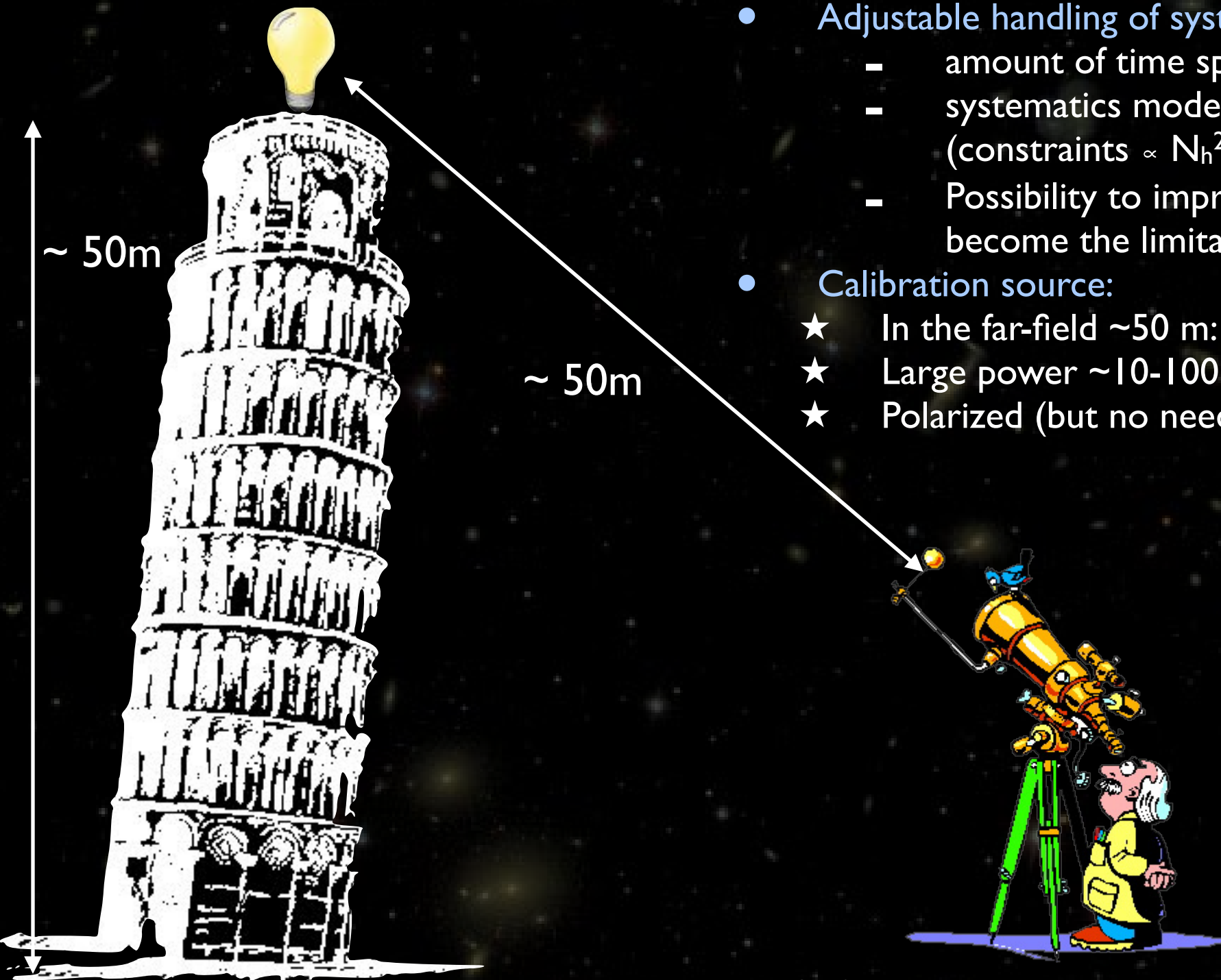
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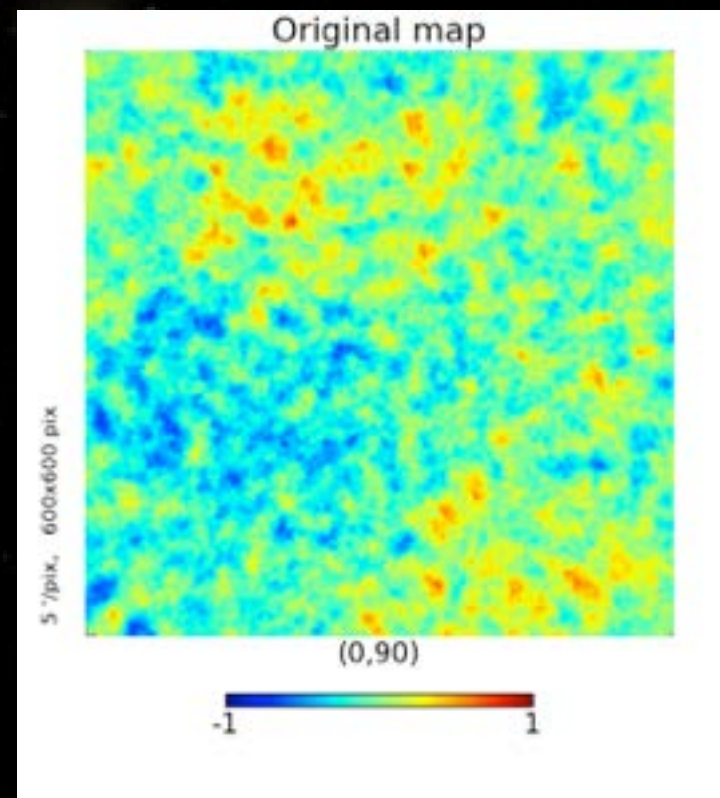
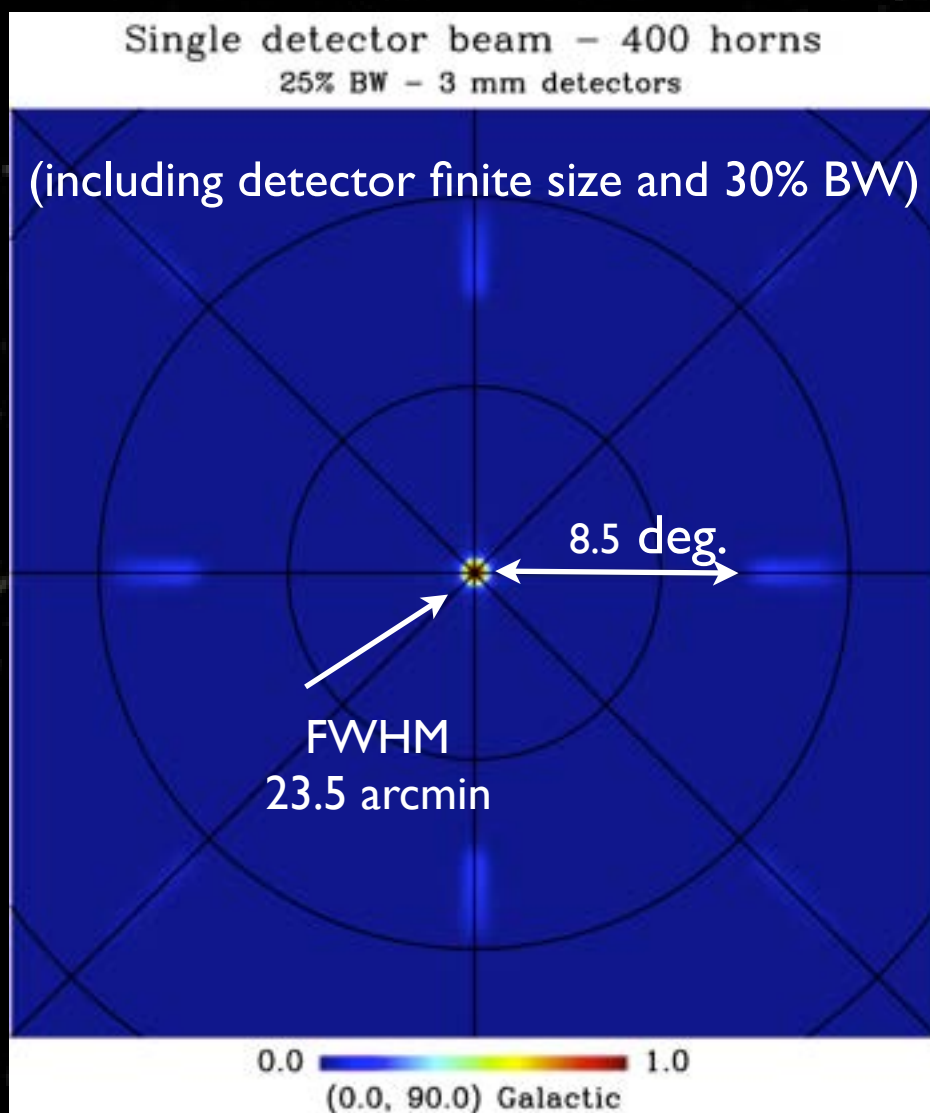
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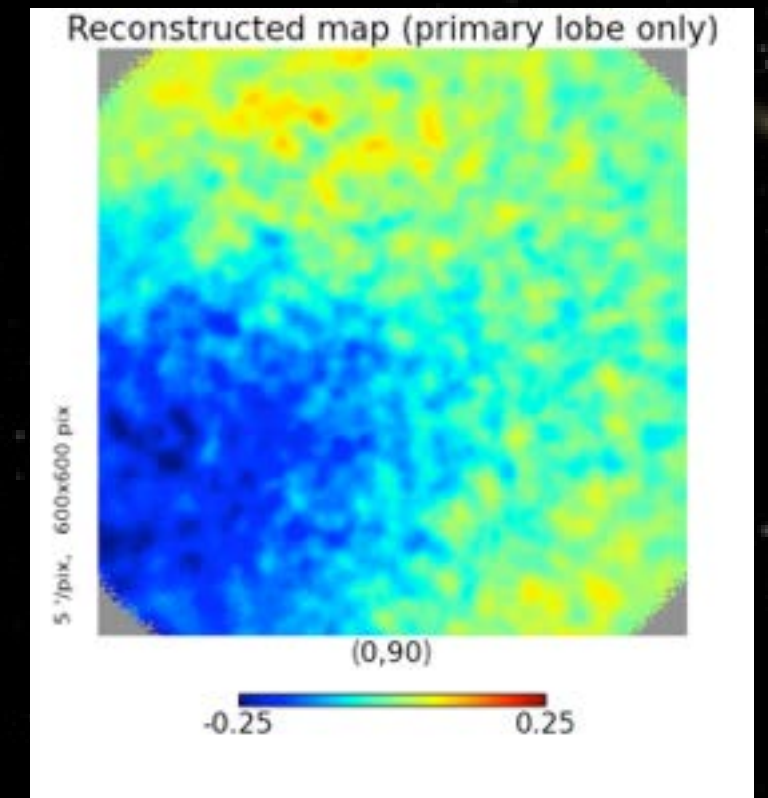
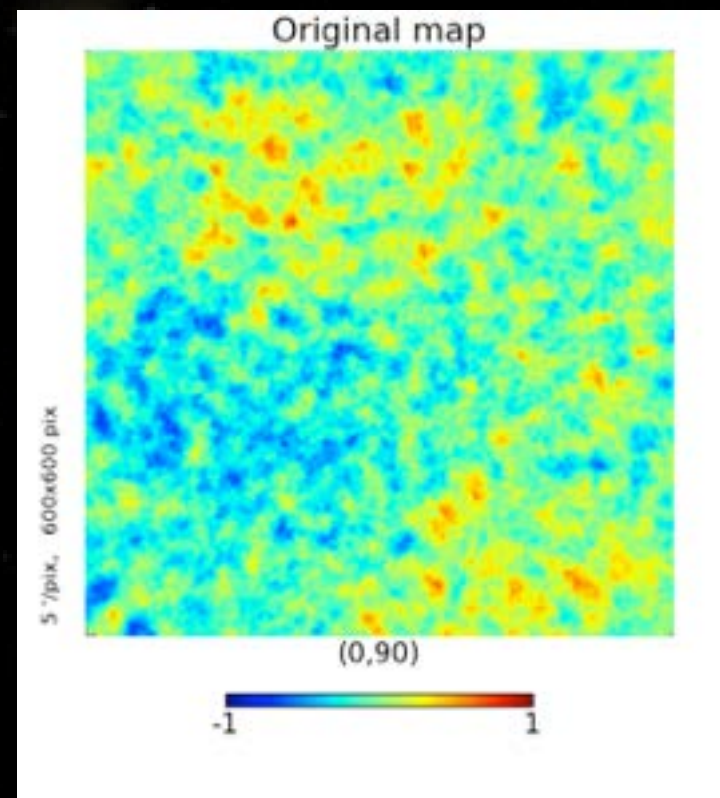
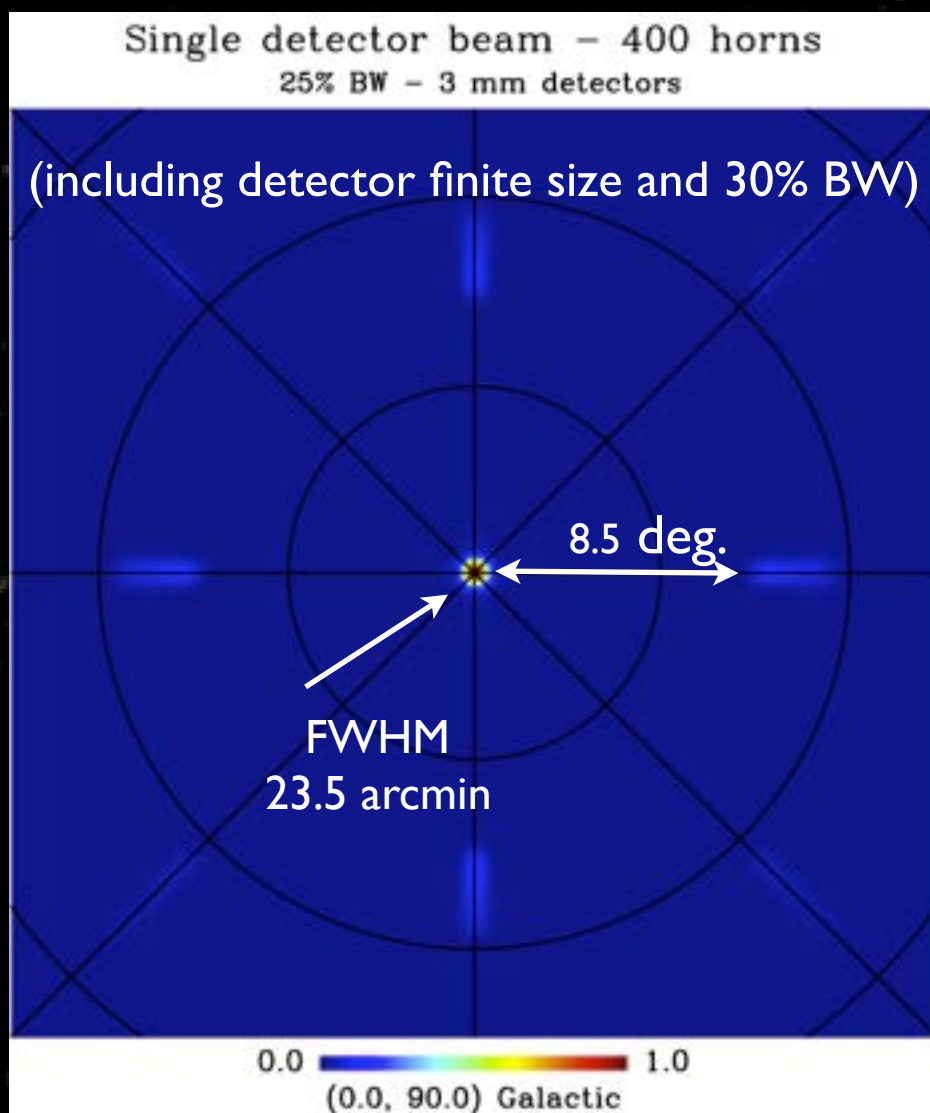
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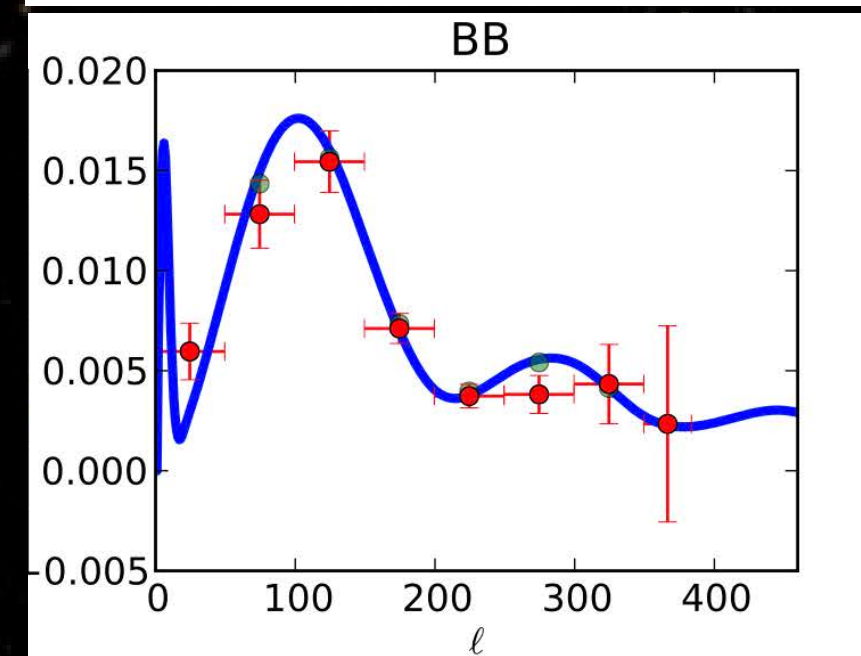
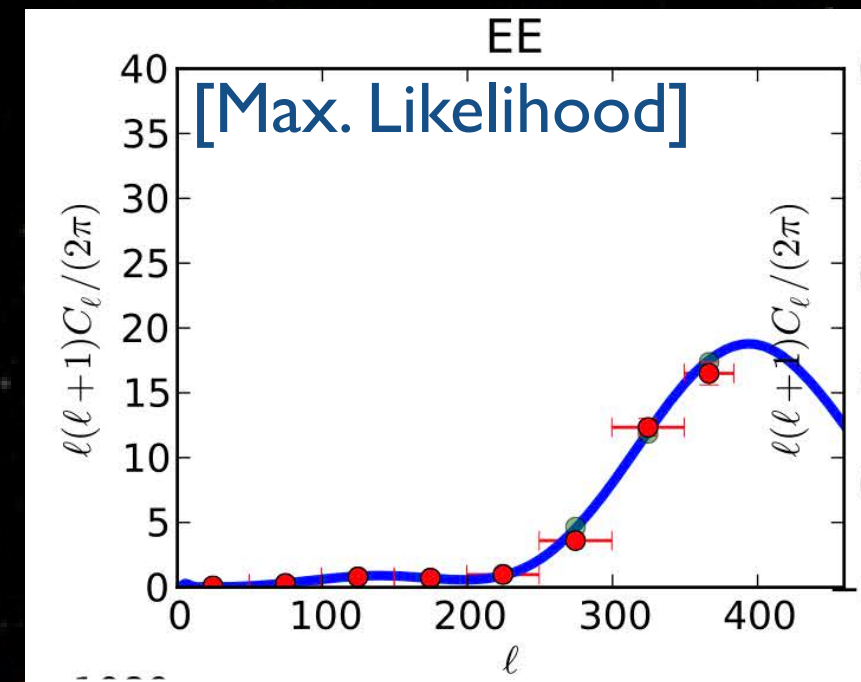
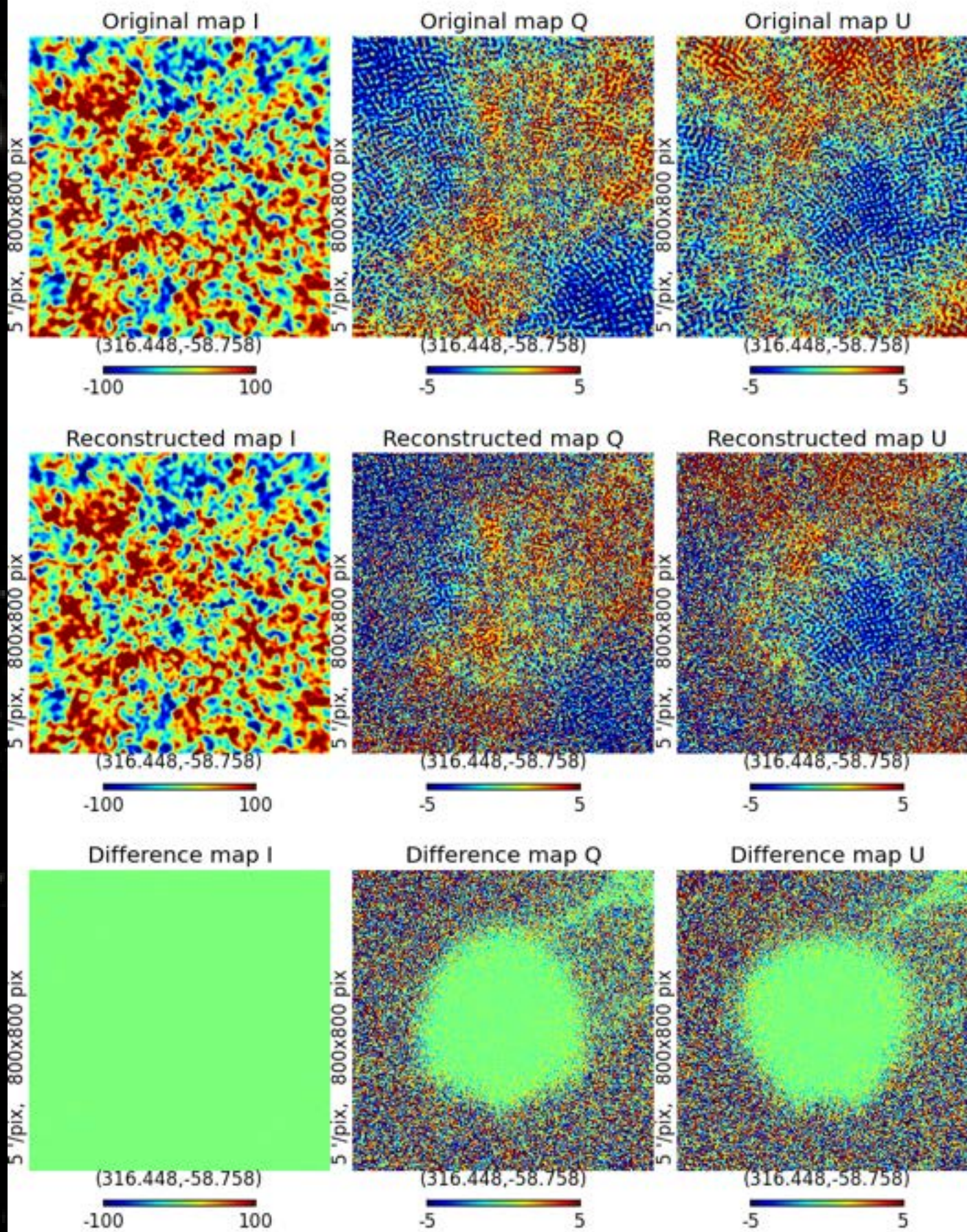
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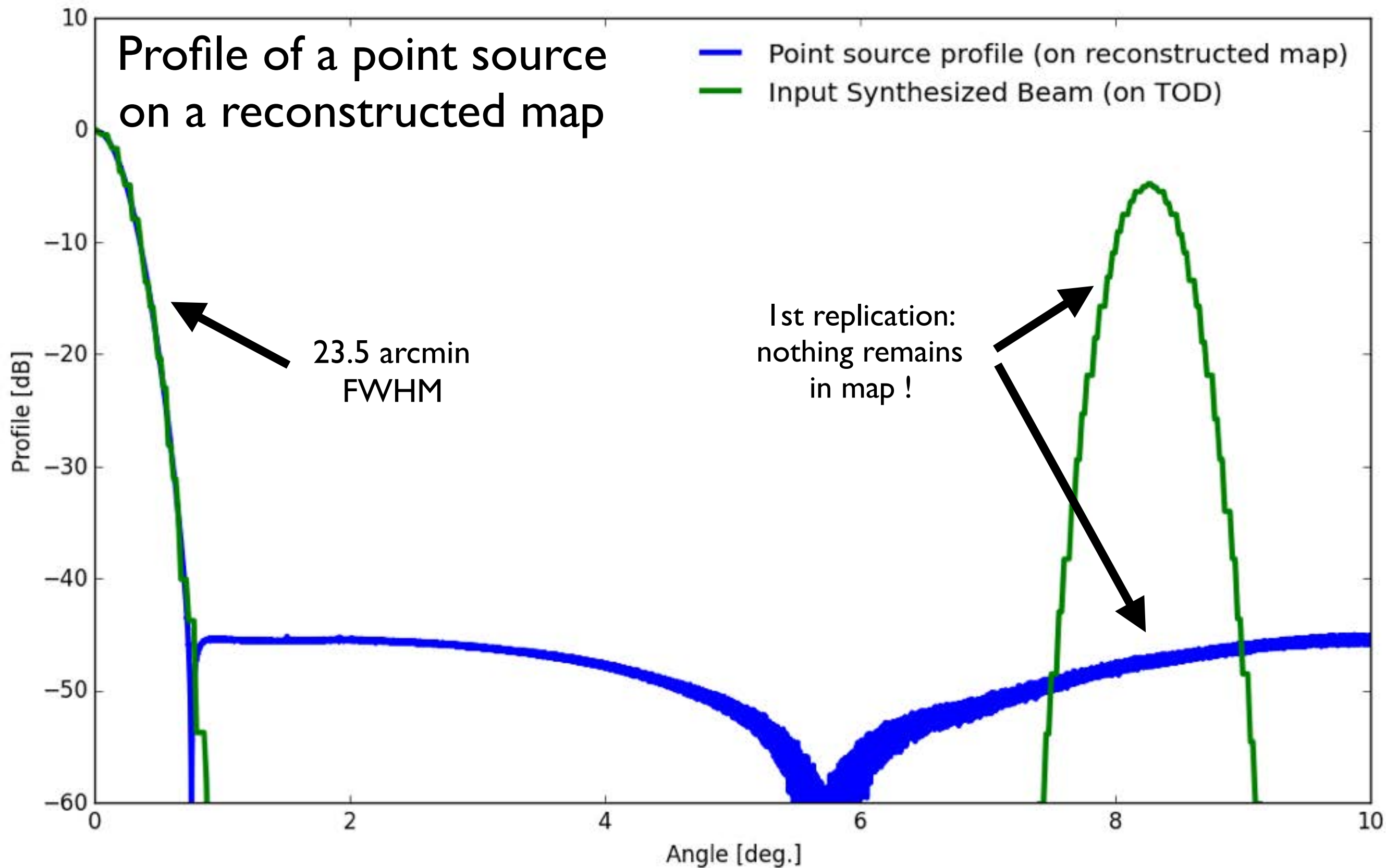
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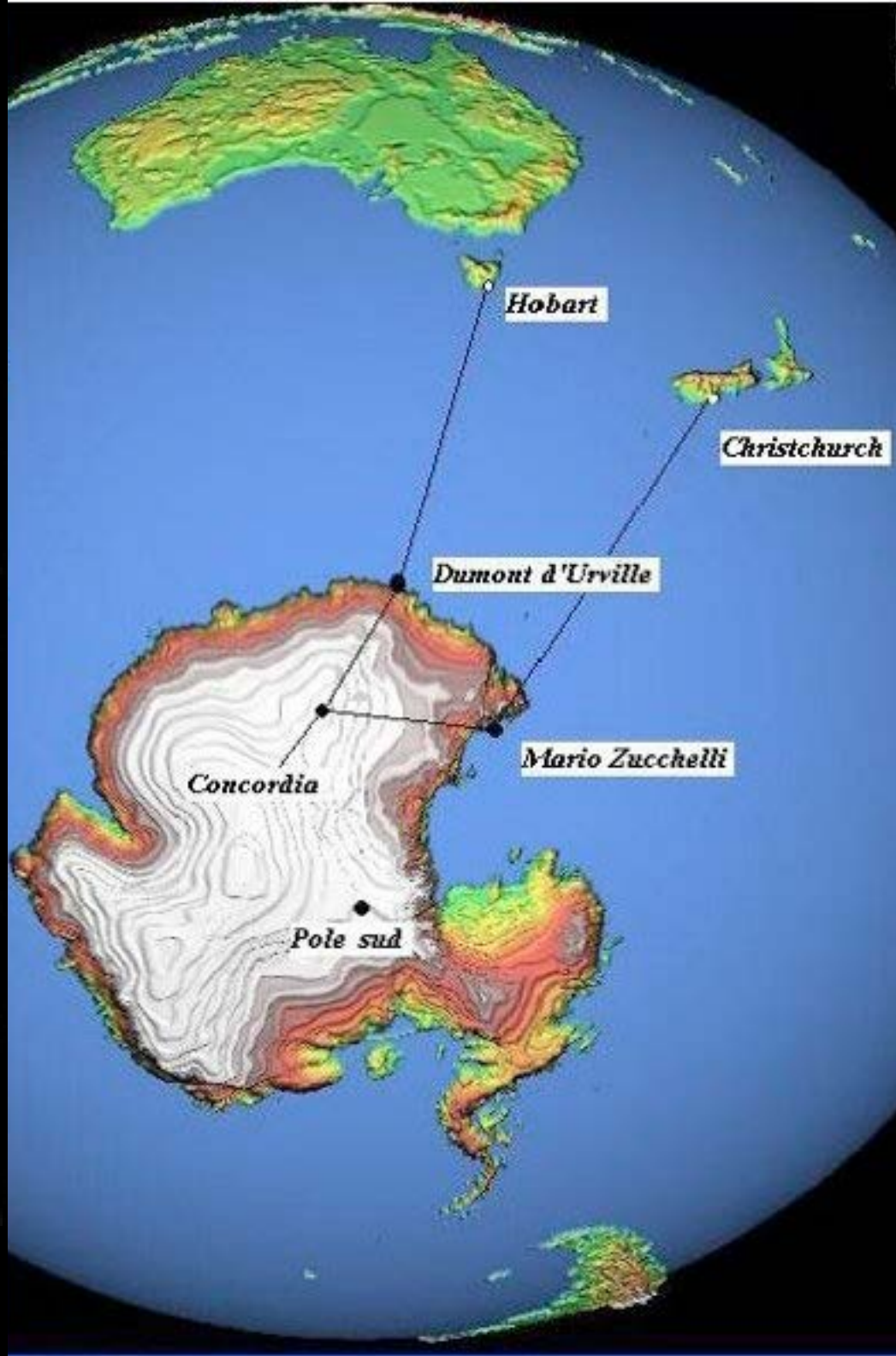
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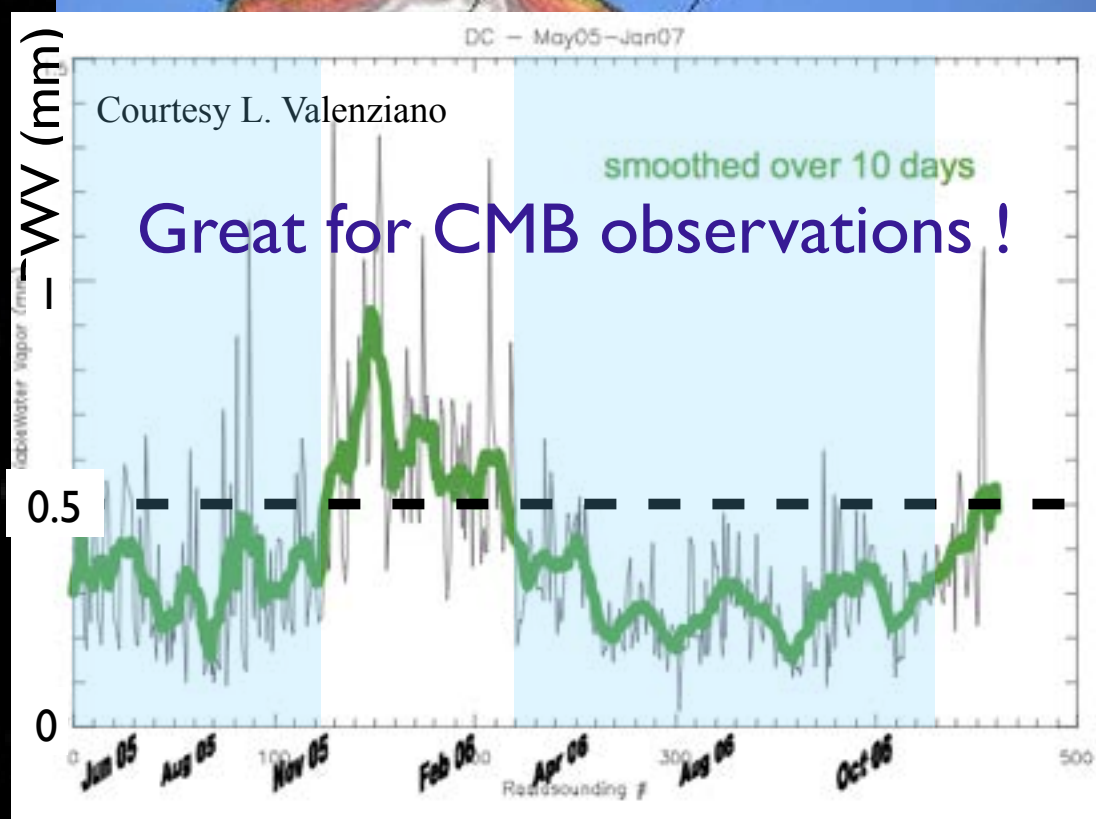
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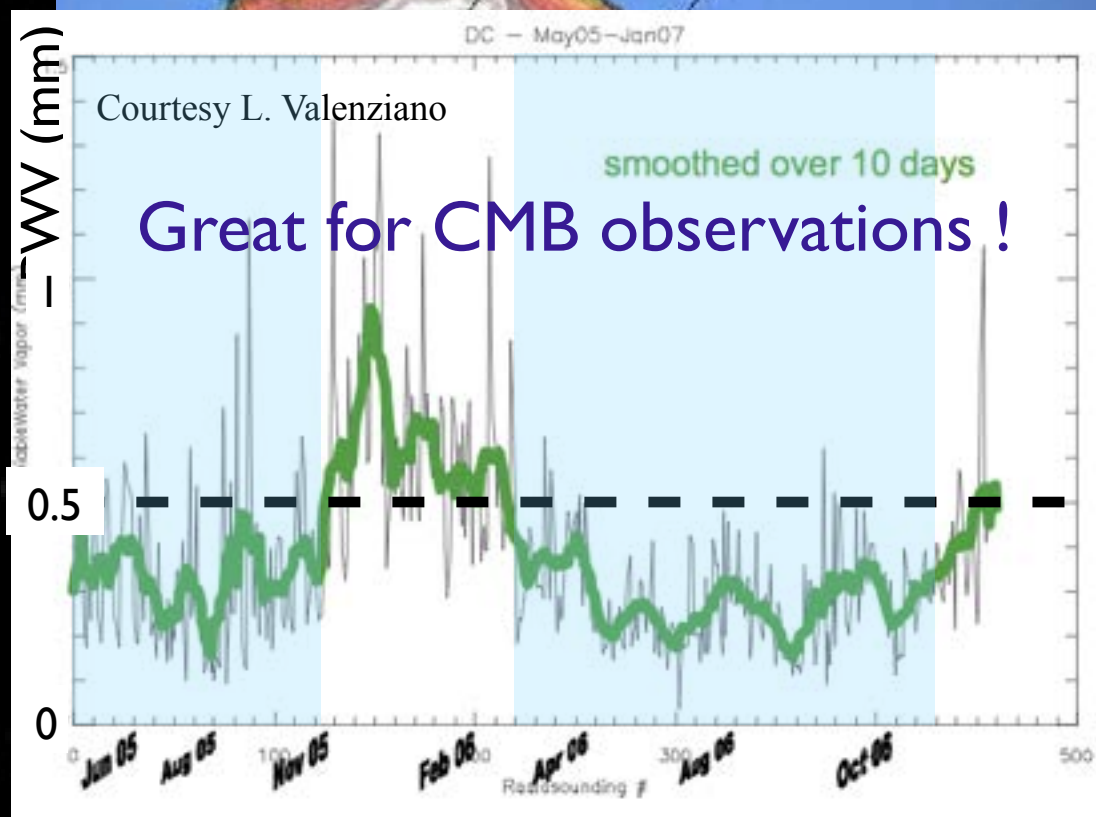


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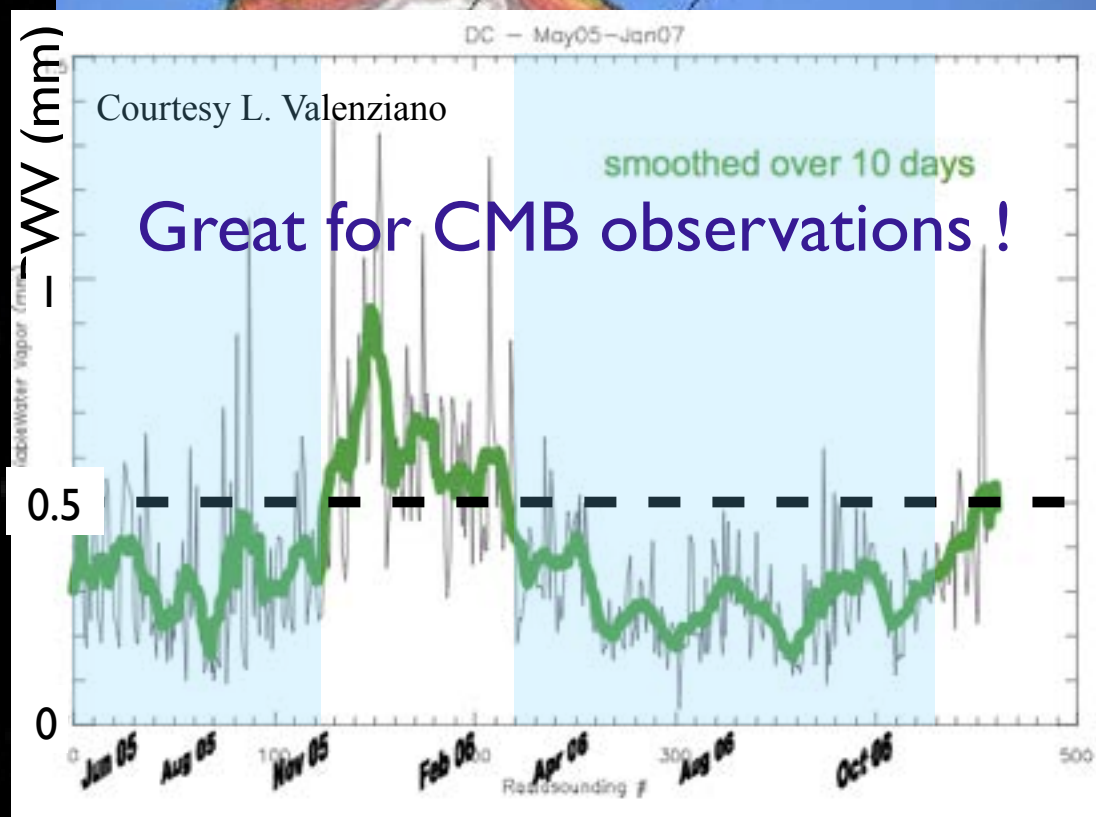
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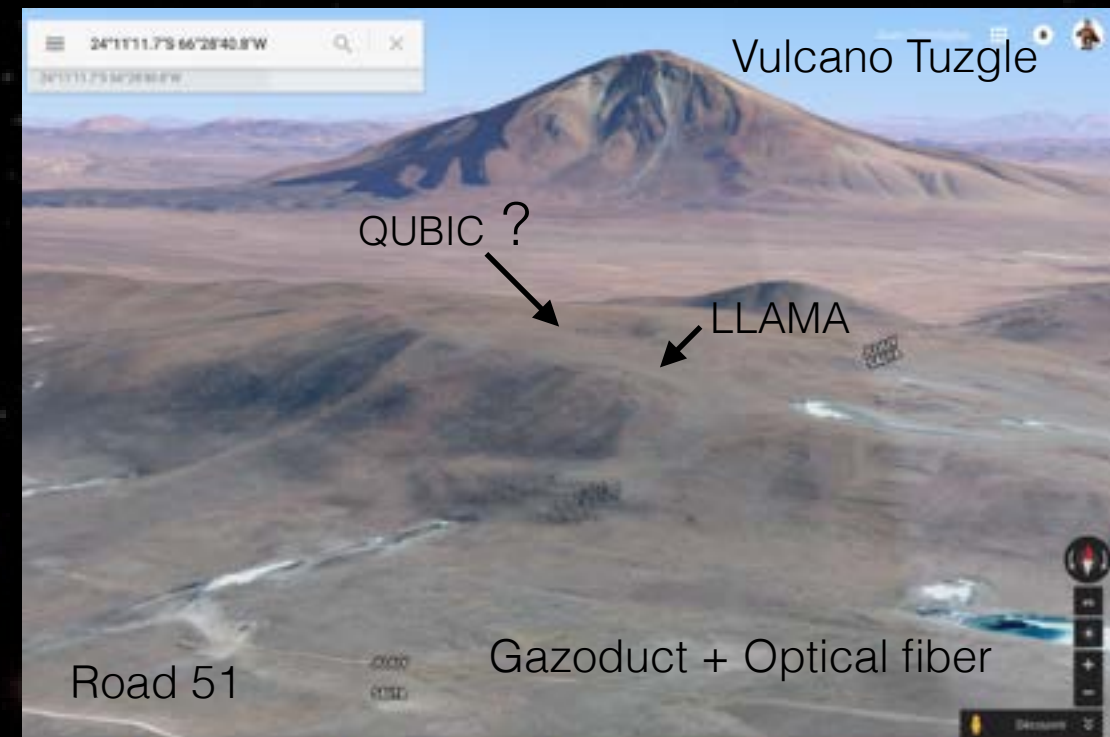
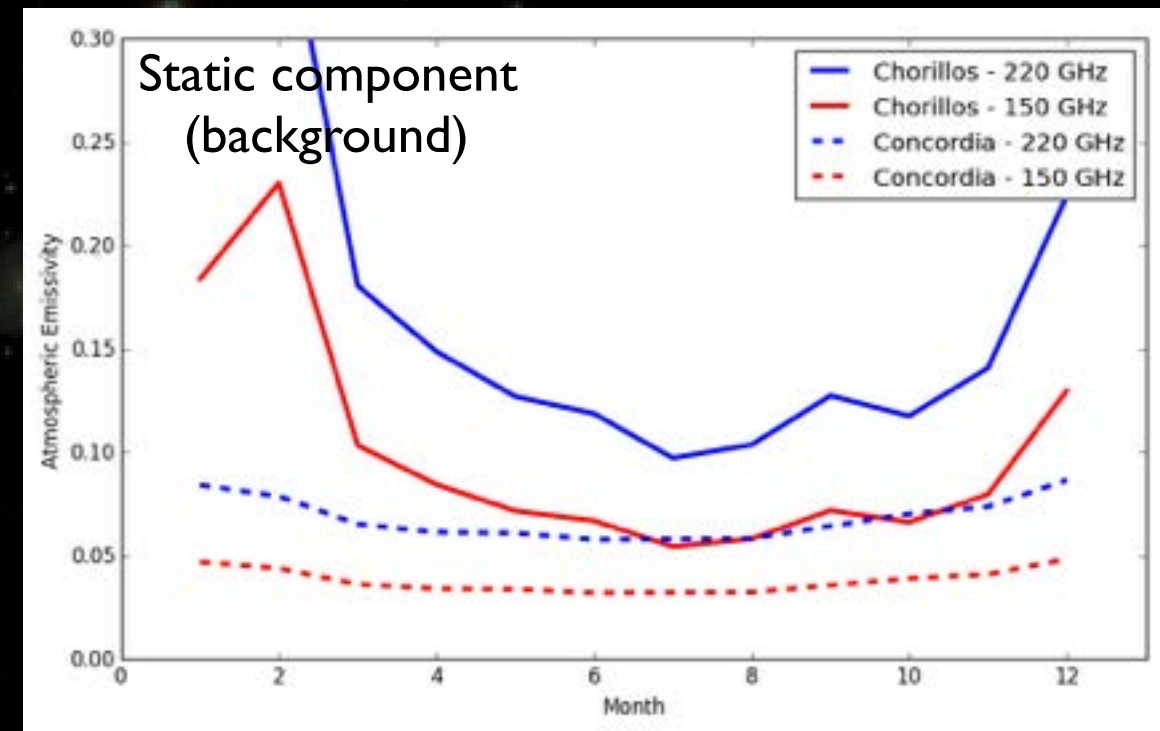
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 - Impossibility to repair instrument
 - Spatial-like preparation
- ★ 1st large scale experiment deployment at Concordia



QUBIC Alternative site: Alto Chorillo, Argentina

- High quality site:
 - ★ Argentinian Puna: 5000m a.s.l.
 - ★ ~ 180km from Chajnantor (Atacama)
 - ★ factor 2-3 higher emissivity than Dome C $\Rightarrow$ factor 1-3 on r sensitivity
- Logistics based on that of LLAMA
 - ★ 40 min. drive from San Antonio de los Cobres
 - ★ 4h drive from Salta (airport, ...)
 - ★ Large power + network available on site
 - ★ Logistics (roads, water, buildings on the mountain and downtown) being constructed
 - ★ No need to form winteroverers



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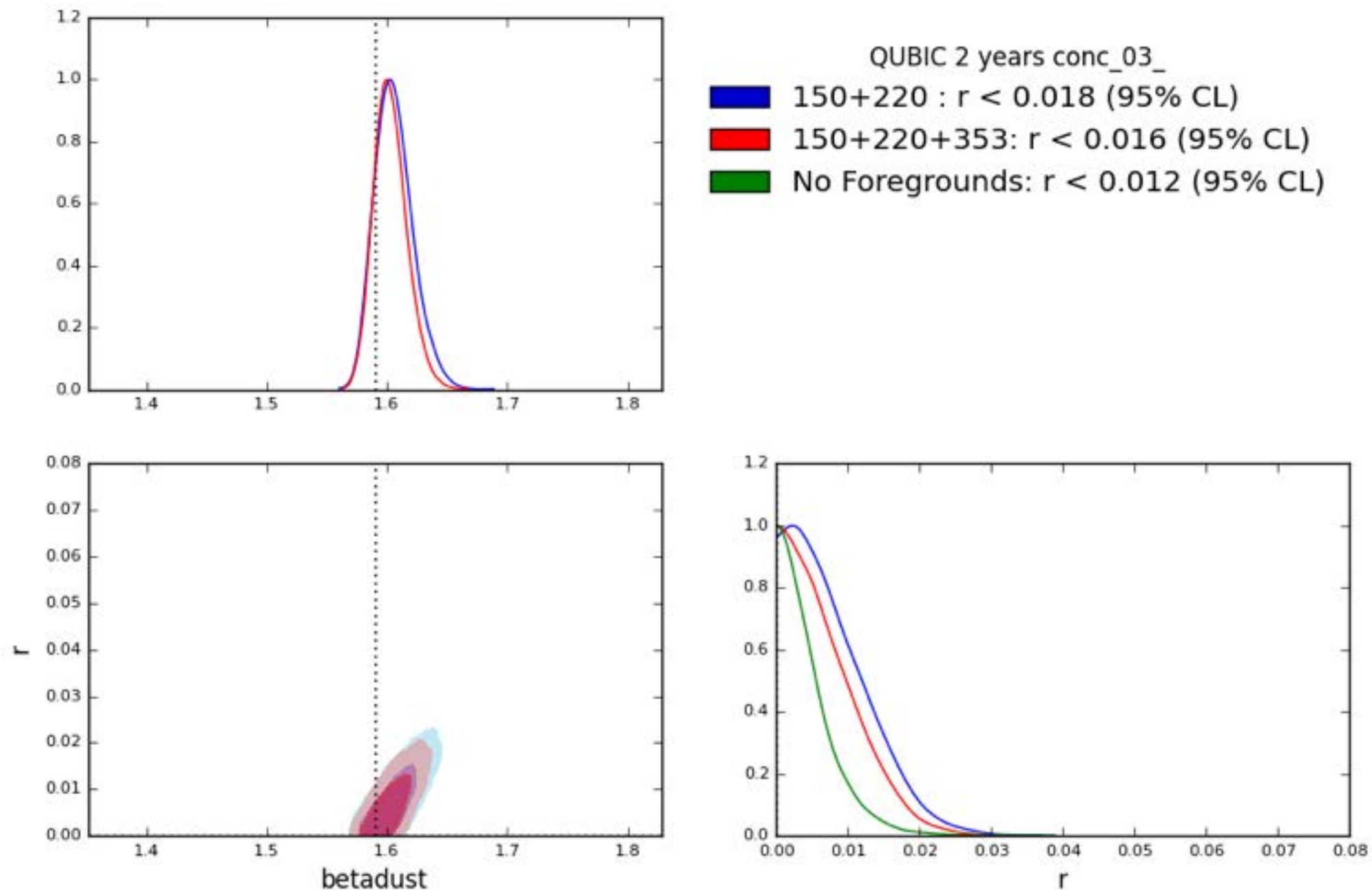
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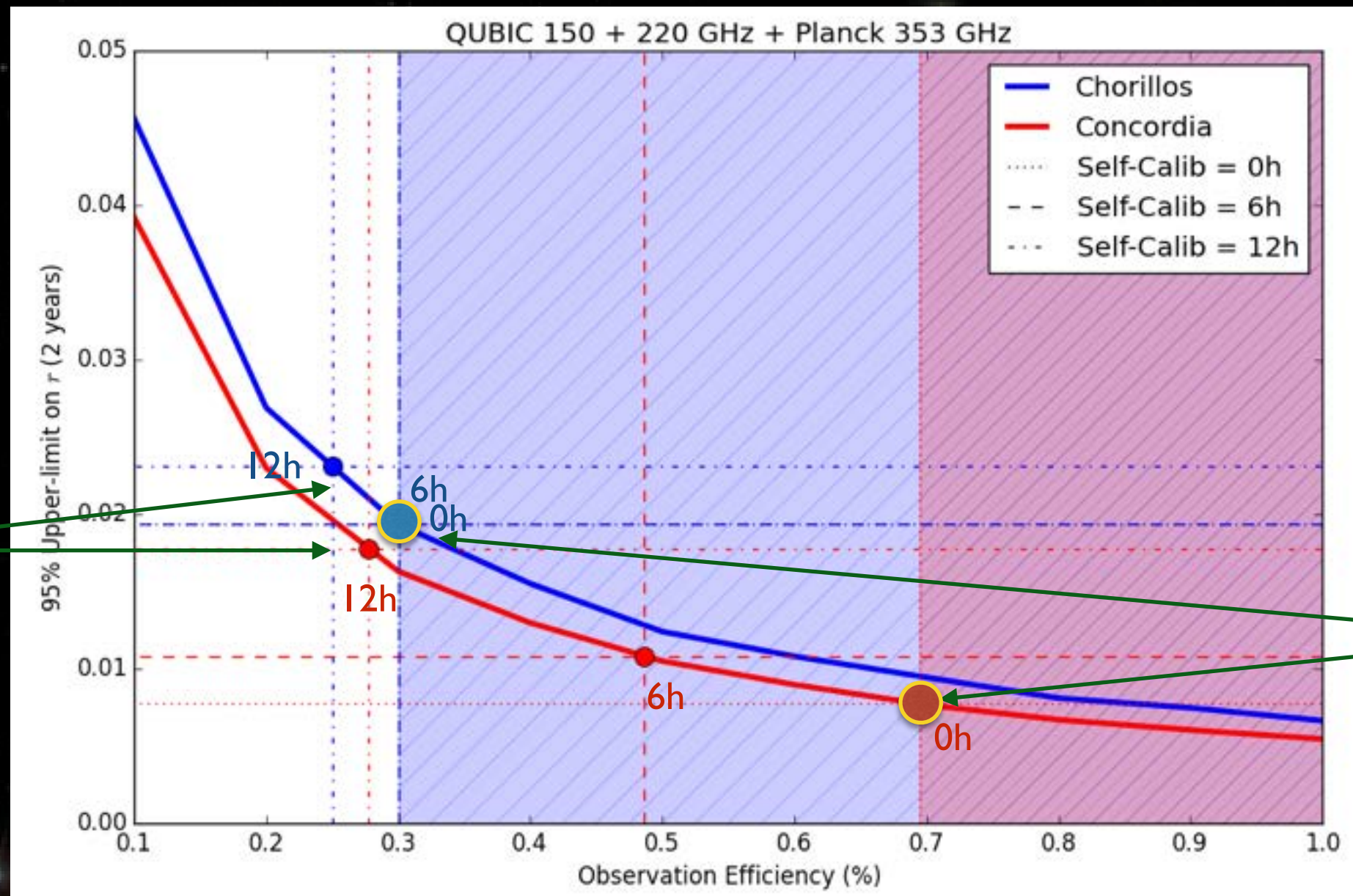
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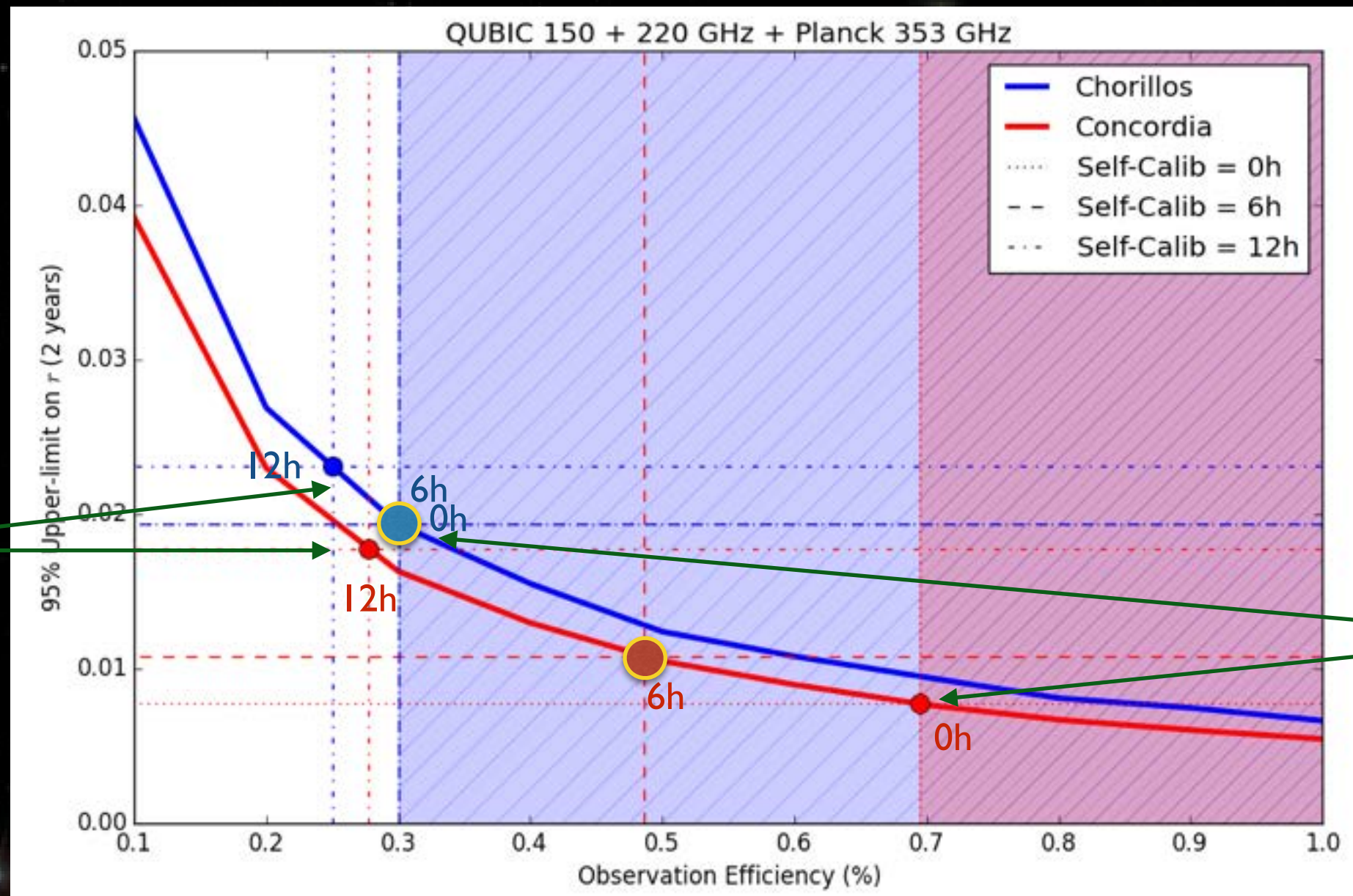
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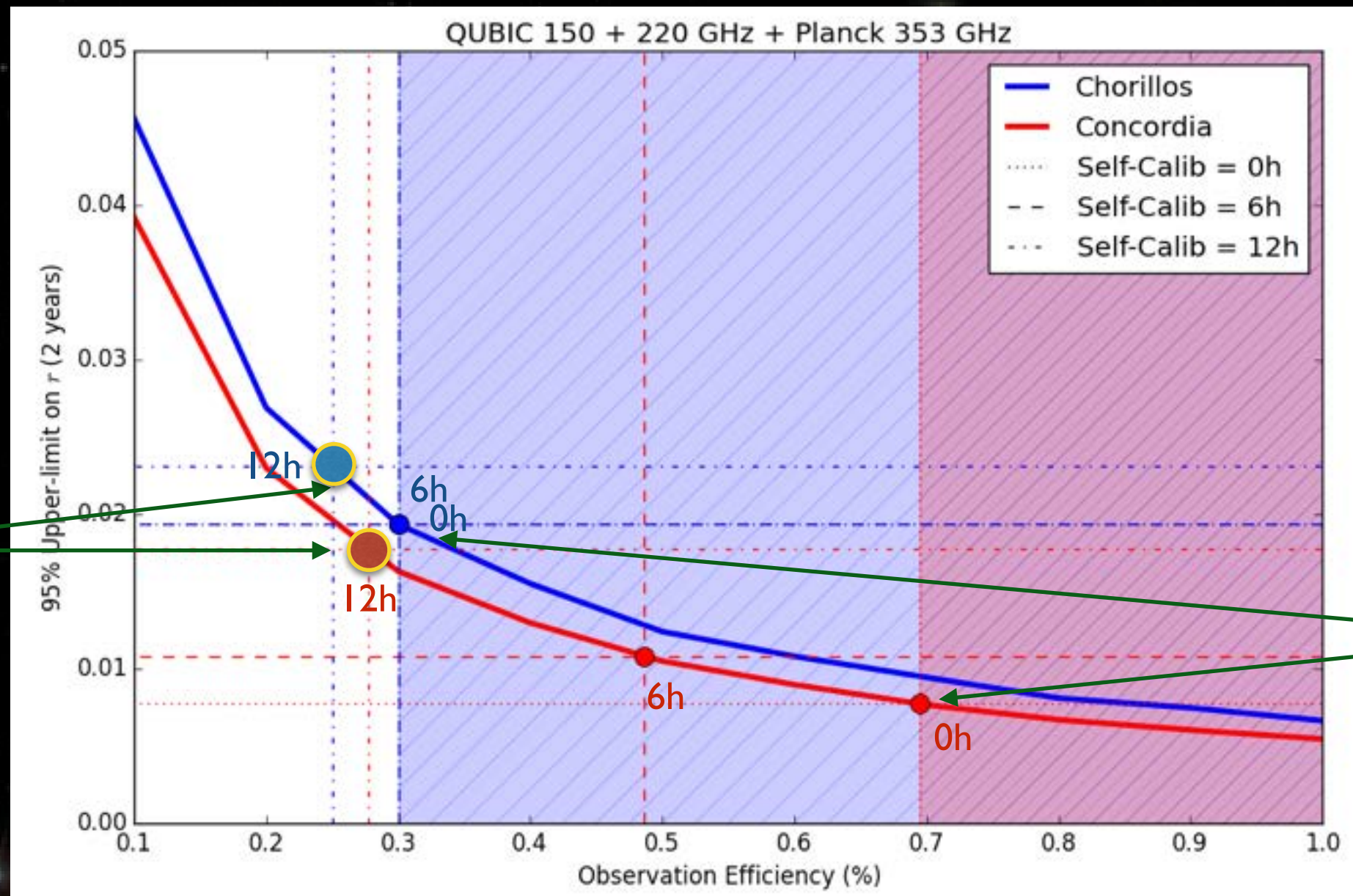
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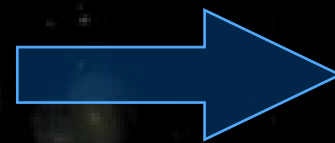
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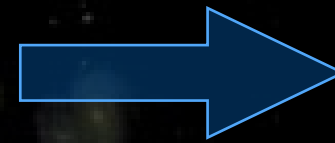
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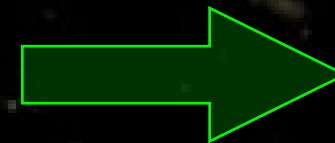


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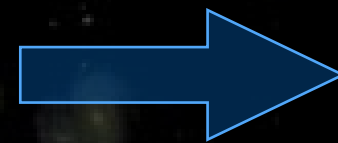
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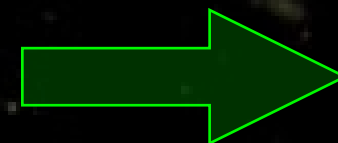


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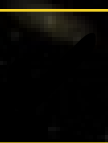


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Validation of
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- QUBIC 1st Module: End 2017

- ★ 400 horns array
- ★ nominal mirrors
- ★ 1024 TES / frequency
- ★ Laboratory testing
- ★ Deployment on site and operations



B-mode search
 $r < 0.02$ in 2 years



2016

2017

2018

2019

Focal Plane testing:

- 256 TES
- 128:1 Mux

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Installation
 Commissioning

Operations

(Argentina,
 benefiting from
 LLAMA
 Infrastructure)

(Antarctica,
 Logistics
 by IPEV/PNRA)

Installation
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Two hypotheses
 for site



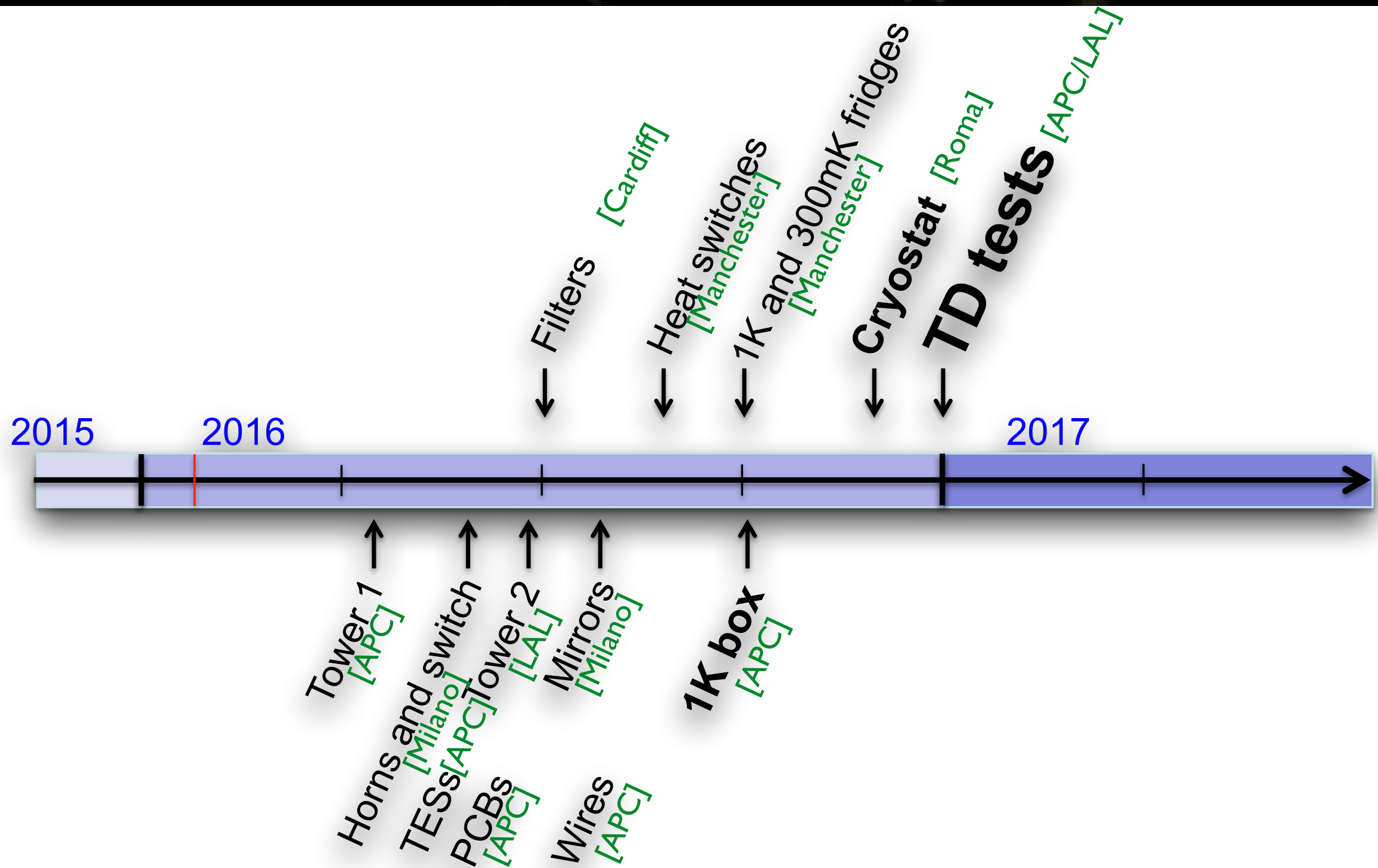
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Timeline for Tech. Demonstrator



QUBIC in a worldwide perspective

Project	Lead	Location	Status	Frequencies	Ang. Res.	Science goals	
						No foregrounds	With Foregrounds
QUBIC 1st module	France	Antarctica / Argentina ?	Late 2017	150, 220	Low	$r = 0.01$ (95%CL)	$r=0.02$ (95%CL)
BICEP/Keck	U.S.A	Antarctica	Running	95, 150, 220	Low	$r = 0.01$	-
ABS	U.S.A.	Chile	Running	150	Low	Technological	(HWP)
CLASS	U.S.A.	Chile	> 2016	40, 90, 150	Low	$r = 0.02$	-
SPTpol	U.S.A.	Antarctica	Running	95	High	Lensing (neutrinos) + r (but $l > \sim 300$)	
ACTpol	U.S.A.	Chile	Running	100, 150	High	Lensing (neutrinos) + r (but $l > \sim 300$)	
PolarBear	U.S.A.	Chile	Running	95, 150, 220	High	Lensing (neutrinos) + r (but $l > \sim 300$)	
LSPE	Italy	Arctic	> 2016	43, 90, 95, 145, 245	Low	$r = 0.03$	-
EBEX	U.S.A.	Antarctica	> 2017 ?	150, 250, 410	Med.	$r = 0.01$	+ lensing
PIPER	U.S.A.	Multiple	2016 (low channels)	200, 270, 350, 600	Med.	$r = 0.01$	+ lensing
SPIDER	U.S.A.	Antarctica	Early 2015	95, 150 (220 later)	Low	$r = 0.01$	-

2015

2020

2025

Stage III

$r \sim 0.01$

Many separate projects
Technological exploration

In Europe: strong interest to join Stage III
(INFN Italy, NIKHEF Netherlands)

Stage IV

$r \sim 0.001$

Many instruments in Synergy
Distributed over good sites

Advanced QUBIC
as a Stage IV Instrument ?

Space Mission ?

International Collaboration
ESA / NASA / JAXA ?



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Summary (1/2)

- QUBIC is a novel instrumental concept
 - ★ Bolometric Interferometer optimized to handle systematics (self-calibration)
 - *Synthesized imager observing a selected range of spatial frequencies that can be accurately calibrated*
 - ★ Dedicated to CMB polarimetry and inflationary physics
 - ★ High sensitivity with ~ 2000 TES bolometers
 - ★ Dual Band (150 / 220 GHz): Dust contamination control
 - ★ Target :
 - First module (150 & 220 GHz): $r < 0.02$ at 95% C.L. (incl. dust)
 - Six modules (90, 150, 220 GHz) : $r < 0.003$ at 95% C.L. ?
 - A possible French/European contribution to CMB-S4 ?



Summary (2/2)

- ★ Baseline Location: Dome C, Antarctica
- ★ Exploring a site in Argentina as an alternative to Concordia
 - *Argentina could provide Logistics + Mount with NIKHEF*
 - *Strong political support from MINCYT, CONICET, French Embassy and Salta Province Governor (strong will to capitalize on clean sky).*
- ★ Budget is not fully secured (some parts of detection chain, mount)
 - *Ongoing discussions with new partners (Netherlands, Argentina, INFN...)*
- ★ A lot of work to be done ! ***Both on Hardware and Data Analysis***
 - *New collaborators welcome to join !*
 - *Non exhaustive list of possible new / complementary contributions:*
 - ▶ *Data Analysis and Simulations*
 - ▶ *Mechanical design (Mount), Mechanical Fabrication (Mount, I K box, mirrors)*
 - ▶ *Warm electronics (FPGA),*
 - ▶ *Microelectronics (TES Bonding & Integration, cryogenic wiring, ...)*

