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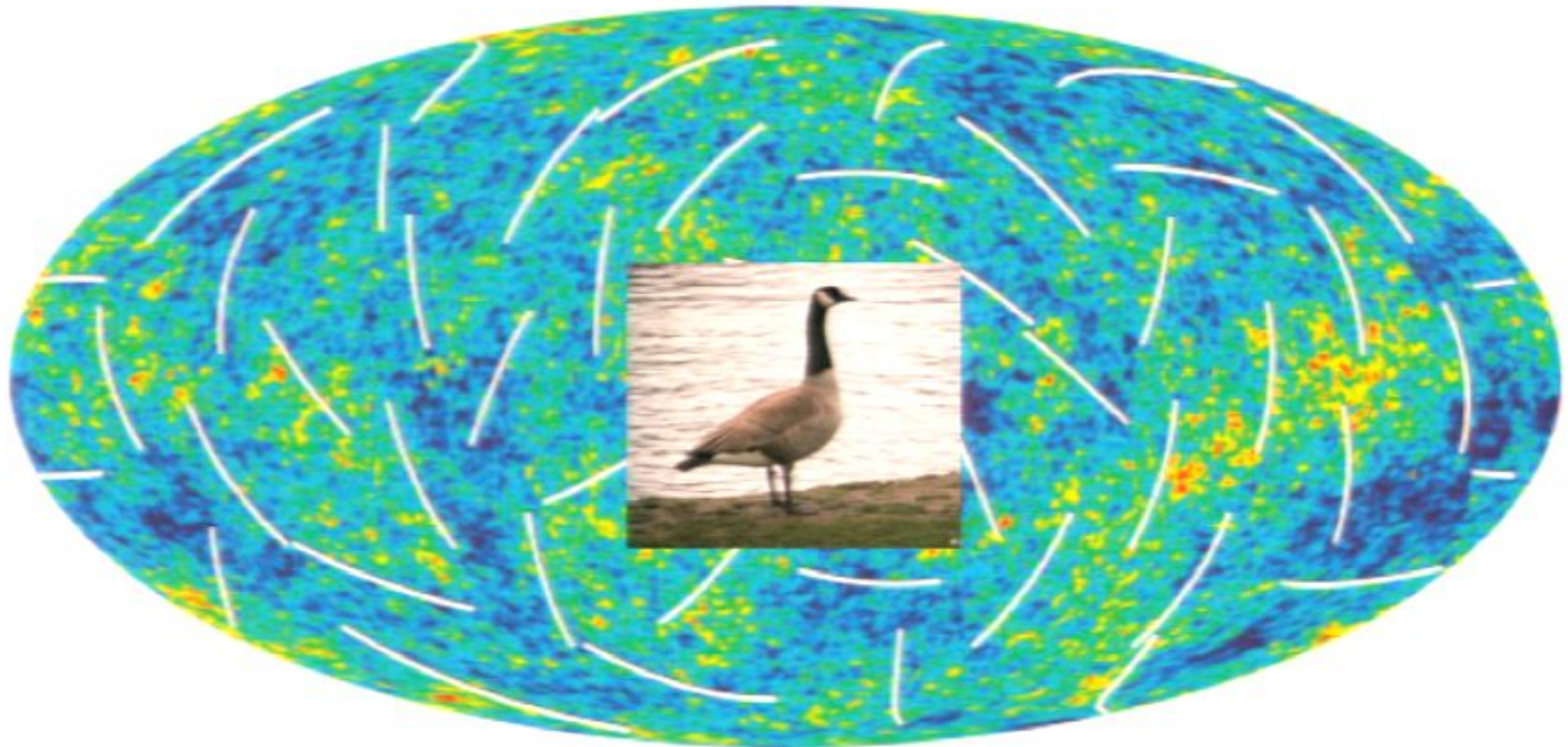
Abstract:

# Prospects for Detecting Primordial Gravitational Radiation via the **CMB**

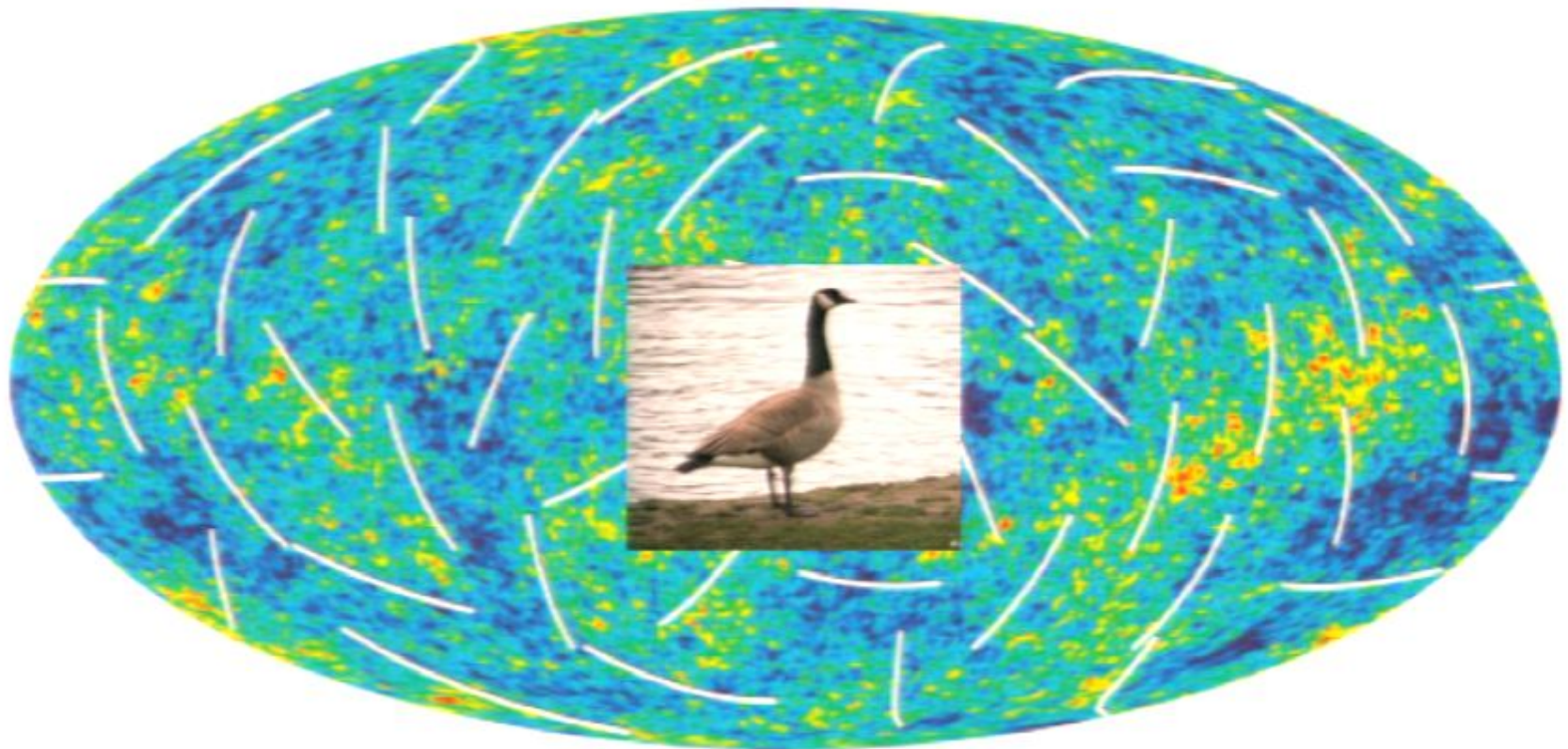


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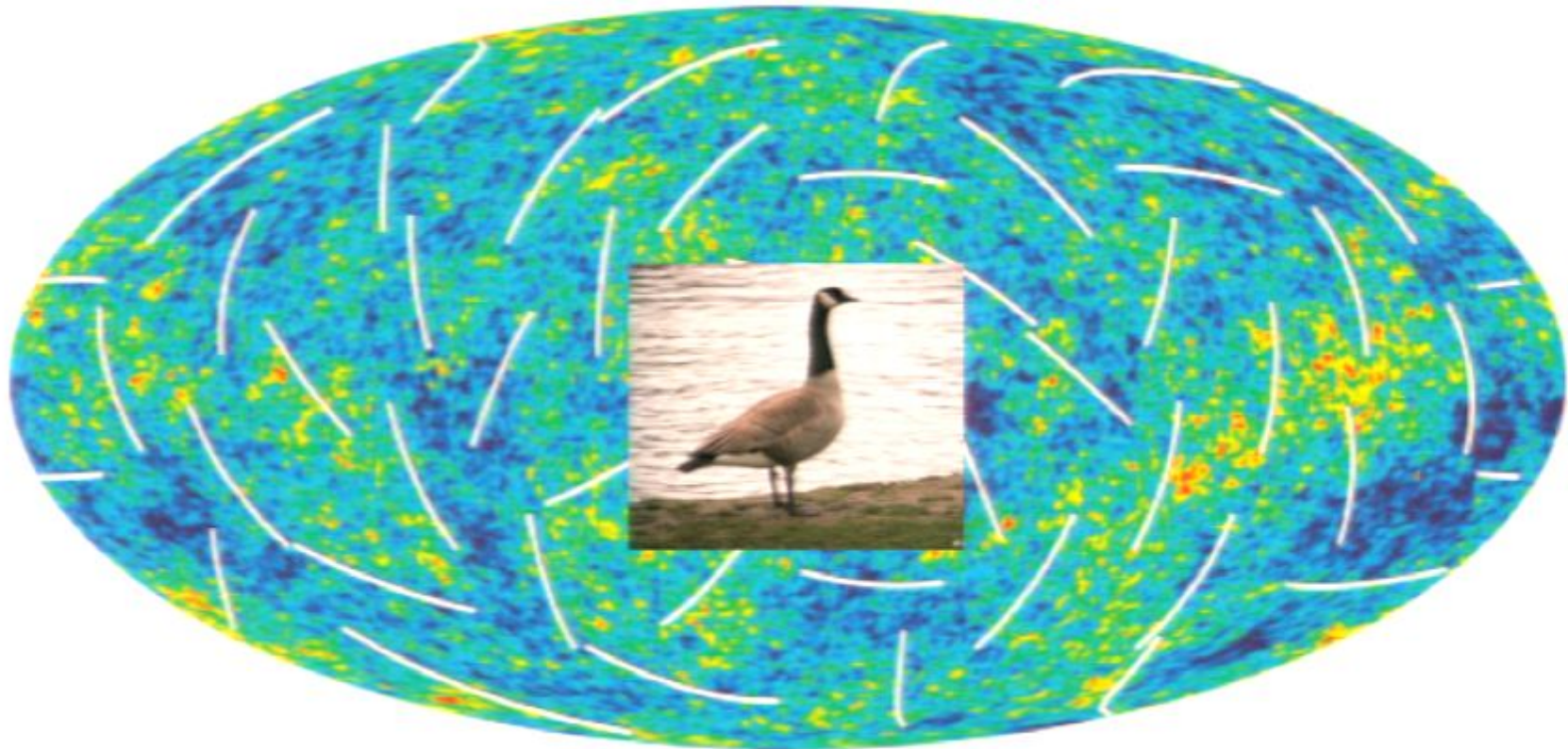
# Prospects for Detecting Primordial B-modes with Sub-Orbital Experiments



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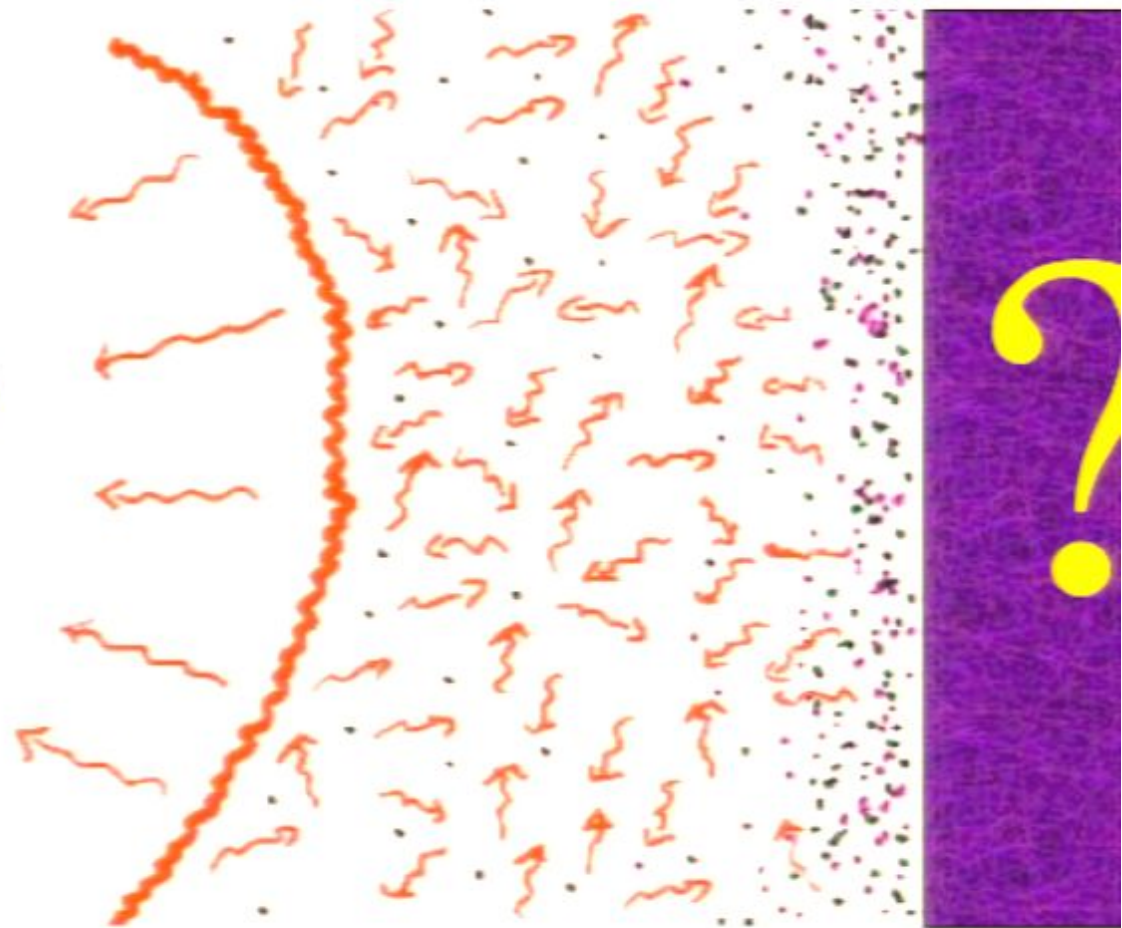
*Why it is desperately important that the*  
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*are excellent.*



# A Physicist's History of the Universe:



(astronomy happens here)



14 billion yr

400,000 yr

1 hour

$\ll 1$  s

telescopes

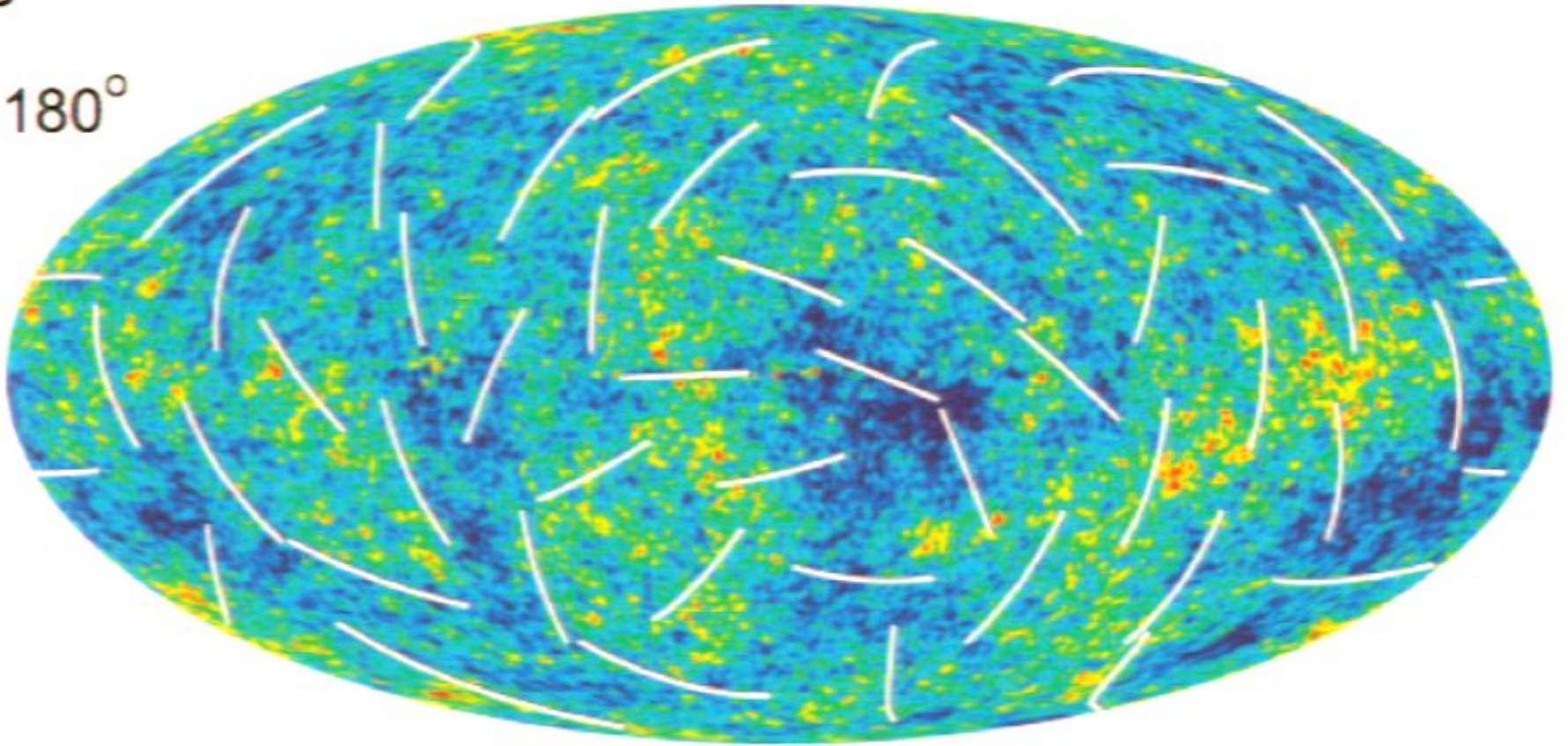
atoms

nuclei

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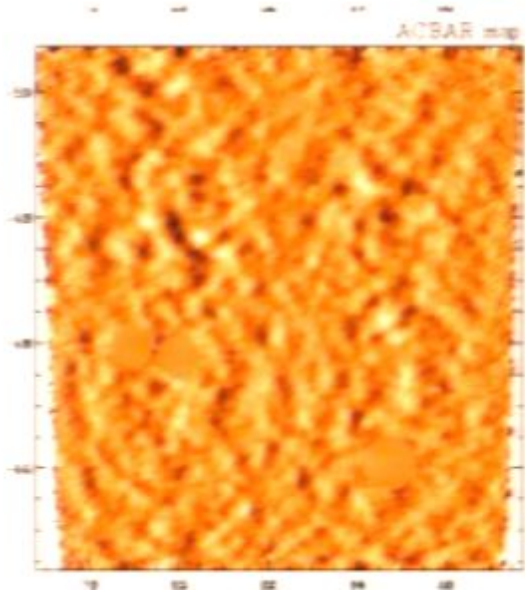
WMAP

14' -> 180°

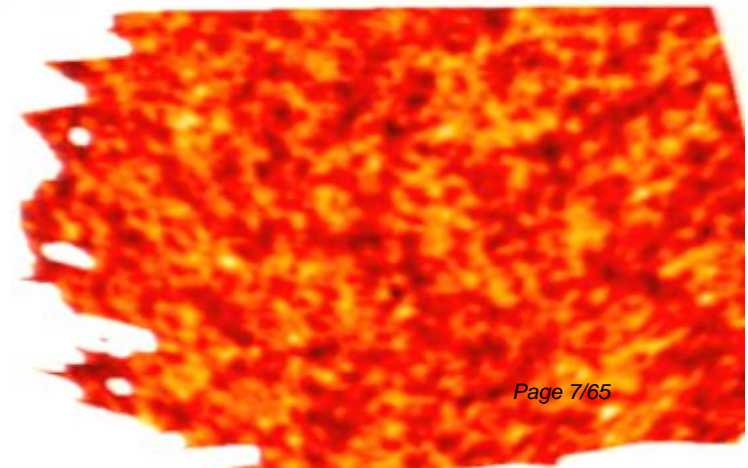


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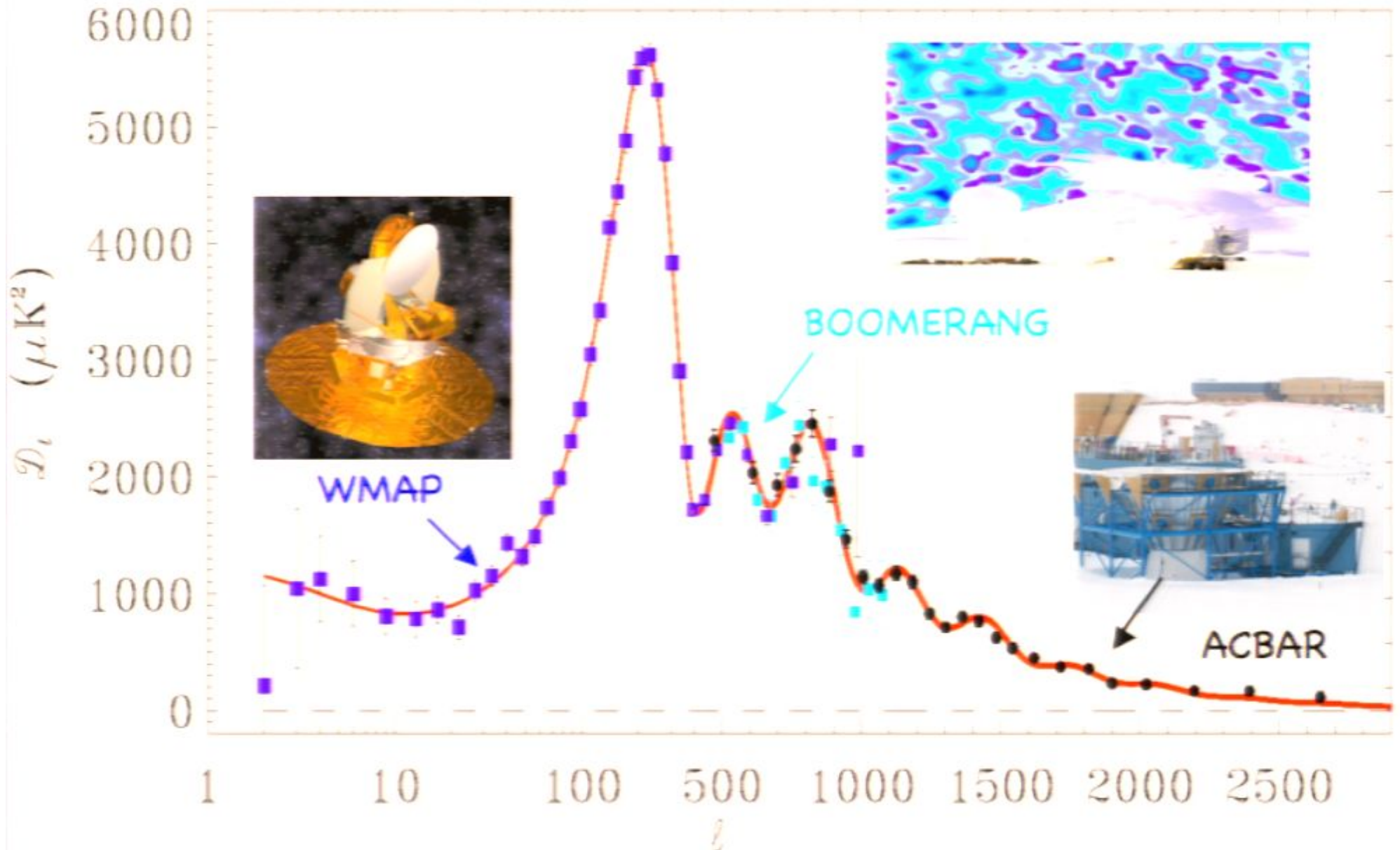
5' -> 0.5°



BOOMERanG 10' -> 10°



# The basic temperature features have been mapped



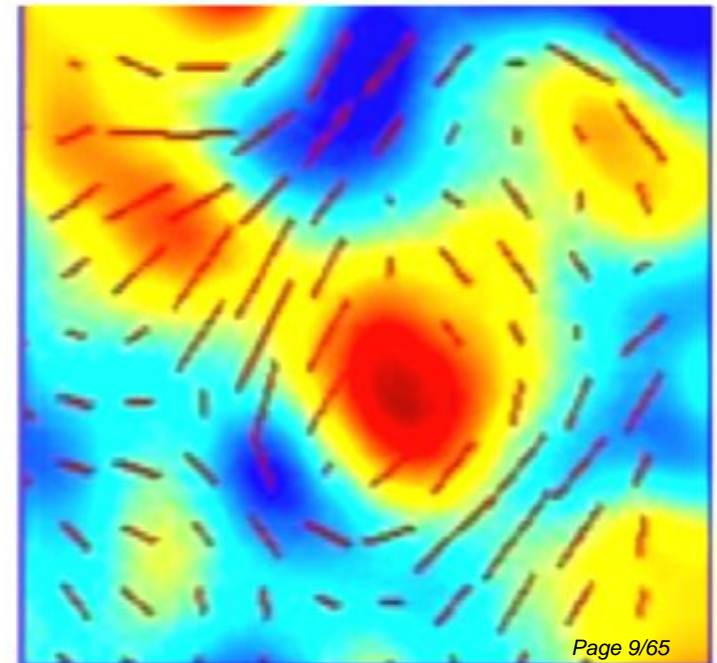
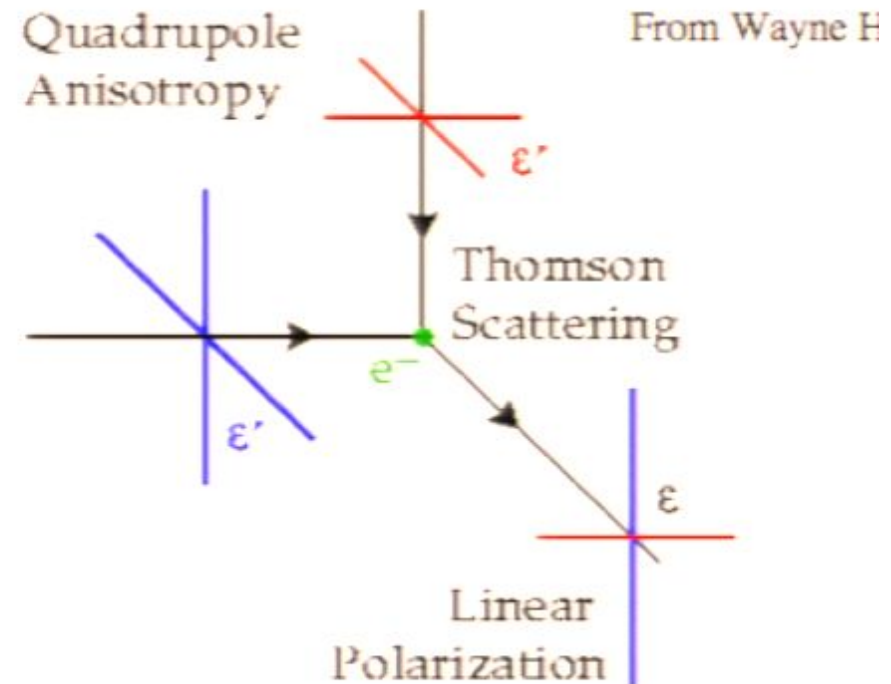


# CMB Polarization

☐ Polarization of the CMB is produced by Thompson scattering of a quadrupolar radiation pattern.

☐ A component of the polarization is correlated with the temperature anisotropy.

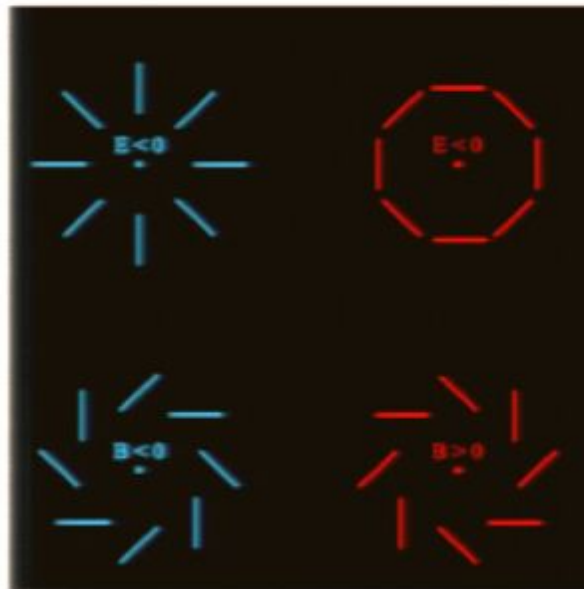
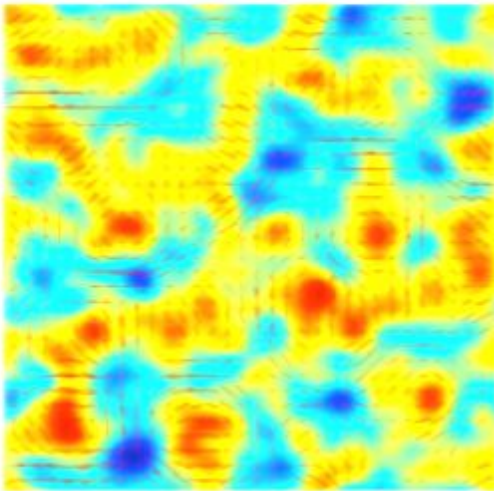
☐ Whenever there are free electrons, the CMB is polarized.



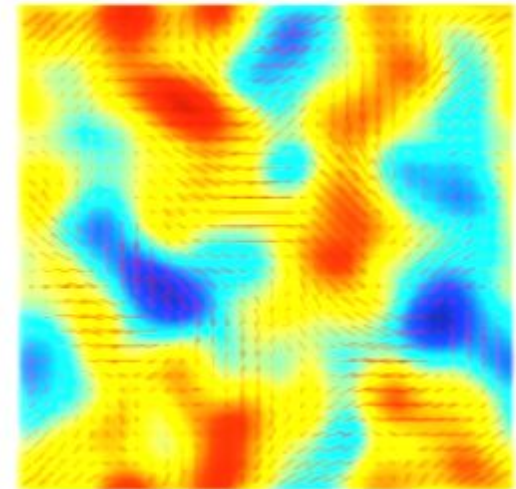
# Inflation and CMB Polarization

- Both types of fluctuations contribute to CMB polarization anisotropy.
  - Scalar modes produce only “E-mode” or gradient-like polarization patterns.
  - Tensor modes produce both E-mode and B-mode (curl-like) polarization patterns.
- The observation of B-mode polarization uniquely separates scalar and tensor modes from inflation and measures the energy scale of inflation.
- *Only known probe of  $E \sim 10^{16}$  GeV...  $10^{12}$  higher than planned accelerators!*

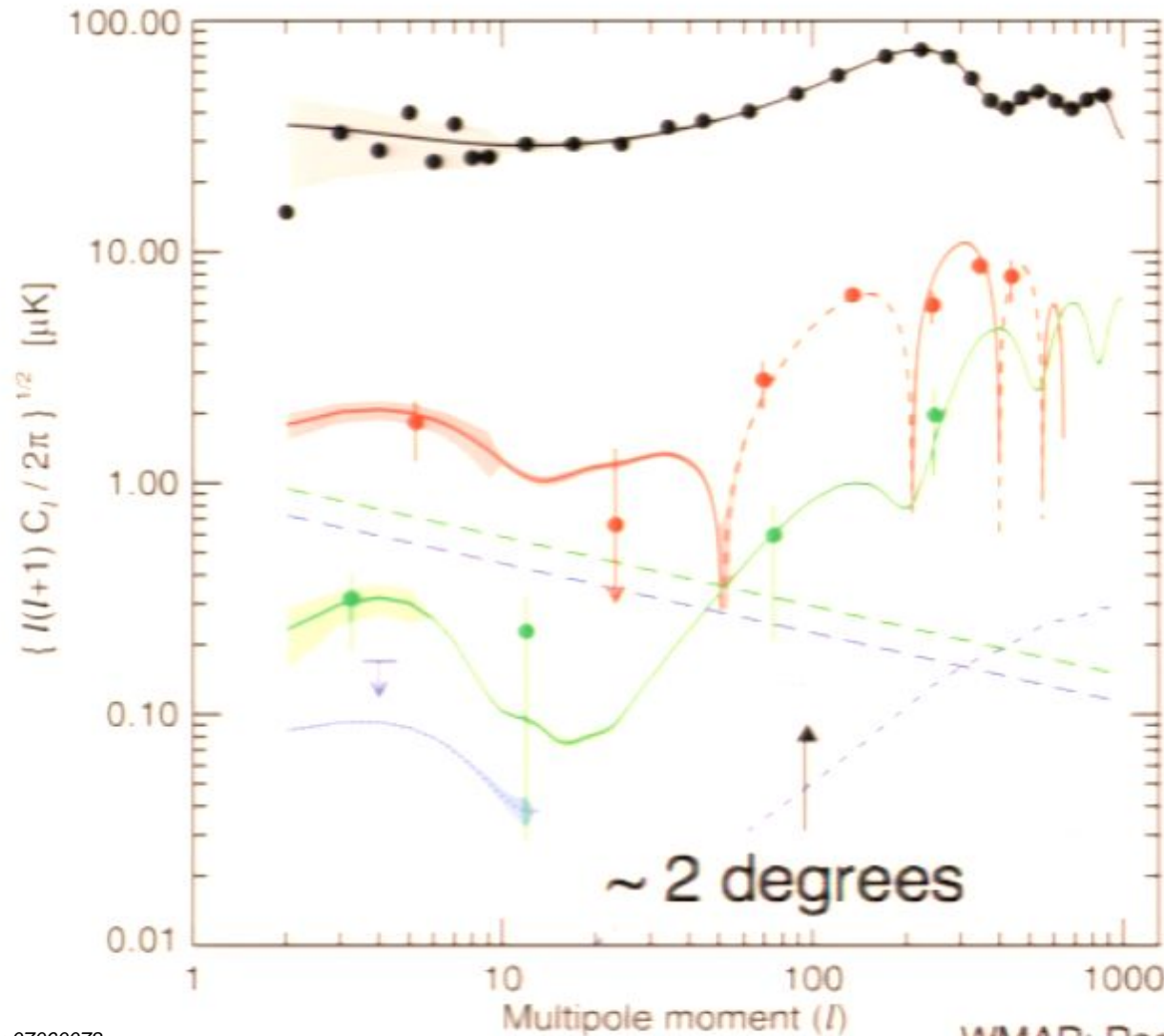
E – scalar+tensor



B – tensor only



# What does the signature look like?



TT – temperature anisotropy

TE – temperature –  
polarization correlation

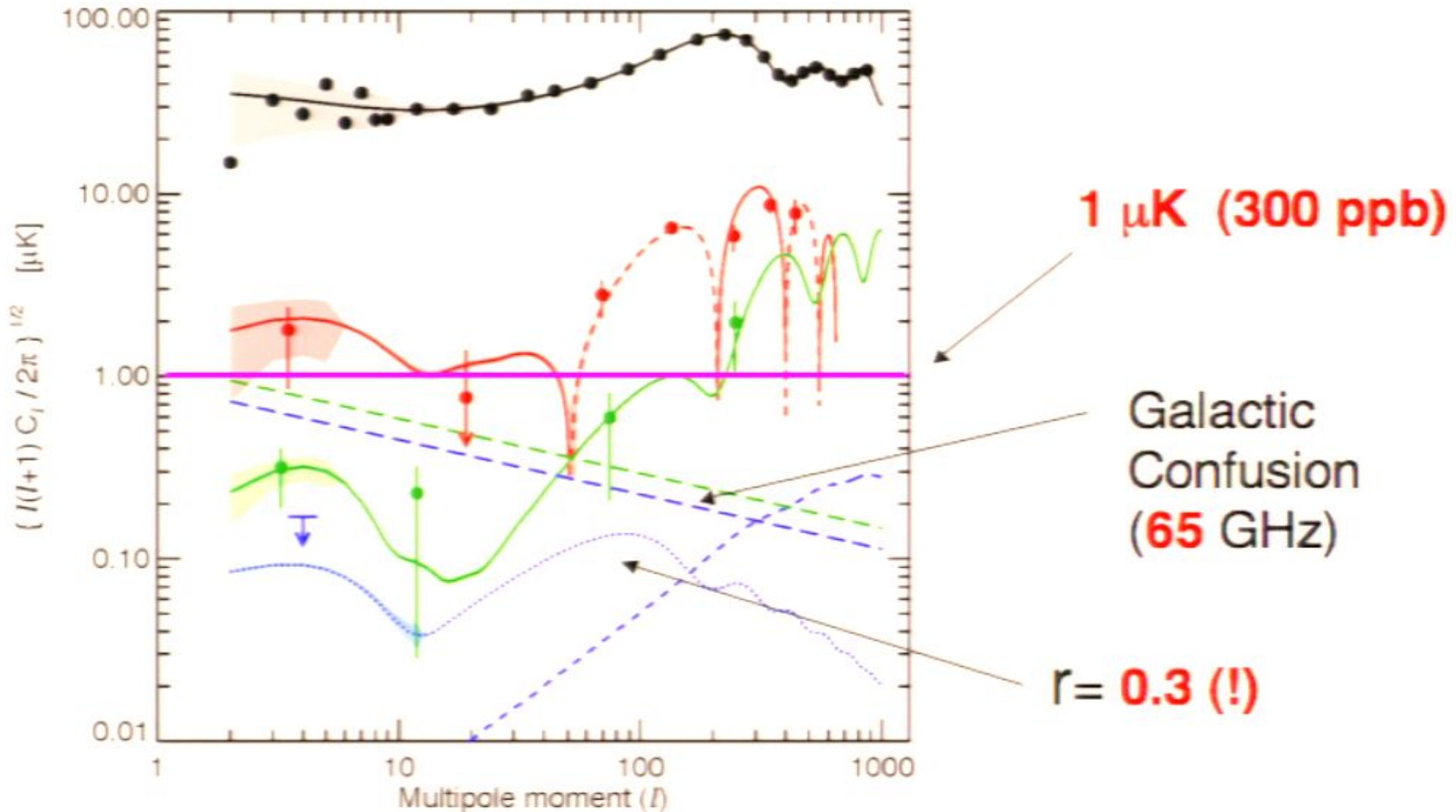
EE – E-mode polarization

BB – B-mode polarization

→ gravity wave amplitude

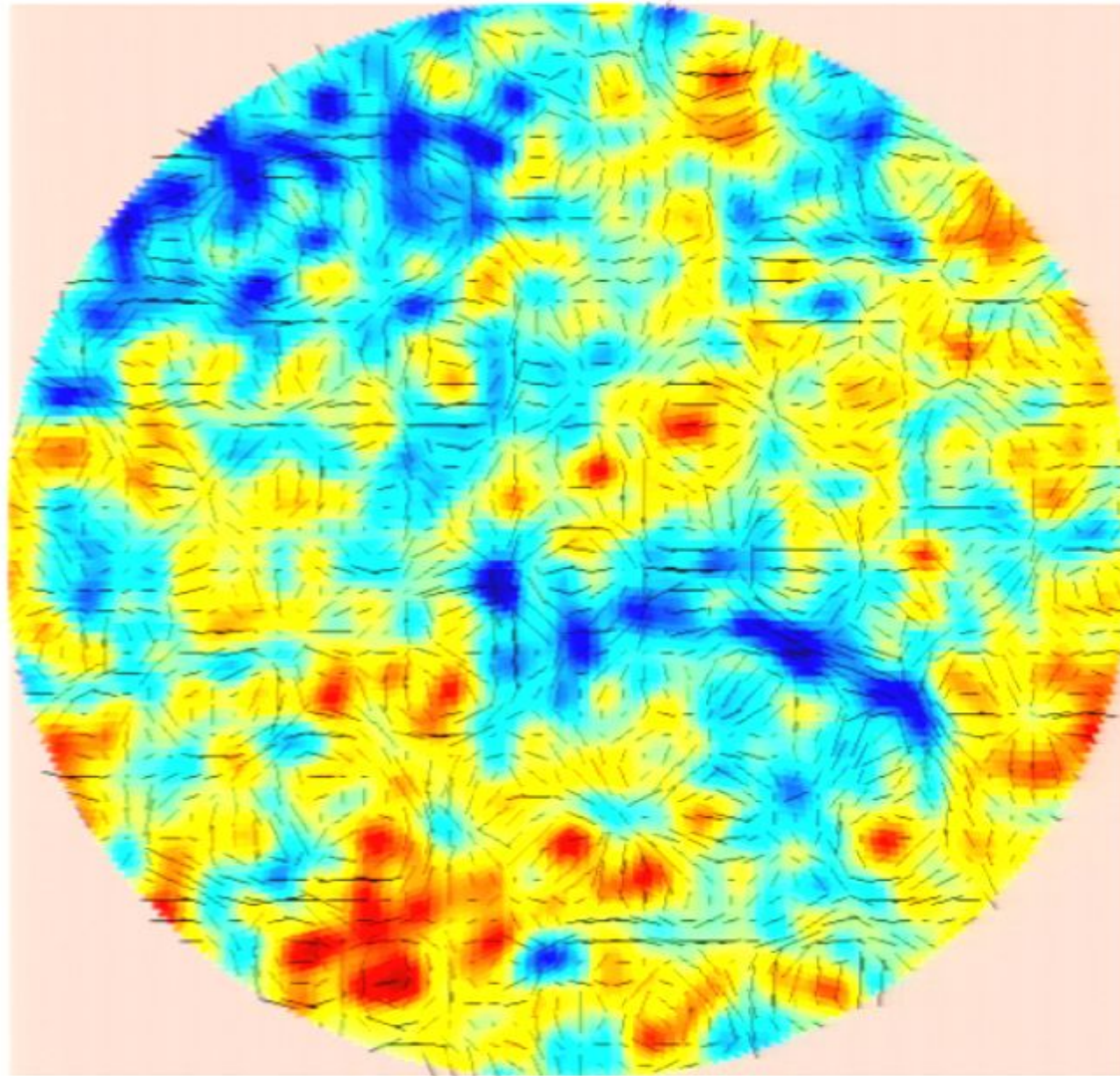
→ test of inflation

# Galactic confusion will limit the search



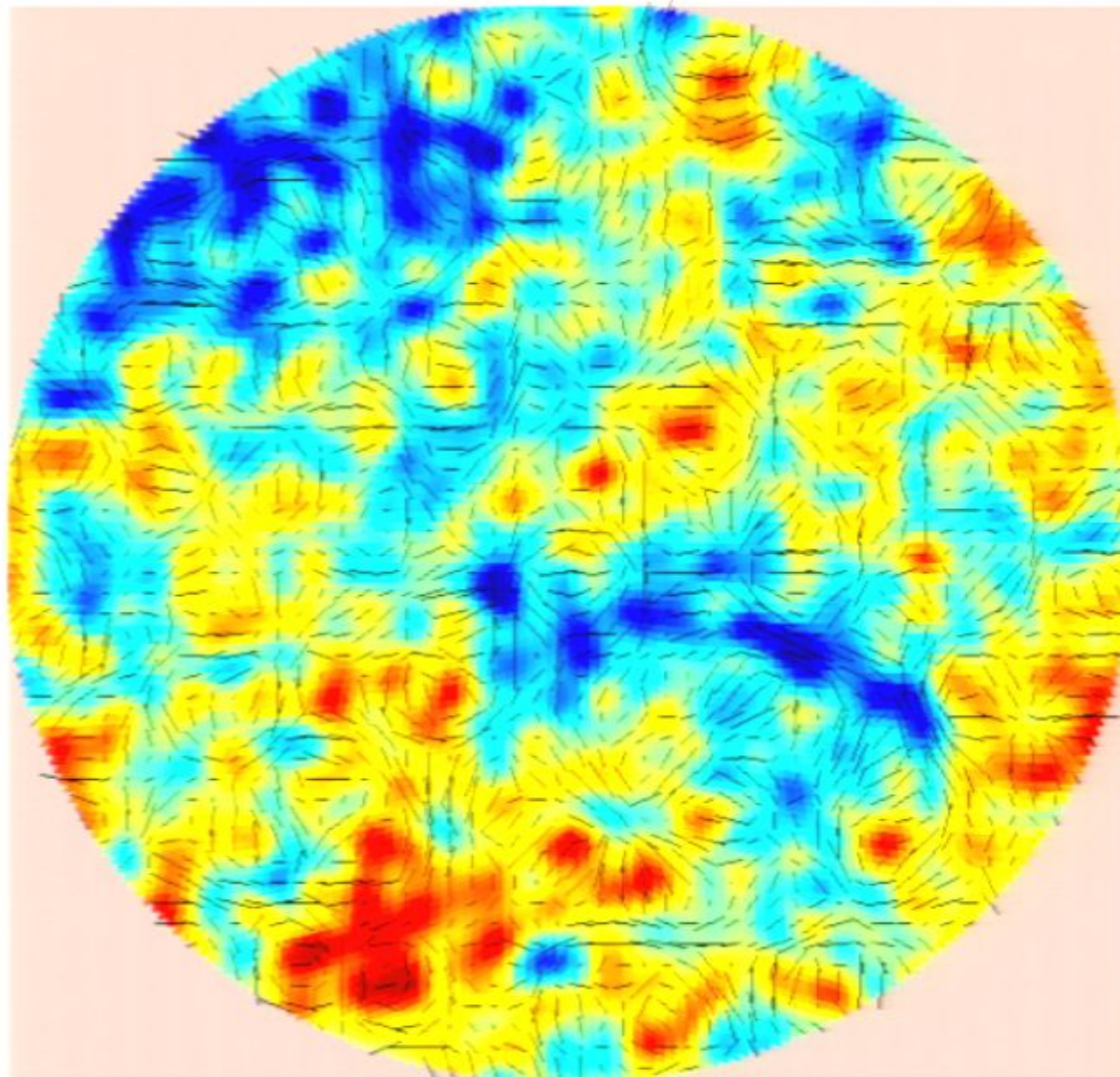
No gravitational waves ( $r = 0$ )

30  
degrees



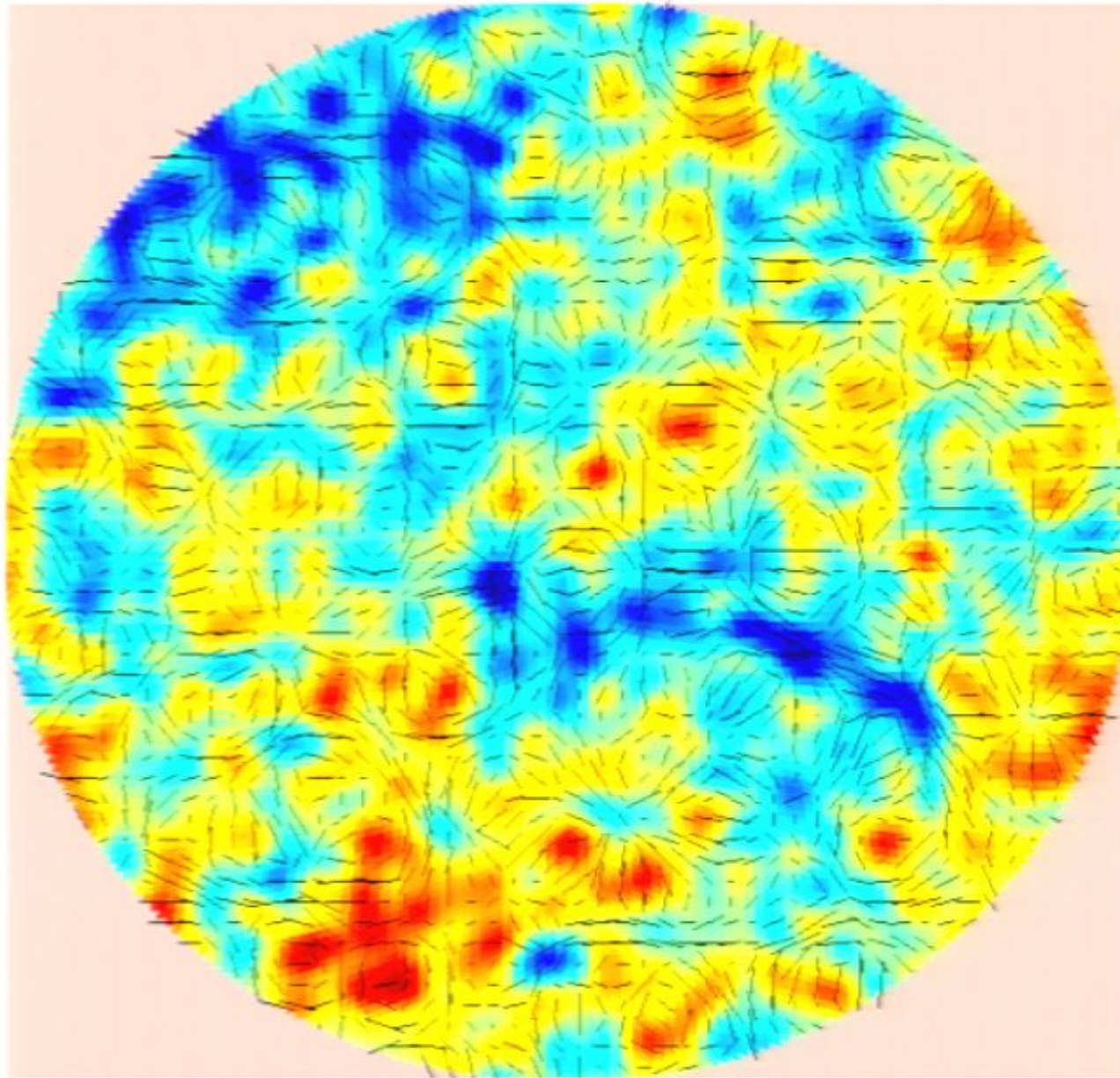
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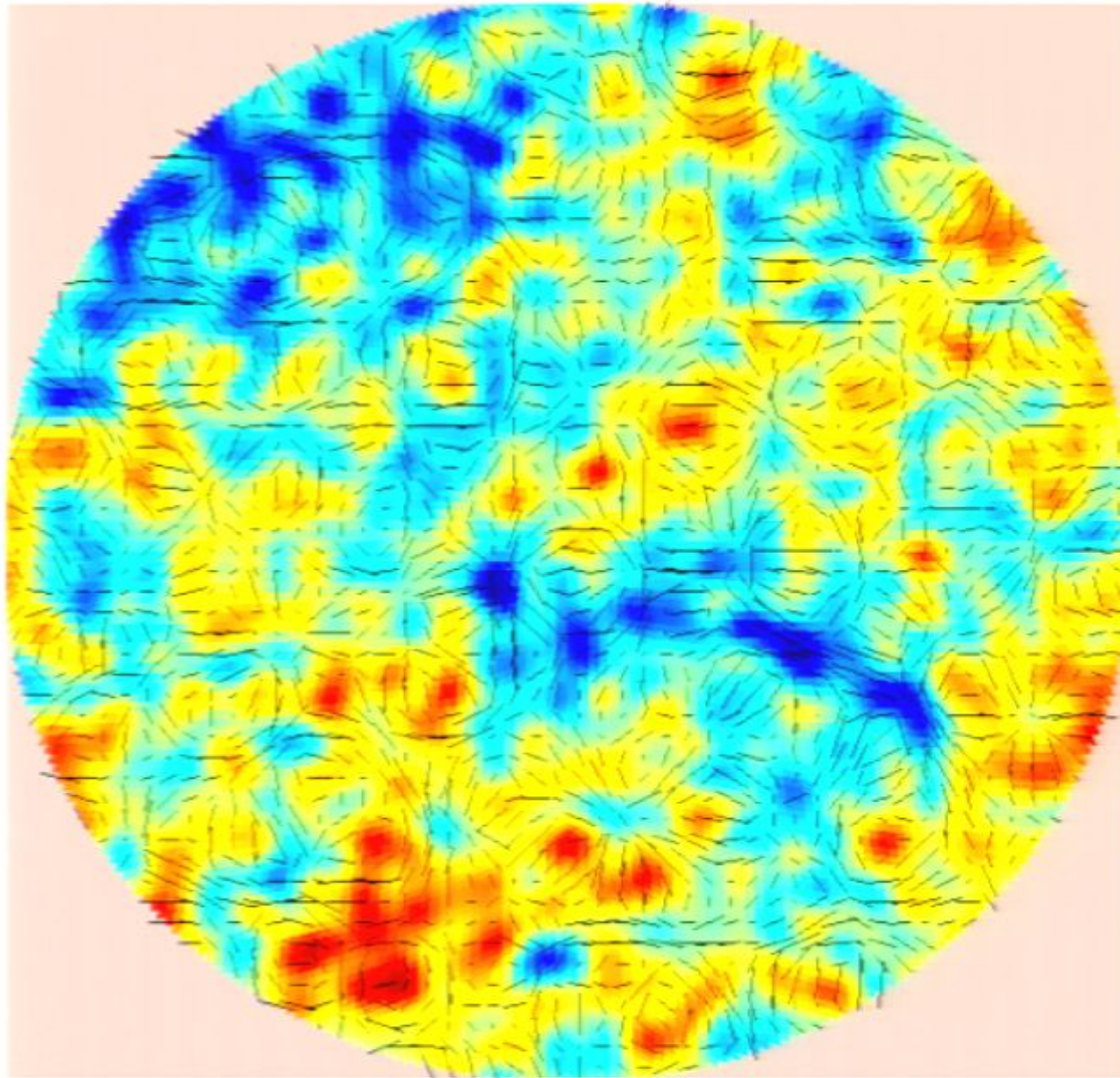
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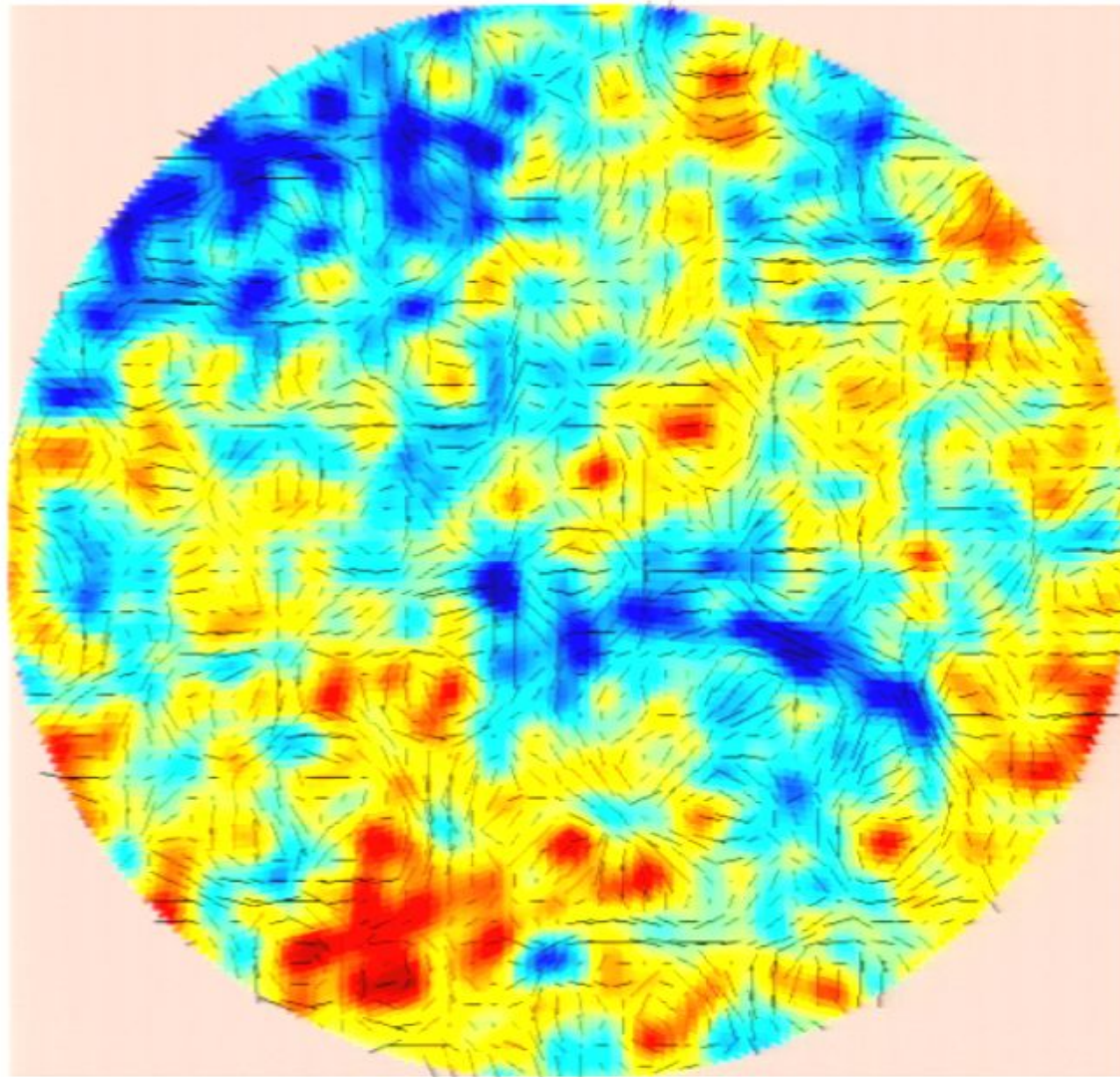
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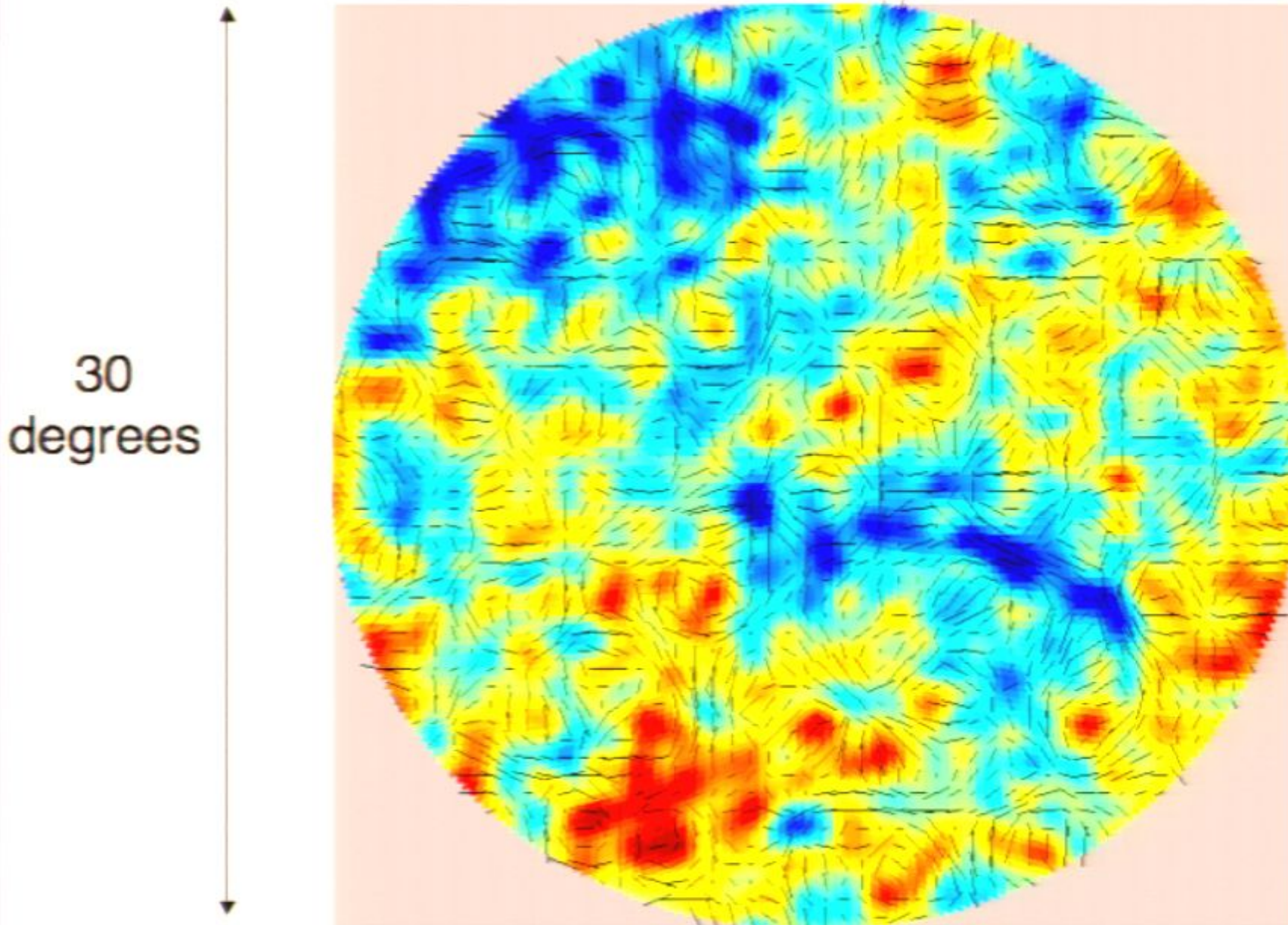


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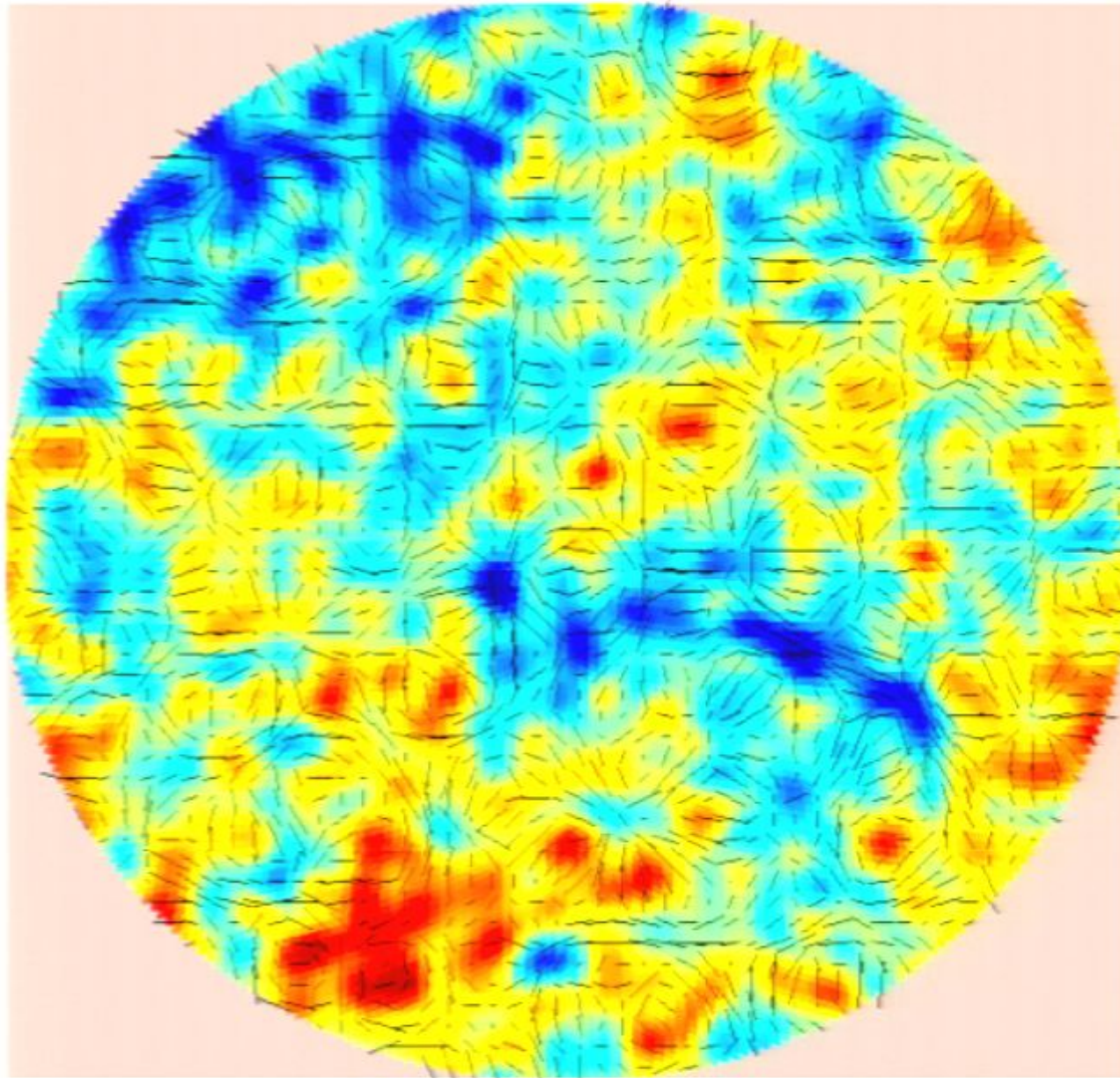


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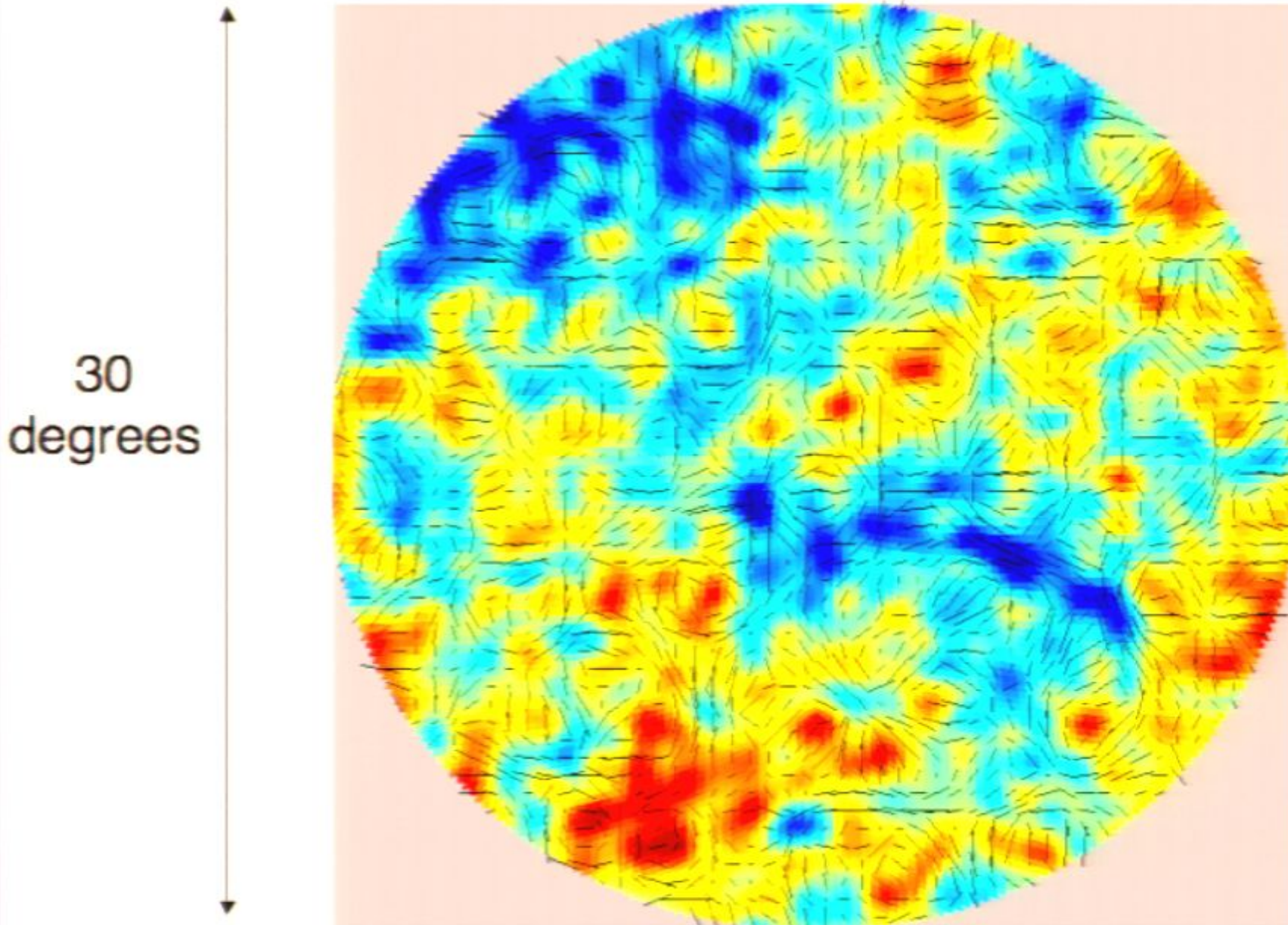


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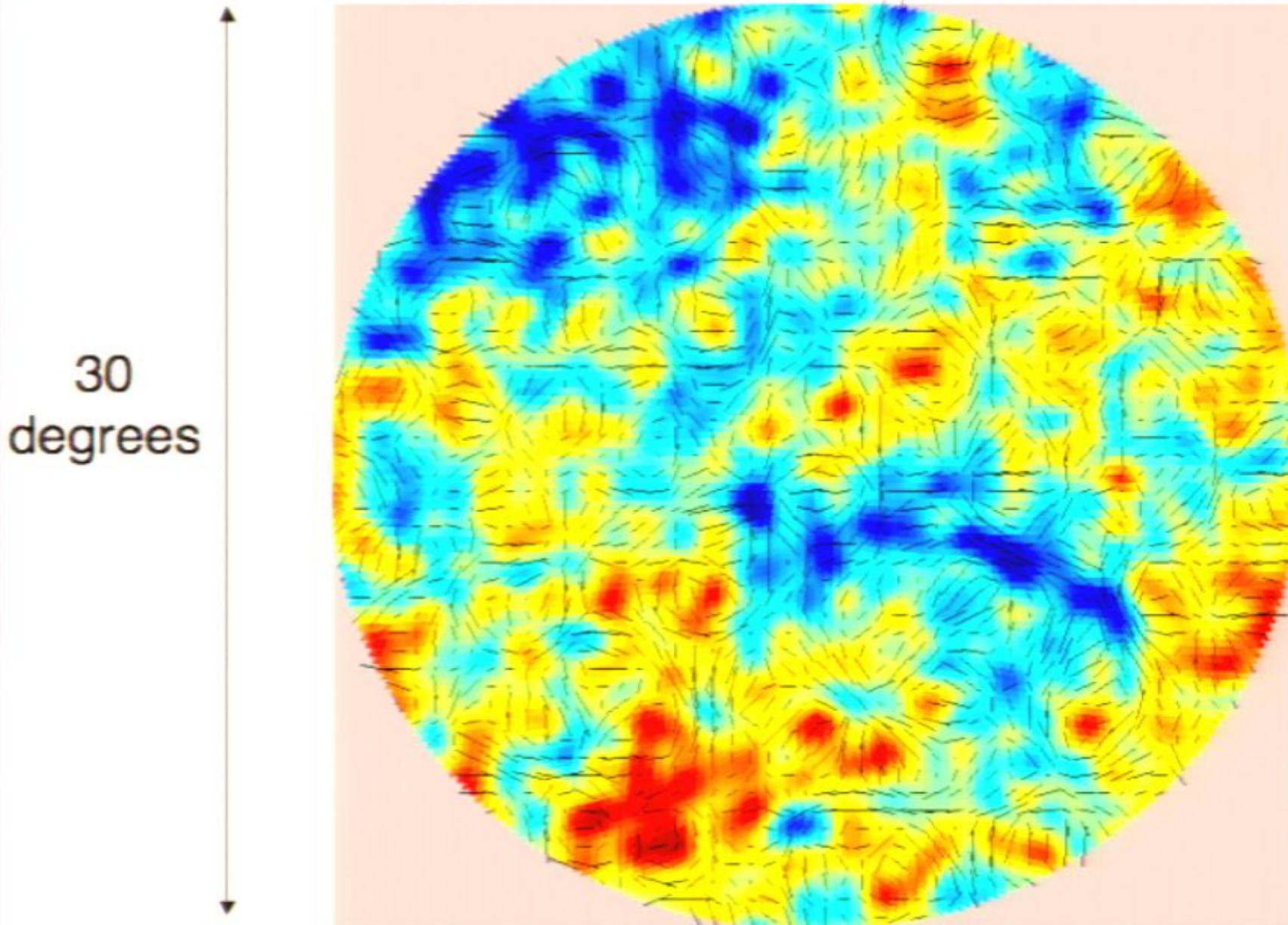
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degrees



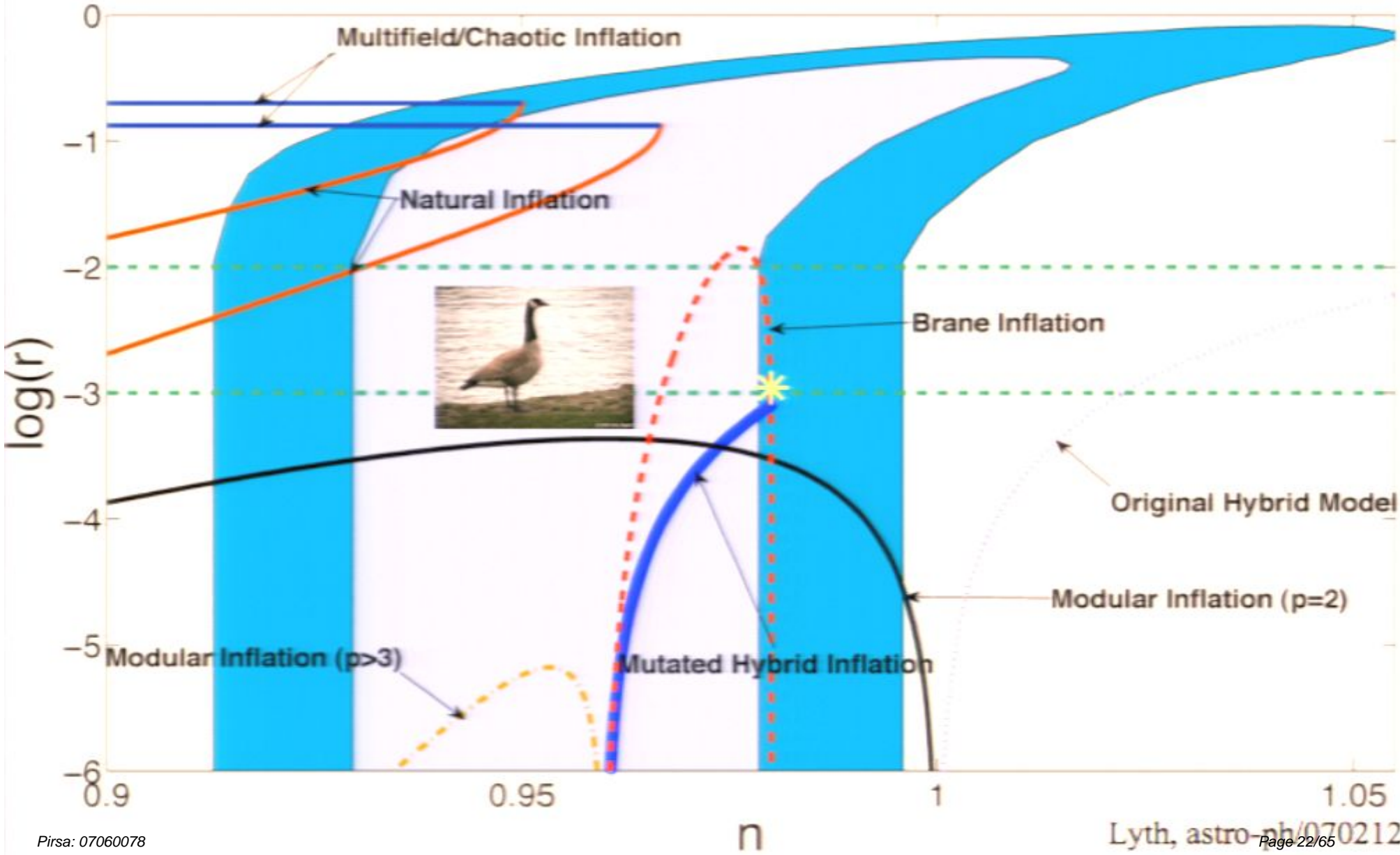
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# Inflationary parameters: $n_s, r$



**WILD GOOSE CHASE** -- "Englishmen in the late 16th century invented a new kind of horse race called the wild-goose chase in which **the lead horse could go off in any direction and the succeeding horses had to follow accurately the course of the leader at precise intervals**, like wild geese following the leader in formation. At first the phrase 'wild-goose chase' figuratively meant an erratic course taken by one person and followed by another; Shakespeare used it in this sense. But later the common term's origins were forgotten and a 'wild-goose chase' came to mean **'a pursuit of anything as unlikely to be caught as a wild goose,' any foolish, fruitless, or hopeless quest.**" From the "Encyclopedia of Word and Phrase Origins" by Robert Hendrickson (Facts on File, New York, 1997).



# Task Force on CMB Research

- Google: “cmb task force”
- Convened by NASA/NSF/DOE in 2003
- 14 members (3 from our Project Team)
- Final Report July 2005
- Findings & Recommendations:
  - “A unique CMB polarization signal directly tests inflation. As our highest priority, we recommend a phased program to measure this signal to the limit set by astrophysical foregrounds.”
- Envisioned a satellite launched in 2018 (now > 2025, based on the state of NASA).

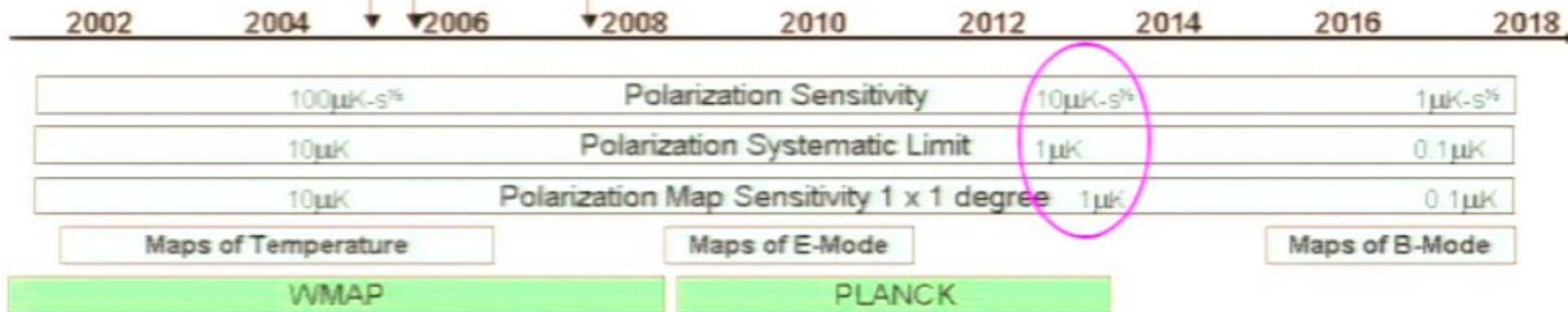


# 3 years later: progress has been much faster than expected!

CMB Task Force Report July 2005

BICEP deployed November 2005

2013 goals achieved in 2007 (2 yrs vs. 8 yrs)



CMB Task Force Report , Fig. 10.2

# Past & Current CMB Polarization Experiments

<b>DASI</b>	South Pole	1998	30	NRAO HEMT Int.
<b>CBI</b>	Atacama	1999	30	NRAO HEMT Int.
<b>BOOM 2003</b>	Antarctic Balloon	2003	150	JPL PSB
<b>WMAP</b>	L2	2003	22, 30, 45, 70	NRAO HEMT
<b>QUAD</b>	South Pole	2005	100, 150	JPL PSB
<b>BICEP</b>	South Pole	2006	100, 150	JPL PSB

# Experiments in Development

<b>QUIET</b>	Atacama	2008	45, 90	JPL MMIC HEMT
<b>BICEP2</b>	South Pole	2009	150 (+100, 220)	JPL ACB
<b>Planck</b>	L2	2009	30 - 350	JPL Polarized Bolometer
<b>EBEX</b>	Antarctic Balloon	2010	150 - 300	UCB Bolo. + Wire Grid
<b>SPIDER</b>	Australia	2010	100, 150, 220	JPL ACB
<b>Polar Bear</b>	Atacama	2010	100, 150, 220	UCB ACB
<b>Clover</b>	Atacama	2010	100, 150, 220	UK ACB



Much time and money is being spent on goose traps, in the hopes of measuring how big the goose is.

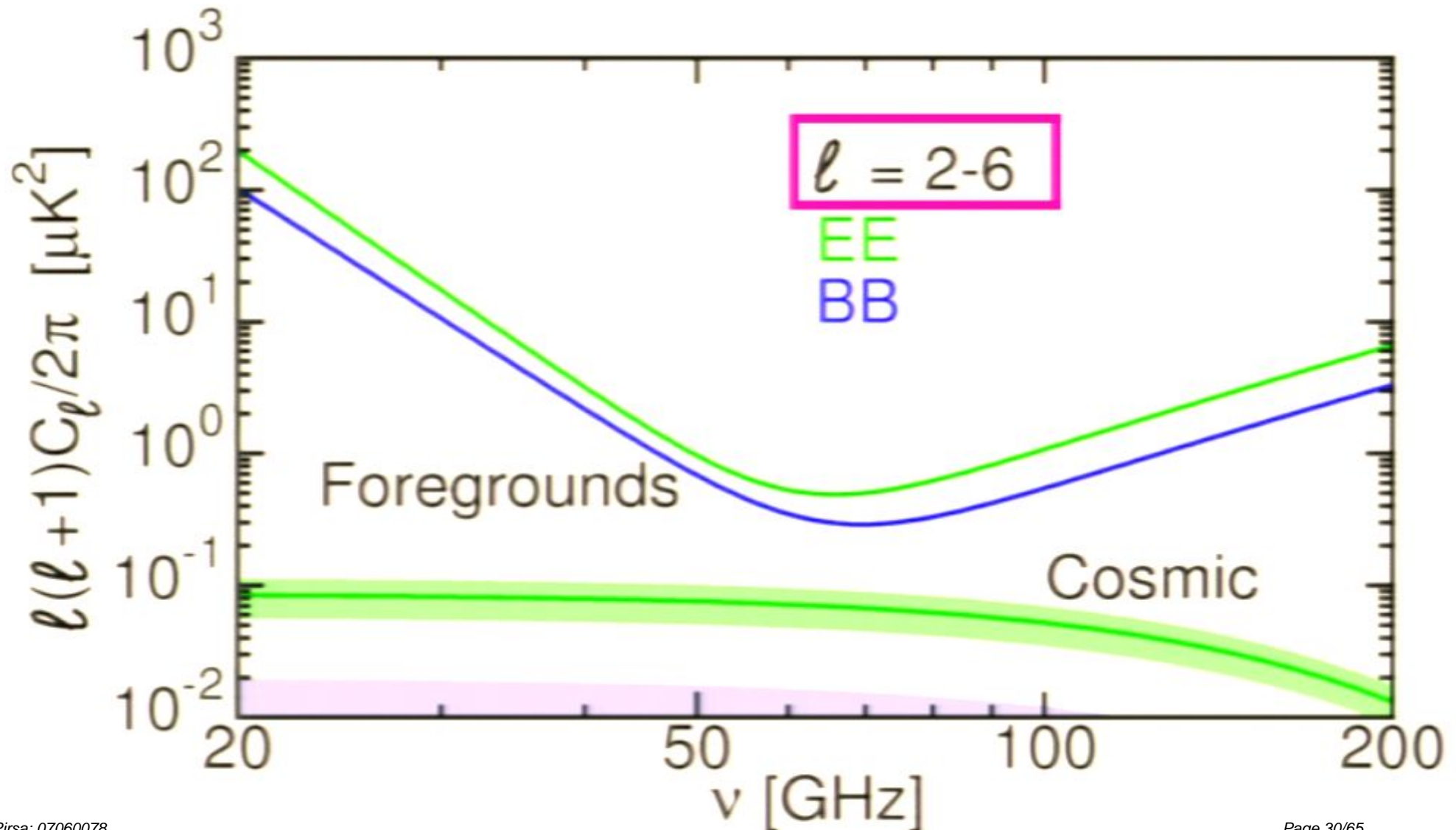


It would be very valuable to know as quickly as possible if there is, in fact, a goose.

# How to flush out the goose?

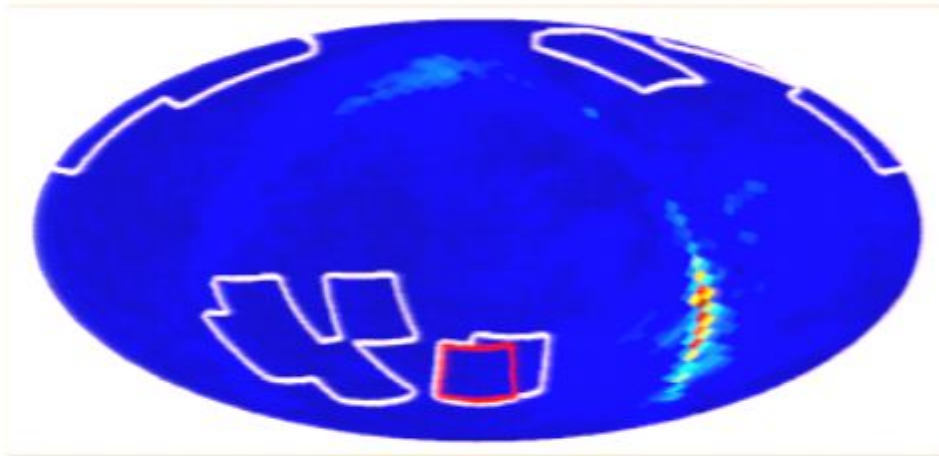
- Foregrounds: 150 GHz  
small, clean patch
- Systematics: Small, cold telescope
- Sensitivity: Lots! (New technology)
- Site: South Pole

# Foreground minimum near 70 GHz



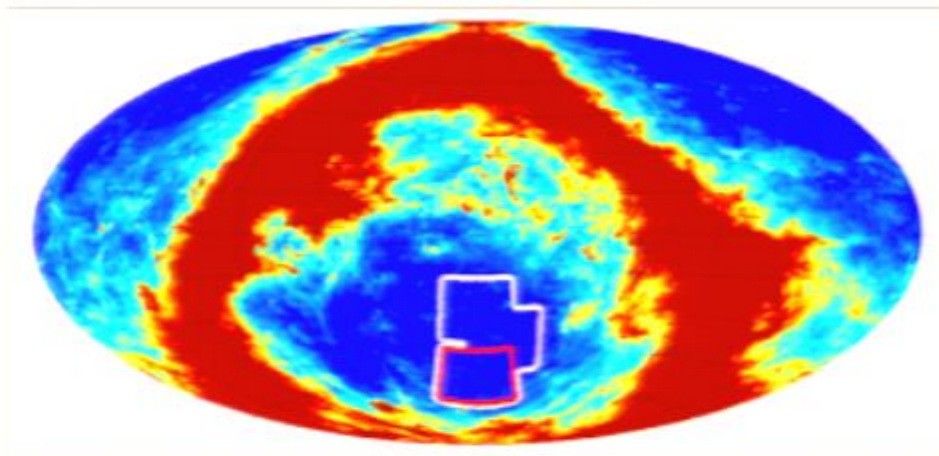
# So why 150 GHz?

WMAP K-band P @ 150GHz (assuming index -3.0)

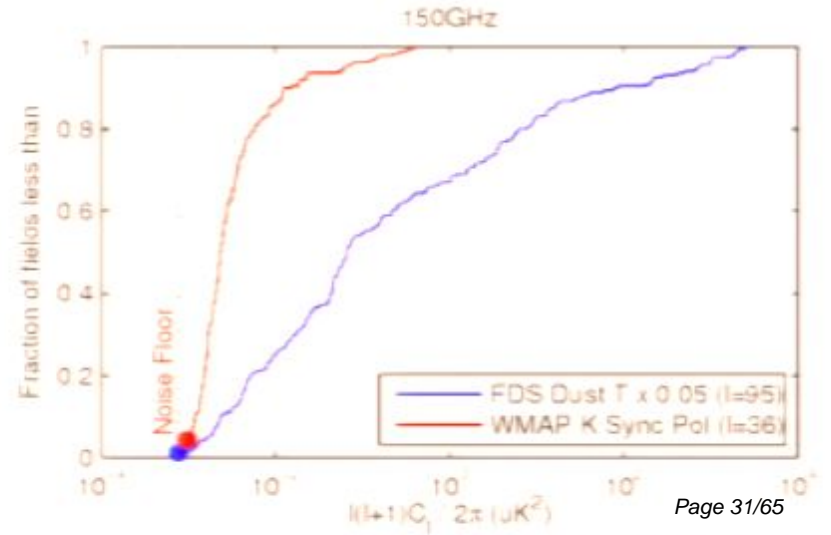
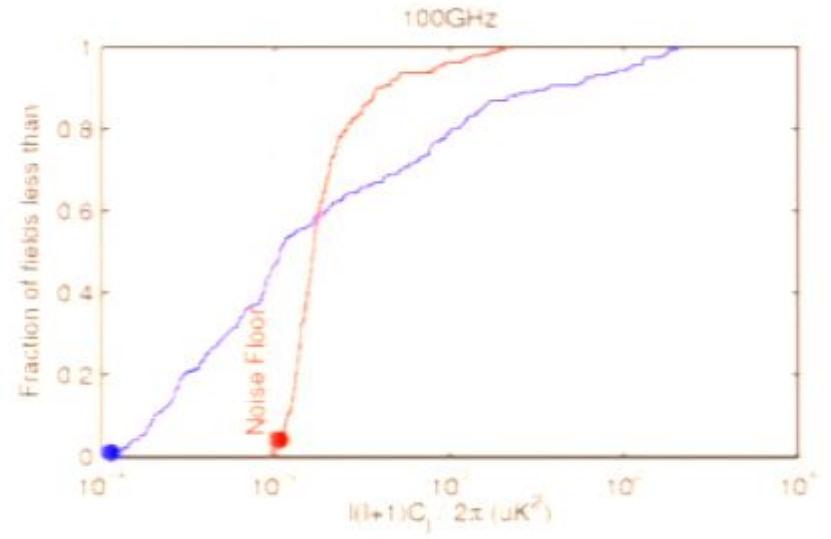


Color range 0 to 4 $\mu$ K

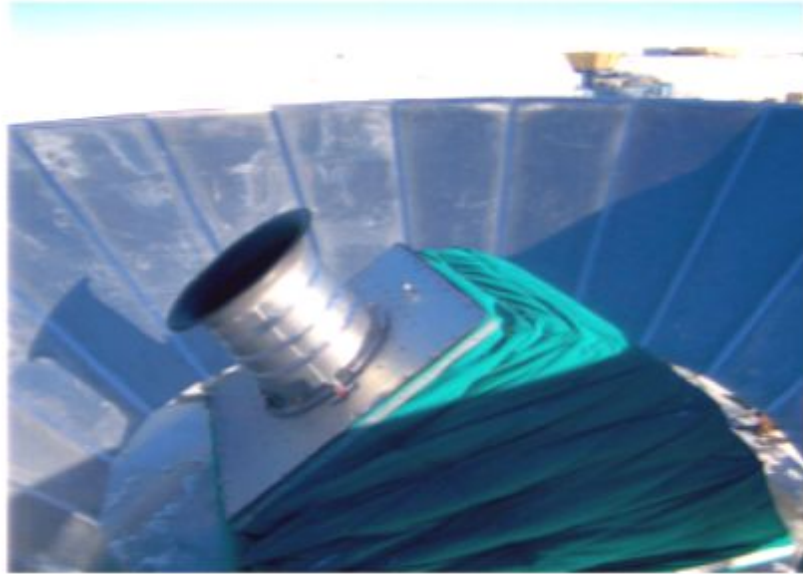
FDS Dust T @ 150GHz x 0.05



Color range 0 to 4 $\mu$ K



# Why a small aperture?



- Aperture filling waveplate
- Aperture filling calibration
- Stability of (4K) telescope & beams
- Superior sidelobe suppression



# Why the South Pole?

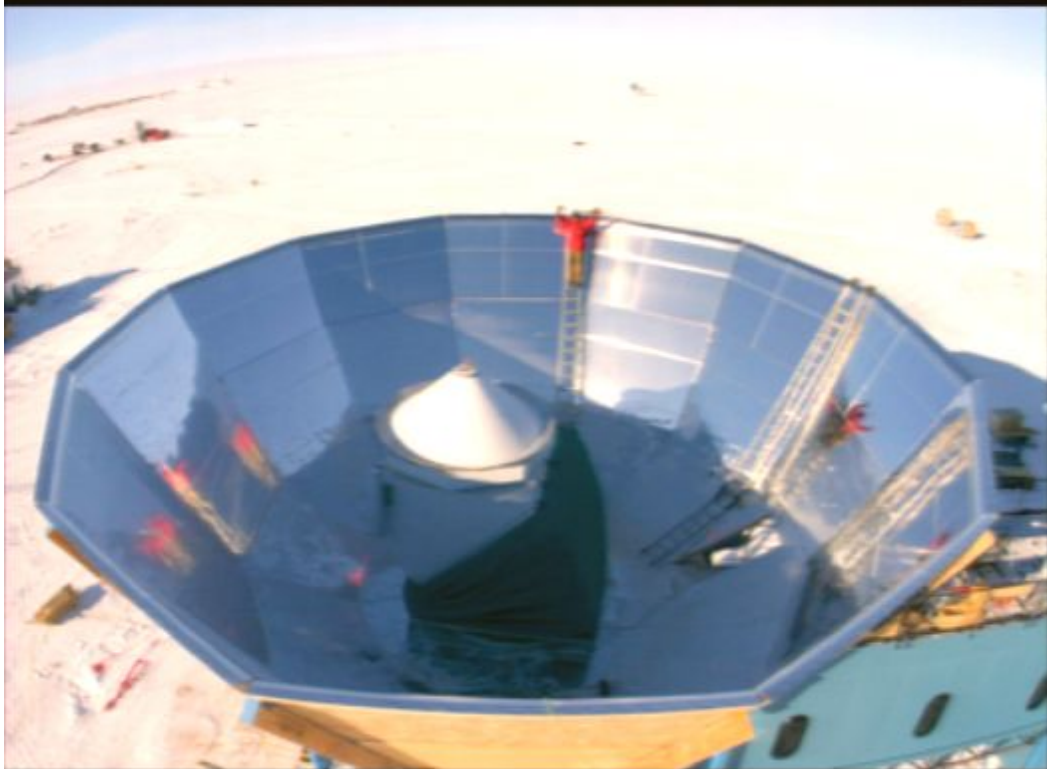
- Best target region observable 24/7, 10 months per year.
- Altitude ~ 10,500 feet.
- Sun below horizon for 6 months
- Extremely stable, dry atmosphere
- Easy access to telescope (!?)
- Simple, low-cost logistics (!?)

# Paradise for CMB Experimentalists

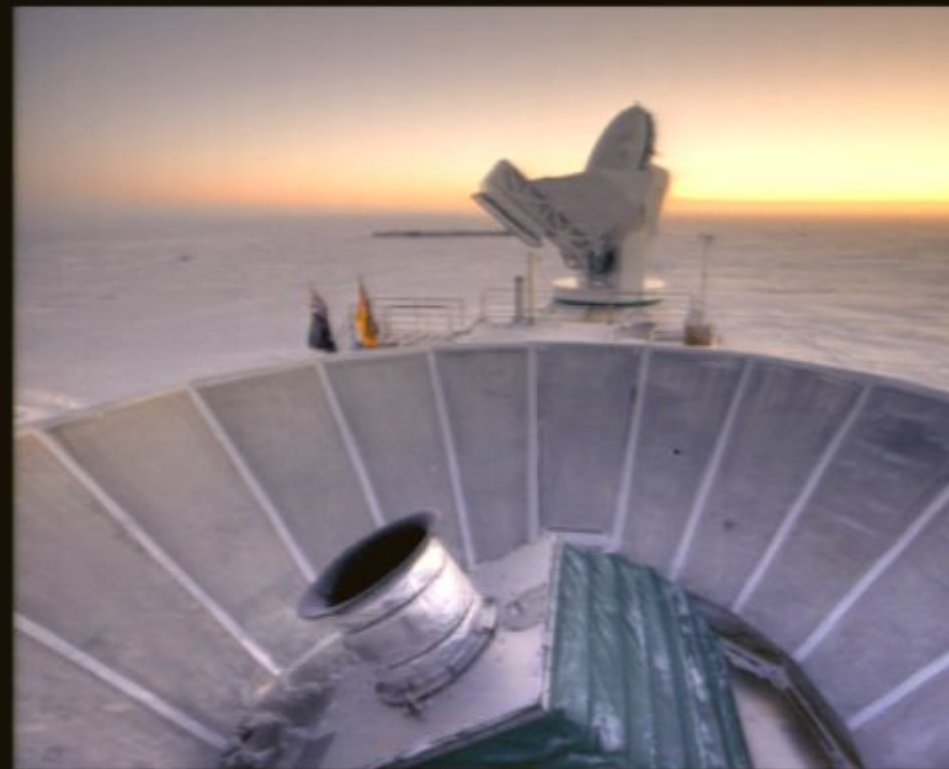


The newly completed station includes a greenhouse, library, saunas, and a basketball court. All that plus *all* of our logistical needs at no charge to our grant.

# CMB polarization machines...an update



**QUAD**



**BICEP**

## QUAD: A HIGH-RESOLUTION COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND POLARIMETER

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We describe the QUAD experiment, a Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) telescope equipped with a cryogenic receiver. The focal plane contains two receivers with resolutions of 5' and 3.5', respectively, and polarization anisotropies and collected science data during the experiment.

*Subject headings:* cosmic microwave background, polarization

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) is a powerful tool for understanding the origin and evolution of the universe. Thompson scattering from quadrupole anisotropies at the surface of last scattering polarizes the CMB to a level of 10%. The resulting polarization can be mathematically decomposed into even-parity E-modes and odd-parity B-modes (Thompson 1997). The E-mode signal, which has been measured by a number of experiments (Readhead et al. 2005; Montroy et al. 2006; Pace et al. 2006; CAPMAP Collaboration; C. Bischoff et al. 2006), is generated by scalar perturbations (density fluctuations) in the universe. The B-mode signal has yet to be detected and is expected to be generated by gravitational waves or lensing of E-modes by intervening structures.

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## SECOND AND THIRD SEASON QUAD CMB TEMPERATURE AND POLARIZATION POWER SPECTRA

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### ABSTRACT

We report results from the second and third seasons of observation with the QUAD experiment. Angular power spectra of the Cosmic Microwave Background are derived for both temperature and polarization at both 100 GHz and 150 GHz, and as cross frequency spectra. All spectra are subjected to an extensive set of jackknife tests to probe for possible systematic contamination. For the implemented data cuts and processing technique such contamination is undetectable. We analyze the difference map formed between the 100 and 150 GHz bands and find no evidence of foreground contamination in polarization. The spectra are then combined to form a single set of results which are shown to be consistent with the prevailing  $\Lambda$ CDM model. The sensitivity of the polarization results is considerably better than that of any previous experiment — for the first time multiple acoustic peaks are detected in the E-mode power spectrum at high significance.

*Subject headings:* CMB, anisotropy, polarization, cosmology

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The anisotropy of the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) gives us direct insight into the structure of the Universe when it was a tiny fraction of its current age, and is one of the central pillars of the enormously successful standard cosmological model. The temperature anisotropy power spectrum has now been measured to good precision from the largest angular scales down to a small fraction of a degree (e.g. Reichardt et al. (2008)) — the expected series of acoustic peaks is present and fitting the spectrum yields tight constraints on the basic parameters of the cosmological model (e.g. Dunkley et al. (2008)).

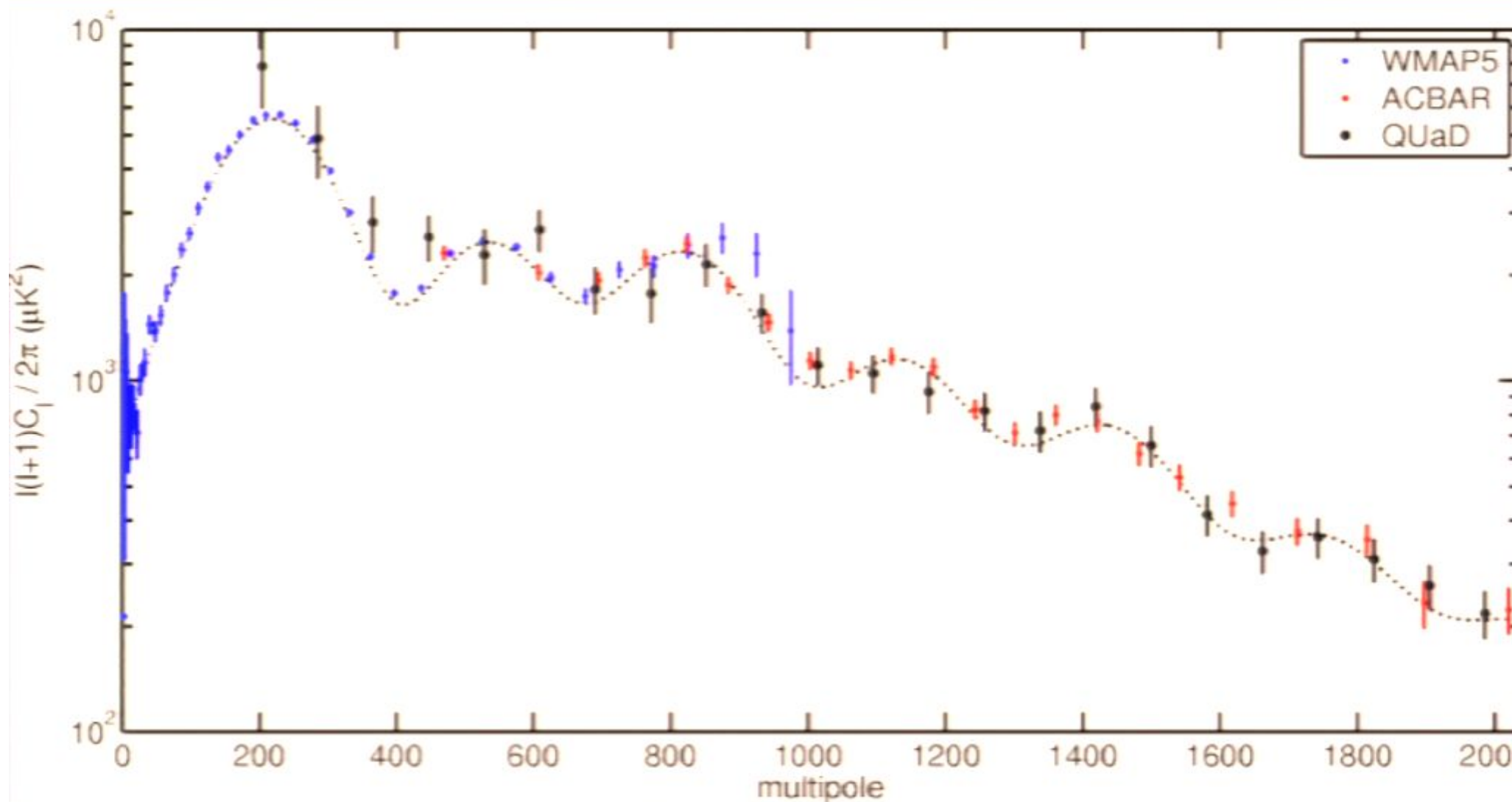
The CMB is expected to be polarized at the  $\sim 10\%$  level principally because of motions in the material at the time

of last scattering. Since the plasma flows along gradients in the density field the resulting observable polarization pattern has gradients (E-modes), but zero curl (B-modes) (e.g. Hu & White (1997)). Given a standard cosmological model fit to the temperature spectrum (TT), the E-mode spectrum (EE), and temperature-E-mode cross spectrum (TE) are nearly deterministically predicted — only at the largest angular scales is there additional information. It is important to remember that, although very successful, the standard cosmological model (which we will refer to throughout as  $\Lambda$ CDM) contains several components which we have only circumstantial evidence for (dark matter and dark energy). Measuring the EE and TE spectra is thus a crucial test of the overall theoretical paradigm.

As the CMB travels to us through the intervening large scale structure subtle deflections due to gravitational lensing occur (e.g. Hu (2003)). This converts some fraction of the E-mode

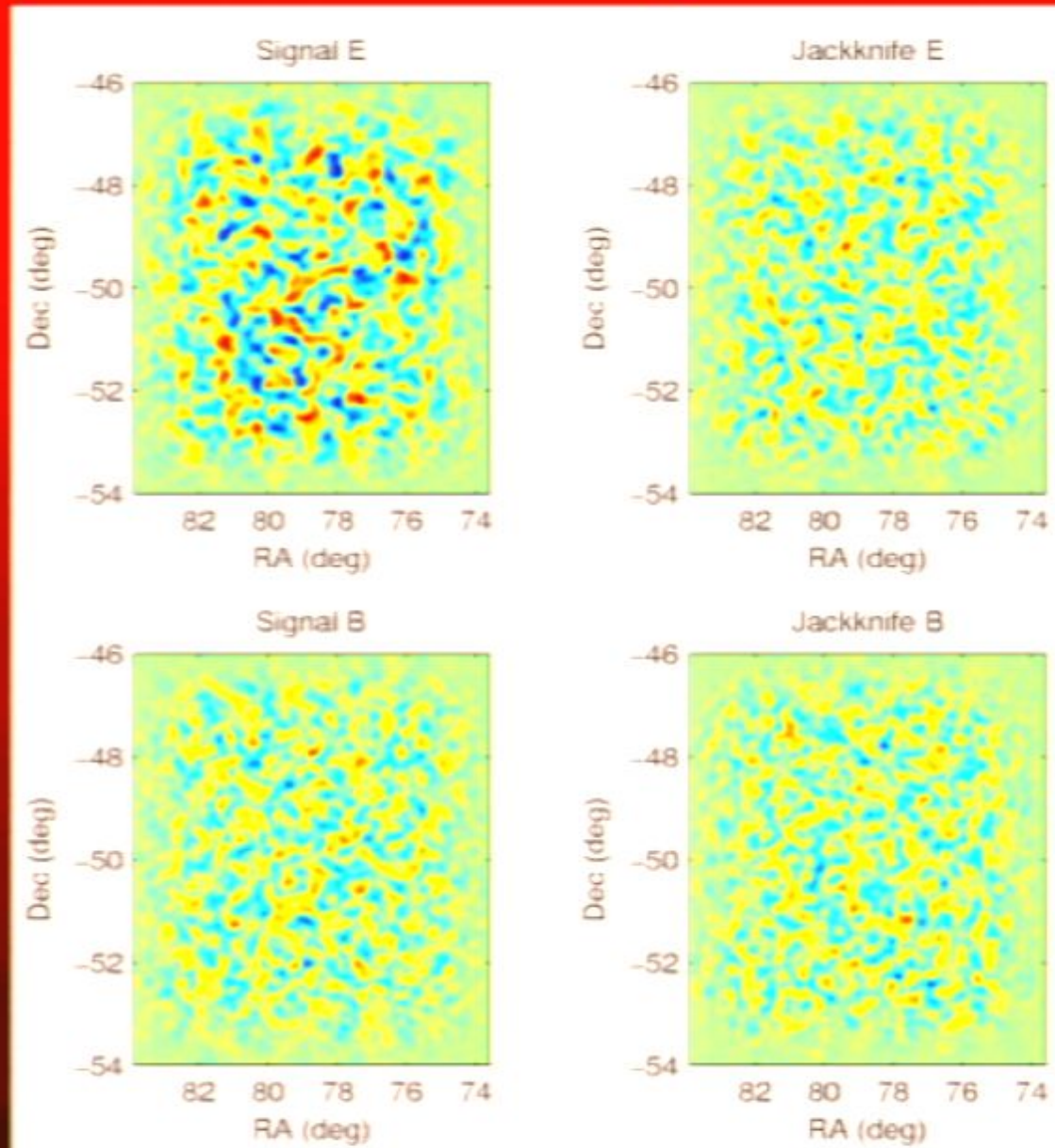
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# TT Compared to Other Experiments

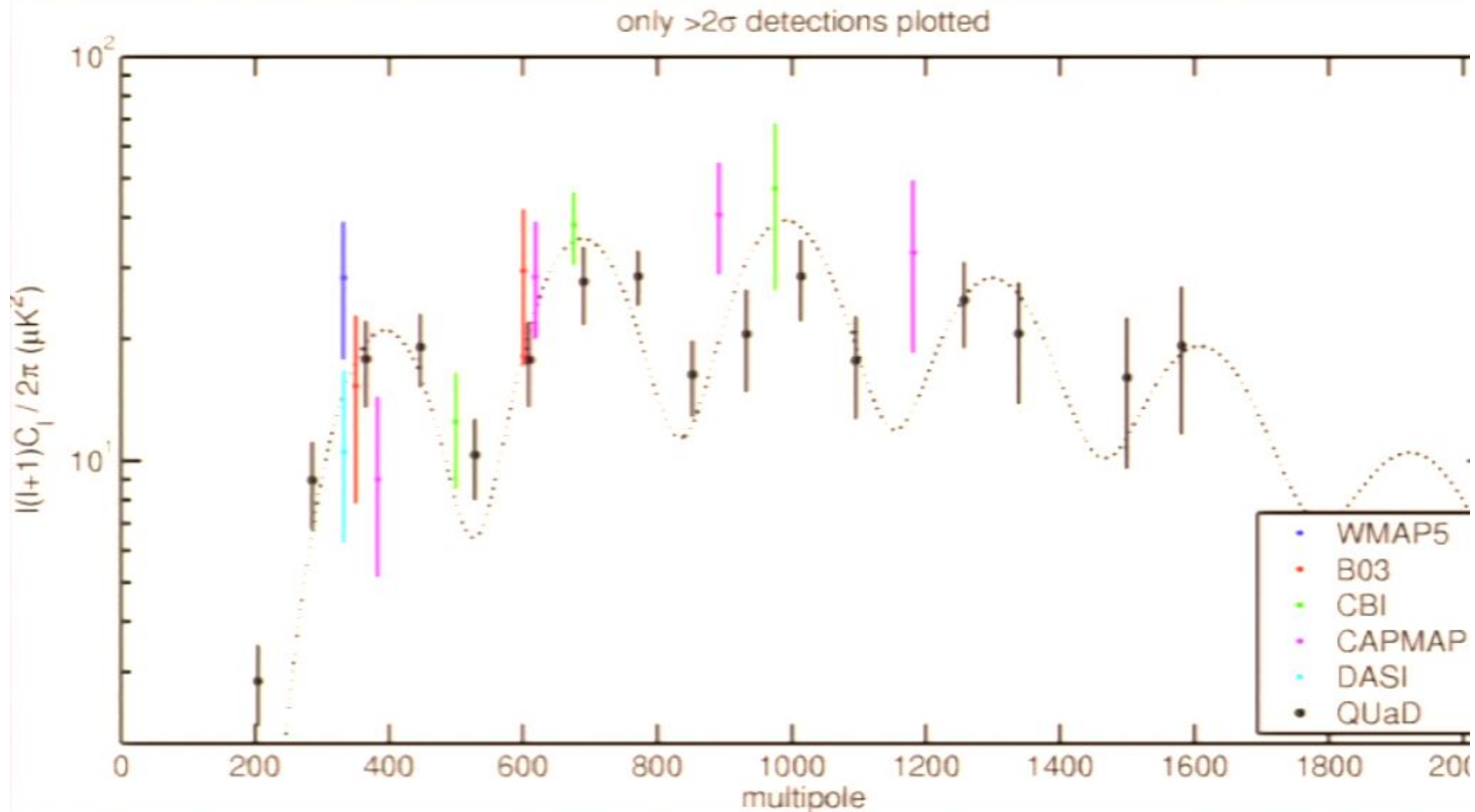


QUaD breaks no new ground in this release - will improve on ACBAR above multipole 2000 (UC grad. student Robert Friedman)

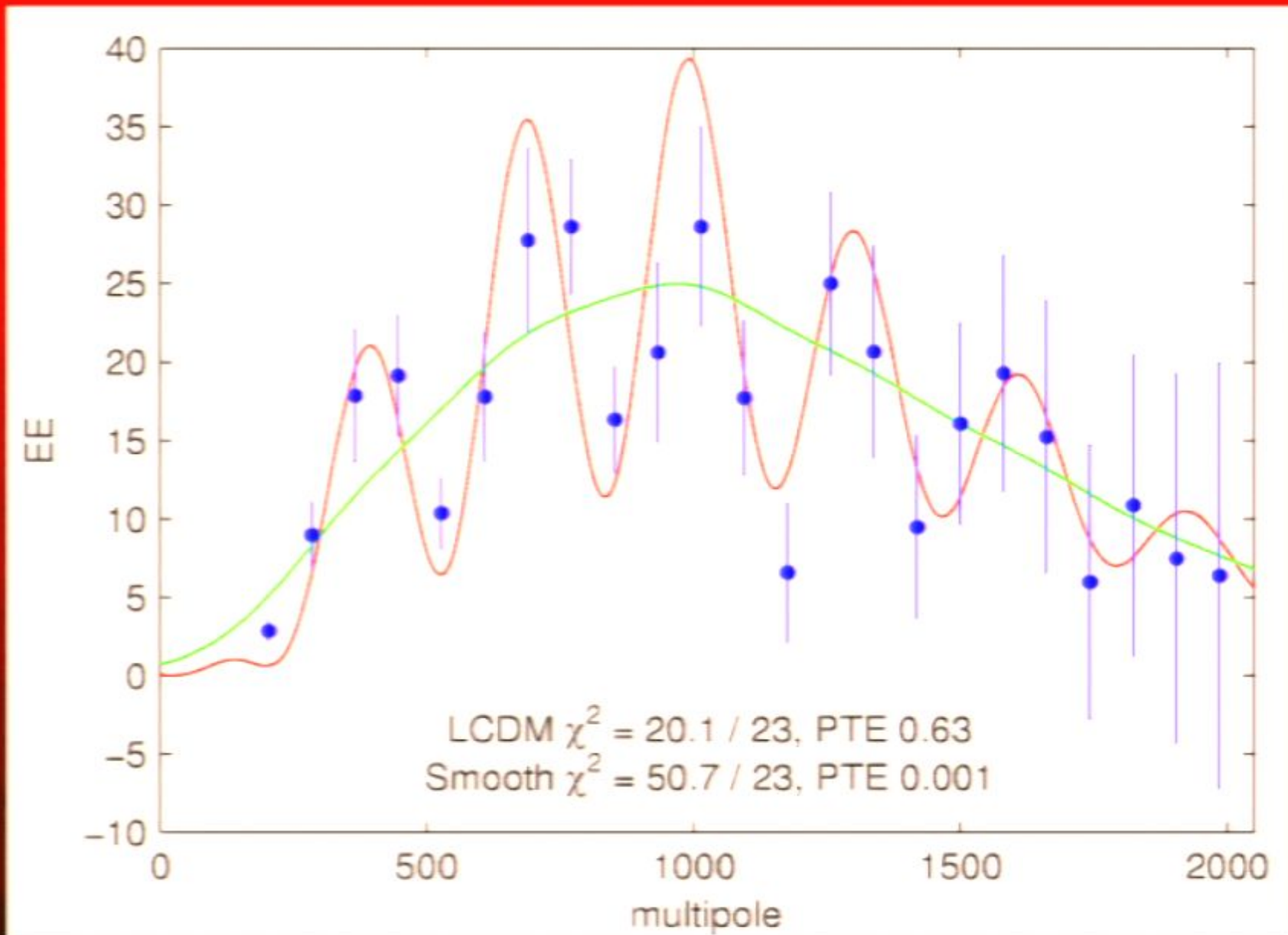
# E/B Maps



# EE Compared to Other Experiments

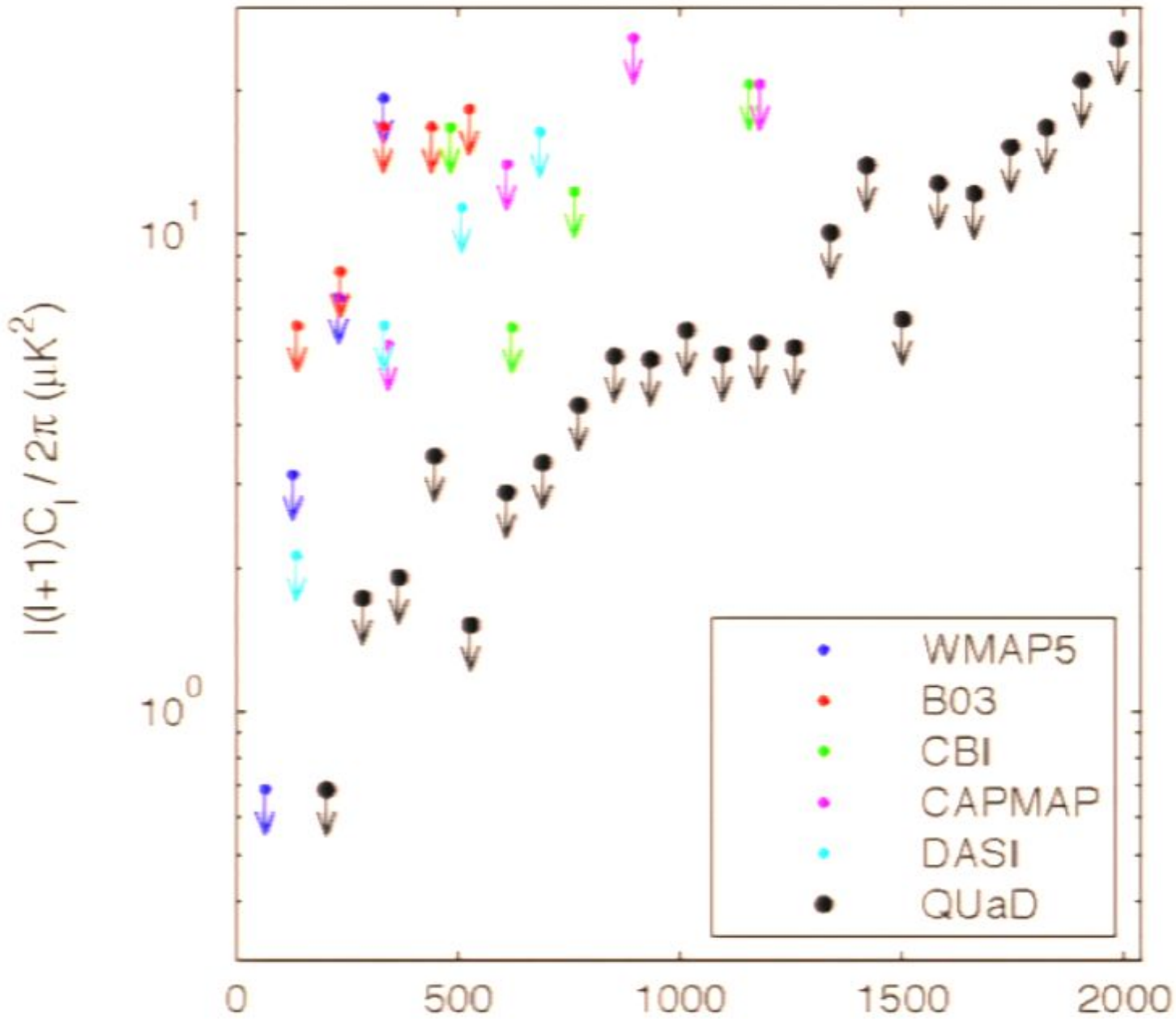


# Does the EE Spectrum Have Peaks?

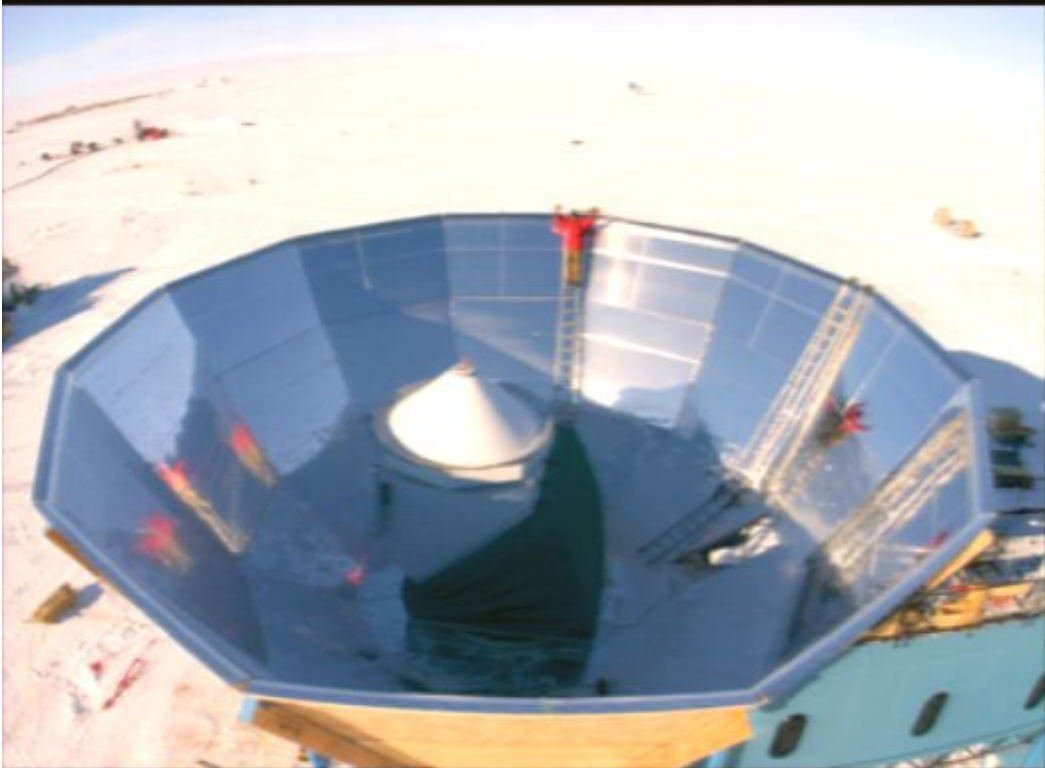




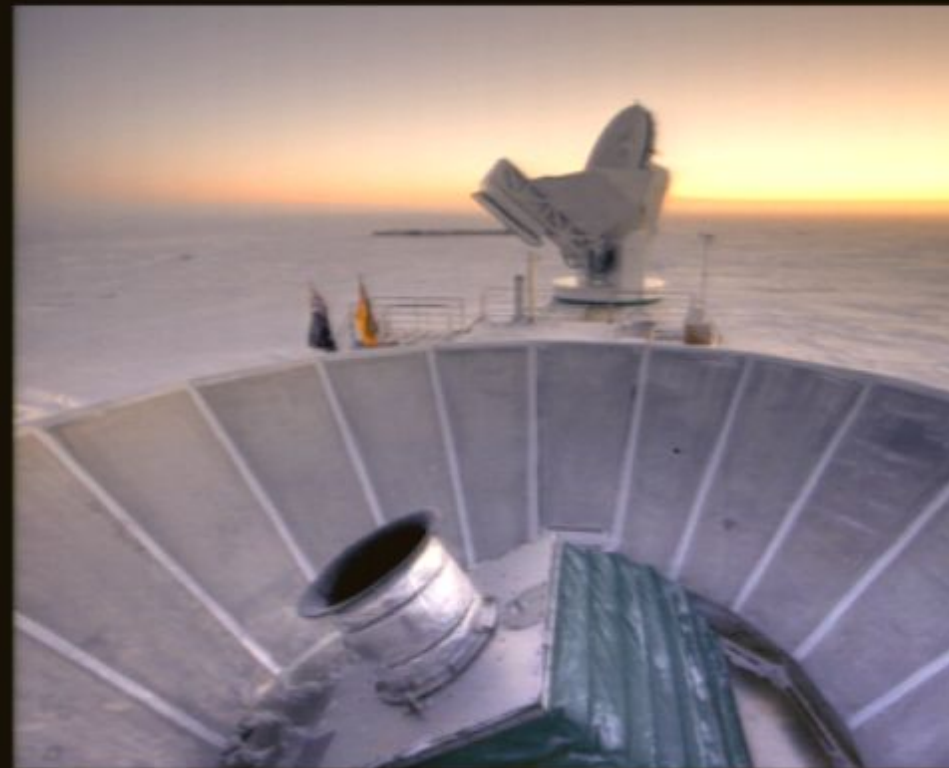
BB 95% confidence upper limits



# CMB polarization machines...an update



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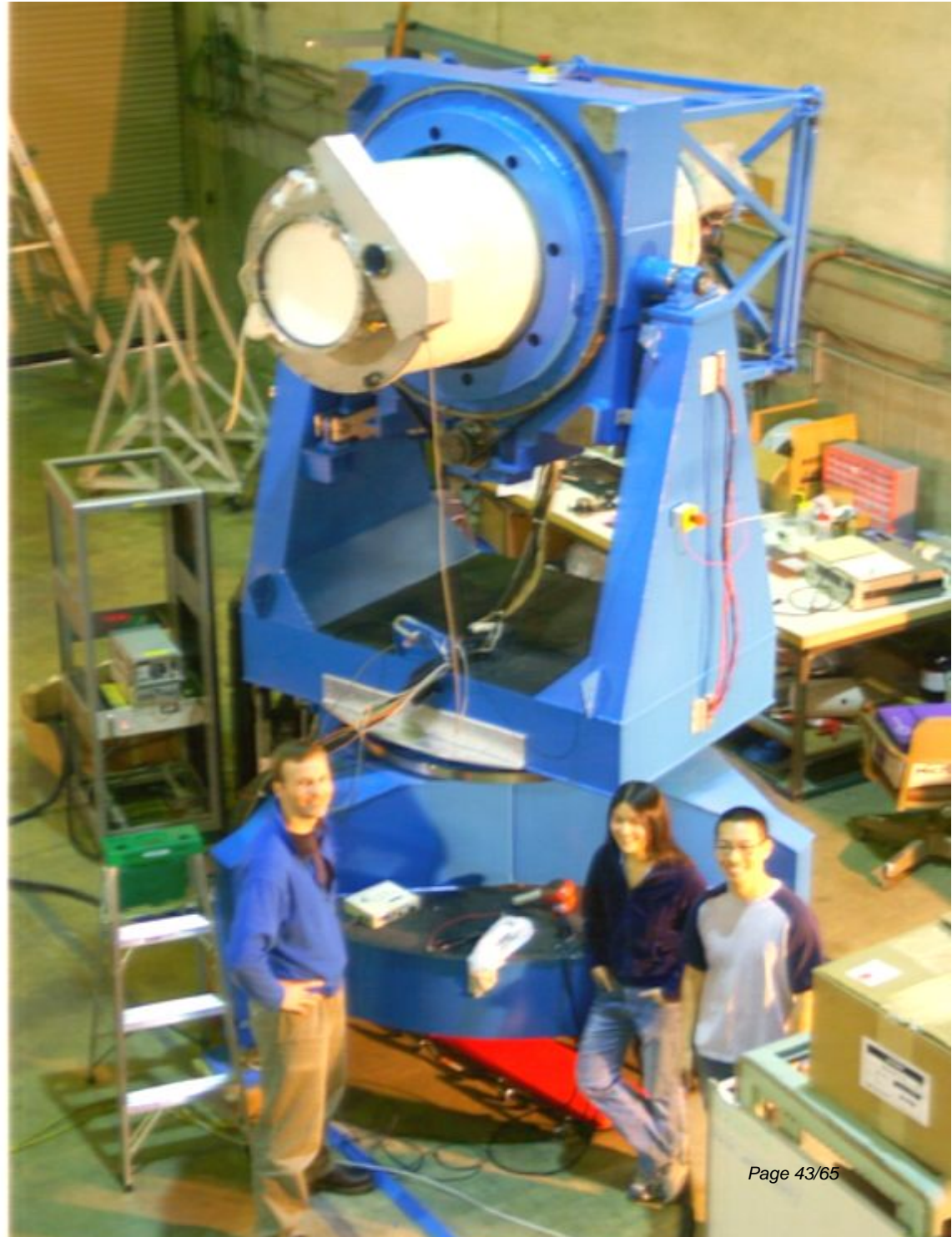
# BICEP

first telescope designed  
to detect the "echo" of  
creation

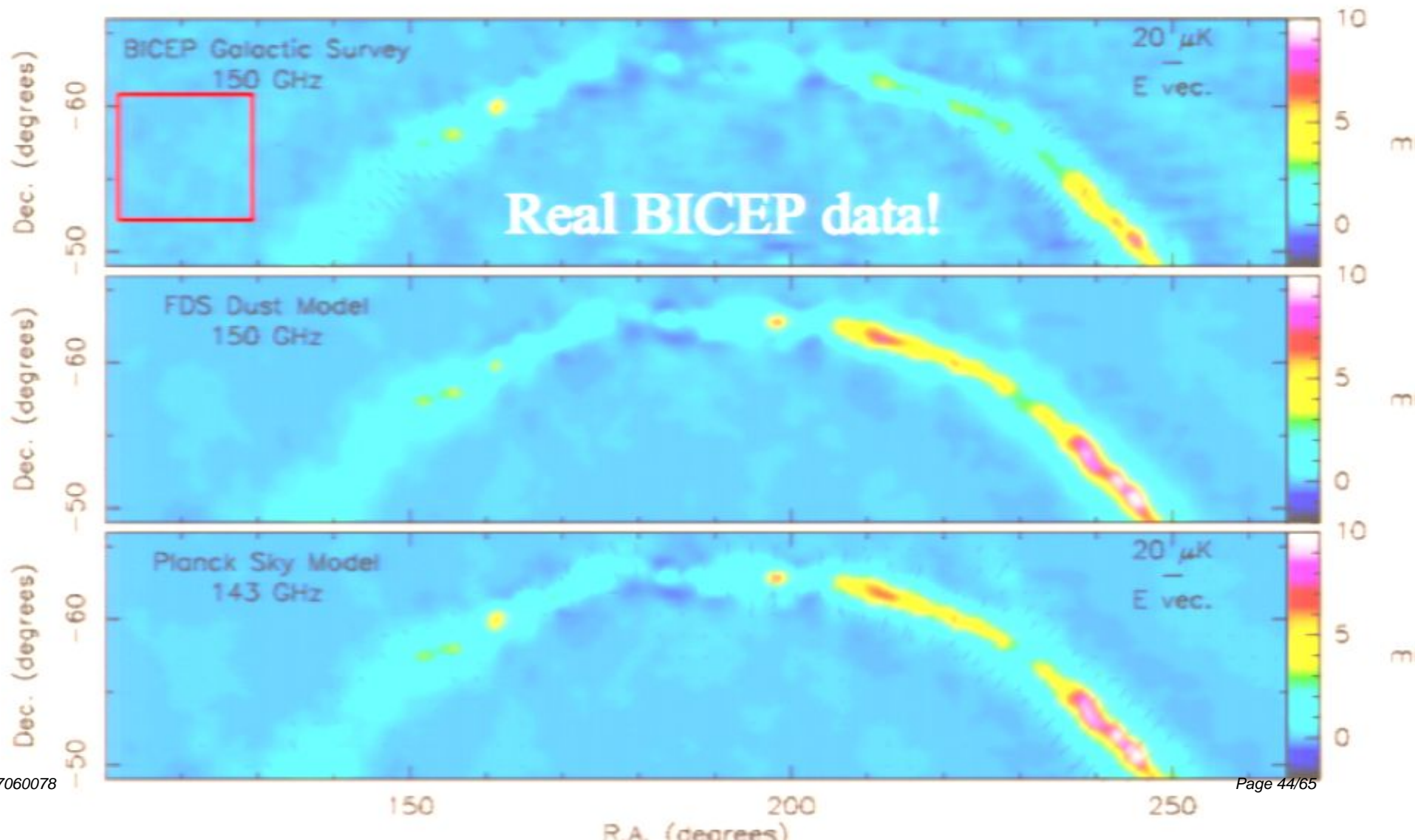
25 cm aperture!

~ \$3M, 3 years

sited at South Pole

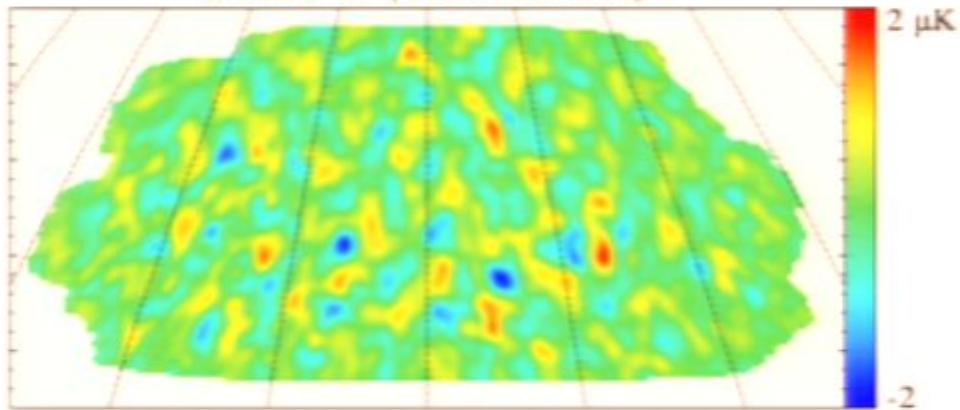


# Polarization in the plane of the Galaxy is at or below expected levels

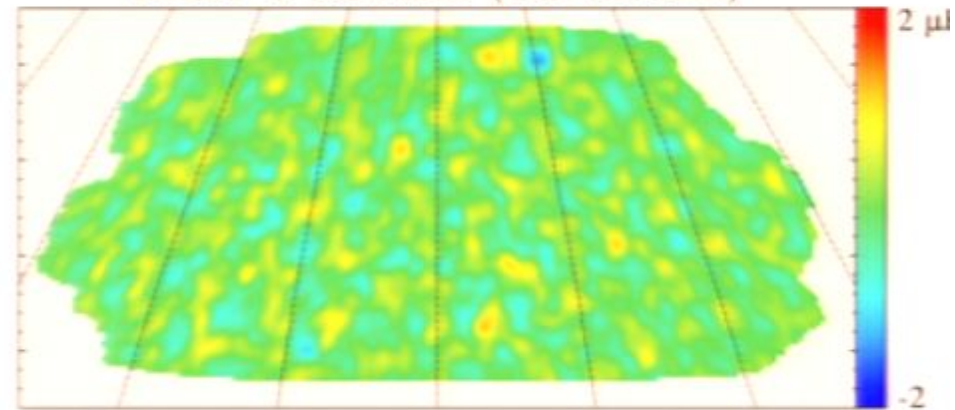


# BICEP E/B polarization

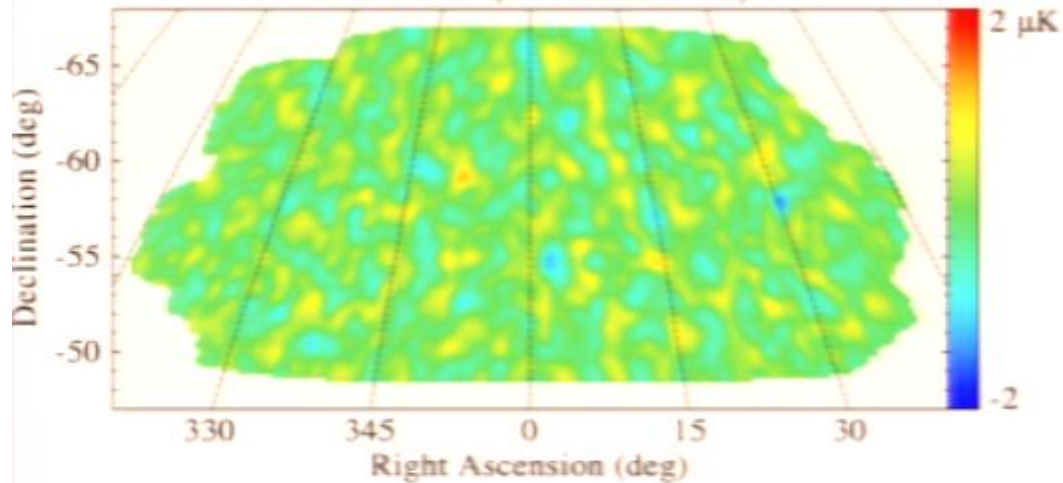
BICEP E (100+150 GHz)



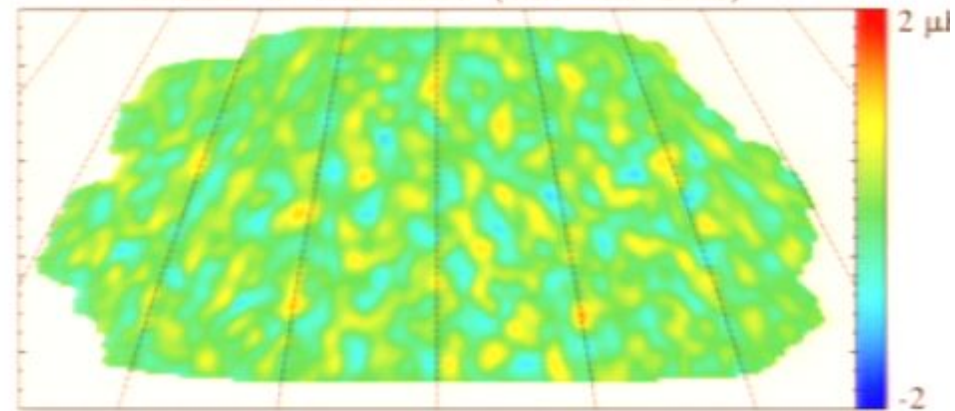
BICEP E Jackknife (100-150 GHz)



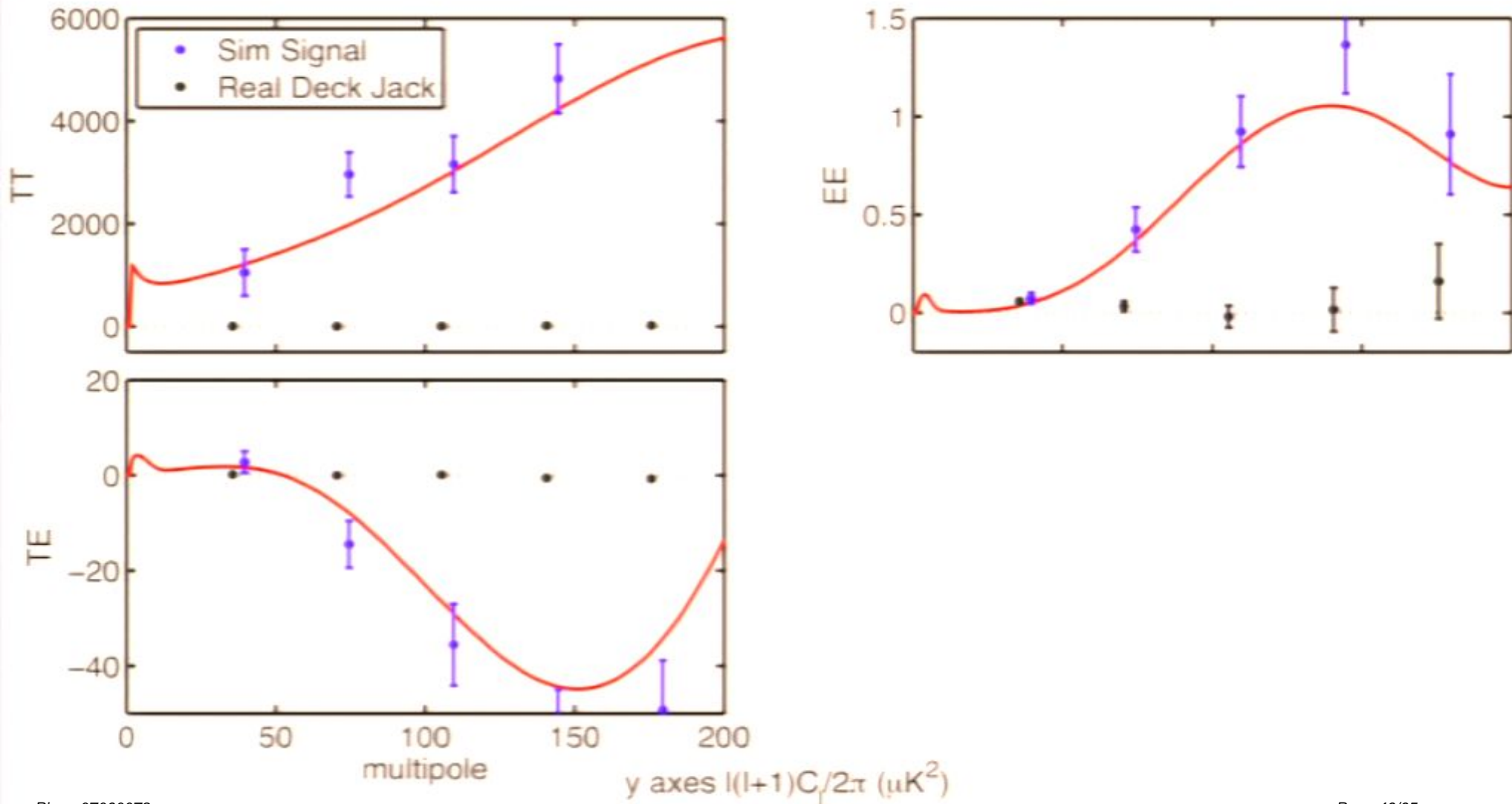
BICEP B (100+150 GHz)



BICEP B Jackknife (100-150 GHz)



# BICEP T, TE, E spectra



We can do better (with better detectors)....

Parameter	Definition	BICEP1		BICEP2/SPUD		Calculated <sup>2</sup>
		Req't ( $r=0.1$ )	Meas. <sup>1</sup>	Req't ( $r=0.01$ ) w/o HWP	w/ HWP	
Gain mismatch (I-pol)	$(g_1 - g_2)/g$	$< 1.5 \times 10^{-2}$	$< 5 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$	negl.	$4 \times 10^{-4}$
Differential FWHM	$(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)/\sigma$	$< 4 \times 10^{-2}$	$< 2 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 7 \times 10^{-3}$	negl.	$2 \times 10^{-4}$
Differential pointing	$\Delta\theta/\sigma$	$< 3 \times 10^{-2}$	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	$< 5 \times 10^{-3}$	negl.	$9 \times 10^{-5}$
Differential ellipticity	$(e_1 - e_2)/2$	$< 9 \times 10^{-2}$	$< 1 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 1.6 \times 10^{-2}$	negl.	$7 \times 10^{-5}$
Cross-polarization	$\Delta\phi$ (rad)	$< 1.4 \times 10^{-1}$	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 2.4 \times 10^{-2}$	negl.	$5 \times 10^{-6}$
Pol. sidelobes to Galaxy <sup>3</sup>	(dBi)	$< -13$	$< -38$	$< -18$		$< -38$
Pol. sidelobes to ground <sup>3</sup>	(dBi)	$< -24$	$< -38$	$< -19$		$< -38$
Optics temperature <sup>4</sup>	$\Delta T_{RJ}$ ( $\mu K$ )	$< 3.5$	$< 0.7$	$< 1$	$< 3$	$< 0.7$
Cold-stage temperature <sup>4</sup>	$\Delta T$ (nK)	$< 3$	$< 2.7$	$< 1$	$< 3$	$< 1$

<sup>1</sup> Typical value measured from an end-to-end beam test of the entire BICEP1 optics.

<sup>2</sup> BICEP2/SPUD estimates for main beam effects based on a physical optics calculation of the refracting optics (worst case over the entire FOV), sidelobe and temperature levels based on BICEP1 performance.

<sup>3</sup> Following Page et al. (2003), defined here as  $G_{\text{p}}(\theta, \phi) = (4\pi/\Omega)Pg(\theta, \phi)$ , where P is the polarization.

<sup>4</sup> Scan-synchronous, over  $\ell = 30 - 300$ , assuming no reduction from varying the scan pattern.

Table 2: Potential Systematic Errors for BICEP and SPUD.

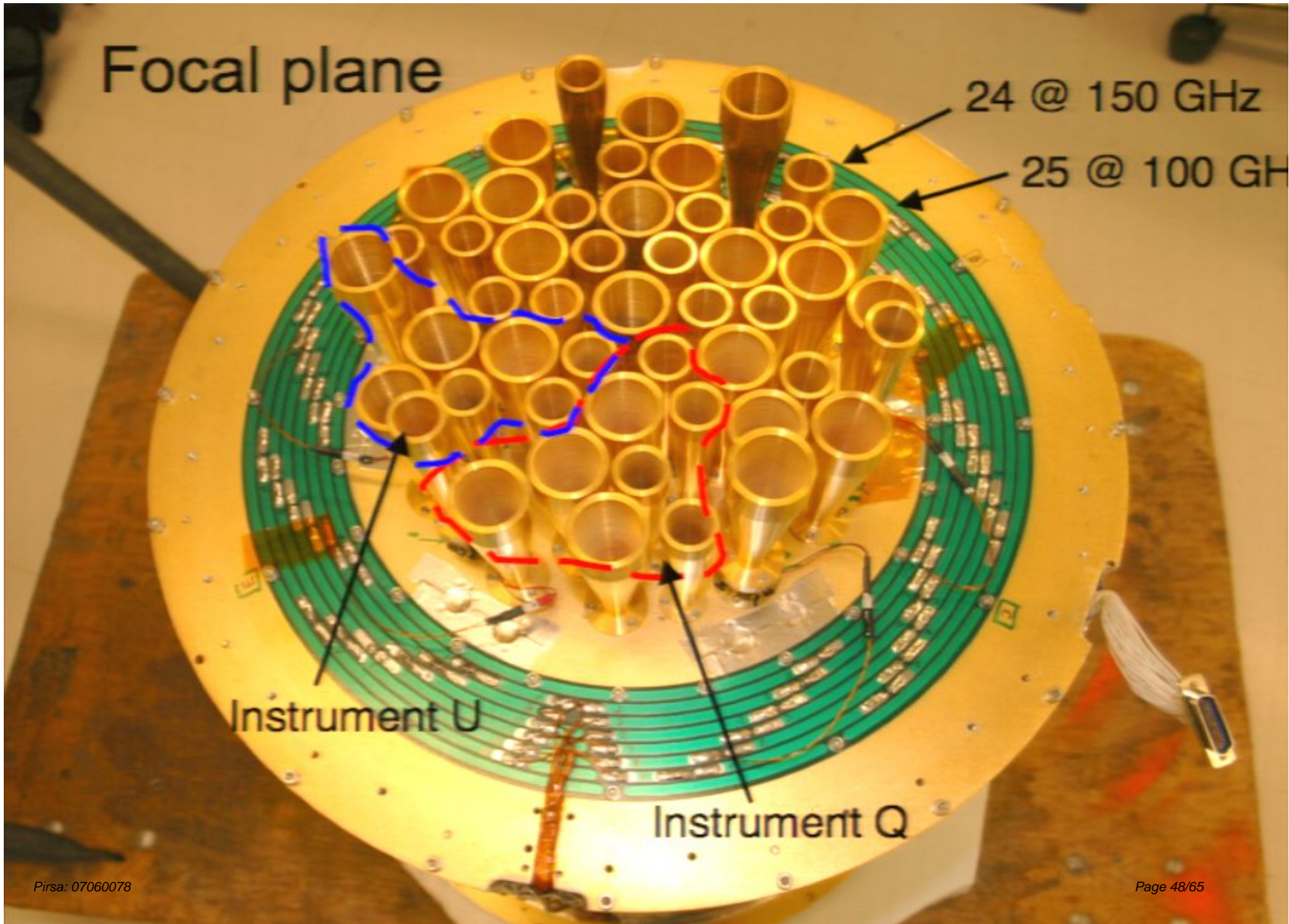
Focal plane

24 @ 150 GHz

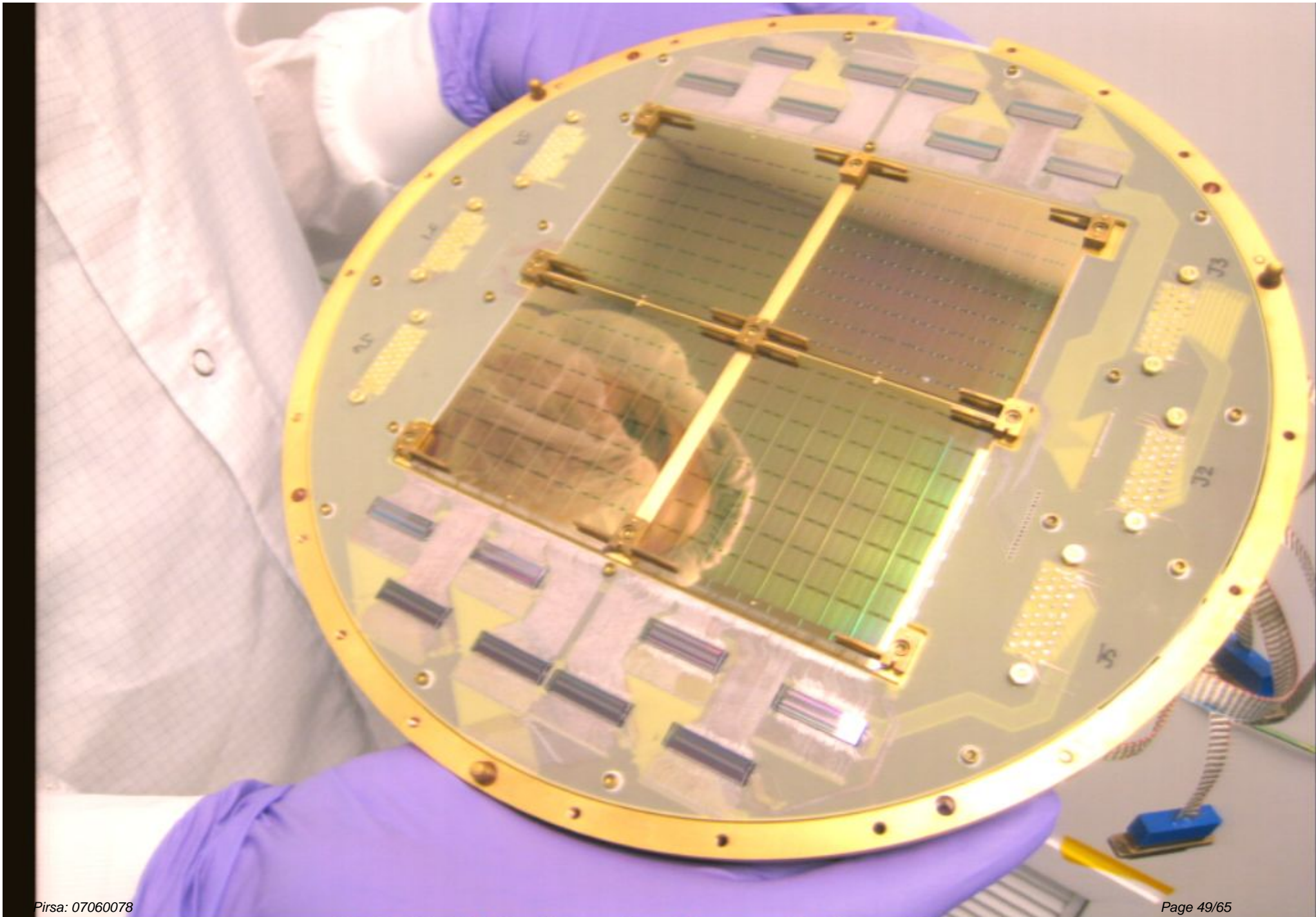
25 @ 100 GHz

Instrument U

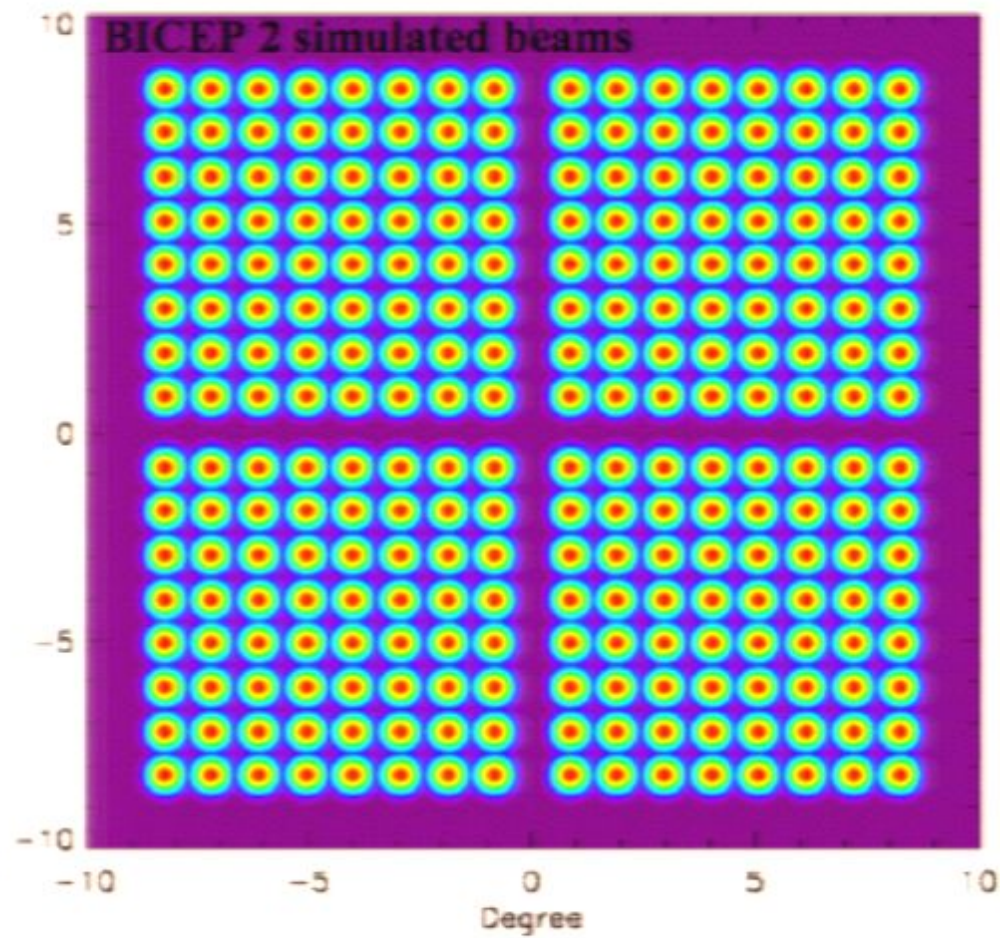
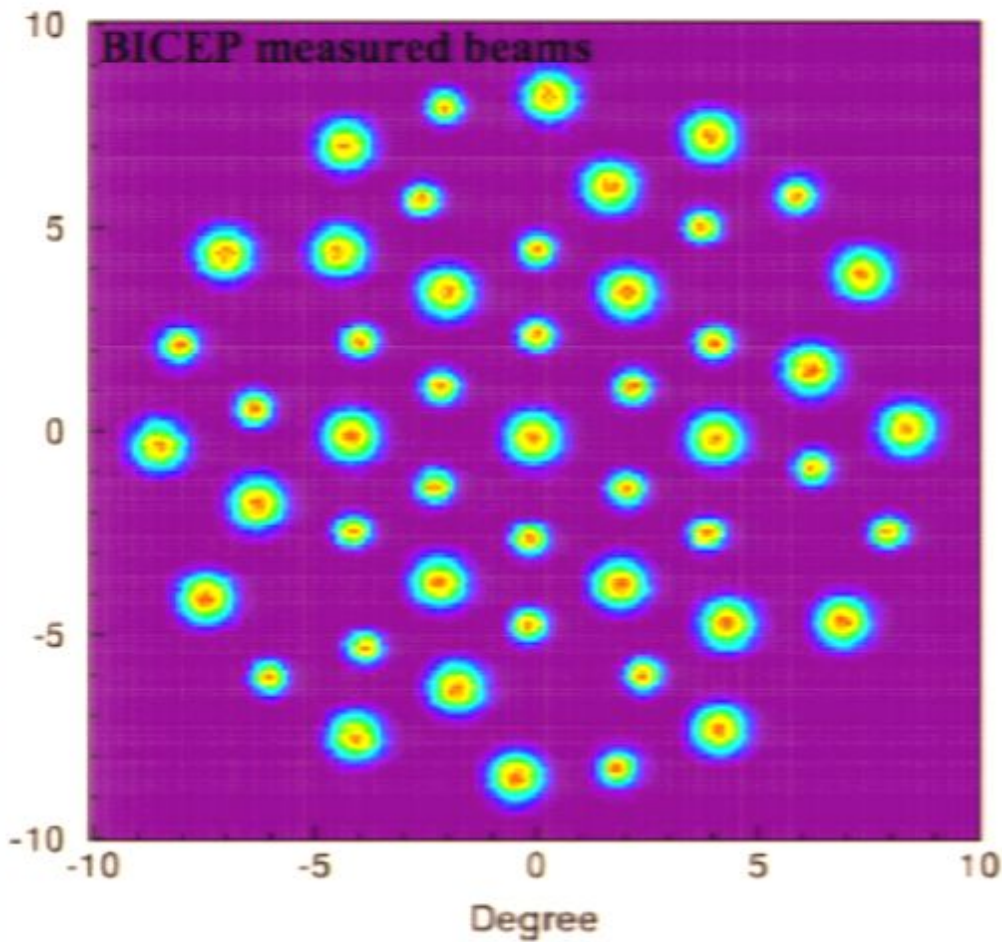
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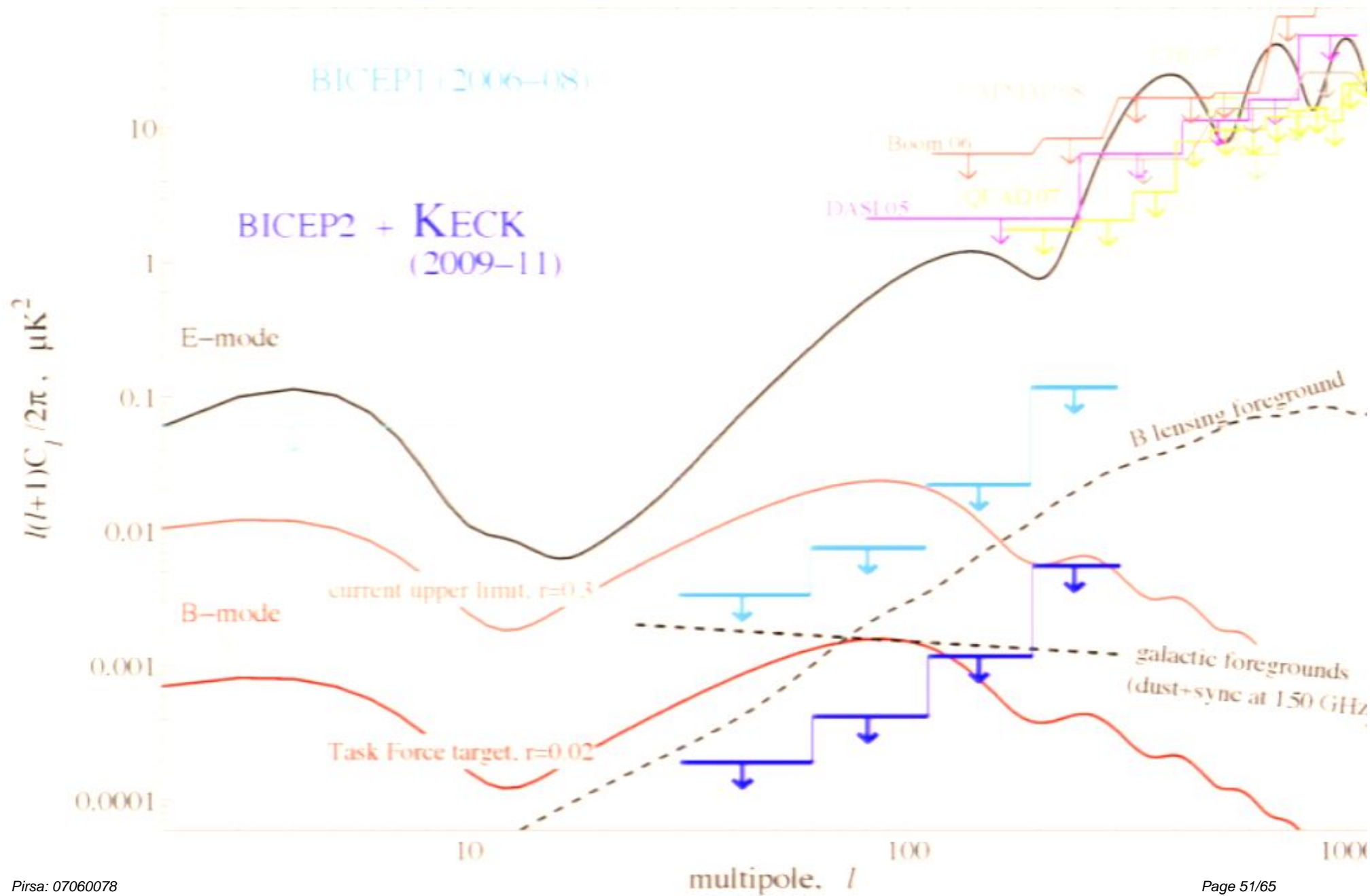






# Getting more pixels on the sky ...





# What comes next?

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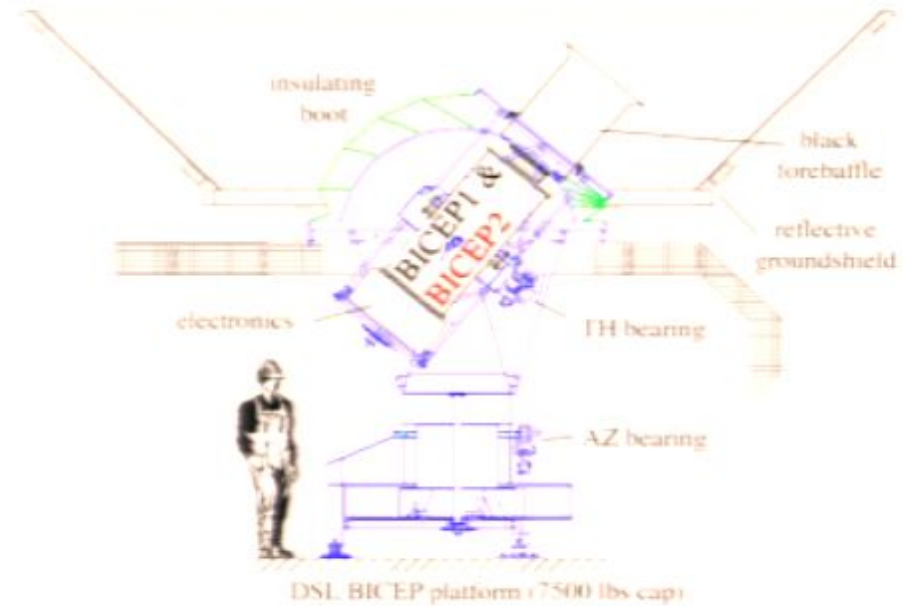
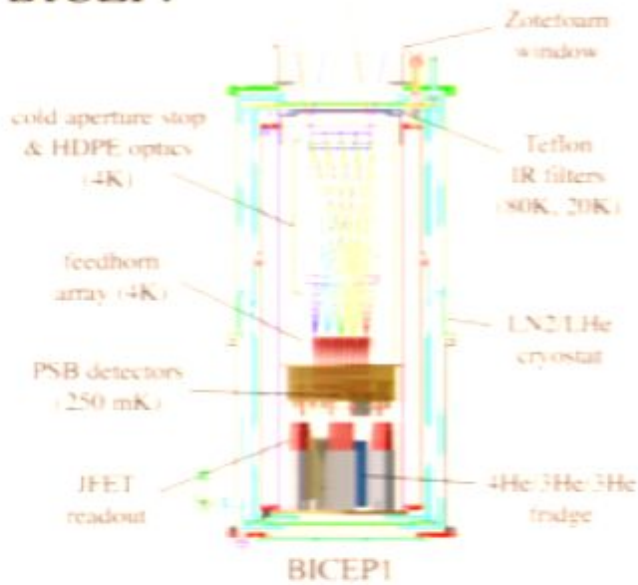
# The next step requires a larger team....



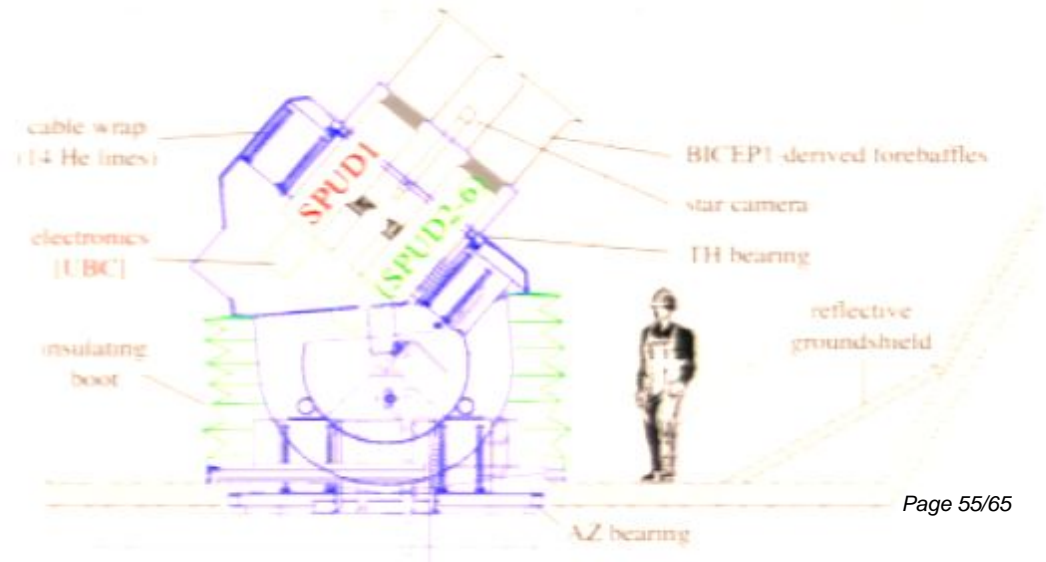
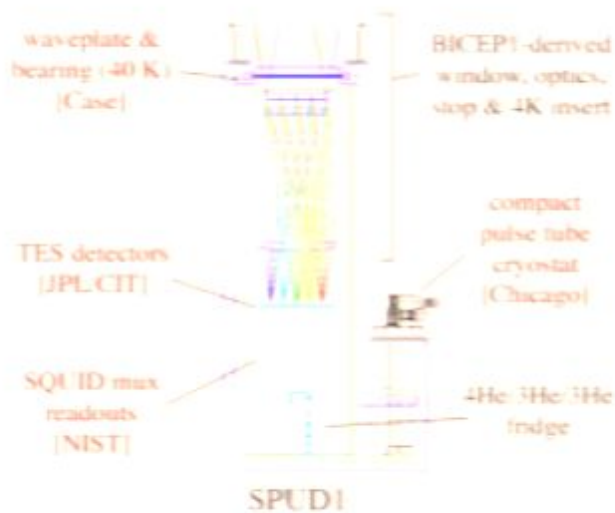
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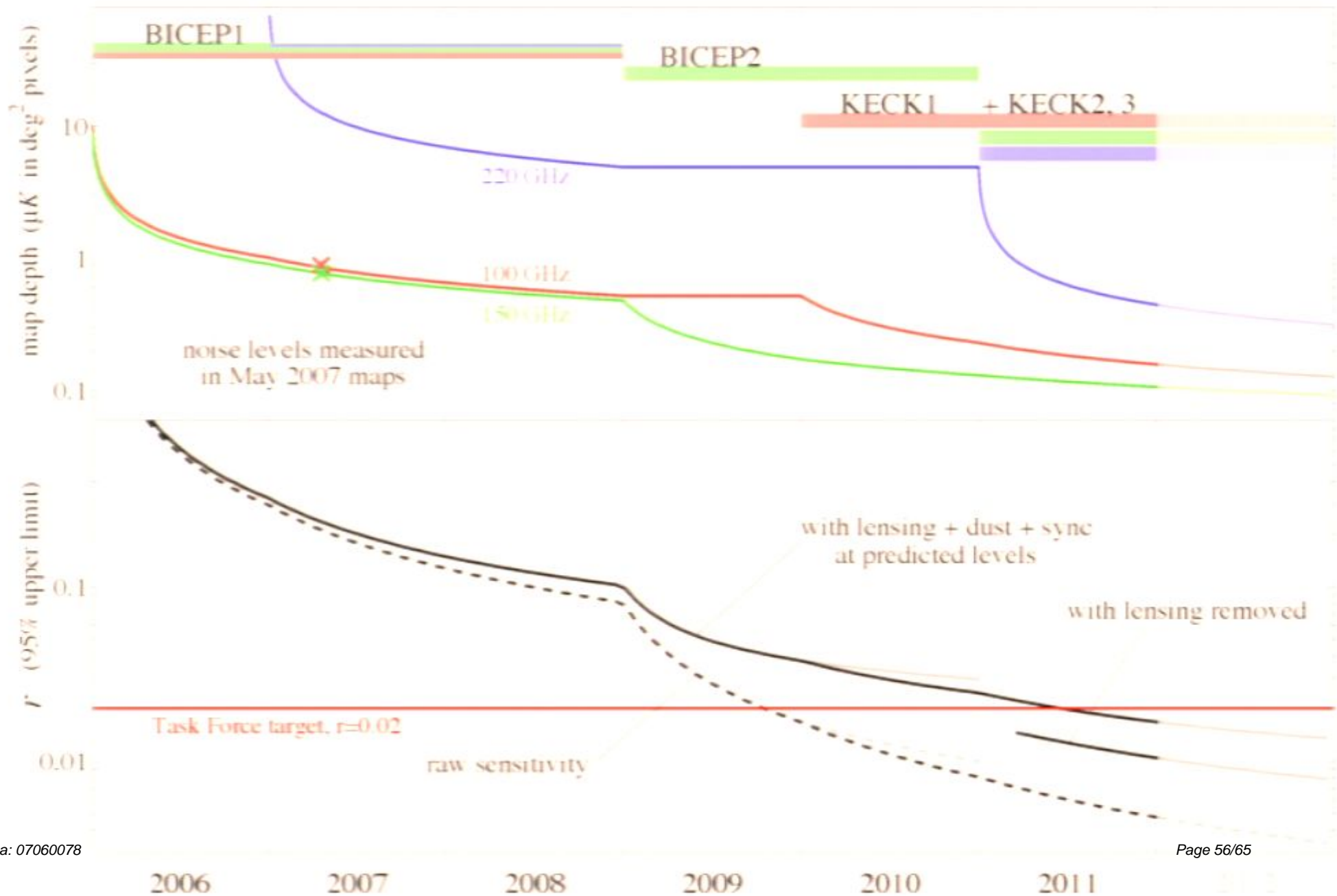
# more telescopes (small ones!): SPUD (2010)

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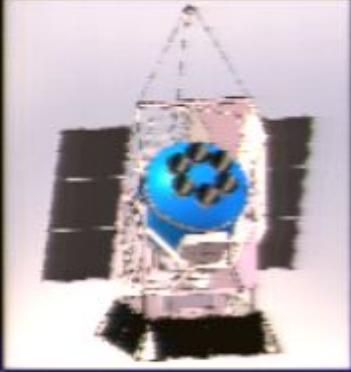


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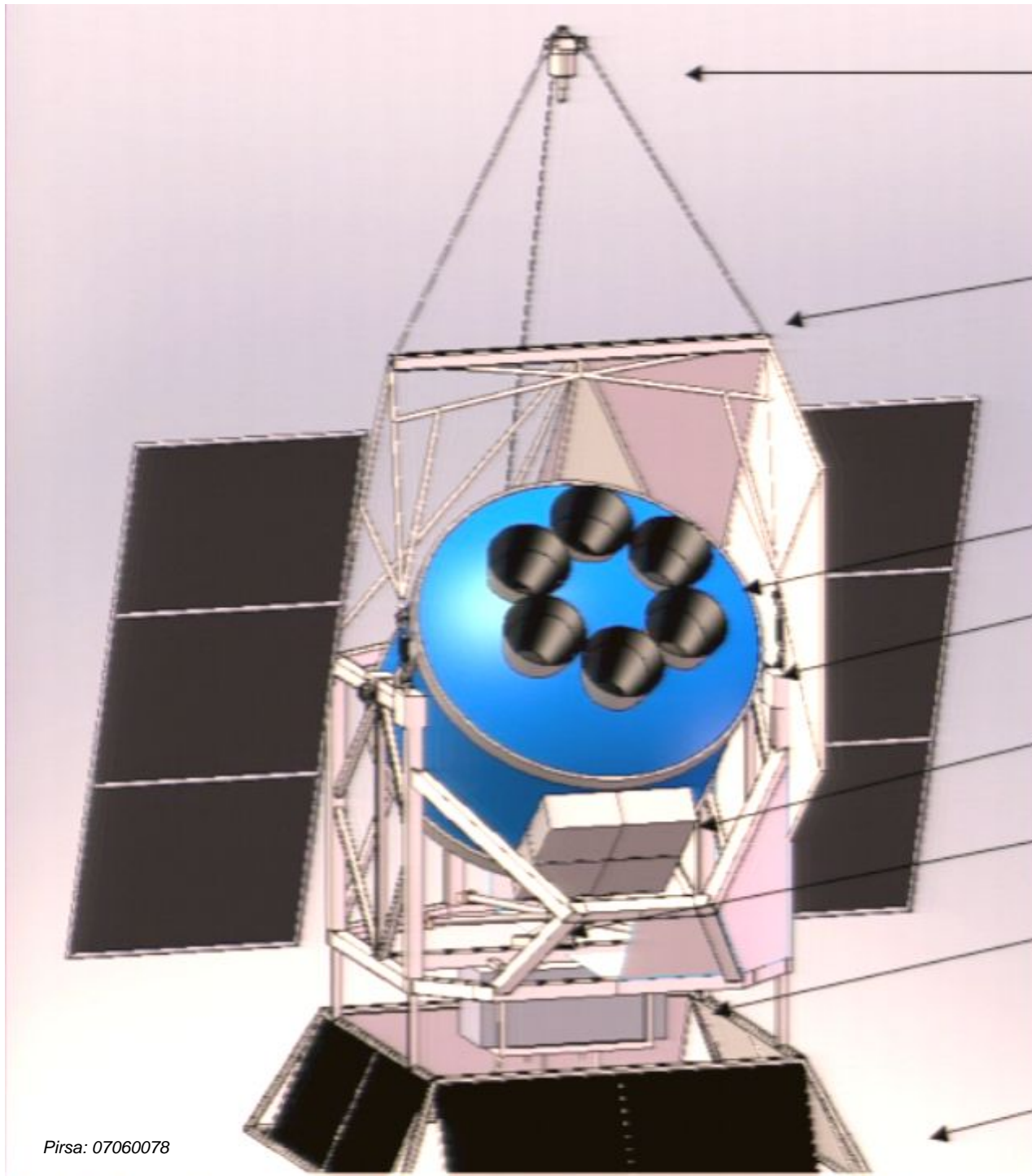


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Pivot to flight train

Carbon Fiber Gondola

Science solar array  
and Sun shields

Six single freq. telescopes

35 day, 1.4 K cryostat

MCE array

Flywheel

Flight Computers/ACS

SIP and CSBF  
Solar arrays



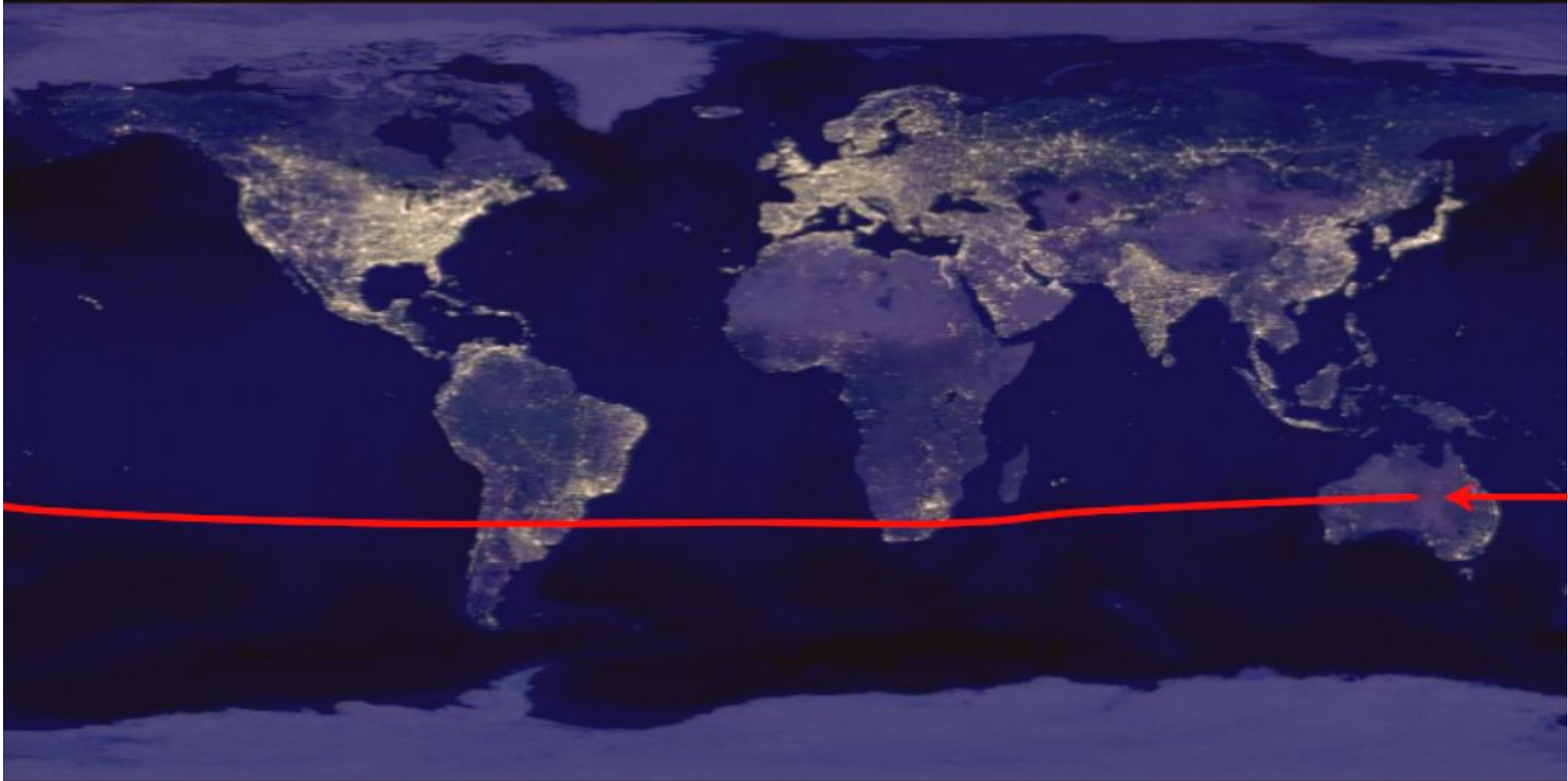
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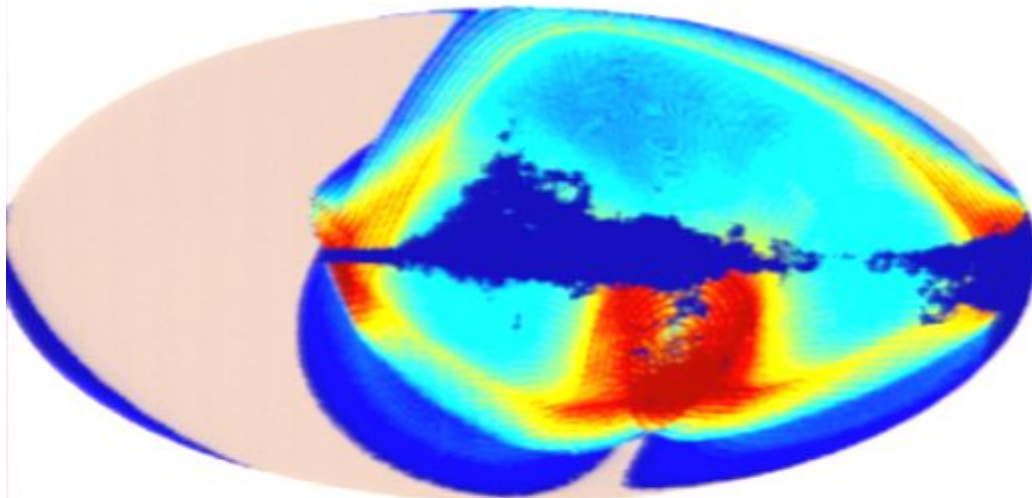
# ***Spider's* ULDB Flight Plan**



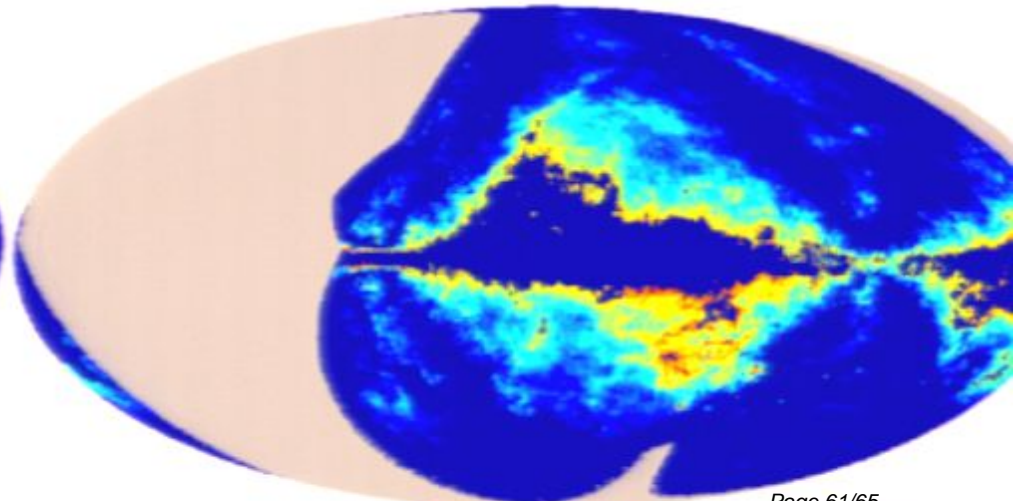
## Spider's Flight Schedule:

- Spring 2010: Alice Springs 5-day turnaround flight
  - Achieve E-mode science goals
  - Establish competitive limits on scalar to tensor ratio
- 20+ day ULDB flight the following season
  - Characterize the B-mode spectrum
  - Map the Galactic polarized emission

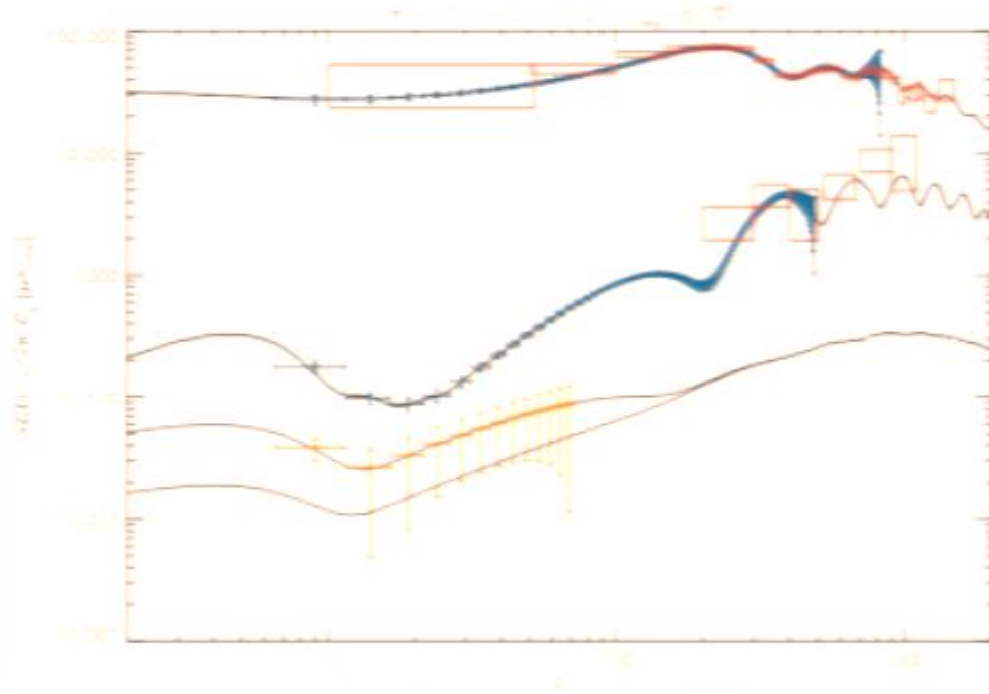
Alice Springs Spring Launch Coverage



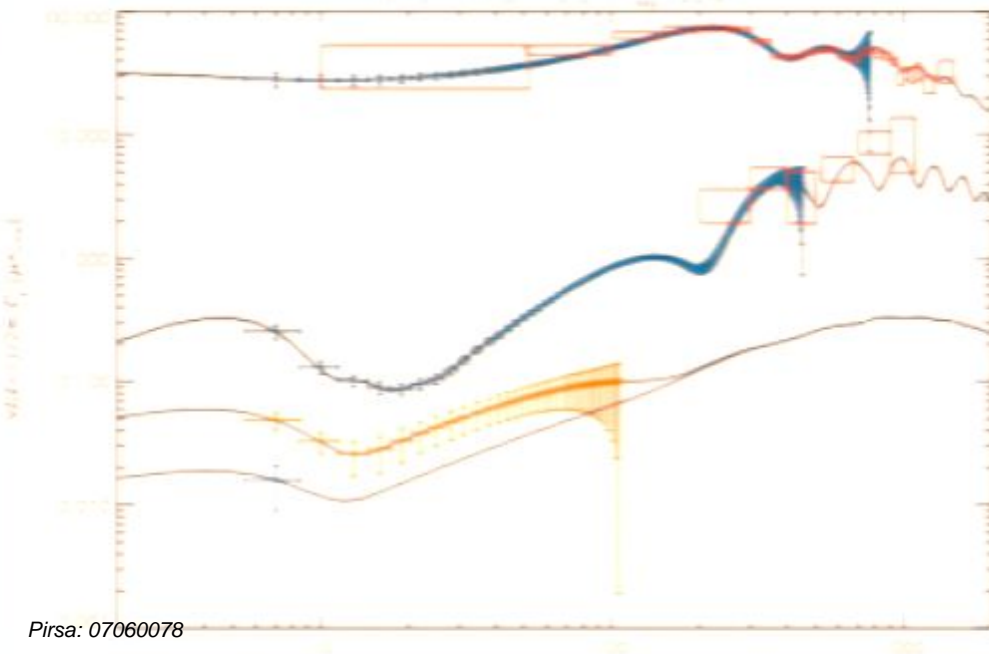
Alice Springs Spring Launch Foregrounds



## Spider Turnaround Flight Spring 2010

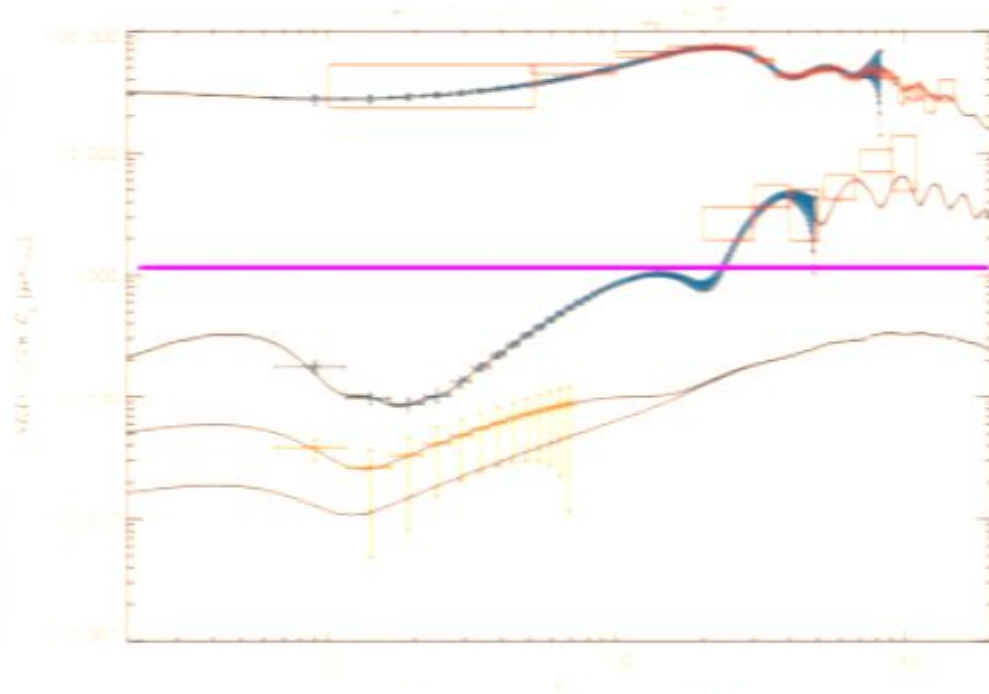


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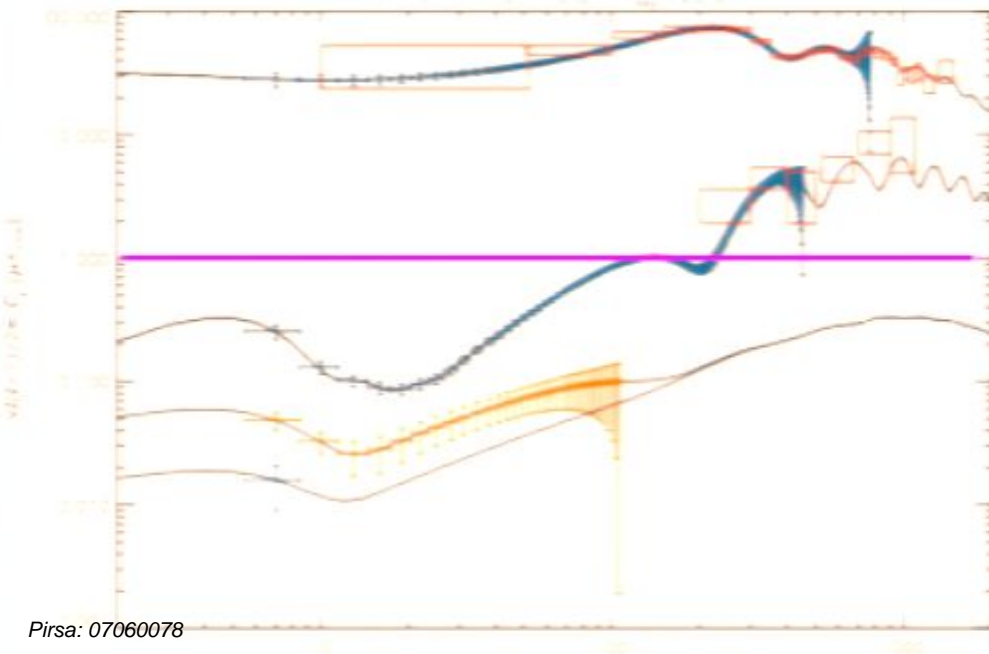


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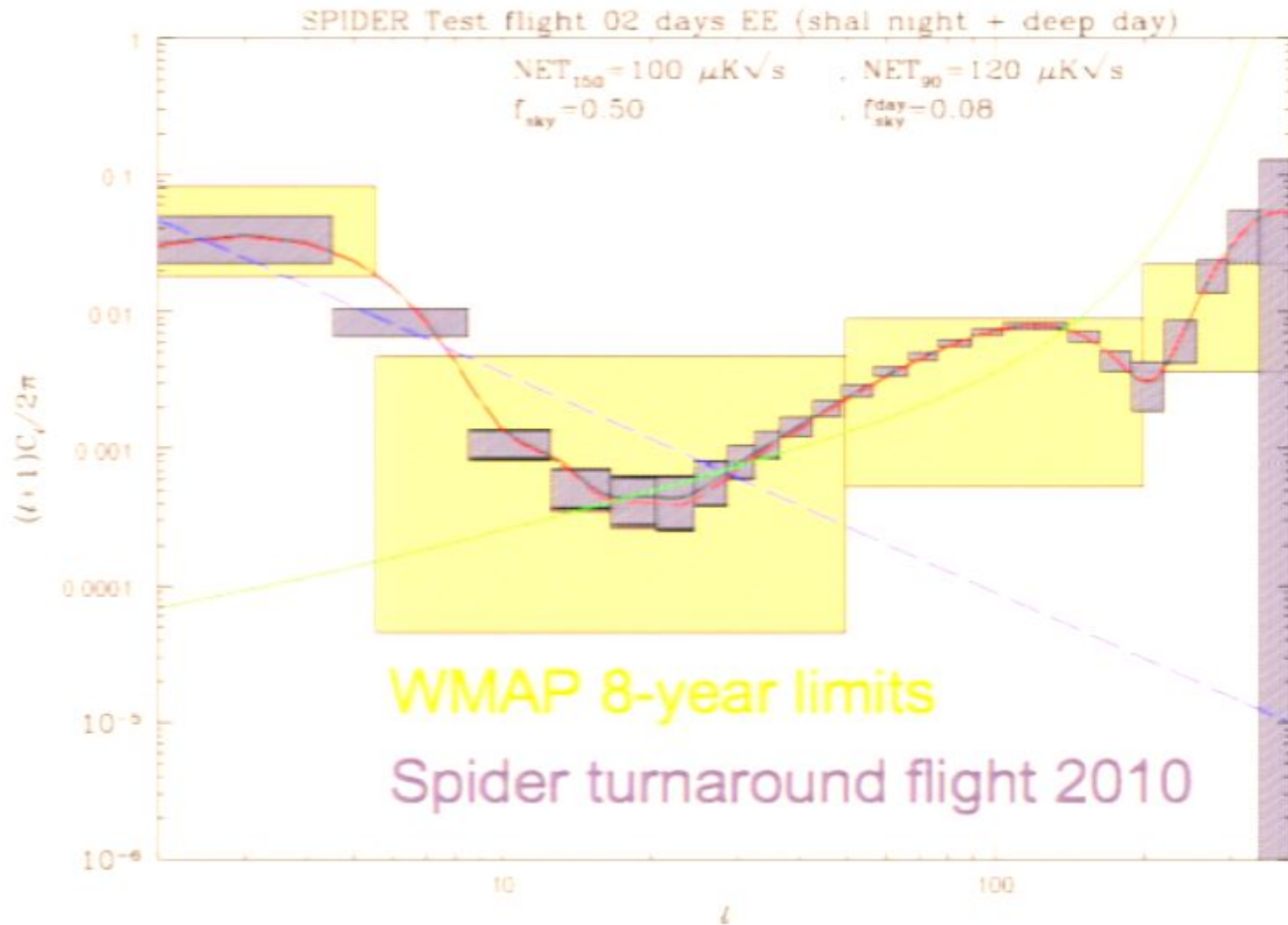


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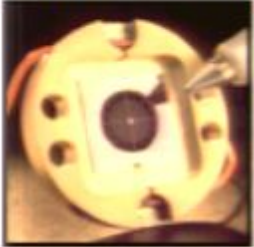
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# EE Science from 2010 "Test" Flight

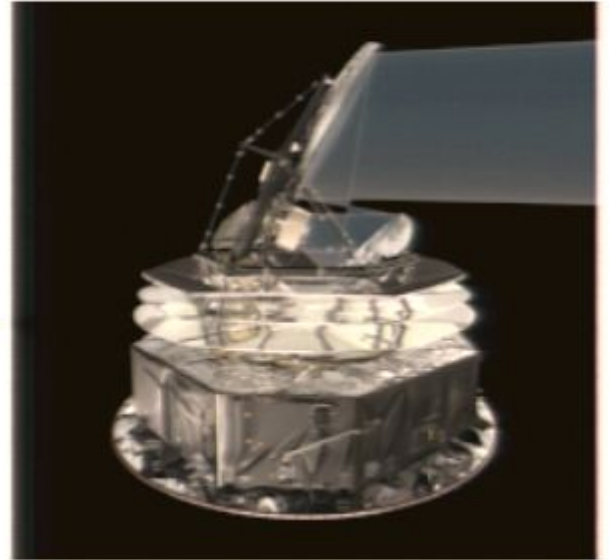
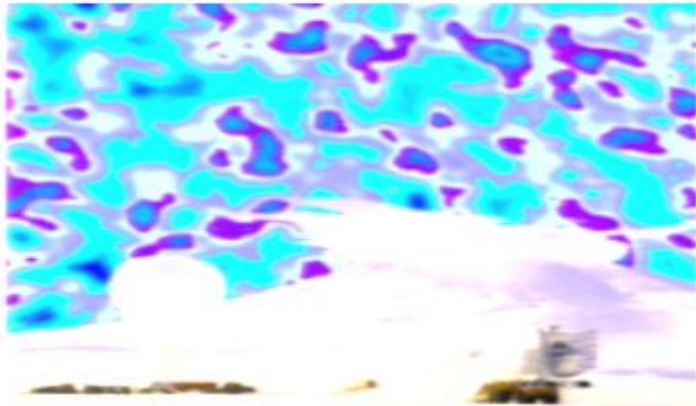




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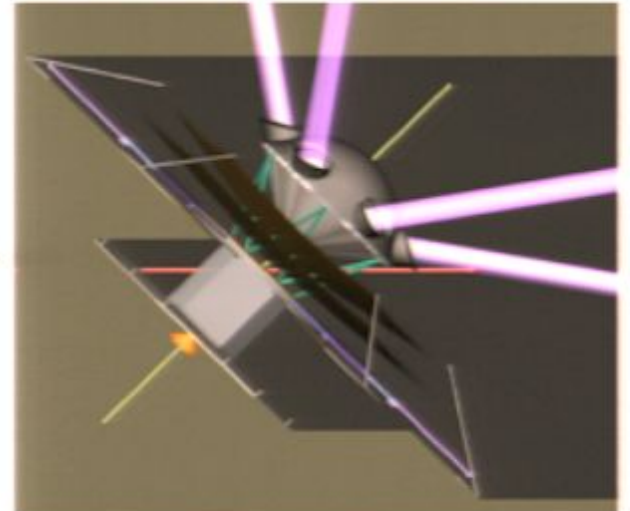
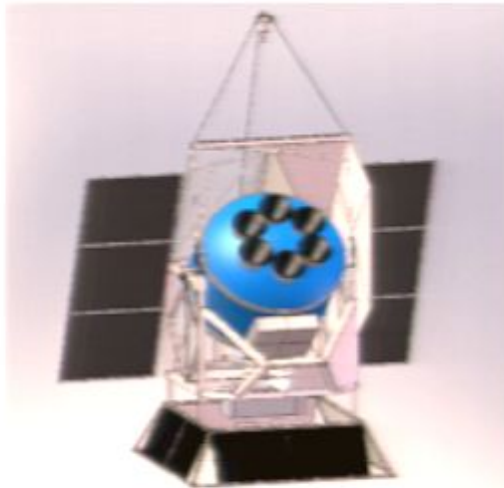
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PLANK 2008 (2012)

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