

Cosmic Microwave Background Observational Program at Berkeley

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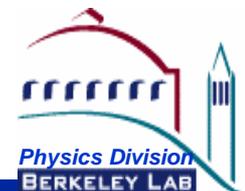
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Outline



Detector Technology Development

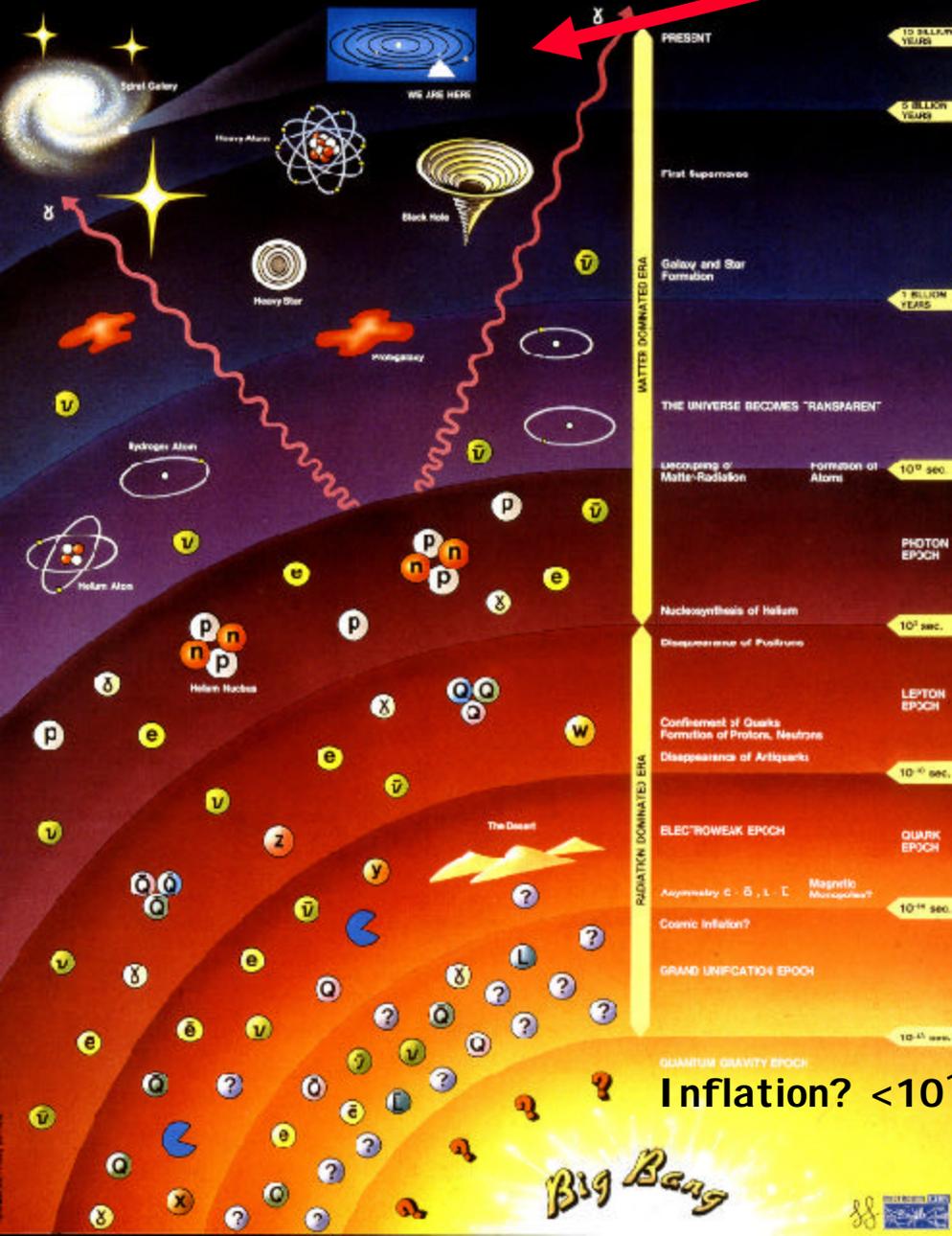
- Large Scale Bolometer Arrays
- Antenna coupled devices
- Frequency domain multiplexer

Experimental Program

- CMB Polarization as a probe of inflationary Scales
 - Maxima (2000) → Maxipol (2002/3)
 - Polarbear (2005/6) [Proposal Pending]
- Galaxy Cluster Searches using the Sunyaev Zel'dovich (SZ) Effect
 - Atacama Pathfinder Experiment (APEX) SZ Receiver (2004) [Funded]
 - South Pole Telescope (2006) [Funded]

History of the universe

You are here



← NOW (15 Billion years)

← Stars form (1 Billion years)

← Atoms Form (300 000 years)

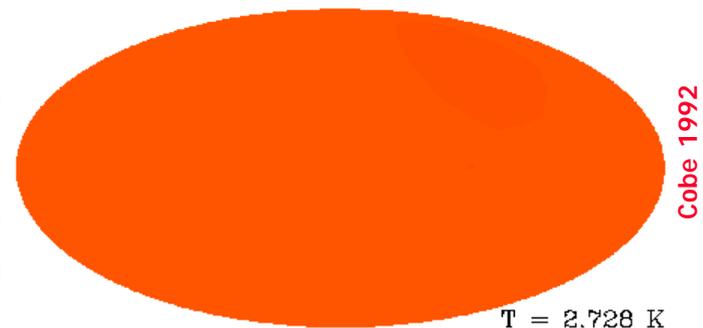
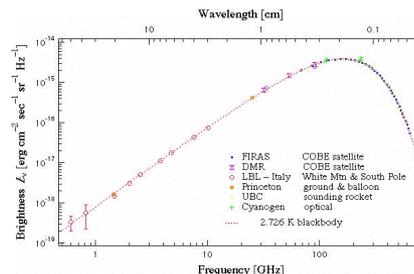
← Nuclei Form (180 seconds)

← Protons and Neutrons Form (10^{-10} sec)

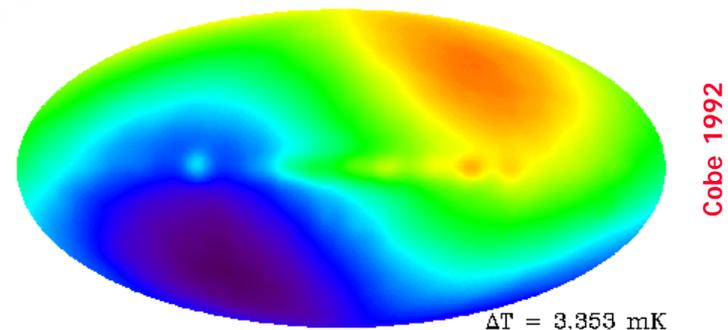
← Quarks Differentiate (10^{-34} sec ?)

LHC probes physics relevant to the universe at age 10^{-14} sec.

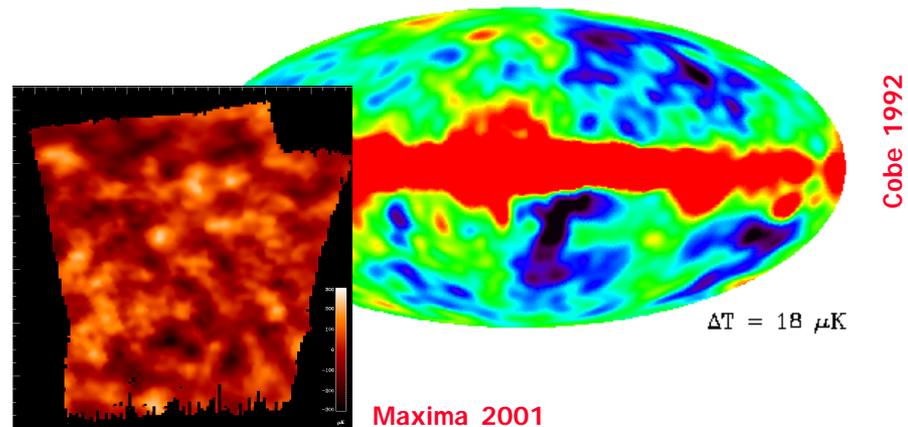
- CMB is a near perfect black body, 2.7° K



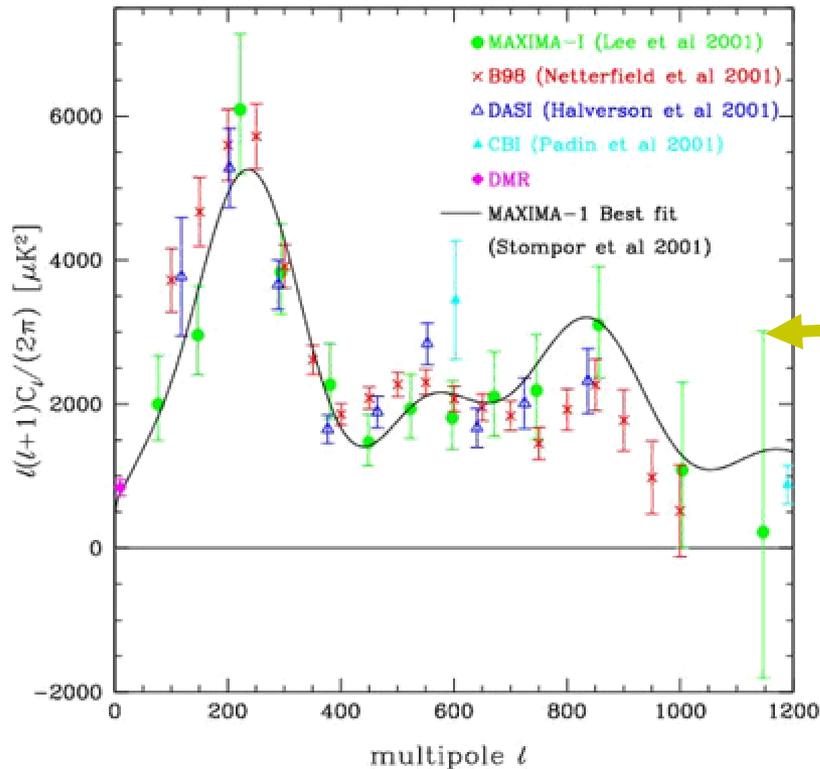
- Dipole Anisotropy 10^{-3}
(our motion in the CMB `rest frame')



- Temperature Anisotropy 10^{-5}

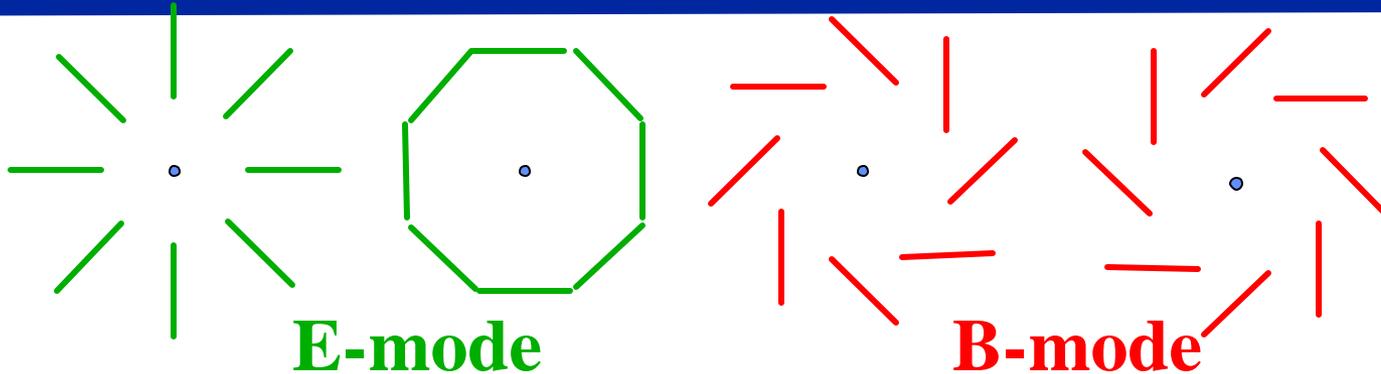


Where We Stand Today



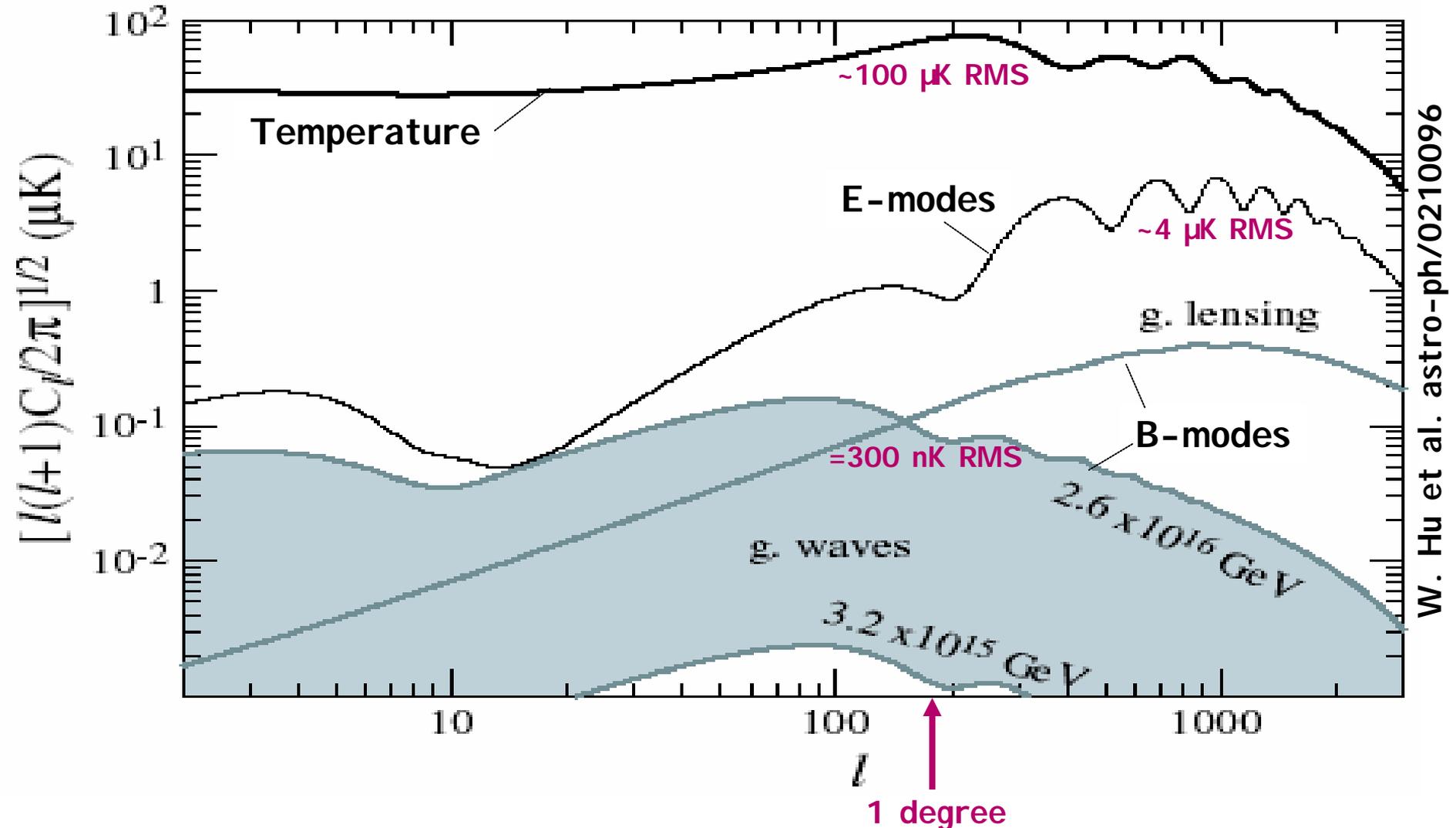
- CMB Blackbody Temperature
 - ✓ Observed
 - ✓ Well Characterized
- CMB Temperature Anisotropy
 - ✓ Observed
 - ✓ (mostly) Well Characterized
- CMB E-mode Polarization
 - ✓ Observed (?)
 - Well Characterized
- CMB B-mode Polarization
 - Observed
 - Well Characterized
- CMB SZ cluster surveys
 - ✓ Observed
 - Counted and Mapped

CMB Polarization



- Thomson scattering at time of last scattering polarizes EM radiation
→ Anisotropy yields net polarization, “E-modes” (scalar perturbations).
- Gravity waves put stress on photon-baryon fluid, tensor perturbations
→ generation of curl component in CMB-pol, “B-modes”
 - “Smoking gun” of Inflation
 - Amplitude of B-modes proportional to Inflationary scale (probe of GUT energy scales)
- Defects and strings give vector perturbations → B-modes
(*observational string theory??*)

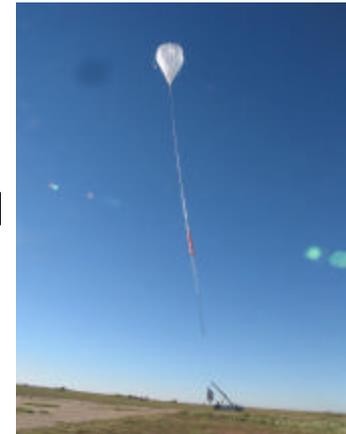
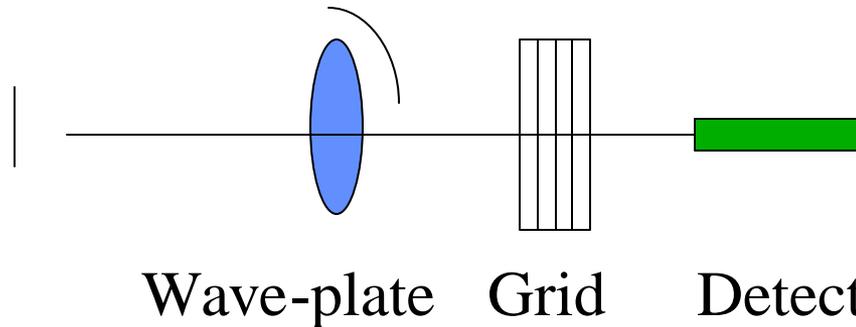
CMB Polarization



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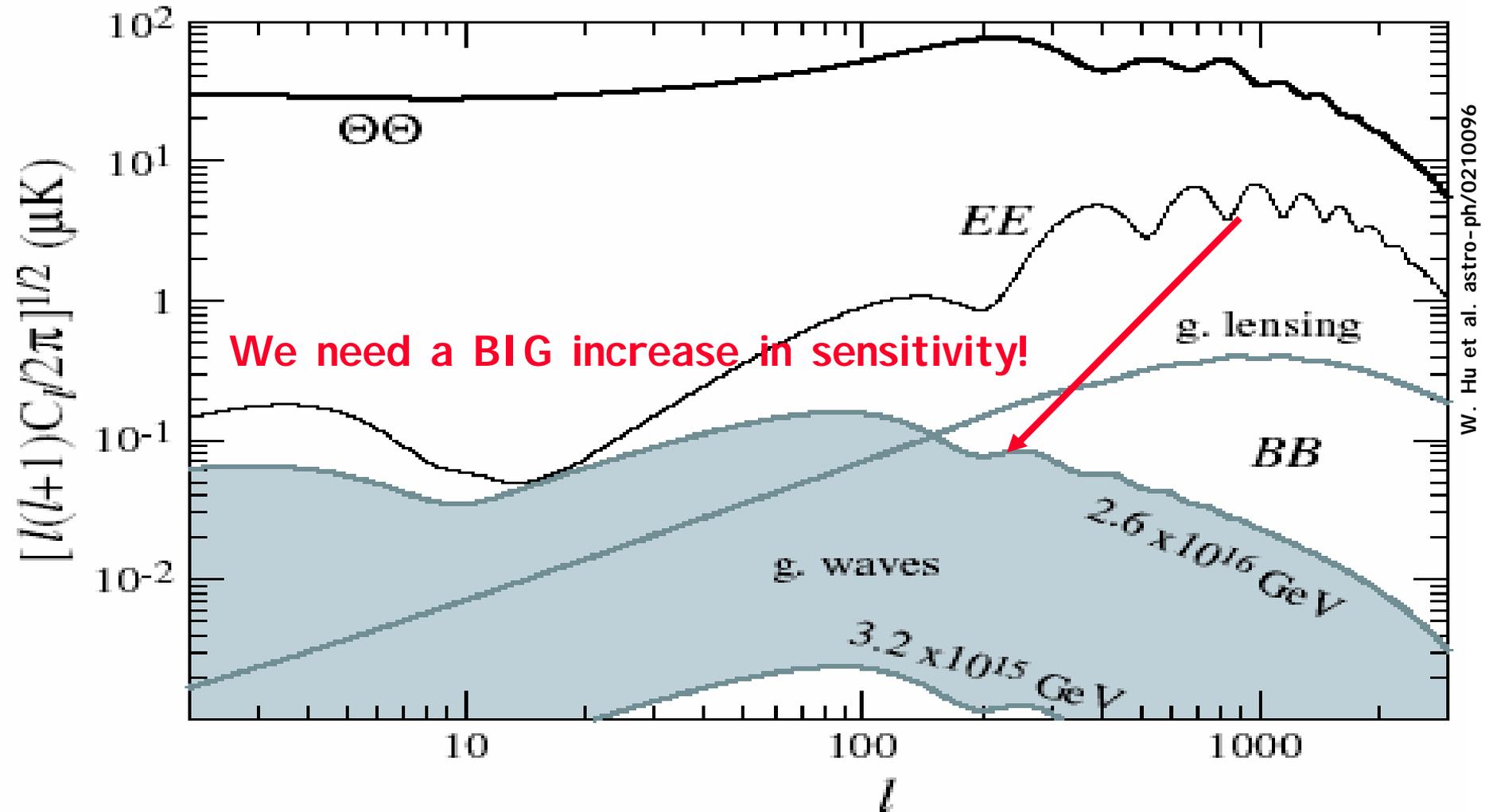
Current Observation Program: E-mode POLARIZATION with MaxiPOL

- Next step for POLARIZATION, MaxiPOL
 - GOAL: detection of E-mode polarization
 - Natural evolution of MAXIMA



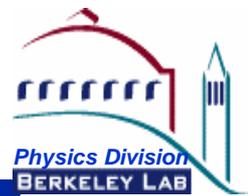
- 2 Hz half-wave plate and wire grid (both stokes parameters measured using a single beam on the sky)
- ~36 hour balloon flight
- Fall 2002 flight: instrument worked well, but suffered telemetry failure.
Fly again in Spring 2003.

CMB Polarization



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Large Scale Bolometer Arrays

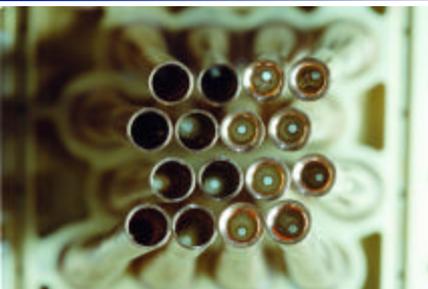


- Bolometer technology is approaching the photon statistics limit.
 - We can't do better by building a better bolometer.
 - Next step:
 1. Increase integration time by going to ground based observations.
(atmospheric disturbances are not polarized- common mode effect cancels out.)
 2. Make many measurements at once using large scale bolometer arrays
(thousands of pixels)

- Superconducting Transition-edge Sensor (TES) Bolometer Arrays
(TES: key development here at Berkeley)
 - Electrothermal feedback → Fast, linear response and higher sensitivity
 - SQUID preamplifier low noise power, low power dissipation (1 nW/device), low input impedance
 - Entire fabrication is by photolithography
 - Frequency domain multiplexer readout in development

Large Scale Bolometer Arrays

Today: 16 sensor Maxipol Array



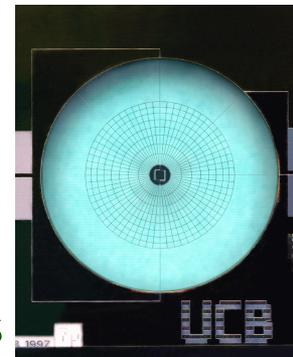
Focal plane horns

Waveguides

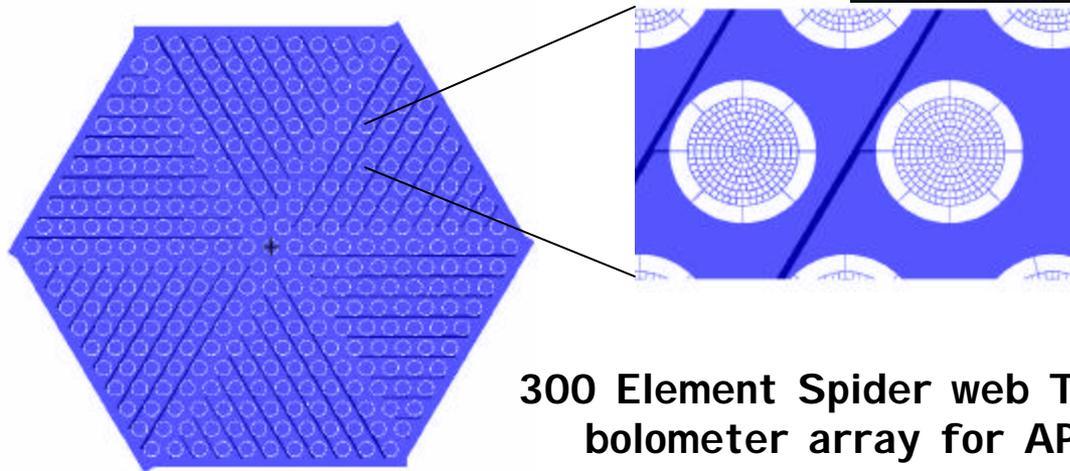
Filters

Bolometers

3.5 mm

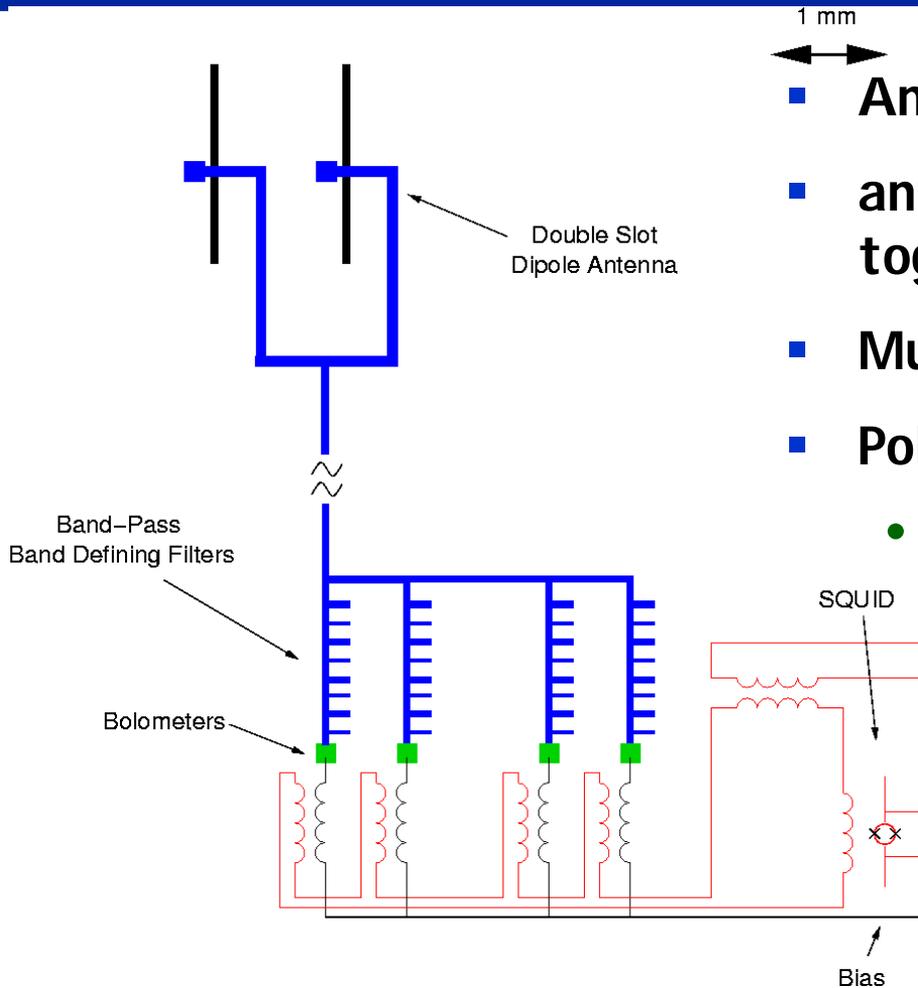


Next Step:
Photolithographic
manufacture of Bolo Arrays



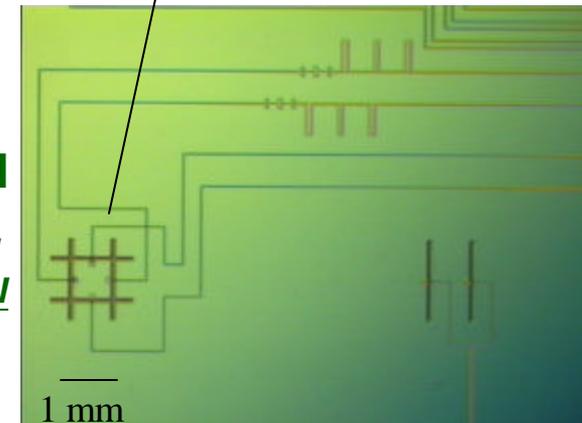
300 Element Spider web TES
bolometer array for APEX

Antenna-coupled Bolometer Diagram



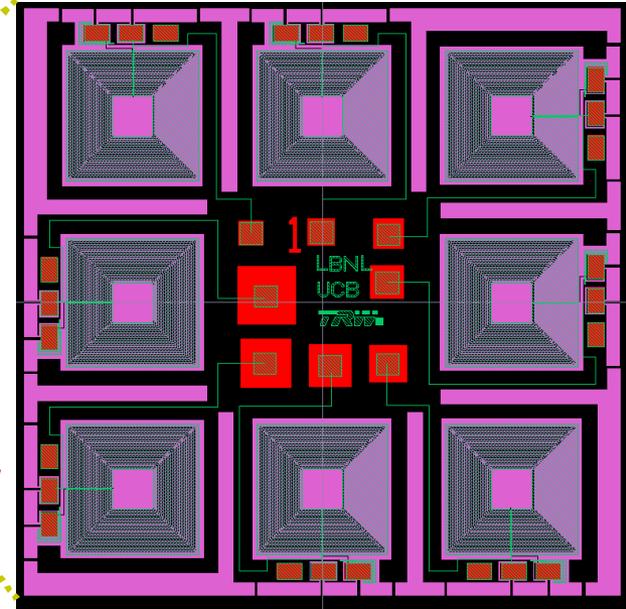
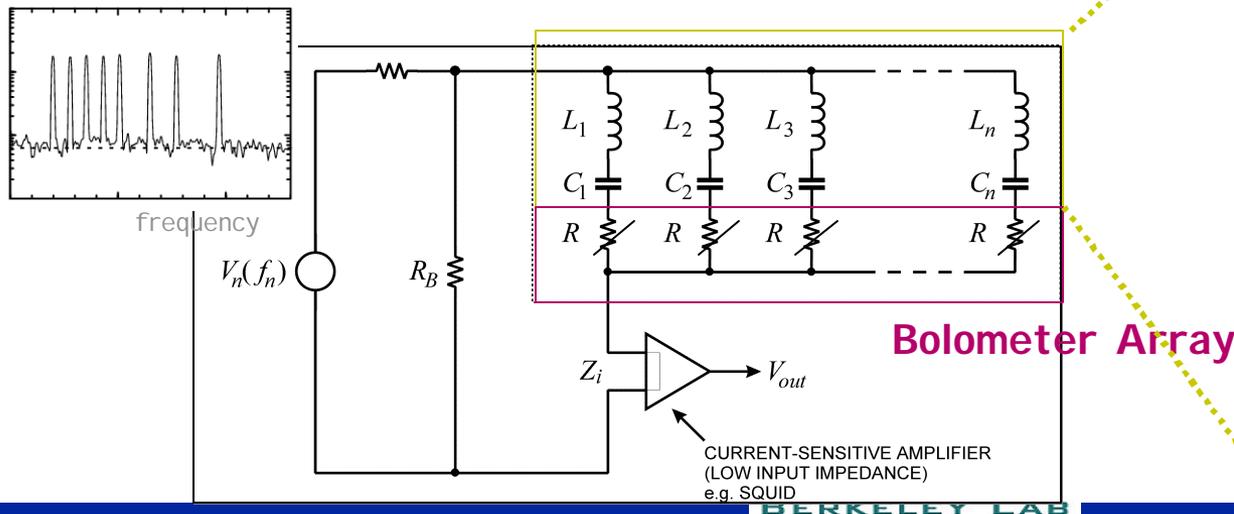
- Antenna provides directivity
- antenna, filters, bolometers packaged together below lens
- Multicolor → multiple bands per pixel.
- Polarization sensitive
 - dual polarization by placing 2 crossed dipole arrays in same pixel

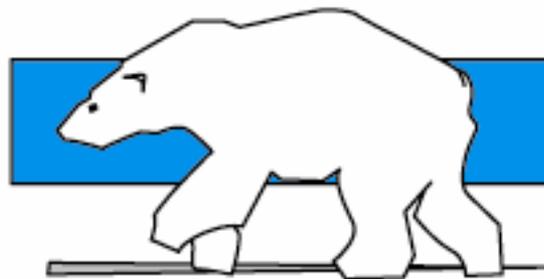
Prototype pixel fabricated, being tested now



SQUID Readout Multiplexing

- Key Element: Readout Multiplexing
 - maintain exquisite sensor sensitivity, continuous readout
 - test chip of 8-channel Multiplexer (LBNL, UCB, TRW)
- cited as a Physics Highlight in *APS Physics News in 2001*
- April 2002: MUX demonstrated together with LLNL in x-ray bands (Cunningham et al., APL 2002 (LBNL-50193))



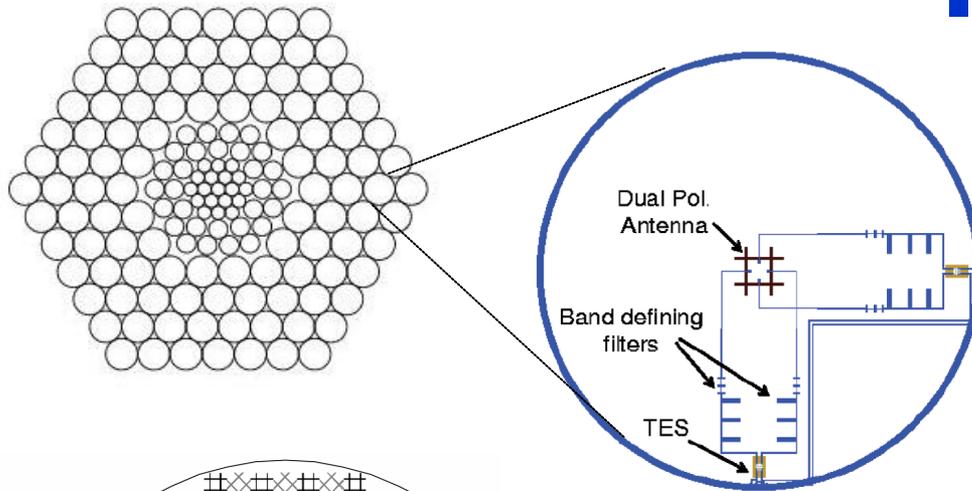


POLARBEAR

(NSF Proposal submitted
summer 2002)

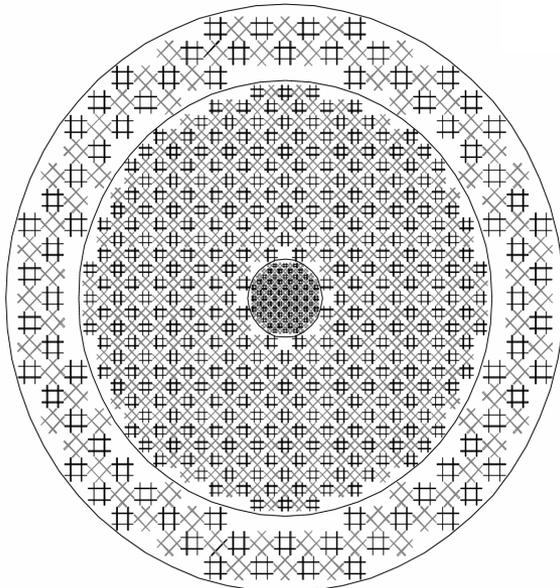
- Ground-Based at South Pole
 - atmospheric emission is nearly unpolarized
 - increase observation time from few hours → 600 days.
- Large Scale Array of Antenna coupled TES Bolometers
 - antennae, filters & bolos manufactured photolithographically on Si wafers
 - Ground based + arrays → factor 10^5 increase in integration time (including lower sensitivity on the ground)
- Use existing Viper telescope
- Characterize E-modes
- Search for B-modes, the “smoking gun” of inflation

POLARBEAR Focal Plane



■ Polarbear I Focal plane

- 150 pixels x 2 polarizations = 300 bolometers at 300 mK
- 3 bands, 150, 250, 350 GHz

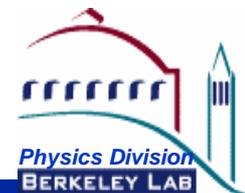


6 inches

■ Polarbear II Focal plane

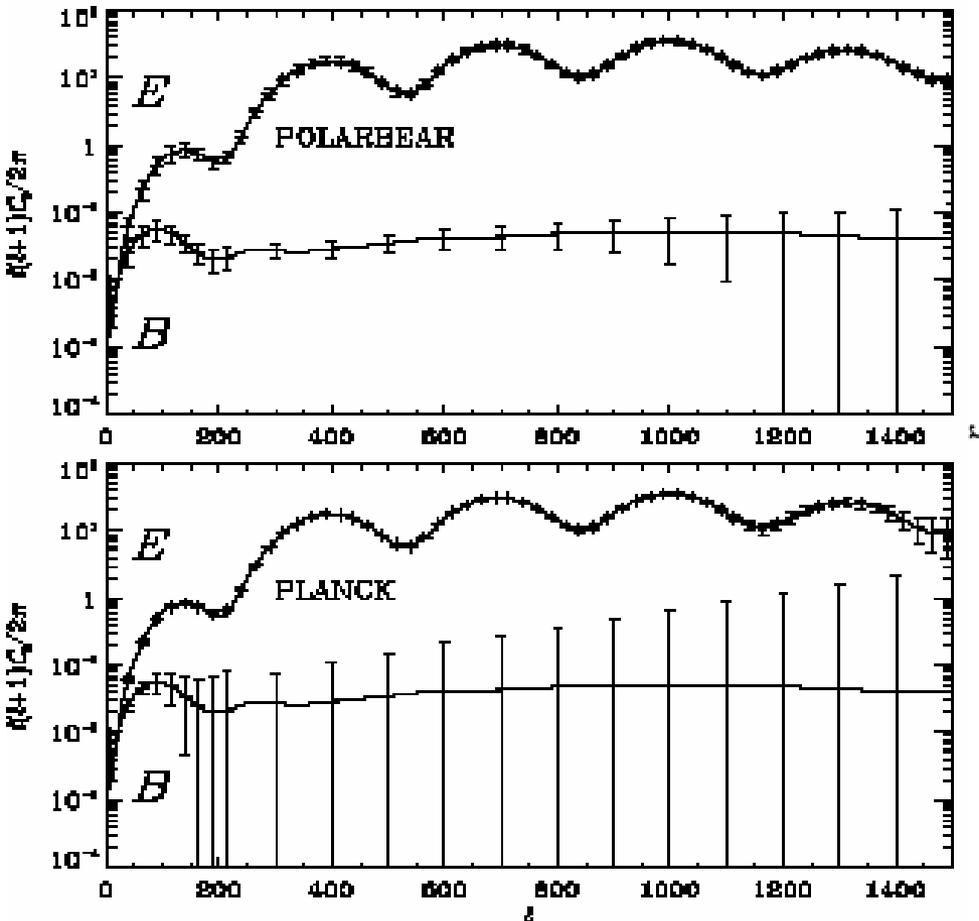
- 900 pixels, 3000 bolometers
- Full use of 150 GHz Field-of-view

POLARBEAR Systematic Controls

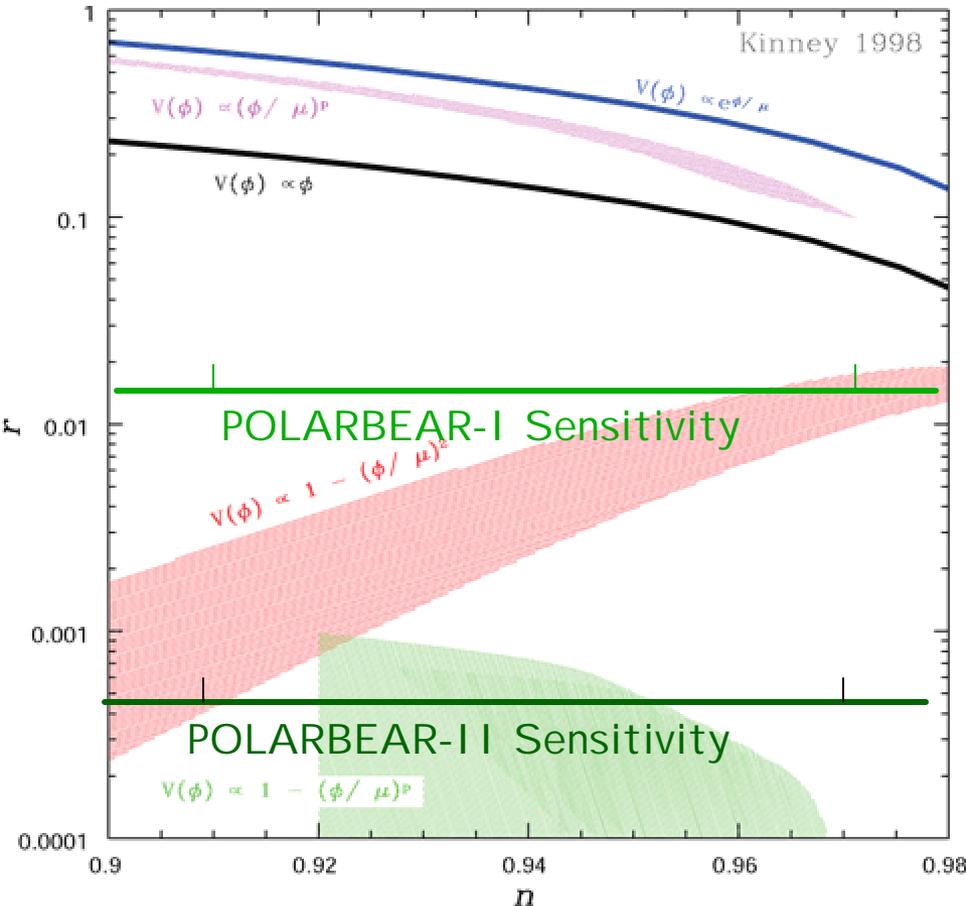


- Multiple levels of **differencing**, many time scales
 - Subtraction of signals from orthogonal antennas
 - Rotation of polarization, e.g half-wave plate
 - Scan telescope
 - Rotation of sky
 - Repeat over day/night and larger time scales
- Low side-lobe response telescope
- High SNR helpful for systematic tests
 - Compare e.g. halves of data

POLARBEAR Performance



3 years observing
(Assuming a Tensor to Scalar ratio $r=T/S=0.35$)



3 yrs x 25% duty
→ 200 nK/pixel on 10 x 10 deg²

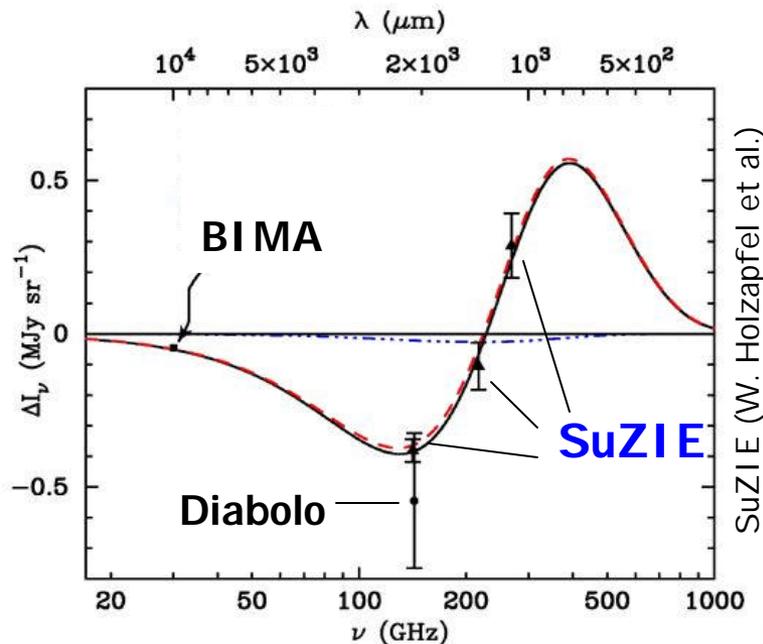
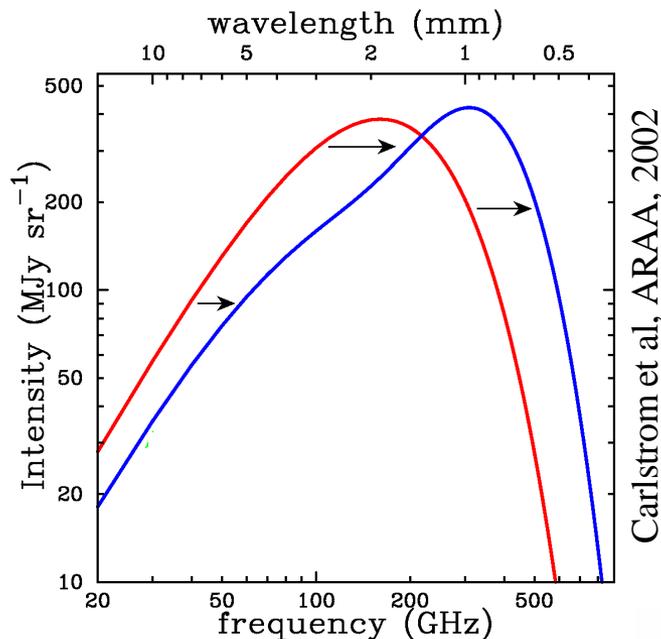
PolarBear Schedule

- Now → 2005
 - Antenna coupled bolo array and Multiplexer development, fabrication
- 2005/6
 - Observations with 300 channels, individually read out with SQUIDS.
- 2007
 - Observations with 3000 multiplexed channels

Seed funding from
LBNL LDRD.

Proposal submitted
summer 2002 to
NSF Polar
Programs.

Sunyaev Zel'dovich Effect



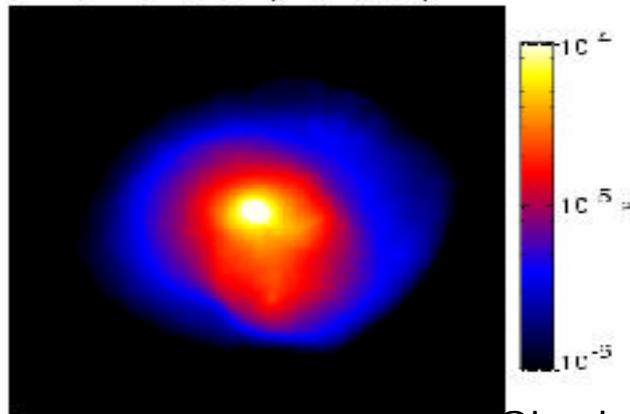
Measured deviation from Black body spectrum.

Dotted line: Kinetic SZ

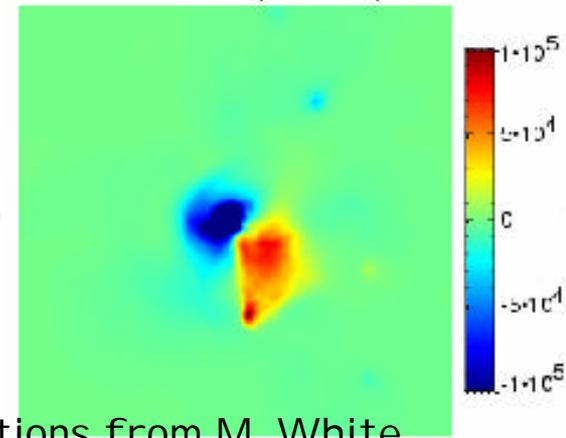
Thermal SZ: Inverse Compton Scattering in the hot inter galactic medium "kicks" CMB photons up to higher energy.

Kinetic SZ: doppler shift due to cluster motion.

SZ effect (thermal)



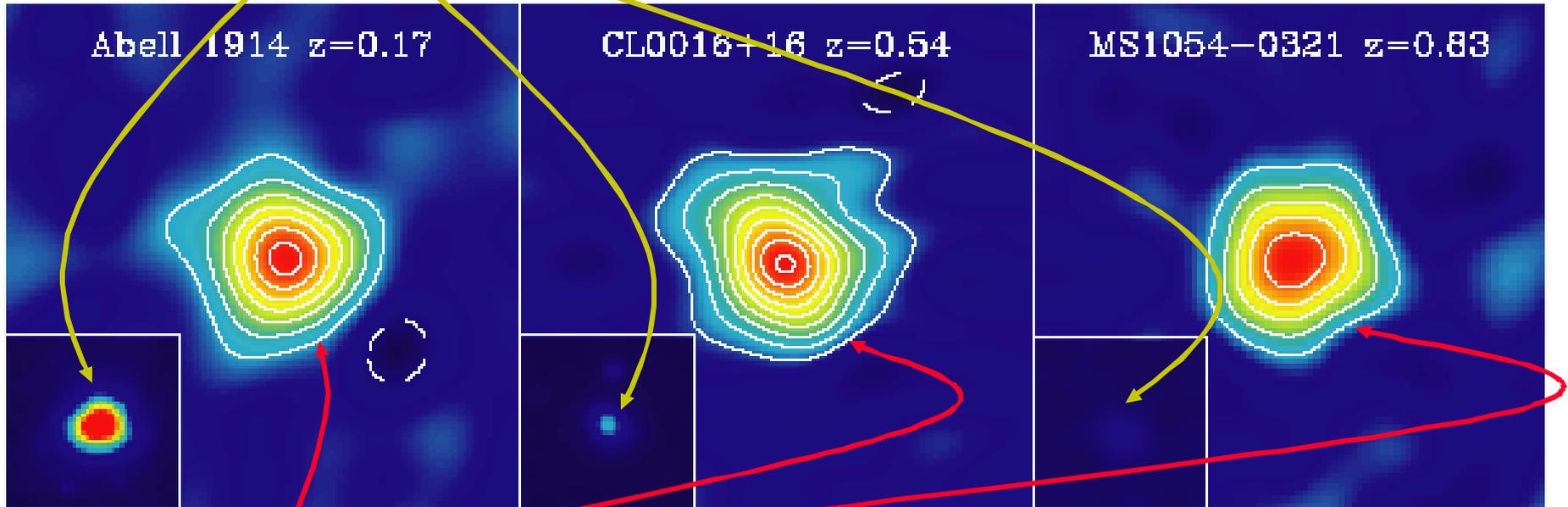
SZ effect (kinetic)



Simulations from M. White.

Sunyaev Zel'dovich Effect is Independent of Distance

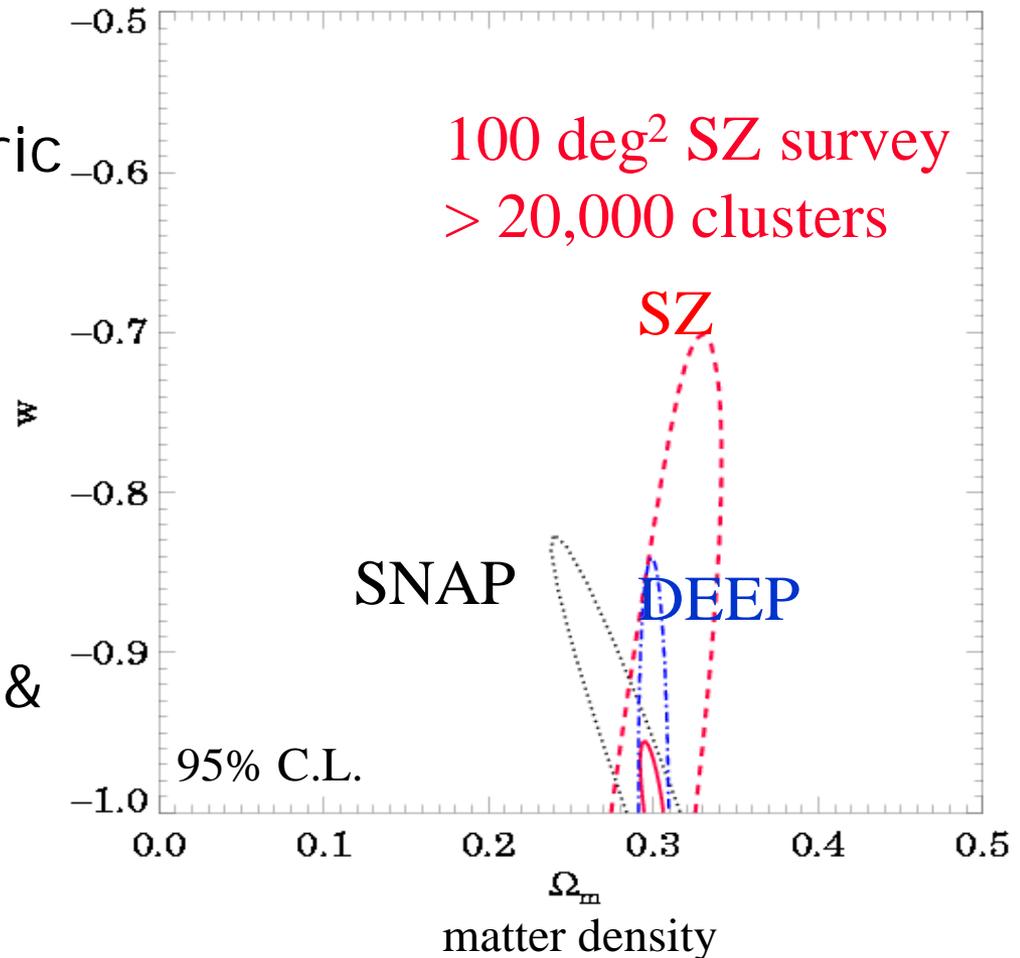
- In the X-ray sky, clusters fade away at high redshift.



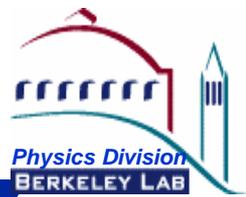
- SZ observations are independent of redshift
→ ***Clusters can be seen at any distance.***

Sunyaev Zel'dovich Effect

- Growth of structure depends on cosmology.
- SZ cluster counts together with photometric redshifts determine cluster dN/dz
 - constrain dark energy equation of state, w
 - constrain matter density, Ω_M
- Complementary to DEEP & SNAP results
 - different systematics
 - different correlations

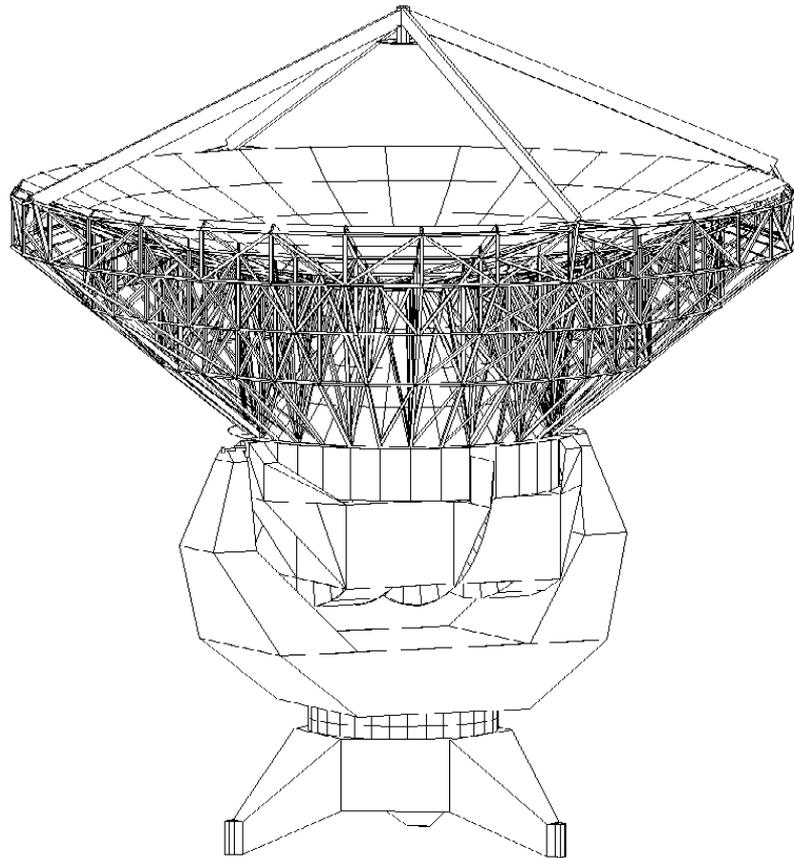
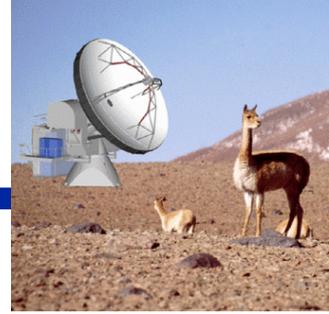


APEX Sunyaev Zel'dovich Receiver



- 300 Element Bolometer array
 - superconducting transition edge sensors (TES)
 - 250 pixels observing at 2mm
 - where the ratio of the thermal SZ signal to the combination of atmospheric and detector noise is maximum
 - 50 pixels observing at 1.4mm (217 GHz)
 - coincides with the null of the thermal SZ effect
 - and the peak in the kinetic SZ effect.
- Noise: 250 μK vs at 2mm.
- will thus measure one square degree of sky to an RMS of 10 μK per three hours of observation!

Atacama Pathfinder Experiment (APEX)



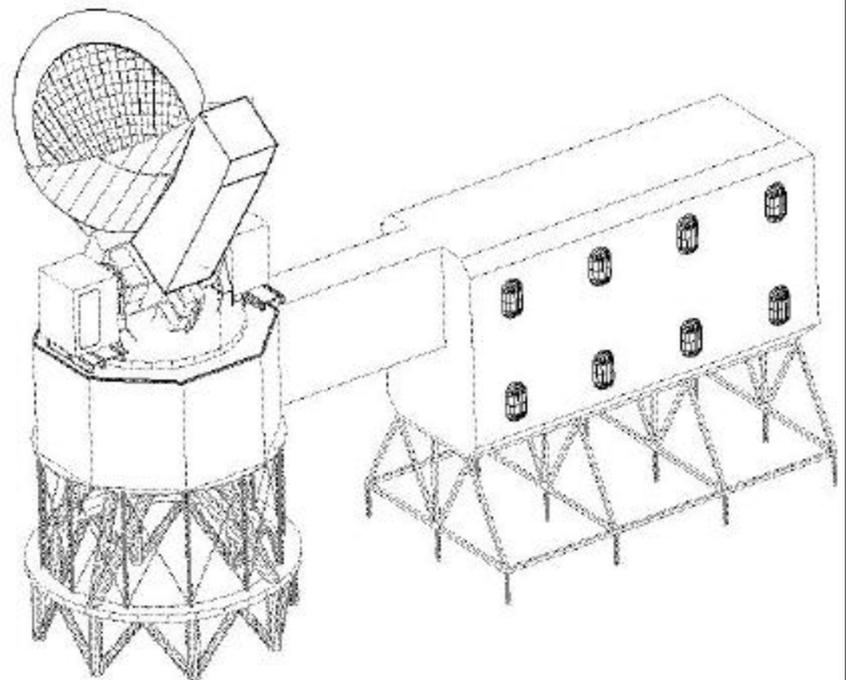
Telescope

- Located at 16,500 feet in the Chilean andes.
- 12m on-axis ALMA prototype
- 45" resolution at 150 GHz
- 30' field-of-view
- Use in drift scanning mode
- Telescope funded and under construction by MPI FR/ESO/Onsala.

Berkeley SZ Receiver **funded by NSF astronomy, 2002.**

- **First Light January 2004.**
- **25% of Telescope time will be dedicated to Berkeley SZ Receiver**

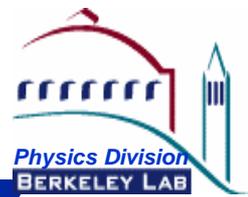
South Pole Telescope



- ~3000 pixel focal plane (multiplexed)
- 8m, off-axis design
- 1.3' resolution
- 1 deg. Field of view
- 100% time SZ observations
- Best mm-wave site
- First light 2006
- Funded by NSF Polar Programs (Chicago, Berkeley, Case Western, SAO)

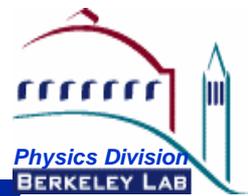
APEX/SPT are complementary: APEX will be operational 2-3 years before SPT, but SPT will have ~5x faster cluster finding rate.

Technology Development Crucial



- We are breaking new ground in several areas
 - integrated sensor arrays
 - cryogenic readout multiplexing
 - Frequency-Domain Multiplexing for bolometer readout
 - SQUID arrays with large dynamic range + bandwidth
 - Our technology is scalable, economical, and robust
- Individual elements demonstrated as proof-of-principle
- Challenges
 - sufficient engineering effort
 - infrastructure for fabrication of sensor arrays
 - maintain our technology lead

Facility for Superconducting Sensor Arrays



- Establish infrastructure capable of fabricating very high yield TES sensor arrays.
 - natural evolution of the TES bolometers (a Berkeley technology)
 - existing facilities on campus not adequate
- augment the existing LBNL Silicon MicroSystems lab to accommodate production of large superconducting sensor arrays
 - extends our current facility to frontier technology
 - establishes technology base in the engineering division
- LDRD strategic proposal submitted and plant funds requested (Jun 2002).

Summary

- The Berkeley observational CMB program is going after the next generation CMB science:
 - Polarization with **Maxipol** & **POLARBEAR** experiments
 - SZ cluster surveys with **APEX** and **South Pole Telescope**
- These experiments require a leap forward in sensitivity, which will be provided by our instrumentation advances
 - monolithically fabricated large scale arrays of bolometers
 - antenna coupled devices
 - multiplexed readout
 - ➔ Proof-of-concept prototypes of all elements fabricated, and now being tested.
 - ➔ We're moving into the engineering phase.