

Title: South Pole Telescope: A new probe of cluster cosmology

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Abstract: The South Pole Telescope (SPT) is a 10-meter diameter telescope with a 960 element millimeter-wavelength bolometric receiver, which is in the midst of its third season of observations at the South Pole. The SPT has been optimized for measurements of the Sunyaev-Zel'dovich (SZ) effect in galaxy clusters. With this instrument, we are surveying the southern sky to create a mass limited catalog of galaxy clusters out to the epoch of their formation. This program of observations will also produce significant detections of the kinetic SZ effect and weak gravitational lensing of the CMB, a multi-band millimeter-wavelength point source catalog, and images of the SZ effect in known galaxy clusters with unprecedented sensitivity. In this talk, I will discuss the design, construction, and deployment of the SPT telescope and receiver, progress of the observations, and conclude with a discussion of future plans.

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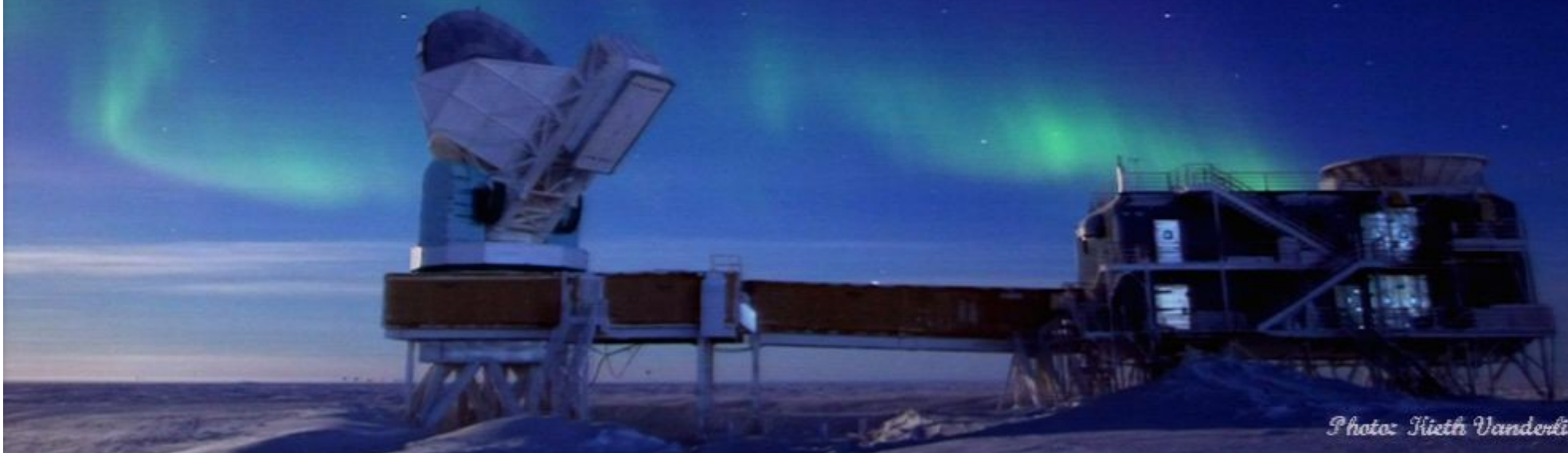
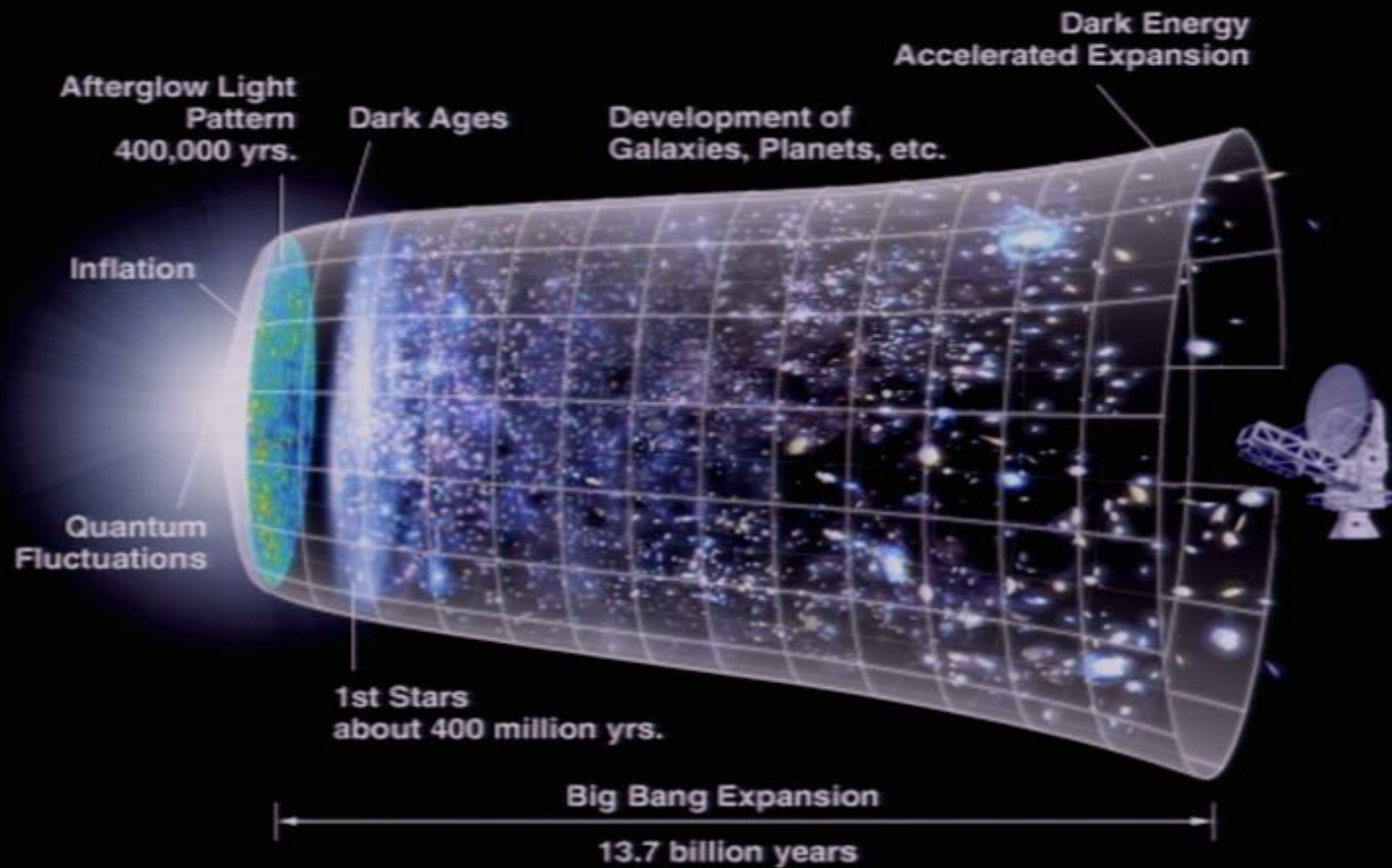
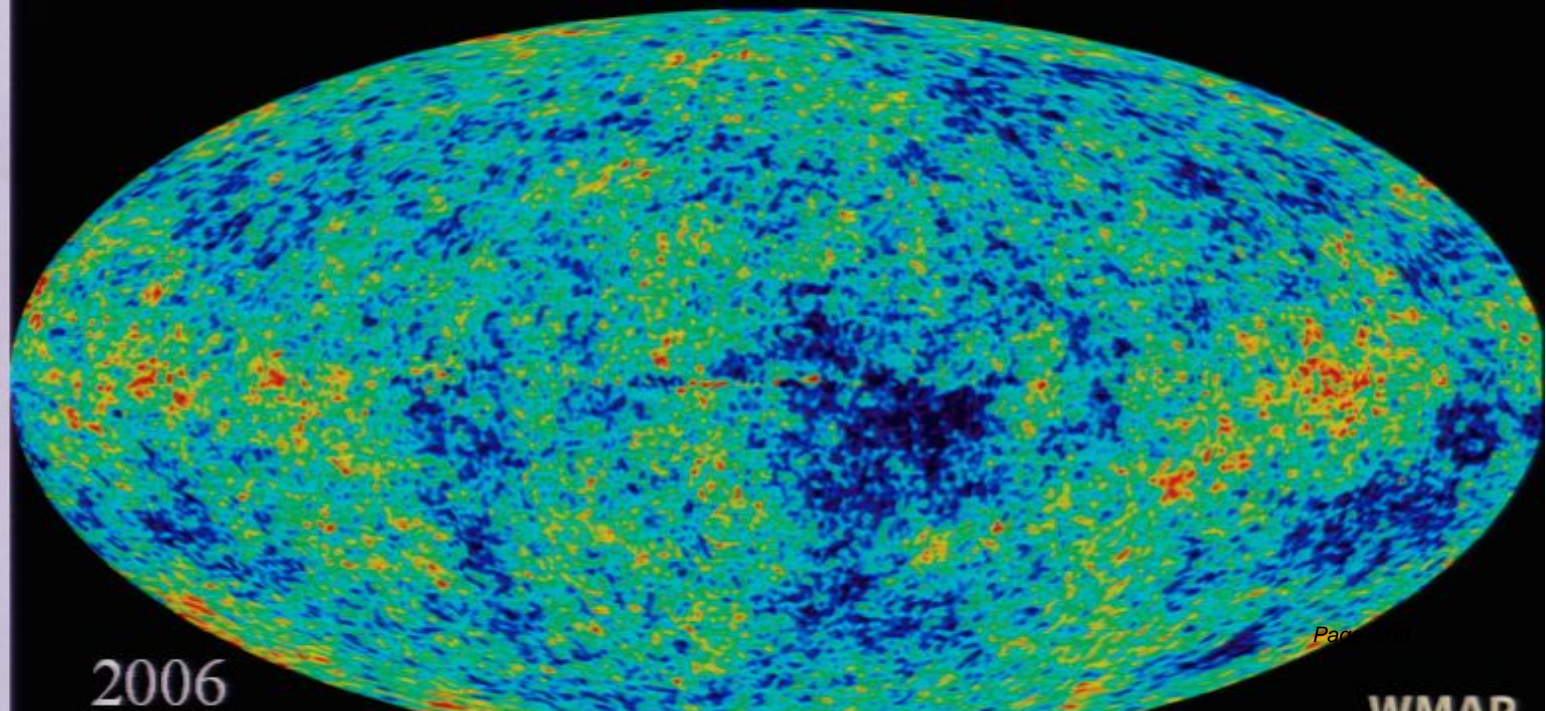
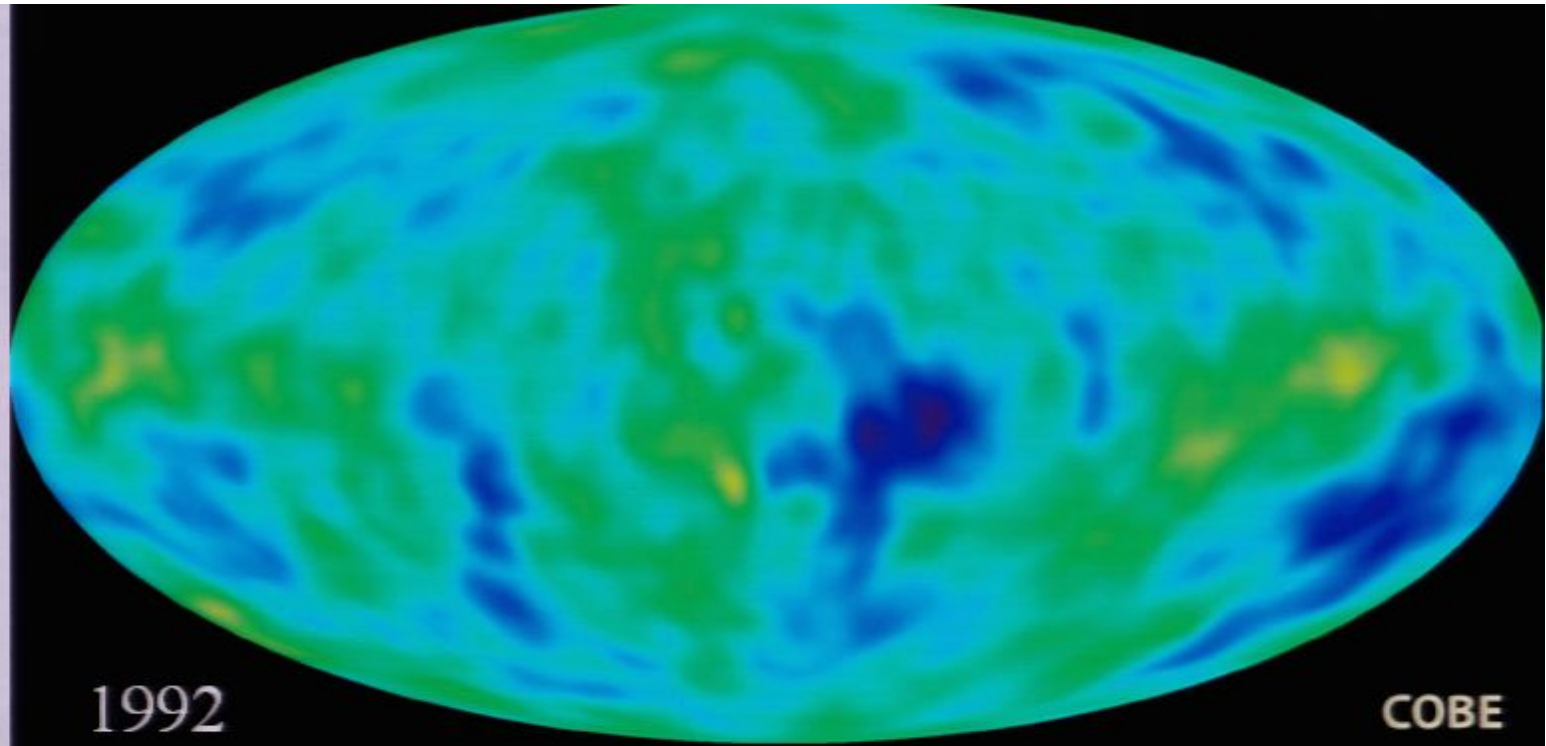


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The Cosmic Microwave Background is powerful tool for the study of Cosmology

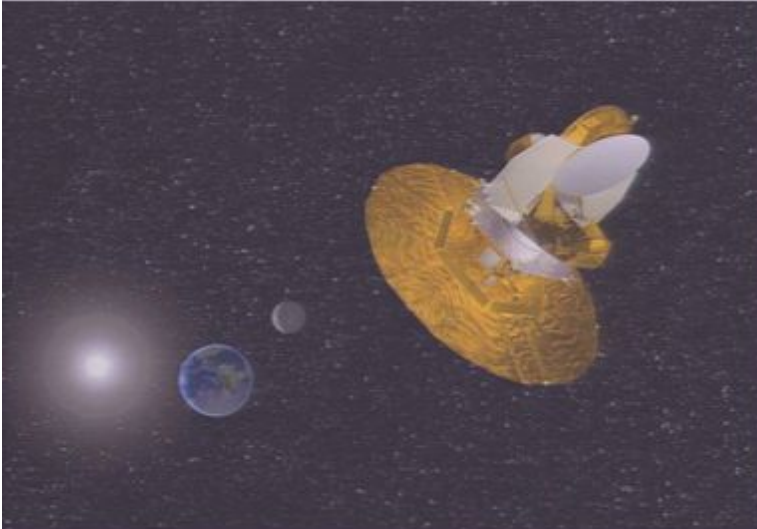


Rapid
progress in
resolution and
sensitivity of
observations



Amazing agreement between diverse experiments.

WMAP



L2

ACBAR South Pole



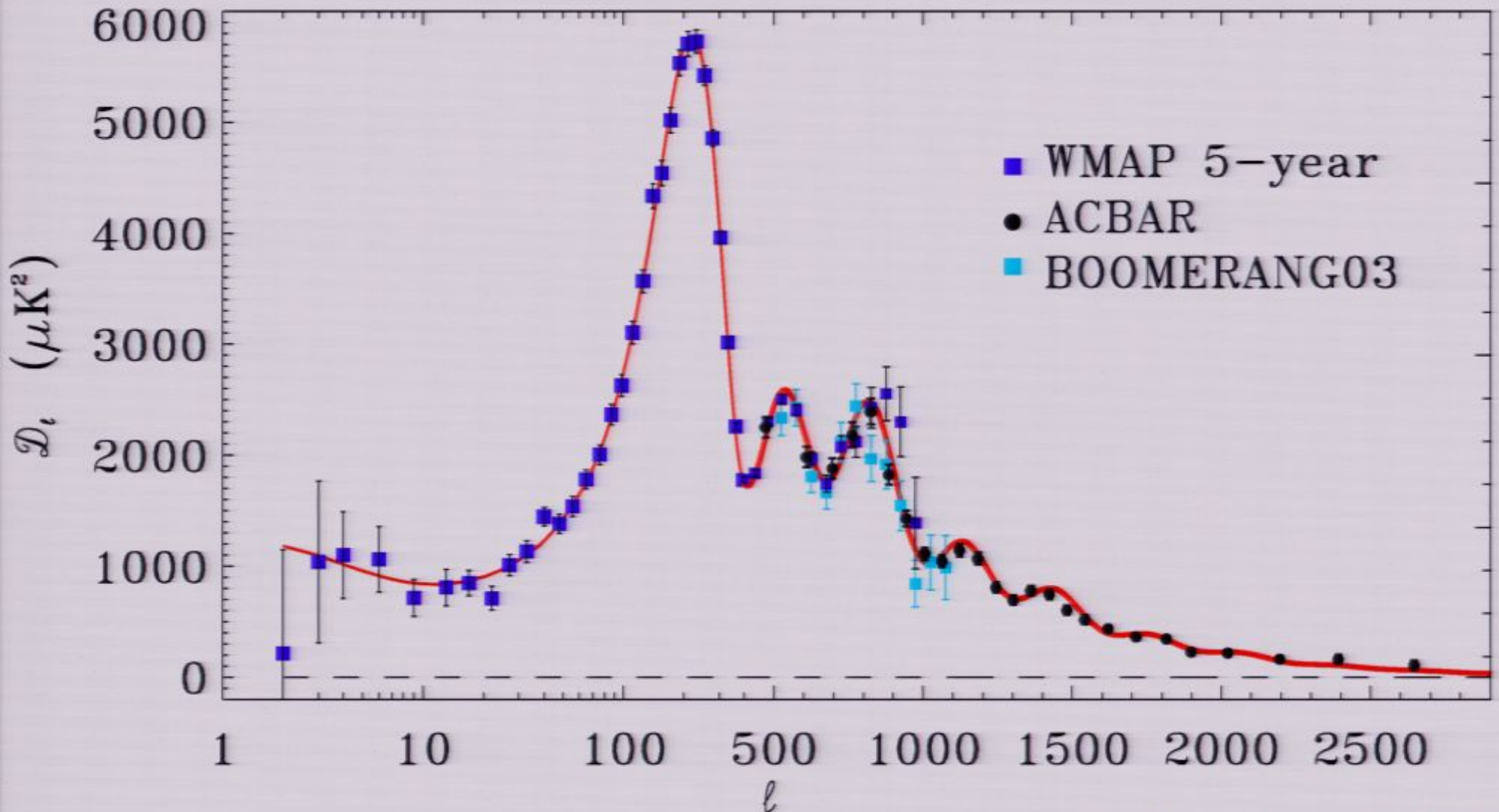
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120,00 ft
Above the
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Shelf

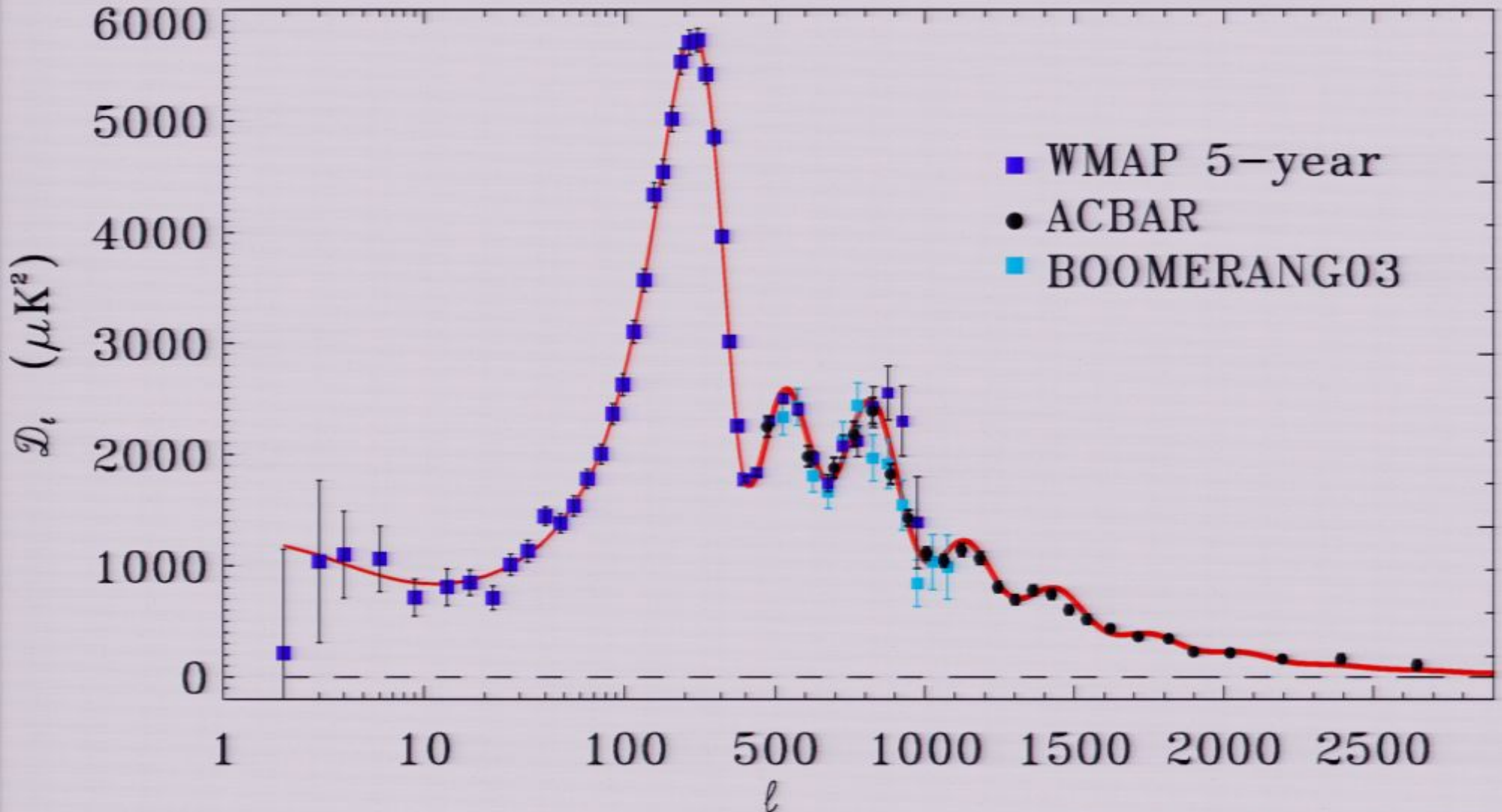
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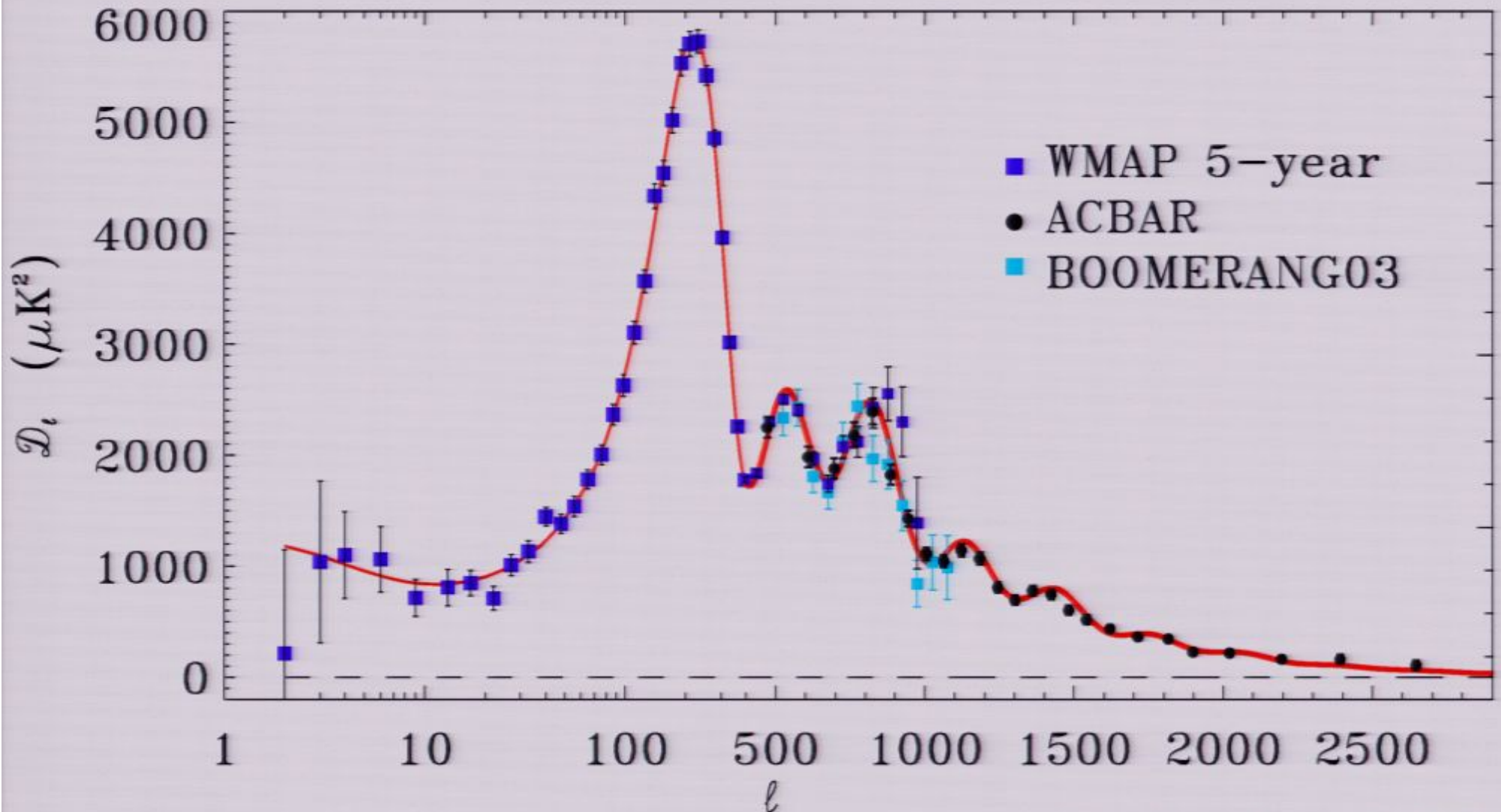
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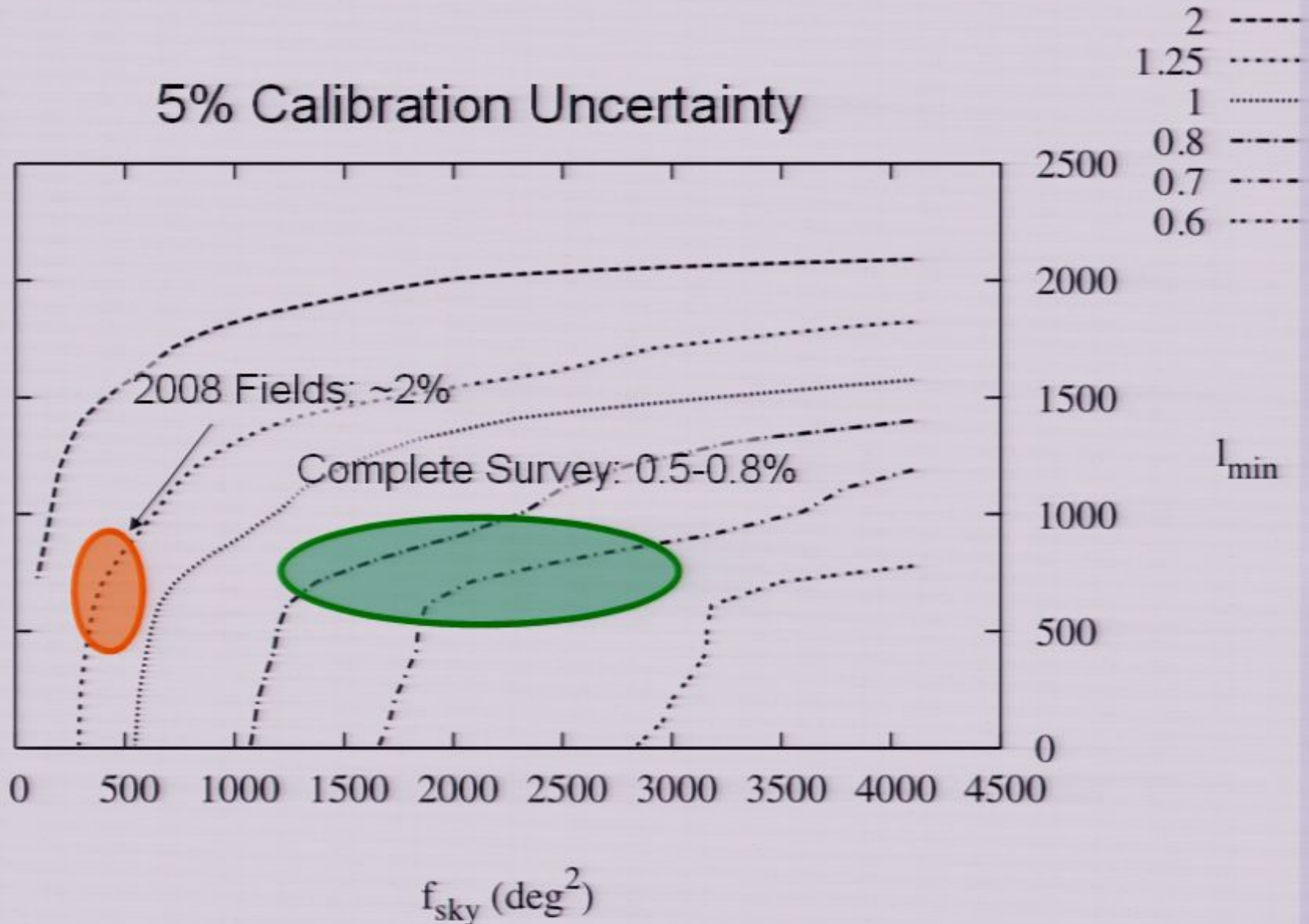


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SPT n_s Projections



CMB interacts with intervening structure

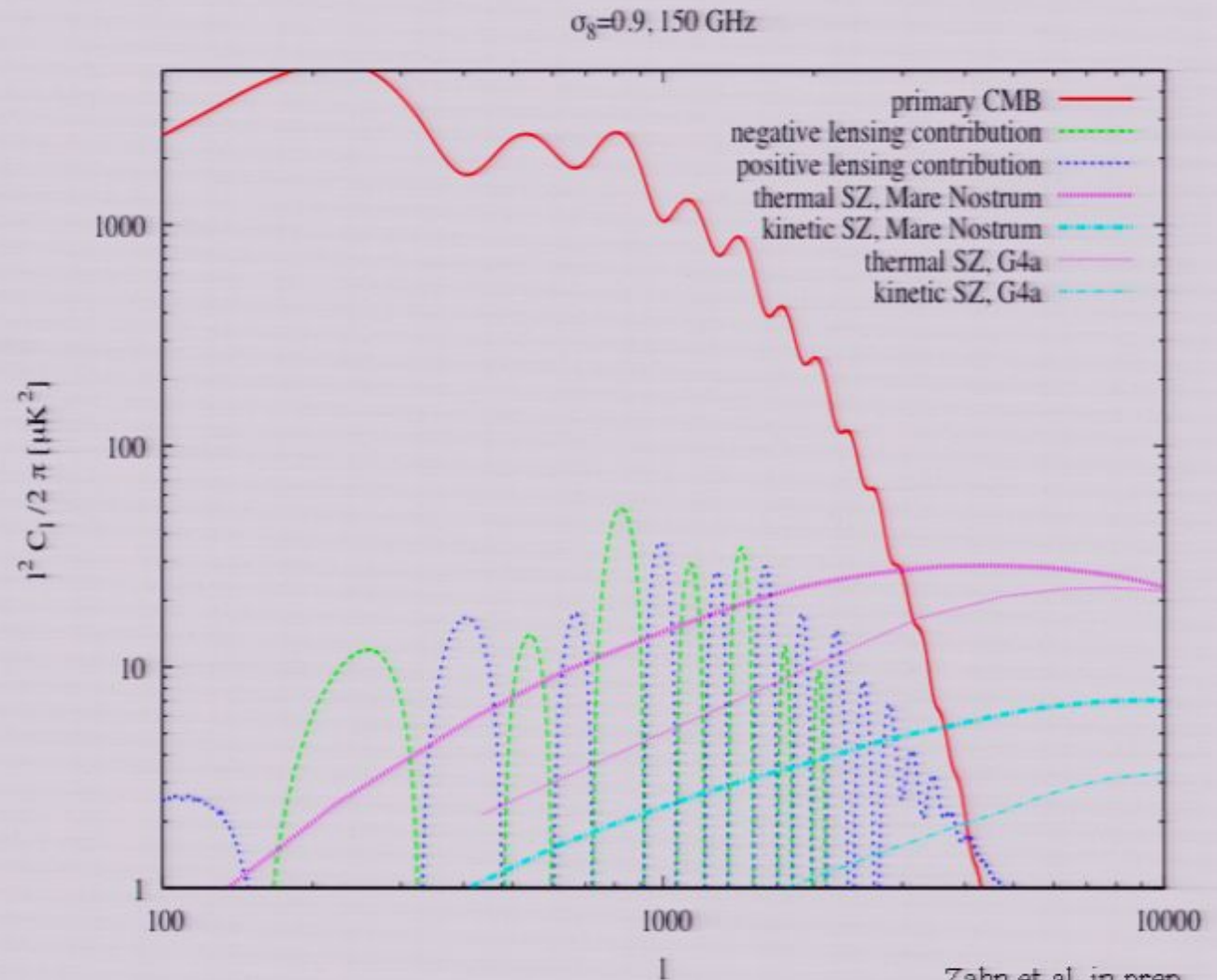
- Secondary Anisotropies of the CMB become significant on smaller scales

Several Effects:

Gravitational Lensing
of CMB
(smooths wiggles)

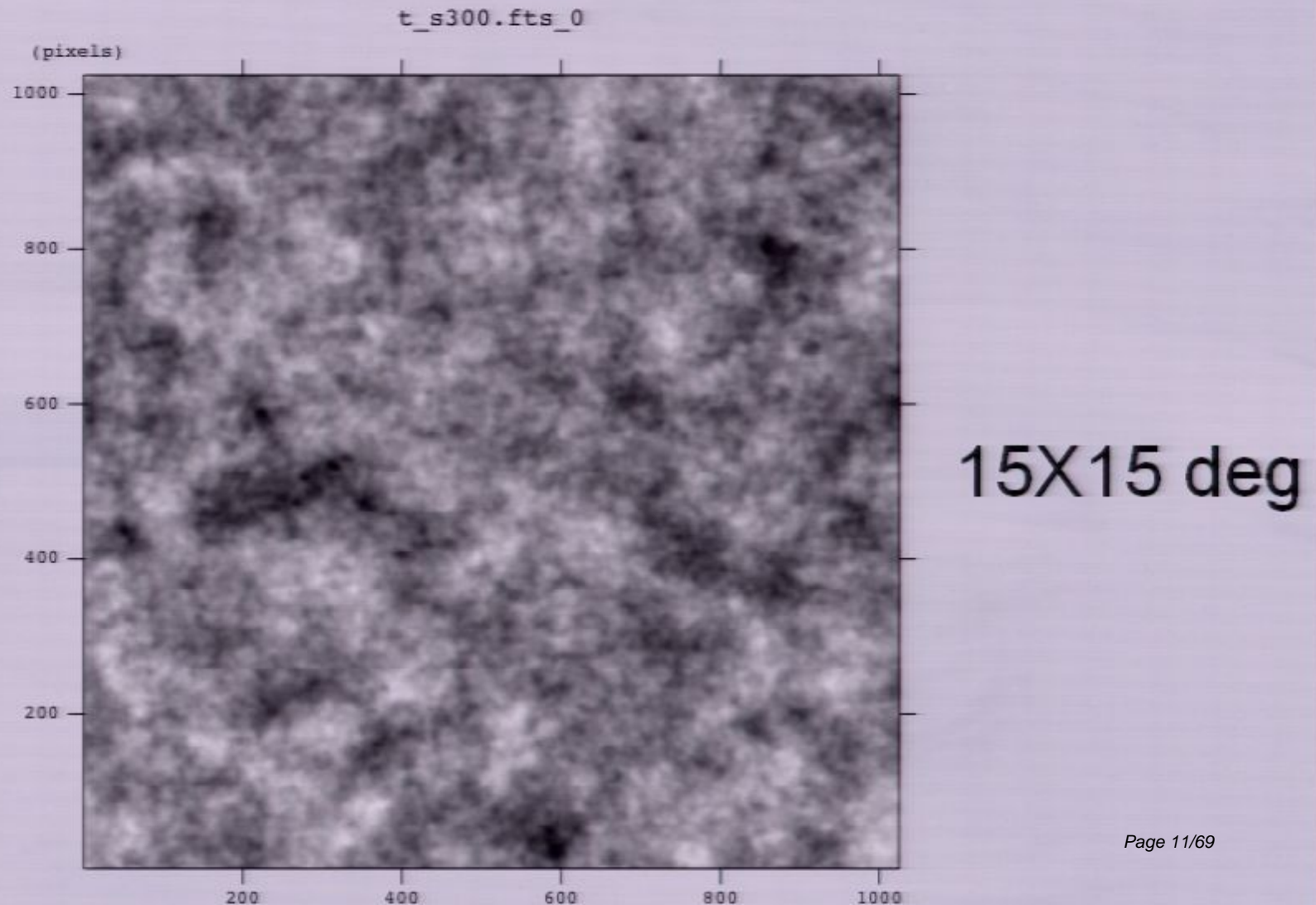
Thermal SZ effect

Kinetic SZ effect



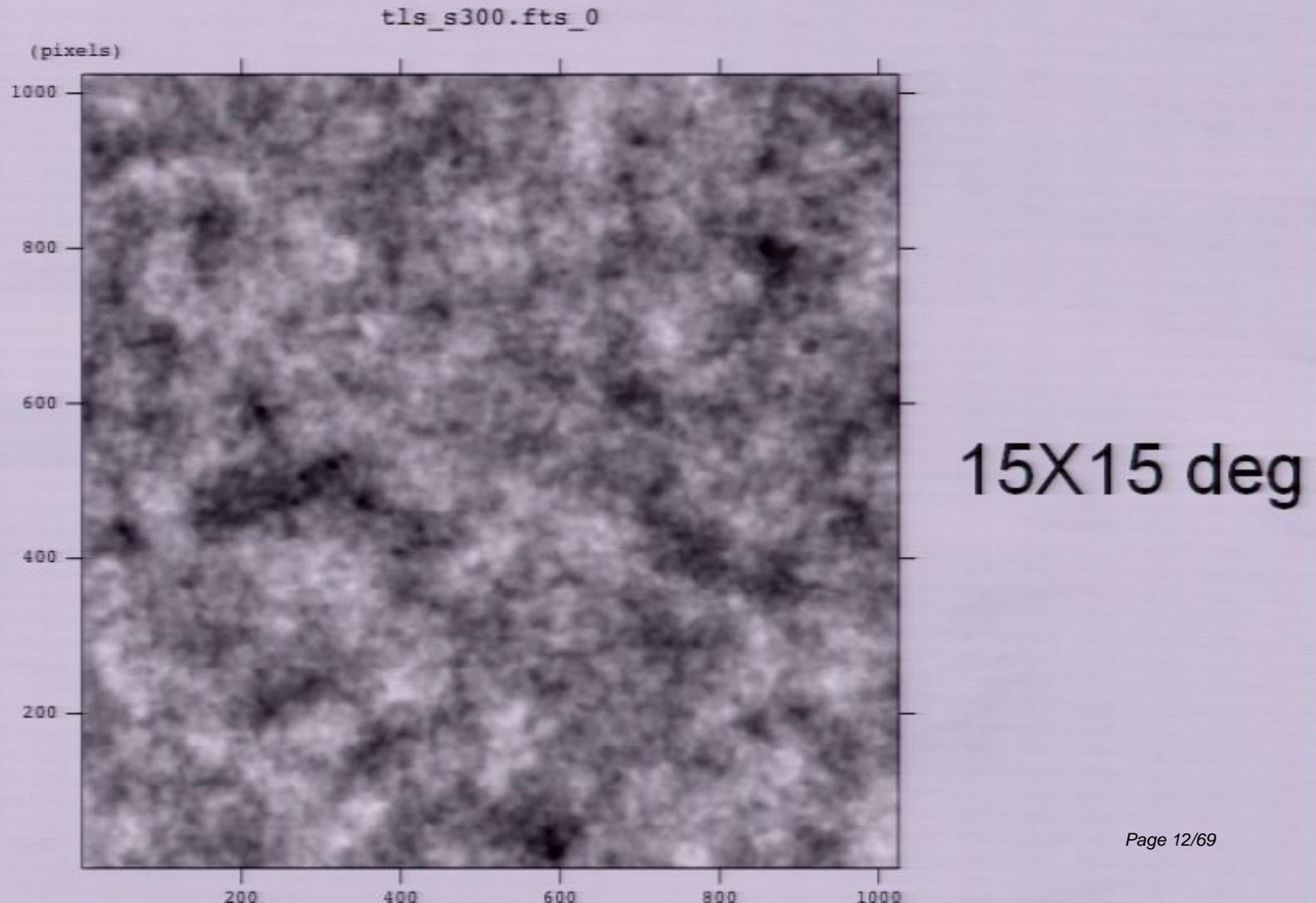
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Unlensed temperature map



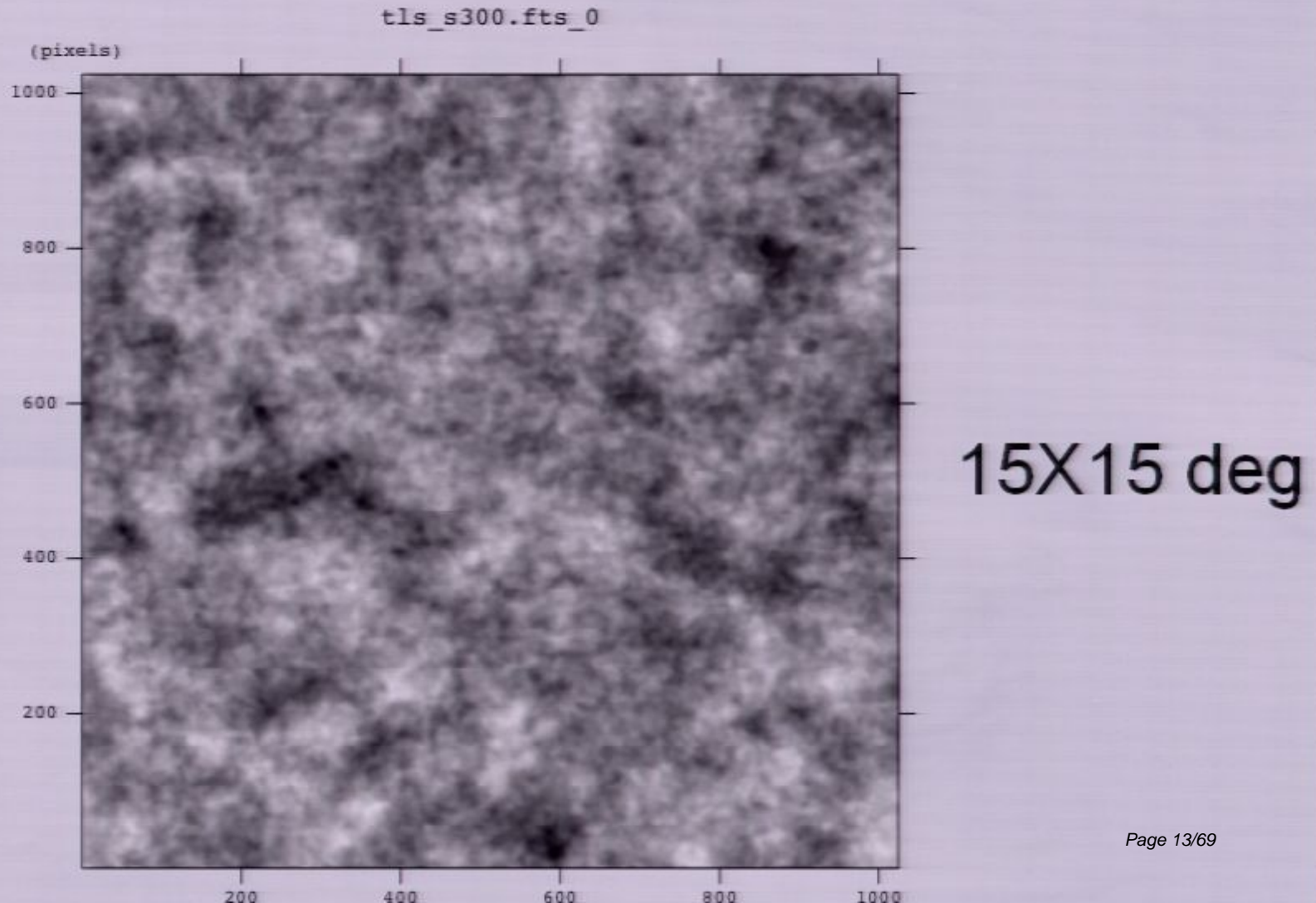
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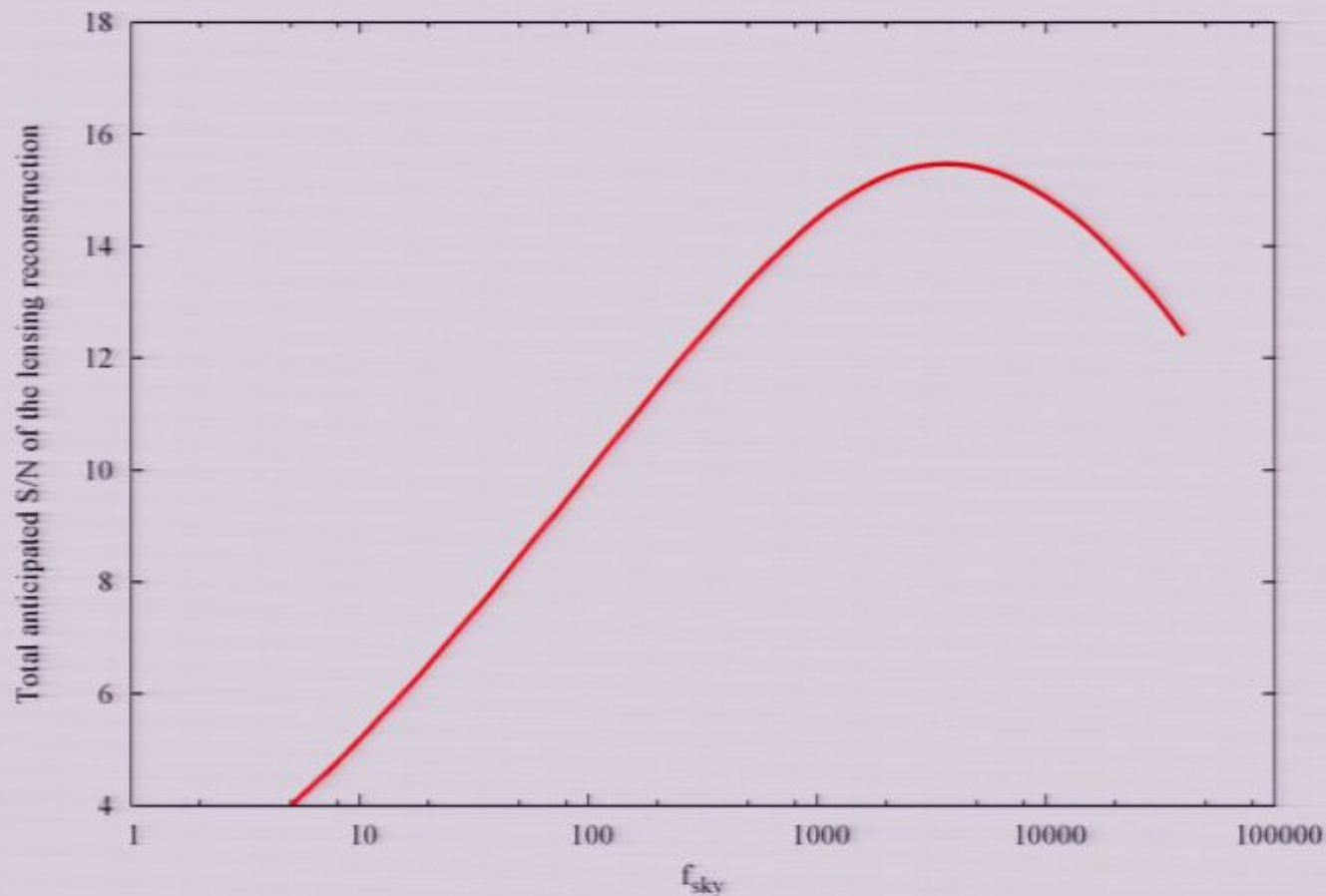


SPT potential to reconstruct the lensing convergence with this years SPT survey data

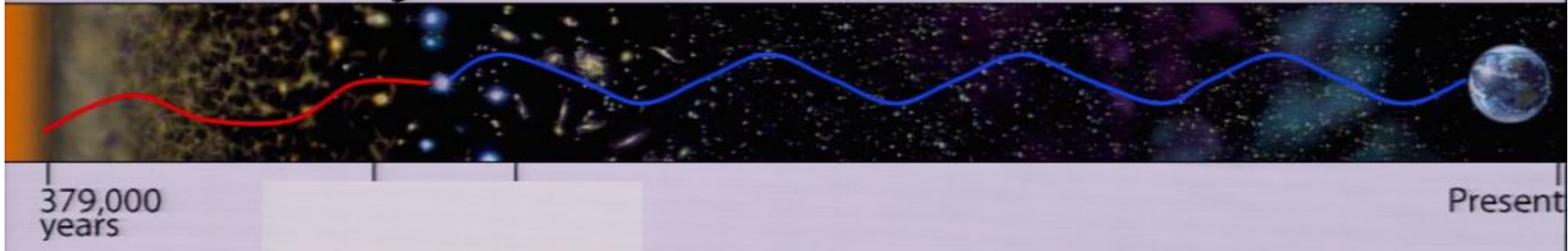
Input

Reconstructed convergence, (15 deg)² map

Reconstruction



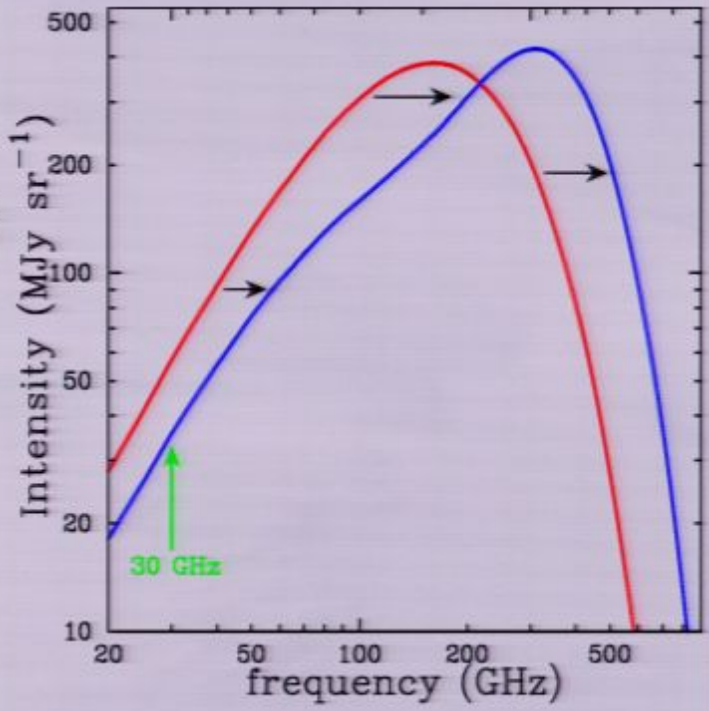
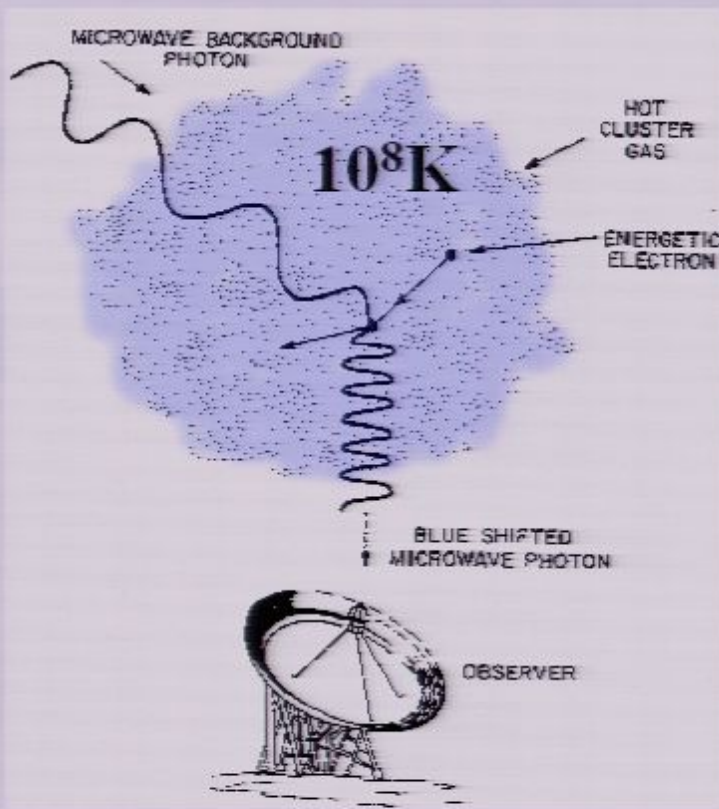
Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect



CMB photons provide a backlight for structure in the universe.

1-2% of CMB photons traversing galaxy clusters are inverse Compton scattered to higher energy

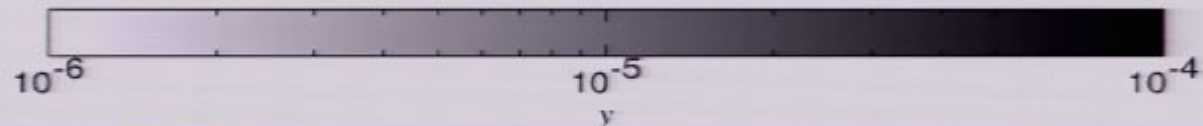
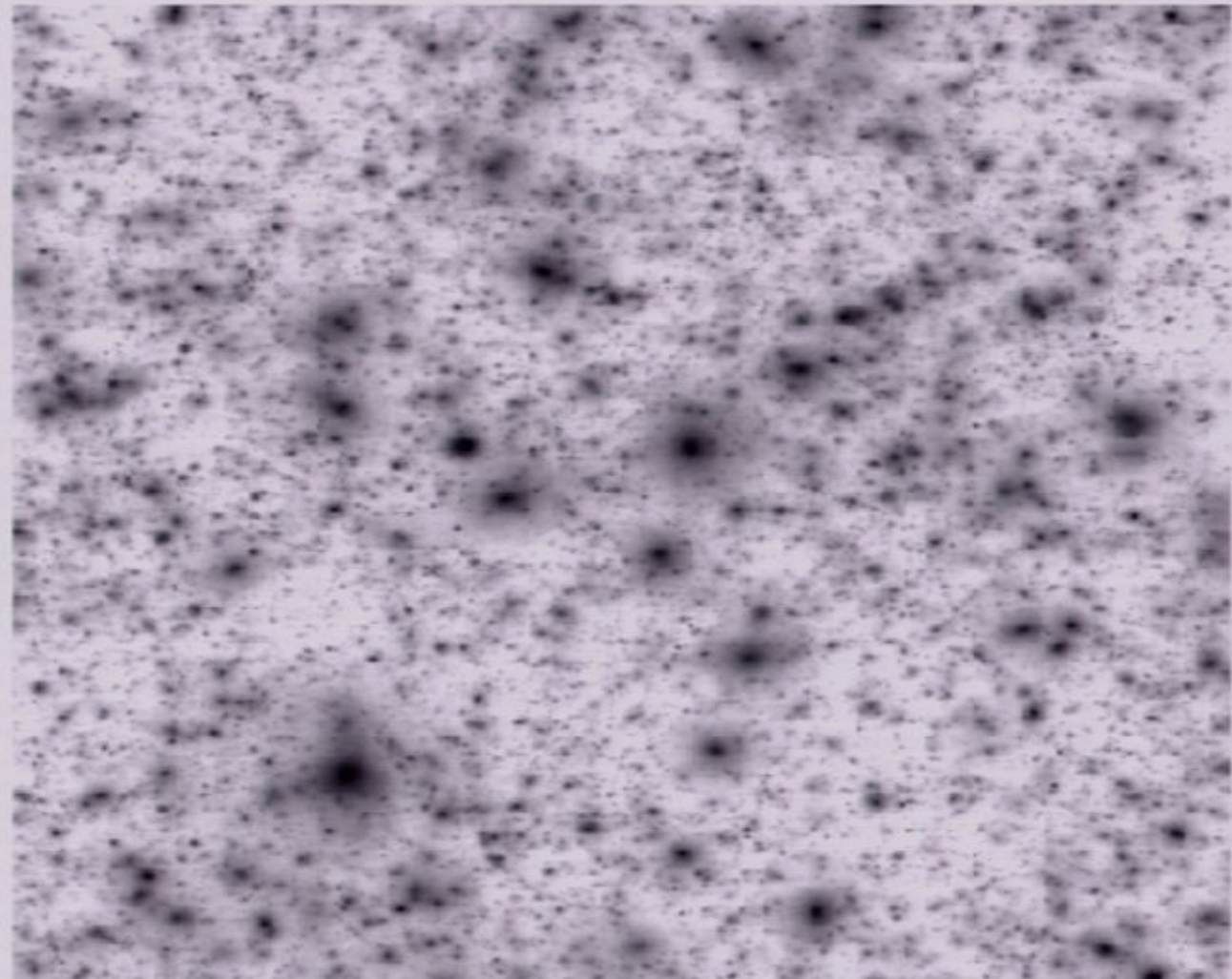
Kinetic Effect for cluster moving wrt CMB



Surface Brightness of the effect independent of redshift

SZ as a probe of Structure formation

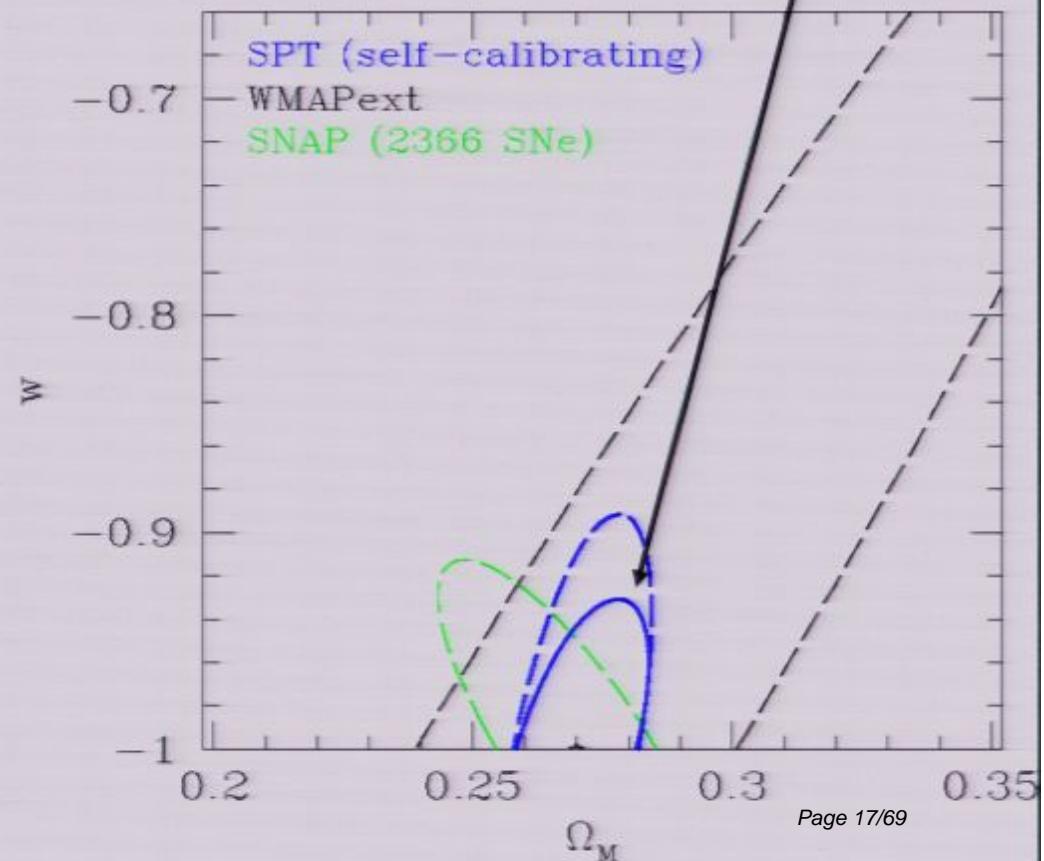
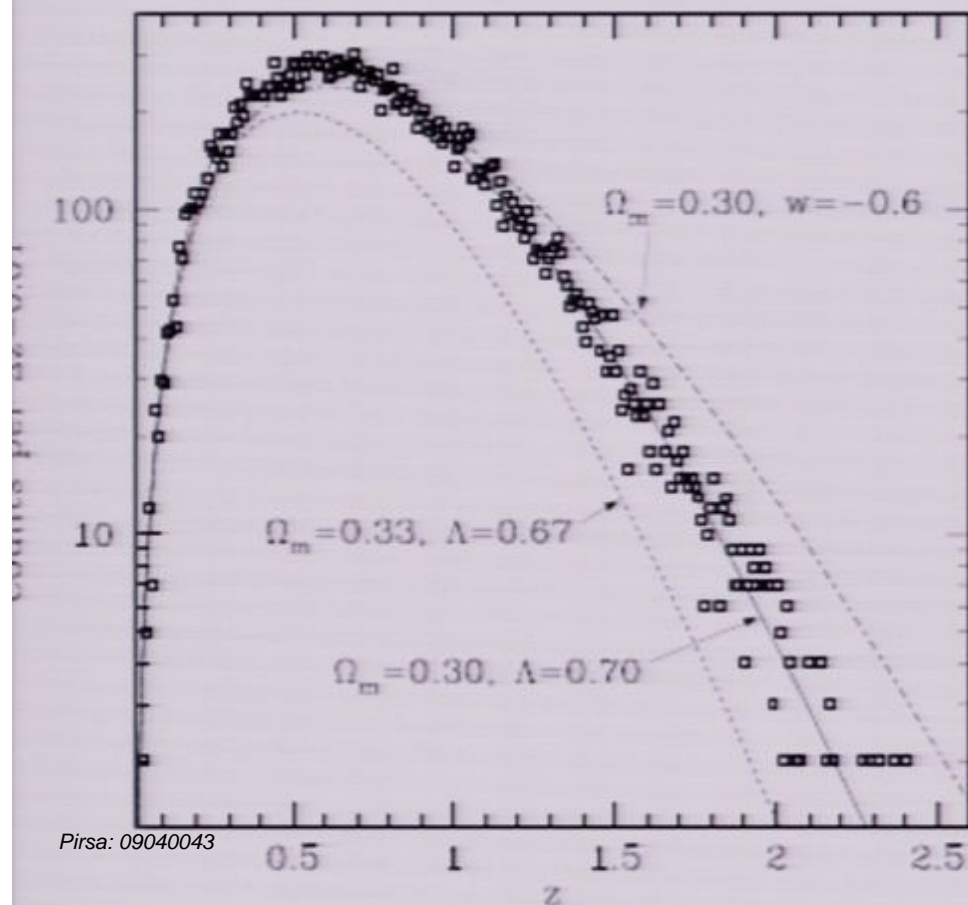
Through the SZ effect we can study Galaxy Clusters out to the epoch of their formation



SPT Survey:

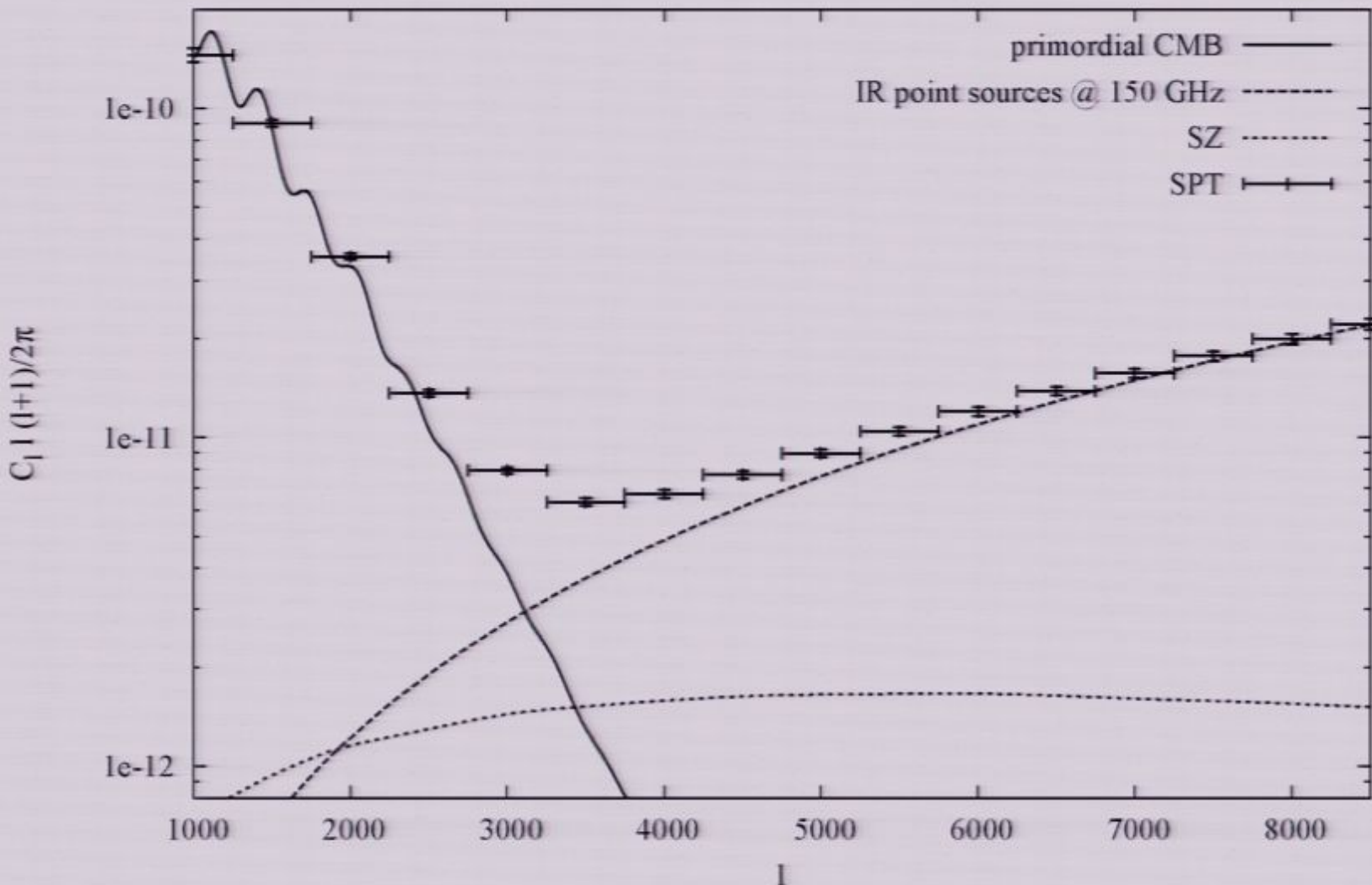
- ~2000 square degrees (by end of 2010)
- 90, 150, 220 GHz
- $15\mu\text{K}/\text{arcmin}$ pixel
- hundreds - thousands of clusters
- Mass limited down to $\sim \text{few} \times 10^{14}$ solar masses

Self-calibration
plus 100
clusters with
30% mass
determinations

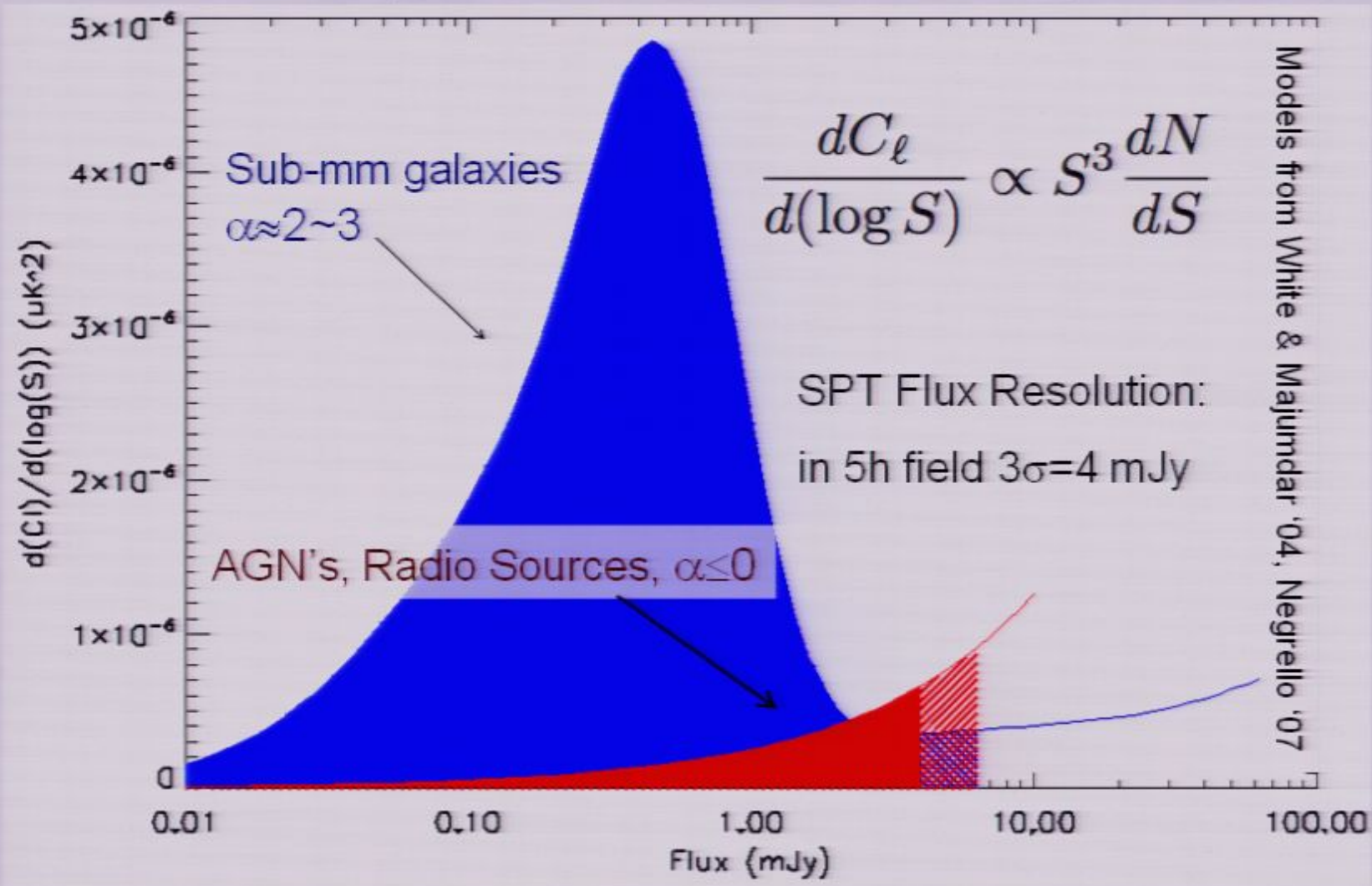


SPT has the sensitivity to measure this signal but Dusty Galaxies are a significant contaminant

100 square degrees, 150 GHz angular power spectrum fitting



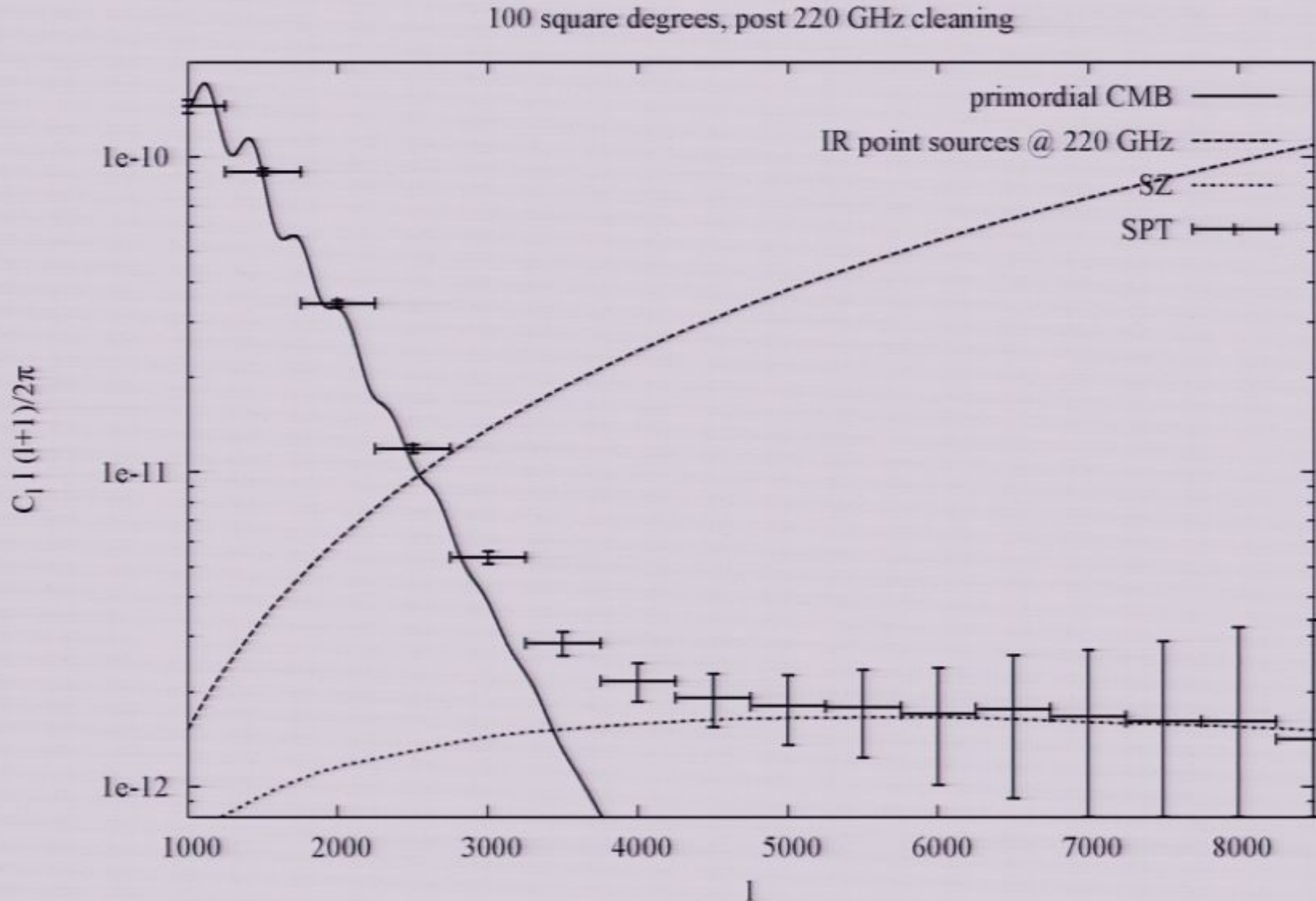
Point Source Contributions (Scaled to 150 GHz)



Low flux IR sources add significant power to our maps.

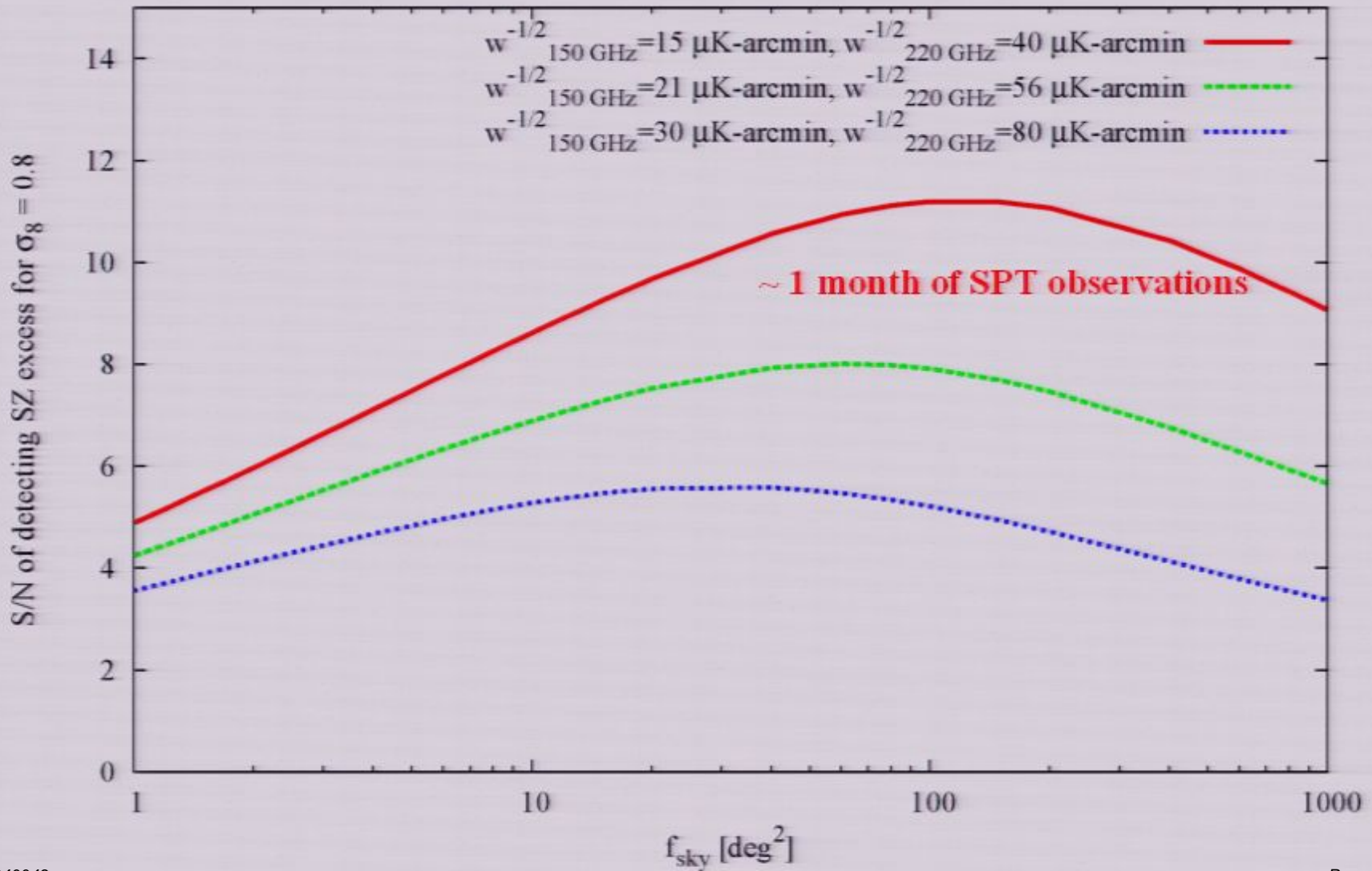
How can we remove them?

Using mean IR source Spectral index to remove these sources

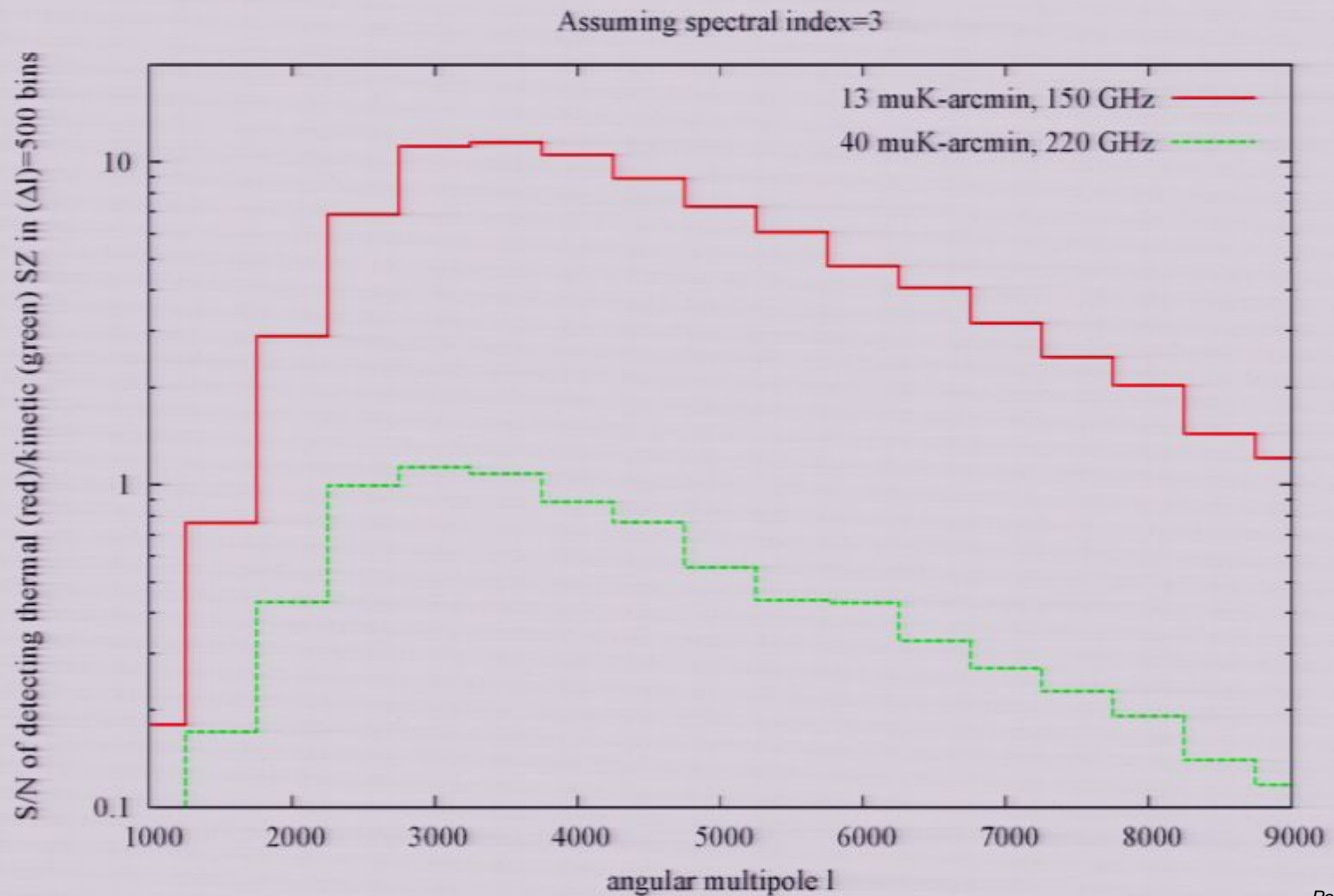


Significance of SZ as a function of sky coverage

Assuming spectral index=2.5, Radio spectral index=-0.3



It is also possible to detect the kinetic SZ effect.
However this signal (and treatment of systematics) will be greatly enhanced through correlation with a tracer of LSS.



The South Pole Telescope (SPT)



Sub-millimeter Wavelength Telescope:

- 10 meter telescope (1' FWHM beam at 150 GHz)
- Off-axis Gregorian optics design
- 20 microns RMS surface accuracy
- 1 arc-second pointing
- Fast scanning (up to 4 deg/sec in azimuth)

SZ receiver:

- 1 sq. deg FOV
- ~960 background limited pixels
- Observe in 3+ bands between 90-220 GHz simultaneously with a modular focal plane

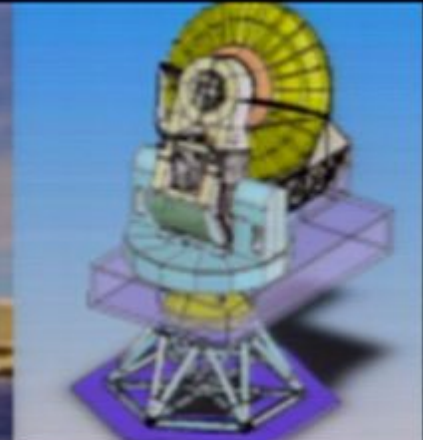
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merica is now spending huge sums to deploy the massive The **South Pole Telescope (SPT)** in Antarctica. The final installation will be the size of a mini-mall and will require a massive C-130 airlift effort to transport pre-assembled modules and a large staff to the most desolate, inhospitable and inaccessible region of the world.

Why? Because **Planet X / Nibiru** was first sighted in 1983 and this discovery spurred the USA to build the SPT — humanity's new **Planet X Tracker**. Their resulting multi-spectrum observations will translate into life-saving data.



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Learn the 4-hour podcast at <http://vowusa.com/planety/>



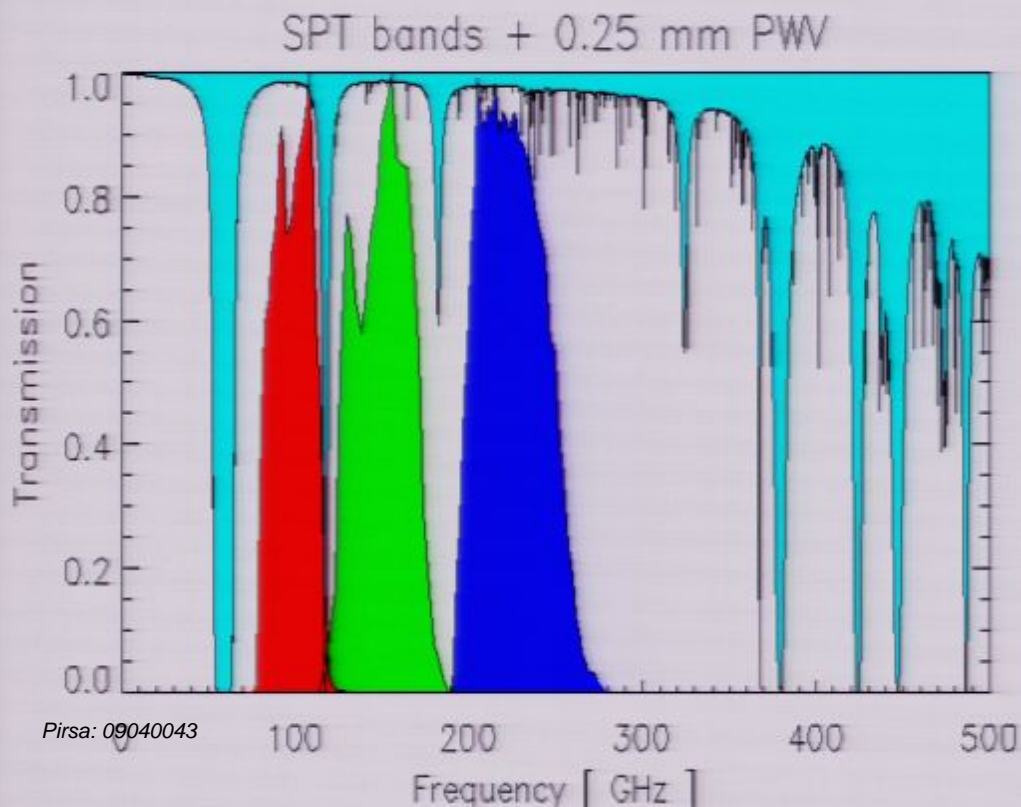
SPT Collaboration



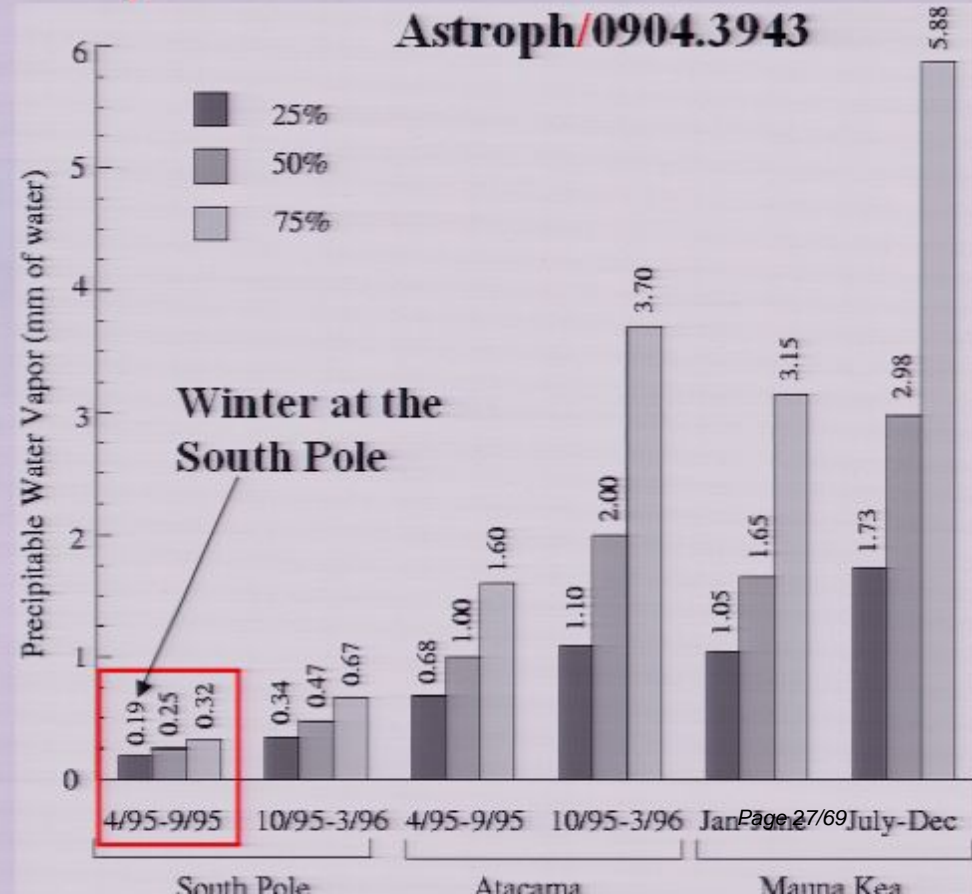
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- **High Elevation** (comparable overall transmission to Atacama)
- **Extremely Dry** (very little water vapor at -70C)
- **Stable** (no diurnal variations and low turbulence)
- **Low peak wind speed**

Fluctuation power at Mauna Kea 120X worse than SP



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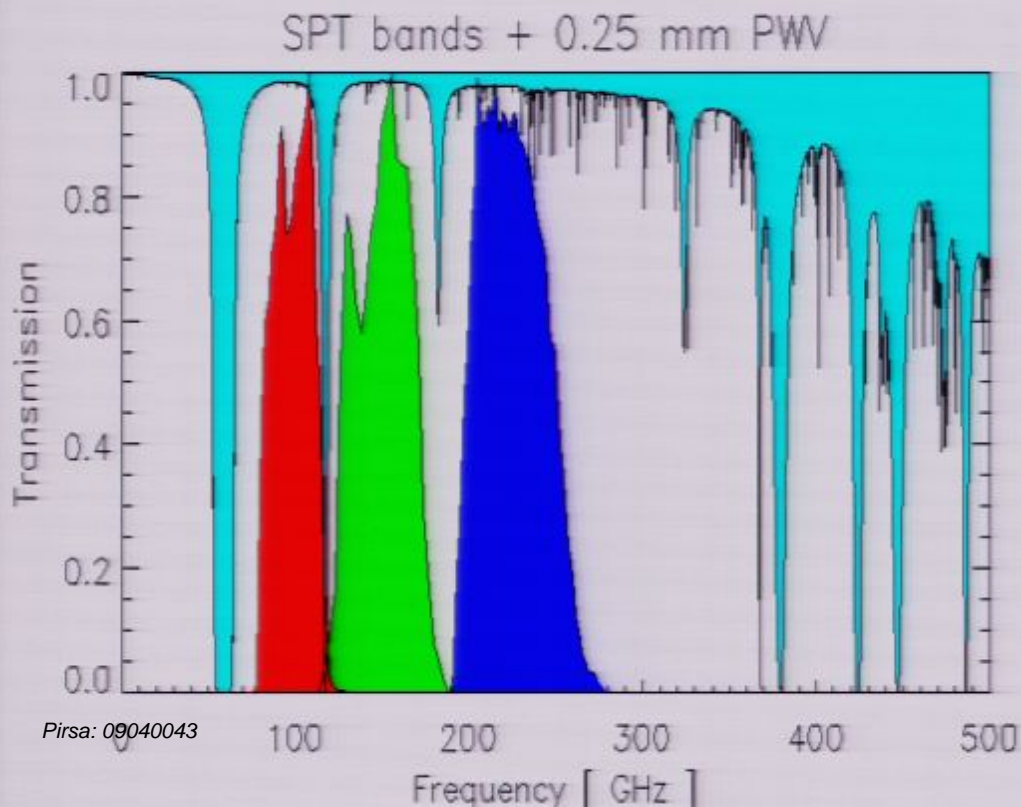




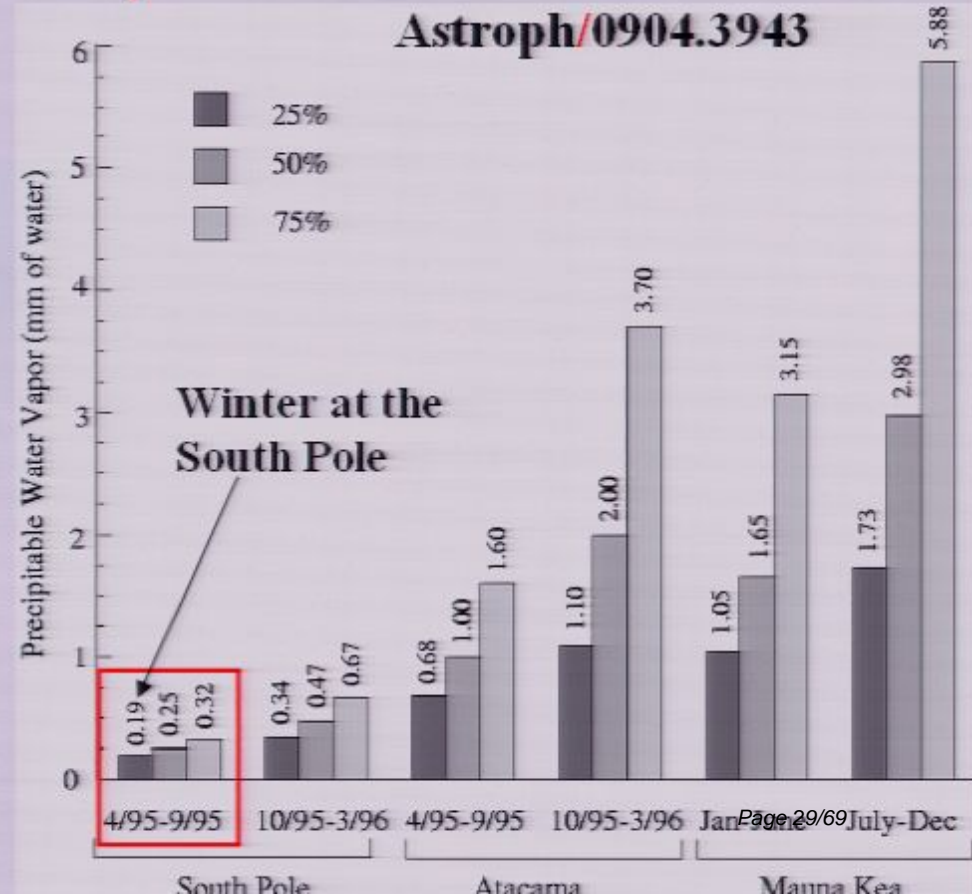
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**Only 10,500 lbs per LC-130
flight and 600,000 lbs of telescope.**

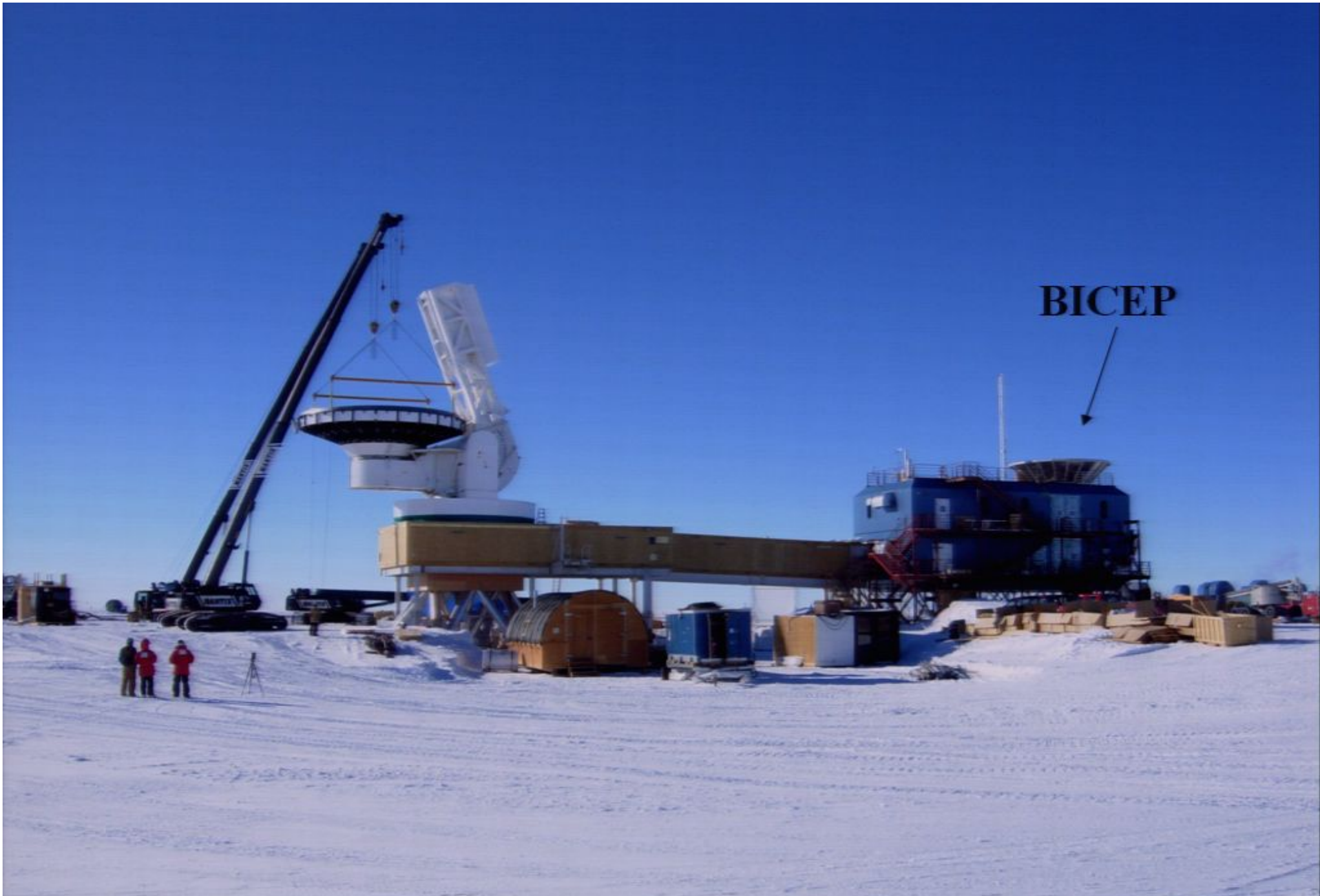


Installing reflector panels



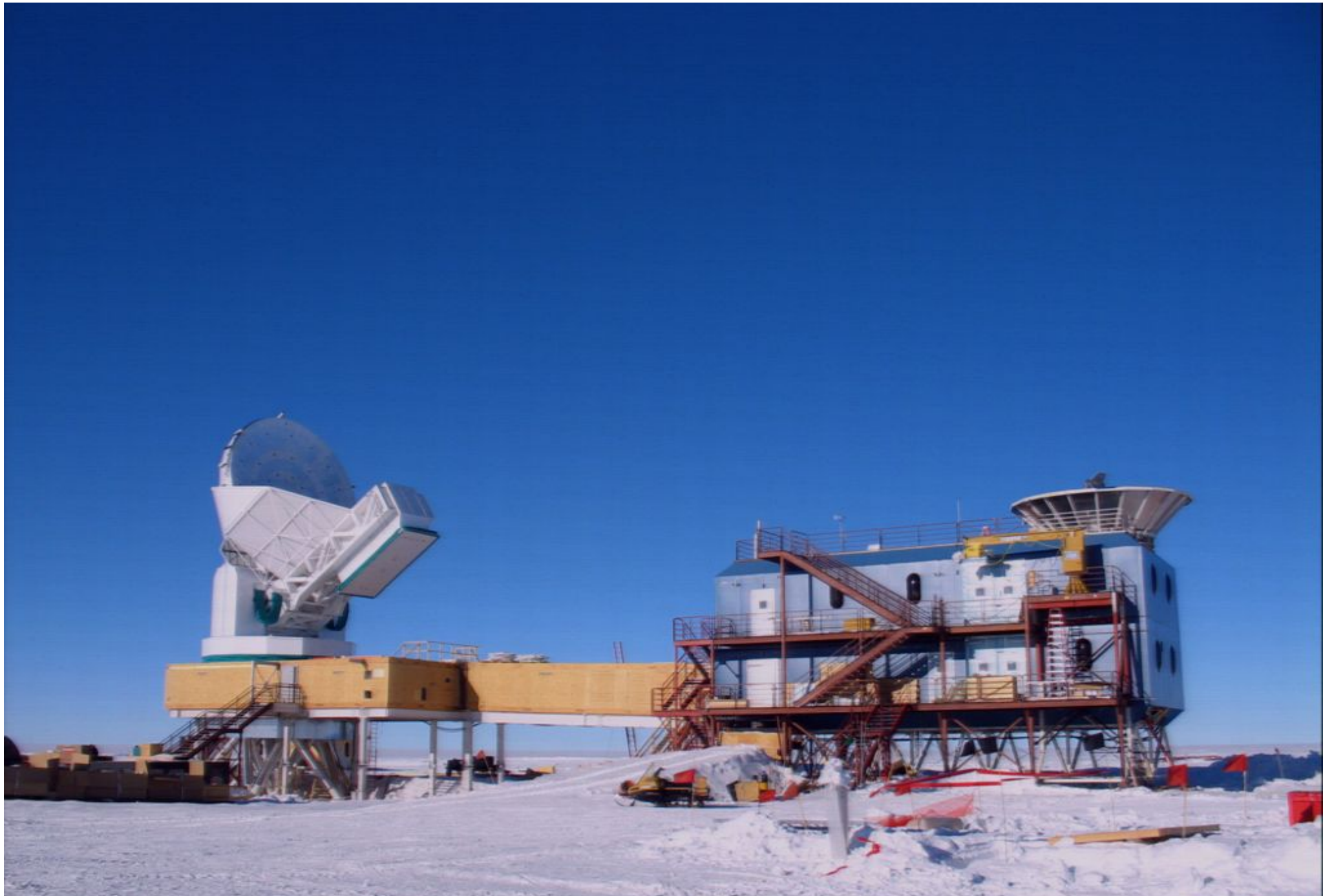
Hundreds of photographs. Thousands of screws



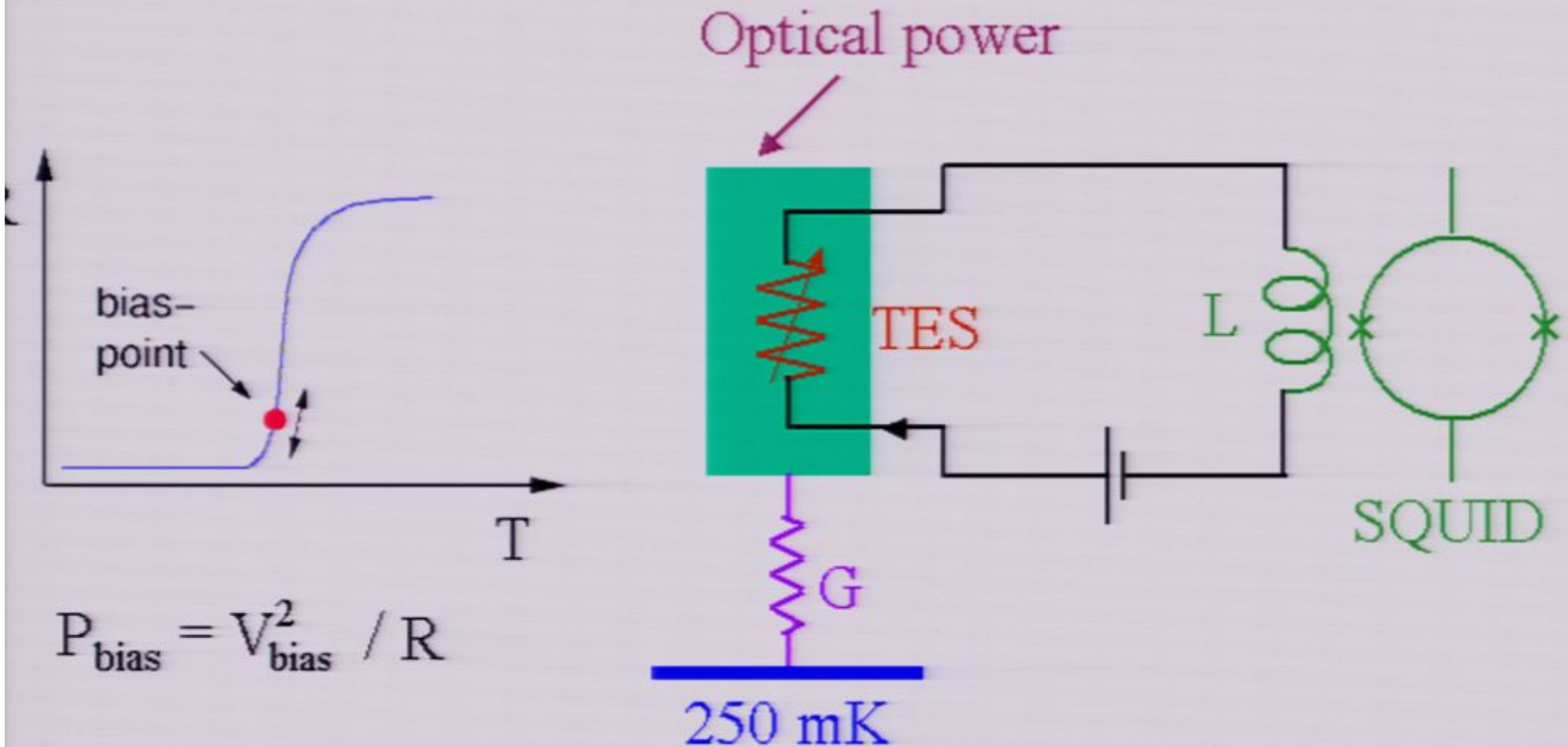


BICEP





Transition-Edge Sensor (TES) Bolometers



$$P_{\text{bias}} = V_{\text{bias}}^2 / R$$

$$P_{\text{total}} = P_{\text{bias}} + P_{\text{photon}} \approx \text{constant}$$

We are the photometers, we the irritable
goldleaf and tinfoil that measure the
accumulations of the subtle element. We
know the authentic effects of the true fire
through every one of its million disguises.

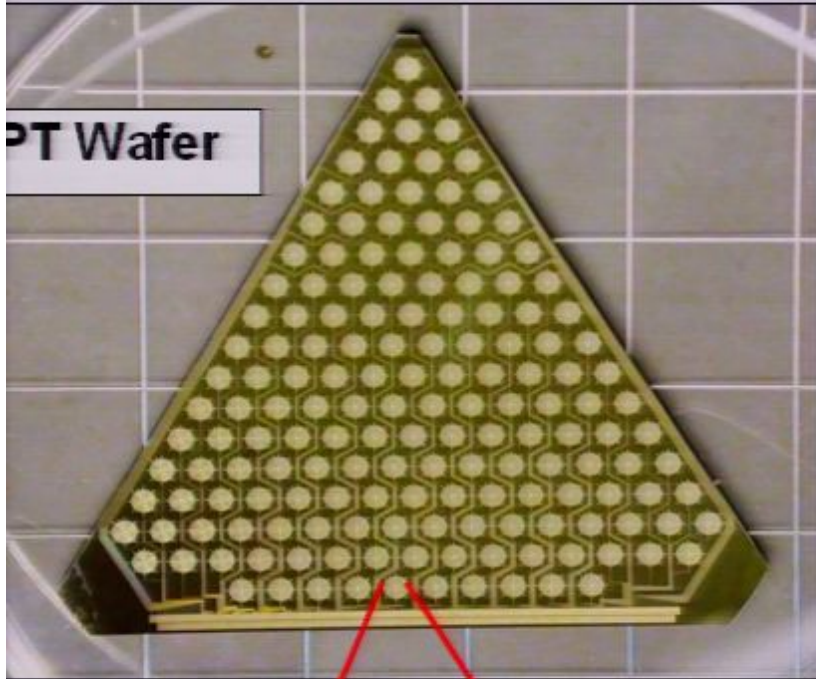


-Ralph Waldo Emerson
Spiritual Laws

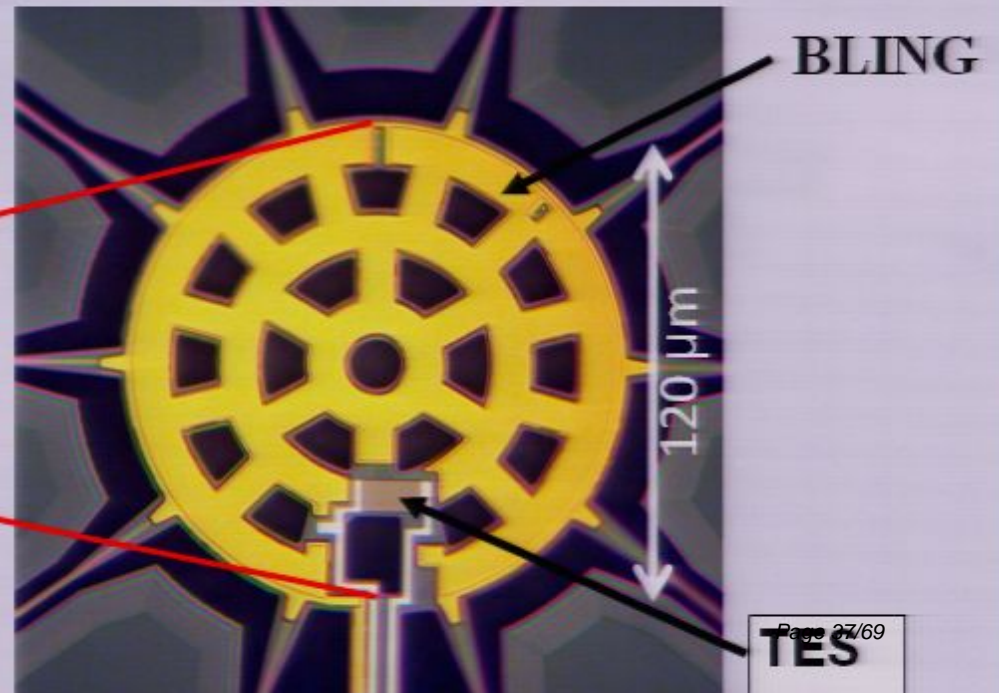
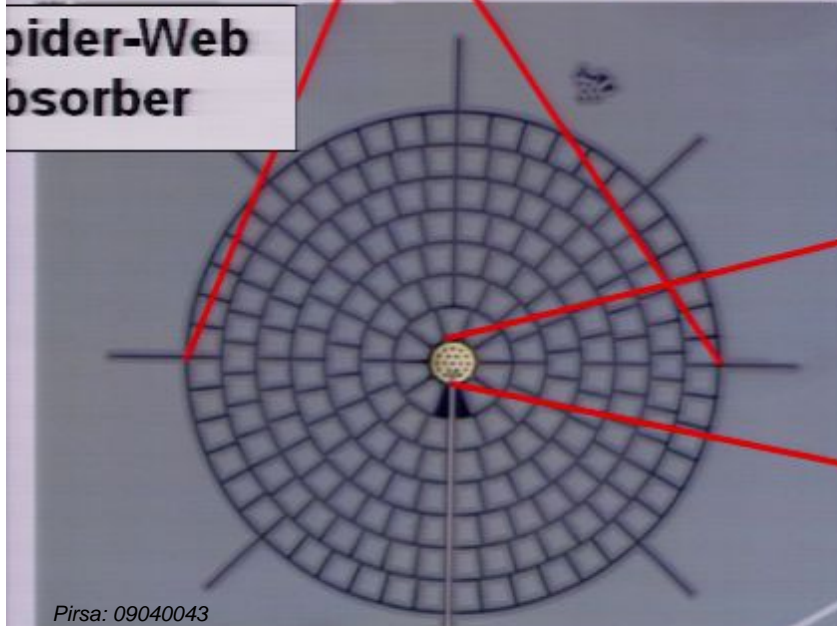
**Physics Graduate Student and
South Pole winterover Erik Shirokoff**

Berkeley Microlab

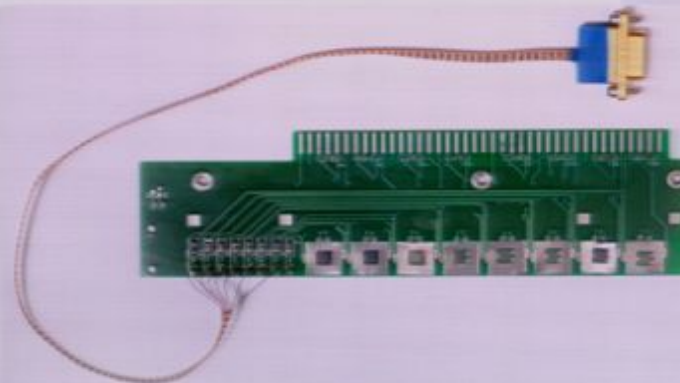
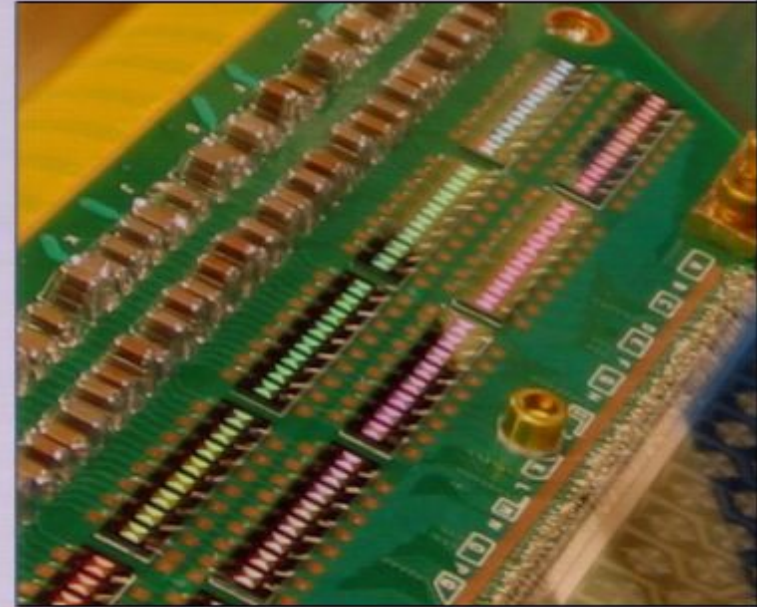
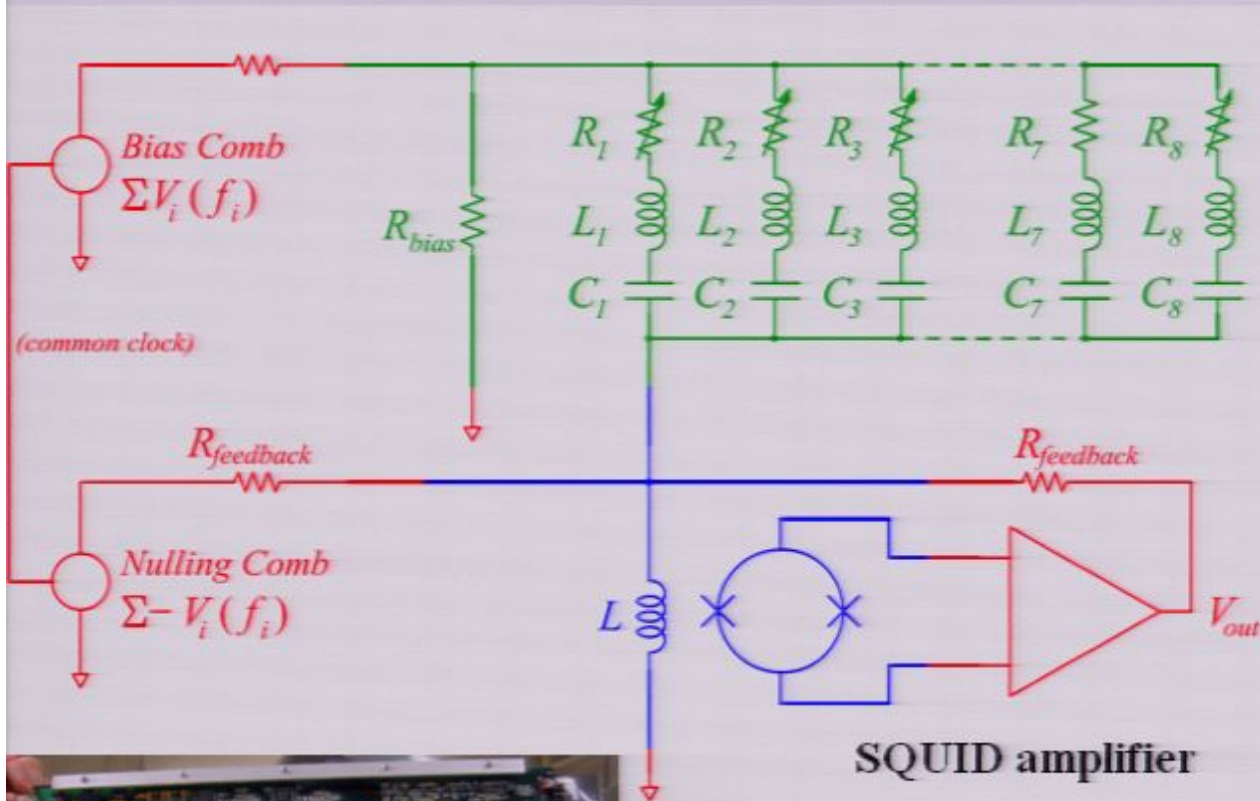
SPT Detector Wafer

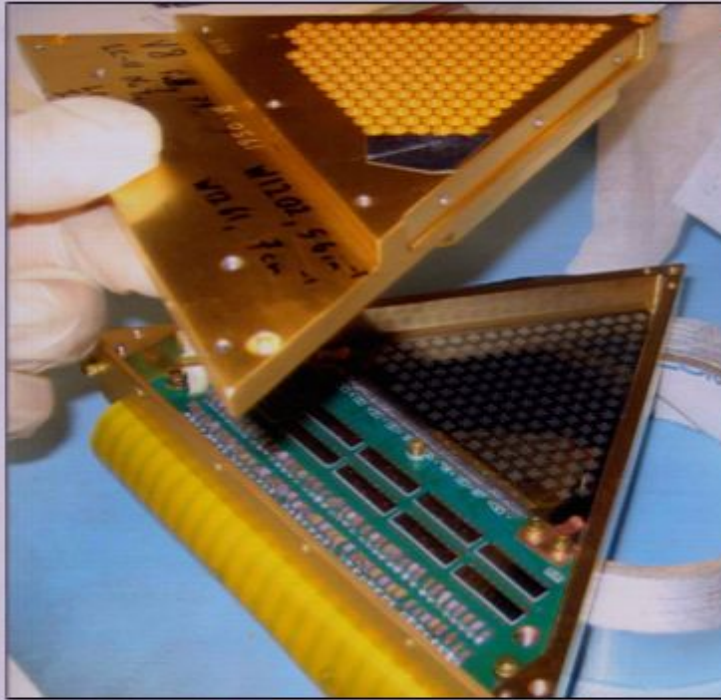


- 160 bolometers per wafer
- Al-Ti bi-layer Transition Edge Sensor (TES) with $T_c = 0.55$ K attached to spider-web shaped absorbing substrate
- Optical time constant of 10 ms
- Electrical time constant in transition of 1 ms
- Wafer thickness tuned to frequency bands



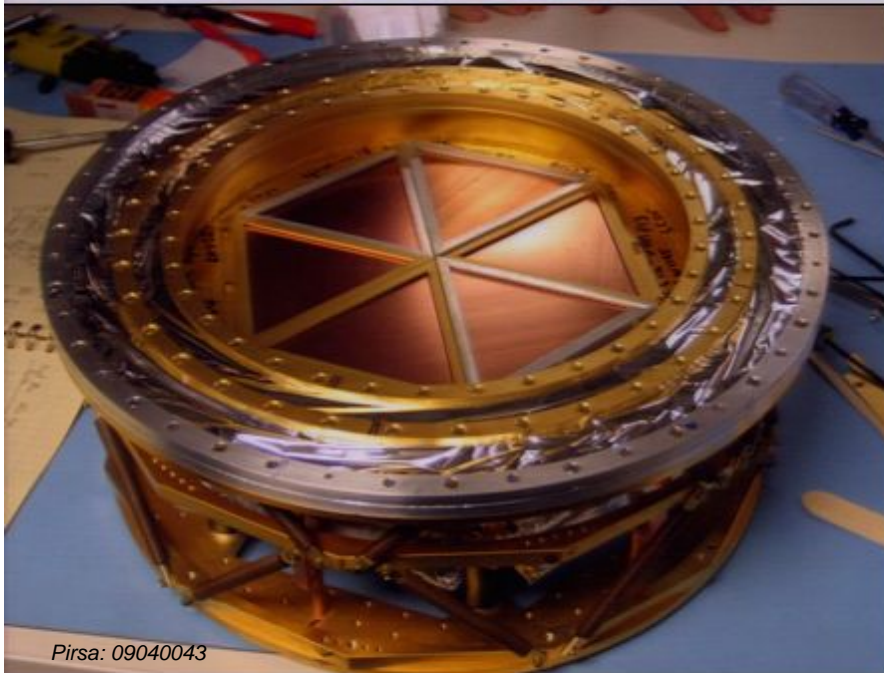
Frequency-domain multiplexer



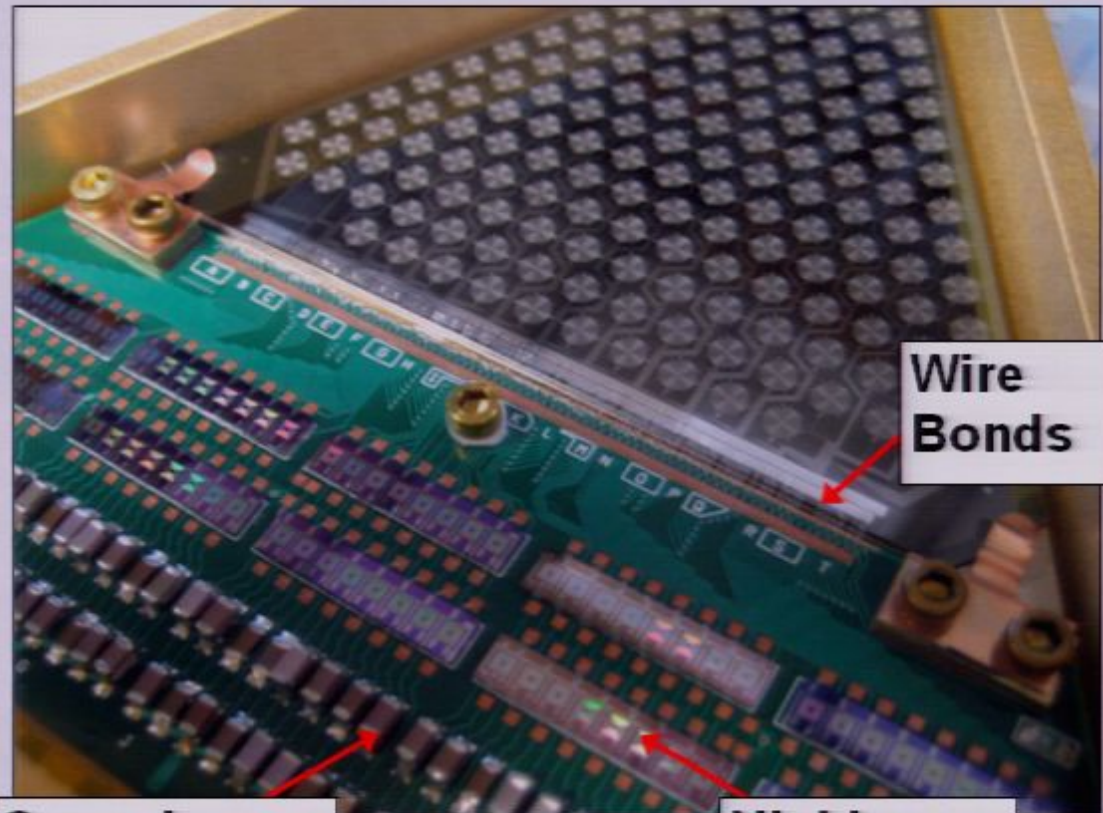


Wedge Assembly and LC Board

- Wafer wire-bonded to circuit board with LC circuit, which sets each bolometer's resonant frequency for frequency Multi-plexing (fMUX)



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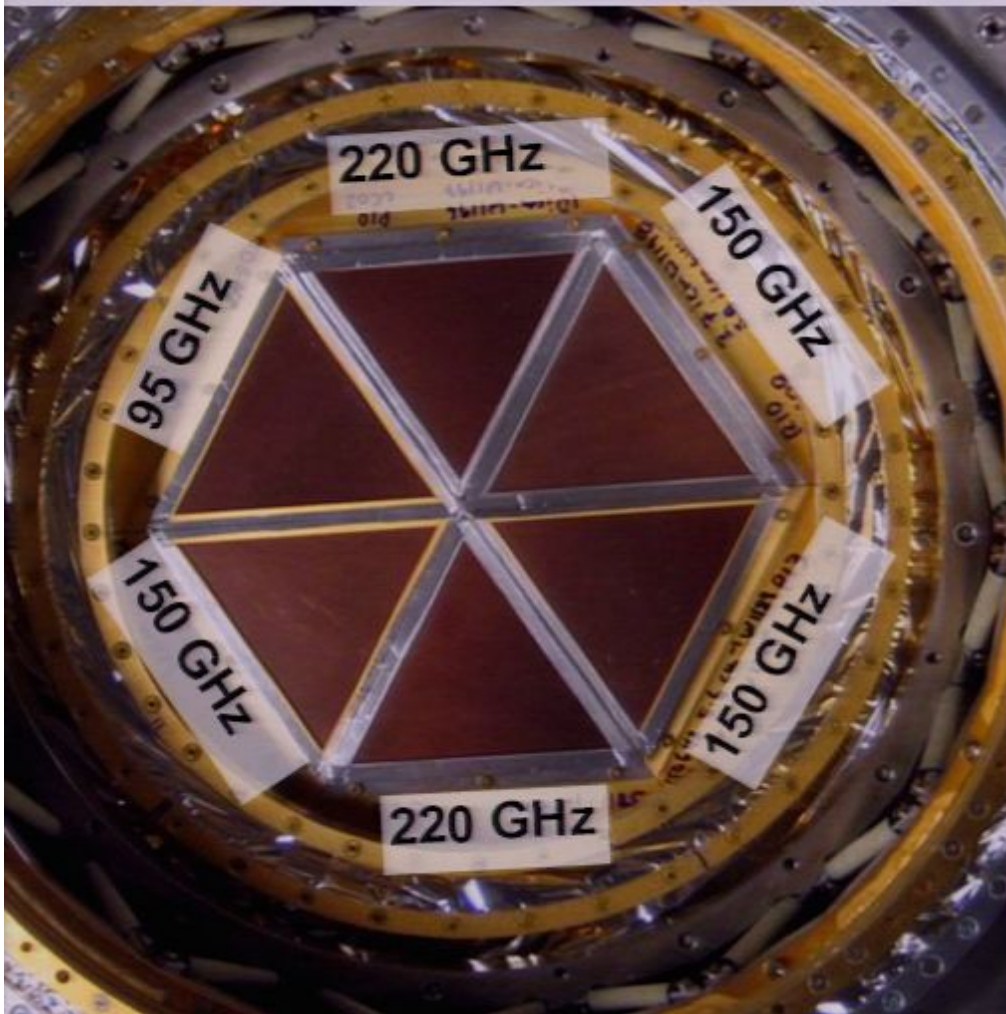
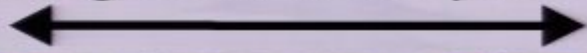
**Ceramic
Capacitors**

**Niobium
Inductors**



SPT Focal Plane

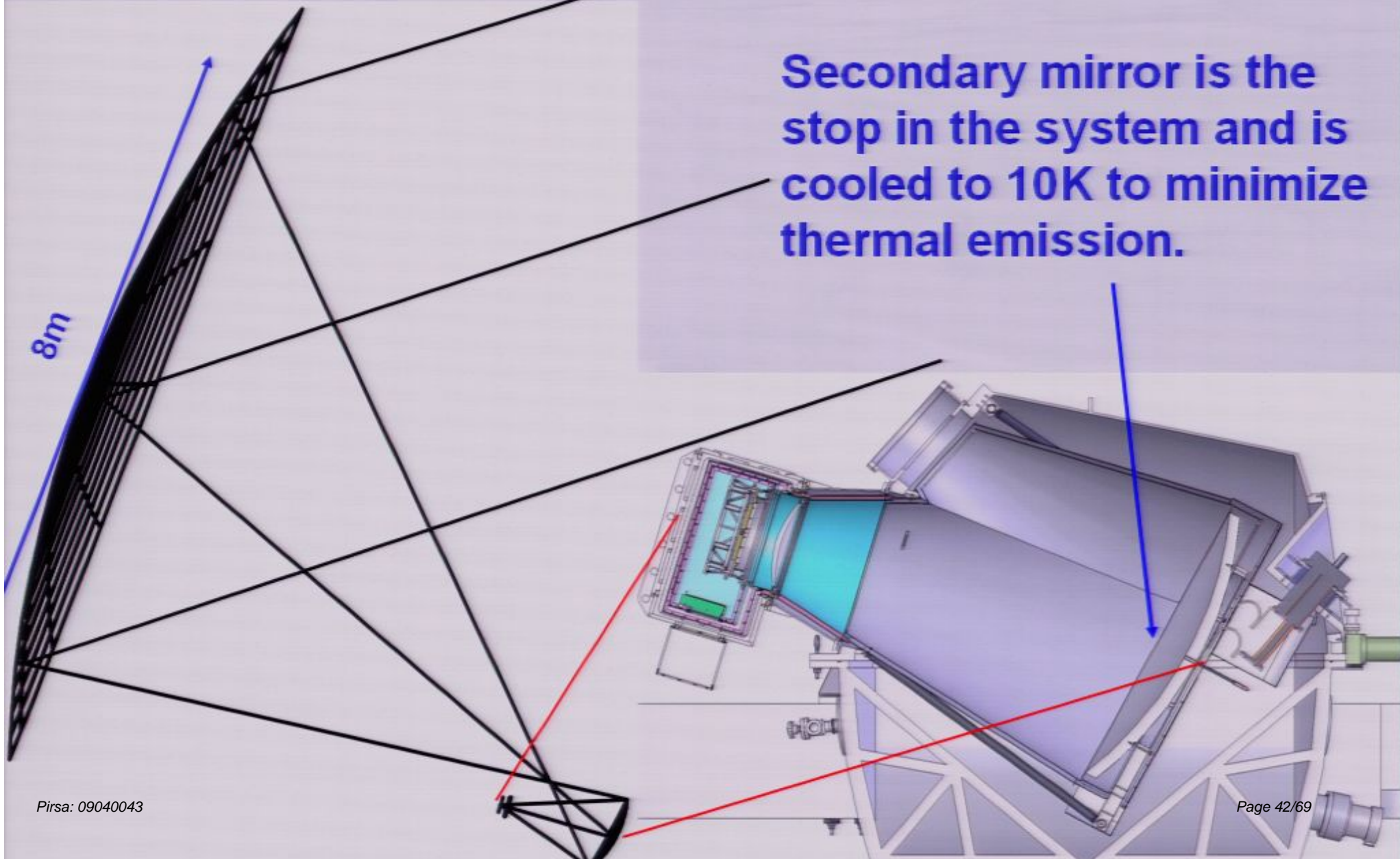
1 degree diameter (on sky)

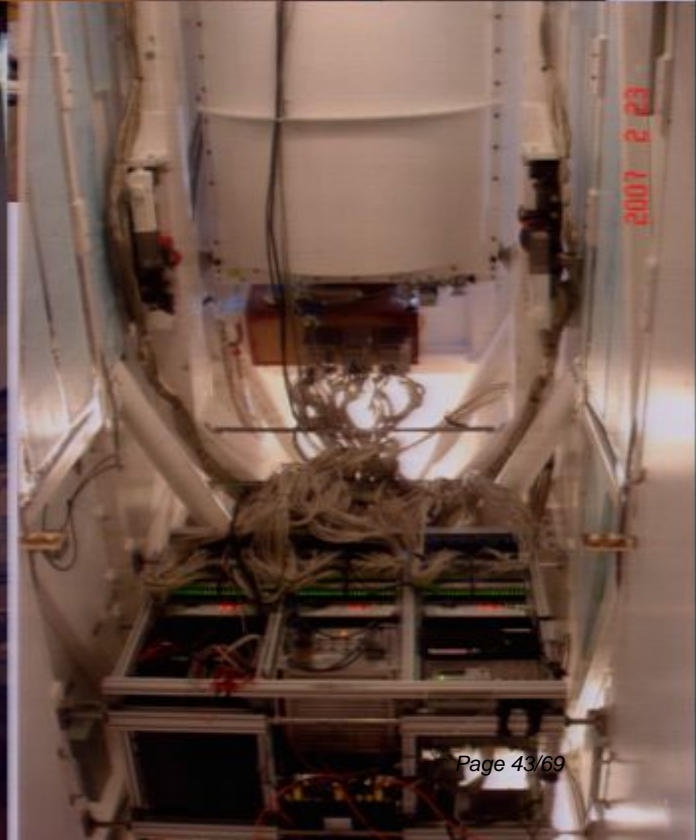
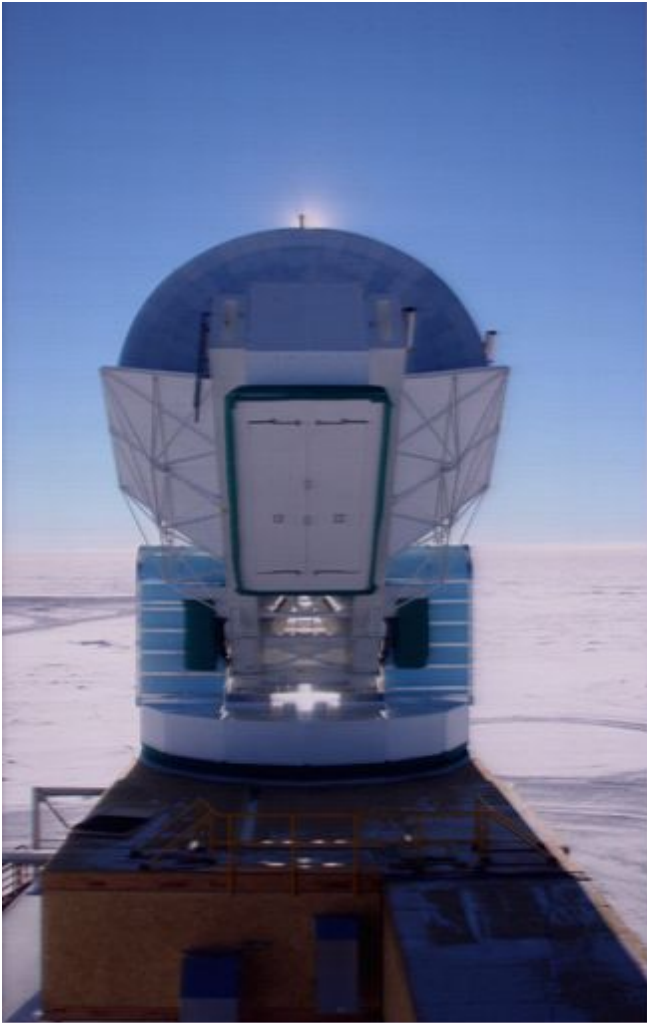


- Modular design of SPT focal plane into 6 wedges is useful to allow multiple frequencies
- First season: **2x 95 GHz**, **3x 150 GHz**, and **1x 220 GHz** wedges – Sensitivity/yield not great.
- Second season: **1x 95 GHz**, **3x 150 GHz**, and **2x 220 GHz** wedges – 150 and 220 GHz excellent
- Third season: **1x 95 GHz**, **4x150 GHz**, and **1x 220 GHz** wedges – All bands near background limit

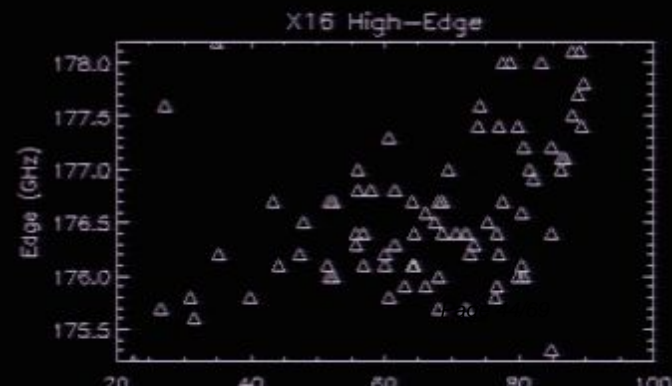
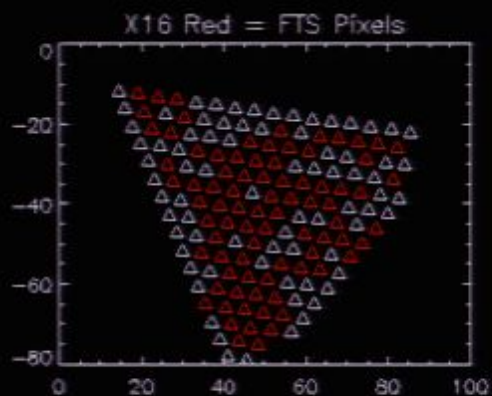
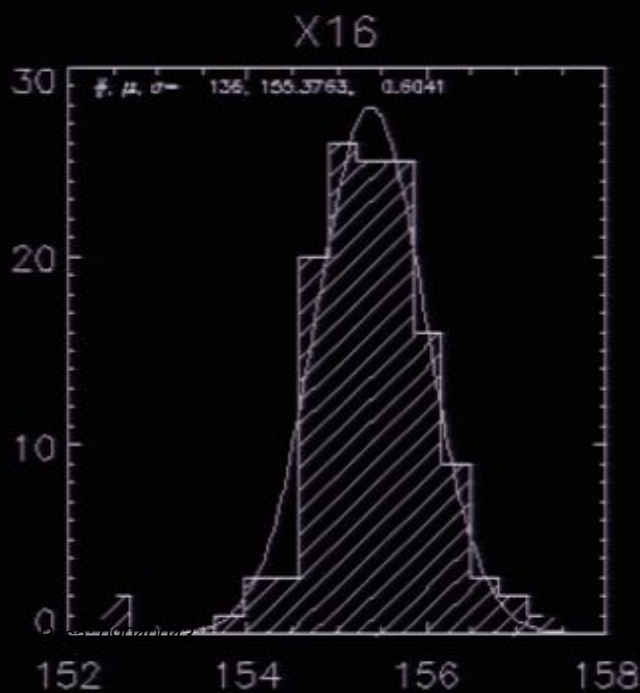
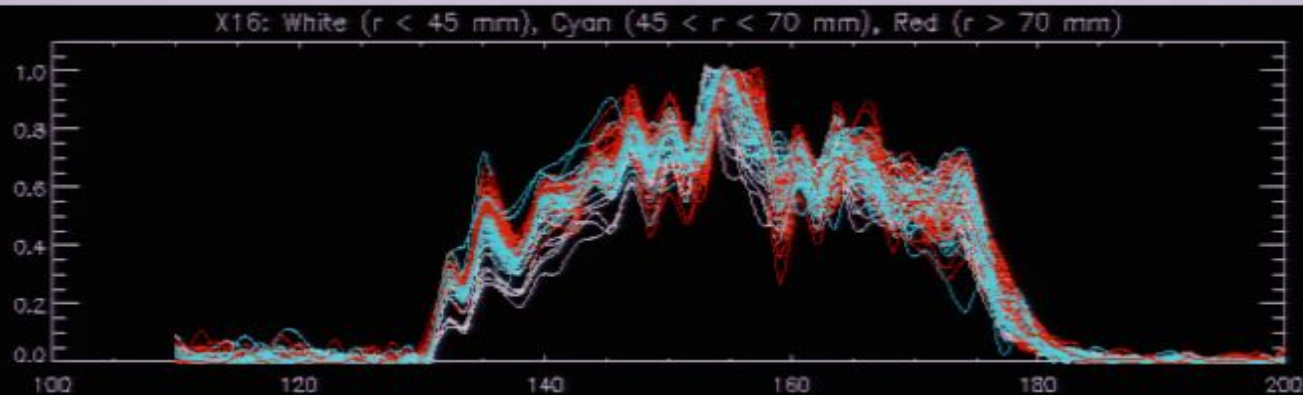
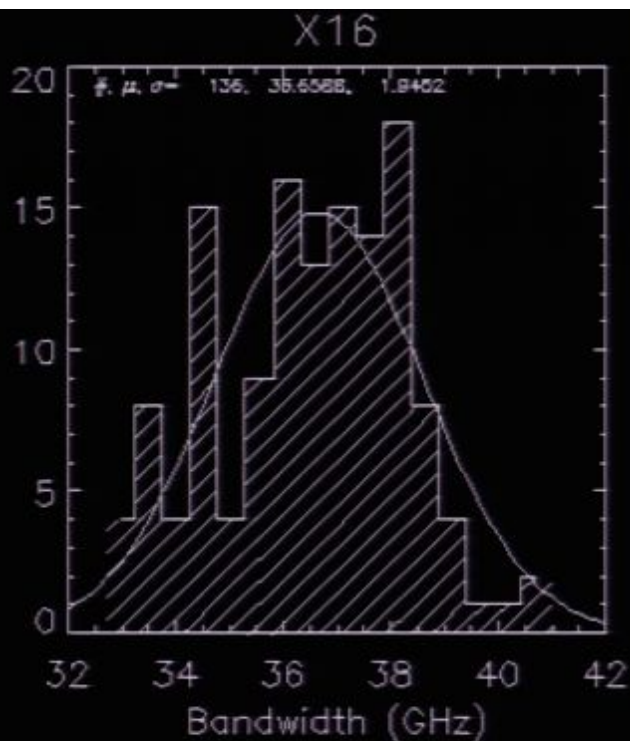
SPT optics: off-axis Gregorian

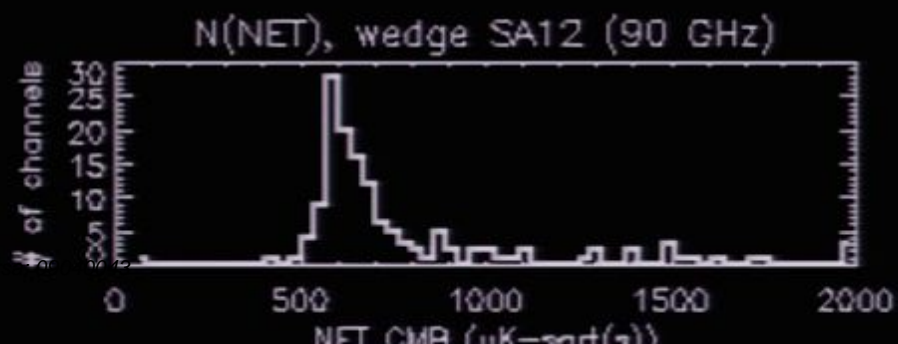
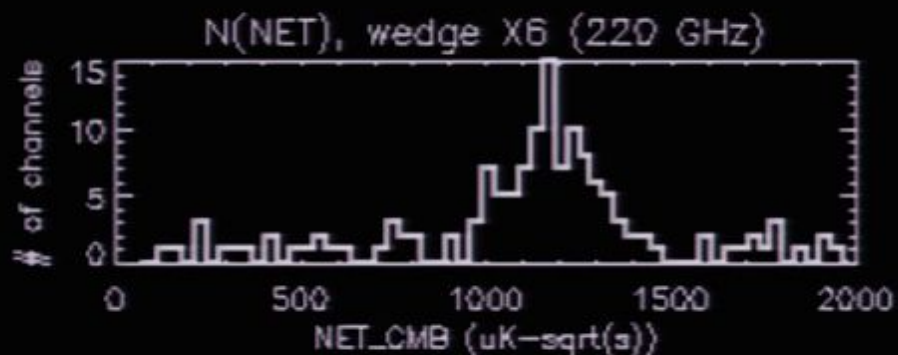
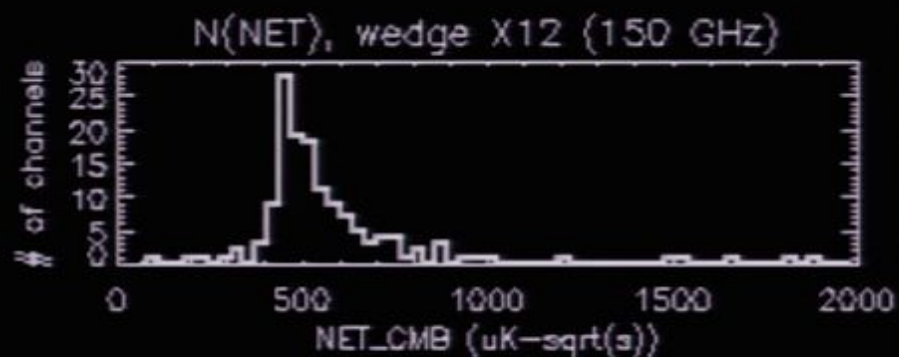
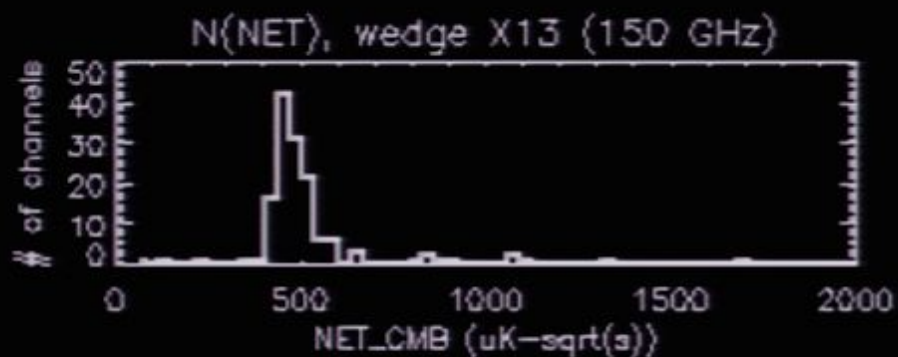
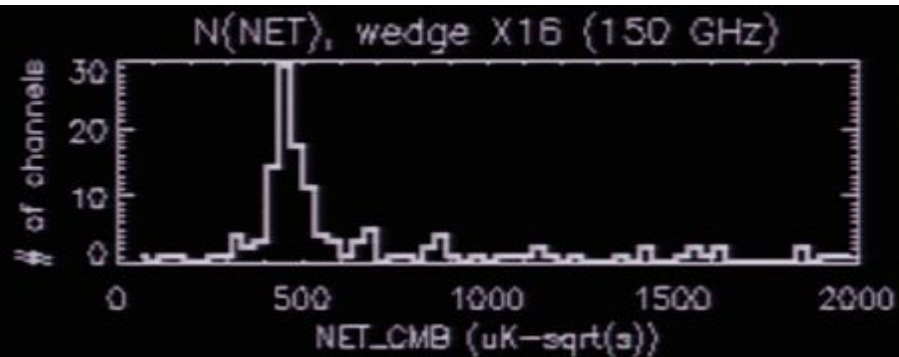
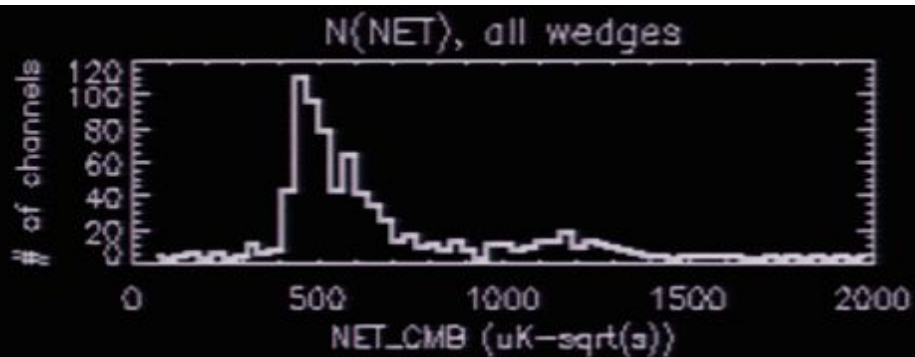
Secondary mirror is the stop in the system and is cooled to 10K to minimize thermal emission.





Spectroscopy for one 150 GHz Wedge





NET(90 GHz) $\sim 600 \text{ uK}_{\text{cmb}} \text{ s}^{1/2}$

NET(150 GHz) $\sim 450 \text{ uK}_{\text{cmb}} \text{ s}^{1/2}$

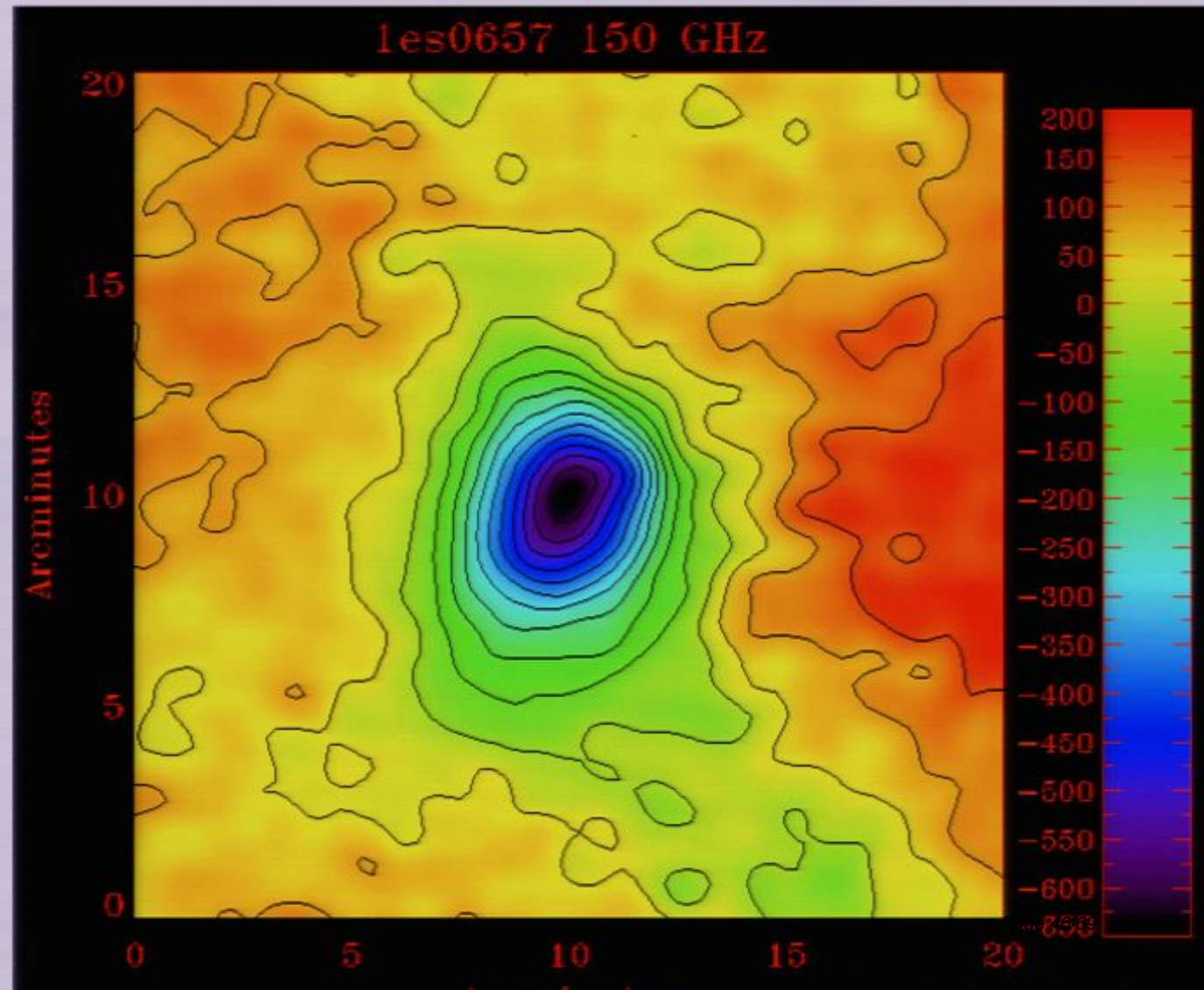
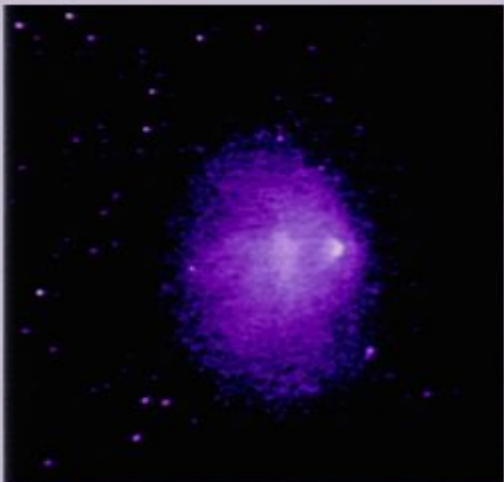
NET(220 GHz) $\sim 1100 \text{ uK}_{\text{cmb}} \text{ s}^{1/2}$

Jointed Cluster SZ Maps

SZ Image of Bullet Cluster

- $z = .297$
- 7 hours of observation
- $\sim 20 \mu\text{K RMS}$ per 60" pixel

Chandra X-ray Image
(140 hour observation
0.5 Ms)





SPT Heroes Gallery



**Keith
Vanderlinde
2008**



**Steve Padin
2007**



Dana Hrubes 2008



**Zak Staniszewski
2007**

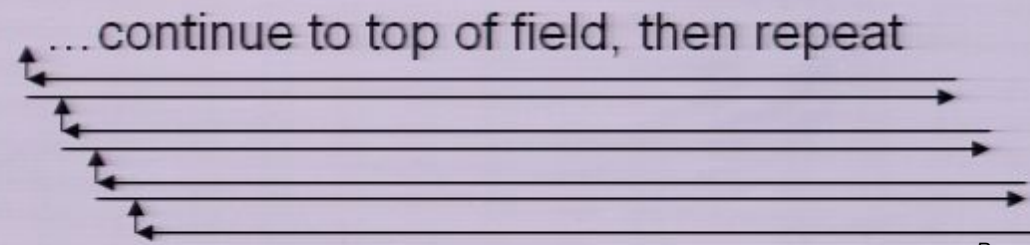
Mechanical Requirements of the Observing Strategy



The problem: want to prevent “1/f noise” and atmospheric fluctuations from contaminating the interesting sky signal.

One solution: fast scanning – noise at low *temporal* frequencies contaminates only low *spatial* frequencies in the data

SPT design: 4 degrees/s maximum scan speed
Typical observations: scan back and forth in azimuth at 0.25 degrees/s, step in elevation



start of an observation

First Survey Field RA~ 5 Hours

- Mapped with interleaved azimuth raster scans
- ~800 hours of observation
- $100 \text{ deg}^2 \sim 17 \text{ uK/arcmin pixel}$
- 60 deg^2 overlap with BCS

150 GHz L+R map



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150 GHz L-R map

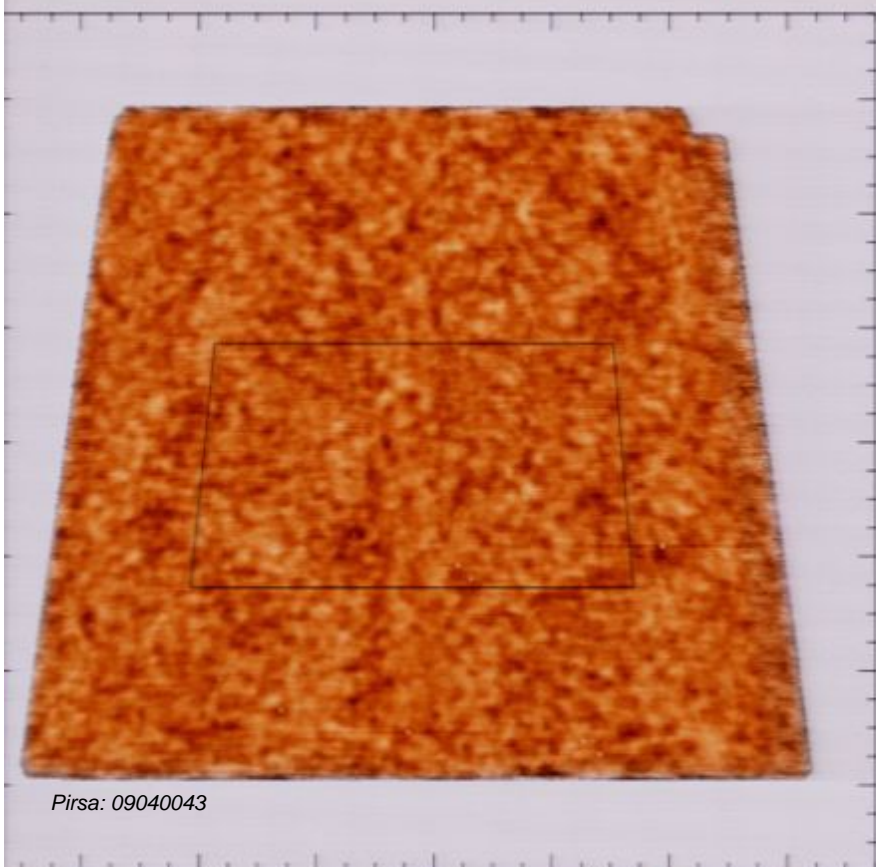


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Second Survey Field RA~ 23 Hours

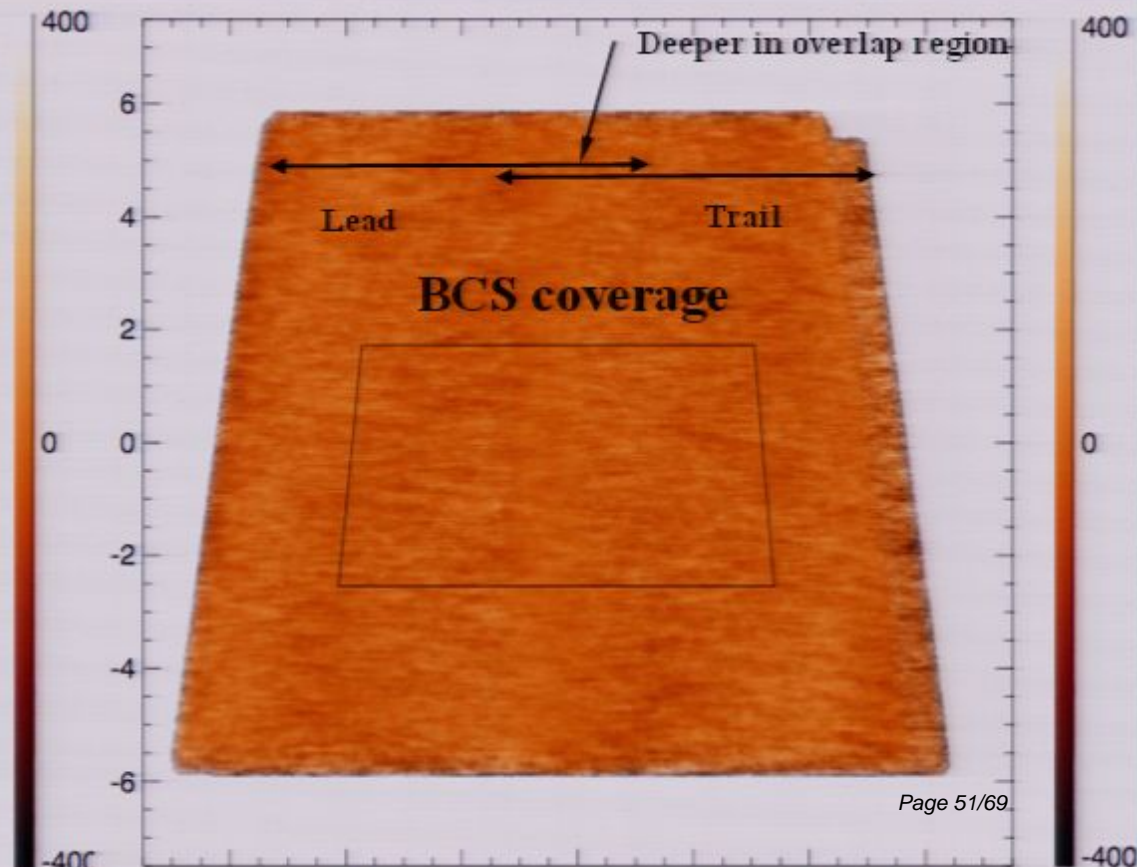
- Mapped with alternating Lead/Trail azimuth raster scans
- ~1000 hours of observation
- $100 \text{ deg}^2 \sim 15 \text{ uK/arcmin pixel}$
- 40 deg^2 overlap with BCS

150 GHz L+R map



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150 GHz L-R map



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Zooming in on the 150 GHz map



15-sigma SZ detection

CMB is everywhere!



Point sources

Point Source Number and Spectra

- High pass filter to enhance point source significance
- Preliminary results from 23 Hour field

Filtered 150 GHz

Filtered 220 GHz

Zooming in on the 150 GHz map



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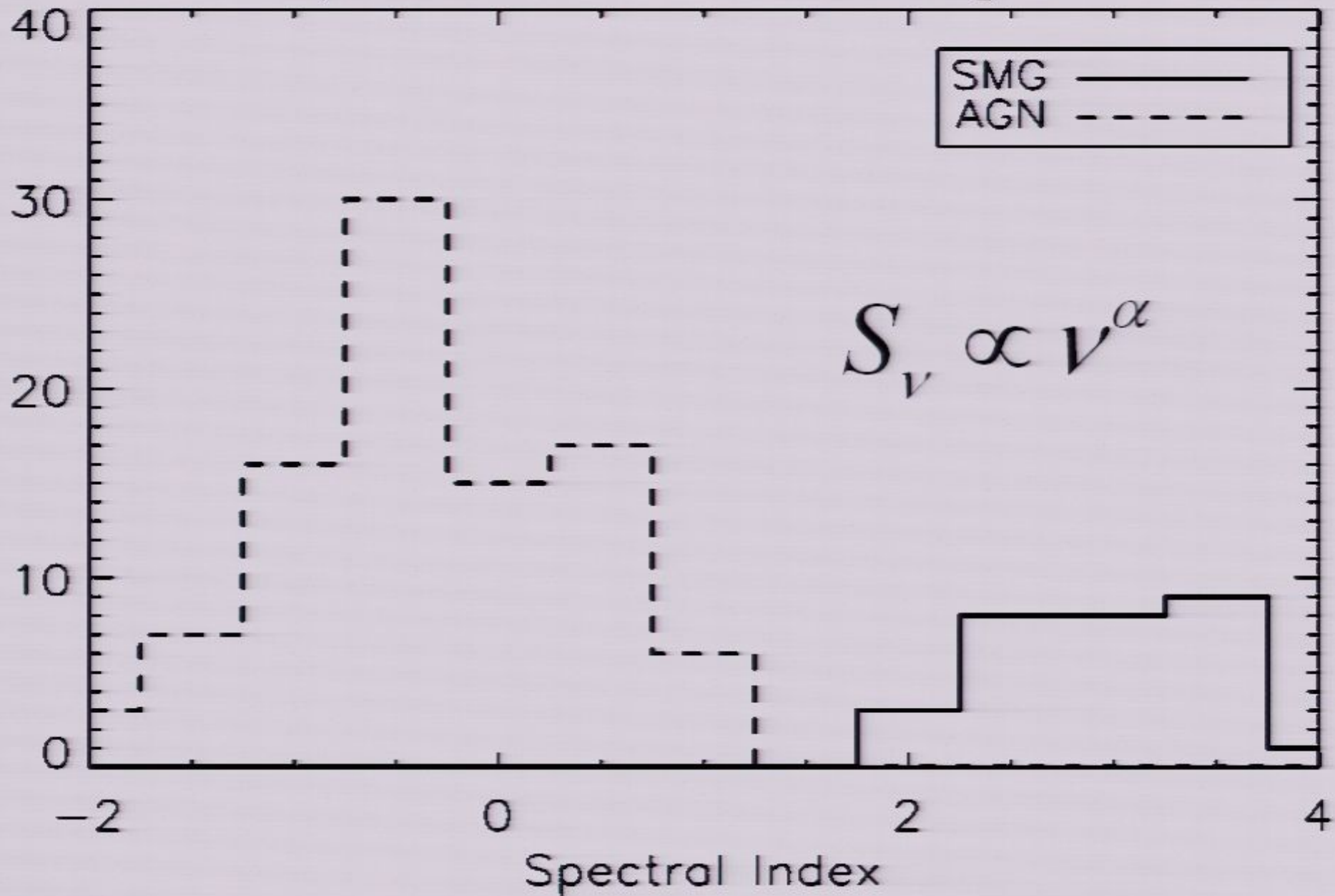
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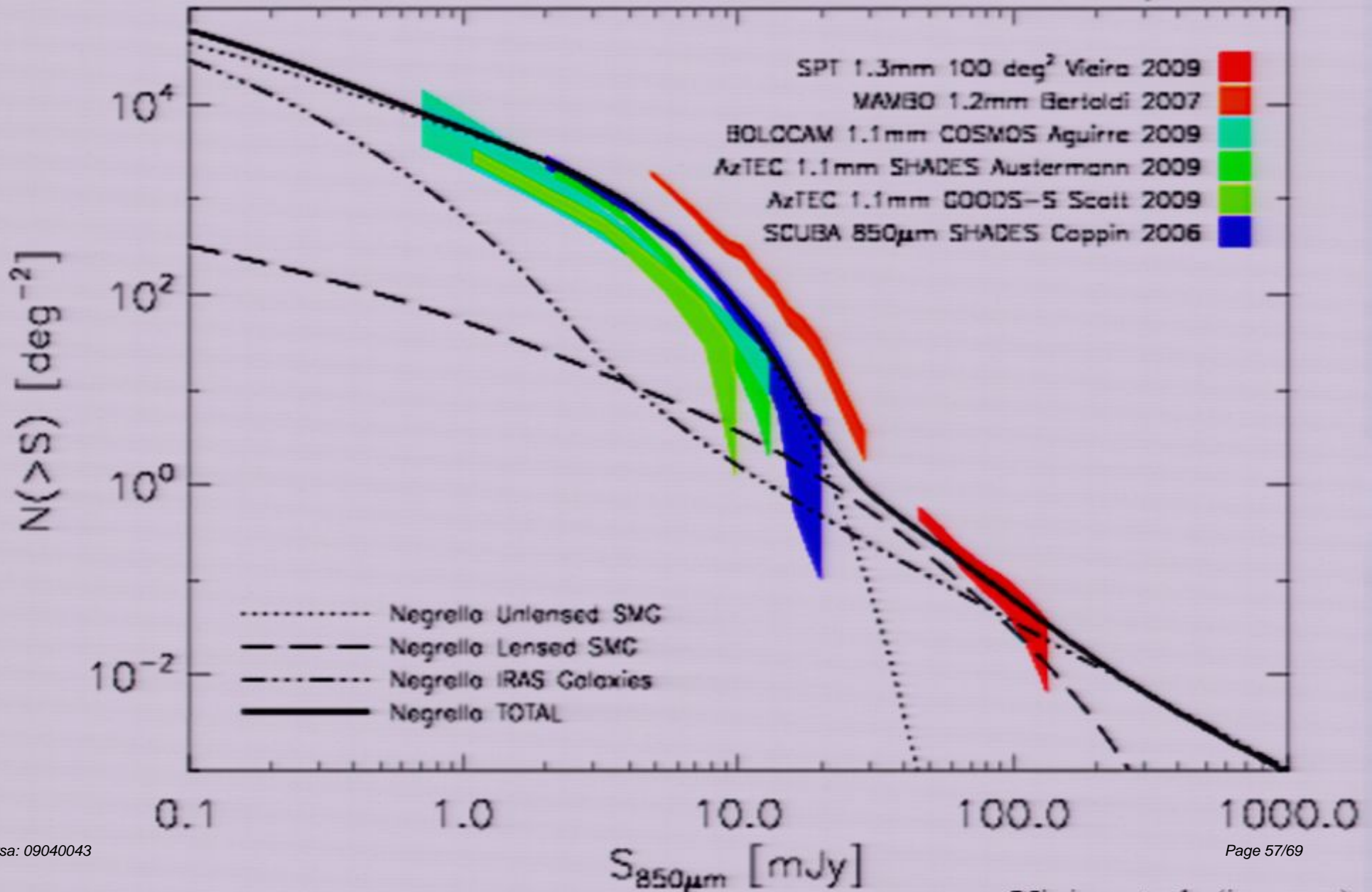
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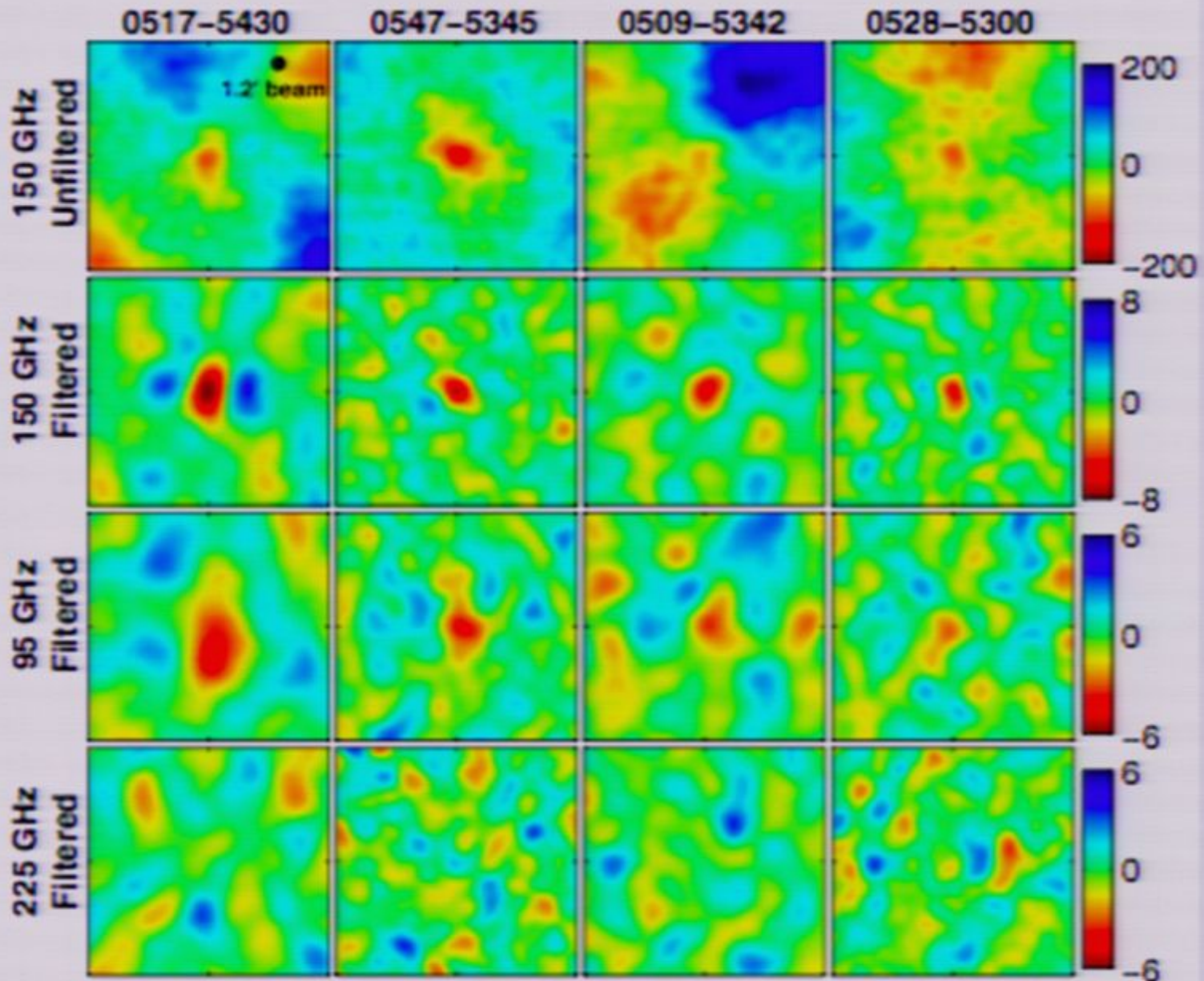


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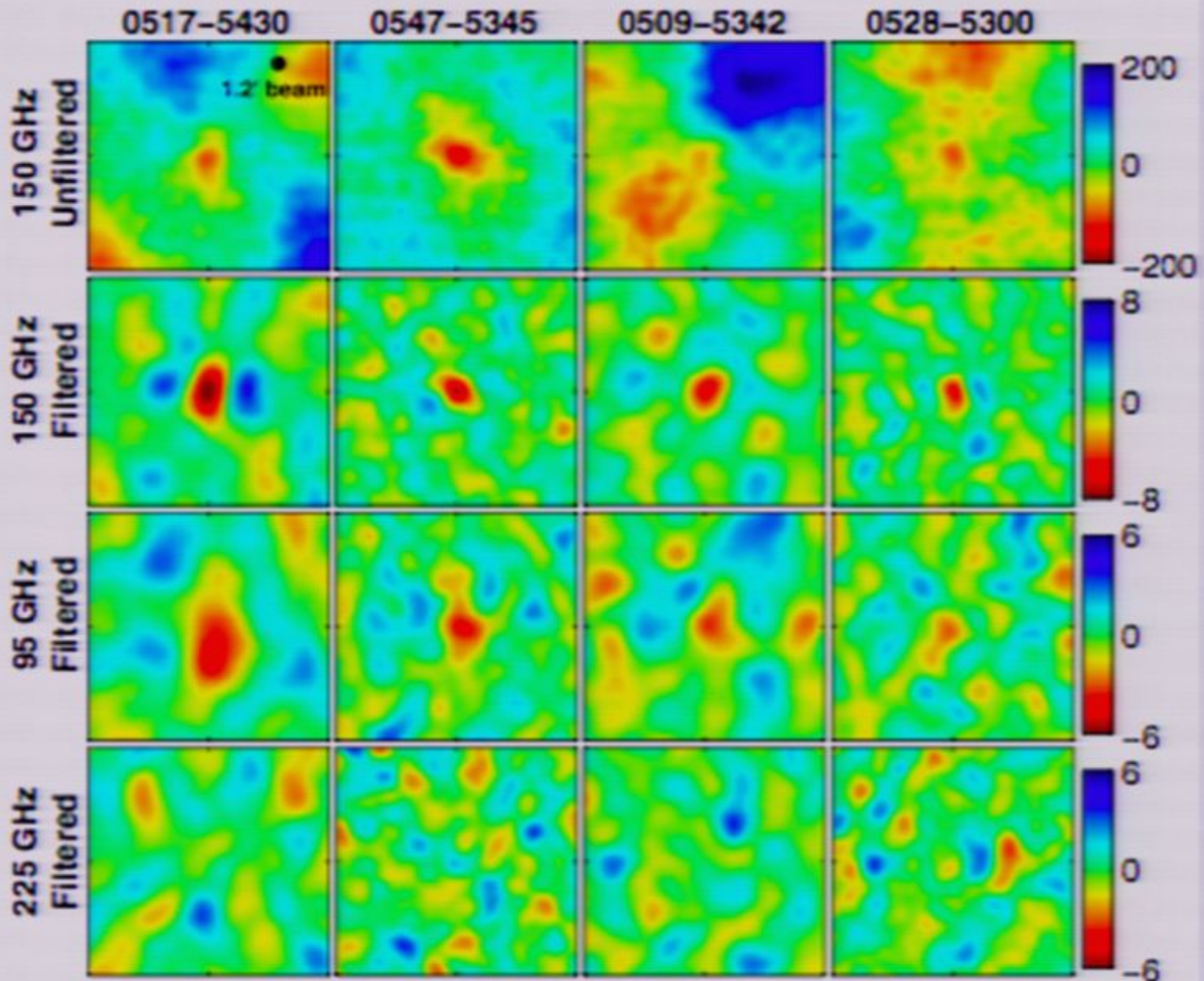
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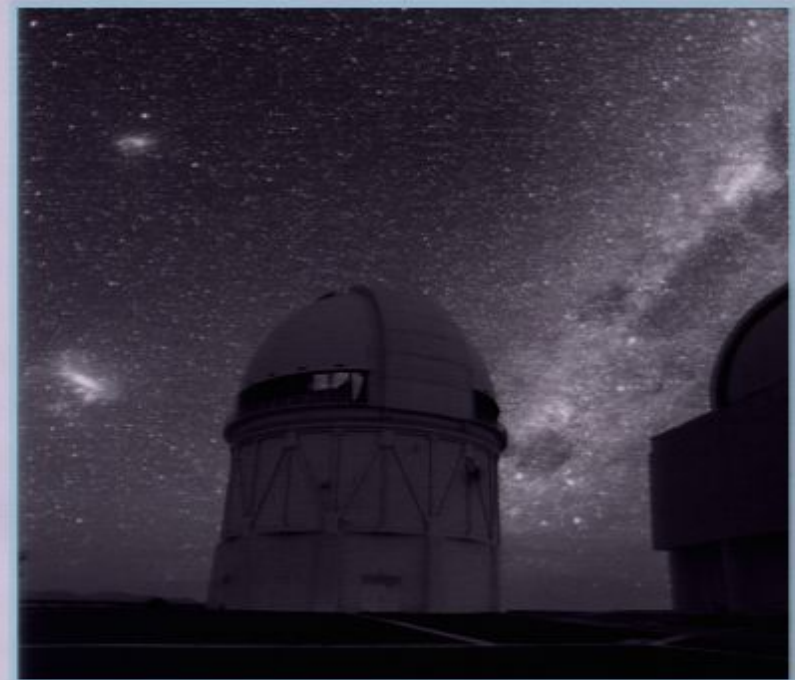
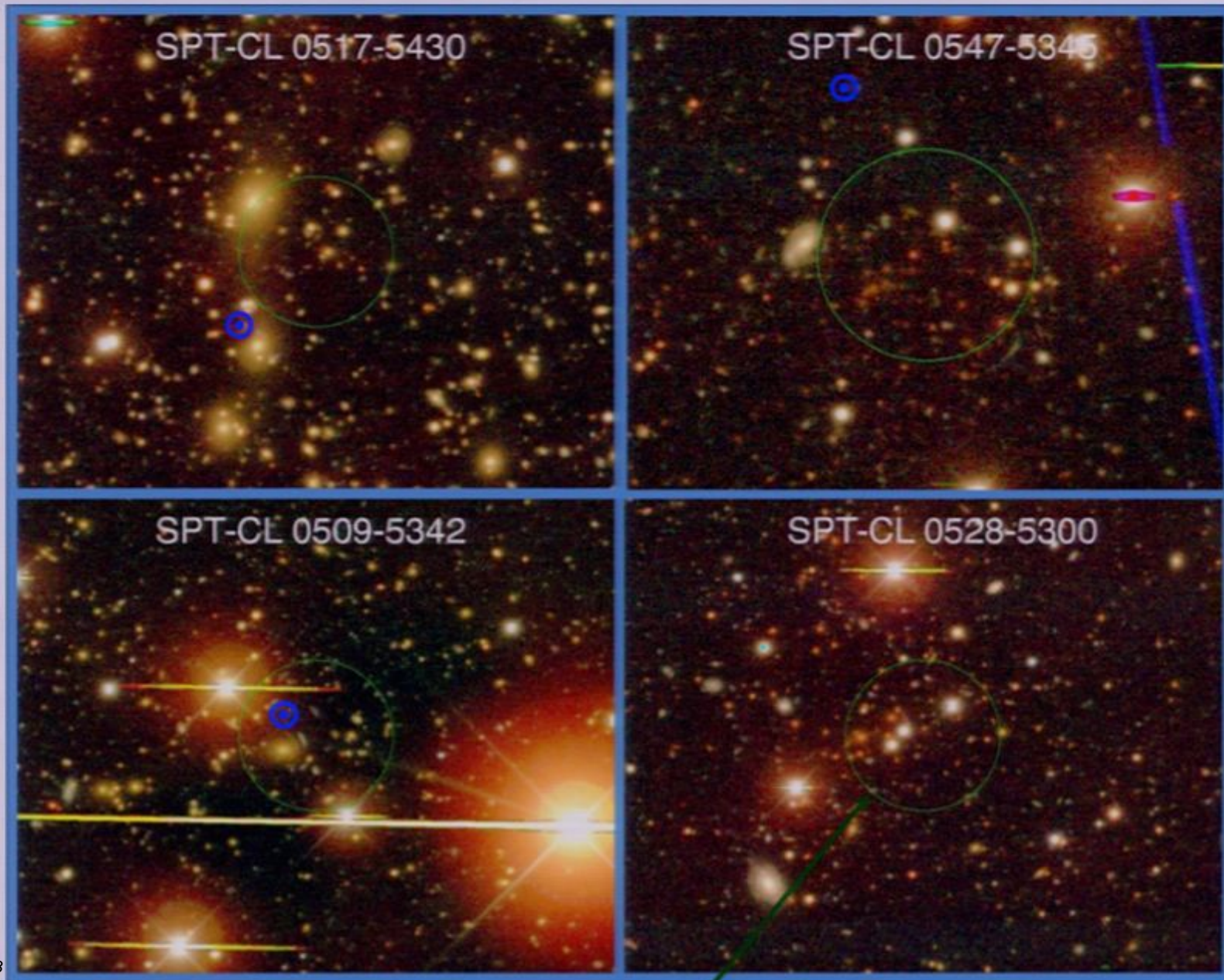


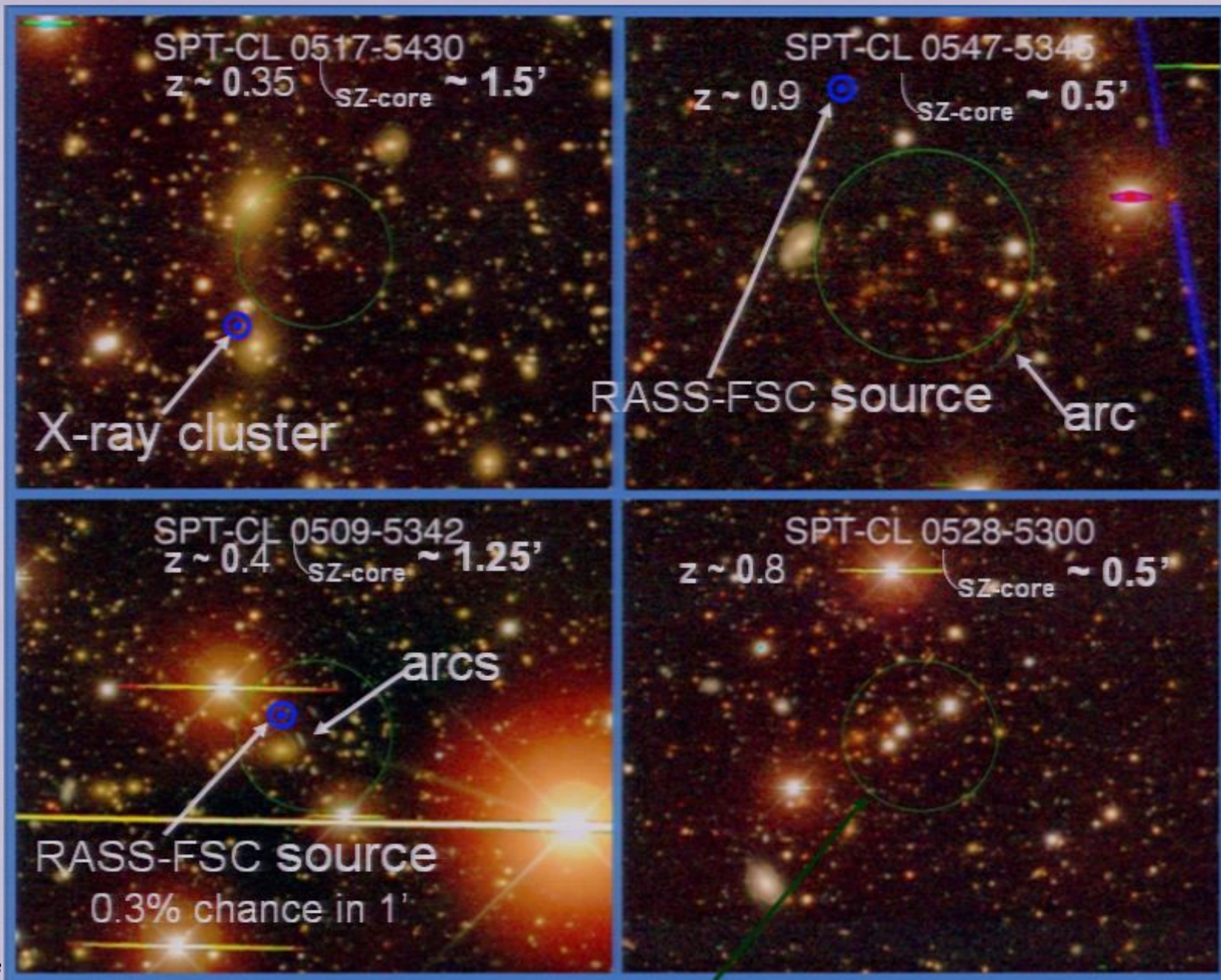
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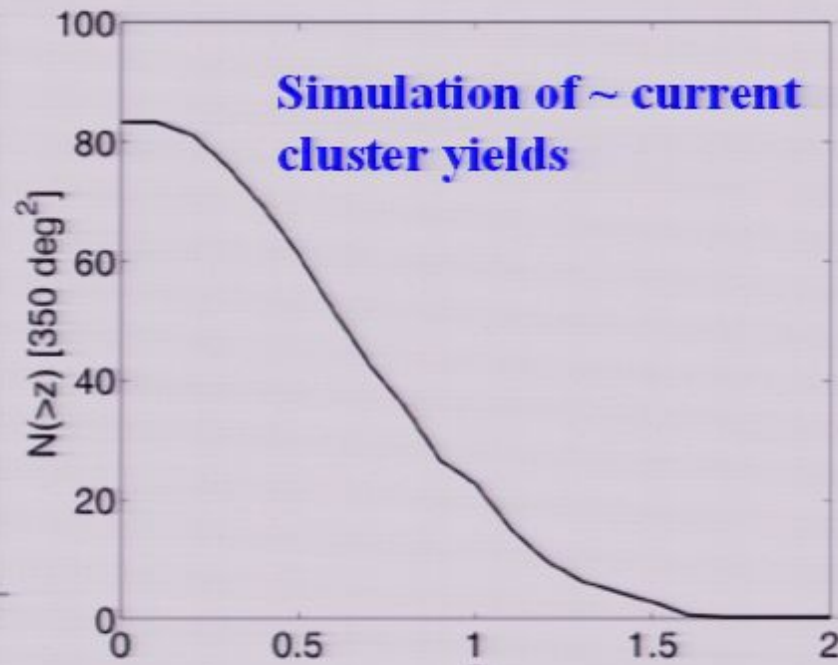
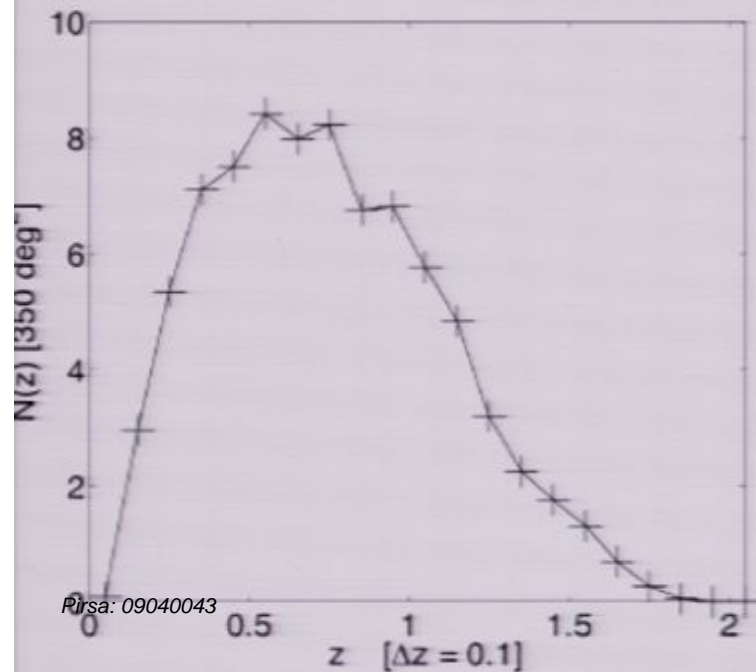
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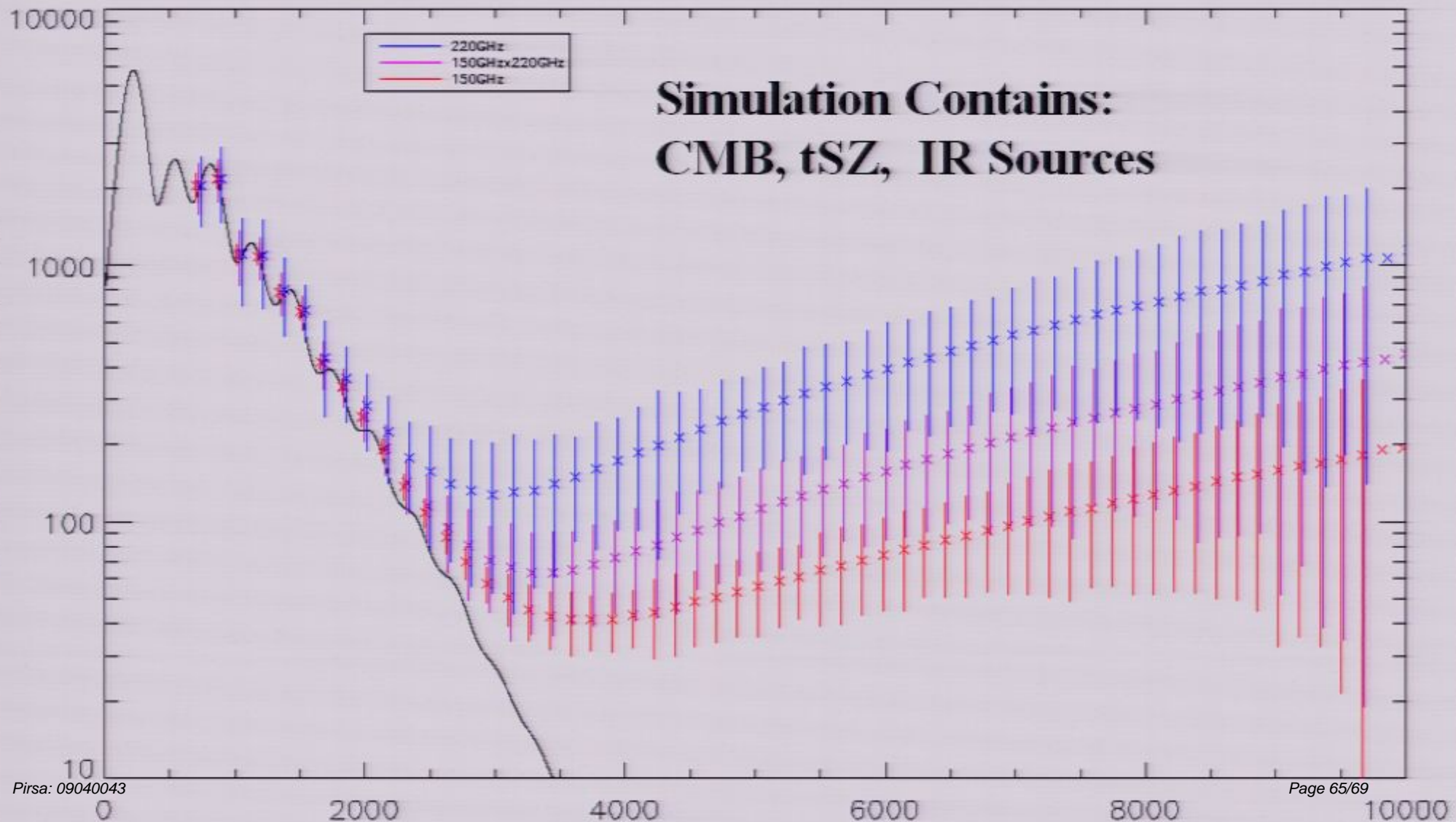
- 200 deg² surveyed
- 48 clusters above 4.5 σ (20% expected due to noise/foregrounds)
- 16 candidates in BCS region, 10 with Magellan data (so far)
- >20 photo/spectroscopic redshifts (so far)

By December 2009:

- ~1000 deg² to similar depth
- Catalog of >200 massive clusters (mean $z \sim 0.7$, tail to very high z)



Realistic Expectations for PS from first SPT 100 deg² field



Summary

- SPT is online and producing the first SZ selected cluster catalog.
 - Cluster X-ray, IR, and Optical follow-up is underway.
- Catalog of bright point sources including AGN and what are likely high-redshift lensed galaxies.
- CMB power spectrum analysis proceeding, new constraints on σ_8 forthcoming.
- High signal to noise wide-field cluster imaging
- Observe until at least December 2010 (end of season 4), and likely December 2011 with current receiver.
- During this period, will cover $>2000 \text{ deg}^2$ of sky and produce a catalog of hundreds of massive clusters.



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No Signal

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