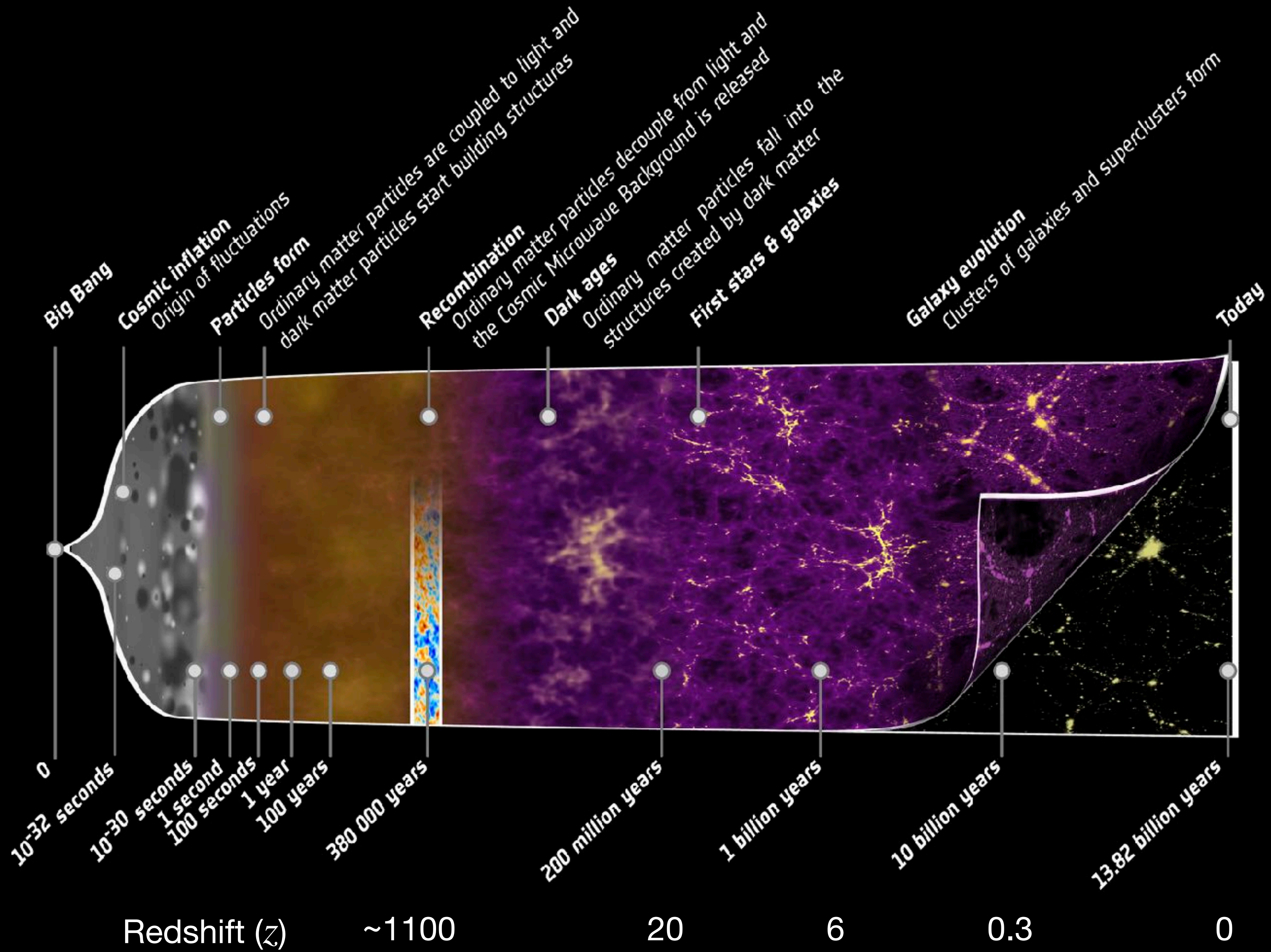


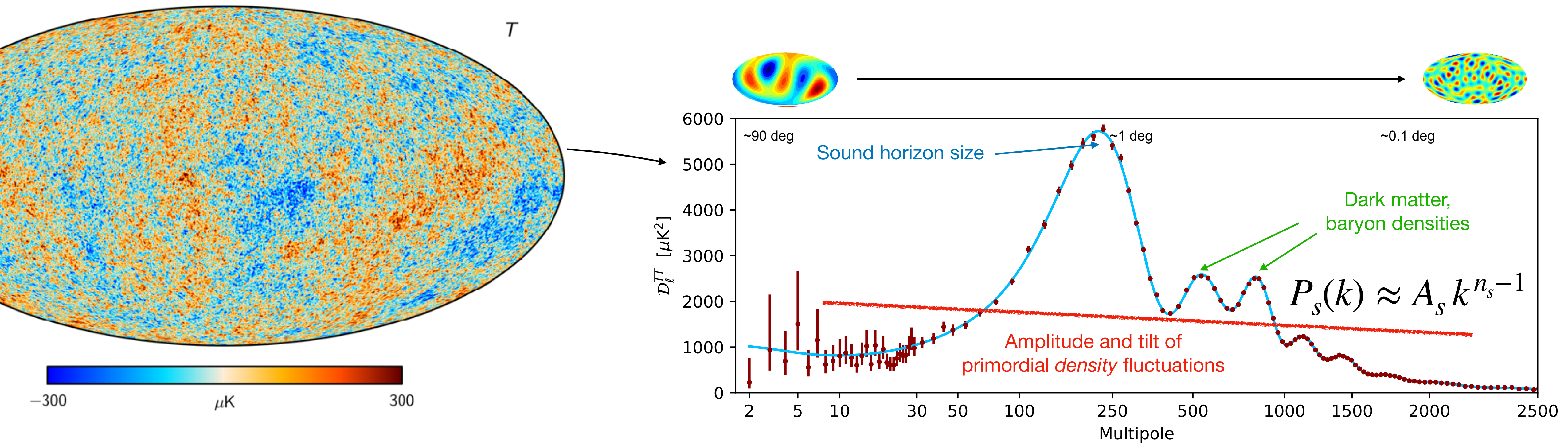
Investigating cosmic origin and evolution with the Cosmic Microwave Background

Zeeshan Ahmed, SLAC/Stanford
PPC 2024, Hyderabad, October 17, 2024



Statistical information from CMB

Suggests primordial seeds of structure

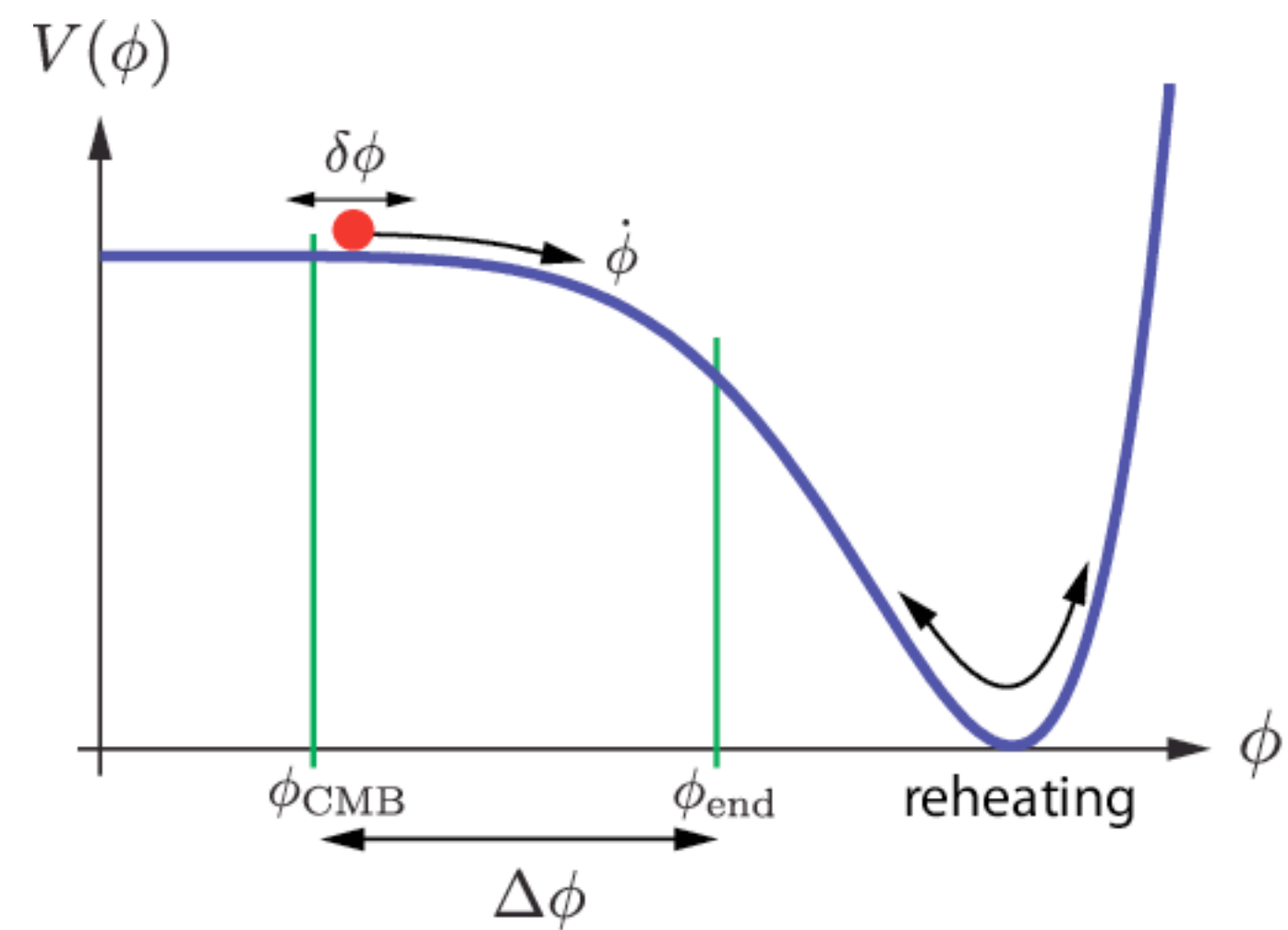


We measure a simple, flat power spectrum for primordial fluctuations. When evolved forward, it matches the matter power spectrum observed today.

θ_*	Sound horizon (angular size)
$\Omega_c h^2$	Cold Dark Matter density
$\Omega_b h^2$	Baryon density
A_s	Primordial Density Spectrum Amplitude
n_s	Spectral index
τ	Optical depth to reionization

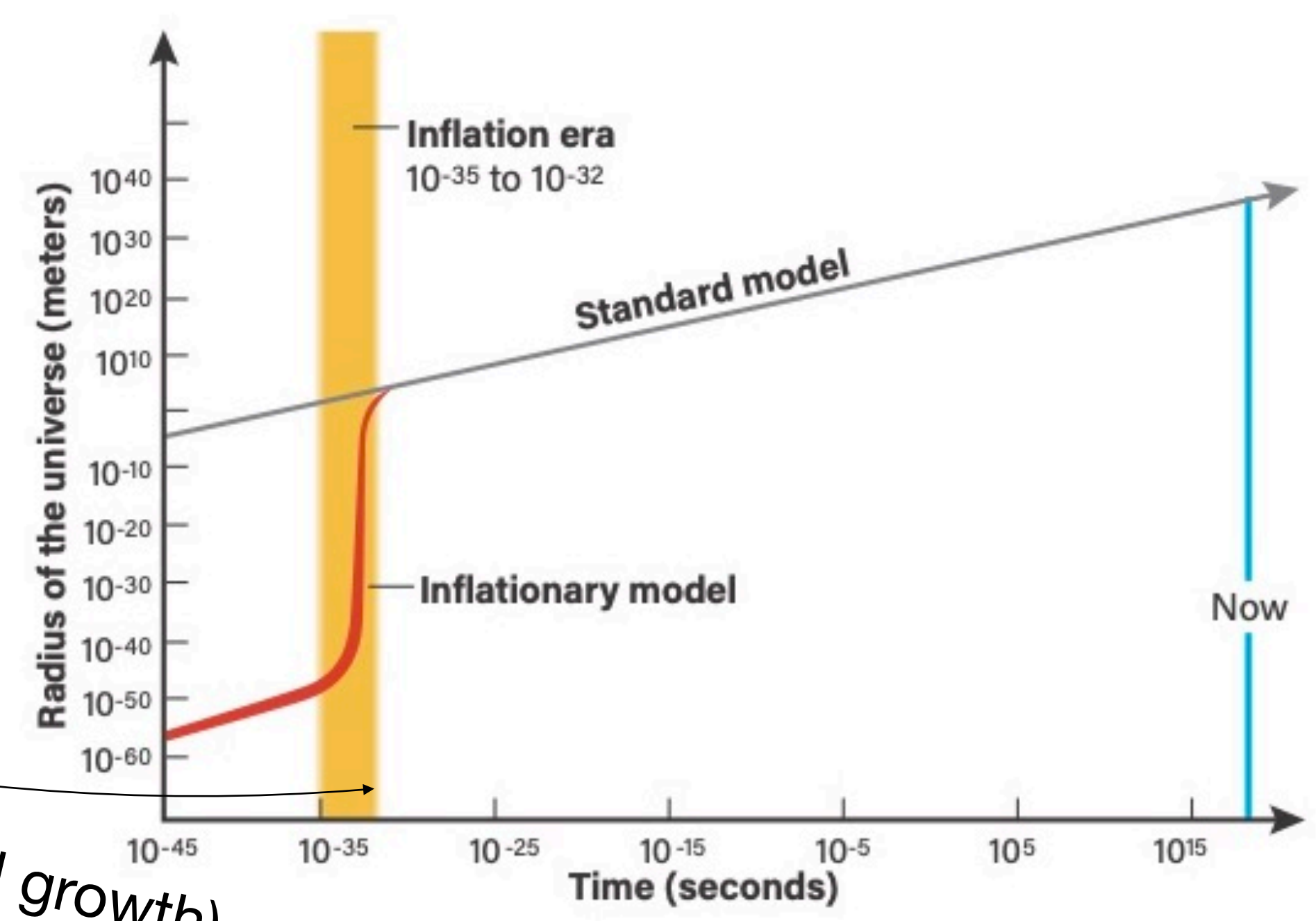
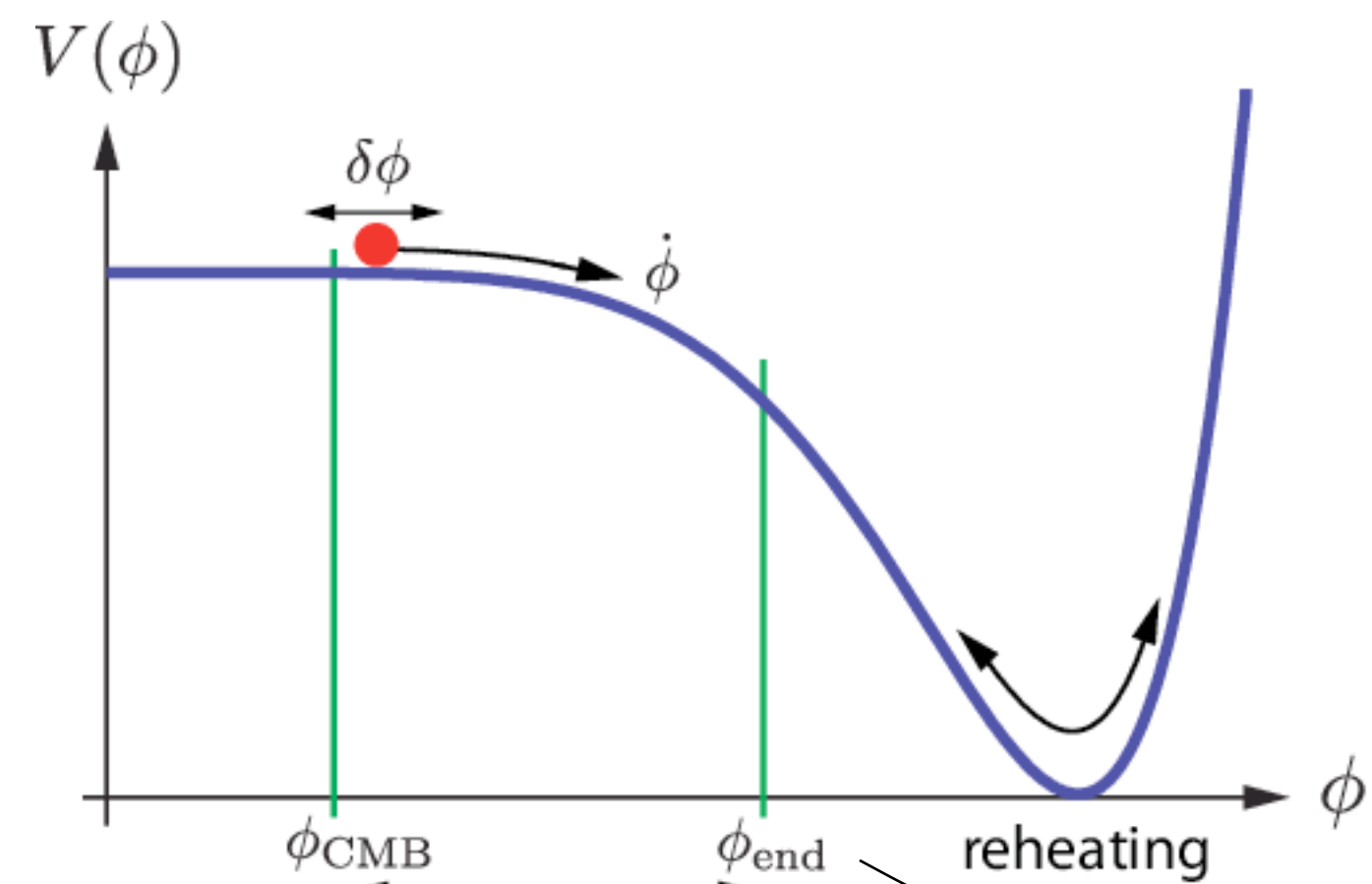
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Scalar field(s) for exponential expansion



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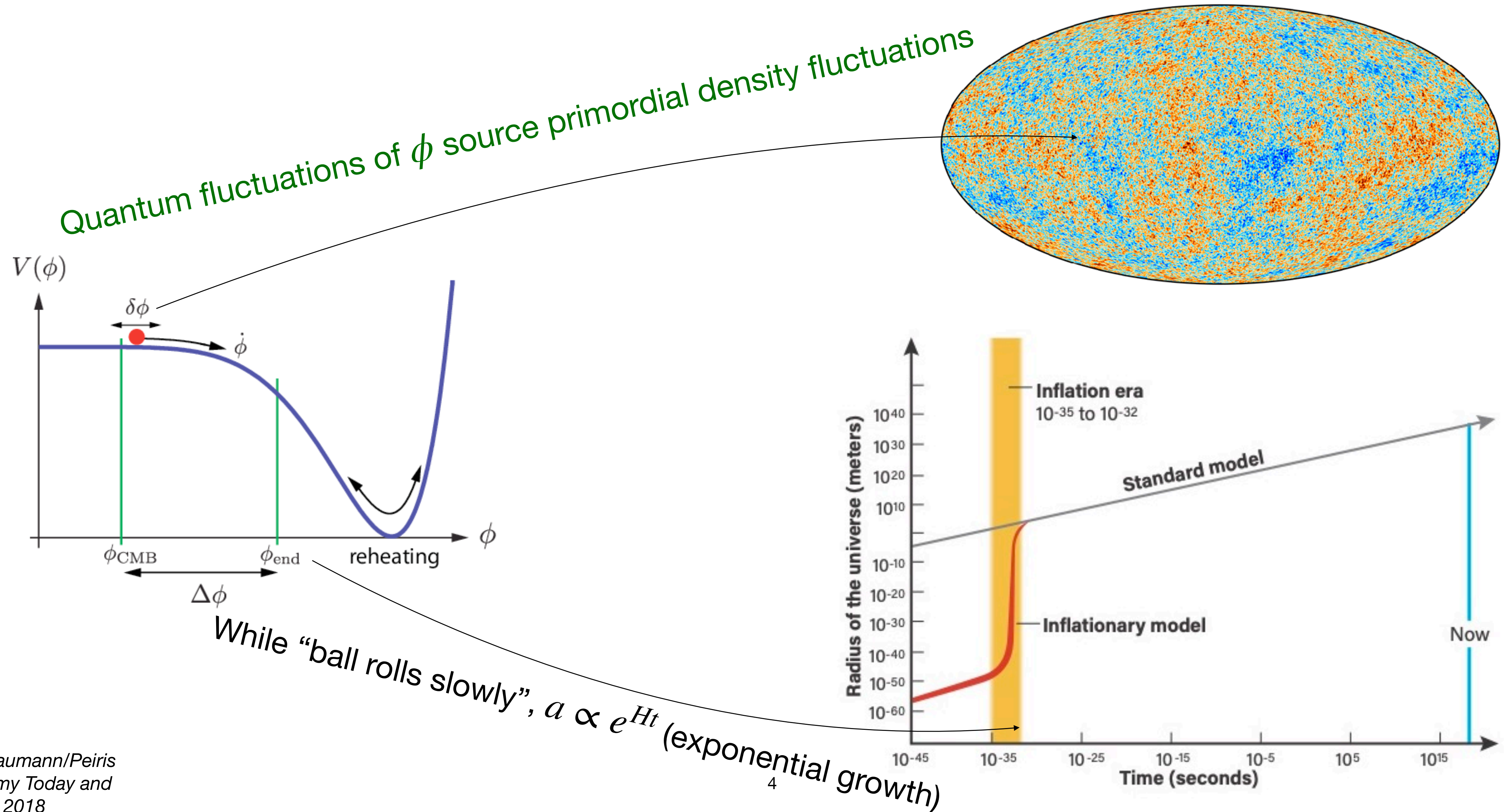


While "ball rolls slowly", $a \propto e^{Ht}$ (exponential growth)

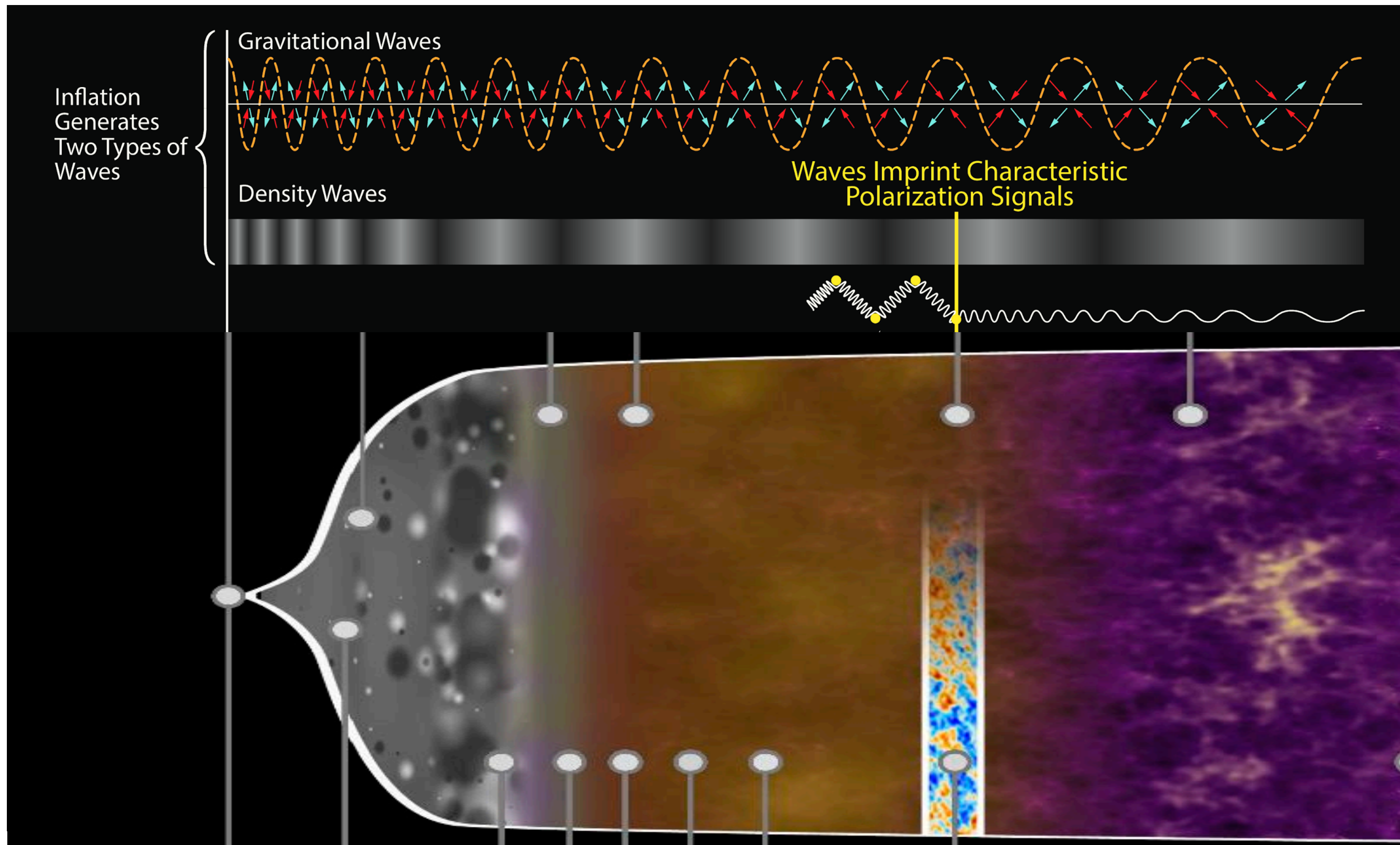
Figures from Baumann/Peiris 2009, Astronomy Today and Planck 2018

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Inflation models generically predict primordial gravitational waves (PGWs)



Tensor/GW

$$P_t(k) \approx A_t k^{n_t}$$

$$P_s(k) \approx A_s k^{n_s-1}$$

Scalar/
density waves

Tensor-to-scalar Ratio

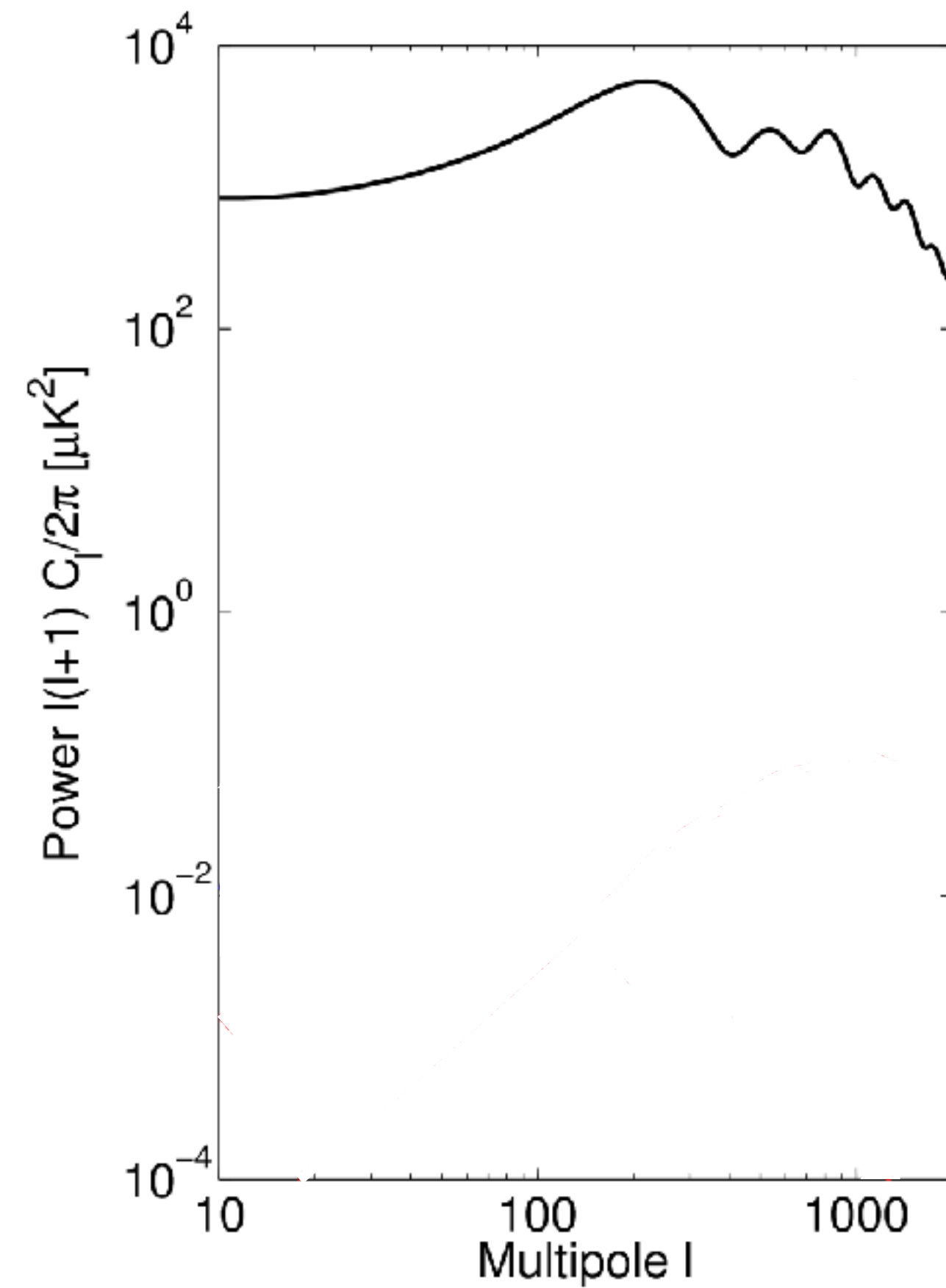
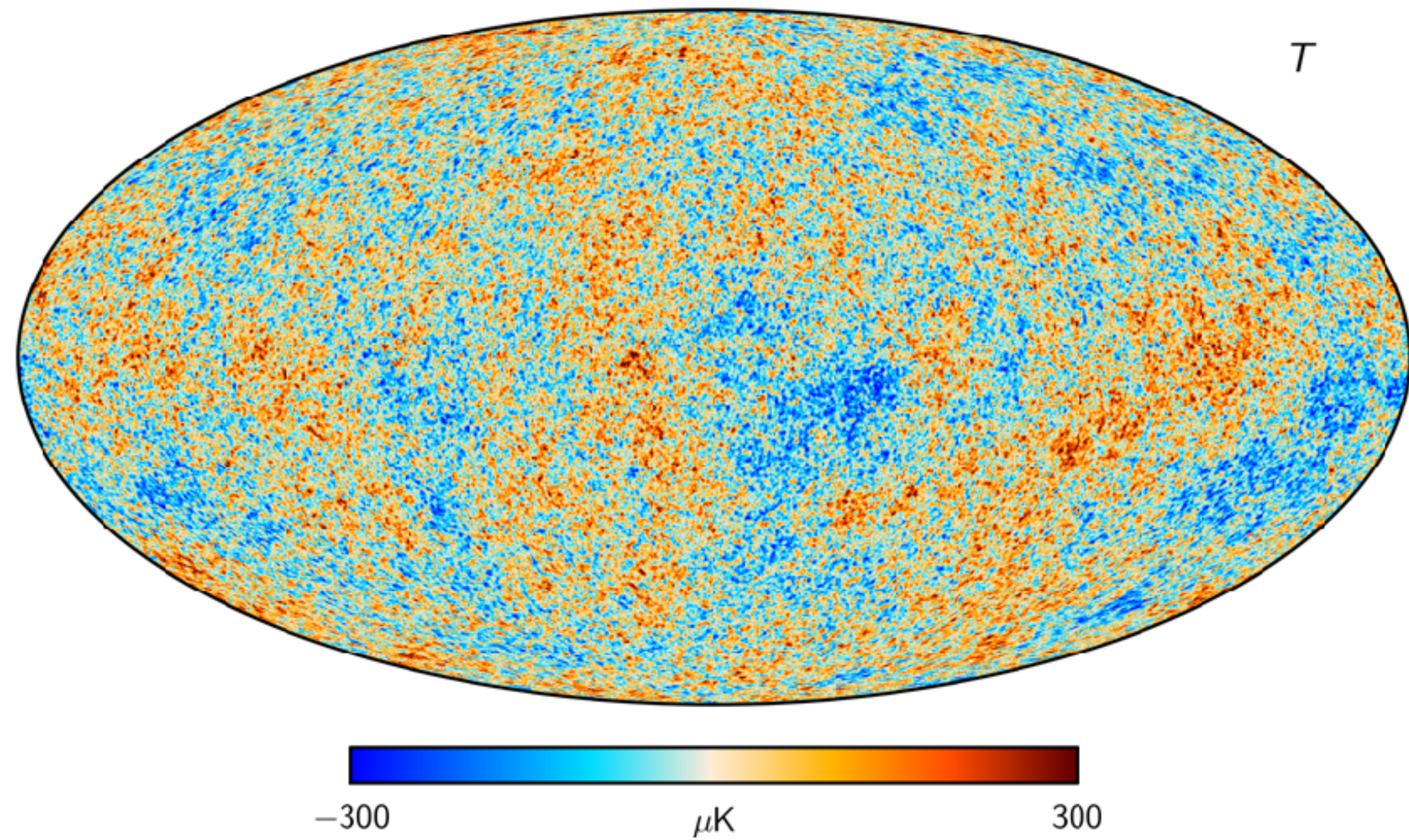
$$r \equiv \frac{A_t}{A_s}$$

Inflation energy scale

$$V^{1/4} = 1.04 \times 10^{16} \text{GeV} \left(\frac{r}{0.01} \right)^{1/4}$$

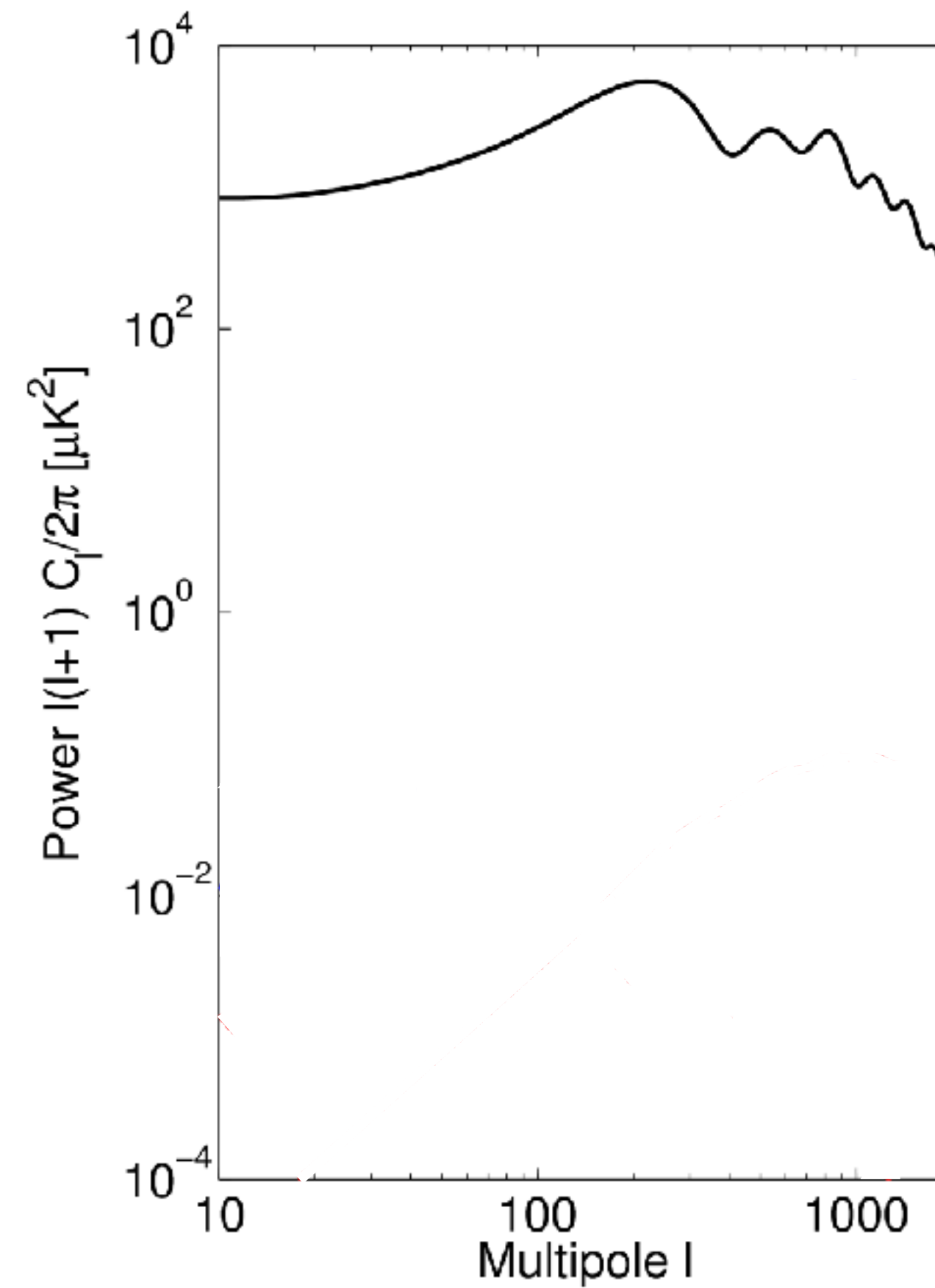
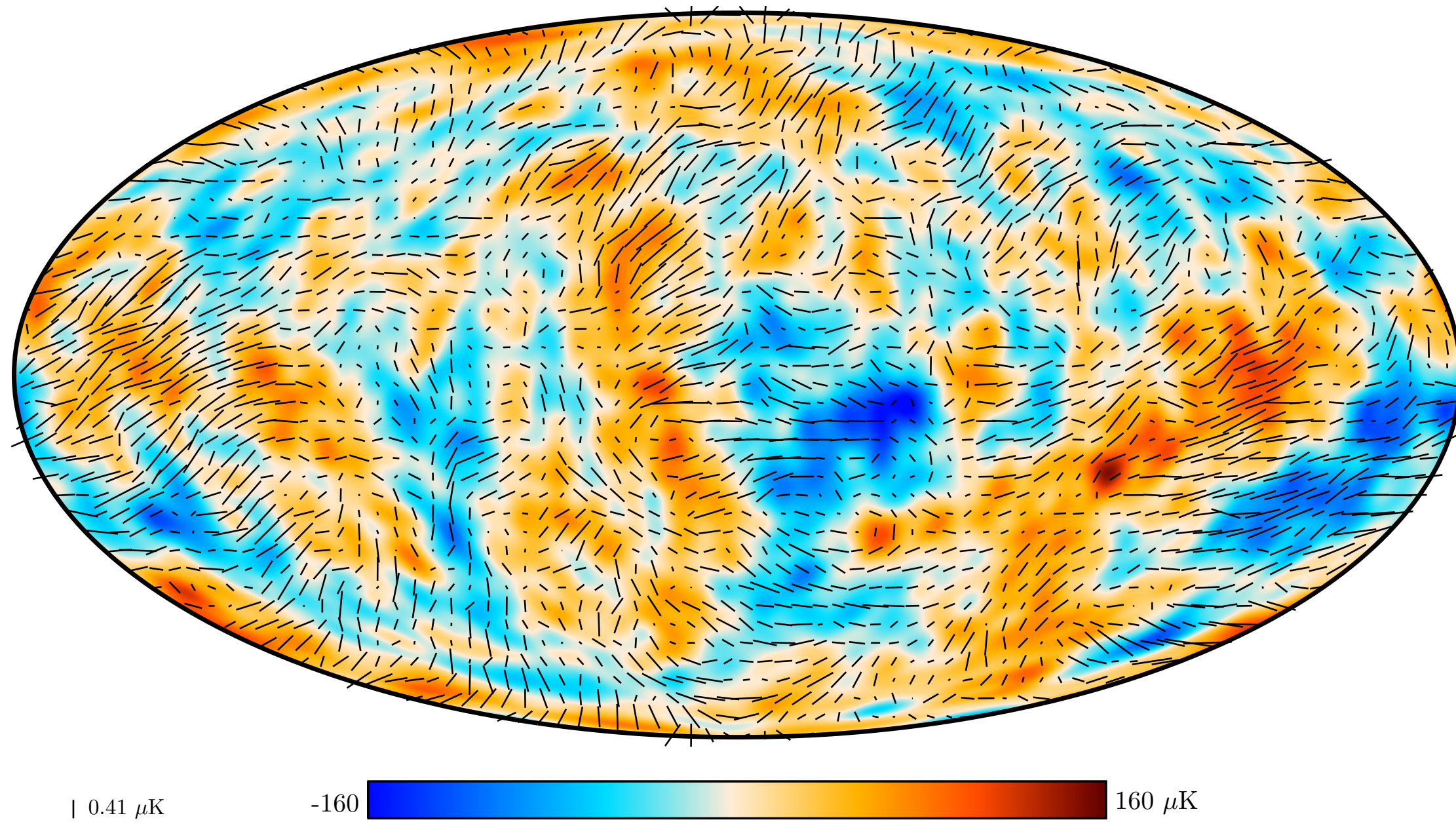
Search for inflation by looking for PGWs

Imprinted into polarization of CMB light



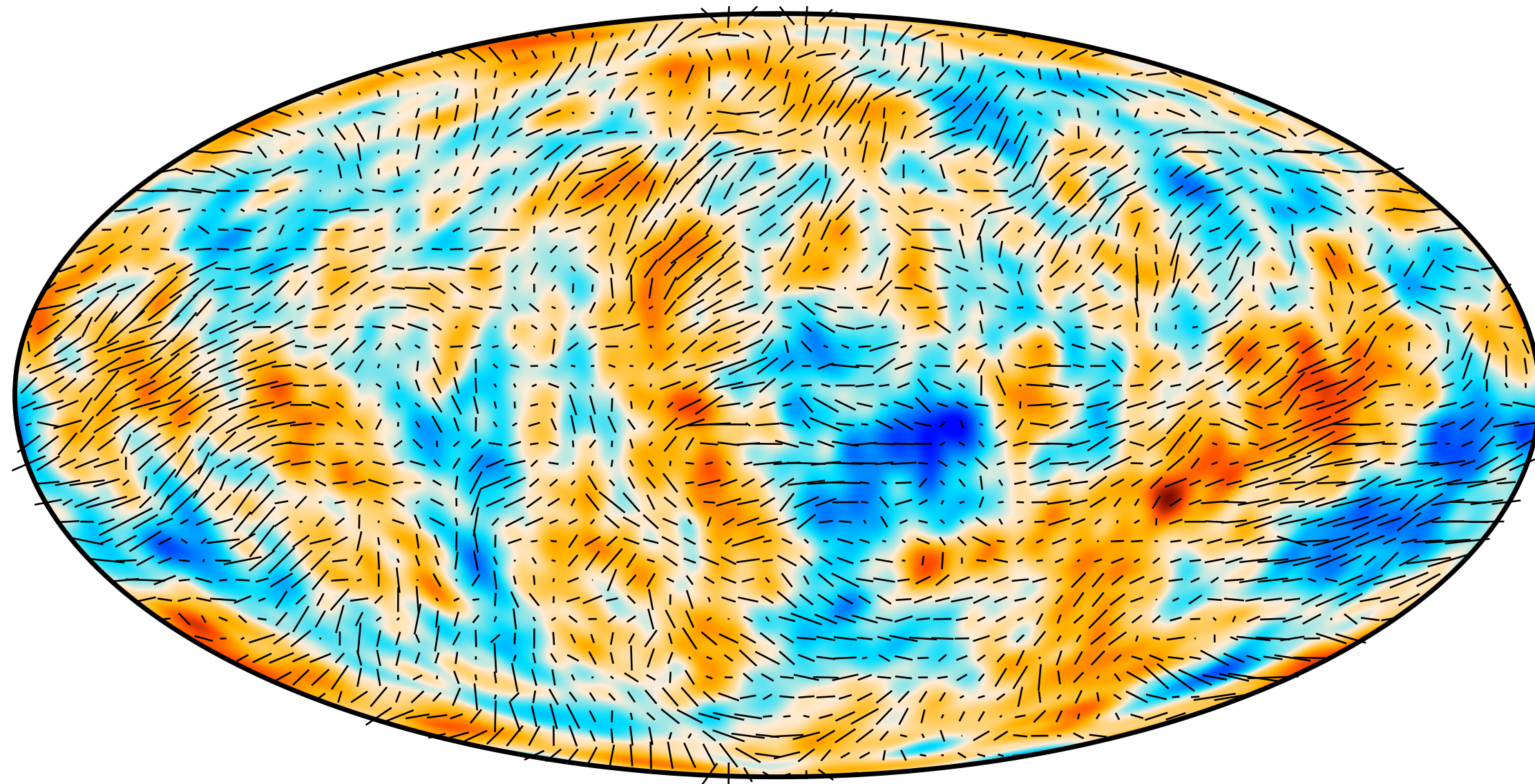
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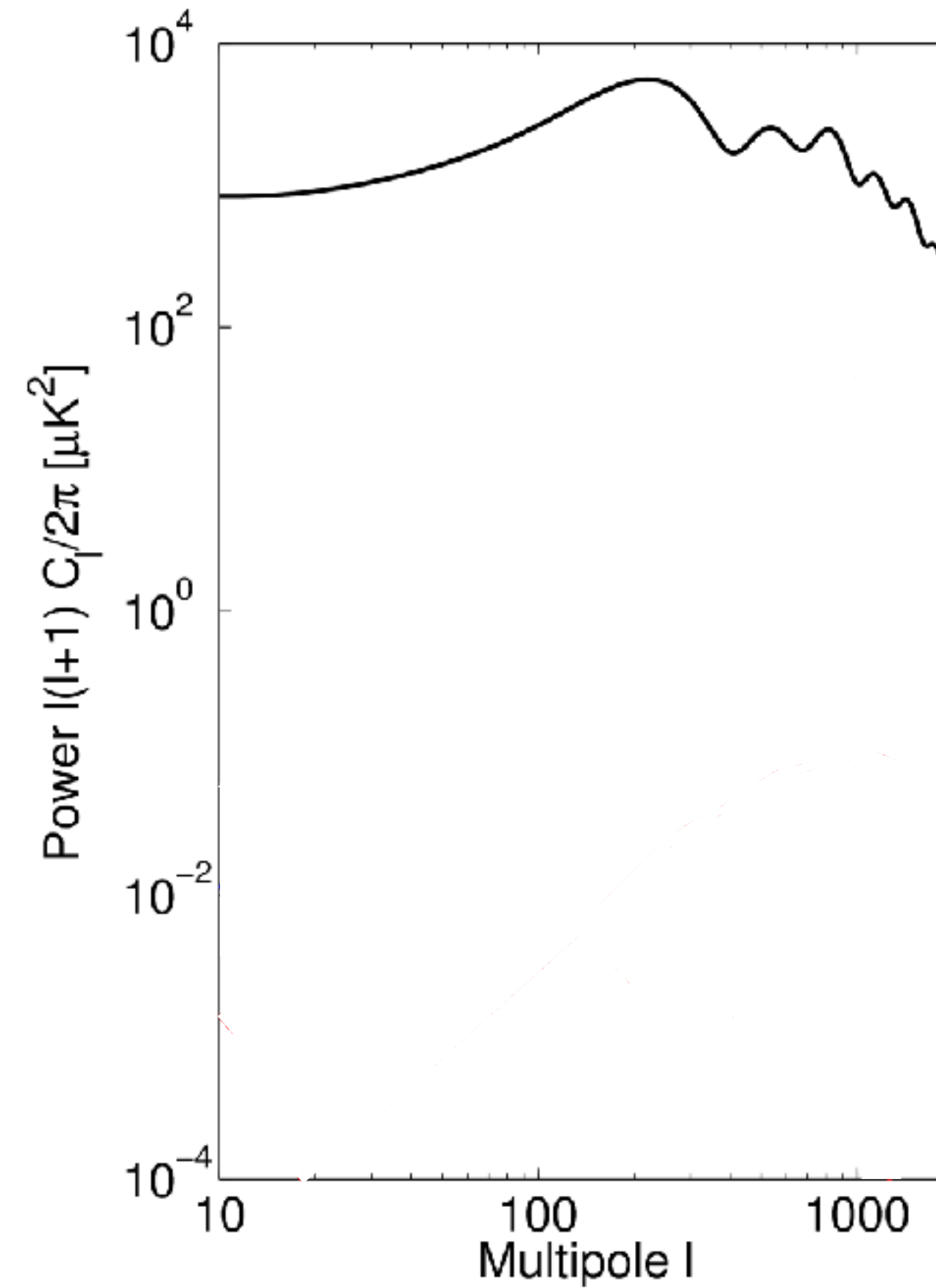


0.41 μK -160 160 μK

E-mode

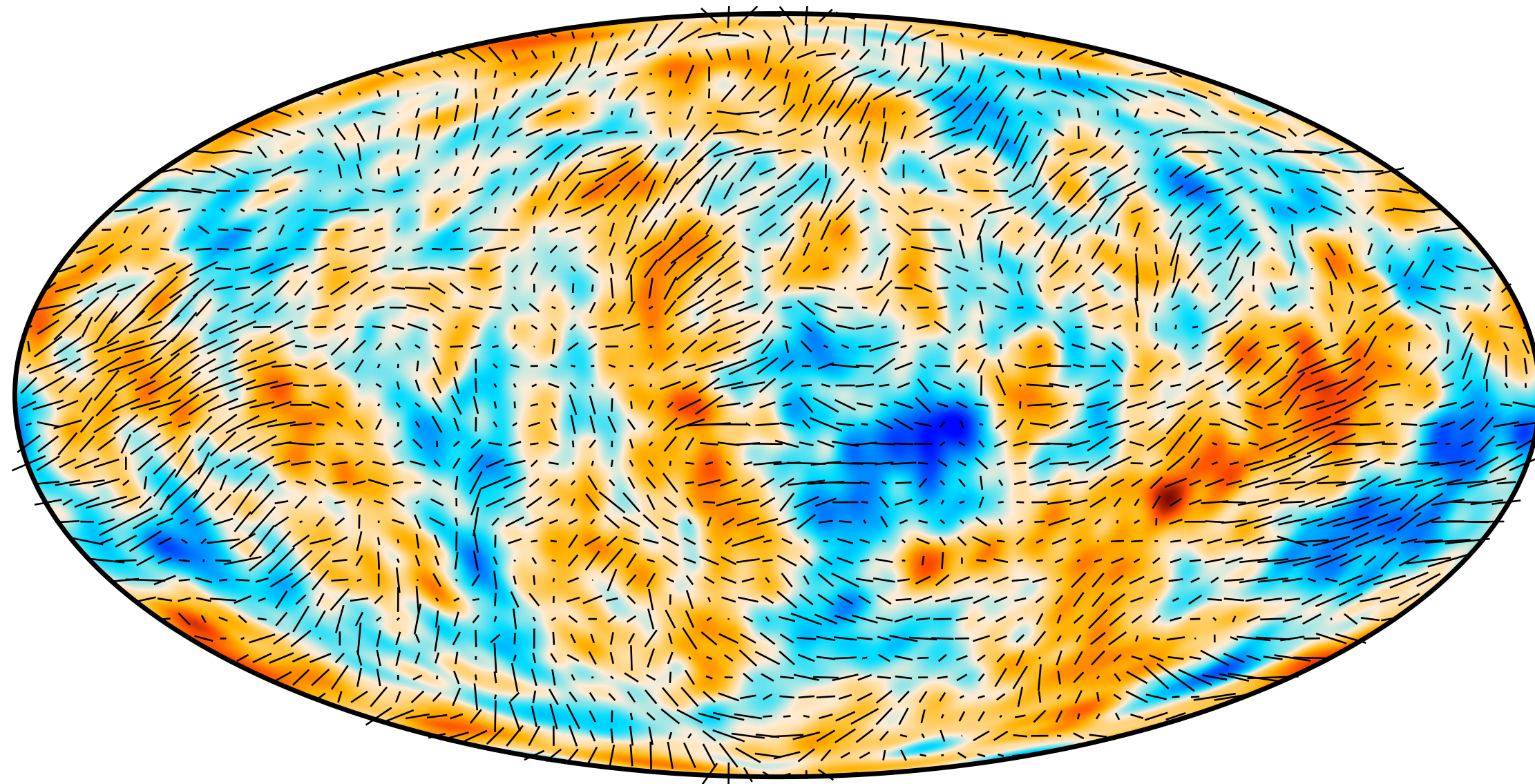


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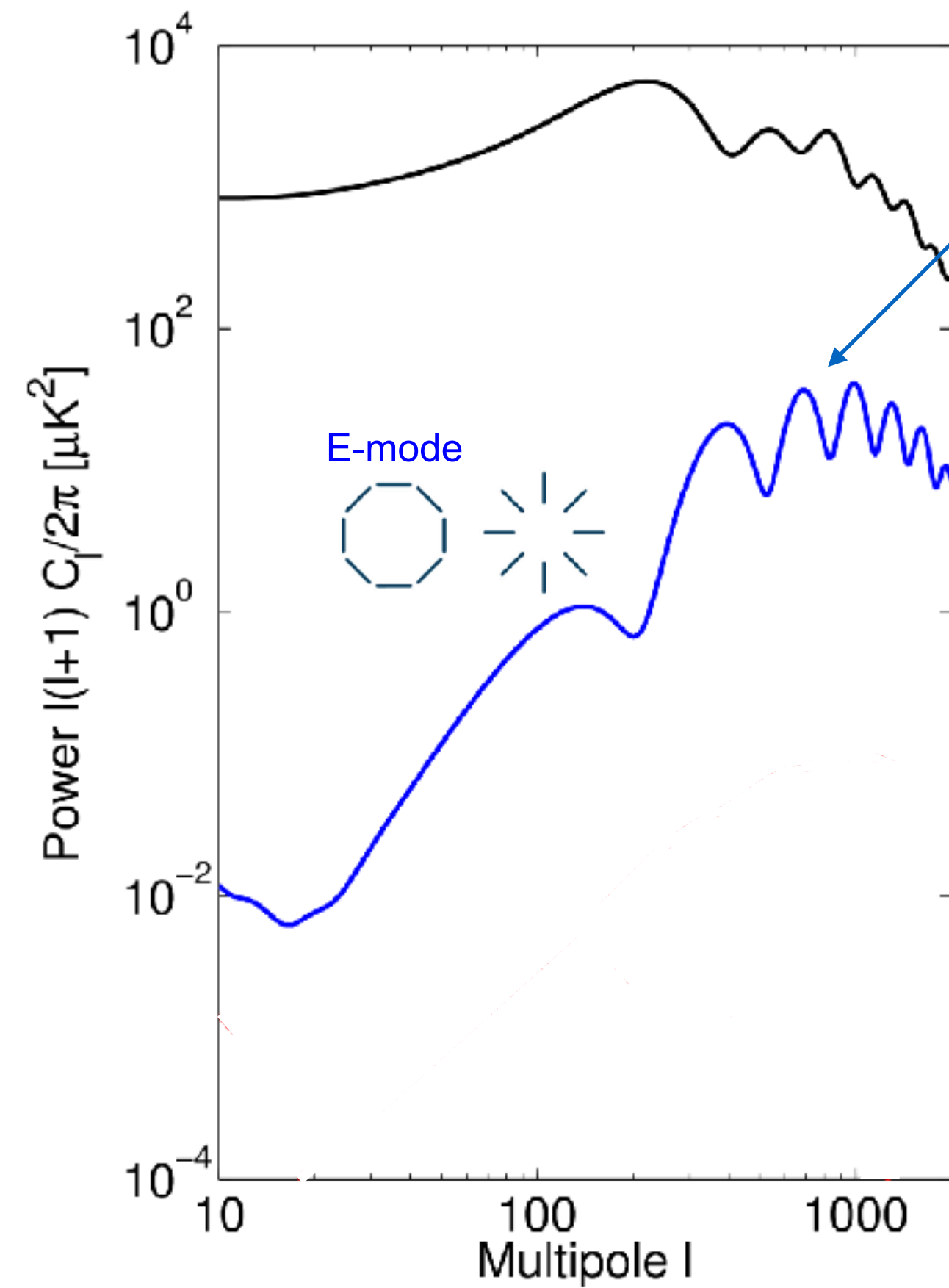
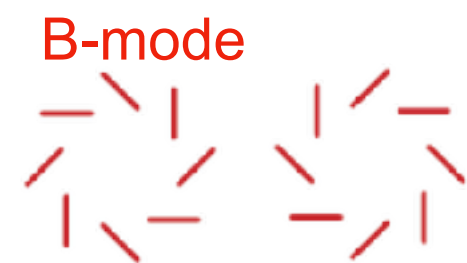
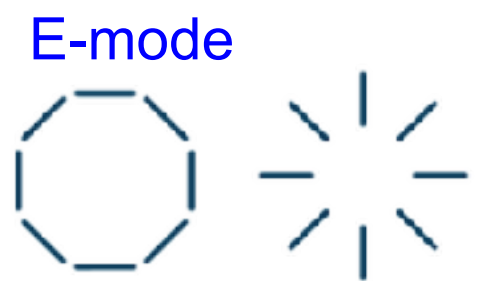


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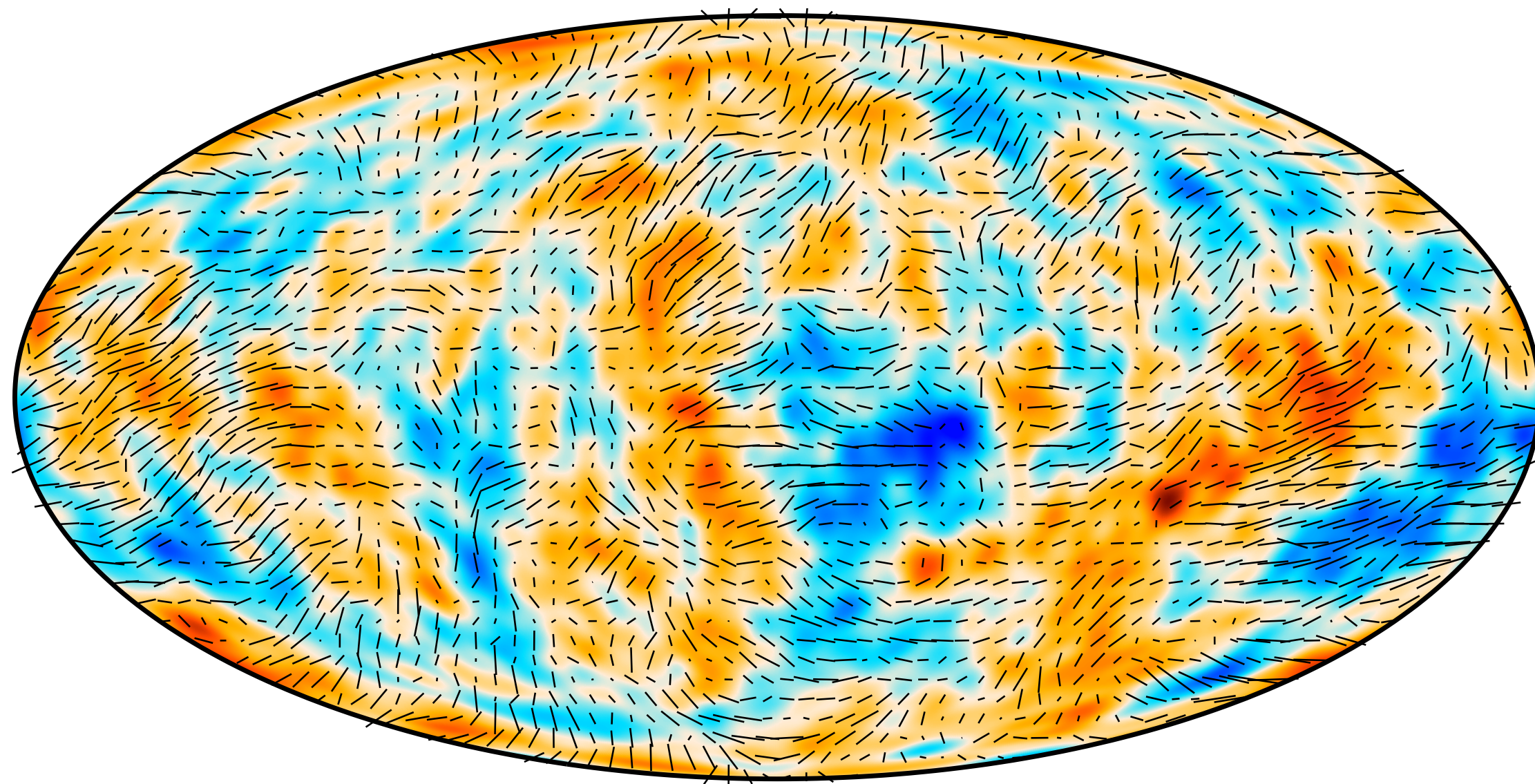
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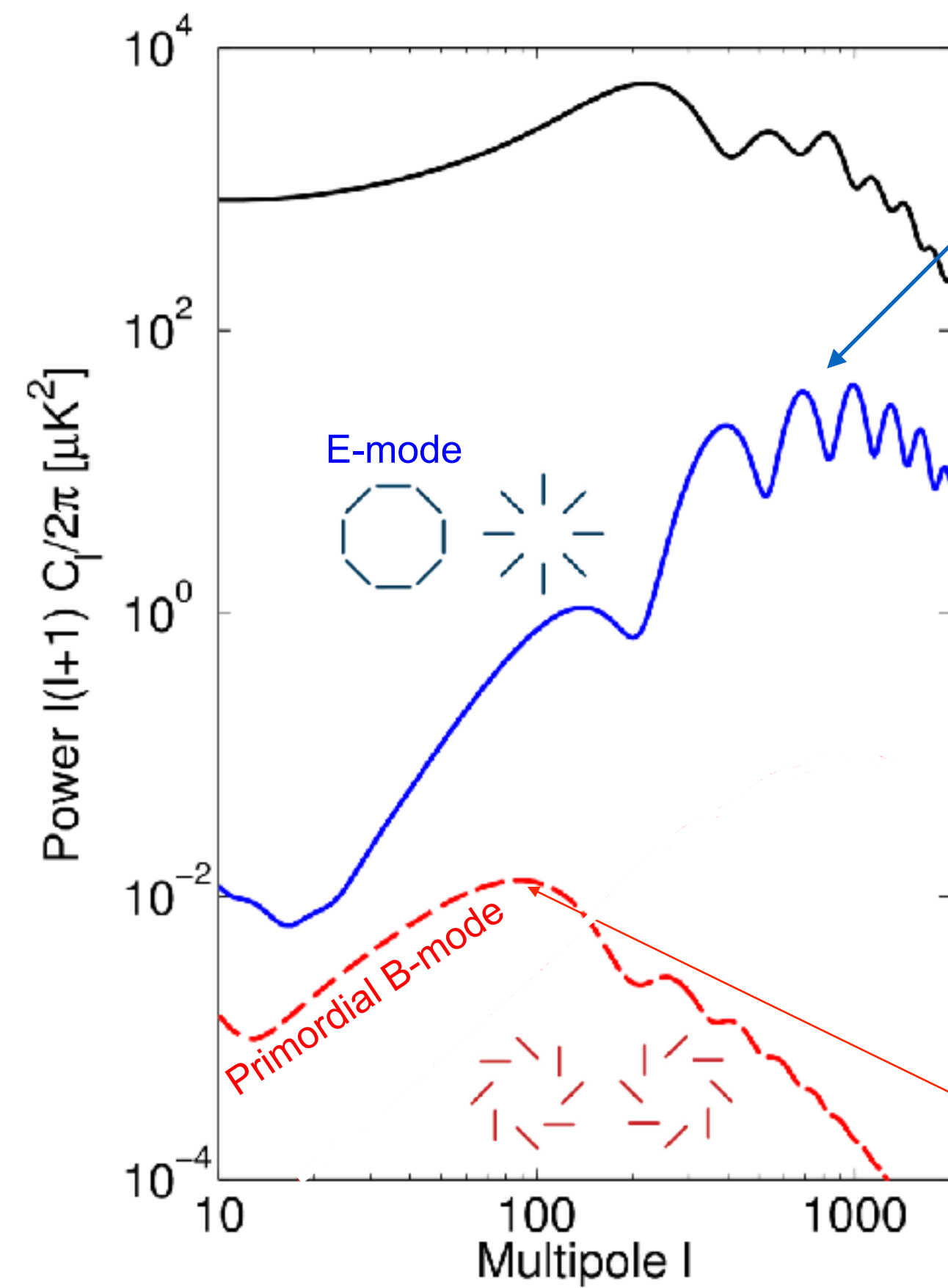
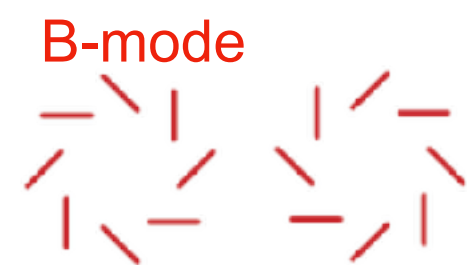
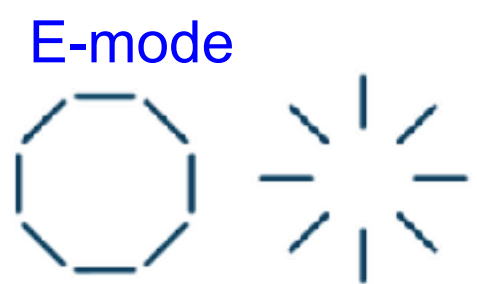
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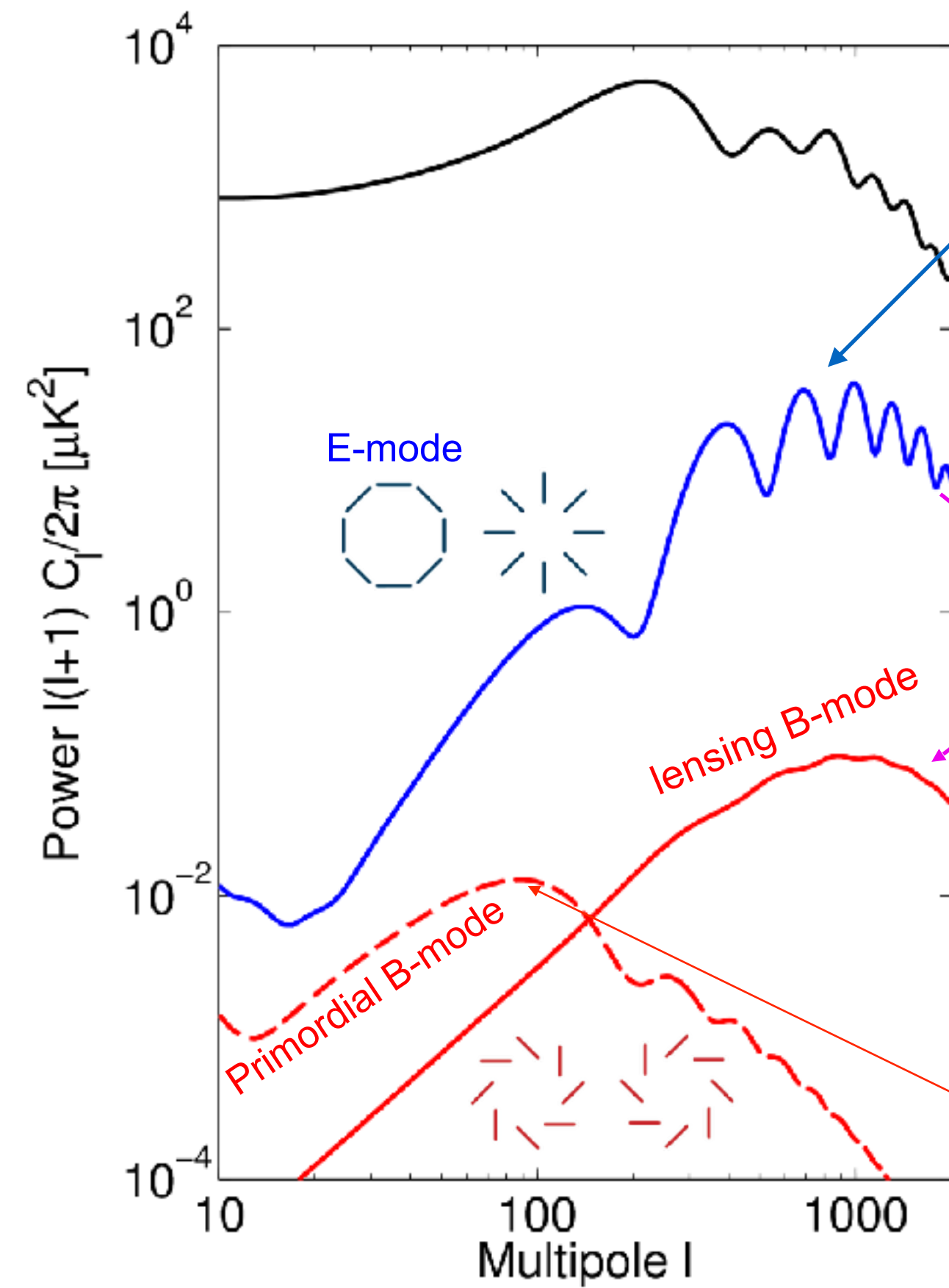
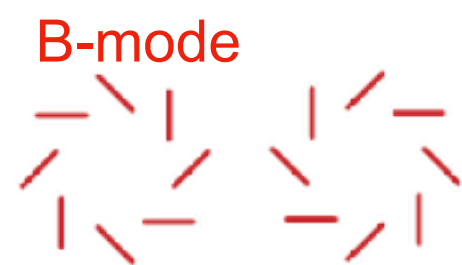
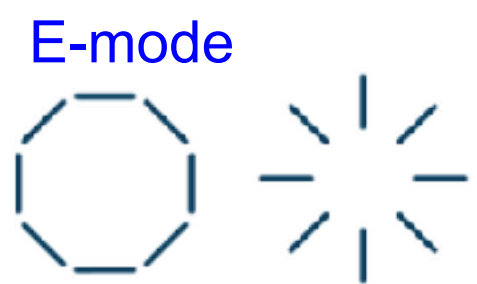
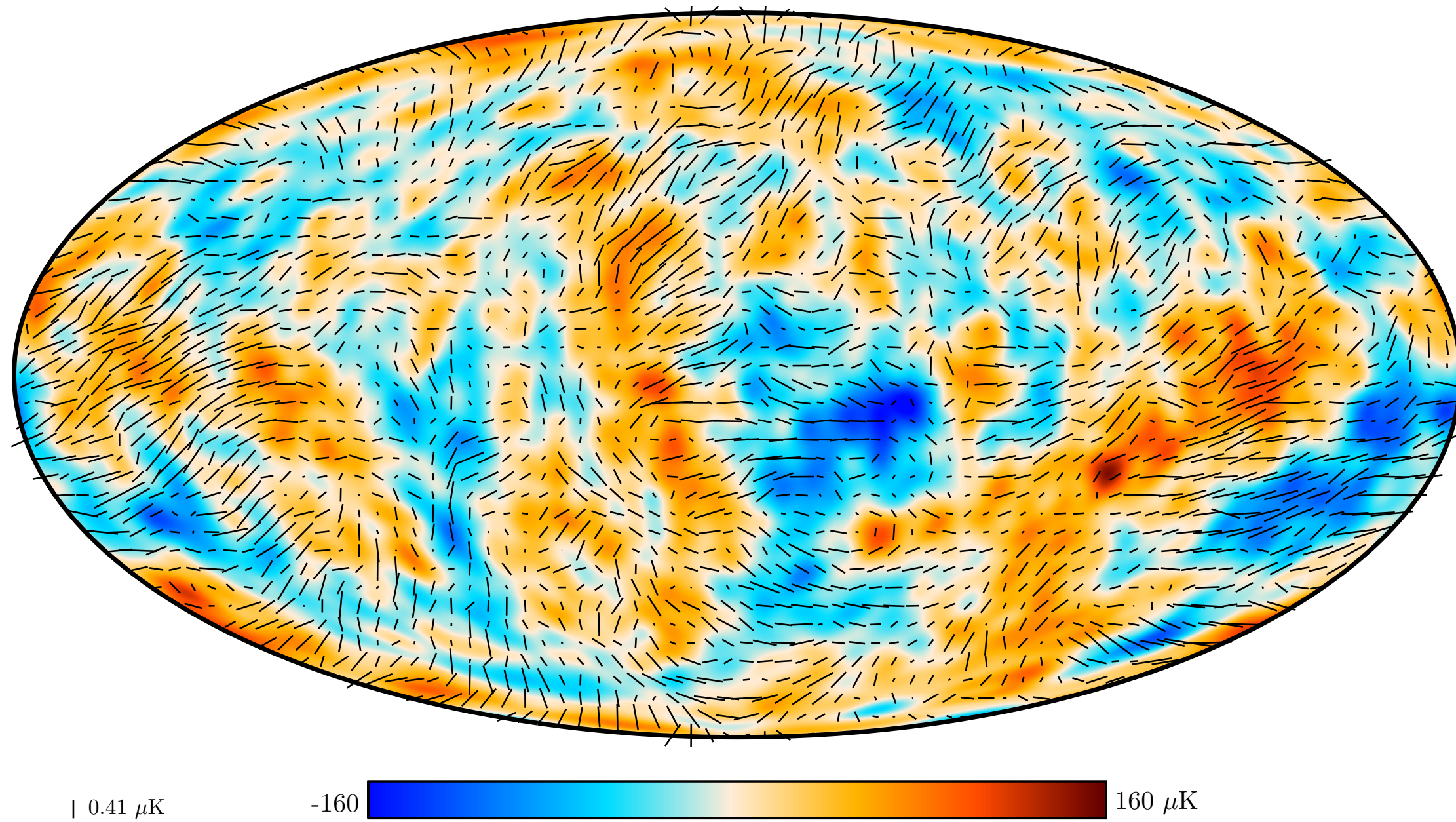


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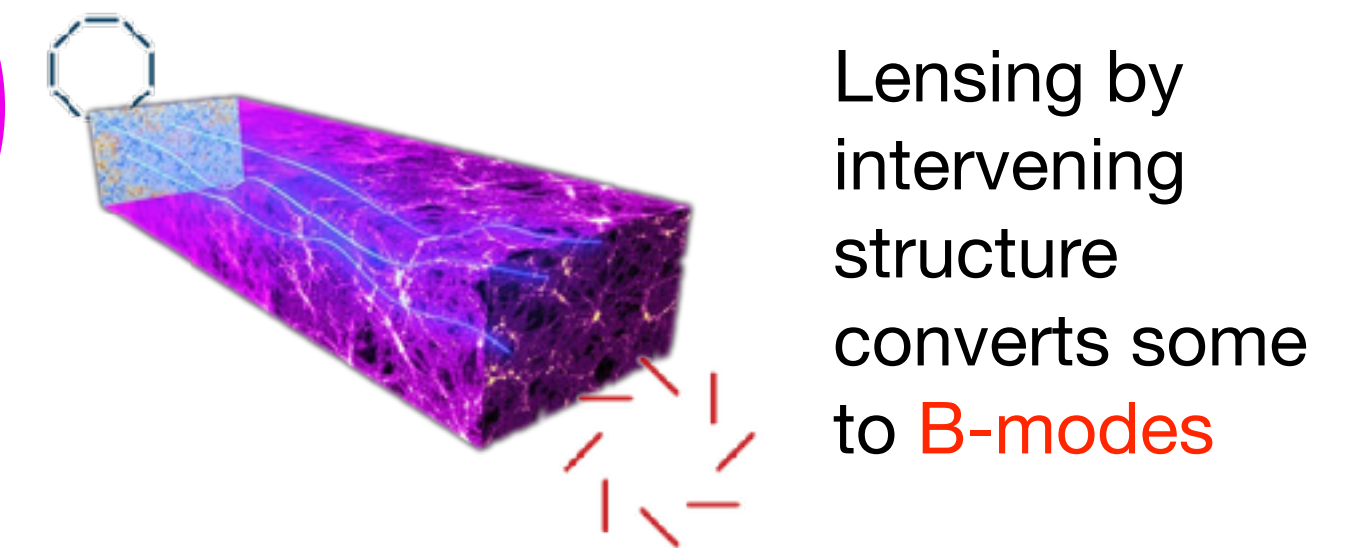
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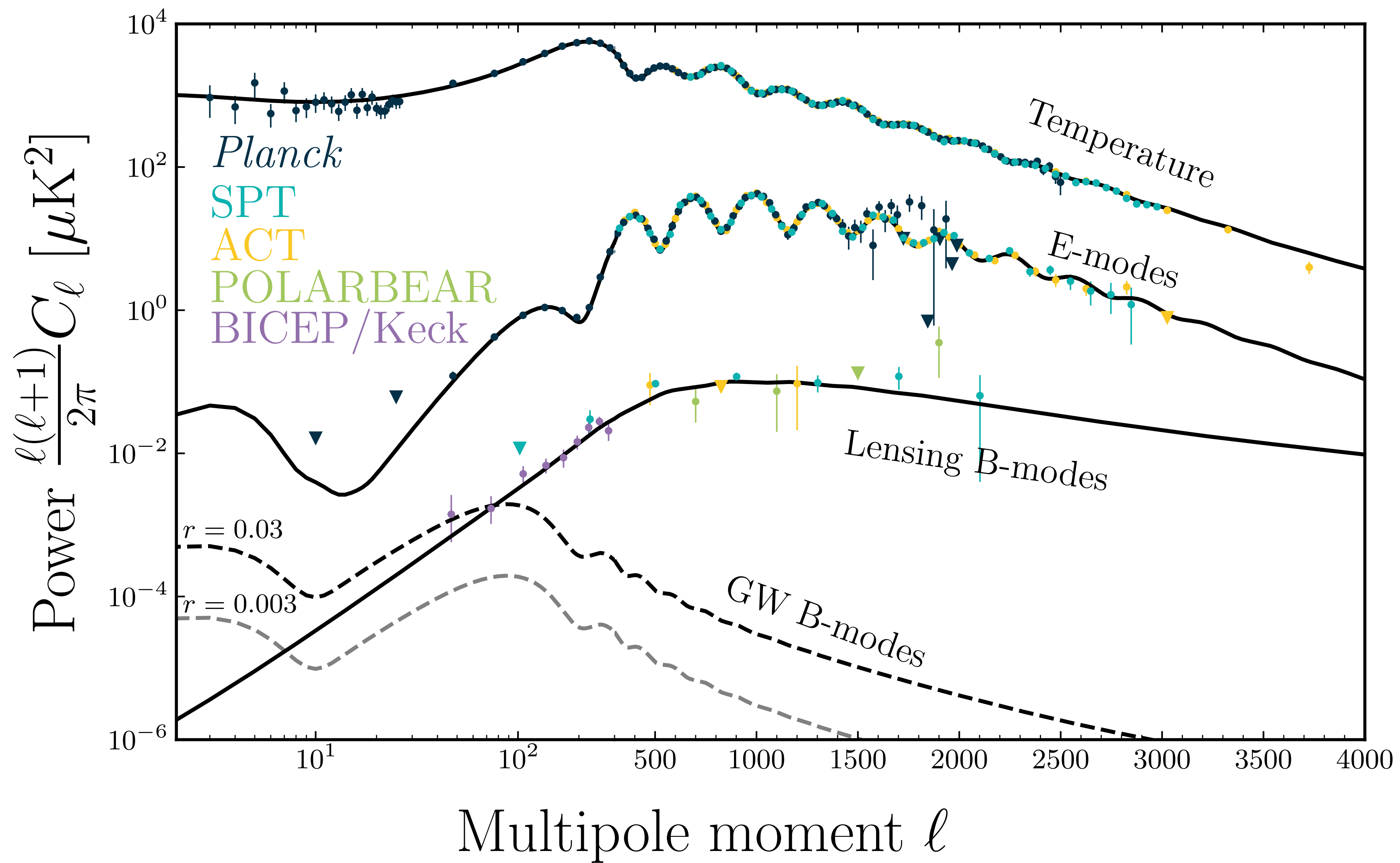


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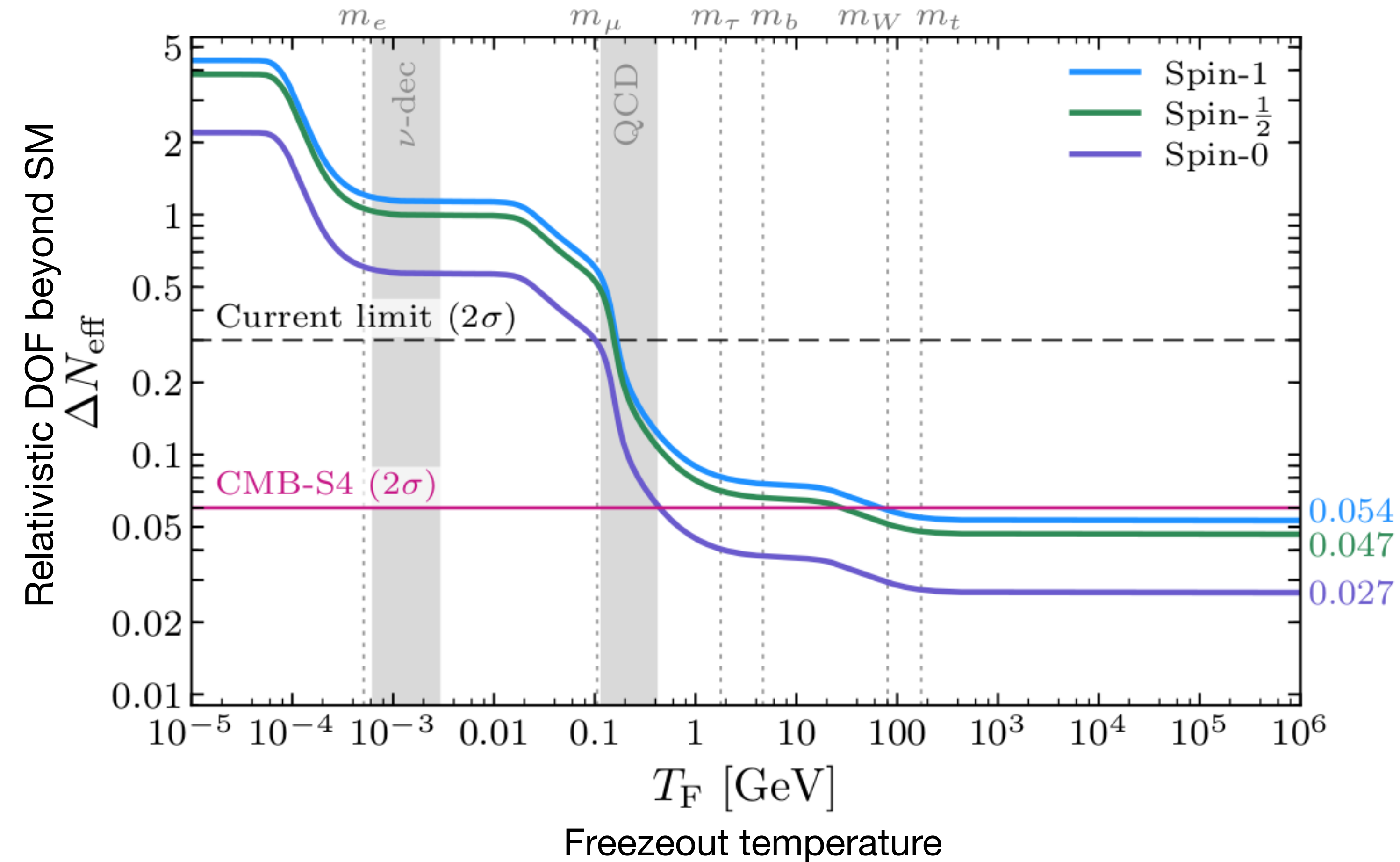
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State of CMB measurements and constraints



Light relics

Relativistic thermal particles in early universe imprint the CMB

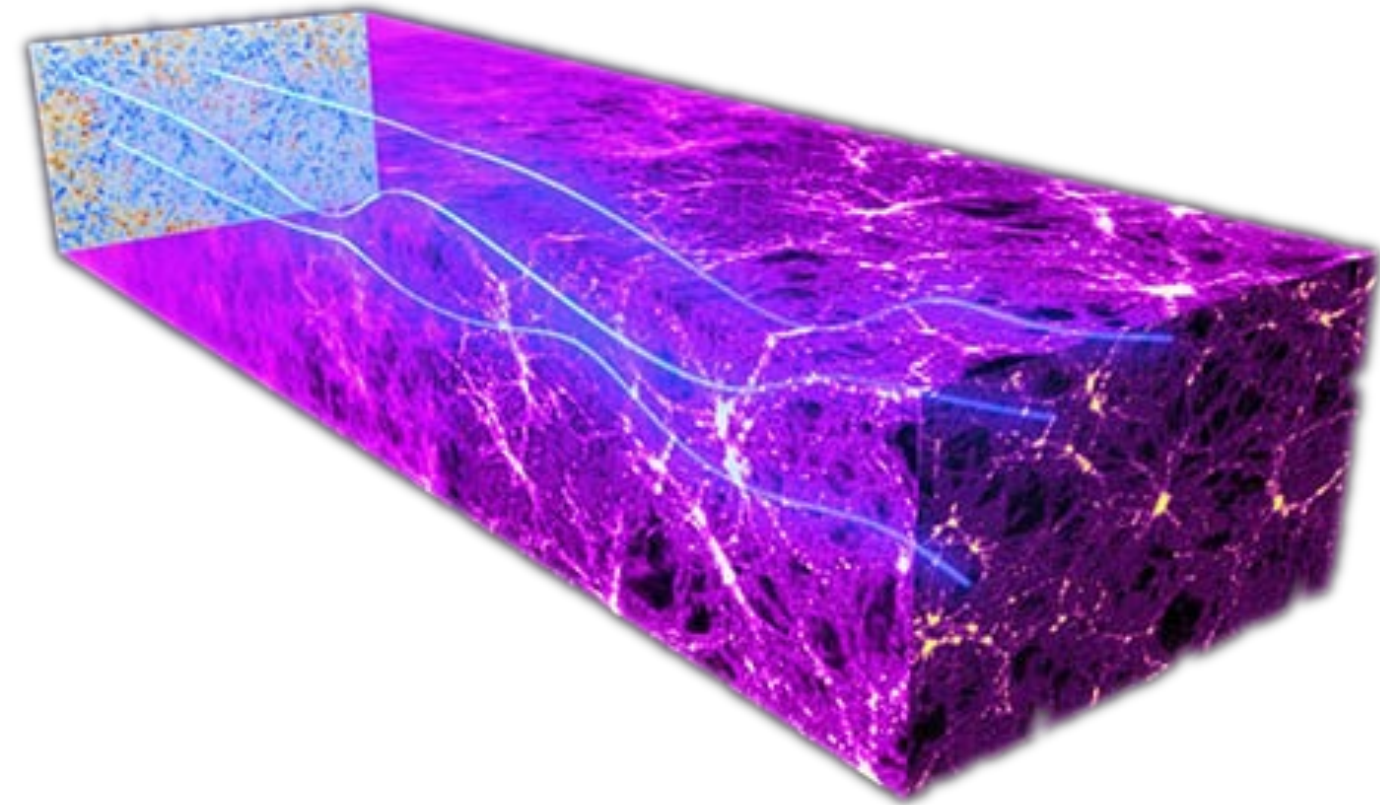


Light particles that were ever in thermal equilibrium with the primordial plasma will affect the mass-energy budget and leave an imprint in the CMB.

This includes many BSM sterile neutrinos, axions, dark radiation.

CMB weak lensing

Photons deflected by structure. Can reconstruct deflections



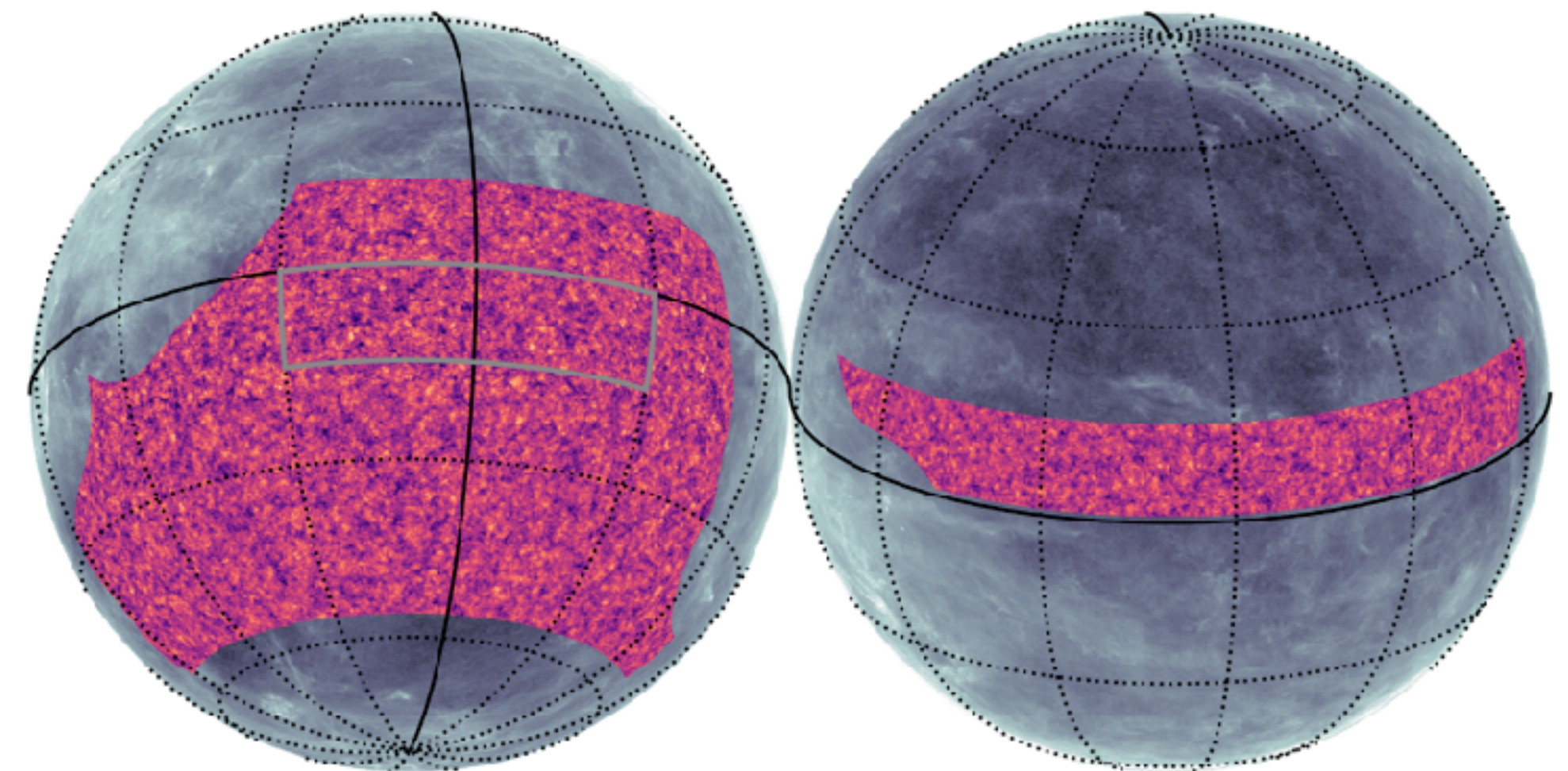
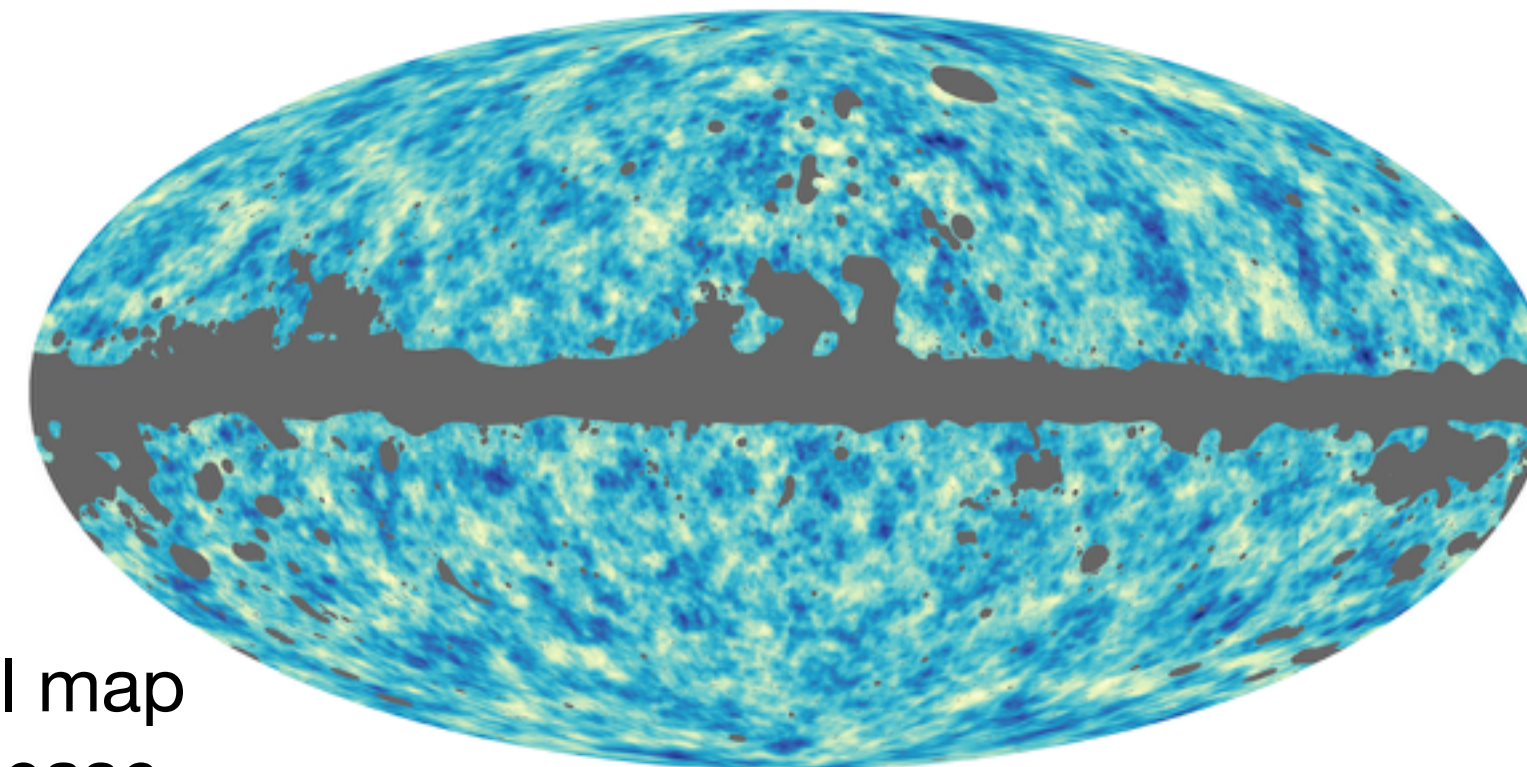
$$T^{\text{lensed}} = T^0(\hat{n} + \nabla\phi)$$

$$\hat{\phi}_L^{XY} = \frac{1}{R_L^{XY}} \int d^2\ell W_{\ell, \ell-L}^{XY} \bar{X}_\ell \bar{Y}_{\ell-L}^*$$

For e.g., ACT DR6 lensing mass map

Can reconstruct deflections from T, E and B to get lensing potential

For e.g., lensing potential map
Planck 2018 Legacy Release



Madhavacheril et al. (ACT Collaboration),
Arxiv:2304.05203

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(no primordial B-modes)

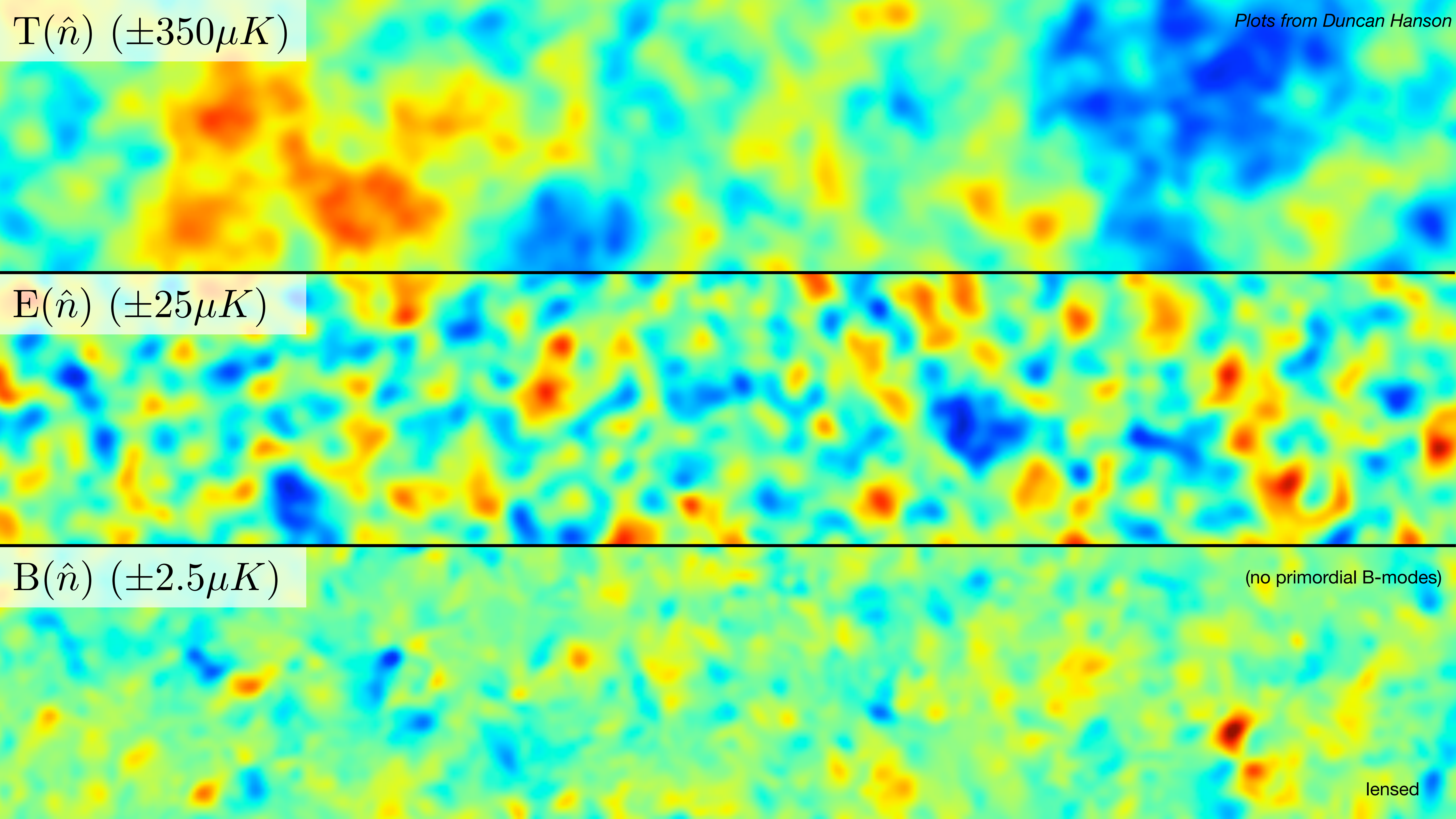
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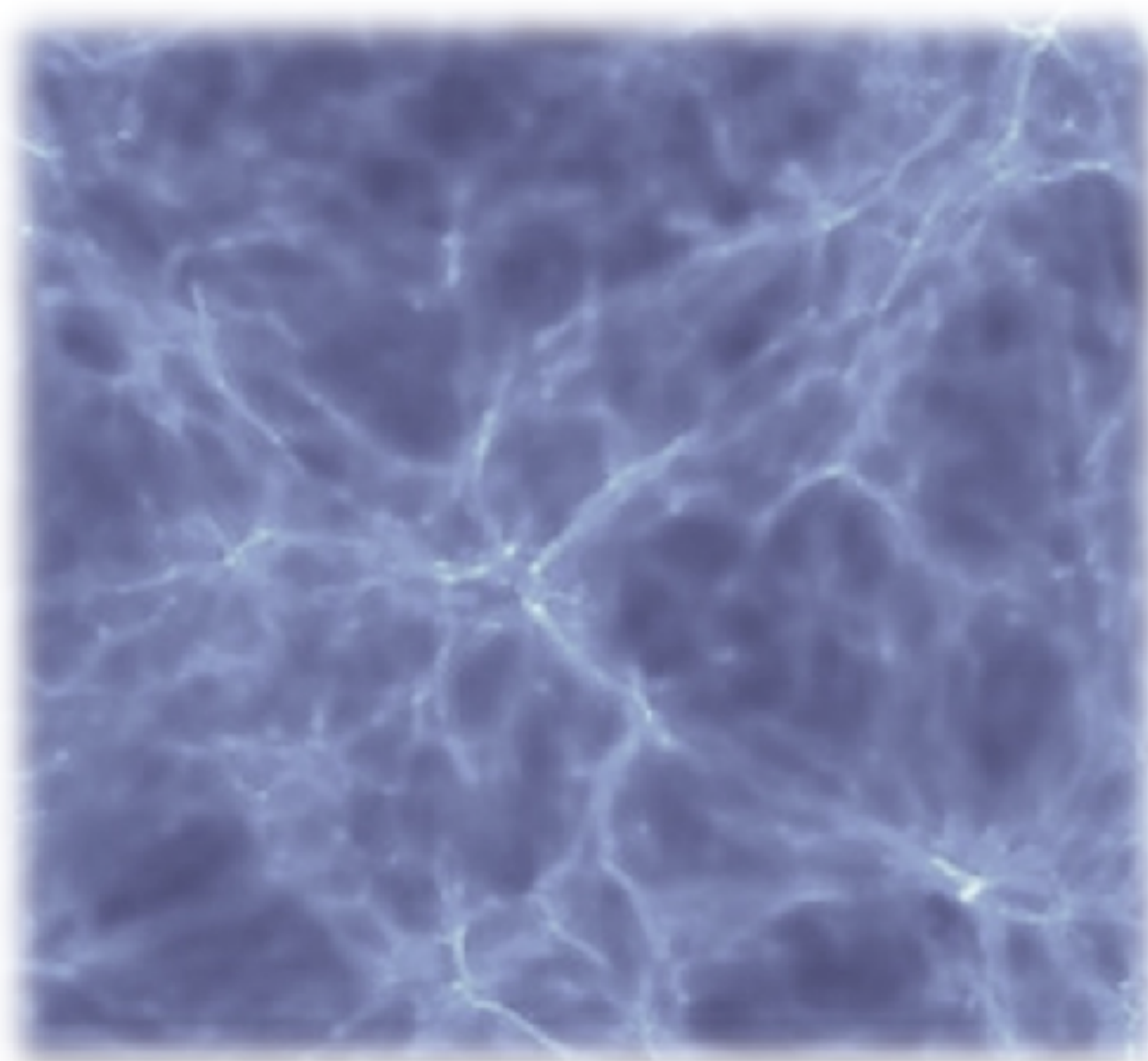
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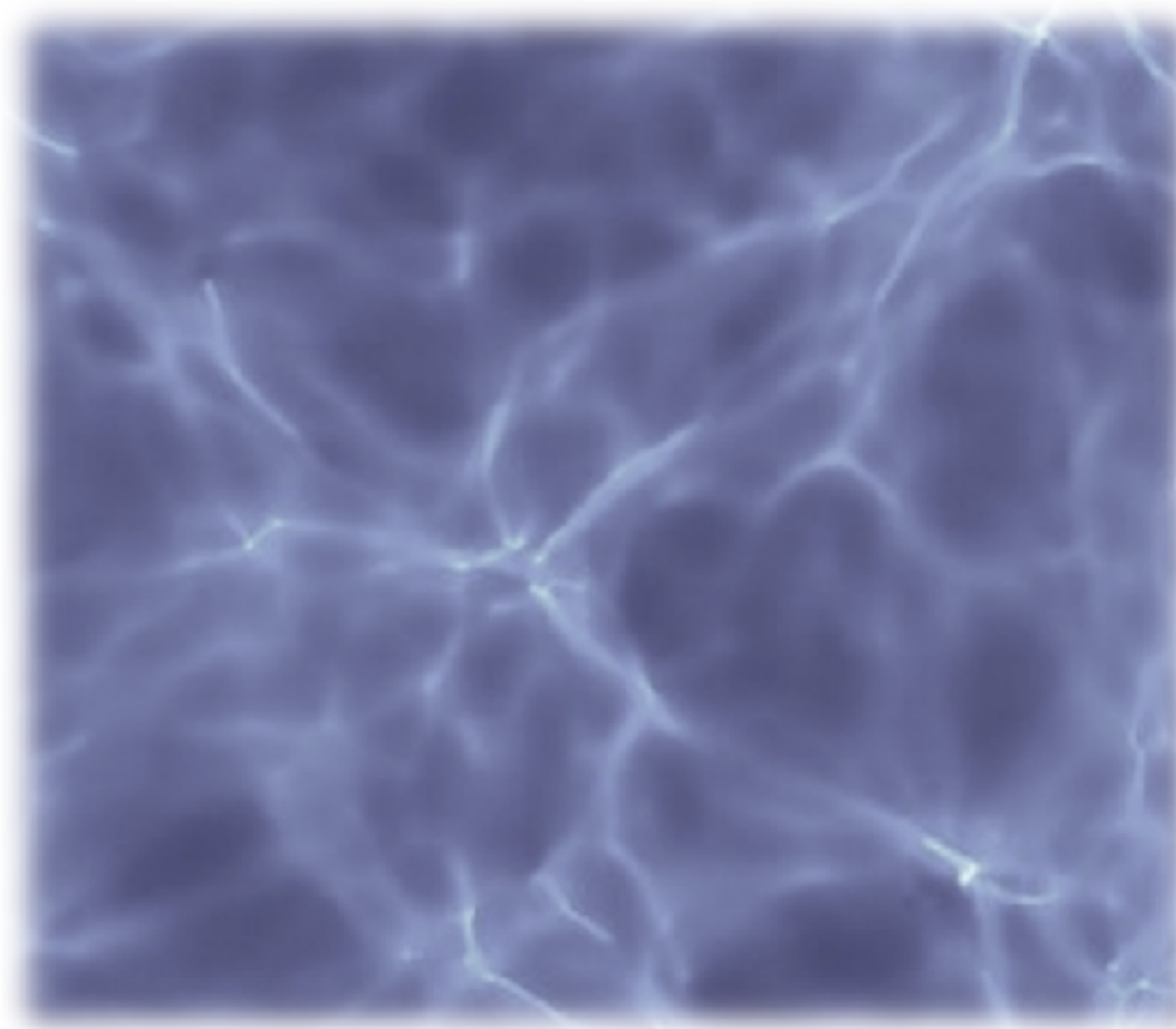


CMB lensing helps weigh neutrino masses

Neutrinos contribute only **0.5%** of the matter but gravitationally suppress LSS by **4%**

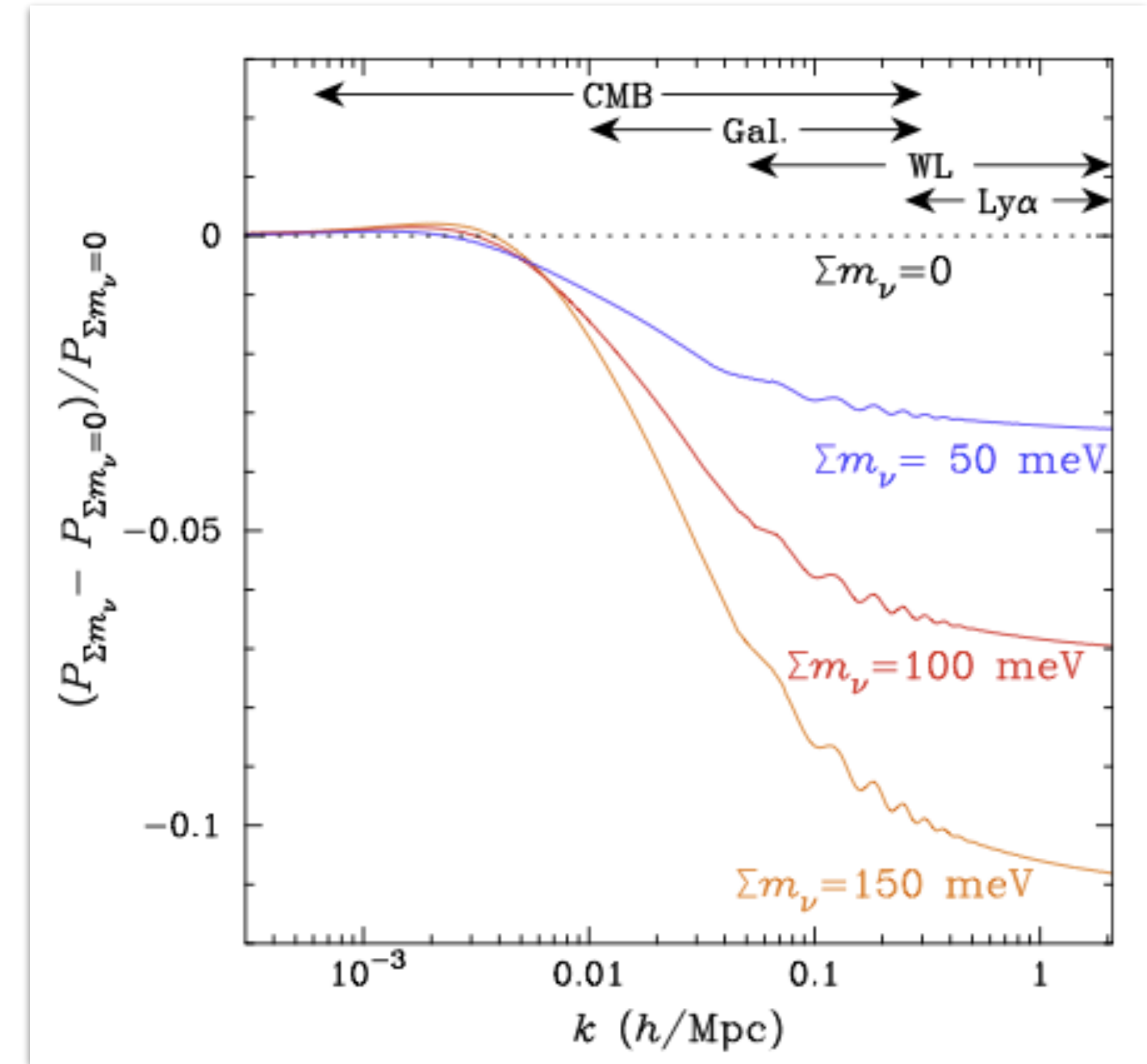


Negligible neutrino mass



Very large neutrino mass

Viel et al, 2013



Abazajian et al, 2015

Early Universe v. Late Universe tests of Hubble (H_0) and Large-scale structure growth (S8)

“Predicted, indirect H_0 or S8”

1. Fit Λ CDM model to CMB at $z \sim 1100$
2. Predict structure growth to $z \sim 1-2$

Assumptions:

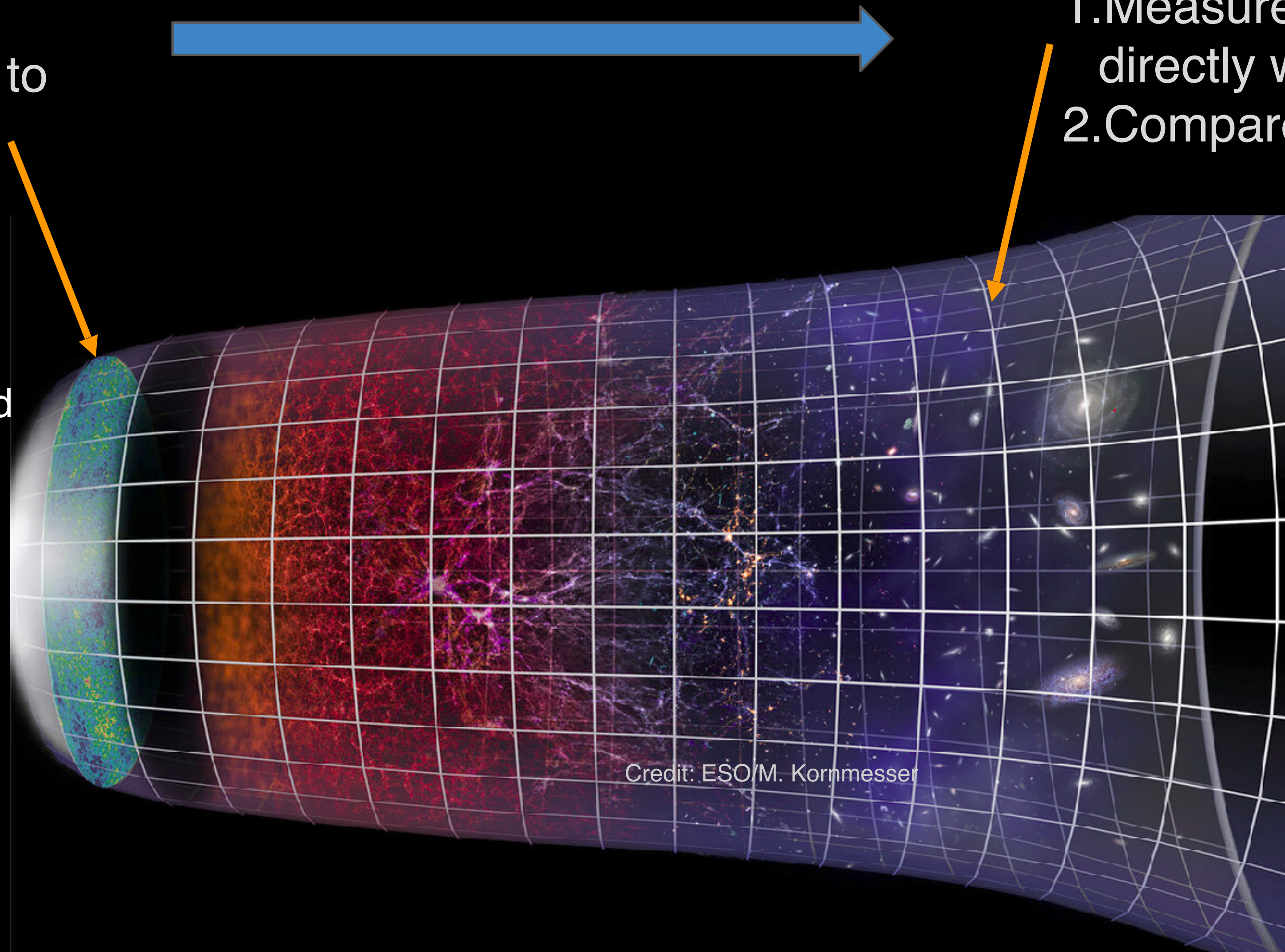
- Standard GR
- Dominated by Cold Dark Matter
- Constant Dark Energy

“Direct S8”

1. Measure matter amplitude directly with galaxy surveys
2. Compare with prediction

“Direct H_0 ”

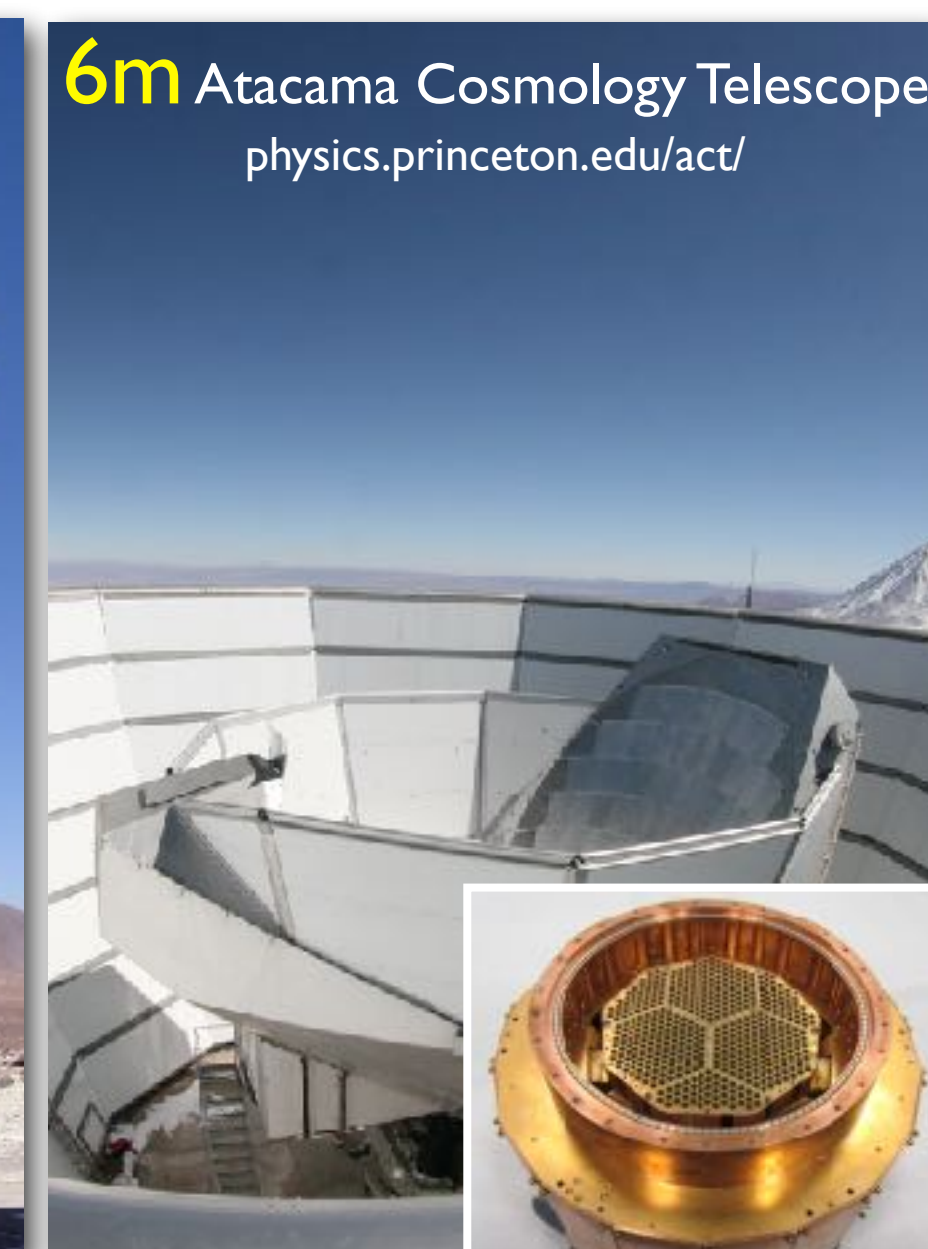
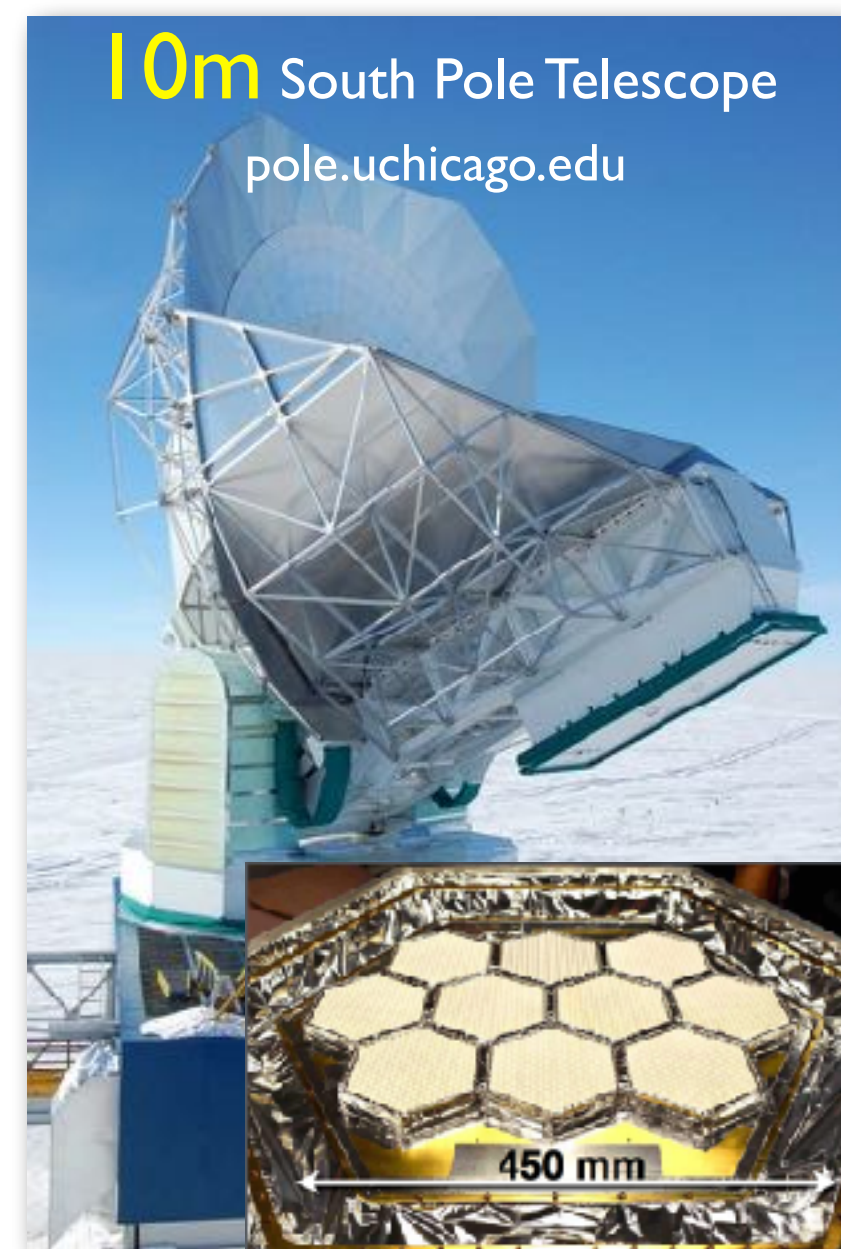
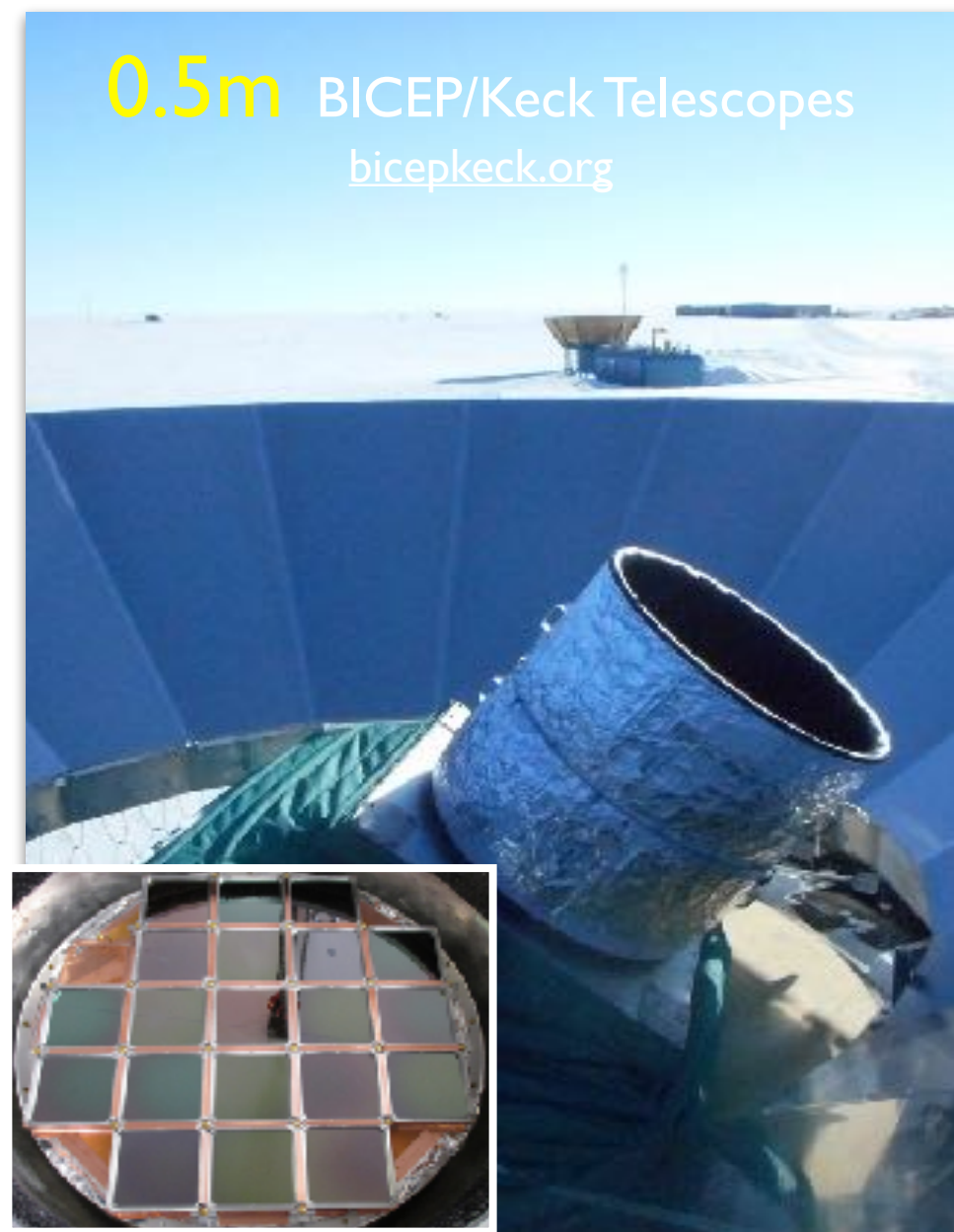
1. Measure H_0 via SNIa, variables
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Credit: ESO/M. Kornmesser

Ground-based CMB experiments

Observe in mm-wave windows from high, dry deserts, using superconducting noise-limited sensors.



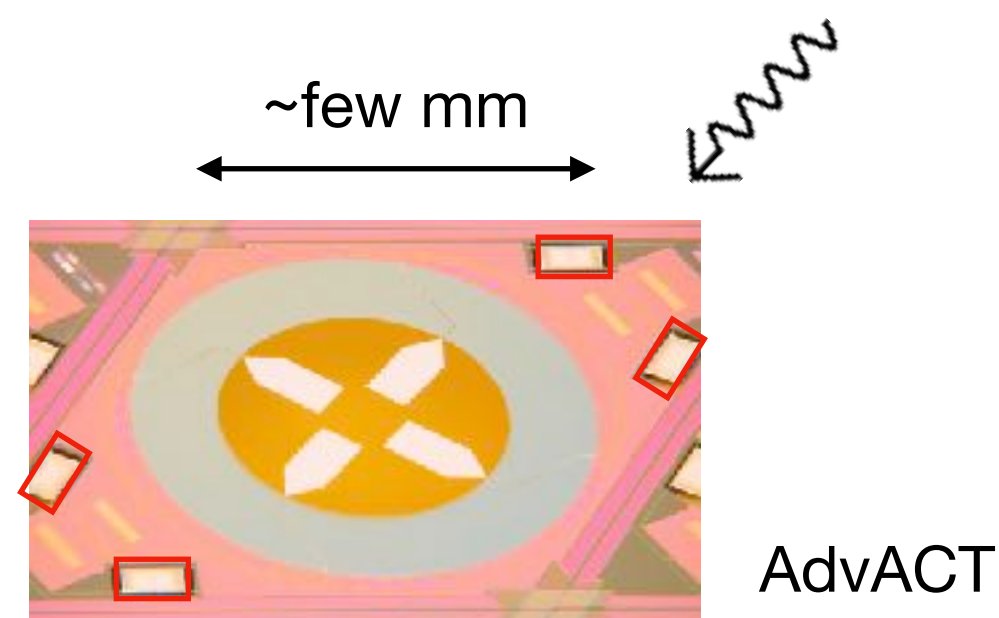
Compact receivers for inflation, high-resolution for cosmology, large-scale structure and its evolution

Superconducting sensors for CMB

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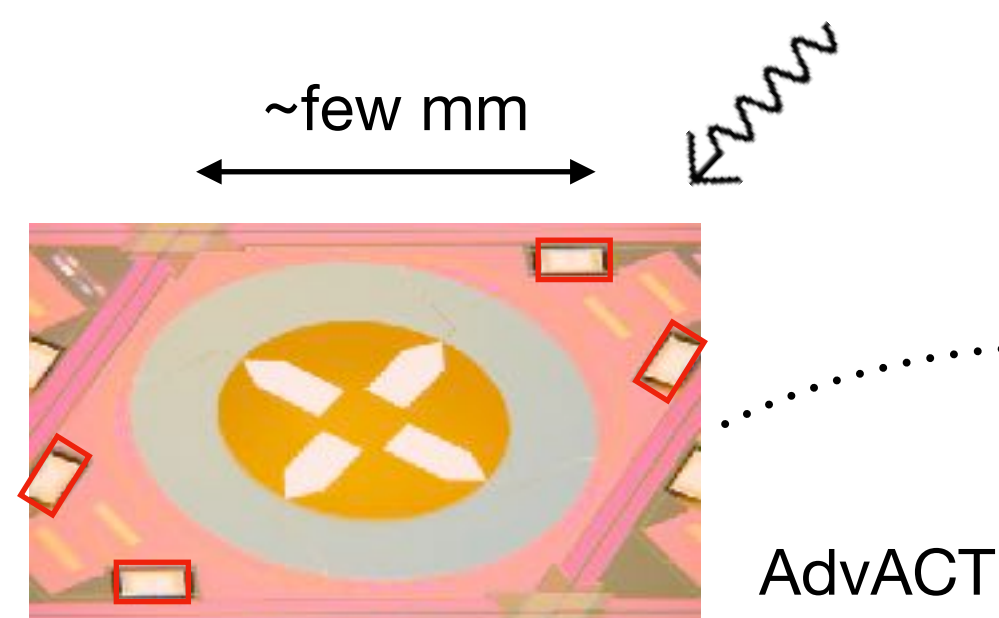
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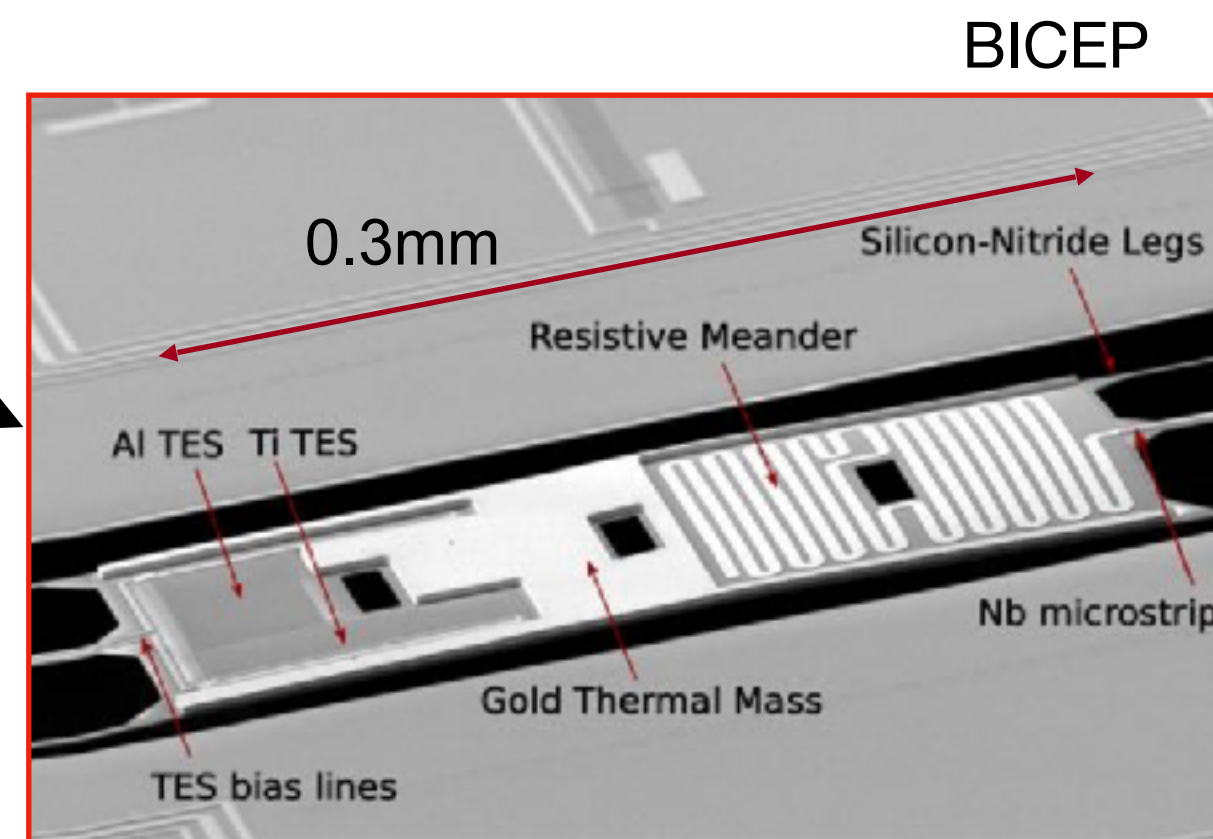
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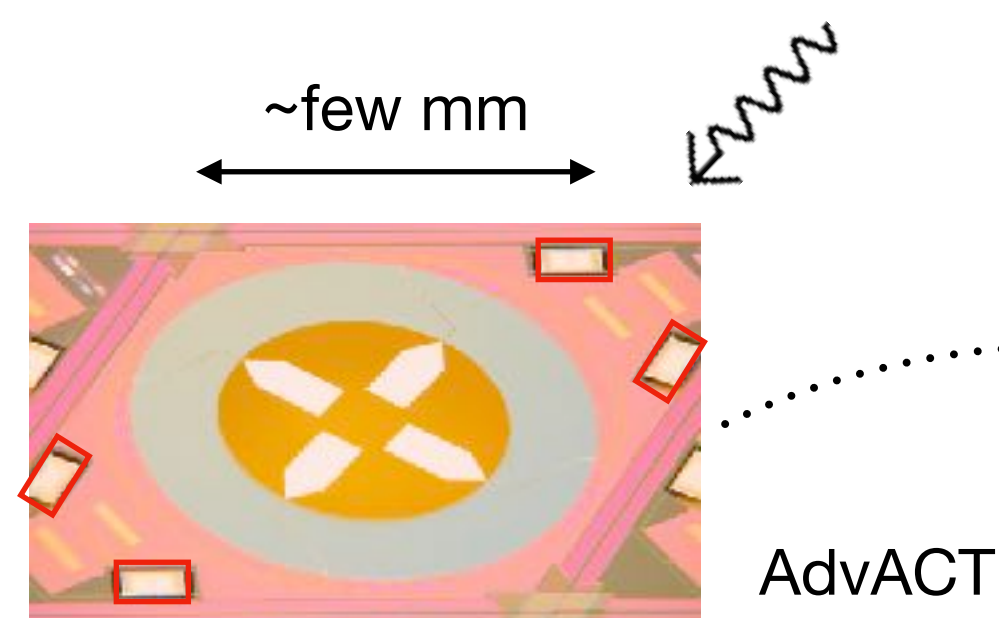
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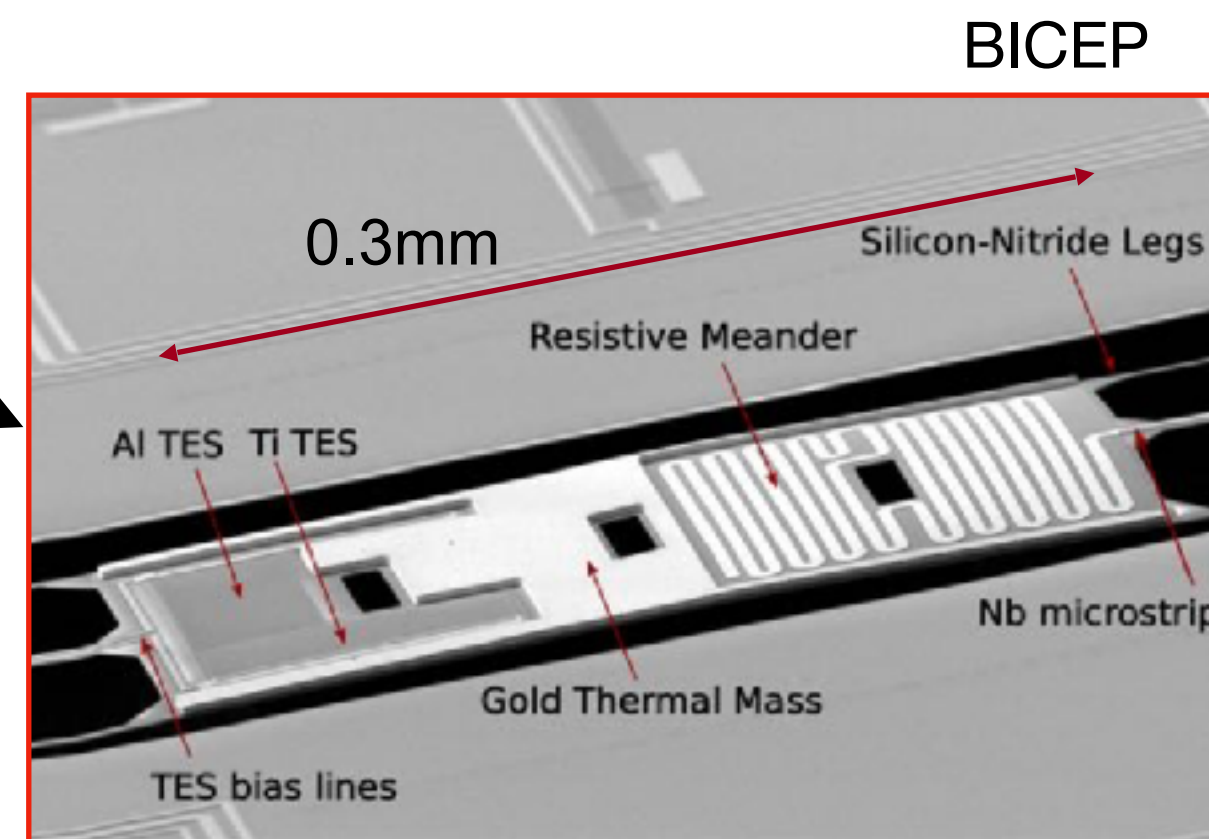
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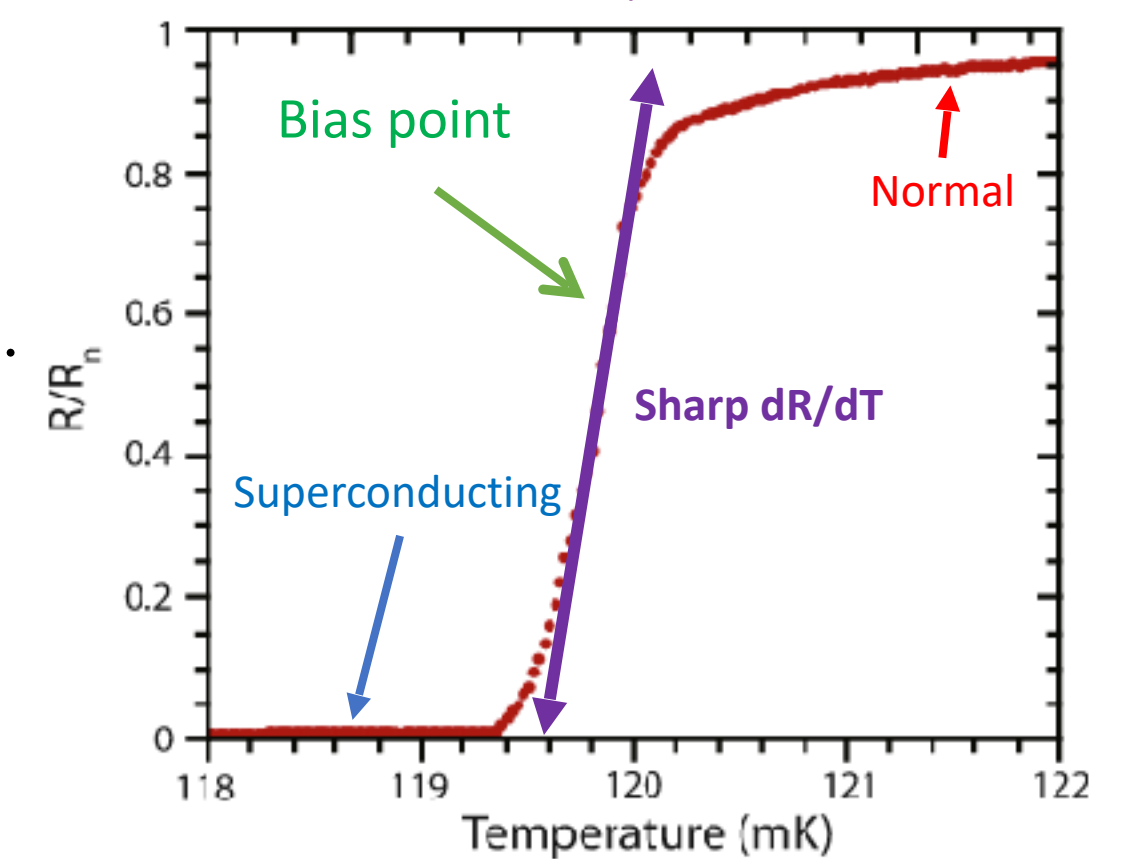


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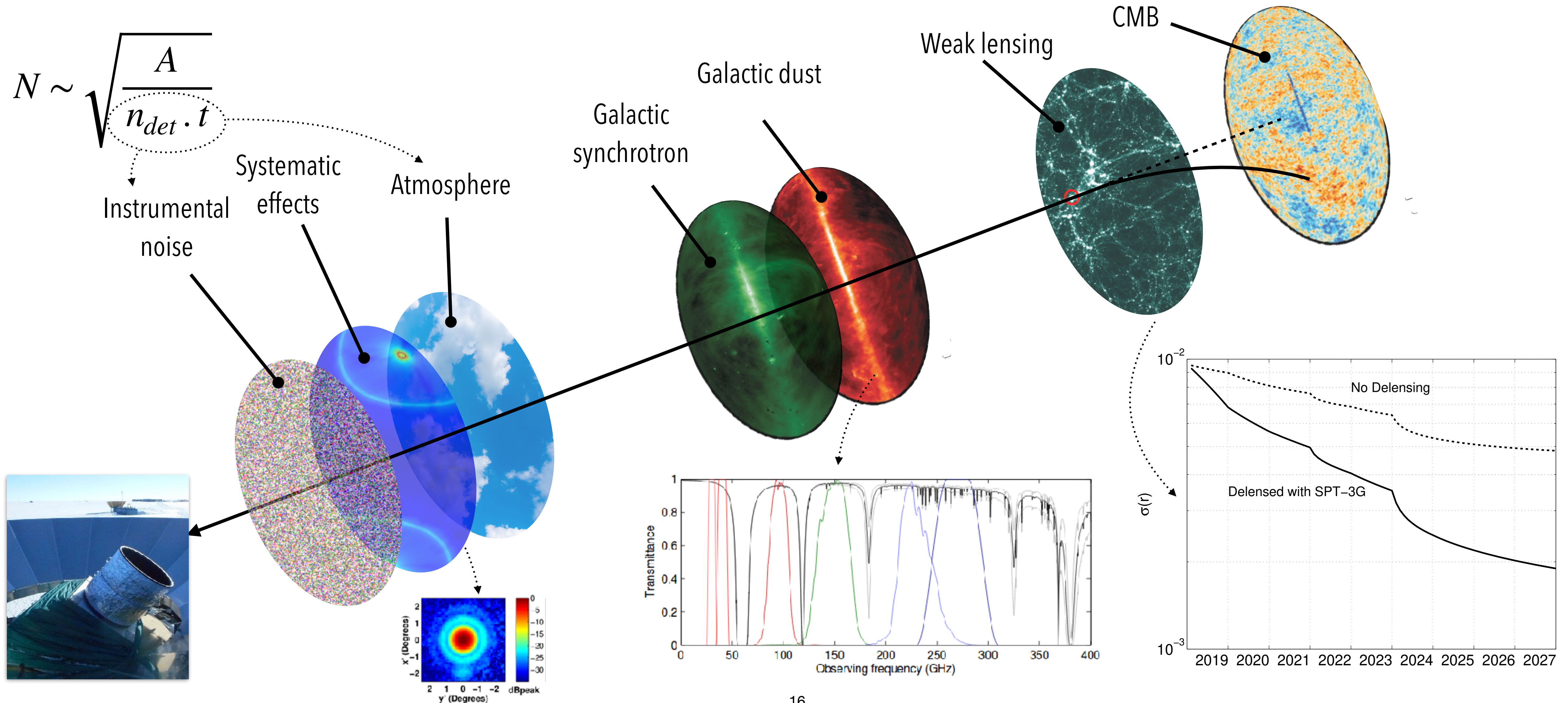
J. Ullom et al., (2015) Supercond. Sci. Technol. 28



Sensitivity comes from operating on the very sharp superconducting phase transition at ~0.1-0.3K

How we measure r

Deep integration, characterize foregrounds, lensing, systematics



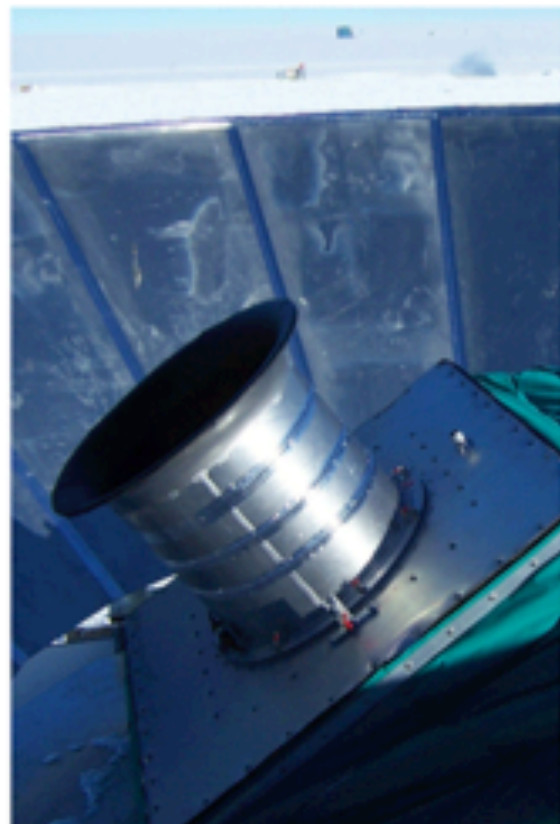
BICEP program 2006-present

Compact CMB cameras with increasing sensitivity to inflation

Generation 1

BICEP1

(2006-2008)
100, 150 GHz

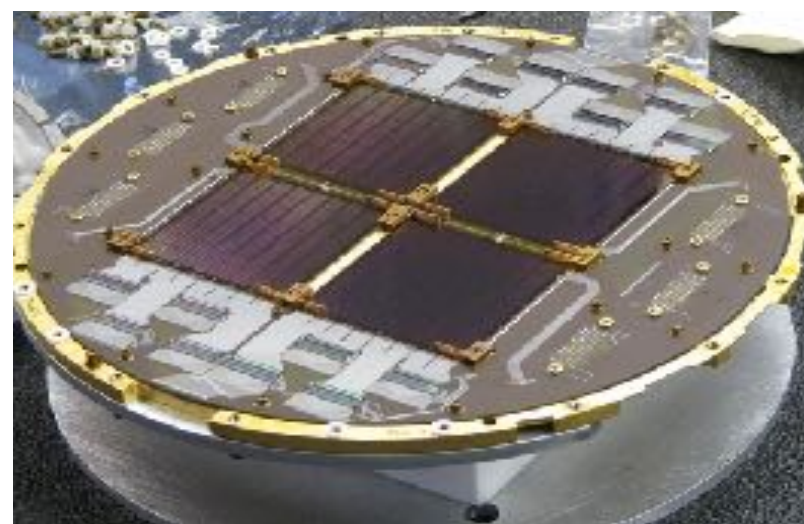


~100 sensors

Generation 2

BICEP2

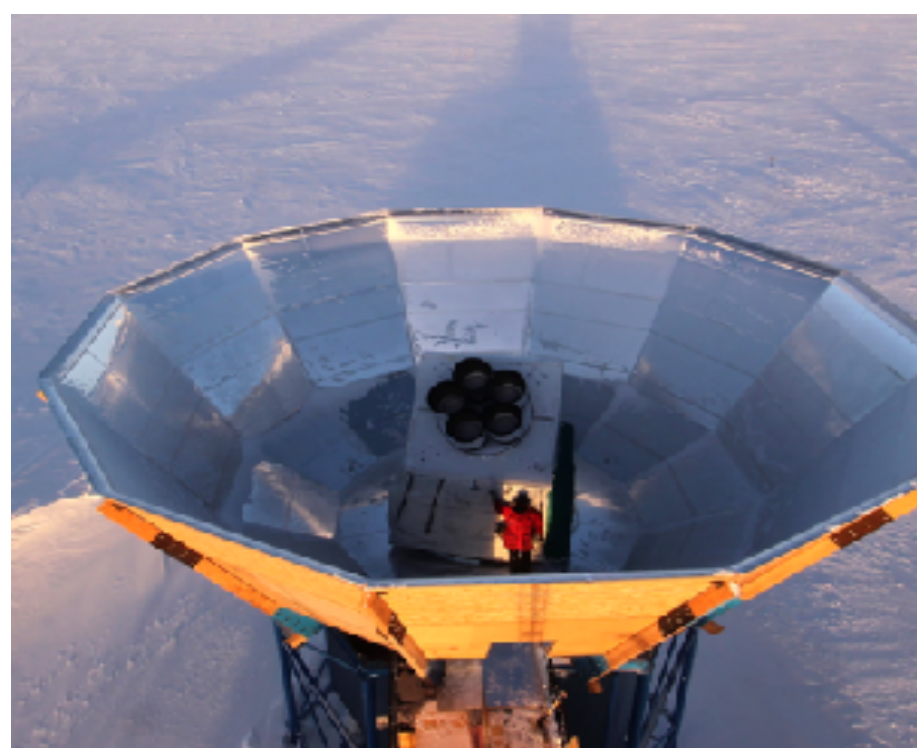
(2010-2012)
150 GHz



~500 sensors

Keck Array

(2012-2019)
95, 150, 220, 270 GHz

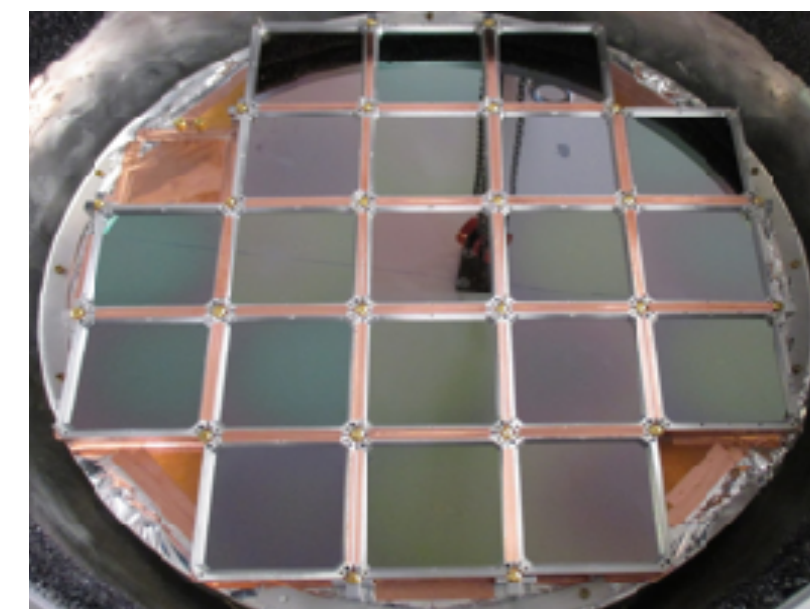
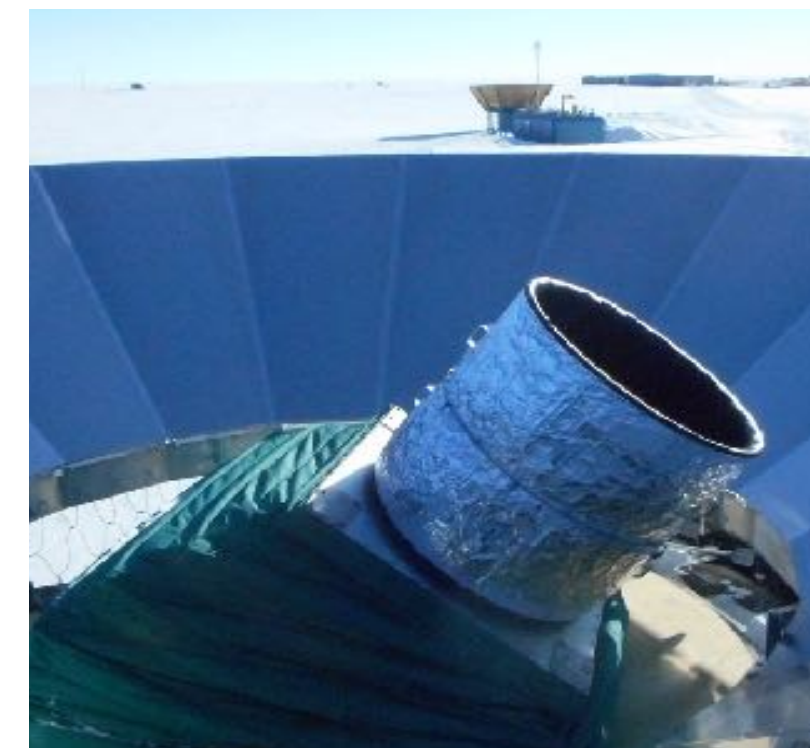


~2500 sensors in
five BICEP2-like
cameras

Generation 3

BICEP3

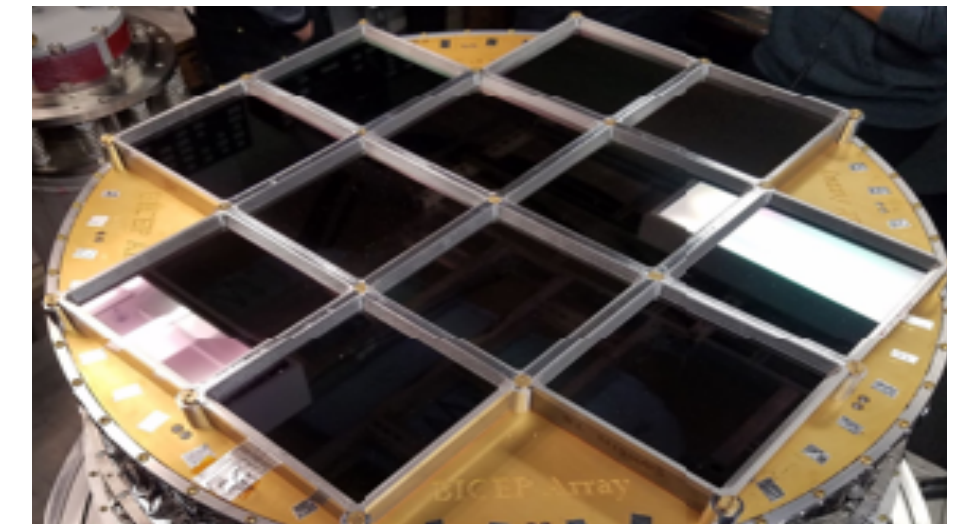
(2015+) $\sigma(r) \sim 0.01$
95 GHz



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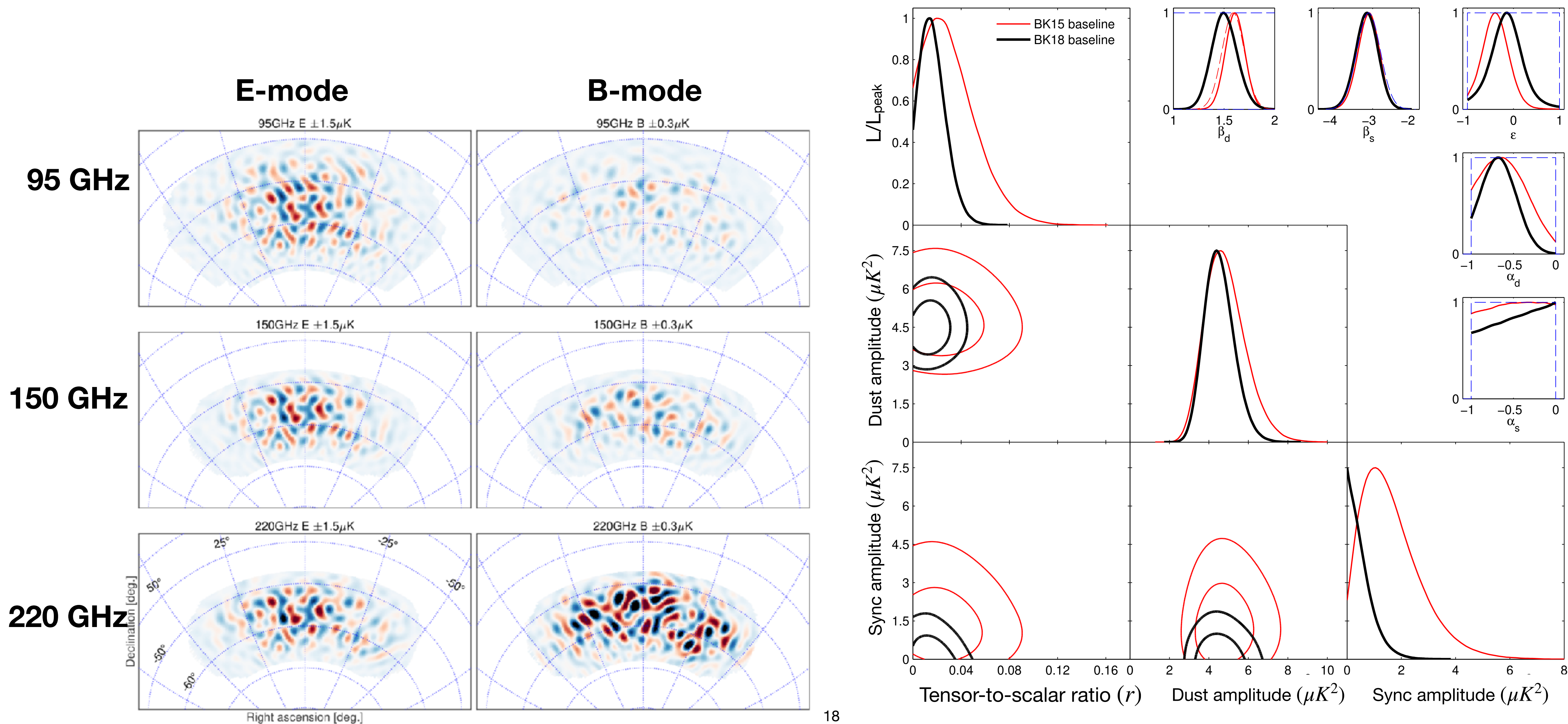
(2019-2027) $\sigma(r) \sim 0.002$
30, 40, 95, 150, 220, 270 GHz



~30k sensors in four
BICEP3-like cameras

Deepest CMB polarization maps (BK18)

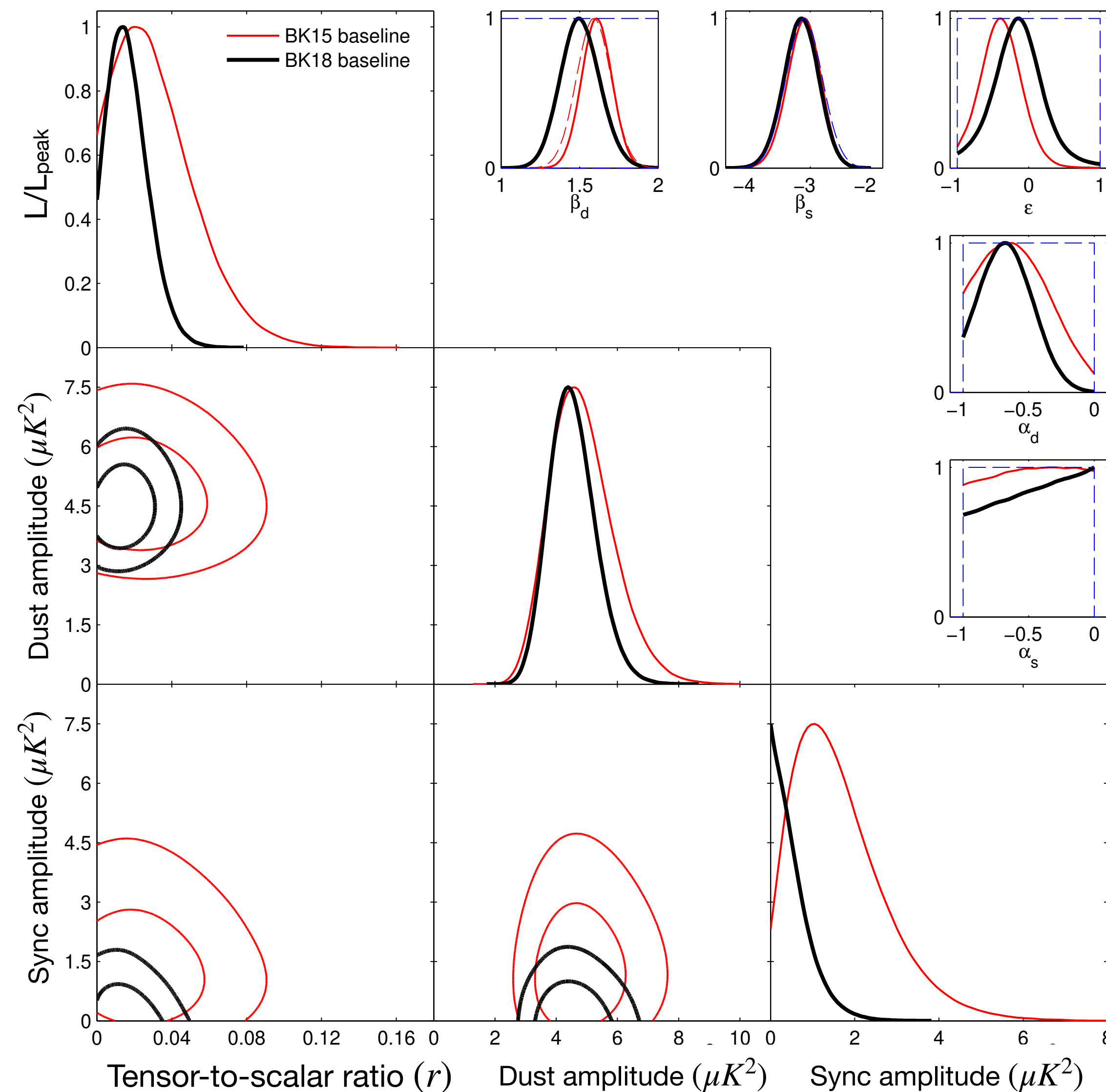
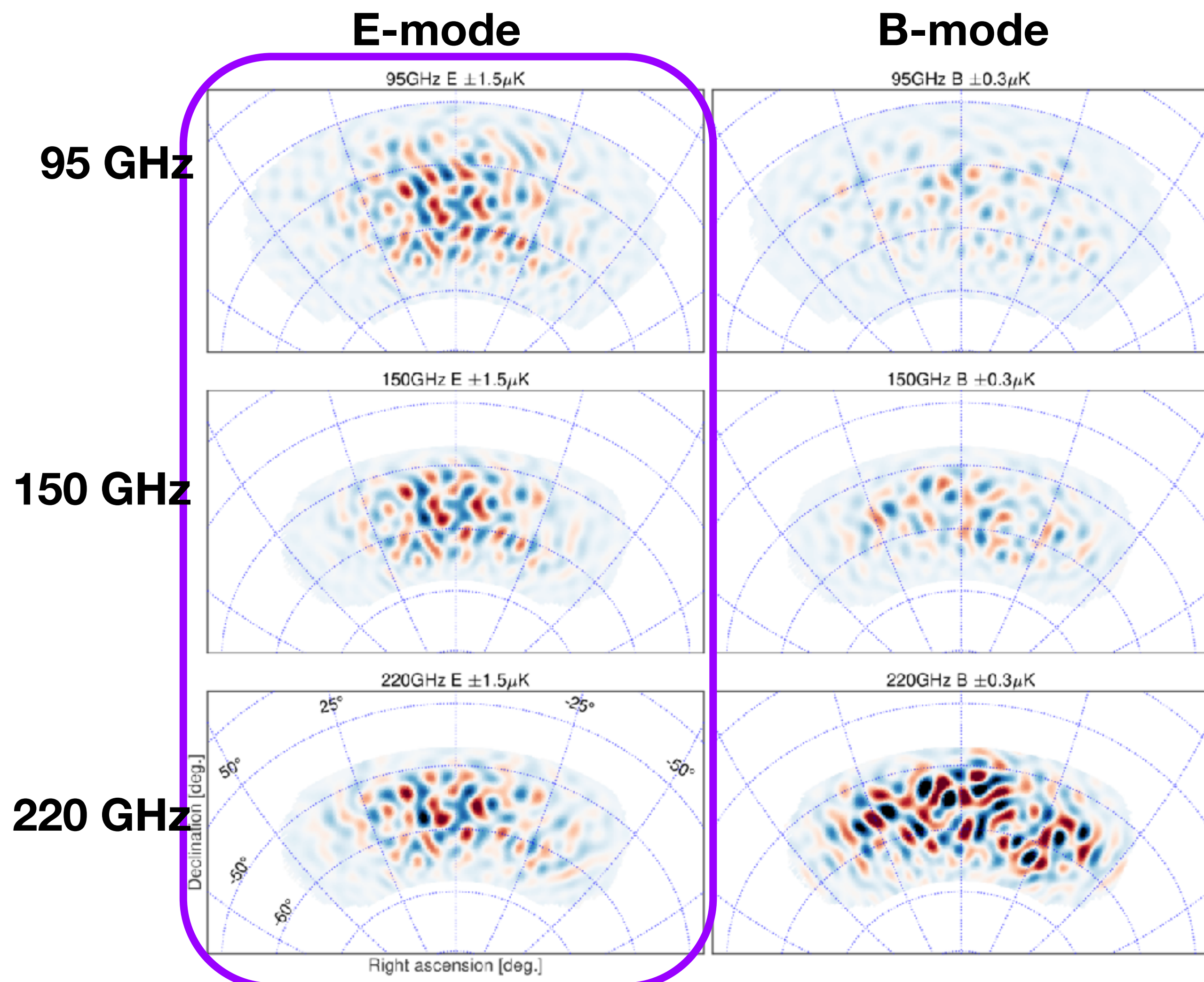
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E maps are bright and correlated; robust detection of LCDM E-modes



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B maps are increasing in brightness; detection of polarized galactic dust

E-mode

B-mode

95GHz E $\pm 1.5\mu\text{K}$

95GHz B $\pm 0.3\mu\text{K}$

150GHz E $\pm 1.5\mu\text{K}$

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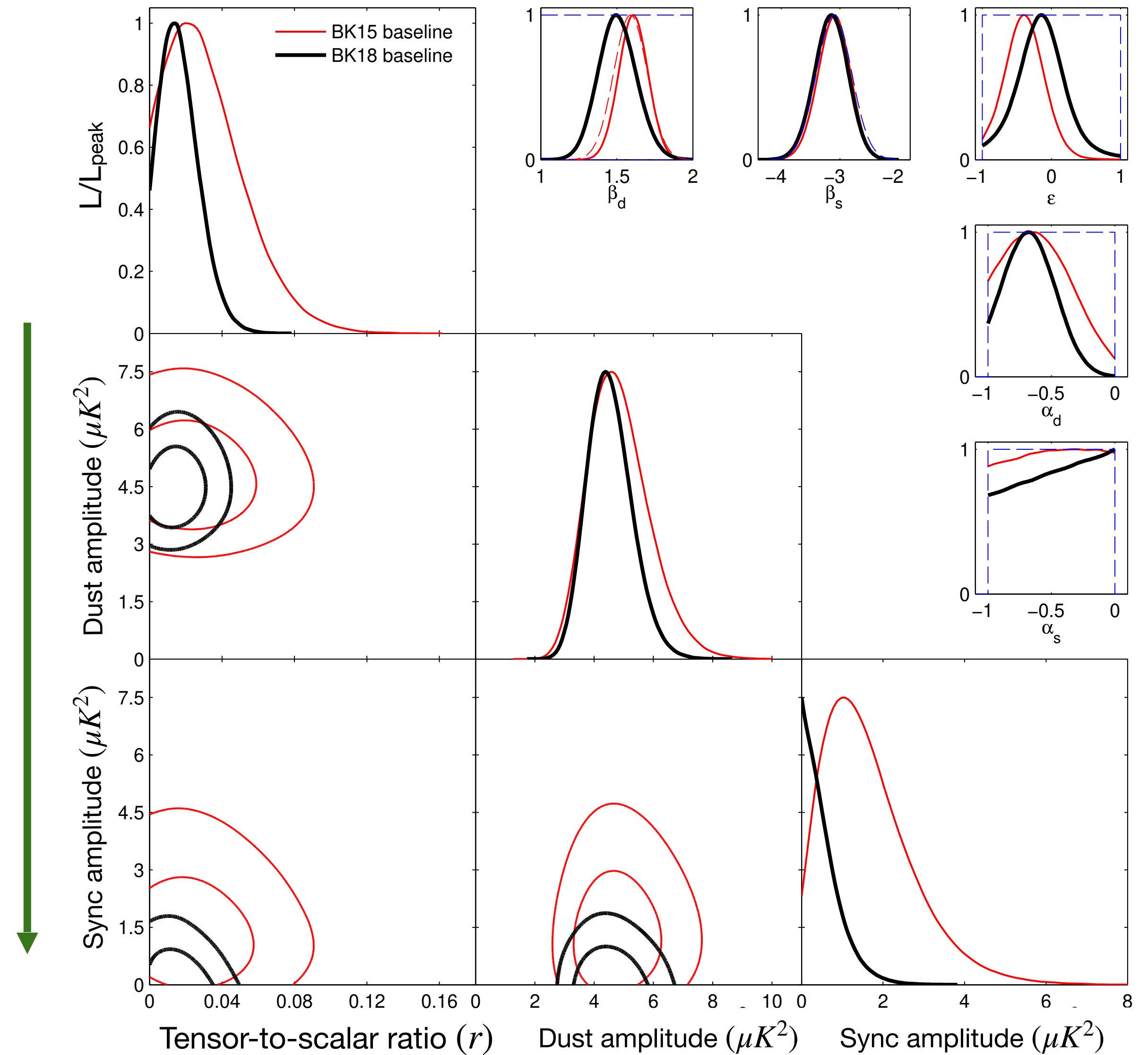
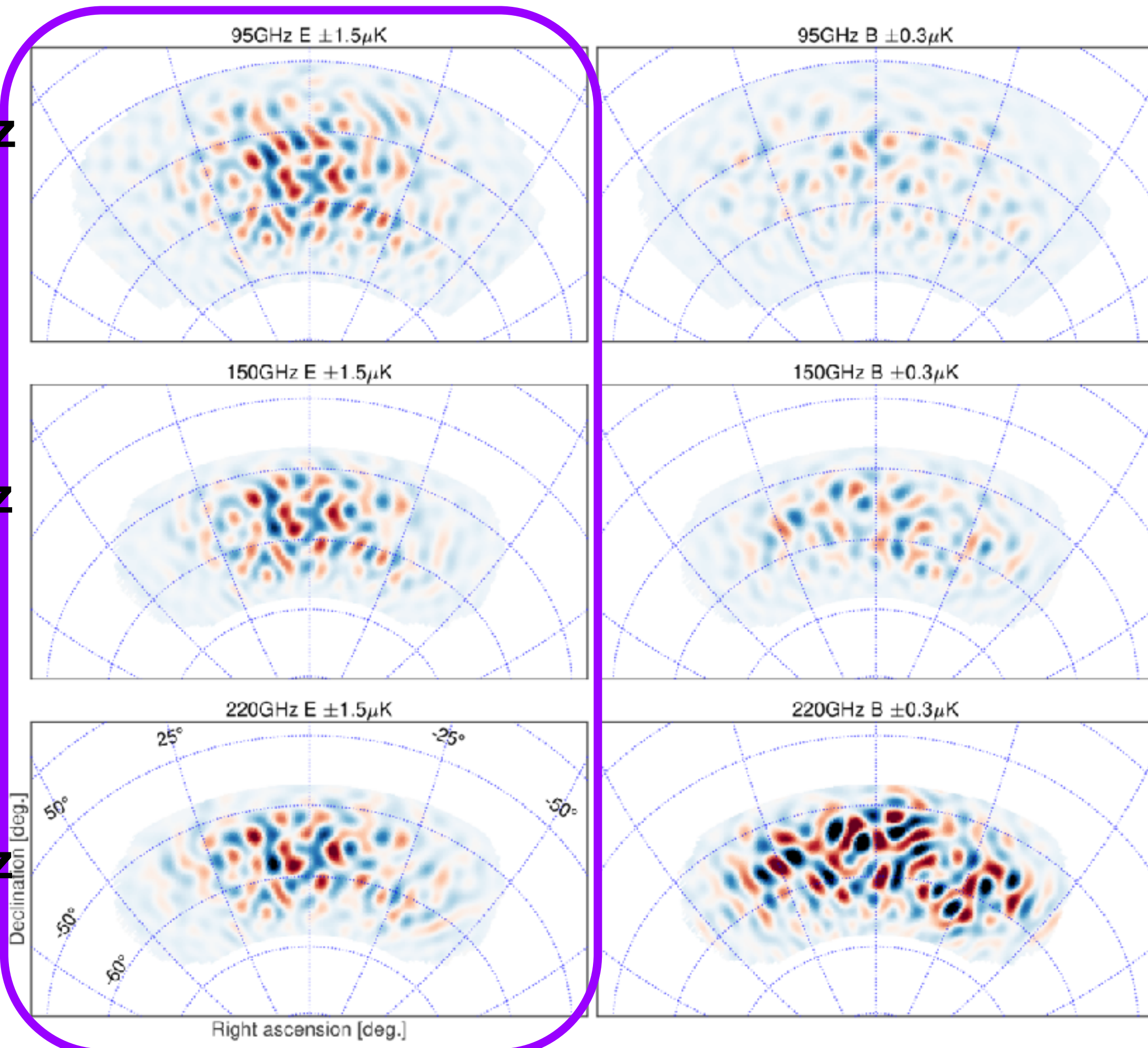
220GHz E $\pm 1.5\mu\text{K}$

220GHz B $\pm 0.3\mu\text{K}$

95 GHz

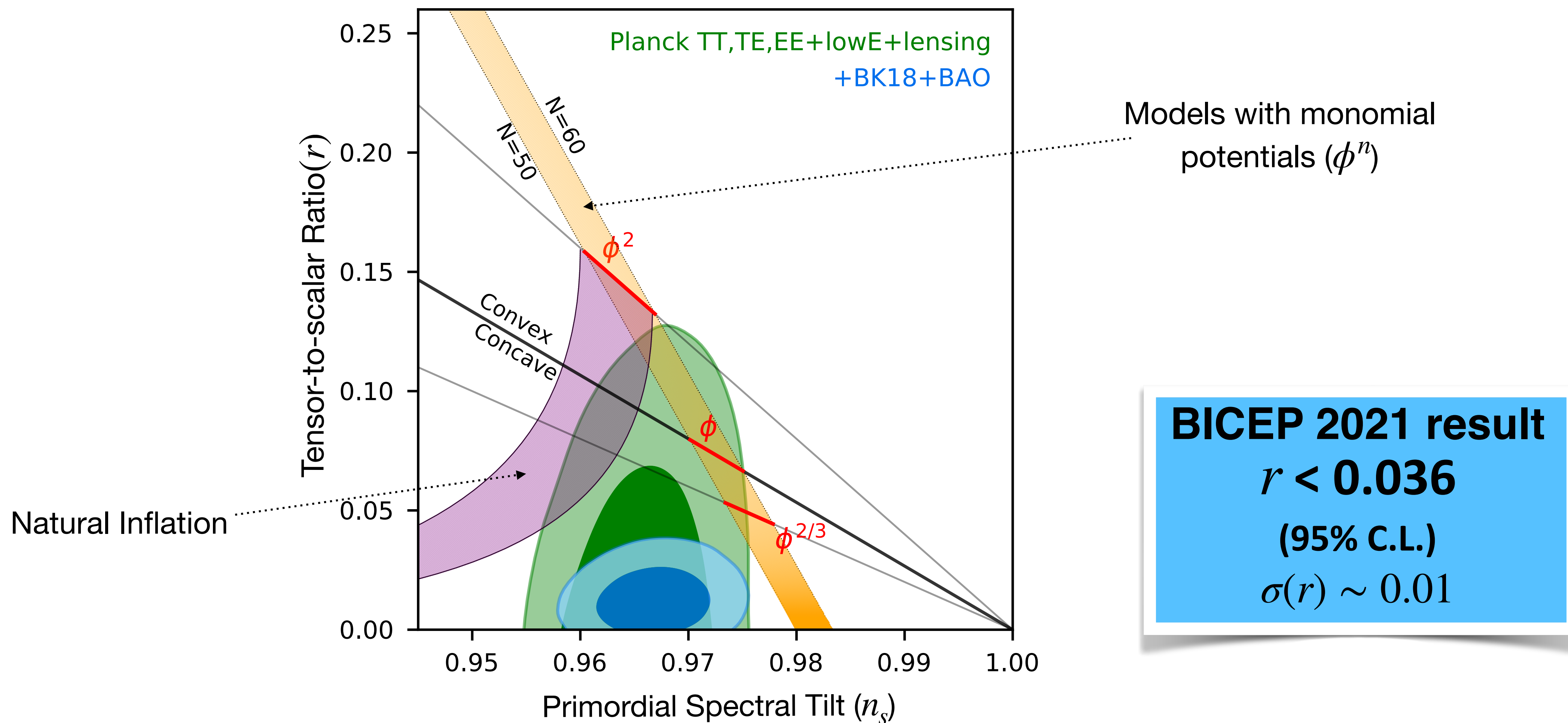
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220 GHz



Best constraints on inflation parameters

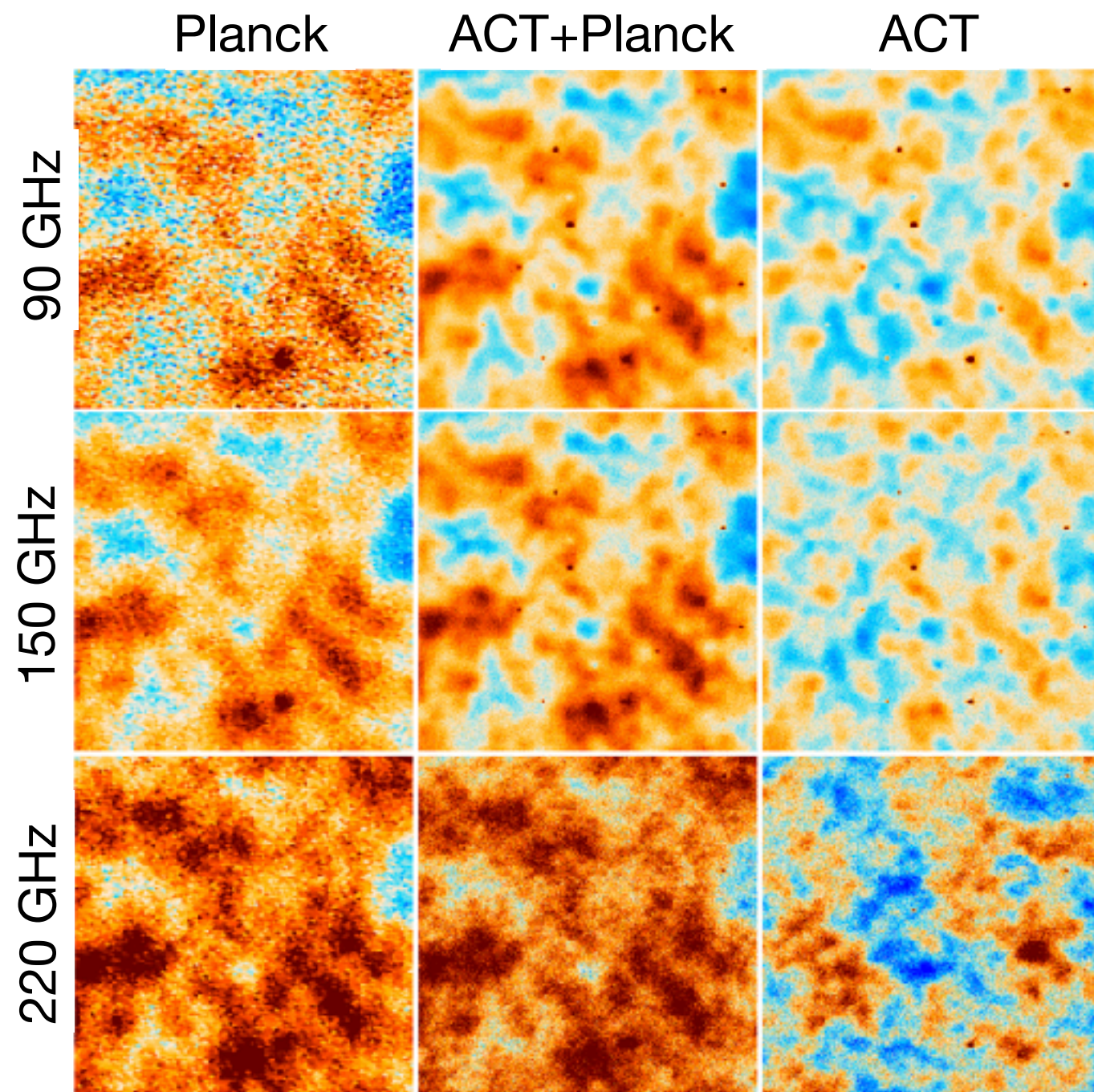
Single-field slow-roll inflation models with monomial potentials* ruled out



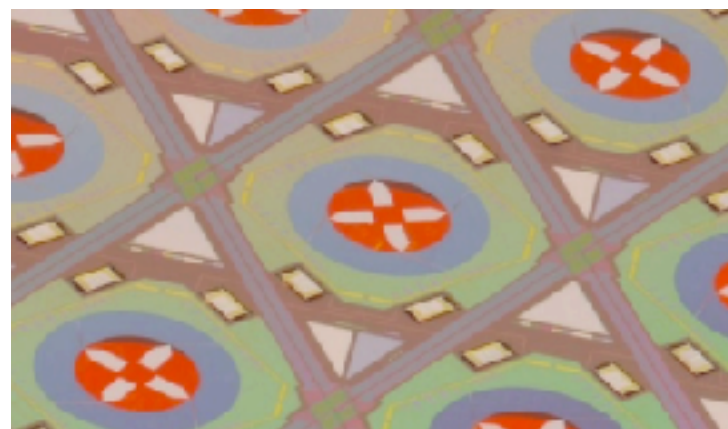
*= with canonical kinetic terms

Advanced Atacama Cosmology Telescope (AdvACT)

Wide-area, high-resolution survey ended 2023

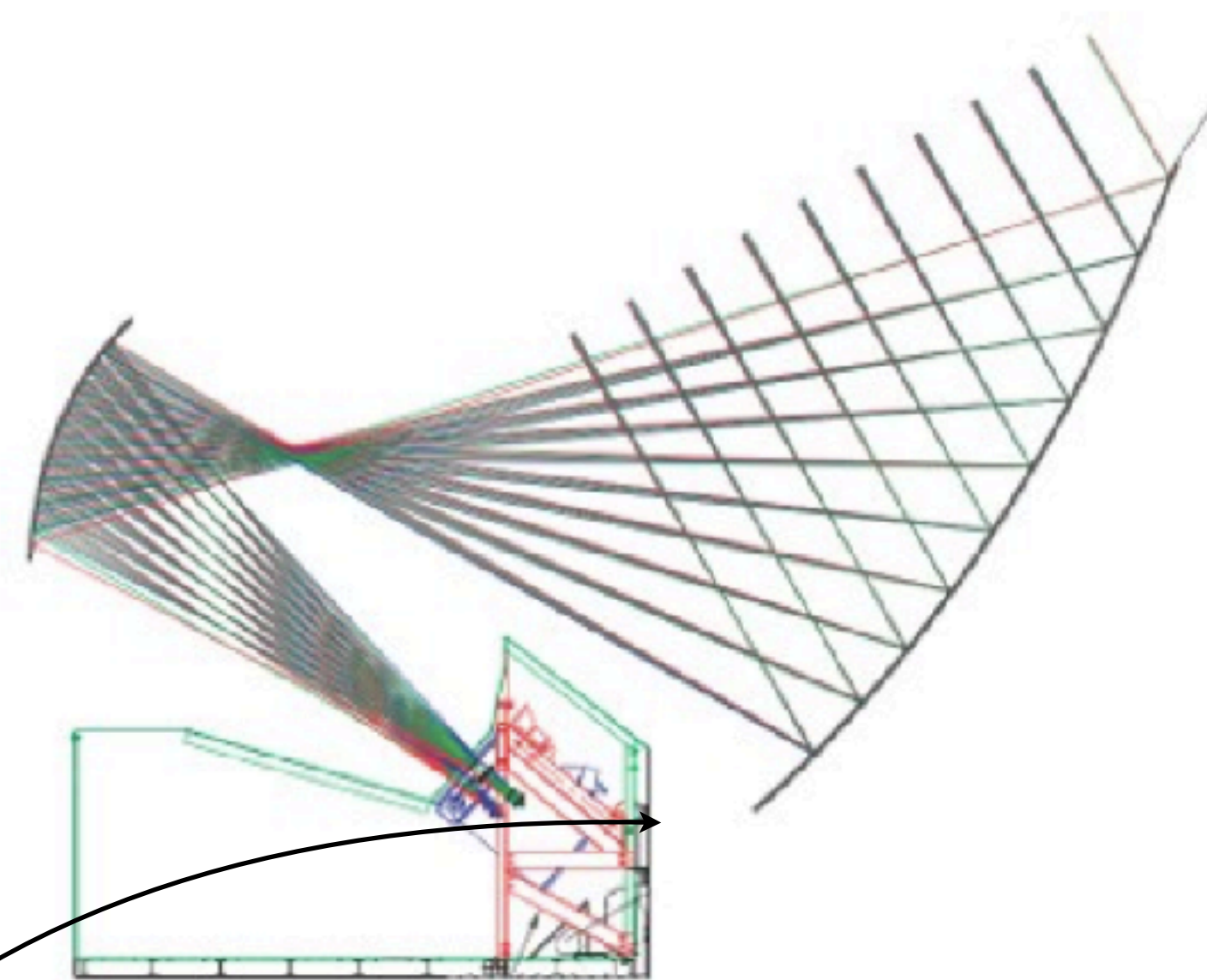
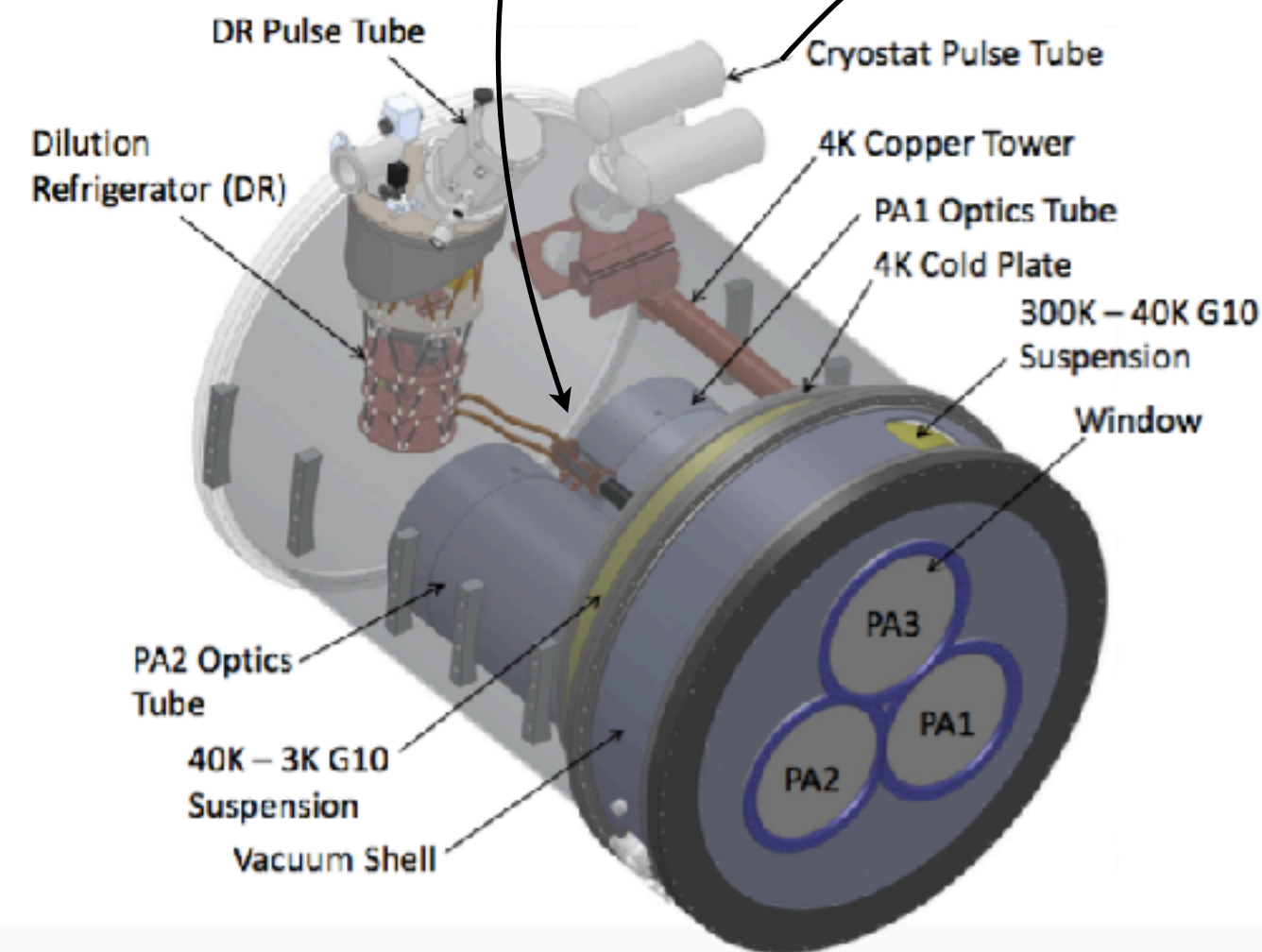
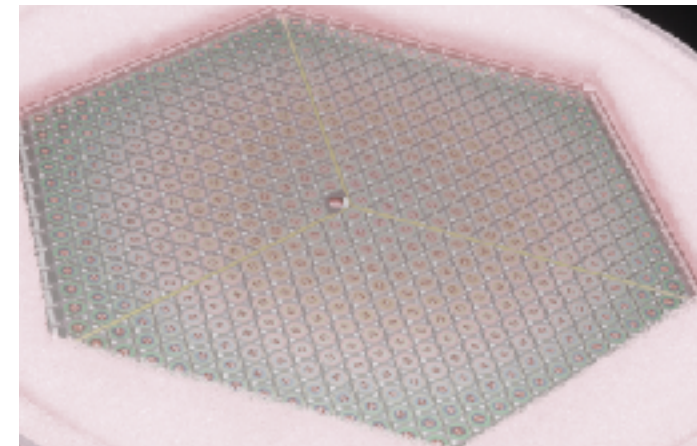


~3000 detectors



Material from Suzanne Staggs

Detector/
Bolometer Arrays



6 m off-axis
telescope (arcminute
resolution)



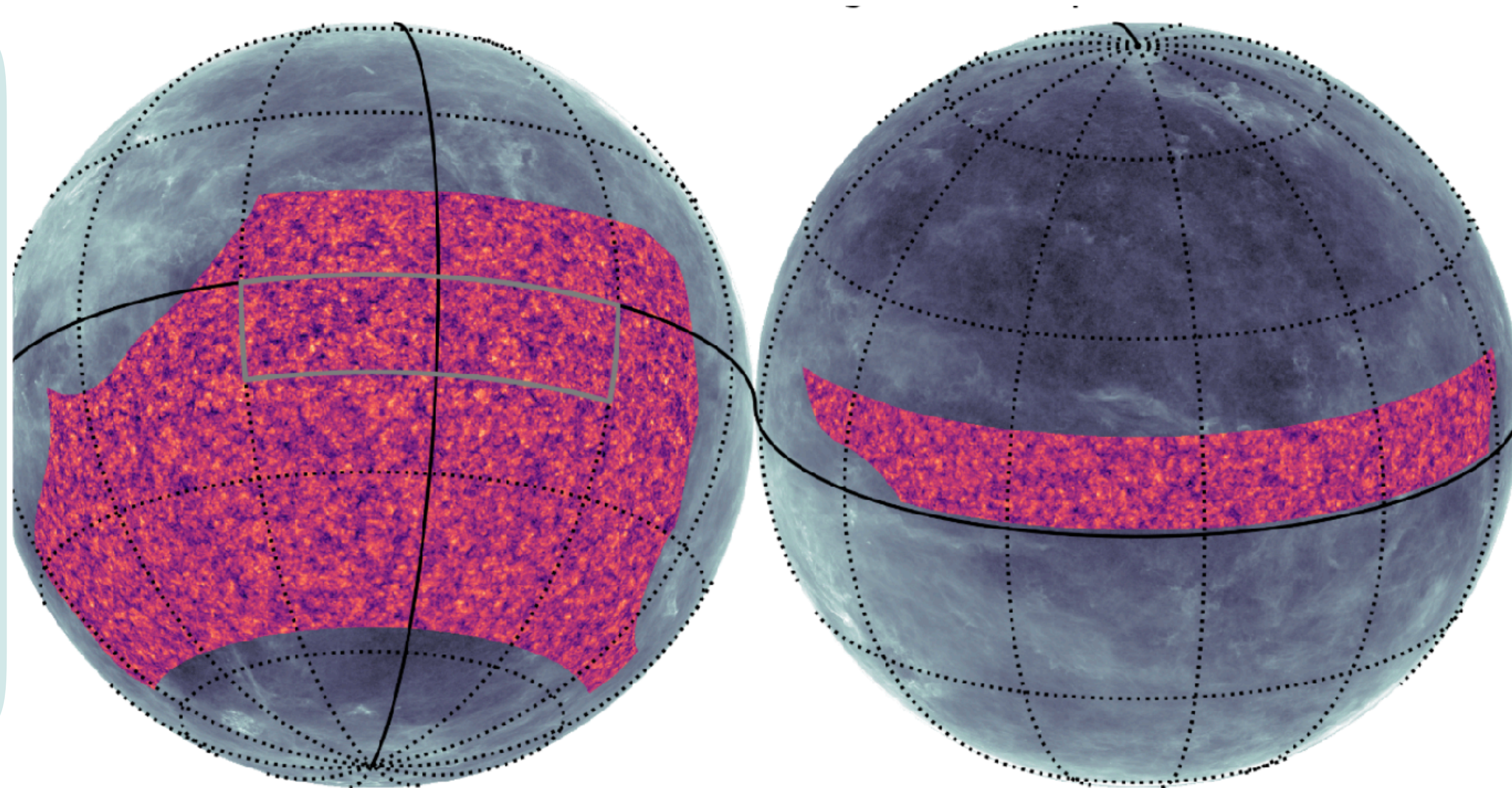
ACT DR6 high-fidelity lensing maps

Gravitational Lensing

Convergence

$\kappa \propto$ mass density

- 2017-2021 Advanced ACT DR6 observations
- Covers 9400 sq deg, ~25% of the sky
- Detection at 43σ
- 2x SNR per mode compared with *Planck*



Signal-dominated mass map covering a quarter of the sky

Constraining neutrino mass sum

- We combine with CMB anisotropies which predict low-redshift clustering amplitude
- Translate observed low-redshift clustering amplitude to suppression caused by massive neutrinos

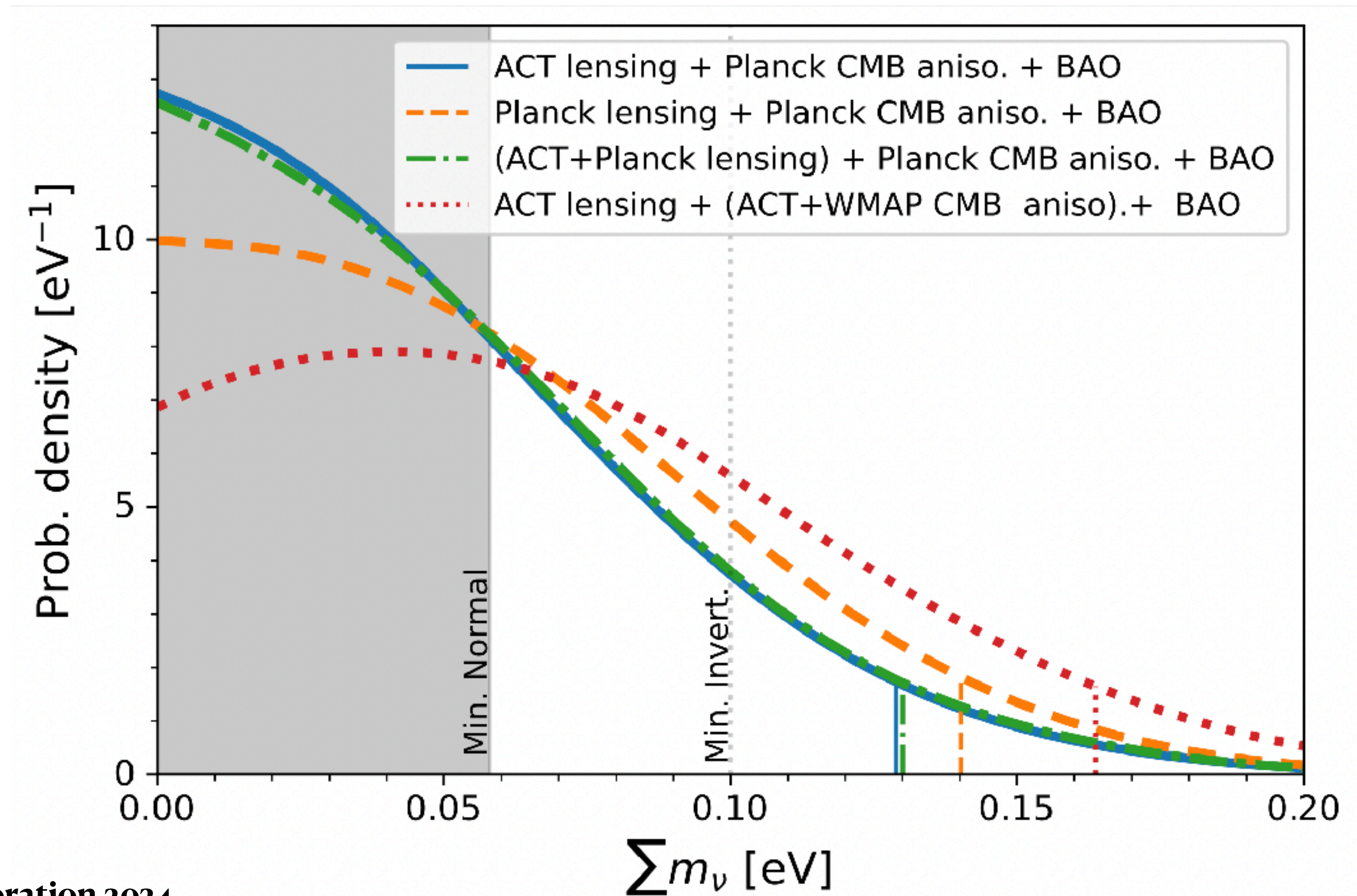
- **$m < 0.13$ eV 95% c.l.** with BOSS BAO

Compare to:

($m < 0.14$ eV; Planck lensing)

($m < 0.16$ eV; no lensing, only CMB+BAO)

- **$m < 0.072$ eV with DESI BAO** DESI Collaboration 2024



*Madhavacheril et al. (ACT Collaboration),
Arxiv:2304.05203*

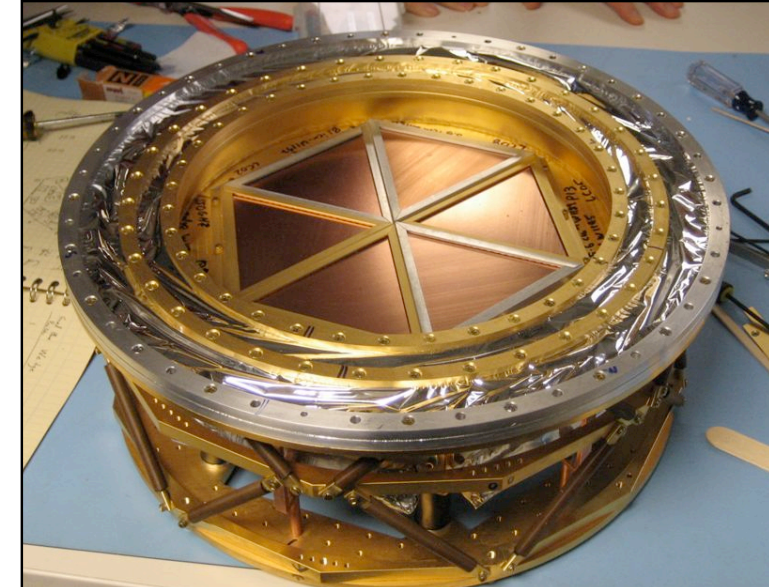
See also *Shao et al 2409.02295* and *Farren, Krolewski, Qu, Ferraro et al 2409.02109* for more recent neutrino mass constraints

South Pole Telescope

Wide-area, high-resolution survey

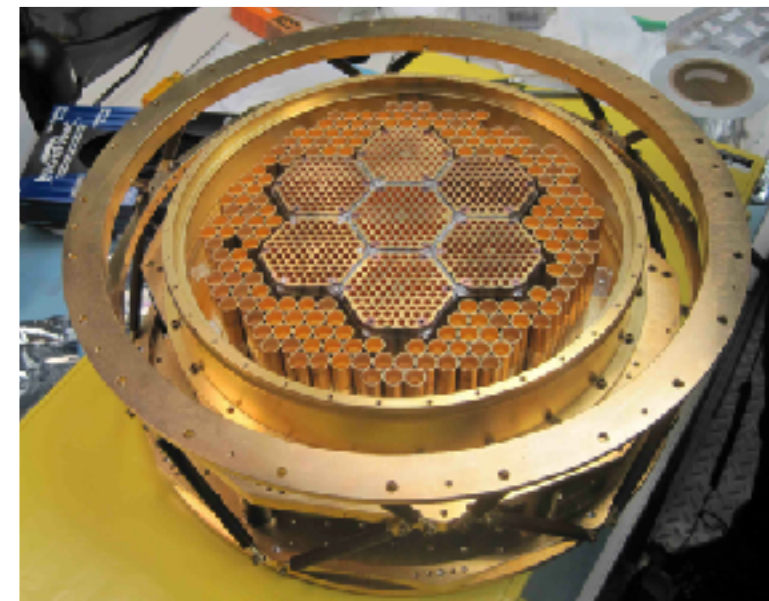
2007-11: SPT-SZ

960 detectors
95,150,220 GHz



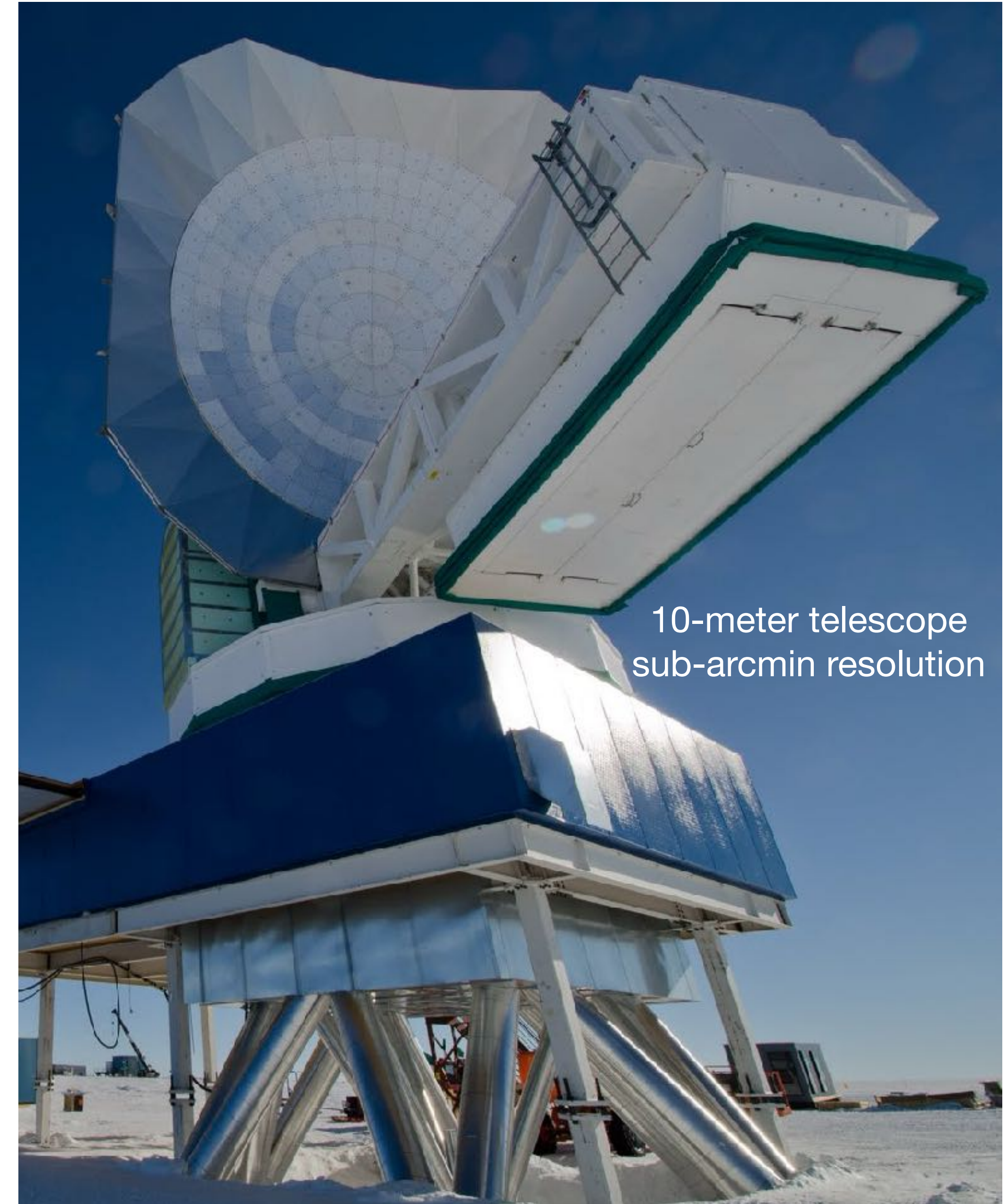
2012-16: SPTpol

1600 detectors
95,150 GHz
+polarization



2018-now: SPT-3G

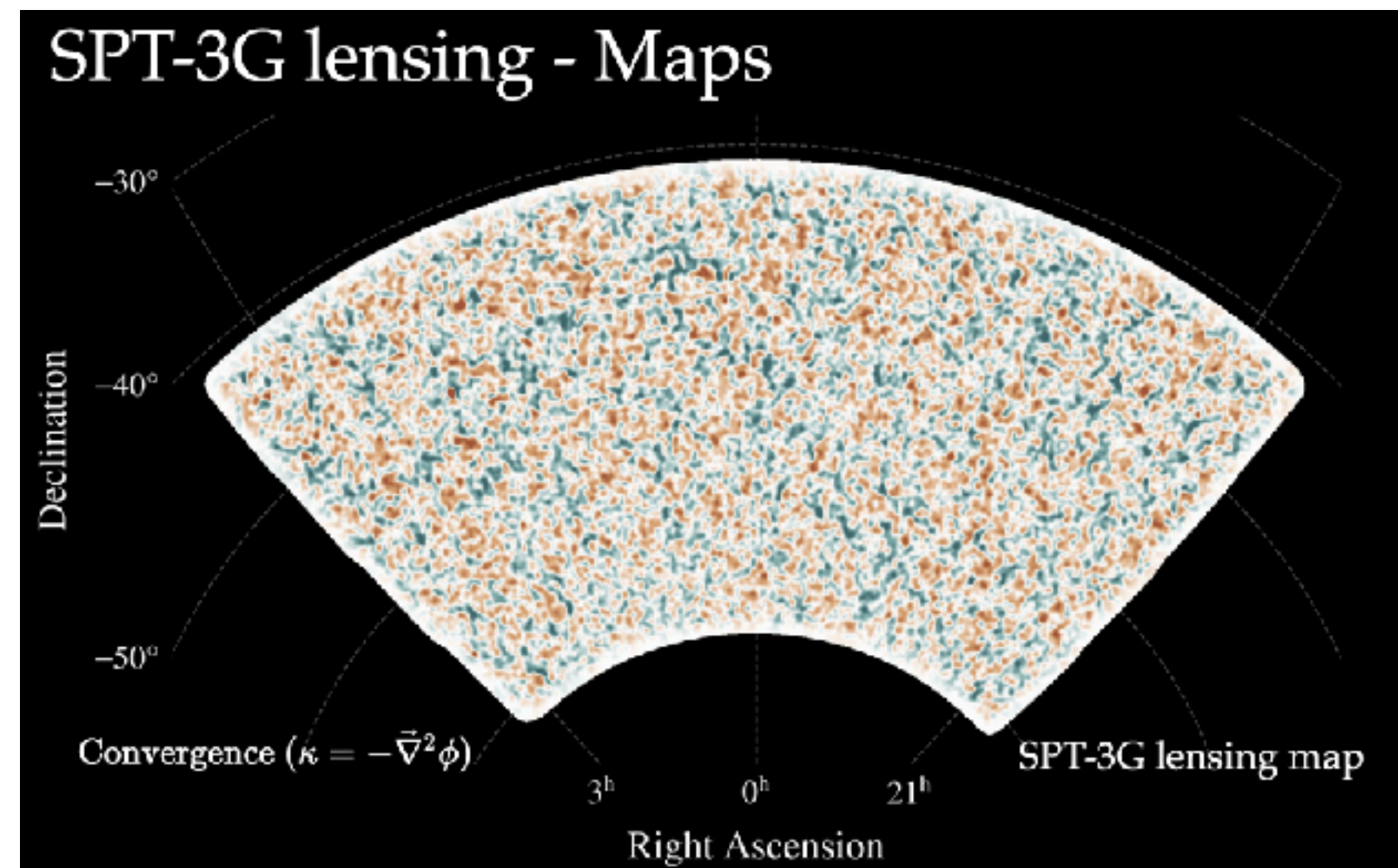
~16,200 detectors
95,150, 220 GHz
+polarization



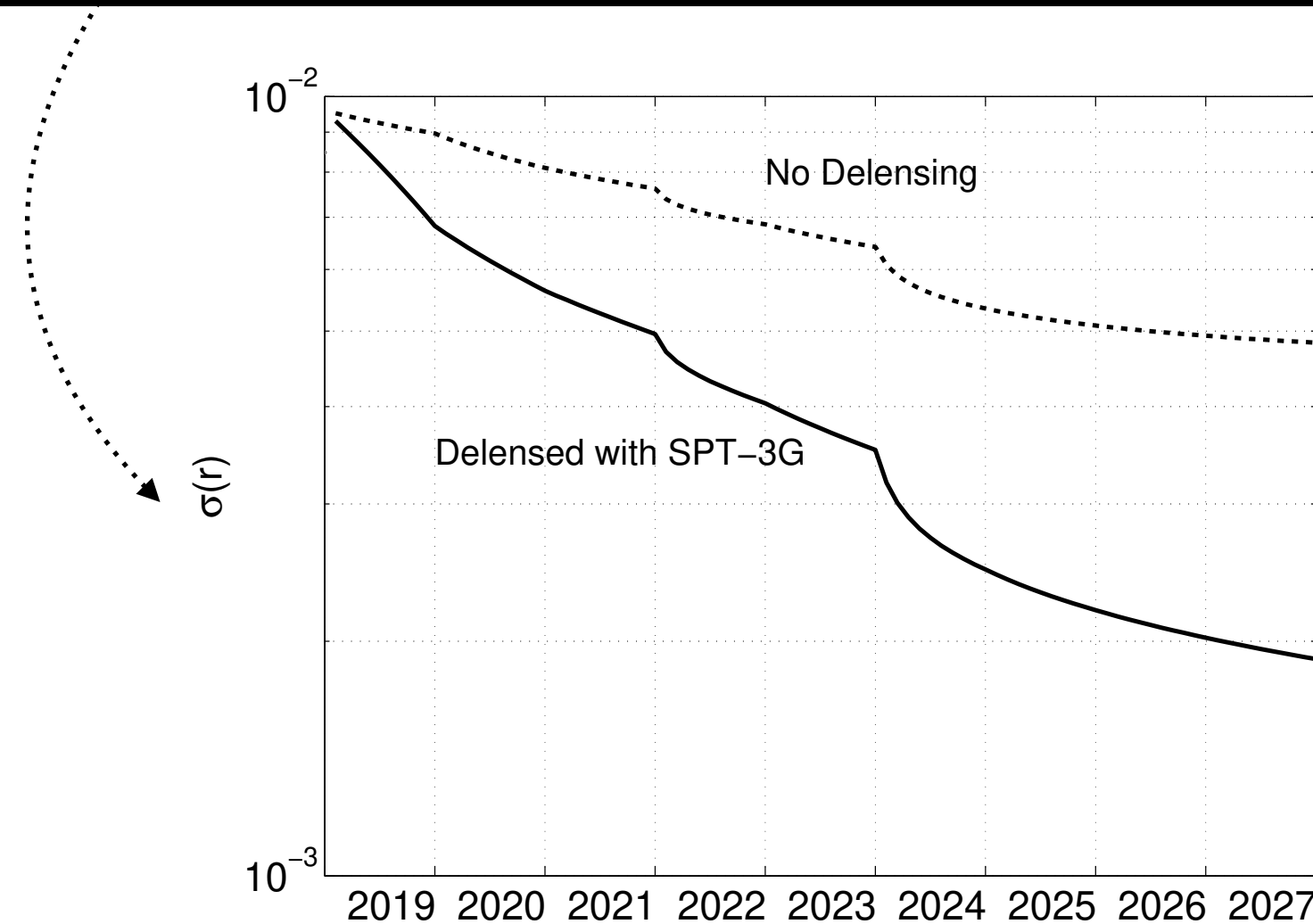
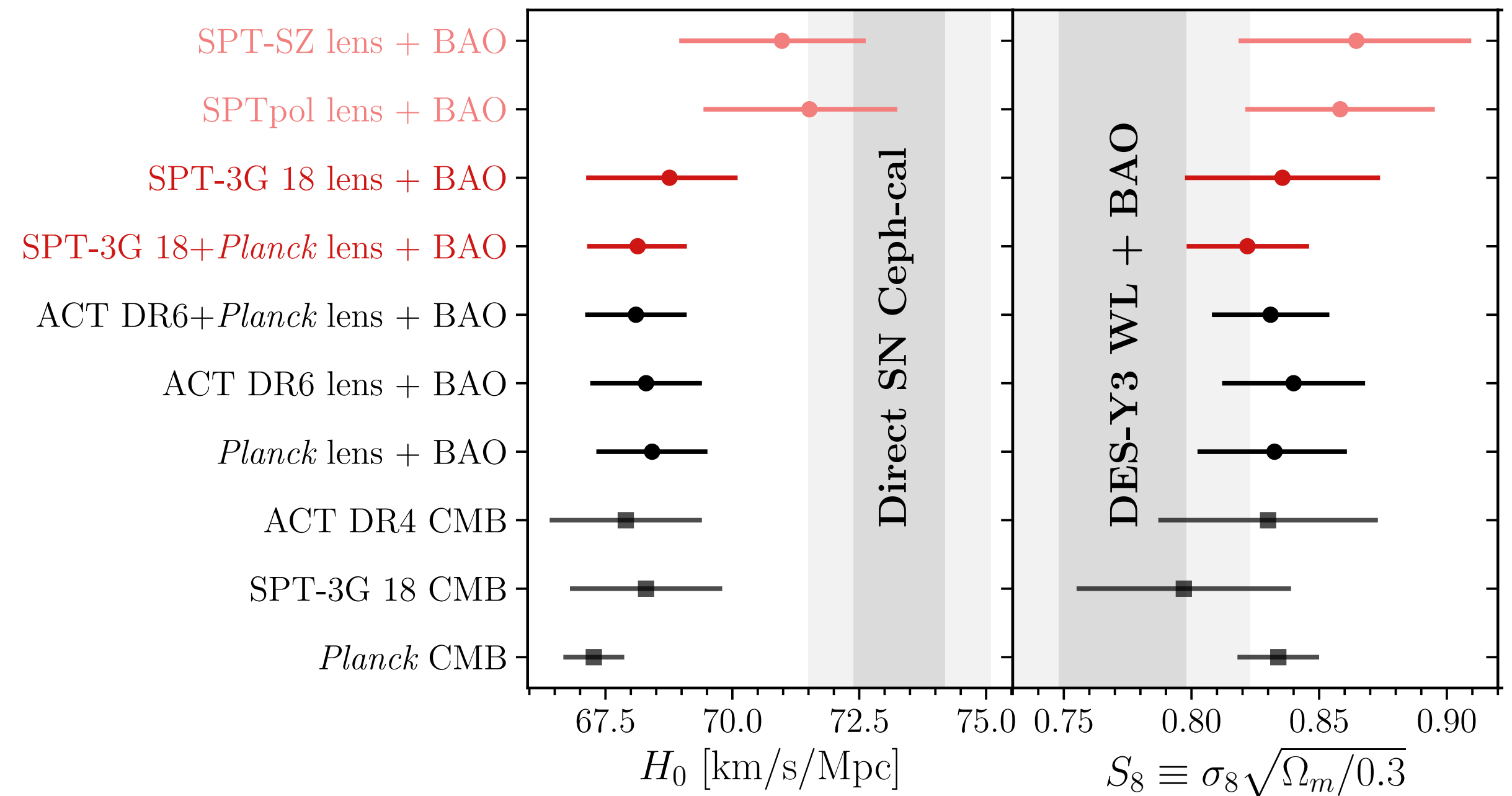
10-meter telescope
sub-arcmin resolution

South Pole Telescope

Delensing and cosmology from ~few months of 2018 data



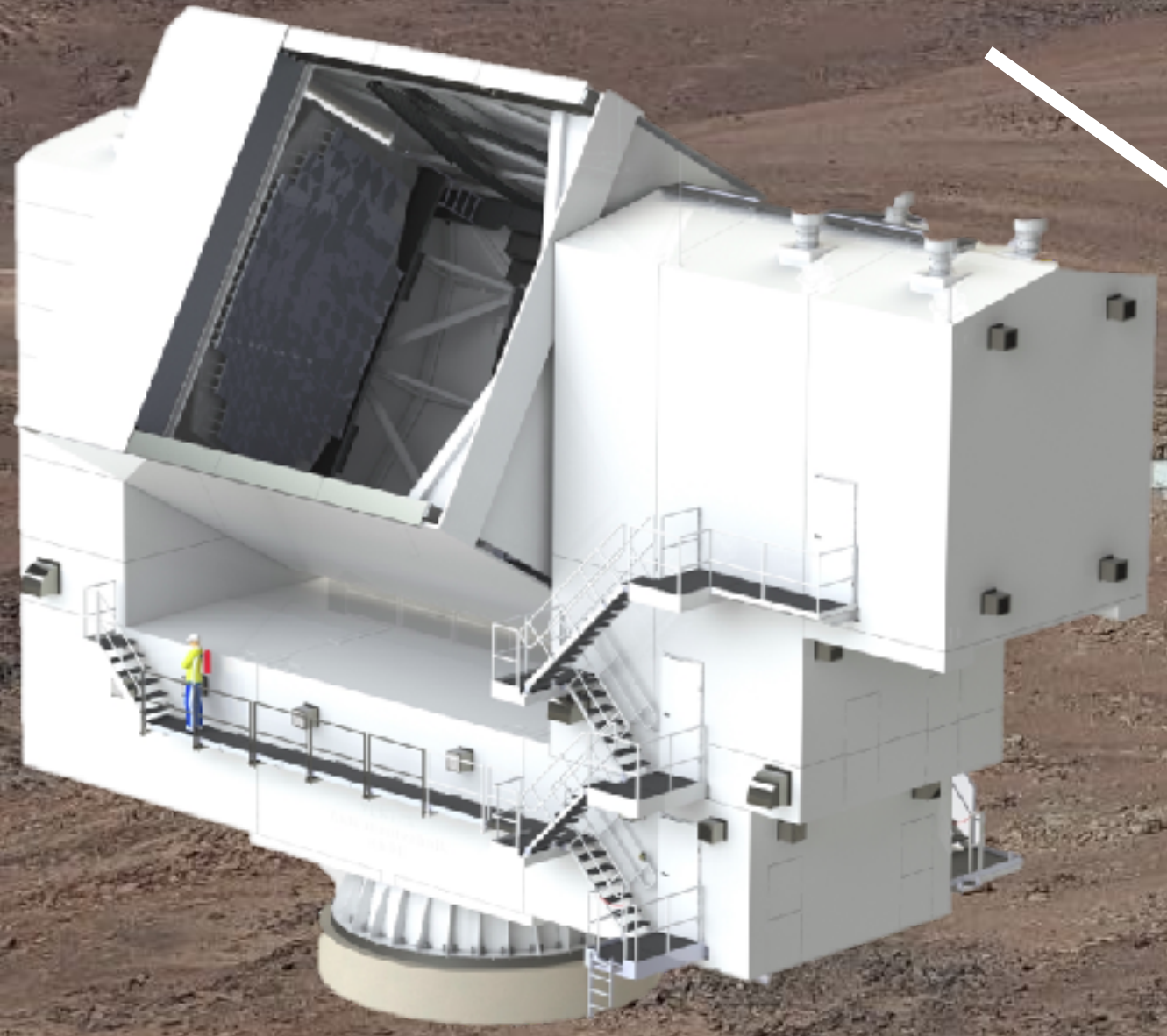
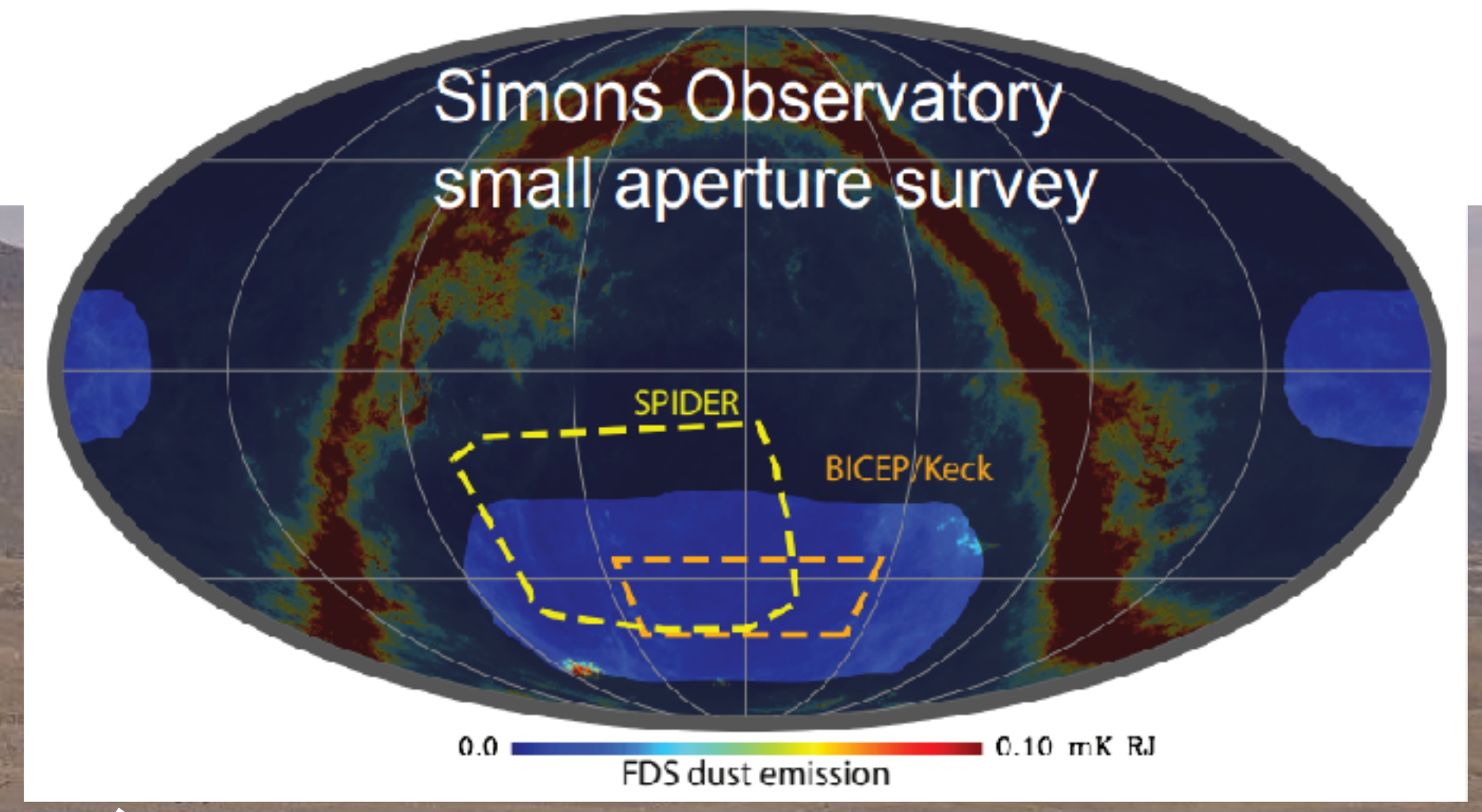
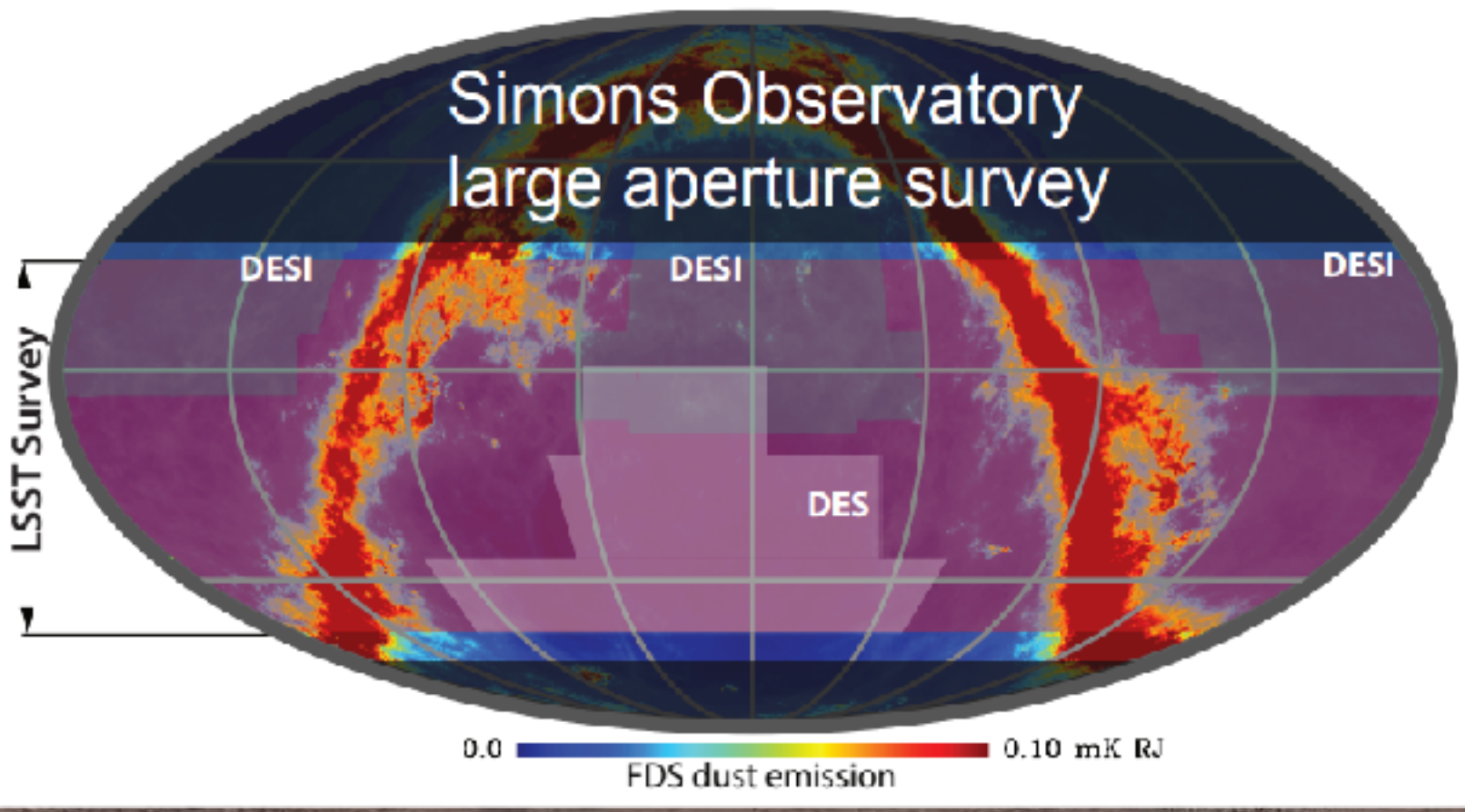
Pan et al (SPT Collaboration) 2308.11608



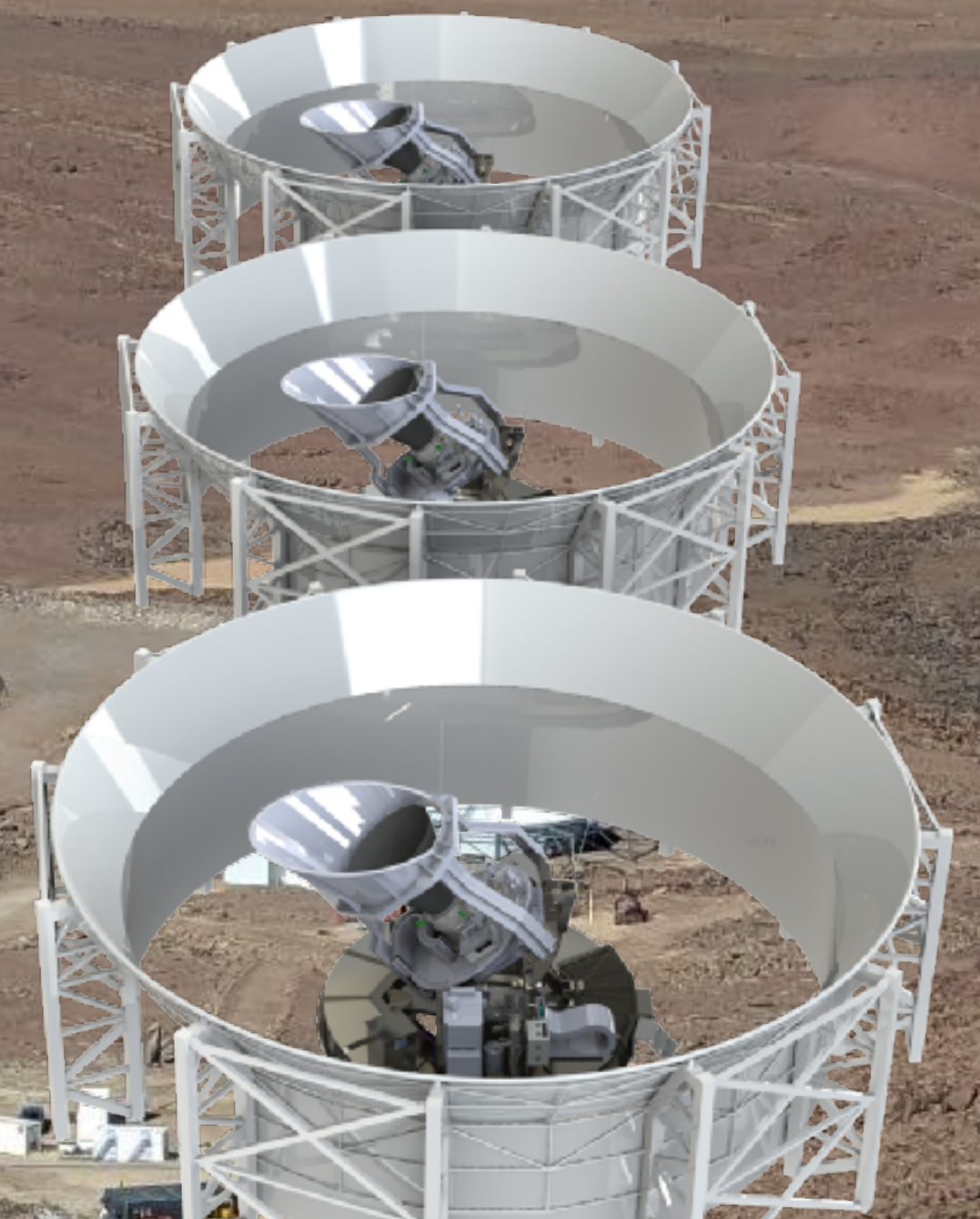
- H_0 and S_8 consistent with the cosmology inferred from Planck primary CMB measurements
- $\sigma(H_0) \sim 1.5$ km/s/Mpc when combined with BAO (2% measurement!)
- Good consistency with Λ CDM (deviations $< 1\sigma$)

Substantially improved results in ~few weeks

The Simons Observatory (2024+)



Simons Observatory

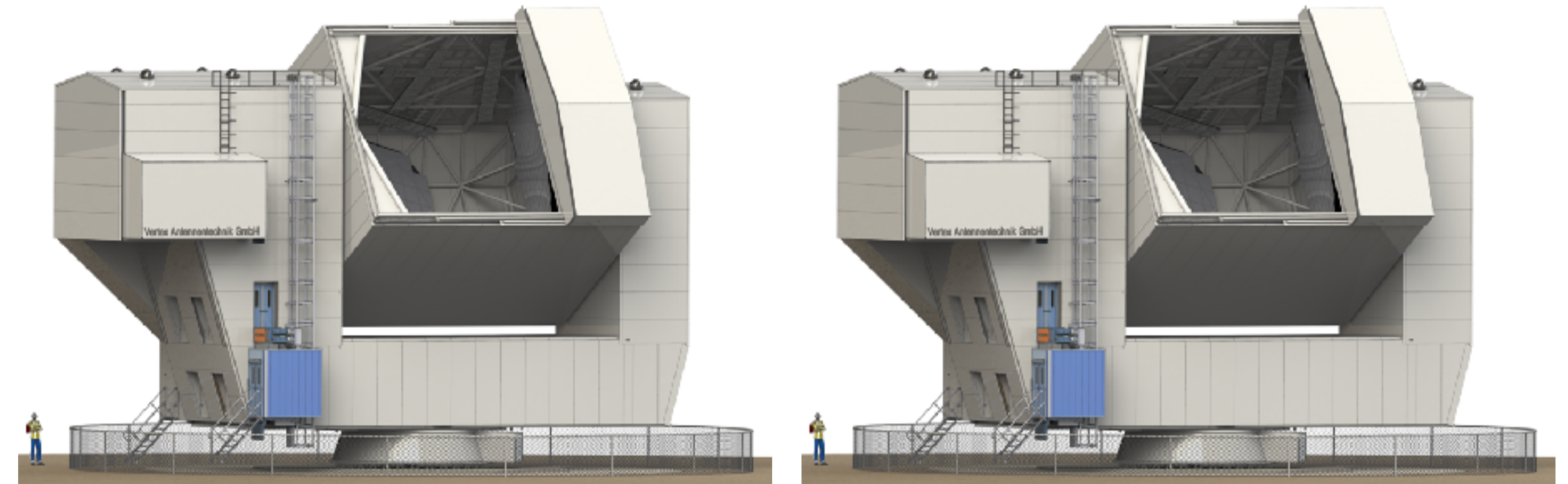
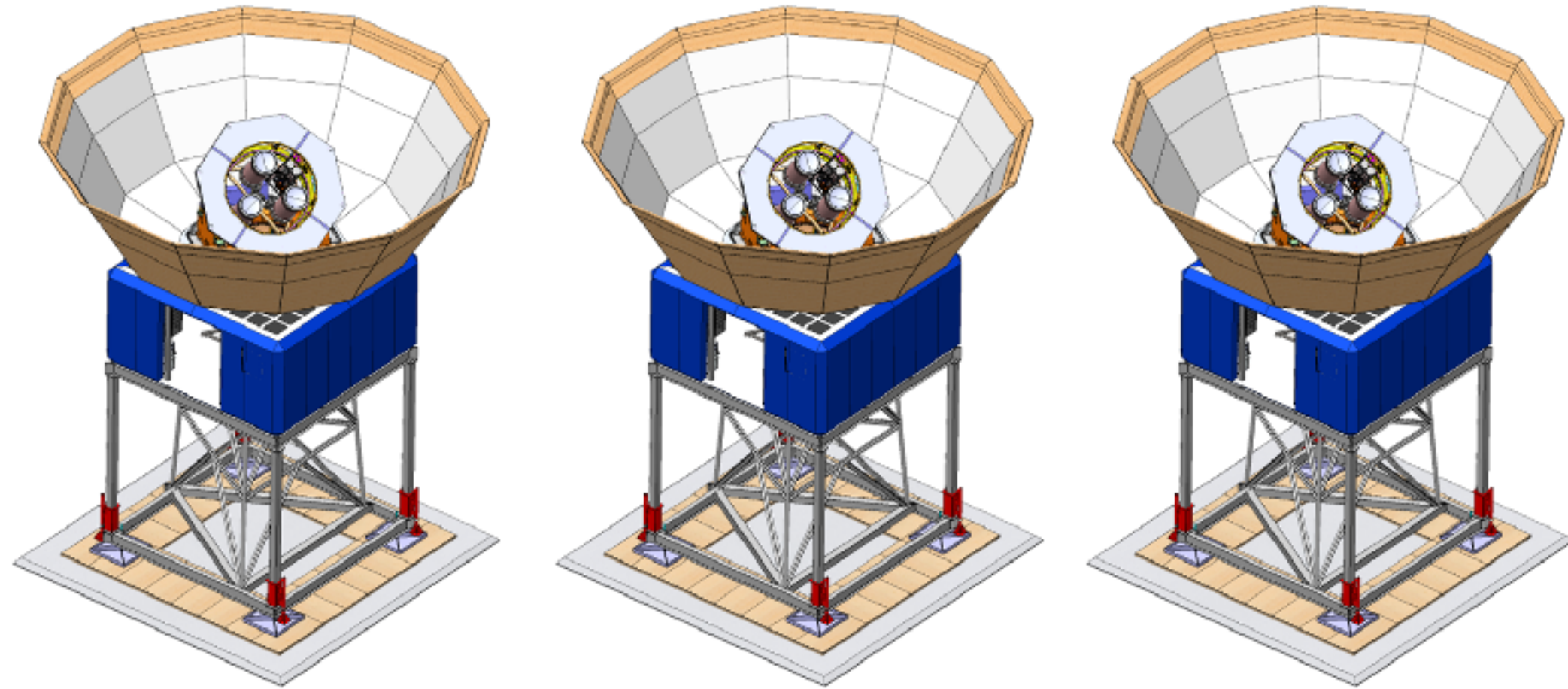


6 meter cross-dragone
 → map 50% of sky
30,000 detectors

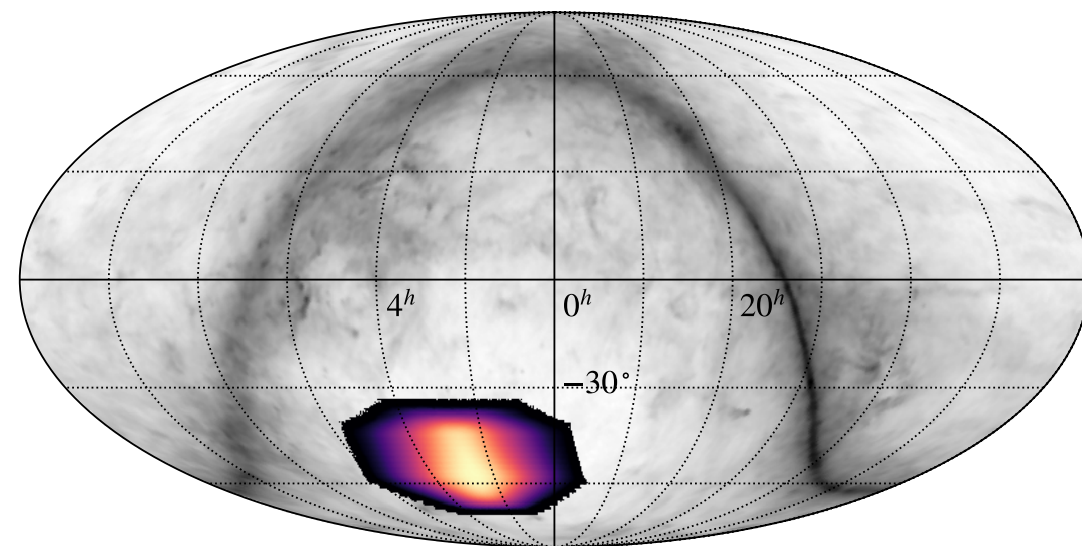
Six Optical Bands
 LF: 30/40 GHz
 MF: 90/150 GHz
 UHF: 220/280 GHz

3 SATs → map 15% of sky
 0.5 meter apertures
30,000 detectors

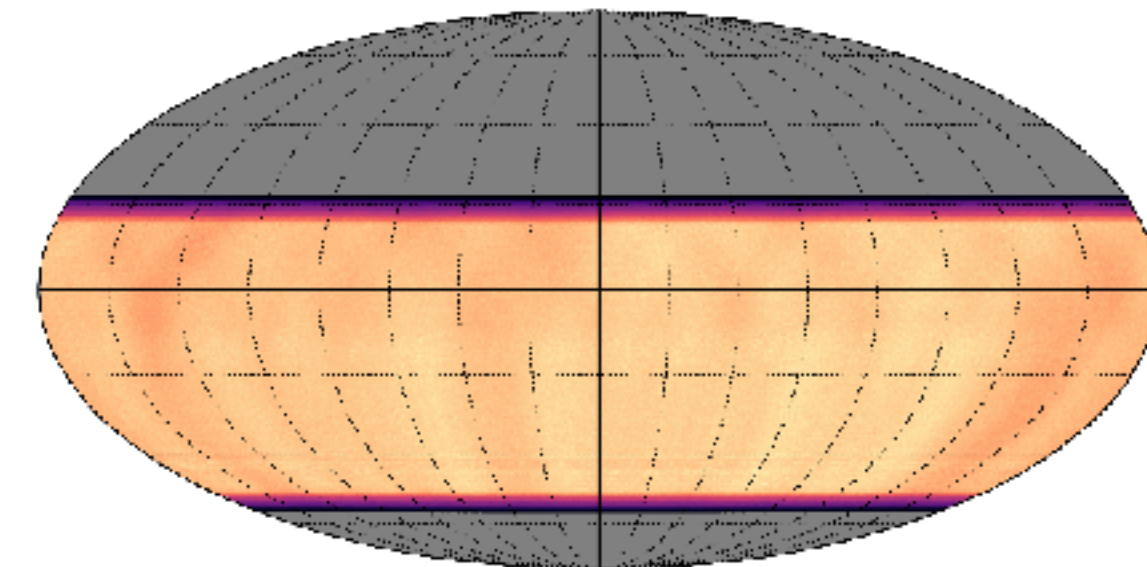
The ultimate ground-based CMB survey experiment (2034+)



~500,000 detectors



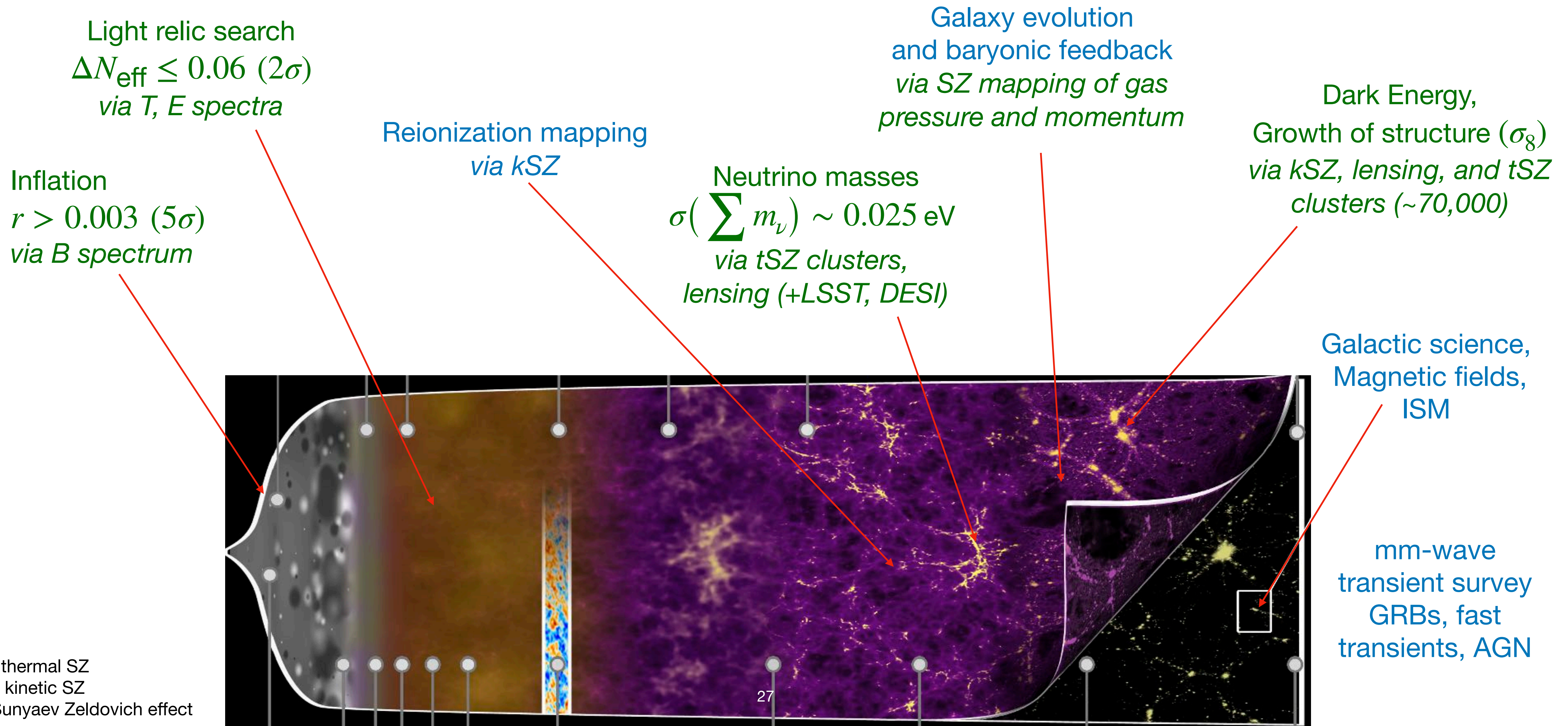
Target ~3% of the cleanest sky for deep integration with ~10-20x 0.5-m small-aperture telescopes to target inflation



Target ~60% sky, from the Atacama, for wide area survey with ~3-5 high-resolution telescopes to target large-scale structure, particle physics, CMB lensing

The CMB science of the 2020s and 30's

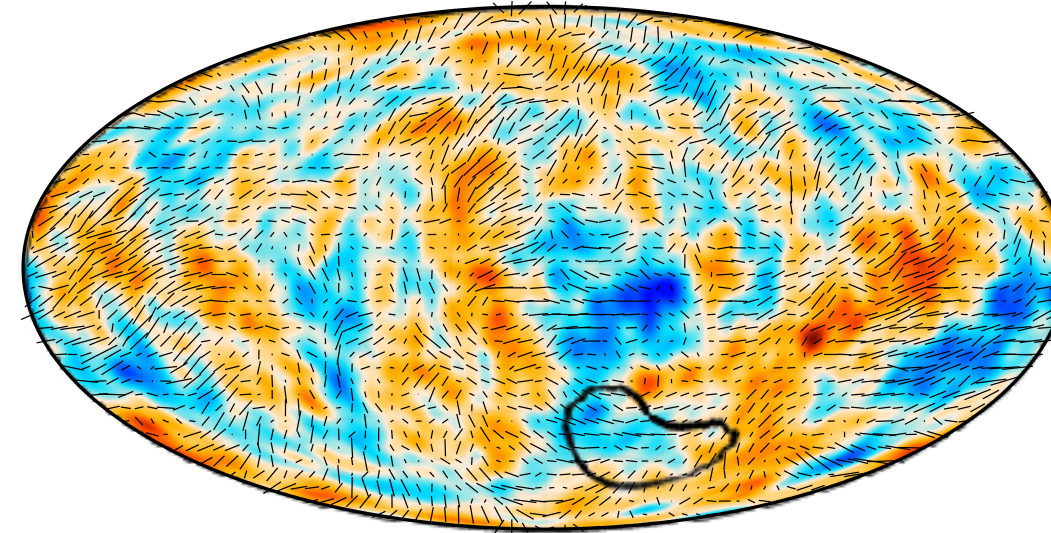
Broad appeal to the **HEP** and **astronomy** communities



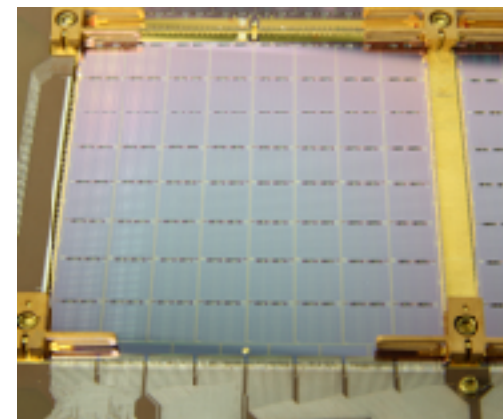
Summary

- The Cosmic Microwave Background provides an early universe view of cosmology and particle physics. It also provides a backlight to cosmic structure which probes intermediate redshifts and provides more modes to constrain parameters.
- The tightest constraints on tensor-to-scalar ratio come from BICEP. Parameter space exploration will continue with BICEP and upcoming inflation experiments.
- The CMB contains information about light relics, neutrino mass and cosmological parameters. CMB weak lensing is starting to offer a new probe for many of these measurements. ACT and SPT are producing new parameter constraints with CMB lensing.
- Exciting results to come over the next decade from BICEP, SPT and Simons Observatory.
- Subsequently, CMB-S4 will provide a substantial leap in sensitivity.

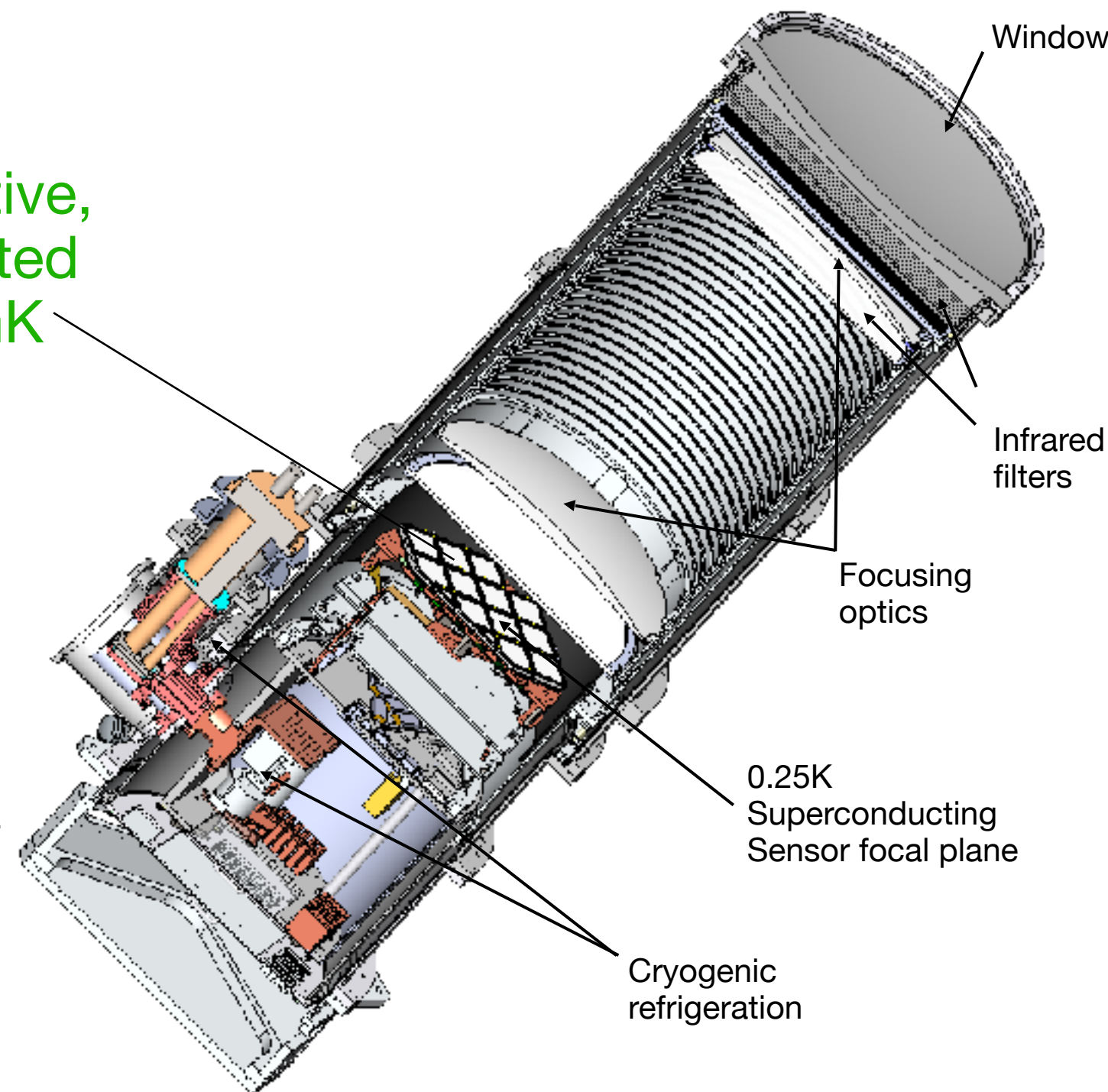
BICEP program designed to maximize **sensitivity**



Integrate deeply on a small patch of sky

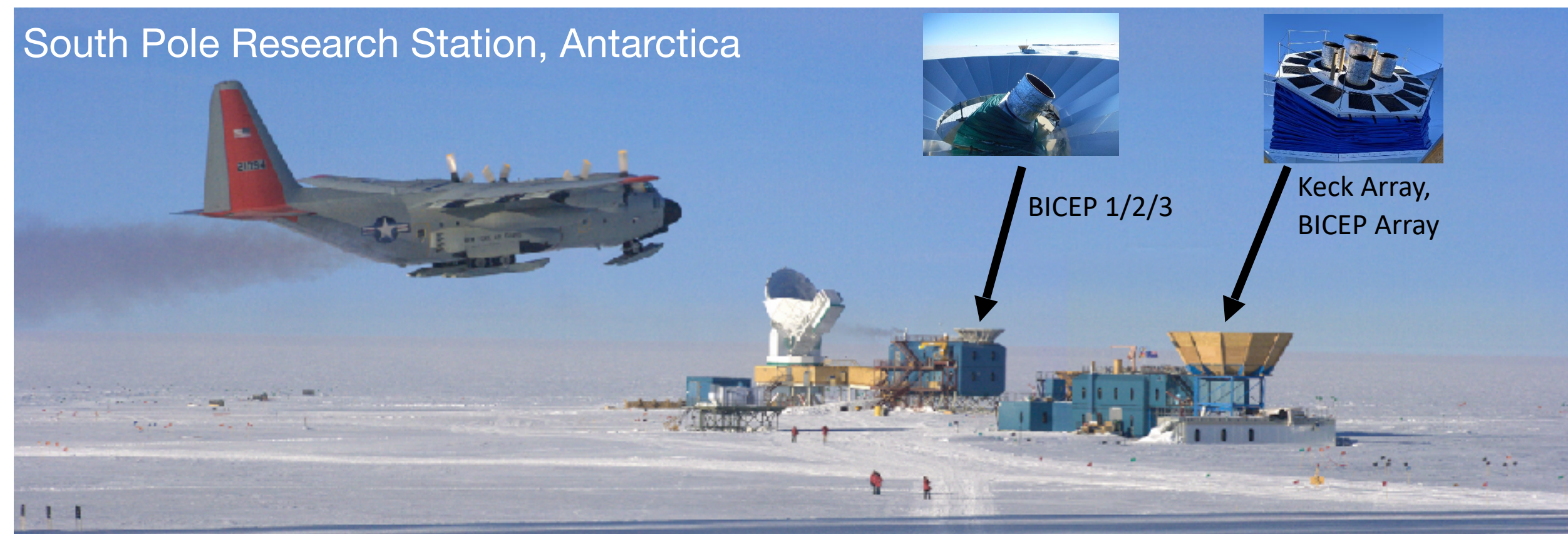


Polarization-sensitive, photon-noise-limited sensors at 100mK



The BICEP3 camera

Telescope inside cryostat to reduce instrument's own thermal noise



South Pole Research Station, Antarctica

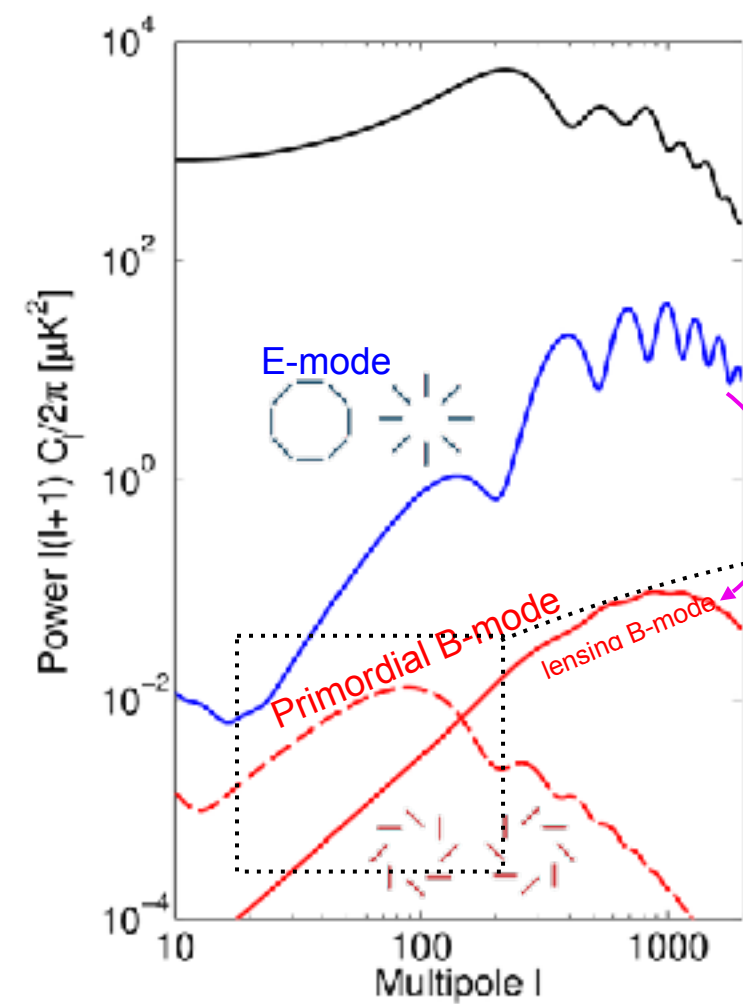
BICEP 1/2/3

Keck Array, BICEP Array

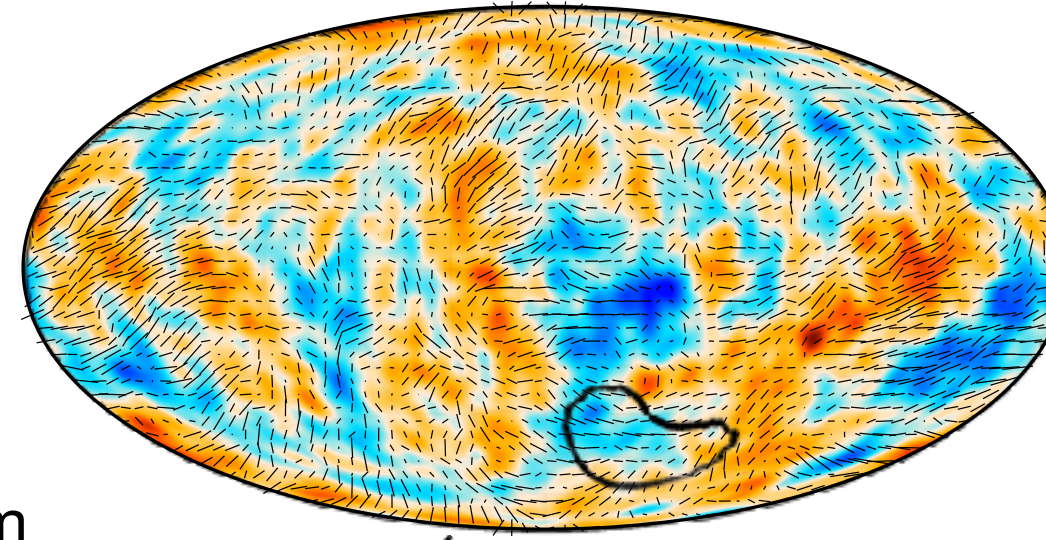
~10,000ft, ~0.25mm precipitable water vapor
High atmospheric transmission in mm-wave windows

6 months of cold, stable winter sky (no diurnal variation)
Long periods of uninterrupted integration

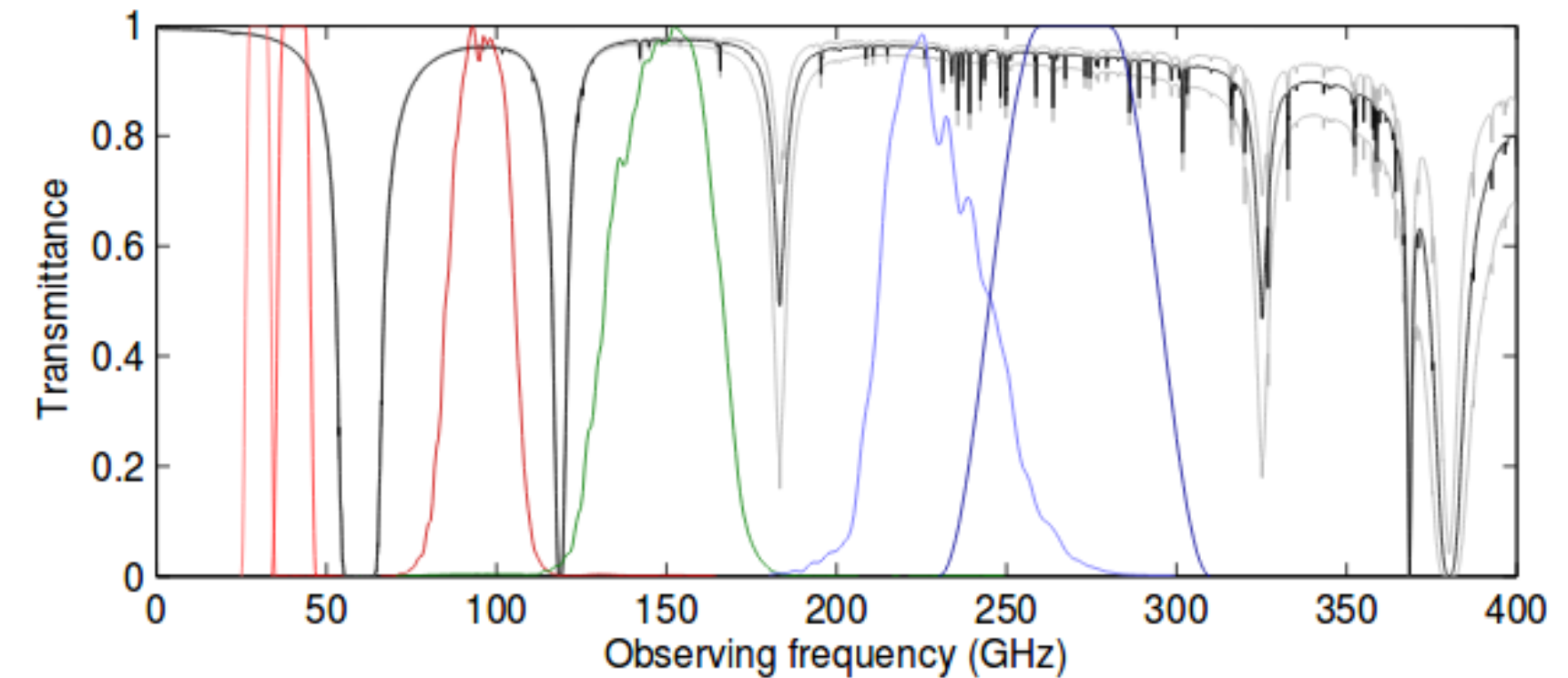
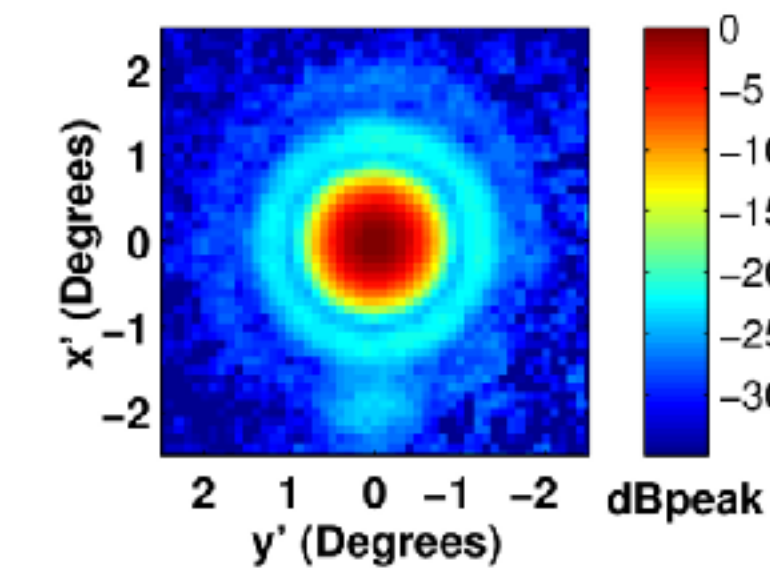
BICEP program designed to control **systematic effects**



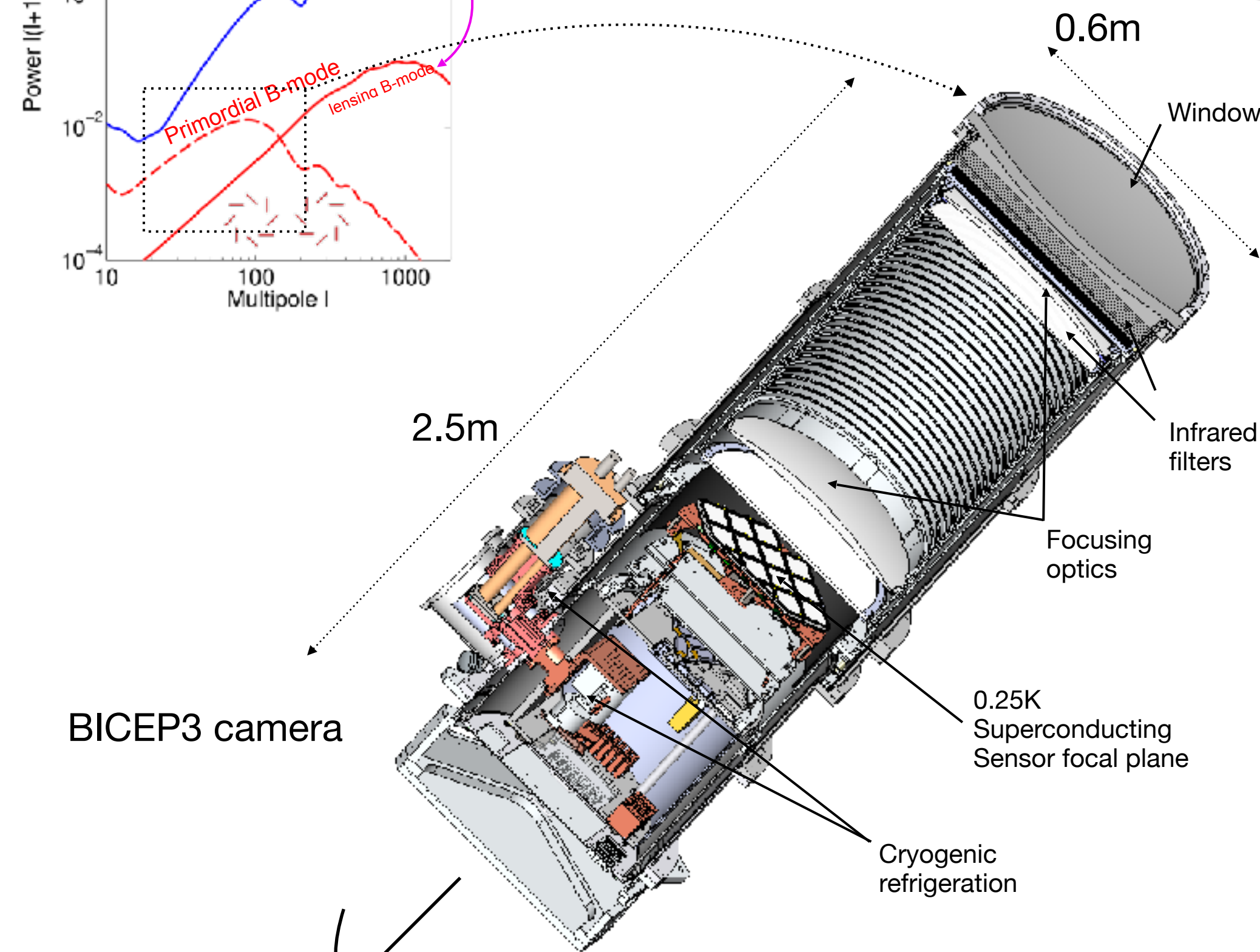
Only sufficient resolution for degree scale B-modes, so can make compact



Extensive characterization of instrument response (point spread function, spectral response etc.)



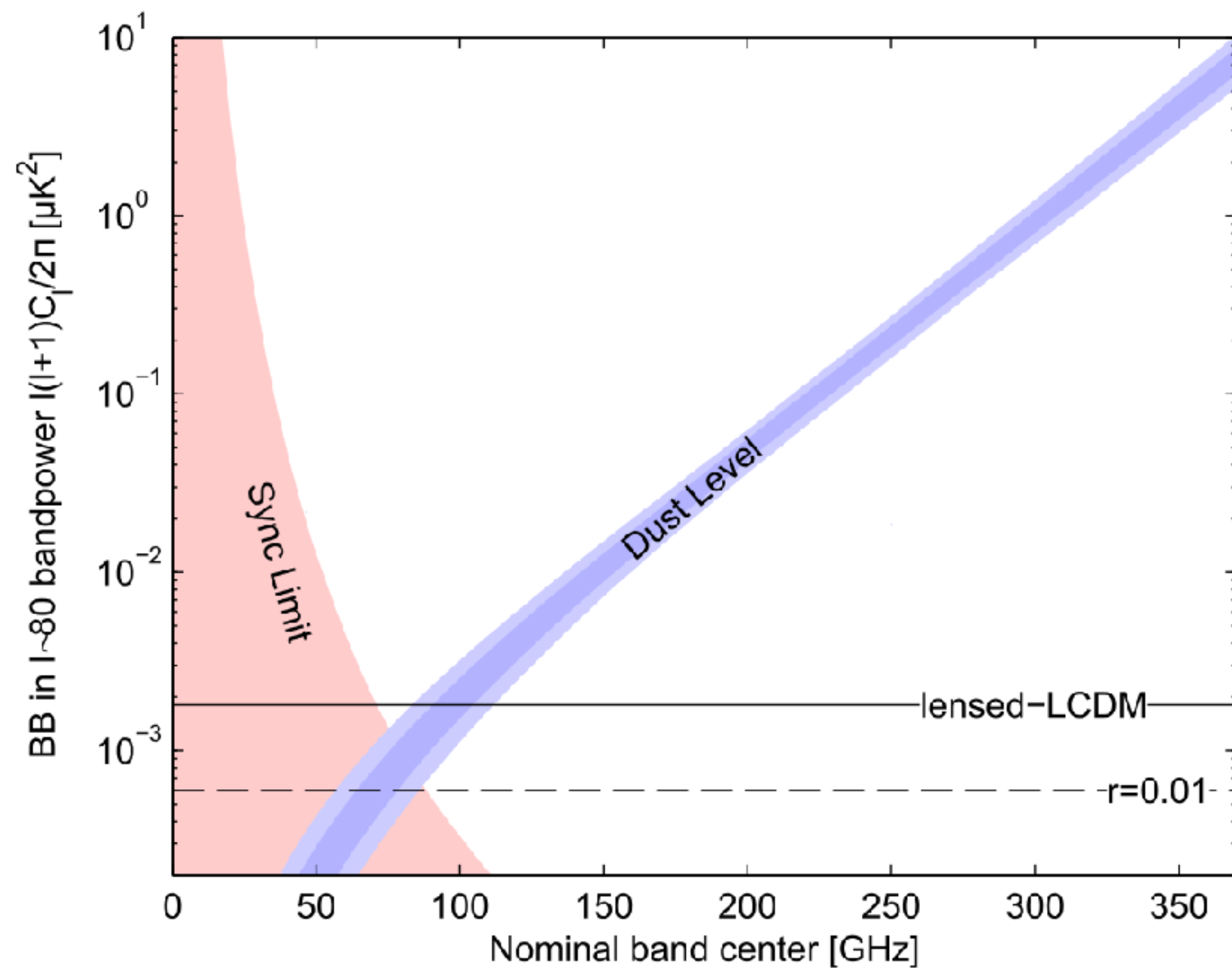
Observe in multiple frequencies (30, 40, 90, 150, 220, 270 GHz) to tease apart CMB from dust and synchrotron foregrounds



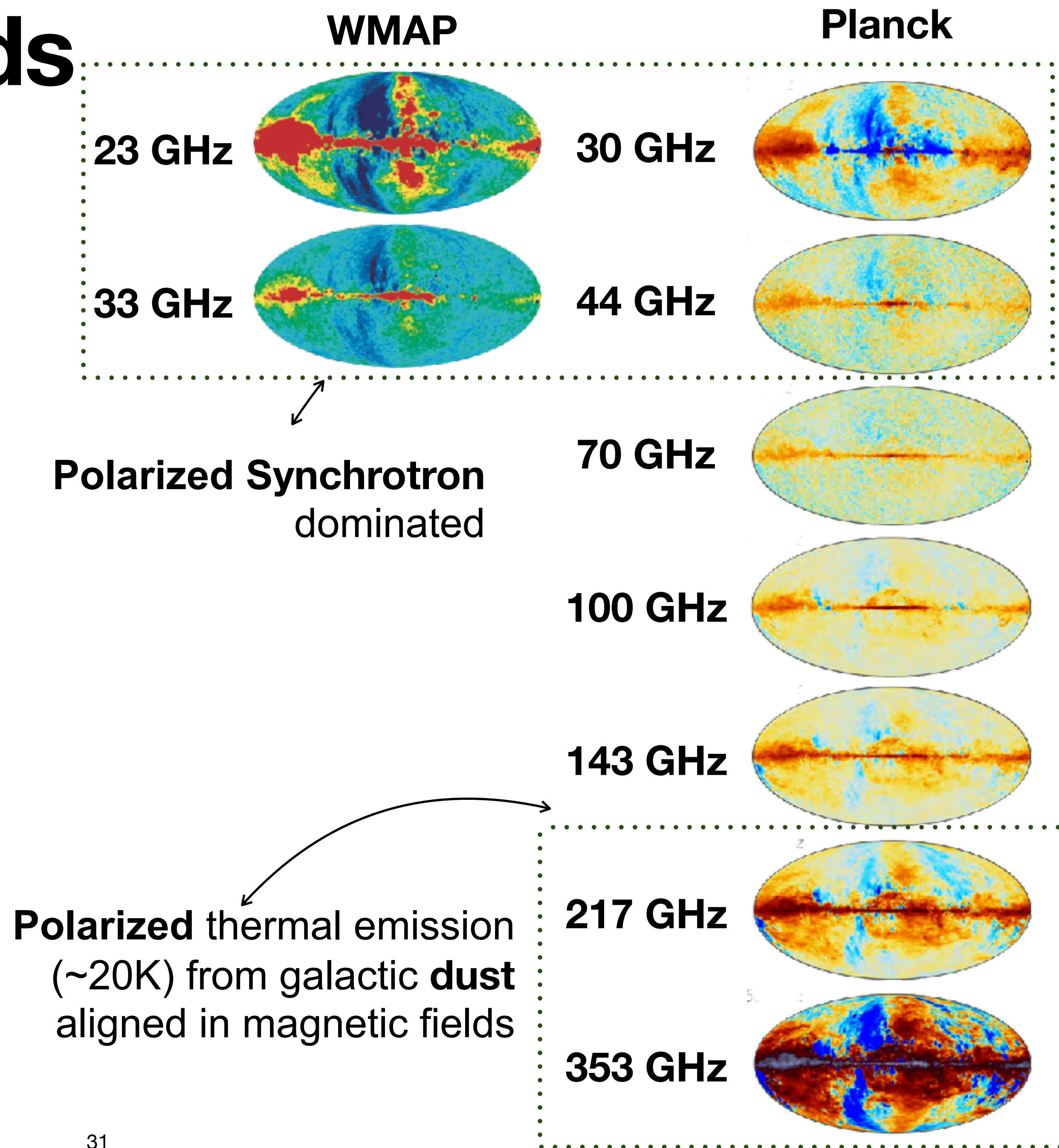
Boresight rotation to average down certain classes of systematics

Galactic Foregrounds

Different spectral behavior

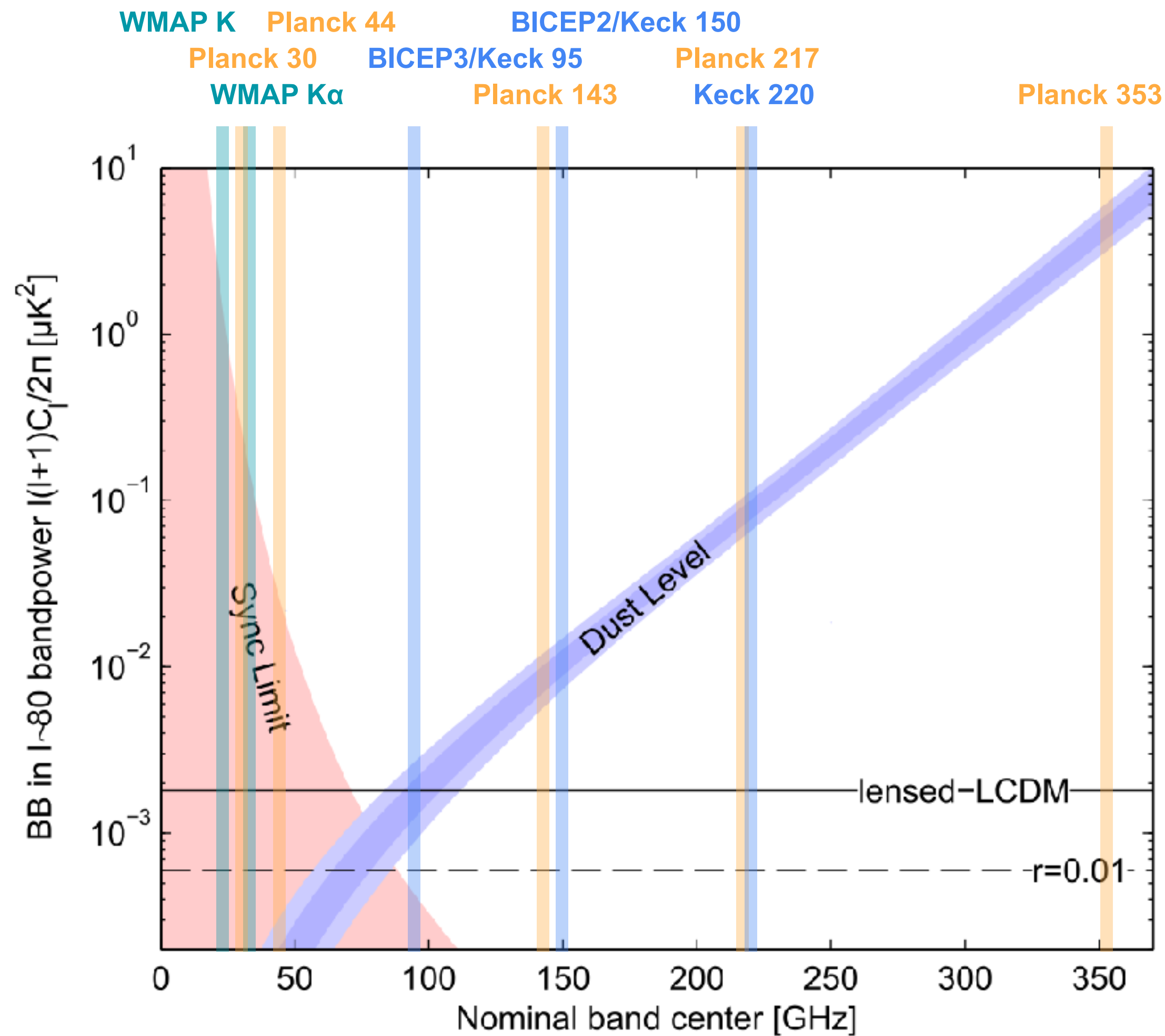


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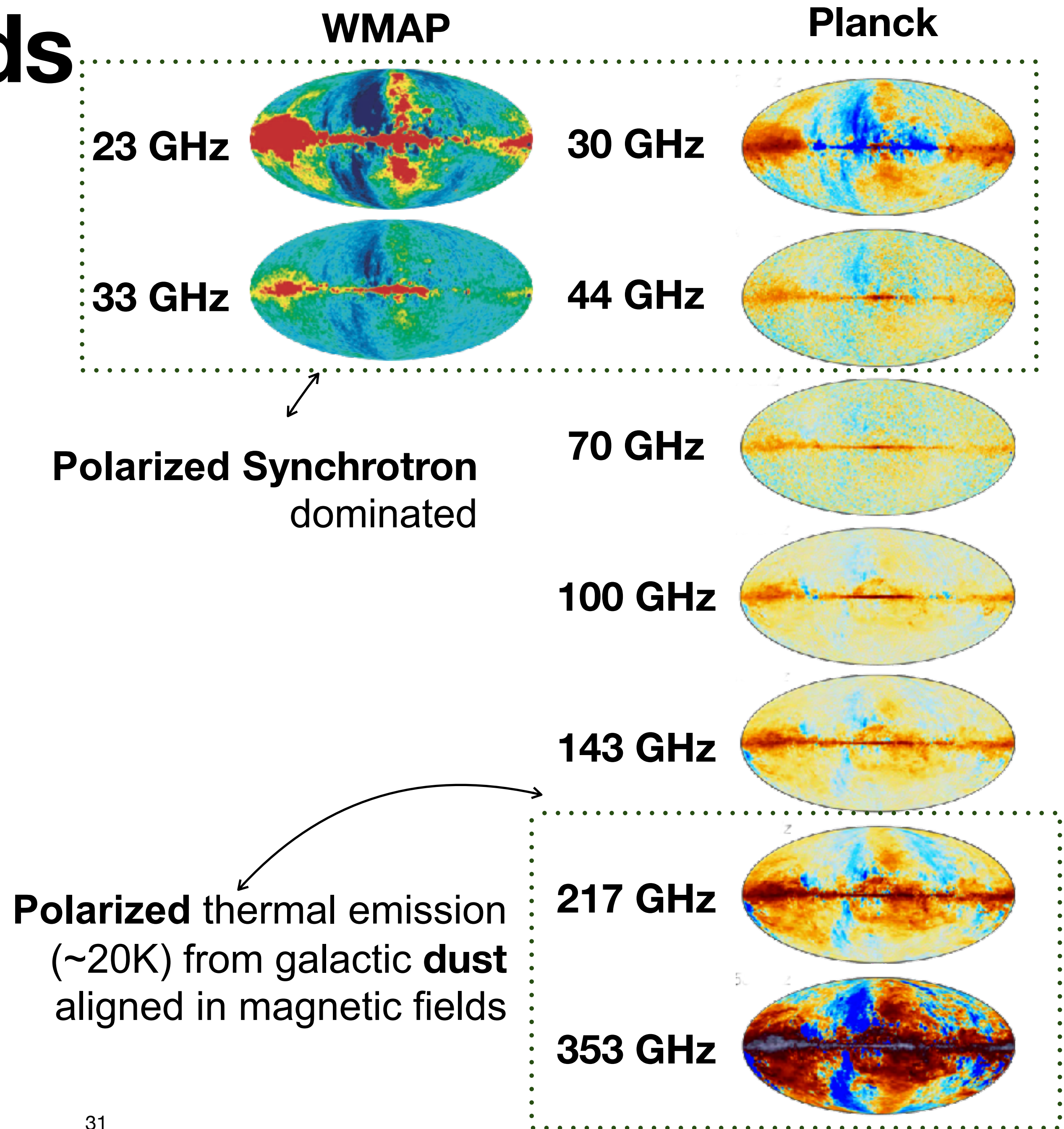


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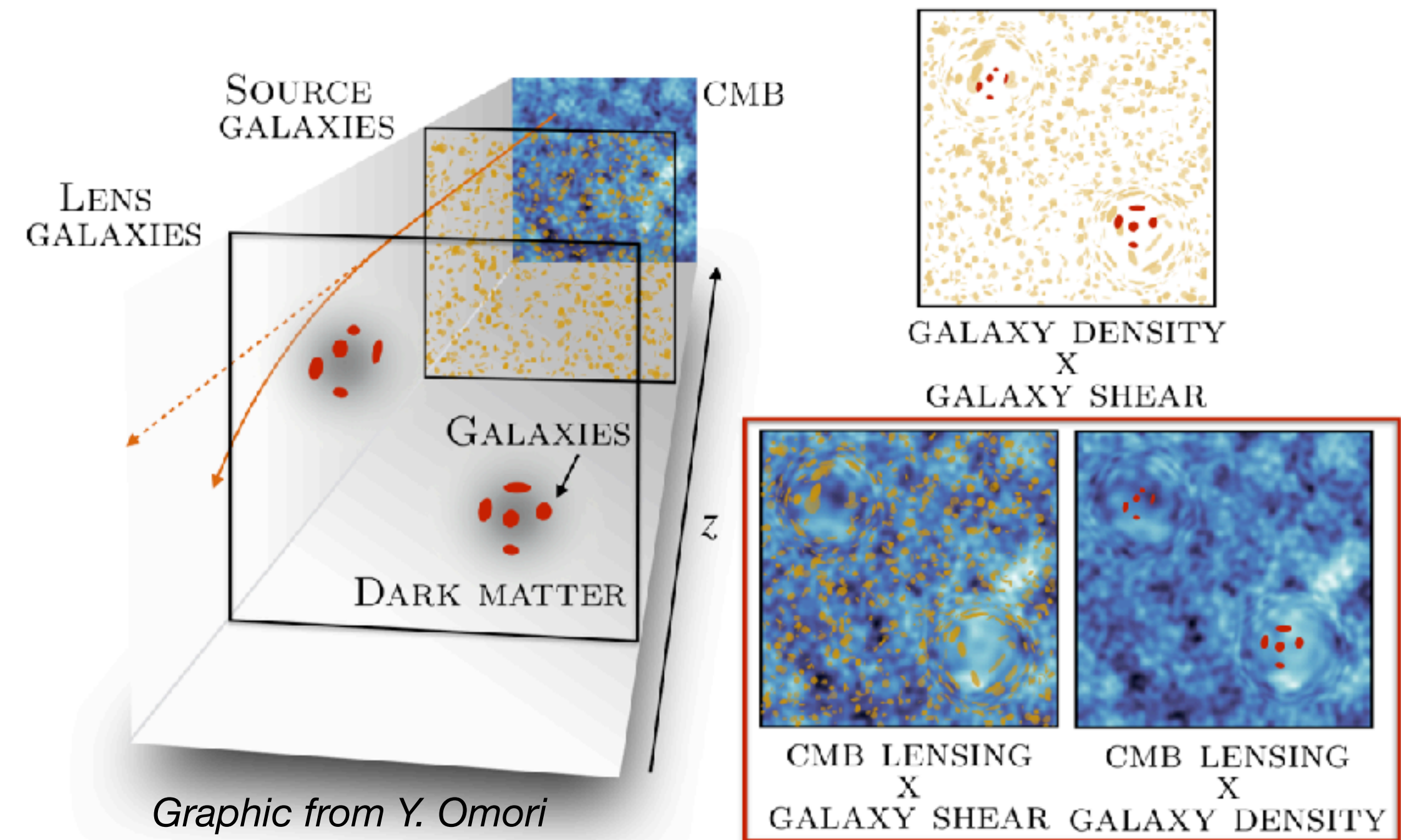
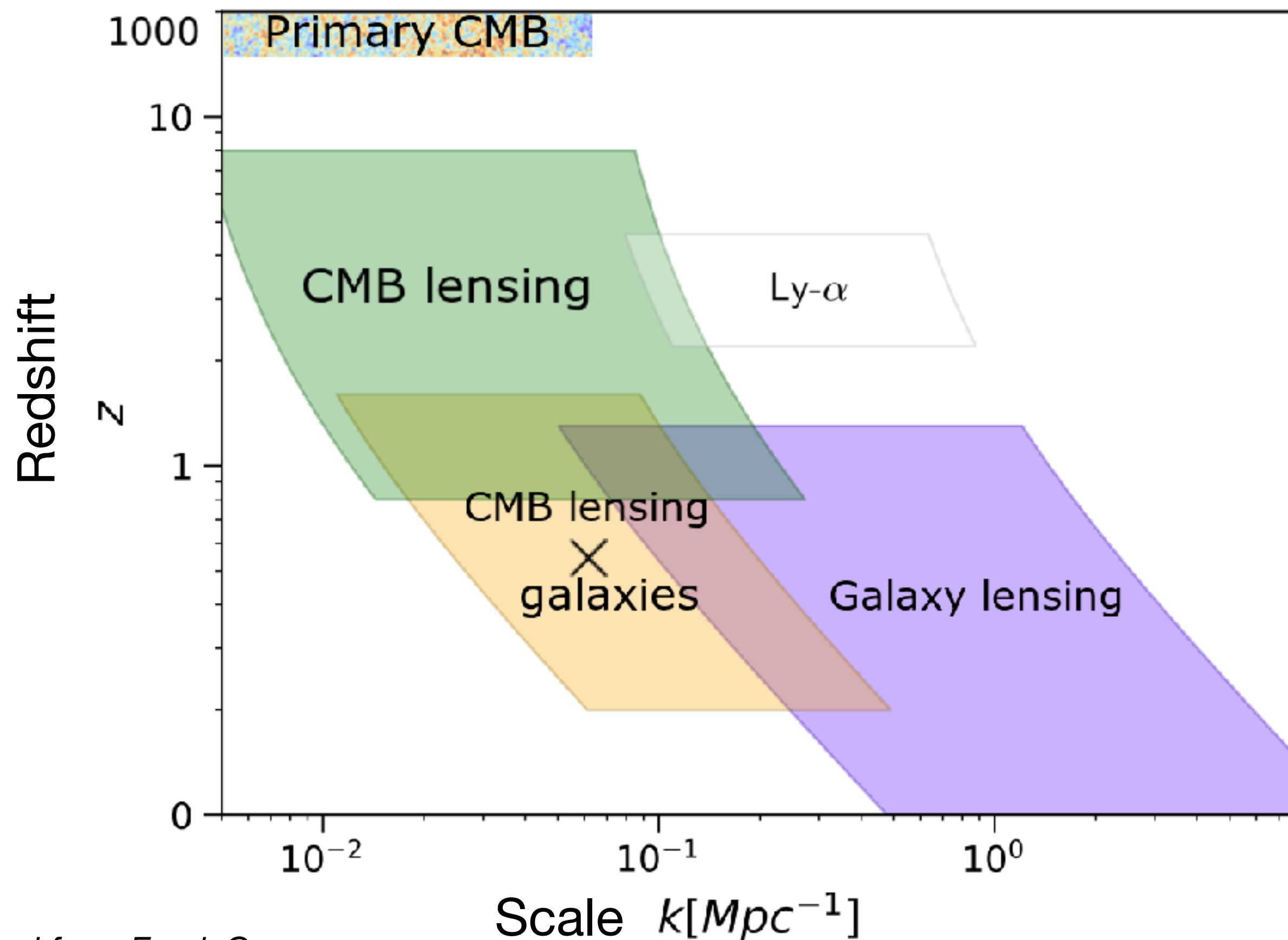
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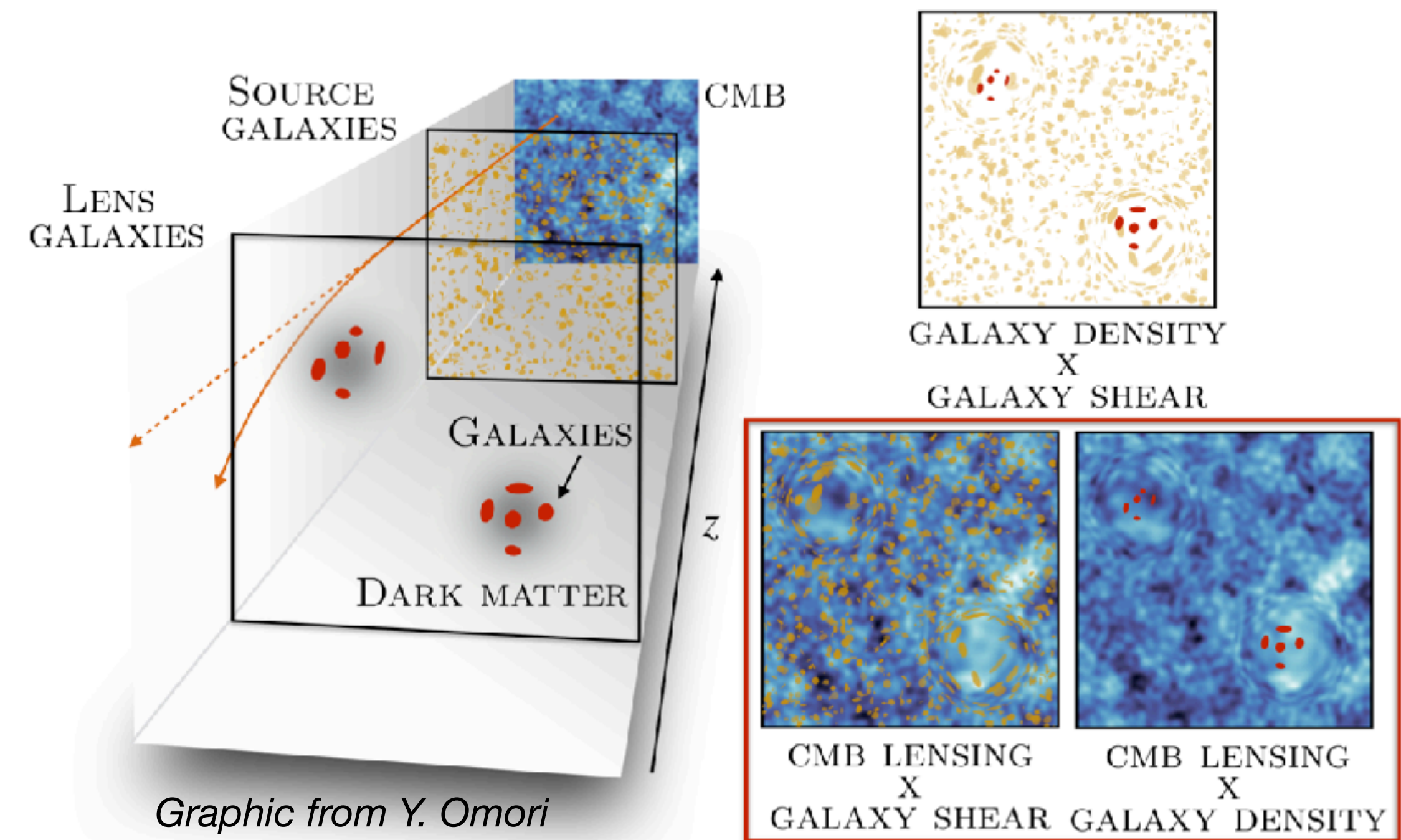
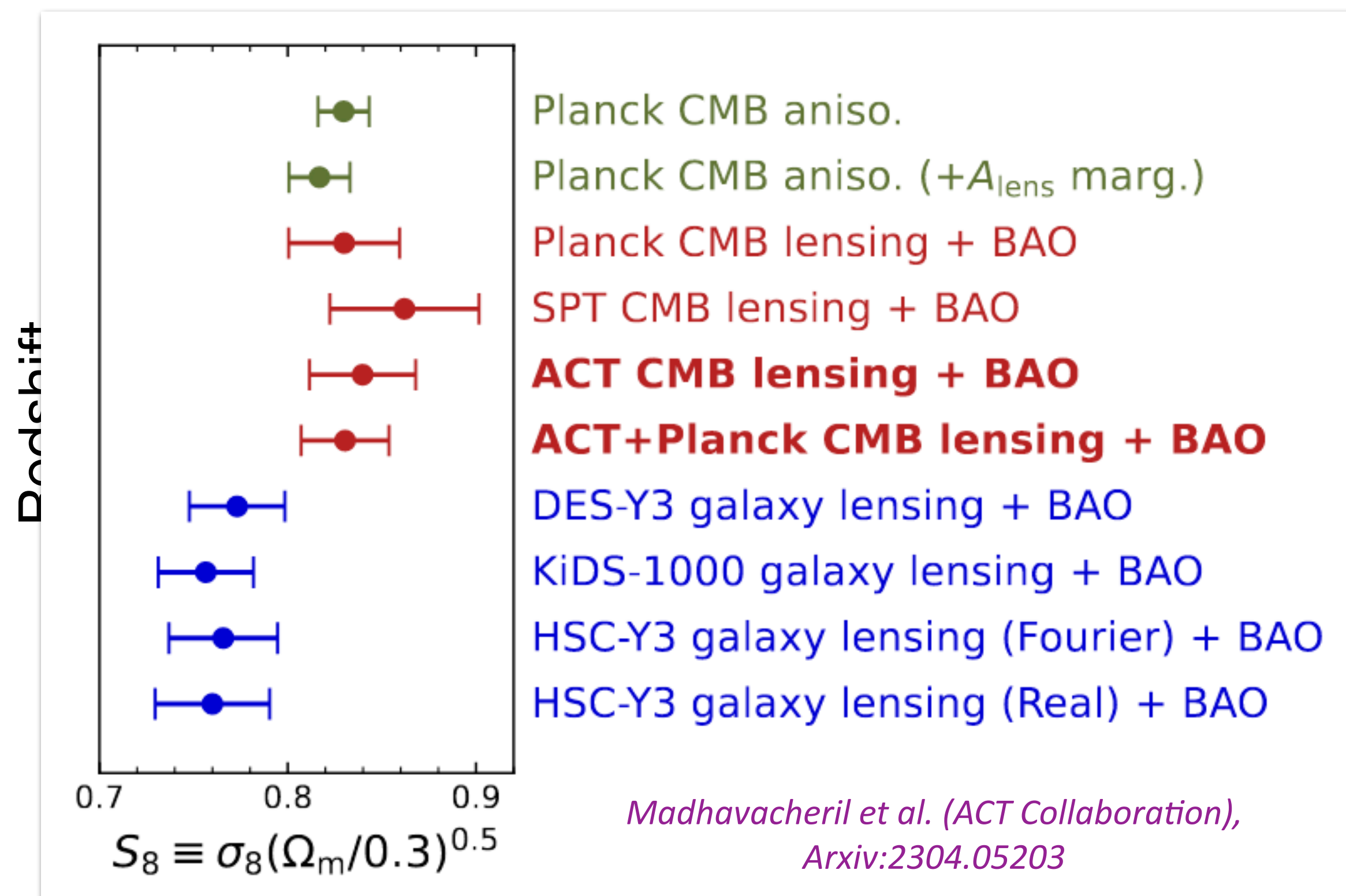
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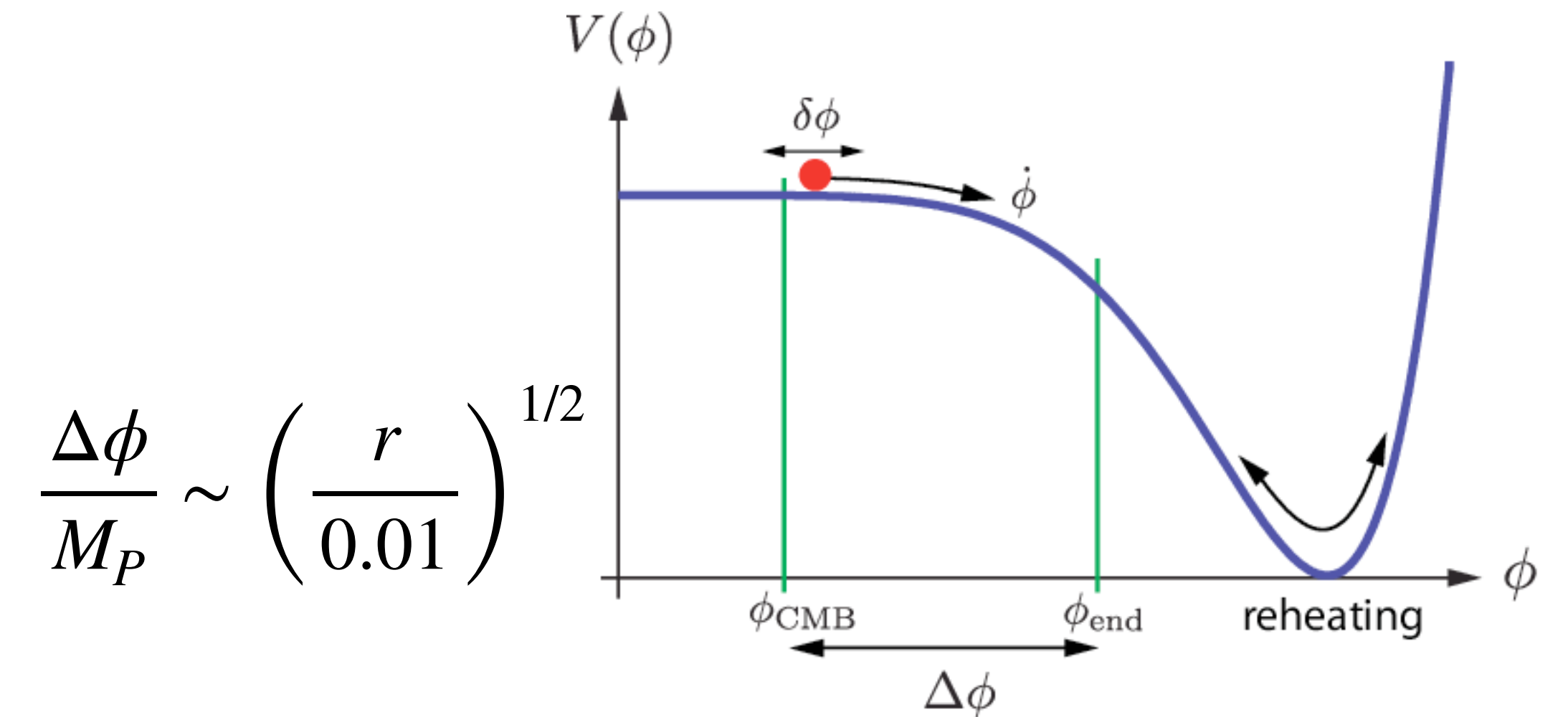


Why look for PGW?

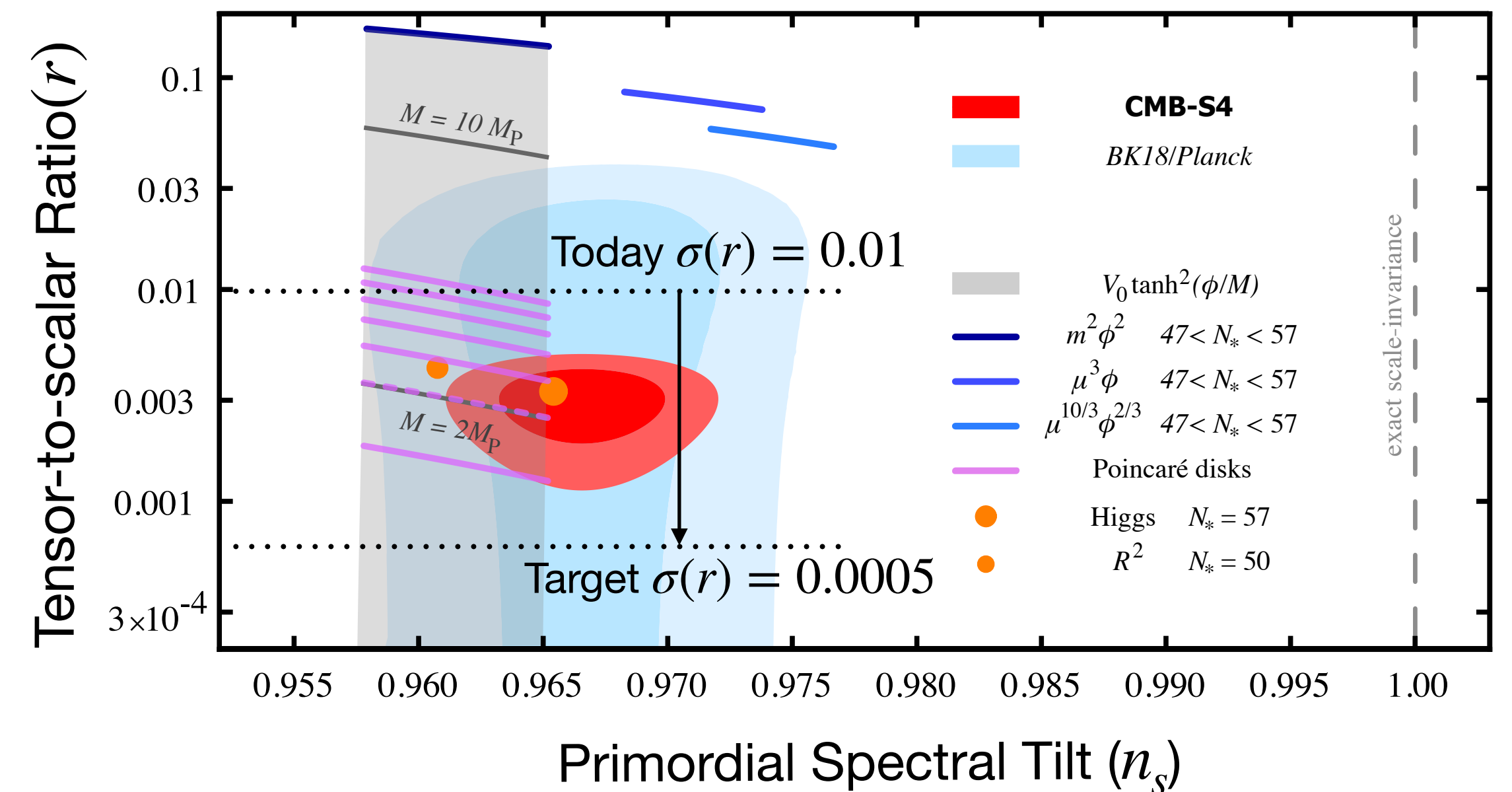
Compelling parameter space explores effective inflaton field range $\Delta\phi$ in units of Planck scale, M_P

A detection in this regime would provide a significant empirical clue about how quantum gravity works

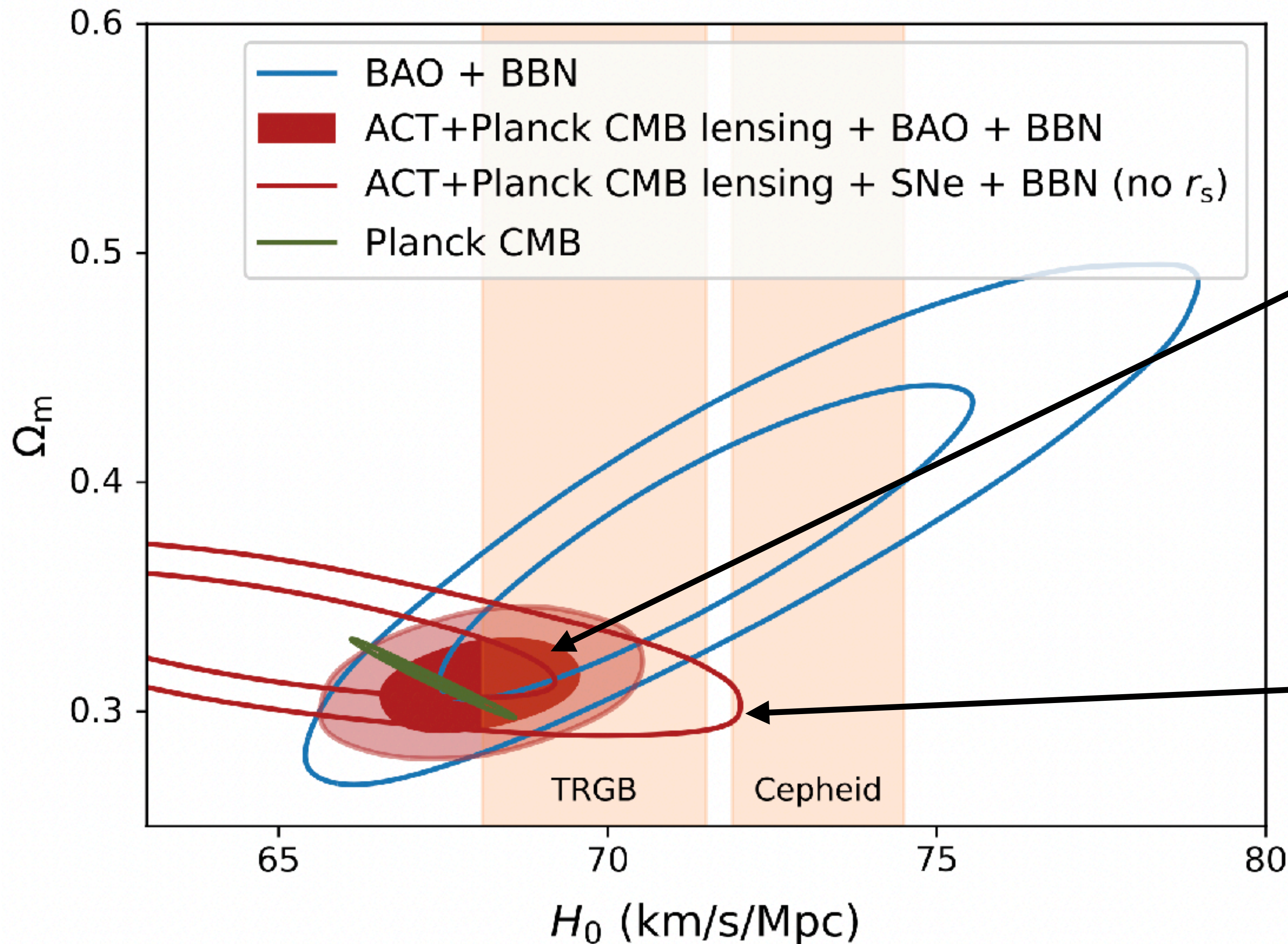
Need 20x reduction in $\sigma(r)$ to cover this parameter space!



$$\frac{\Delta\phi}{M_P} \sim \left(\frac{r}{0.01} \right)^{1/2}$$



Measuring Hubble with lensing



- Hubble constant measurements that depend on the sound horizon (combination with BAO)

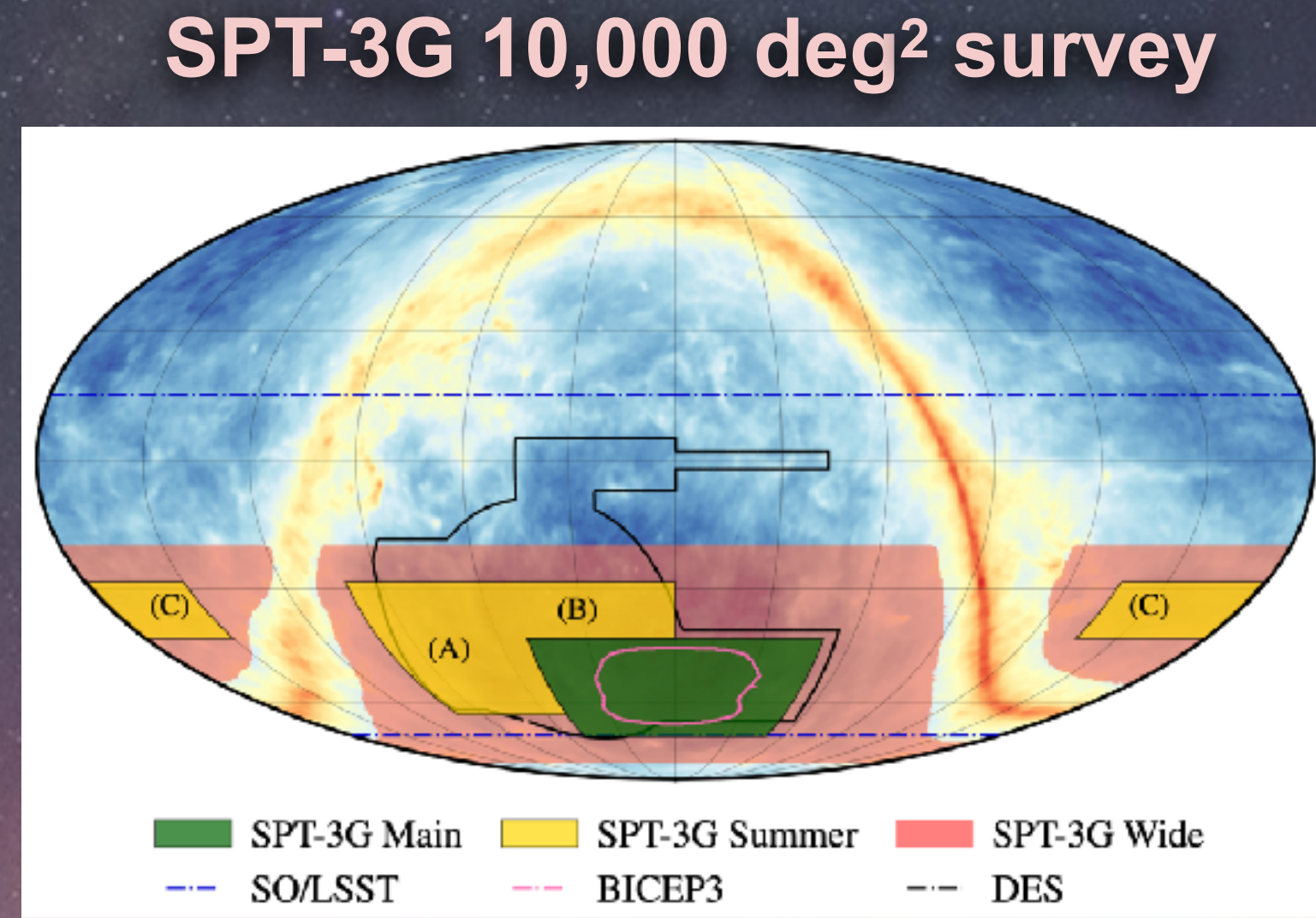
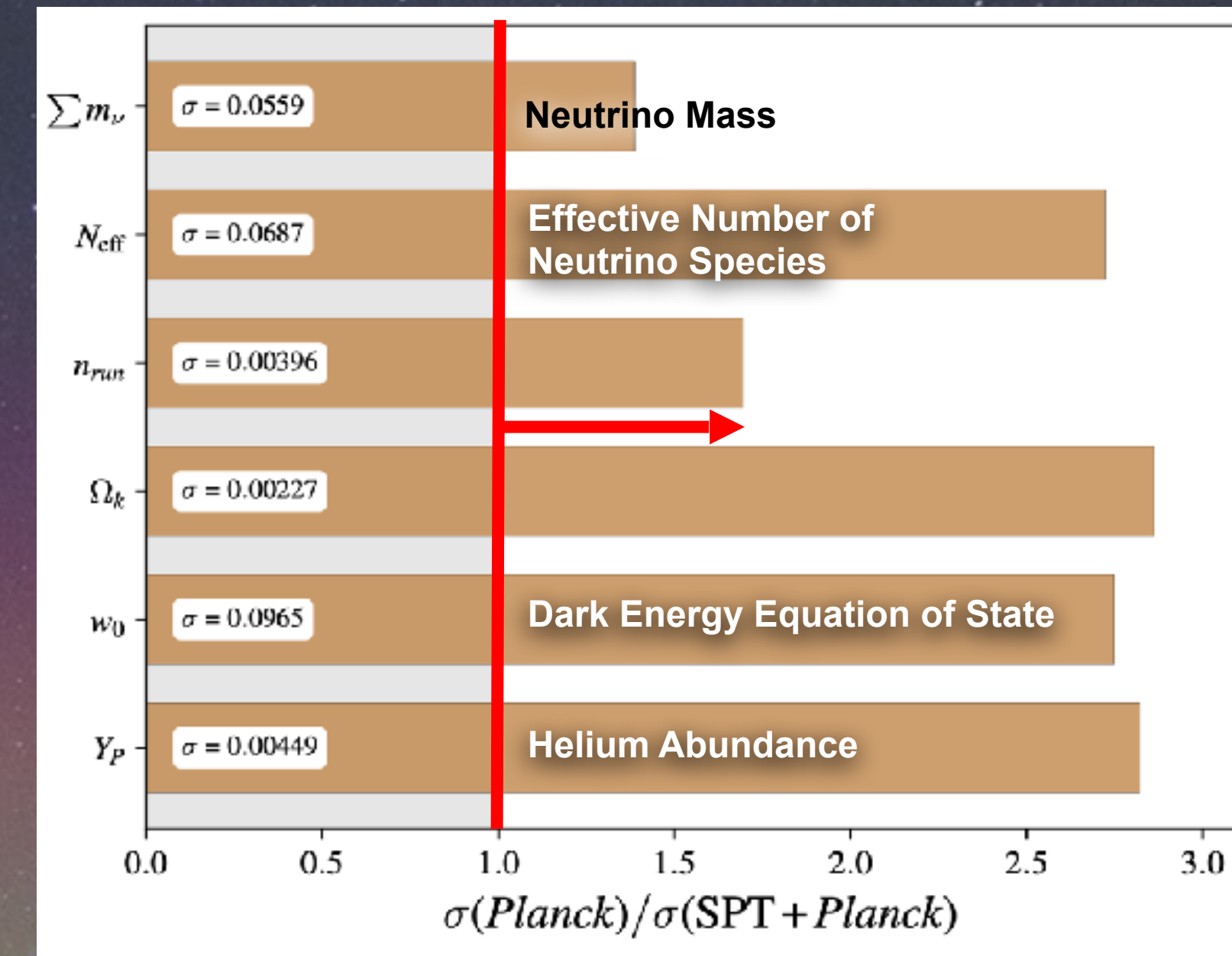
$$H_0 = 68.1 \pm 1.0 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

- **Independent of BAO and sound horizon**, using, as a ruler, the **matter-radiation equality scale** imprinted in the matter distribution

$$H_0 = 64.9 \pm 2.8 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

- Both consistent, and both low w.r.t to Cepheids

SPT-3G will improve CMB constraints on many individual parameters by ~2-3x



South Pole Telescope (SPT)



- In 2017, SPT-3G survey began measuring the **cosmic microwave background (CMB)**. Data has broad science reach for cosmology, astronomy, & HEP:
 - World-leading constraints on cosmic Inflation with **BICEP** and **South Pole Observatory, SPO**
 - New constraints on **dark matter** and **neutrino** density
 - Discovering the earliest formed **galaxies** and **clusters**, and new classes of **astrophysical transients**.
 - Physics of **Black Holes** and general relativity with **Event Horizon Telescope (EHT)**

Funded By:



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<https://pole.uchicago.edu/>

Key Science Goals from the Simons Observatory

	Current ^b	Advanced SO 2024-2033	Using Rubin, DESI, or <i>Euclid</i>
Primordial perturbations			
n_s	0.004	0.002	-
$e^{-2\tau}\mathcal{P}(k = 0.2/\text{Mpc})$	3%	0.4%	-
$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}}$	5	1	✓
Relativistic species			
N_{eff}	0.2	0.045	-
Neutrino mass			
Σm_ν (eV, $\sigma(\tau) = 0.01$)	0.1	0.03	✓
Σm_ν (eV, $\sigma(\tau) = 0.002$)		0.015	✓
Accelerated expansion			
$\sigma_8(z = 1 - 2)$	7%	1%	✓
Galaxy evolution			
η_{feedback}	50-100%	2%	✓
p_{nt}	50-100%	4%	✓
Reionization			
Δz	1.4	0.3	-
τ	0.007	0.0035	-
Cluster catalog	4000	33,000	✓
AGN catalog	2000	100,000	-
Galactic science			
Molecular cloud B-fields	10s	> 860	-
$\sigma(\beta_{\text{dust}})$	0.02	< 0.01	-
Planet 9			
Distance limit for $5 M_\oplus$		900 AU	✓
Transient detection distance			
Long GRBs, on-axis		420 Mpc	✓
Low-luminosity GRBs		60-190 Mpc	✓
Normal SNe		$\gtrsim 4$ Mpc	✓
TDEs, on-axis		2100 Mpc	✓

- **Threshold Goals** for the Simons Observatory including the Advanced Simons Observatory.
- Nine years of observations.

- **LAT/LATR:**

- 20,000 sq.deg.
- 2.5 $\mu\text{K-arcmin}$

- **SATs (x3)** (not including planned expansion)

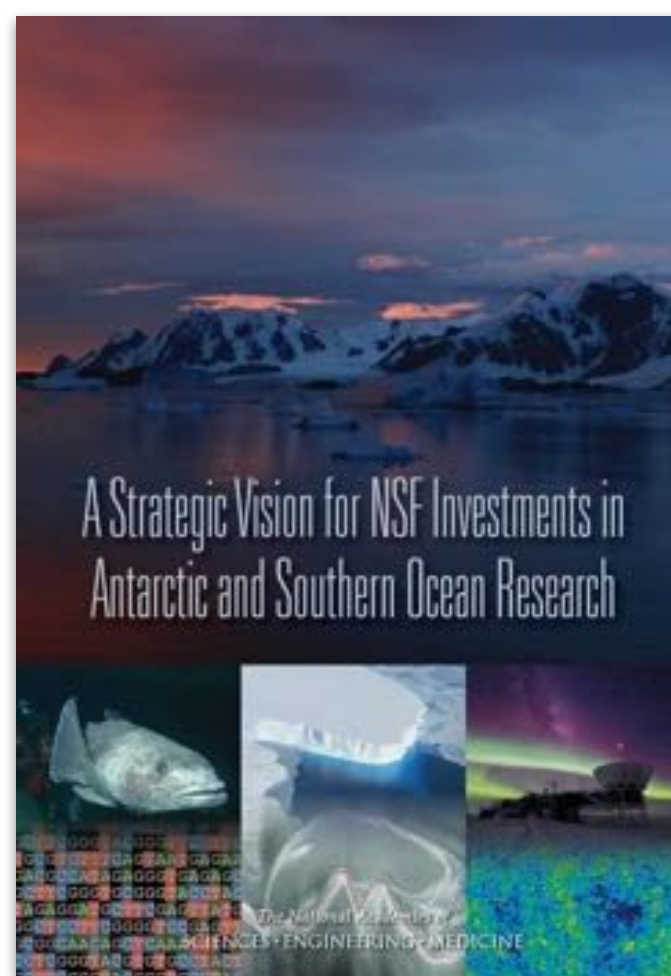
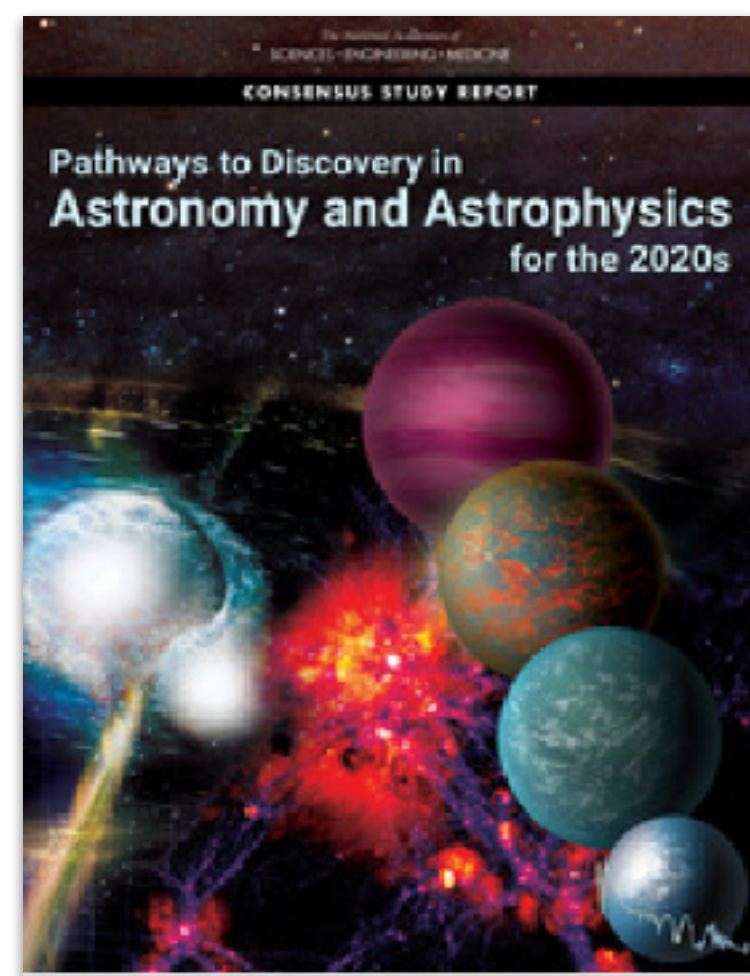
- 15% of the sky.
- $\sigma(r) = 0.002$ (0.0012 Goal)

Updated White Paper on Advanced SO goals coming soon!

CMB S4

The ultimate ground-based Cosmic Microwave Background survey experiment

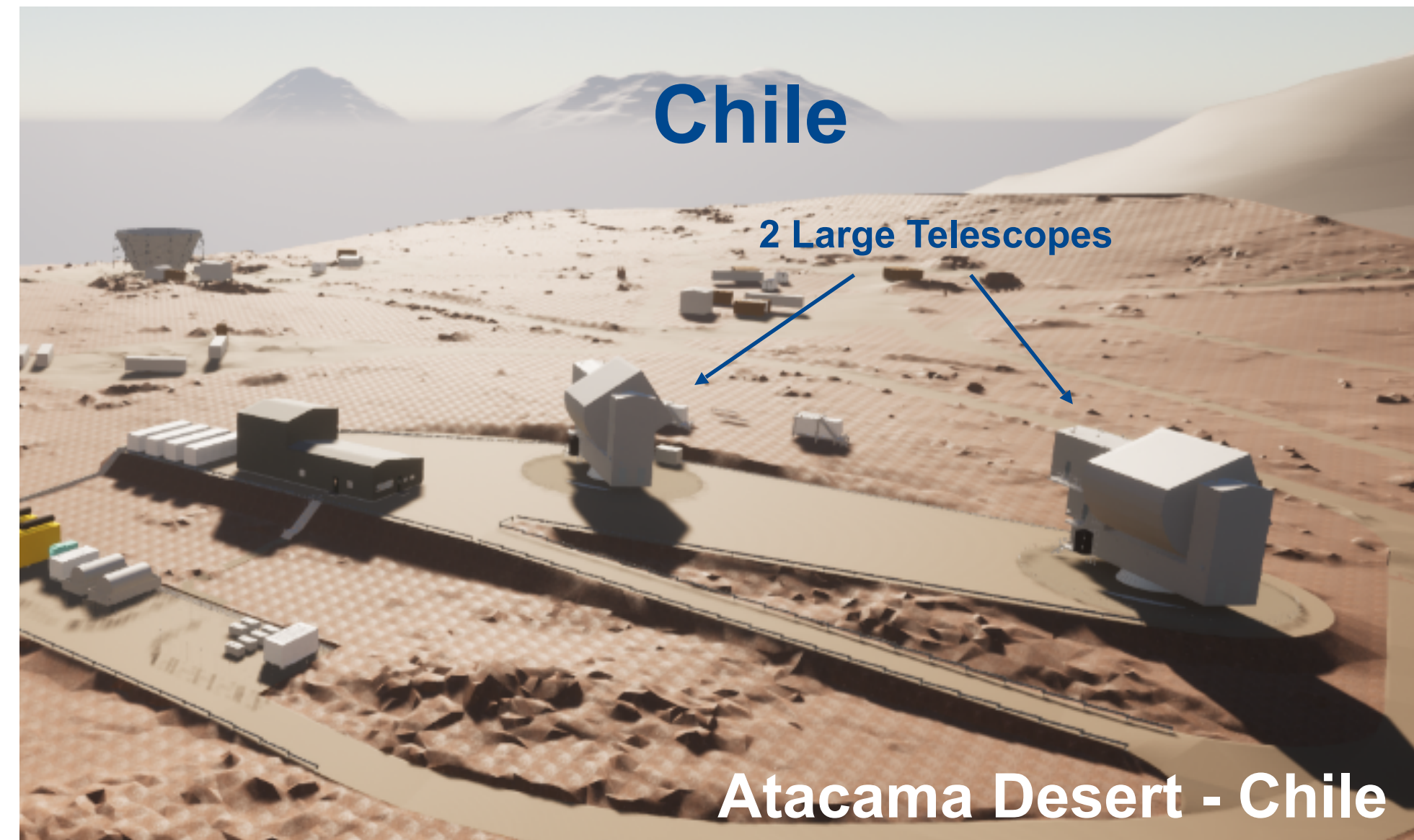
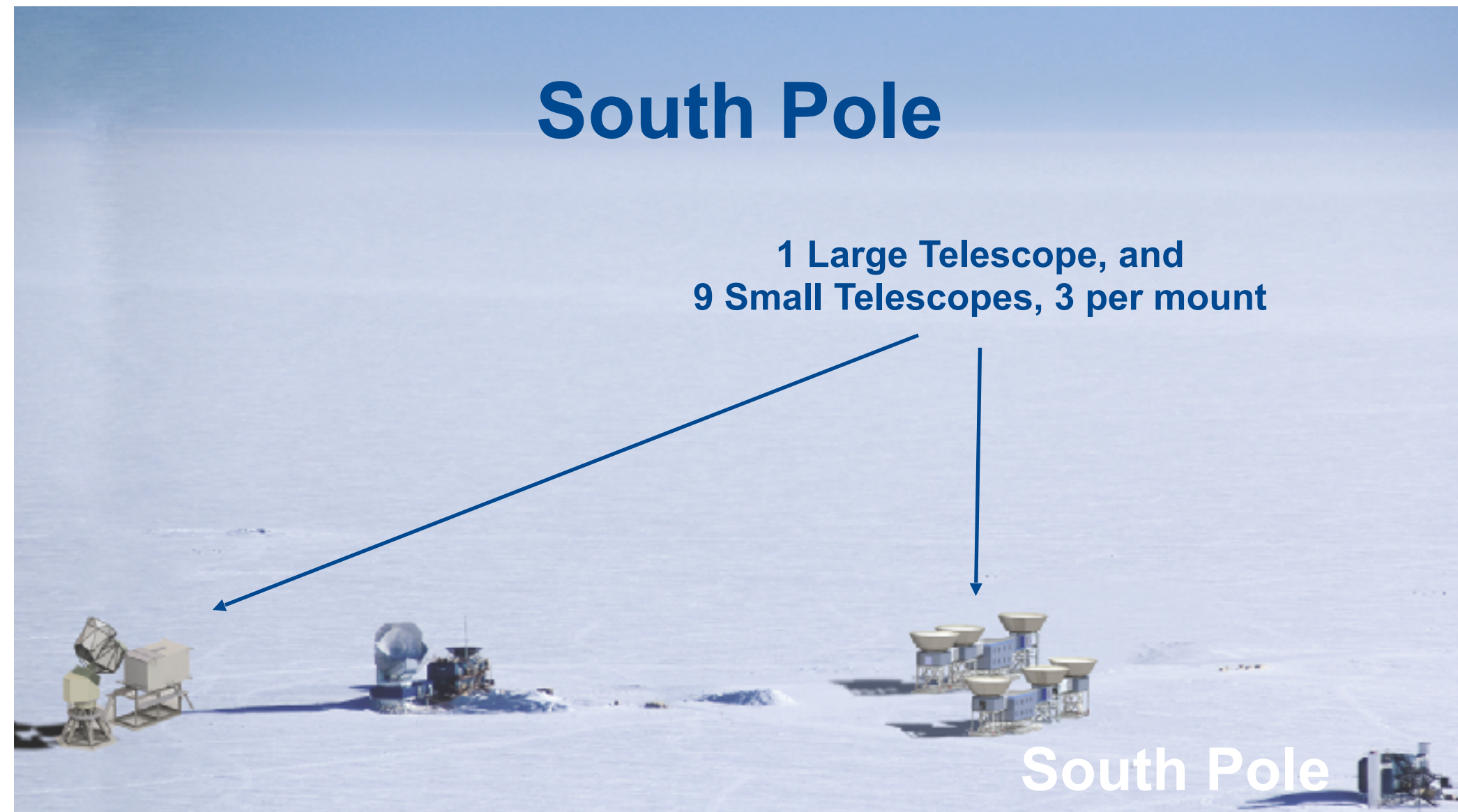
- Designed for transformational advances in our understanding of cosmic acceleration, the dark sector, and discoveries in the mm-wave sky
- Broad participation of US and international CMB and cosmology communities and the High Energy Physics community. *500 members from 119 institutions, 21 countries. 32% Early Career. 30% international*
- Ranked highly by 2023 P5, Astro2020, 2015 NSF Antarctic Strategic Vision



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CMB-S4 Collaboration,
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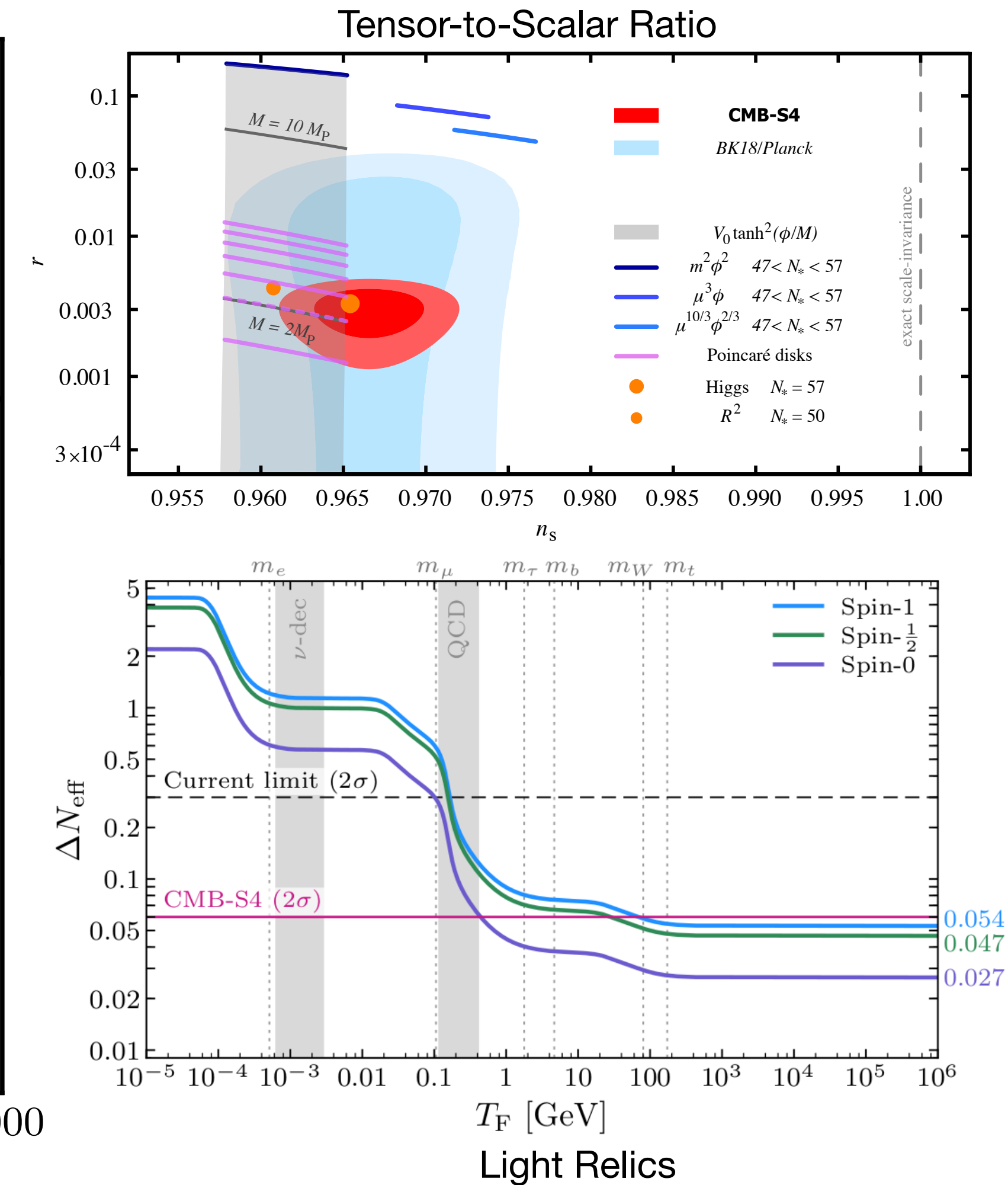
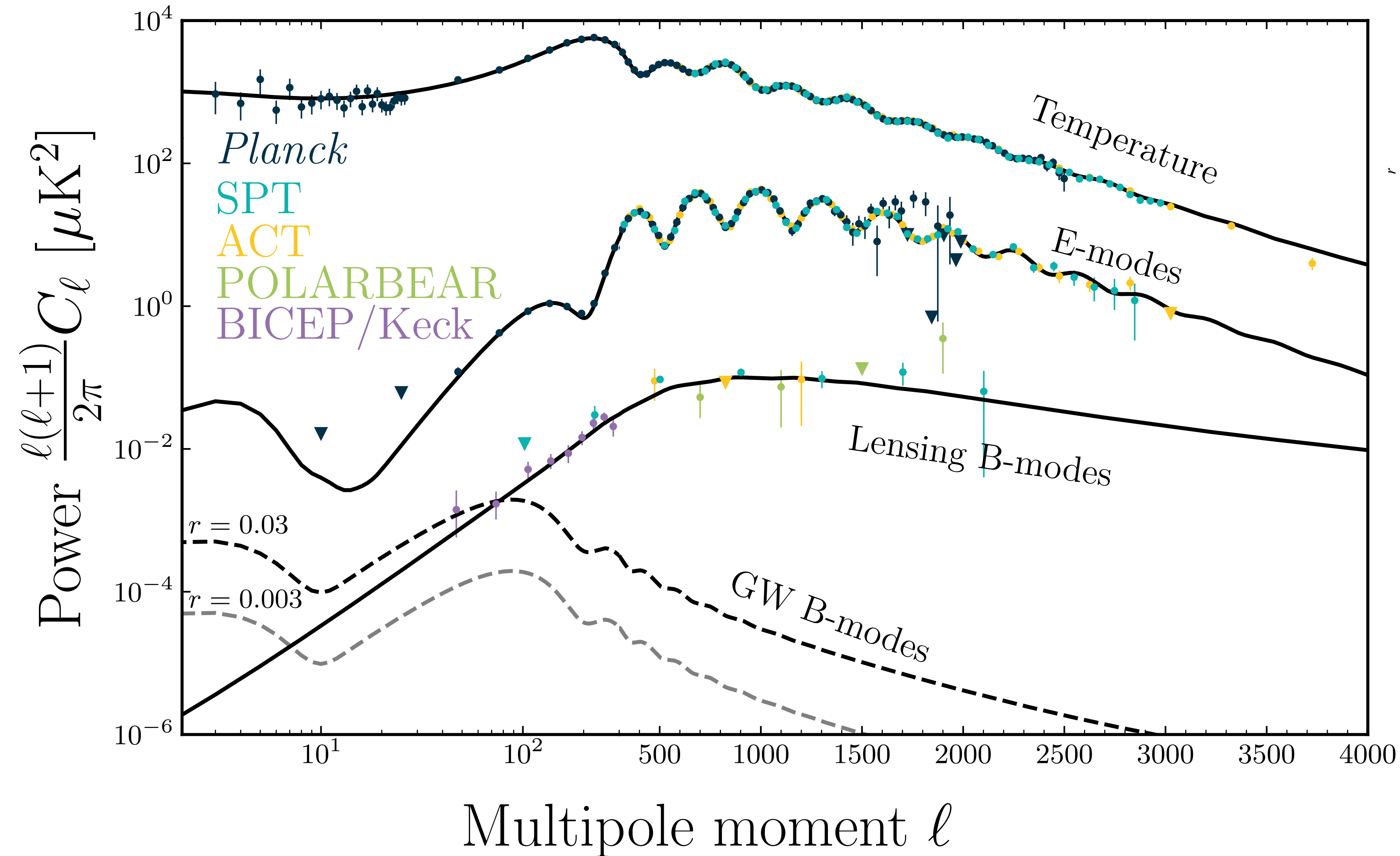
A US DOE-NSF joint project to build **12 CMB telescopes at the South Pole and in Chile** incorporating **~500,000** photon-noise-limited sub-Kelvin, superconducting detectors. **First light in 2033**

Endorsed by 2023 P5, and by Astro2020



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Scientific reach



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