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Abstract:

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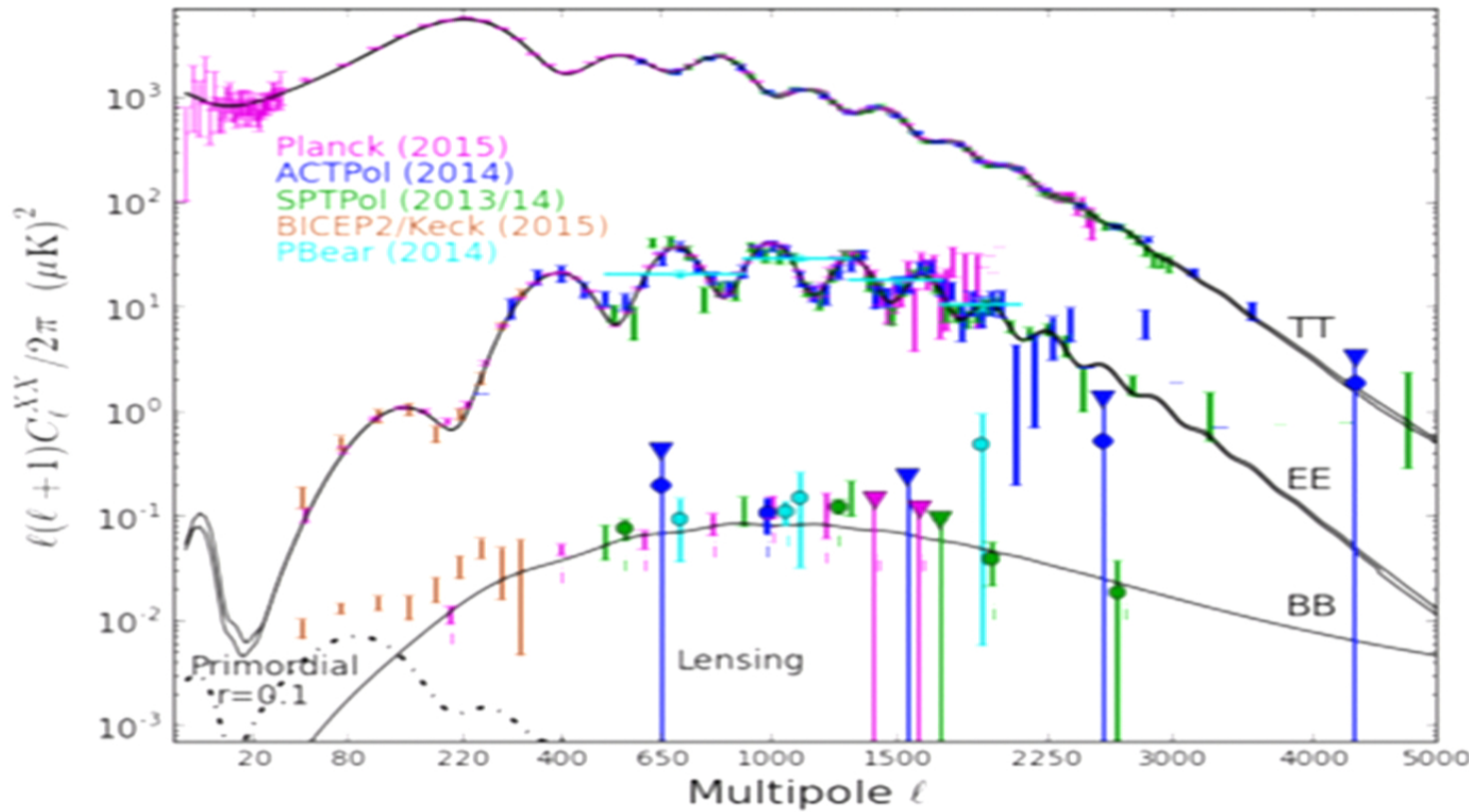
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Testing Fundamental  
Physics with the CMB





# Confirming Experiment by Theory



BICEP2  
March 2014

Broad frequency coverage and resolution are required to detect and remove foregrounds

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# Feynman's Alien!

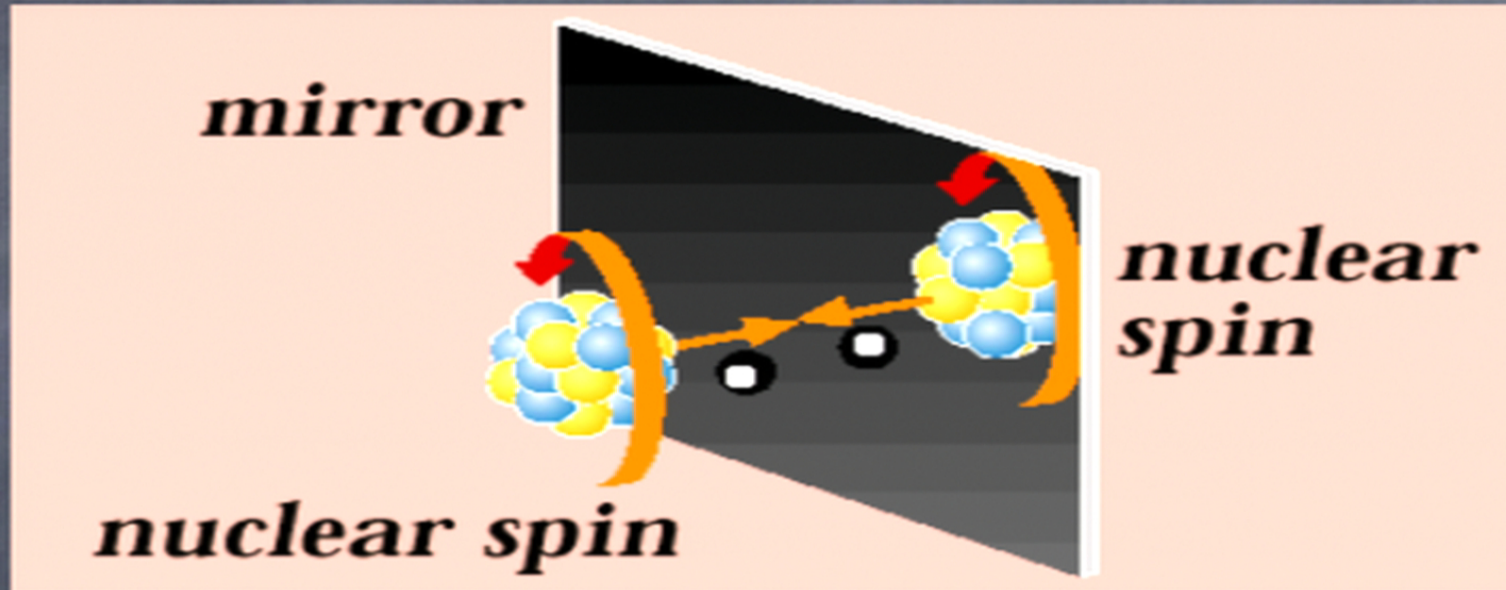
**Suppose we are in contact with an alien species, but only by text message.**

**Starting with a universal language, then progressing to physics & chemistry, we could make a common language and two-way communication.**





# Feynman's answer: Try Symmetry!



The direction of the emitted electron (arrow) reverses on mirror reflection, but the direction of rotation (angular momentum) is not changed. CP violated.

The nucleus in front of the mirror represents the actual direction while its mirror image isn't found in nature. Experiments can distinguish between the object and its mirror image. But violate CP and T (CPT):



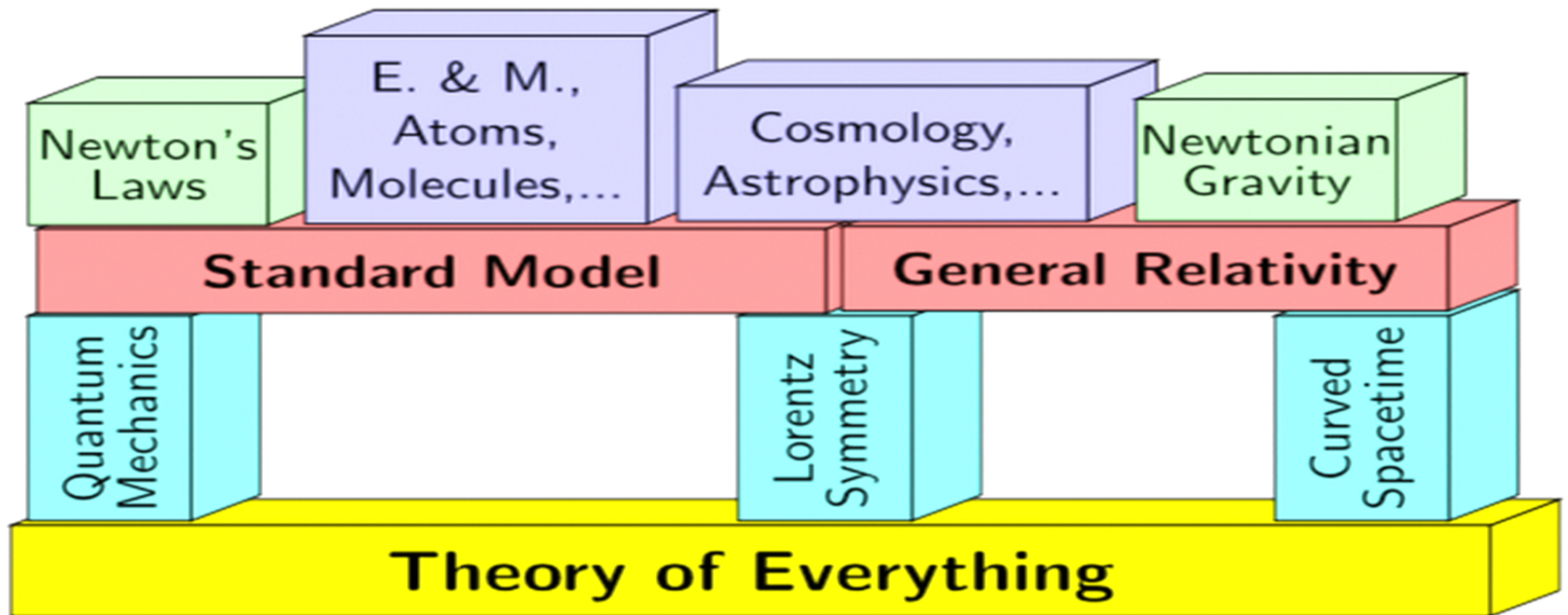
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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CPT\\_symmetry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CPT_symmetry)

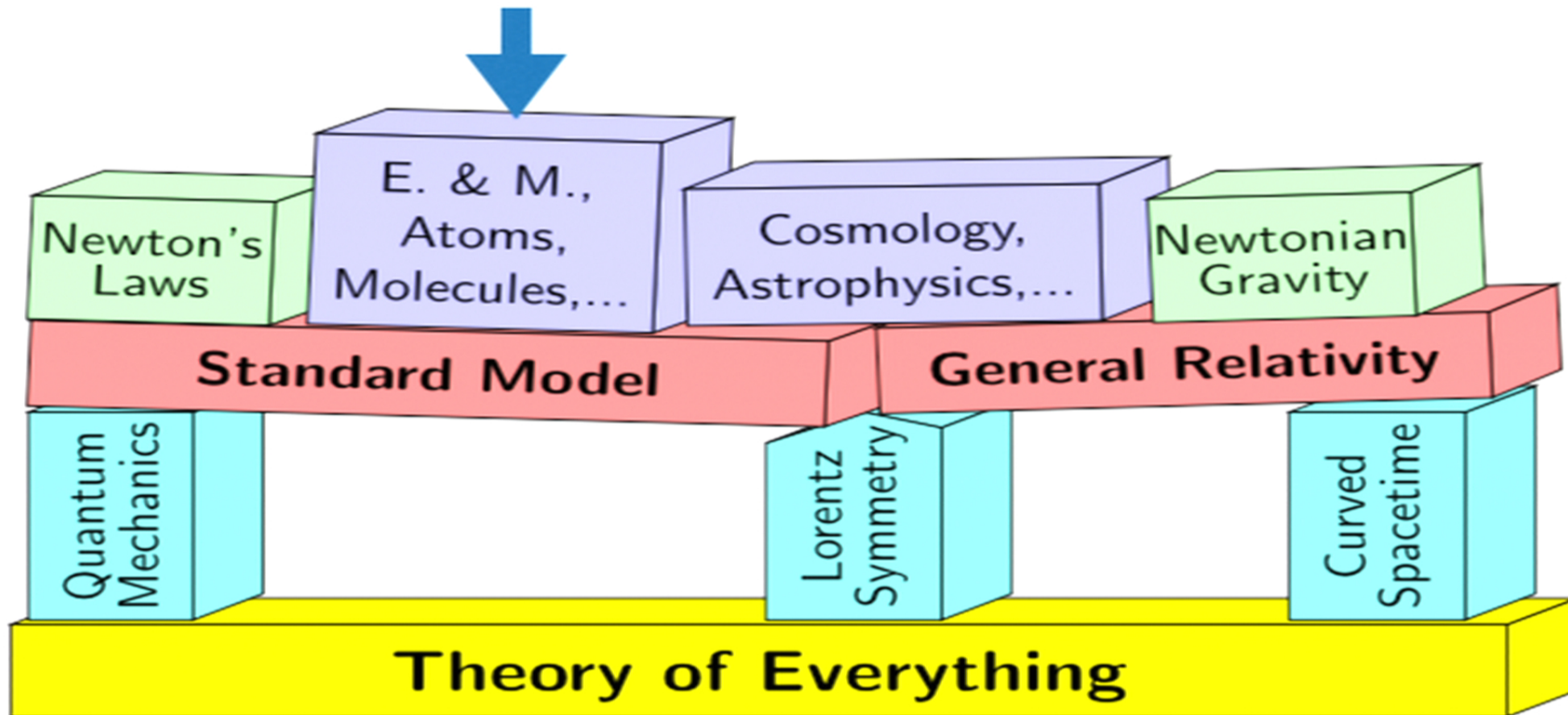
A consequence of this derivation is that a violation of CPT automatically indicates a Lorentz violation.





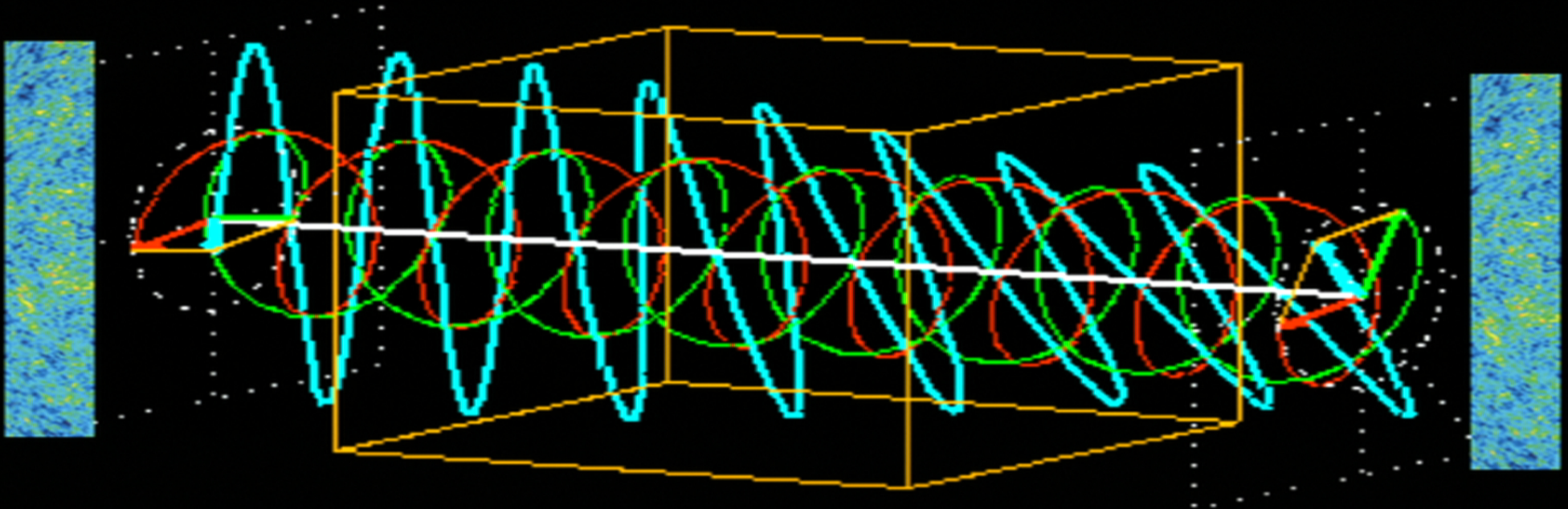
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# Can we test Lorentz Invariance with the CMB?



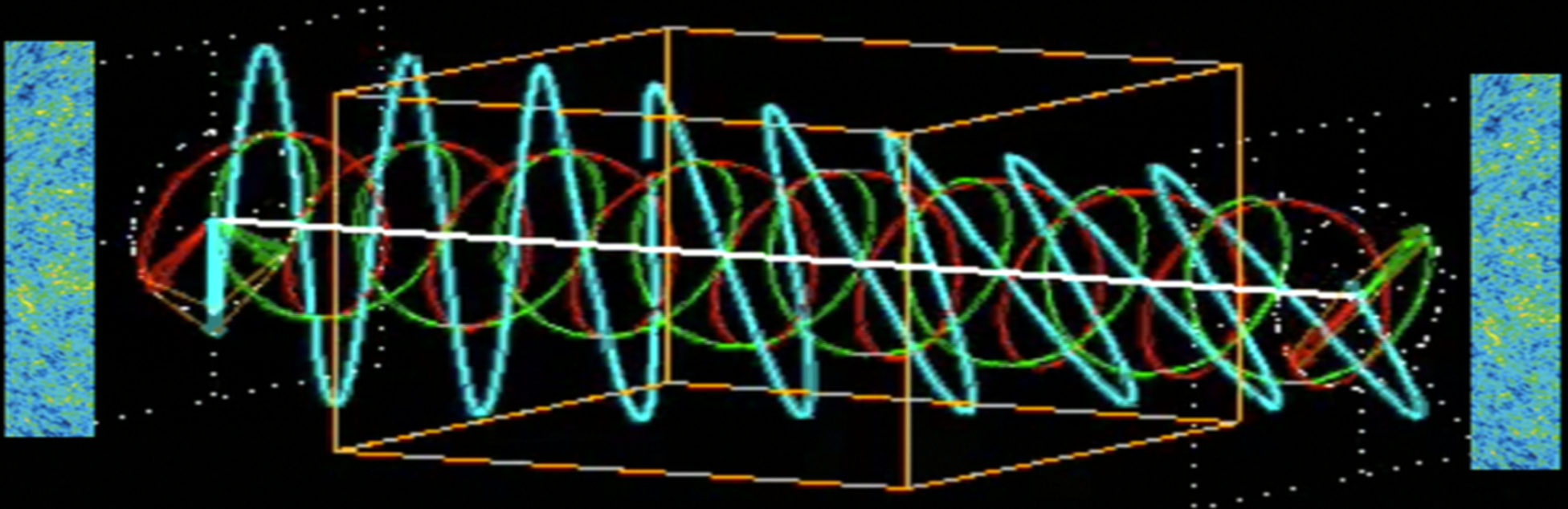
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# Cosmic Birefringence





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**Look for a preferred direction in space!**

## How? Add a Chern-Simons Interaction to E&M



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{EM}} &= -\frac{1}{4} F_{\nu\lambda} F^{\nu\lambda} \\
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{CS}} &= -\frac{1}{2} p_\alpha A_\beta \tilde{F}^{\alpha\beta}
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{EM}} \\ \mathcal{L}_{\text{CS}} \end{aligned}} \right\} \longrightarrow
 \begin{aligned}
 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= 4\pi\rho - \underline{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{B}} \\
 -\partial_t \vec{E} + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} &= 4\pi J - \underline{p_0 \vec{B} + \vec{p} \times \vec{E}} \\
 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\
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Carroll, Field, Jackiw 1990

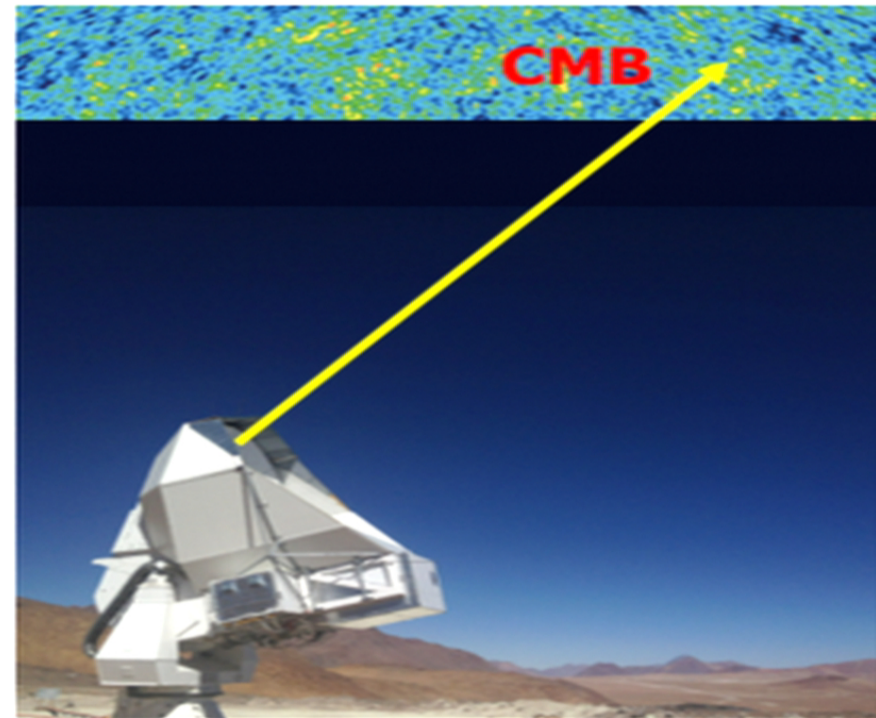
$$\omega = ck \quad \rightarrow \quad \omega = \begin{cases} ck & \text{LCP} \\ c(1 - \epsilon)k & \text{RCP} \end{cases}$$

- Violates Lorentz Invariance & parity symmetry in EM.
- Rotates the polarization plane of photons.

# POLARBEAR & the Simons Array

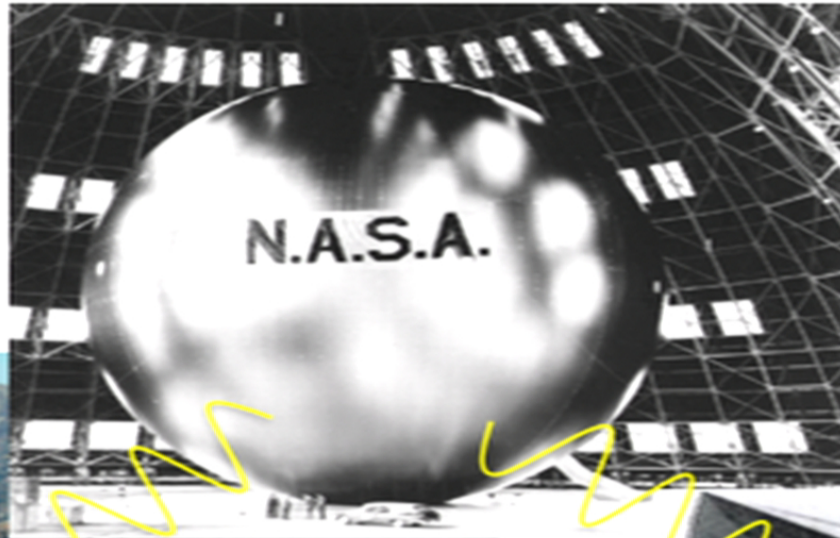
- Low pressure
- Very dry (usually) all year
- Good weather (almost) all year
- ~1 hour drive from San Pedro de Atacama (nearest town)
- Observe throughout the year (as well as day & night)
- Very low (statistical noise) detectors
- But systematic errors are paramount!

} **Low atmospheric noise**





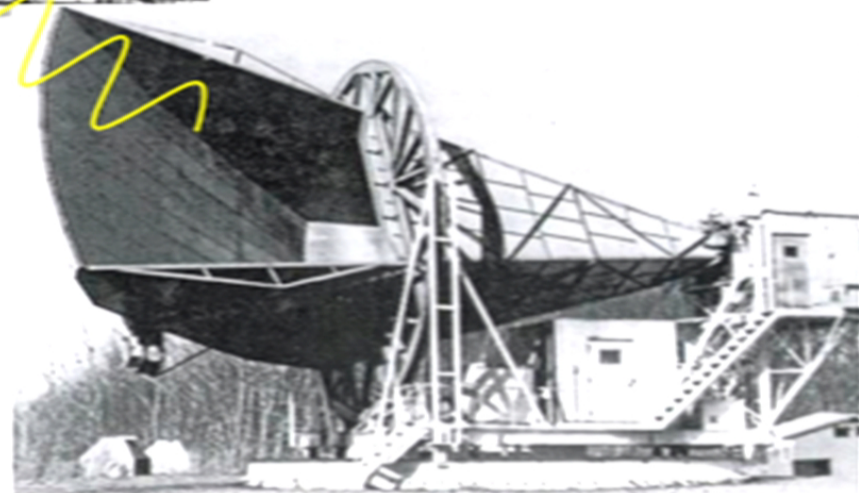
Calibration  
matters!



Low noise  
Maser  
amplifier  
coupled to a  
horn reflector  
antenna



JPL, Pasadena CA



Bell Labs, Holmdel NJ

*The internet....circa 1960*

TABLE II — SOURCES OF SYSTEM TEMPERATURE

Source	Temperature
Sky (at zenith)	$2.30 \pm 0.20^\circ\text{K}$
Horn antenna	$2.00 \pm 1.00^\circ\text{K}$
Waveguide (counter-clockwise channel)	$7.00 \pm 0.65^\circ\text{K}$
Maser assembly	$7.00 \pm 1.00^\circ\text{K}$
Converter	$0.60 \pm 0.15^\circ\text{K}$
Predicted total system temperature	$18.90 \pm 3.00^\circ\text{K}$

the temperature was found to vary a few degrees from day to day, but the lowest temperature was consistently  $22.2 \pm 2.2^\circ\text{K}$ . By realistically assuming that all sources were then contributing their fair share (as is also tacitly assumed in Table II) it is possible to improve the over-all accuracy. The actual system temperature must be in the overlap region of the measured results and the total results of Table II, namely between 20 and  $21.9^\circ\text{K}$ . The most likely minimum system temperature was therefore

$$T_{\text{system}} = 21 \pm 1^\circ\text{K}.*$$

The inference from this result is that the "+" temperature possibilities of Table II must predominate.

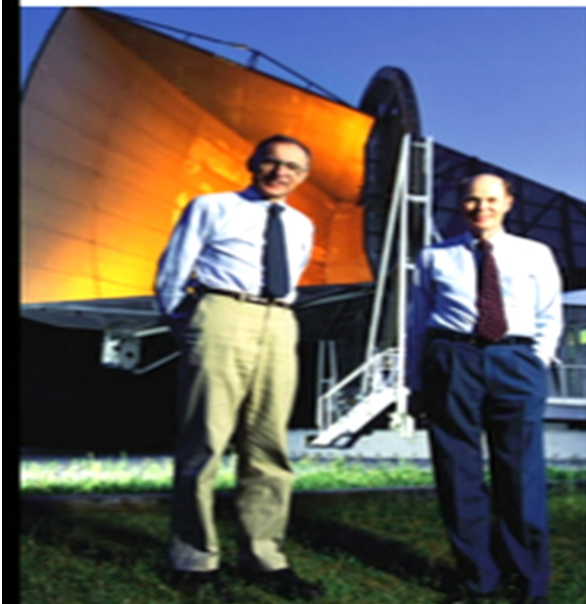
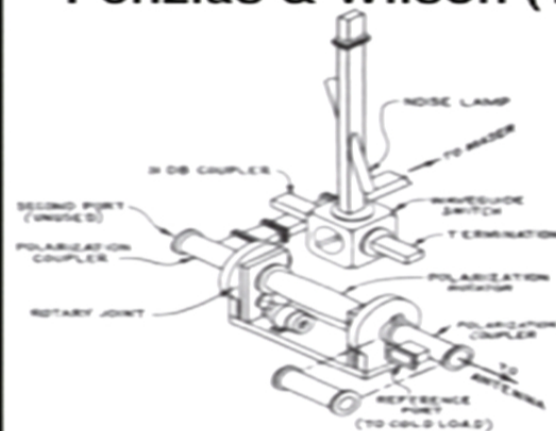
## Ed Ohm (1961)



Edward Ohm (right) at the 20-foot horn antenna at Holmdel, New Jersey. He had noticed as early as 1961 that the horn was registering more static than expected when pointed at the sky but had not realized its significance.



## Penzias & Wilson (1965) A MEASUREMENT OF EXCESS ANTENNA TEMPERATURE AT 4080 Mc/s



Measurements of the effective zenith noise temperature of the 20-foot horn-reflector antenna (Crawford, Hogg, and Hunt 1961) at the Crawford Hill Laboratory, Holmdel, New Jersey, at 4080 Mc/s have yielded a value about  $3.5^\circ\text{K}$  higher than expected. This excess temperature is, within the limits of our observations, isotropic, unpolarized, and free from seasonal variations (July, 1964–April, 1965). A possible explanation for the observed excess noise temperature is the one given by Dicke, Peebles, Roll, and Wilkinson (1965) in a companion letter in this issue.

The total antenna temperature measured at the zenith is  $6.7^\circ\text{K}$  of which  $2.3^\circ\text{K}$  is due to atmospheric absorption. The calculated contribution due to ohmic losses in the antenna and back-lobe response is  $0.9^\circ\text{K}$ .

The radiometer used in this investigation has been described elsewhere (Penzias and Wilson 1965). It employs a traveling-wave maser, a low-loss ( $0.027\text{-db}$ ) comparison switch, and a liquid helium-cooled reference termination (Penzias 1965). Measurements were made by switching manually between the antenna input and the reference termination. The antenna, reference termination, and radiometer were well matched so that a round-trip return loss of more than 55 db existed throughout the measurement; thus errors in the measurement of the effective temperature due to impedance mismatch can be neglected. The estimated error in the measured value of the total antenna temperature is  $0.3^\circ\text{K}$  and comes largely from uncertainty in the absolute calibration of the reference termination.

The contribution to the antenna temperature due to atmospheric absorption was obtained by recording the variation in antenna temperature with elevation angle and employing the secant law. The result,  $2.3^\circ \pm 0.3^\circ\text{K}$ , is in good agreement with published values (Hogg 1959; DeGrasse, Hogg, Ohm, and Scovil 1959; Ohm 1961).

The contribution to the antenna temperature from ohmic losses is computed to be  $0.8^\circ \pm 0.4^\circ\text{K}$ . In this calculation we have divided the antenna into three parts: (1) two non-uniform tapers approximately 1 m in total length which transform between the 24-inch round output waveguide and the 6-inch-square antenna throat opening; (2) a double-choke rotary joint located between these two tapers; (3) the antenna itself. Care was taken to clean and align joints between these parts so that they would not significantly increase the loss in the structure. Appropriate tests were made for leakage and loss in the rotary joint with negative results.

The possibility of losses in the antenna horn due to imperfections in its seams was eliminated by means of a taping test. Taping all the seams in the section near the throat and most of the others with aluminum tape caused no observable change in antenna temperature.

The backlobe response to ground radiation is taken to be less than  $0.1^\circ\text{K}$  for two

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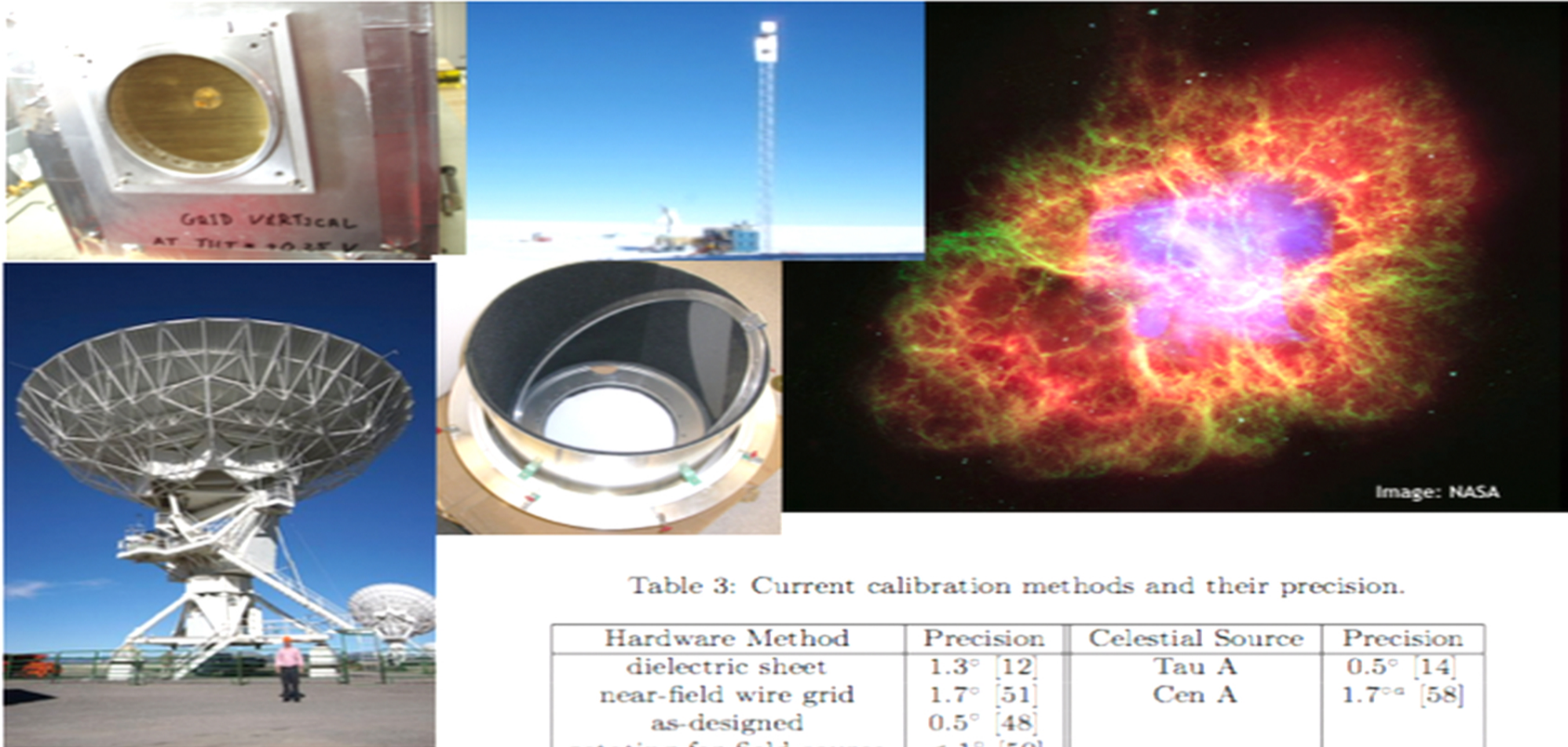


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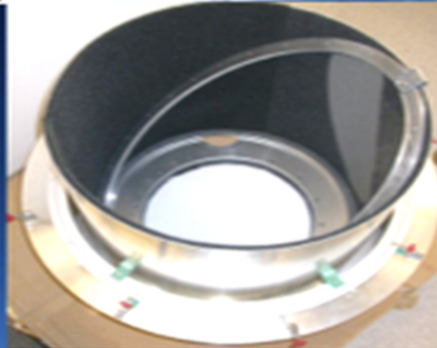
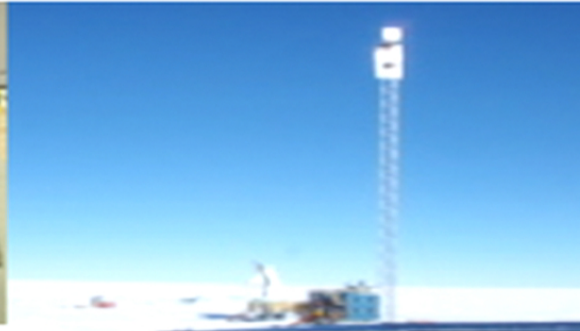
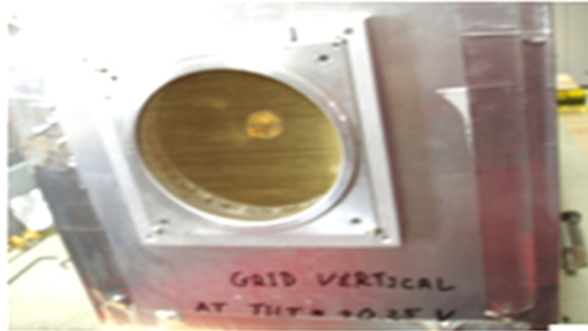
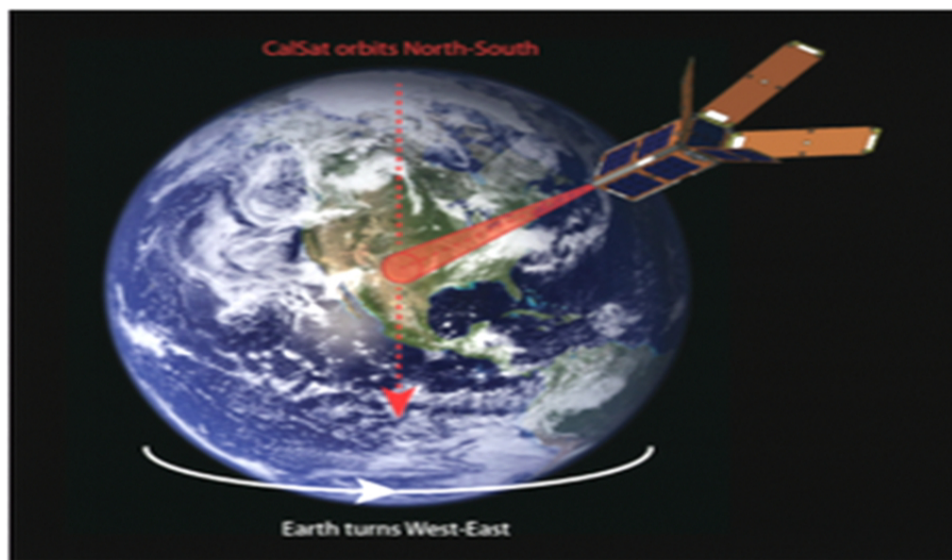
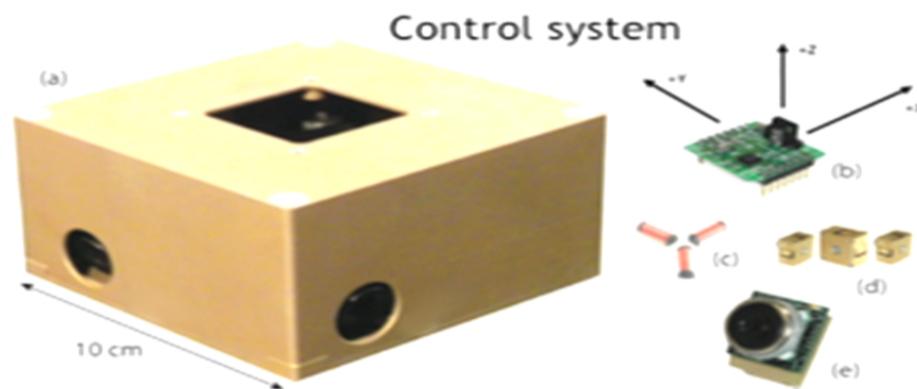
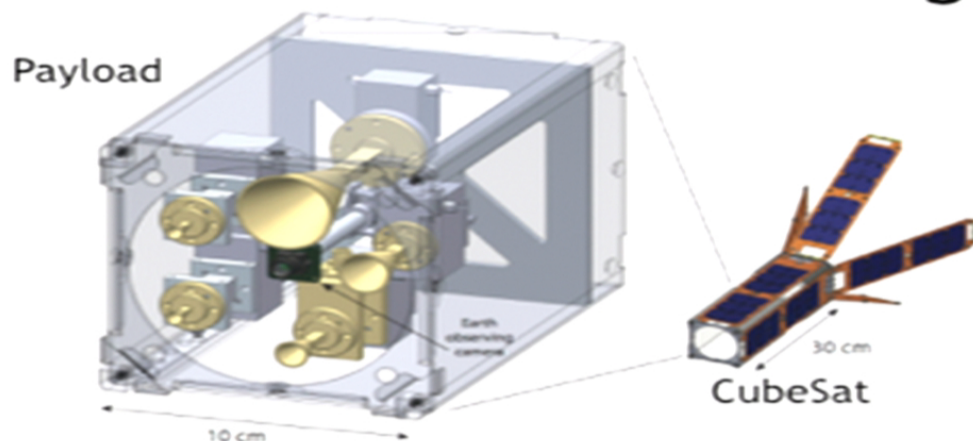


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# CalSat: Pending NSF MSIP Proposal



- Operates in the primary CMB bands (47, 80, 140, 249, 309 GHz)
- Commercial microwave components
- Pure polarized signal
- CubeSat platform in Polar low Earth orbit, visible from every observatory
- Star pointing cameras provide  $0.05^\circ$  polarization angle precision
- Use with current and next-gen telescopes like Simons array

**PI Brad Johnson, Columbia**



# Take away

- **Fascinating physics beyond “just” the B-modes.**
- **We will hit a wall beyond which we can't improve on limits on  $r$ .**
- **No standard polarized candle...must make our own!**
- **What if we are at the center of a preferred frame, along the radial (time) axis?**
- **If so, there might be another scalar field with which one could build a second cosmic clock (first being the entropy of the CMB). Two clocks can calibrate a third.**

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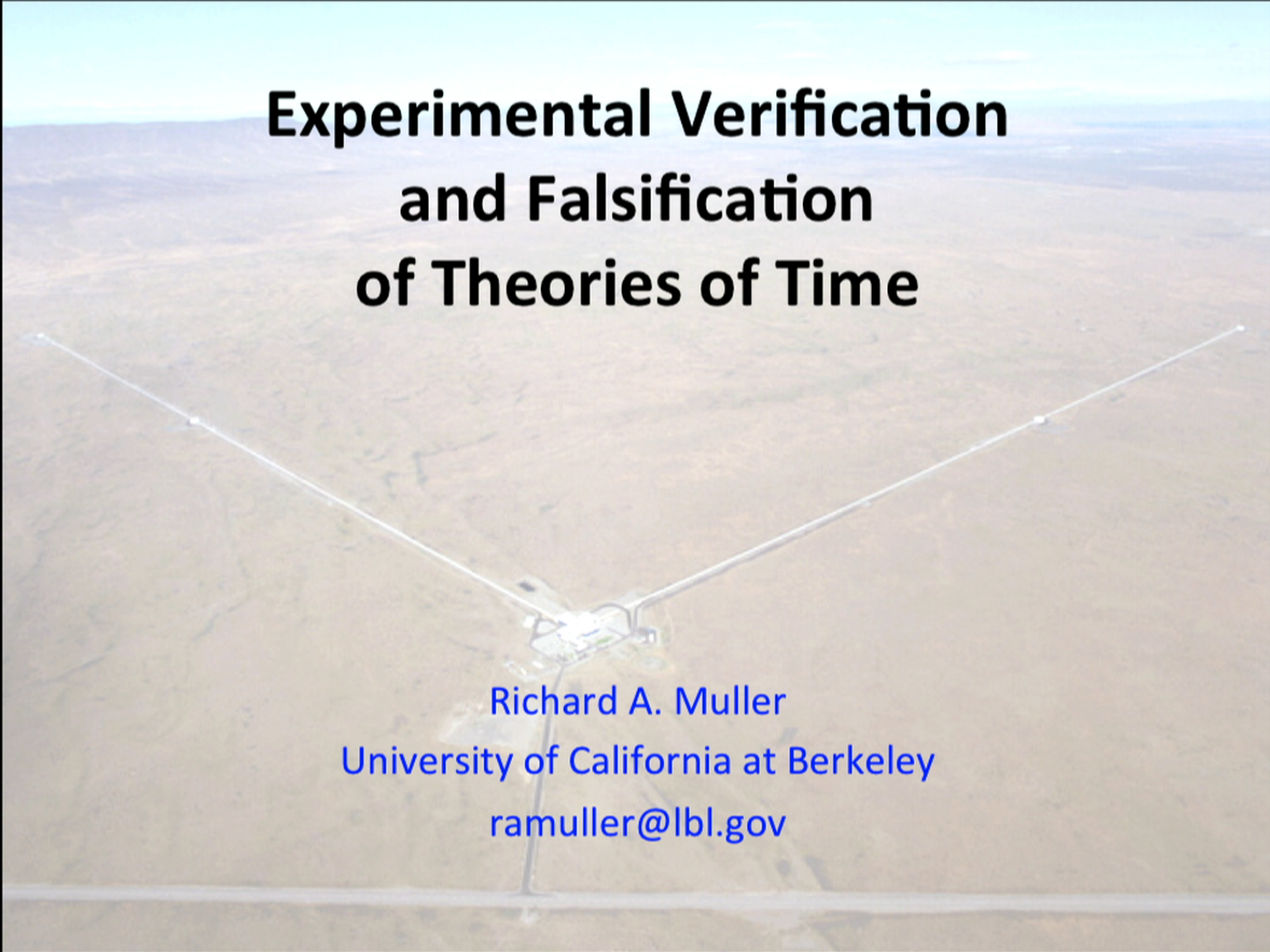
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An aerial photograph of a large radio telescope dish, likely part of the Very Large Array, situated in a vast, arid desert landscape. The dish is a large, white, parabolic structure with a central feed horn. Two long, thin support arms extend from the central hub to the rim of the dish. The surrounding terrain is dry and hilly, with some sparse vegetation. The sky is clear and blue.

# Experimental Verification and Falsification of Theories of Time

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# My focus: Two Conundrums of Time

- **The Flow of Time:**

In any coordinate system, we can stand still in space but not time.

This is more than a ,minus (−) sign in the metric.

If we add a second time dimension, would it flow too?

- **Now:**

What is the meaning of that special moment we call “now”?

We know it is not universal. But it is completely ignored in current physics.

To be worthy of consideration by an experimentalist, a theory must not only be verifiable, but also *falsifiable*

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# Tests of the *Now* Theory

- **Dark Energy**

- there will be a new redshift from the acceleration of time
- part of the dark energy is actually time creation
- homogeneous FLRW metric:  $ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)d\Sigma^2$   
makes this difficult (not impossible) to observe  
Compare with advance of perihelion of Mercury

- **Inflationary Era**

- generation of gravitational waves took place because of inhomogeneities;  
effects could be detected in 3K polarization (but need to be calculated)

- **LIGO**

- sudden creation of millions of cubic kilometers of space should be accompanied by a 1-time creation of new time.
- observable as a *progressive lag* in gravitational wave production



# Black Hole Proximate Proper Volume

$$V(R_1, R_2, M) = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \frac{4\pi r^2}{\sqrt{1 - R_s/r}} dr$$

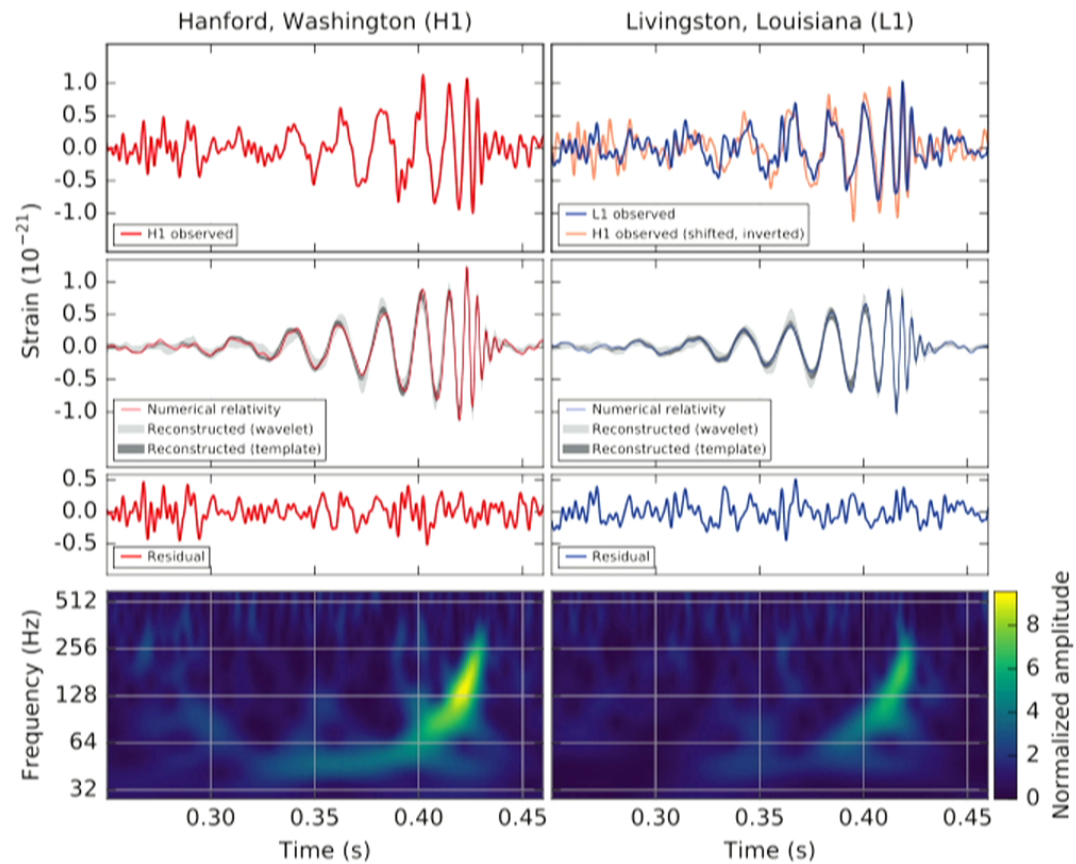
$$\Delta V(R_1, R_2, M) = V(R_1, R_2, M) - V(R_1, R_2, 0)$$

$$\Delta V_{total} = \Delta V(R_1, R_2, 62) - \Delta V(R_1, R_2, 29) - \Delta V(R_1, R_2, 36)$$

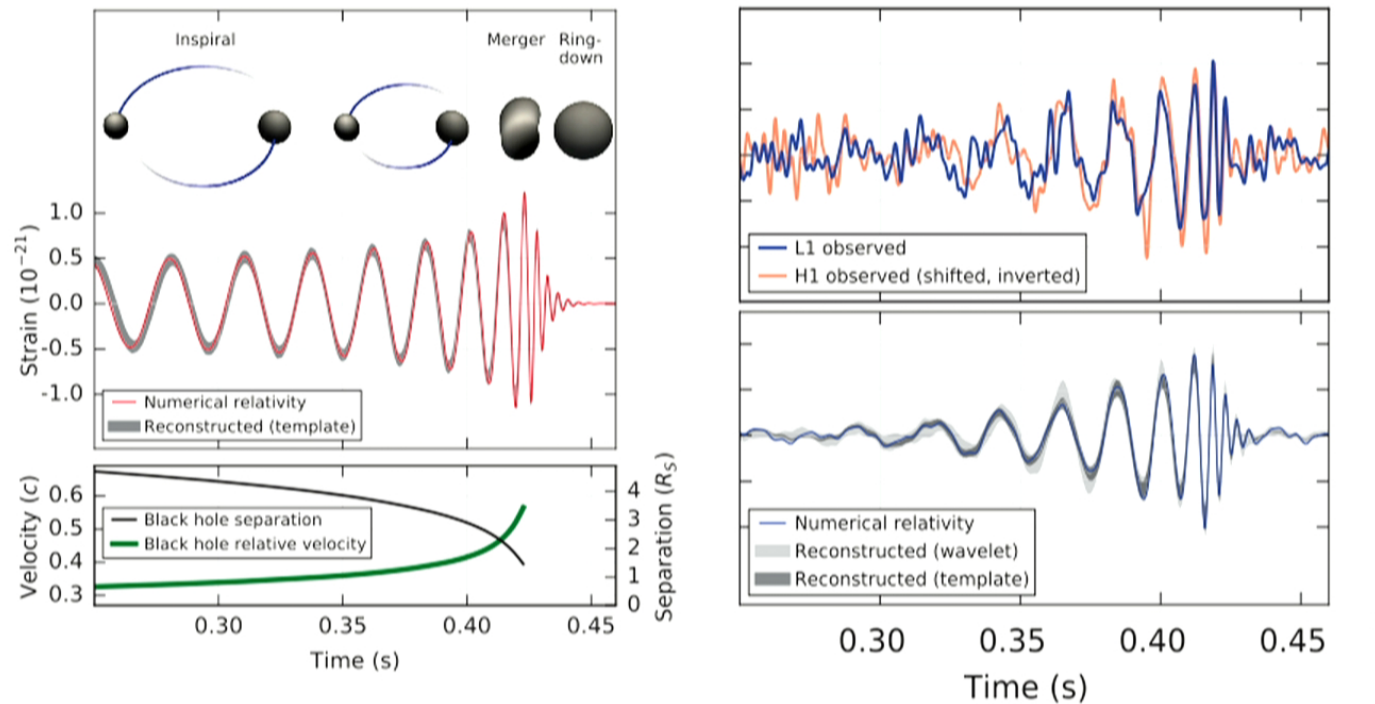
$$\Delta V_{total} = 47 \text{ million cubic kilometers}$$

$$\Delta t = \sqrt[3]{\Delta V_{total}/c} \approx 0.0012 \text{ seconds}$$

# LIGO First Detection



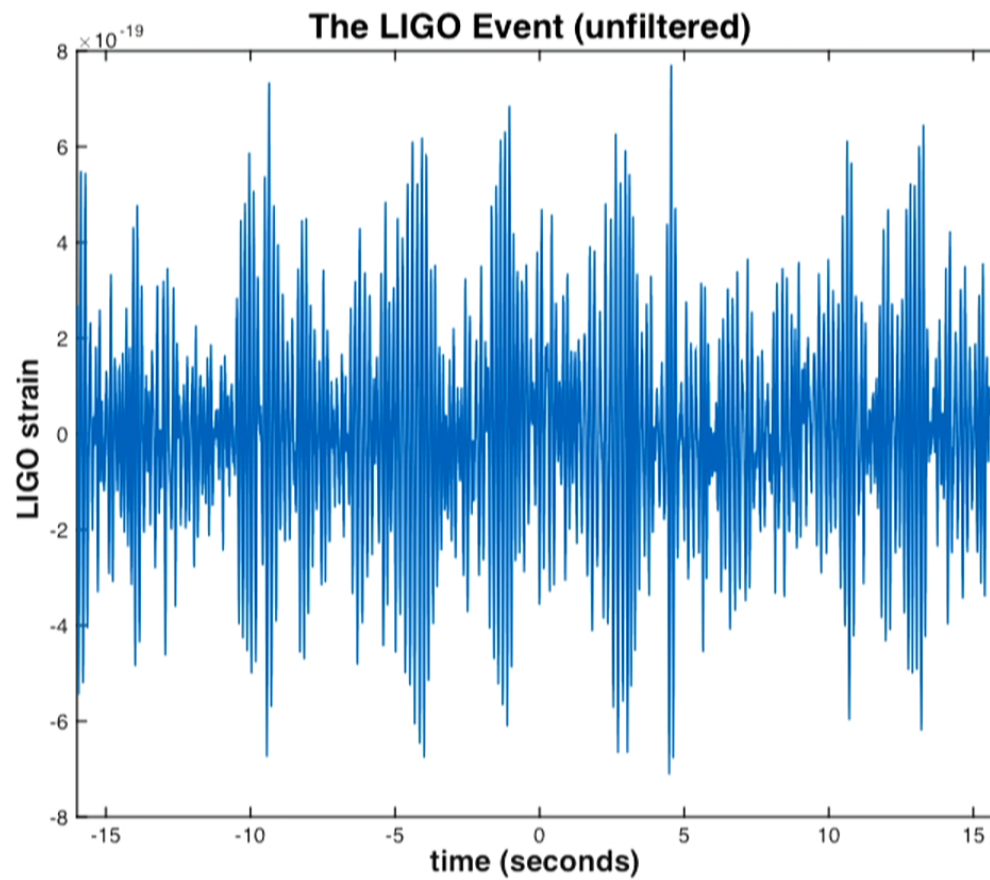
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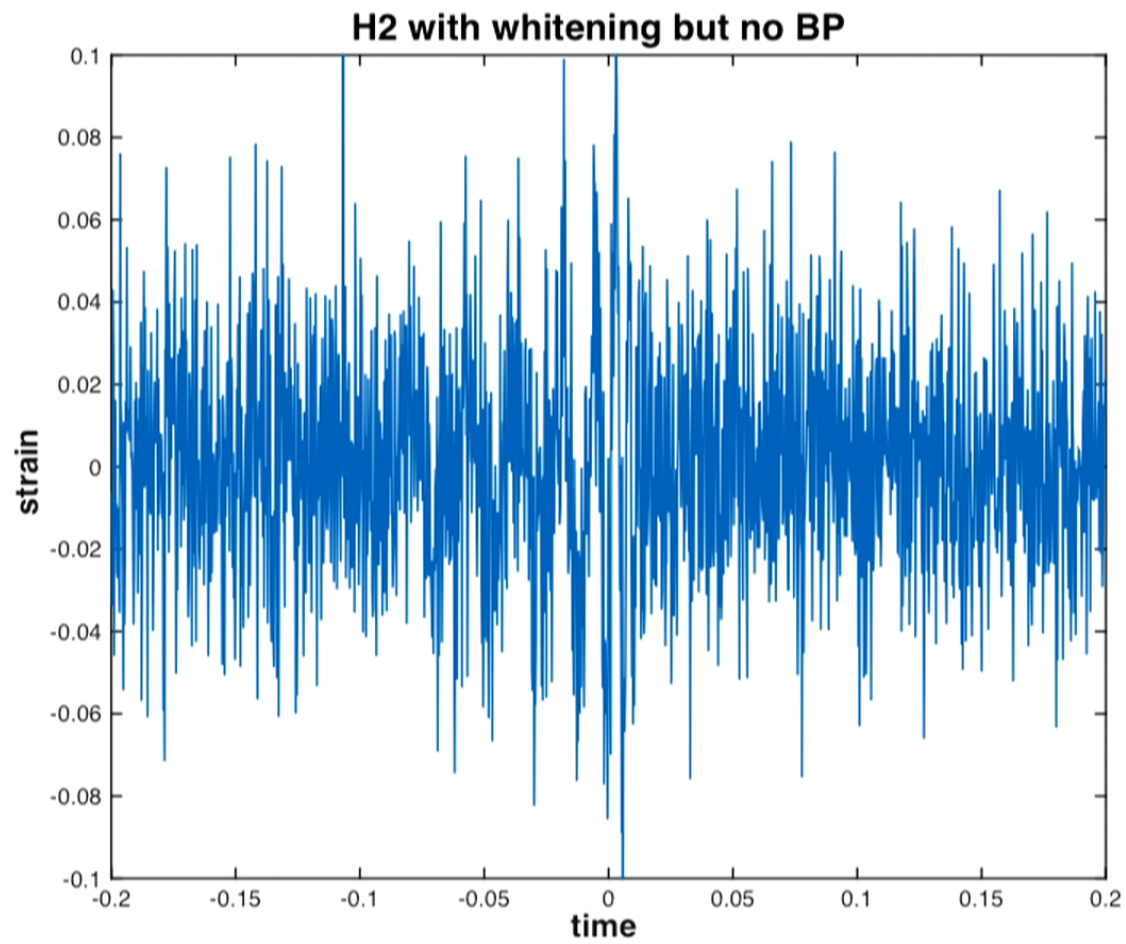


The “chirp” is preceded by many cycles with slowly changing frequency

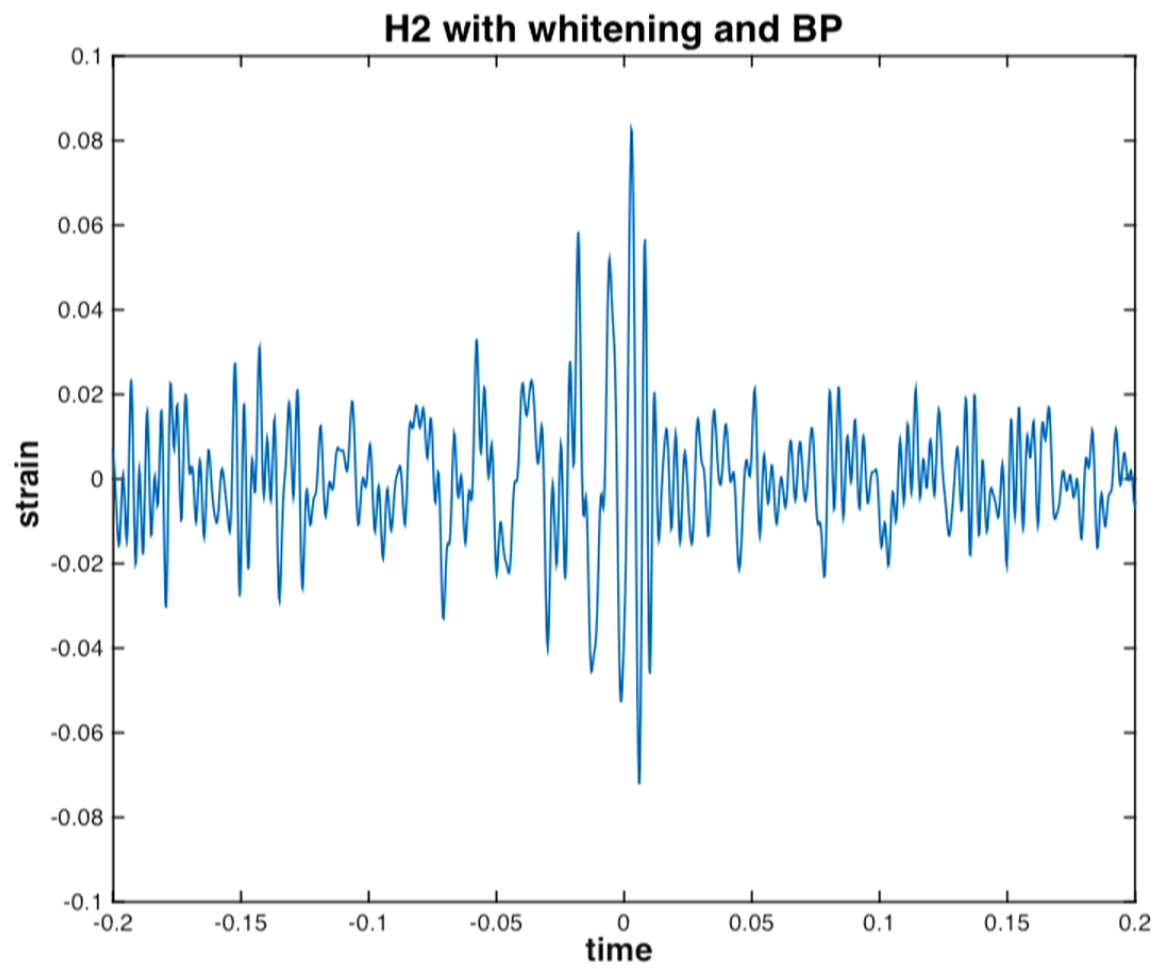


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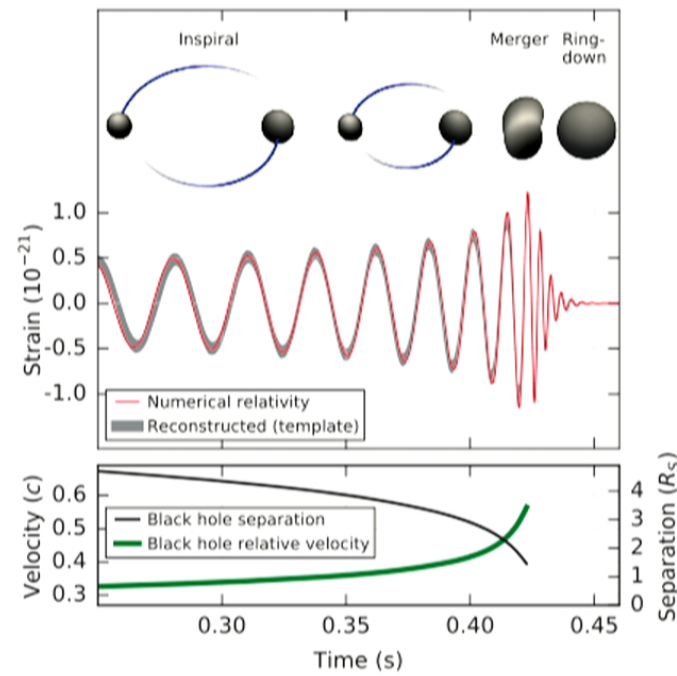






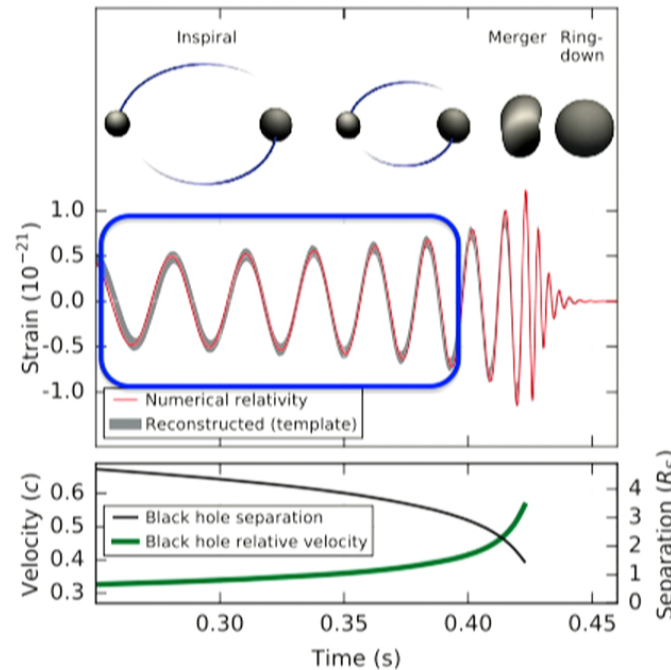


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Must determine masses, orientation, separations  
*prior* to the final chirp  
so there will be no adjustable parameters

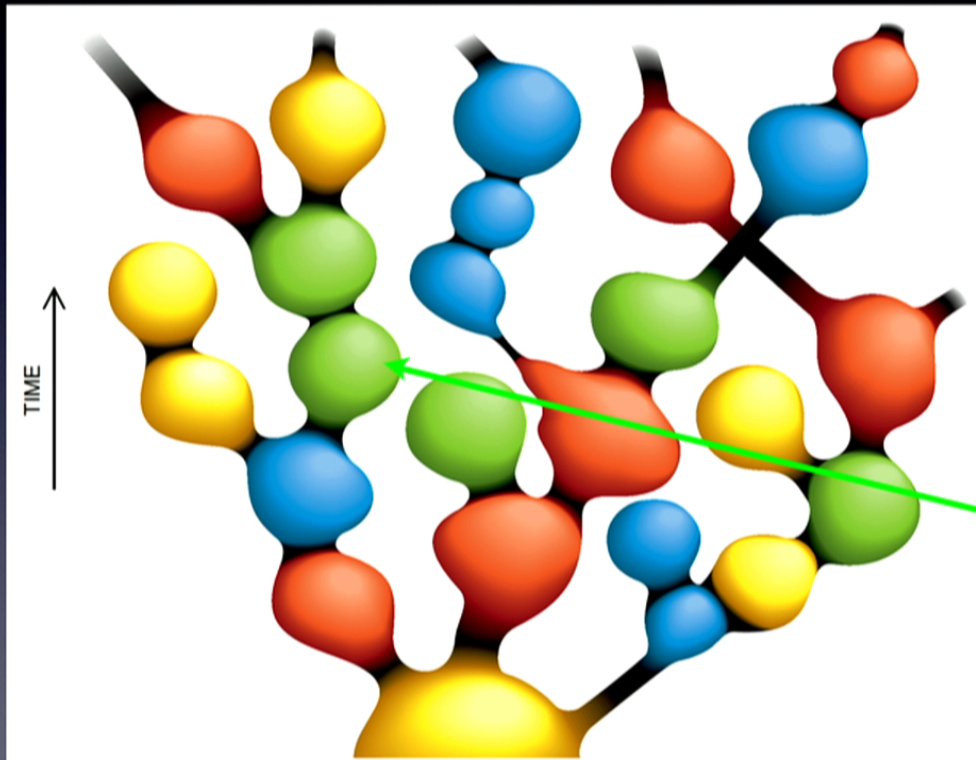
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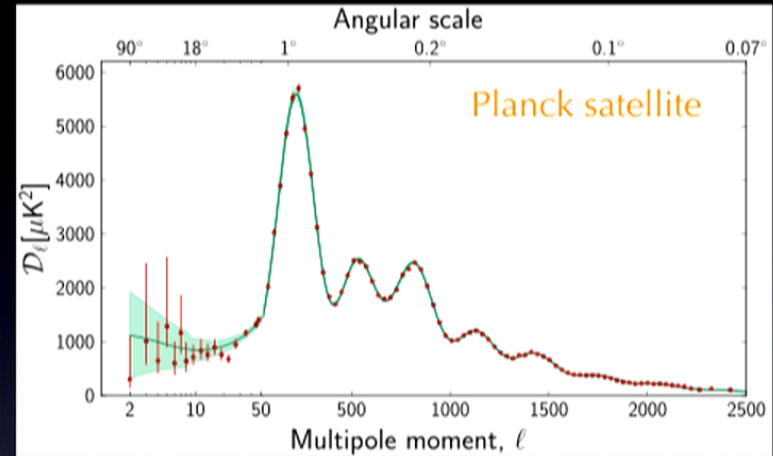
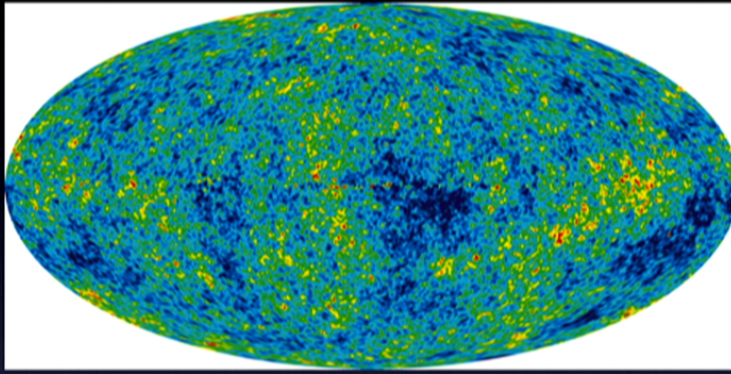
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**What can the early Universe tell us  
about time, or time asymmetry?**

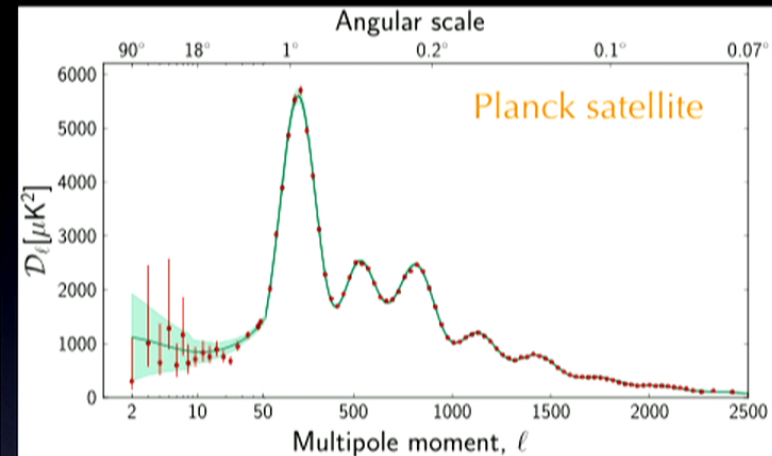
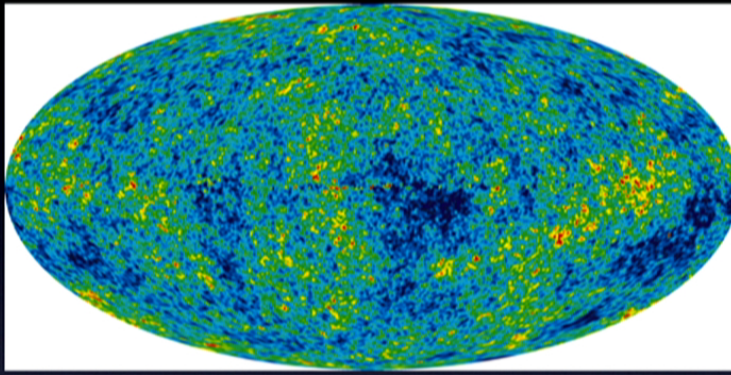
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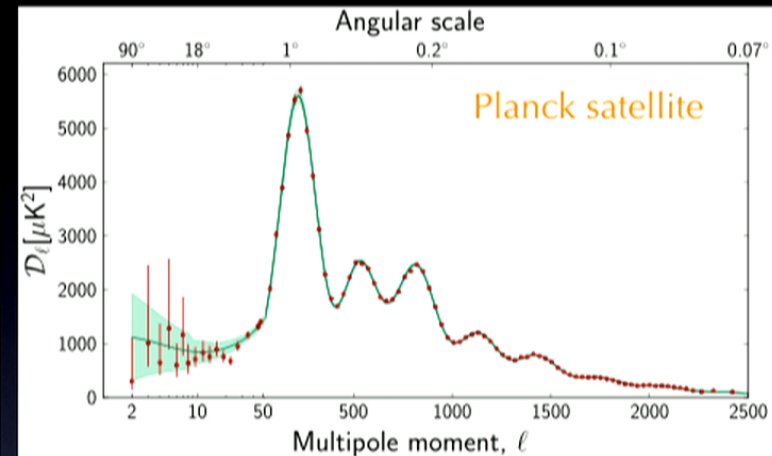
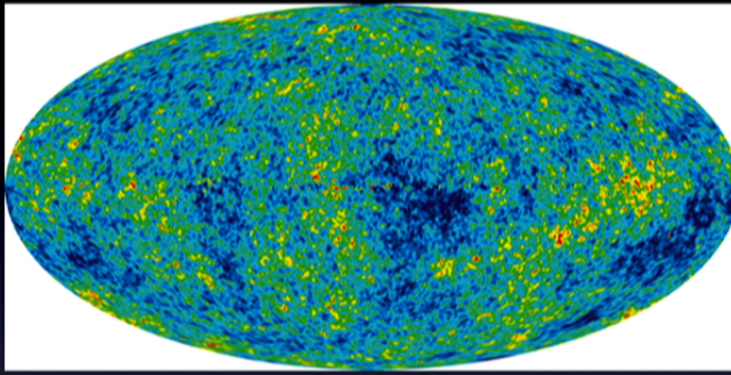
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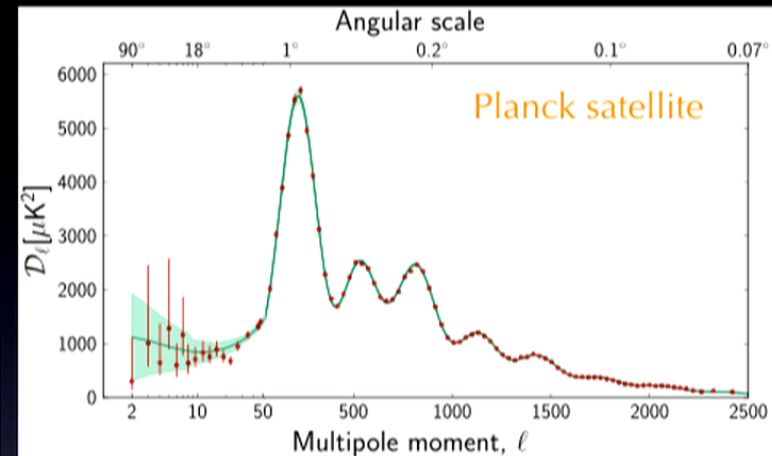
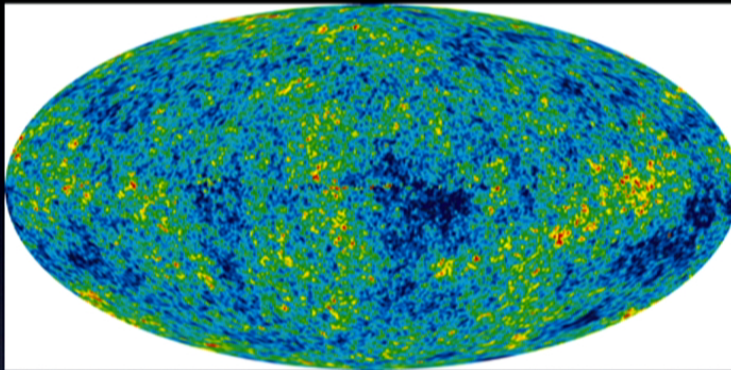
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- \* On the other hand, many inflation models have the habit of predicting a multiverse. I like that, but lots of people don't.

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Test case:

*Time asymmetric extensions of general relativity,*

Marina Cortês, Henrique Gomes and Lee Smolin, arXiv:1503.06085,  
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- \* Propagation of chiral fermions (eg neutrinos) is modified by a torsion contribution to the connection.



Modified Friedmann equation:

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{\Lambda}{3} - \frac{K}{a^2} + \frac{8\pi G\rho_{m0}}{3a^3} + \frac{8\pi G\rho_{\gamma 0}}{3a^4} + \frac{G^2 g^2}{a^2} + \frac{8\pi G n_0 N_f k_0}{3a^4} + \frac{16\pi G^2 n_0 N_f g(a)}{3a^4}$$

USUAL STUFF

$g(a)$  is a free function  
which multiplies the new  
term in the Hamiltonian

'ASYMMETRIC'  
DARK ENERGY,  
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USUAL  
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This result suggests strongly that if it is the anthropic principle that accounts for the smallness of the cosmological constant, then we would expect a vacuum energy density  $\rho_V \sim (10-100)\rho_{M_0}$ , because there is no anthropic reason for it to be any smaller.

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