# 220/280 GHz Multichroic Feedhorn-Coupled TES Polarimeters for CMB Measurements

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### Distinguishing foregrounds from the cosmic microwave background (CMB)

The Simons Observatory Collaboration, 2019



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### NIST multichroic feedhorn coupled approach



Advanced ACTPol high frequency band



Pixel Array

Feedhorns

1 in

1 cm

NIS

Datta, R. et al., 2016 (ACTPol Collaboration)

#### A state of the art array at 90/150 GHz has ~2000 TES bolometers.

### **NIST TES polarimeter program**



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# Simons Observatory (SO)



Large ground-based CMB experiment in the Atacama Desert with four telescopes.

Planned to begin observations in the early 2020s. Instrument details

- 1 large-aperture 6-m telescope (LAT) to map small angular scales.
- 3 small-aperture 0.5-m refracting telescopes (SATs).
- 6 observation frequencies: 27, 39, 93, 145, **225**, 280 GHz.
- Total of 60,000 bolometric sensors.

See Galitzki, N., et al. 2018 for more instrument details and The Simons Observatory Collaboration 2019 for more science details.

### 155. TES characterization, Poster, 17:45pm,

July 23rd, Jason Stevens

205. SATs overview, Poster, 17:45pm, July 23rd, Aamir Ali

220. Readout assembly architecture, Orals LM 002, 9:00am, July 24th, Heather McCarrick

286. Kilopixel-scale readout, Orals LM 002, 9:15am, July 24th, Bradley Dober

340. Readout overview, Poster, 17:45pm, July 25th, Maximiliano Silva-Feaver

101. Assembly and integration, Poster, 17:45pm, July 25th, Yagiong Li

322. Hemispherical lens arrays, Poster, 17:45pm, July 25th, Shawn Beckman

298. Sensitivity forecasting, Poster, 17:45pm, July 25th, Carlos Sierra

# UHF pixel (190-315GHz)

a 960µm diameter waveguide orthomode transducer (OMT).

**b** 220/280GHz diplexer (4 total).

**c** 220 or 280 GHz band optimized hybrid tee.

**d** and **e** 4 optical TESs, one for each polarization and passband. Also, two non-optically coupled, or dark, TESs (not shown).





## a Planar orthomode transducer (OMT)



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# **b** Diplexer



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## Challenge: Filtering multiple waveguide modes

- Issue: The circular waveguide supports multiple modes, but we only wish to measure the single lowest order mode, TE11.
- Coupling to multiple modes impacts:
  - Polarization response
    Angular resolution

### Two termination schemes, A and B



A: Hybrid tee + distributed resistor

Approach taken by NIST and NASA/Goddard (J. McMahon et al. 2011).



#### **B: Lumped, differential resistor**

Approach taken by UC Berkeley (M. Meyers et al. 2006).

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# **c** A termination: Hybrid





## d A termination: Nb to Au transition and TES



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## e B termination: Termination resistor and TES



As fabricated

Total impedance: 21.6Ω Material: PdAu

### **Optical efficiency experimental setup**

Optical efficiency determined by measuring power change in detectors as a function of temperature change of a cryogenic blackbody (lower left).

The 4-pixel test board is also shown (right).



### dP vs. dT, 220 (left) and 280 (right)



dPload calculated for a single-mode includes simulated passbands and corrections for free space filter loss.

## **UHF optical efficiency**

Туре	Raw	With dark subtraction	Optical efficiency is defined as:
220A	96.9% ± 1.4%	78.0% ± 2.2%	dP
<b>220</b> B	99.7% ± 3.9%	80.5% ± 5.6%	$\eta = \frac{1}{dP_{I}}$
280A	98.9% ± 3.8%	73.3% ± 3.7%	ur Load
280B	105.4% ± 3.4%	79.8% ± 3.8%	

- Our prediction of optical efficiency for our experimental setup, accounting for loss due to the diplexer and OMT, is 90.7% for 220 and 91.5% for 280.
- In the table above, loss due to free space filters external to our feedhorns has been corrected for.
- Uncertainty is a quadrature error of N=21 (7 dT points and measured on 3 different days).

## **UHF optical efficiency summary**

- Using either a hybrid tee and distributed resistor (A) or lumped termination resistor (B) for filtering multiple waveguide modes yields equivalent optical efficiency and passbands.
- The measured values for optical efficiency in the 220 and 280 GHz bands are about 11.5% and 15% lower than the expected values, respectively. This discrepancy might be explained by one or a combination of the following:
  - 1. Less coupling to the OMT than we expect because the waveguide gap is larger than 25µm above/below the probes.
  - 2. We are over subtracting power when we perform the dark subtraction. In dark subtraction, we assume the power coupled to a dark bolometer is the same as the direct pickup in the optical detectors.
  - 3. We actually do have 11.5% and 15% more loss in our horn/detector system.

## Conclusions

1.0

0.8

9.0 Besponse 0.4

0.2

0.0

- 1. We have demonstrated a working prototype of a multichroic feedhorn-coupled 220/280 GHz detector pixel.
- 2. Measured passbands match well to simulations and optical coupling is good.





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## **Extra Slides**

## **Pload calculations**

We peak normalize our passband simulations and calculate the theoretical loading for our detectors as:

$$P_{load} = \int_{\nu_1}^{\nu_2} d\nu \frac{h\nu}{e^{x-1}} F_0(\nu) F_1(\nu) F_2(\nu)$$

 $x=h\nu/kT$  and  $F_i(\nu)$ , where i = 0,1,2 correspond to the peak normalized simulated passband, the 14icm filter response, and the 11icm filter response.

Pload was simplified using the assumption that the spectral radiance is described by a Planck blackbody and our detectors are single-moded.