

**Measurements of the Cosmic Microwave Background**

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**Plan of the talk**

- CMB Observables
- Experimental Problems:
  - Foregrounds
  - Detector sensitivity
  - Systematics
- Current/Planned Experiments
- Hot CMB topics / measurements:
  - Polarization E, B
  - Sunyaev-Zeldovich in Clusters

**Summary of CMB observables:**

- CMB spectrum
- CMB anisotropy angular power spectrum
- CMB polarization angular power spectra:
  - E-modes
  - B-modes

Increasing Difficulty

$\langle T \rangle = 2.725K$

$\Delta T_{rms} = 80 \mu K$

$\Delta T_{E,rms} = 2 \mu K$

$\Delta T_{B,rms} < 0.1 \mu K$

We heard from Ruth's talk why it is so important for cosmology and fundamental physics to measure each of these observables.

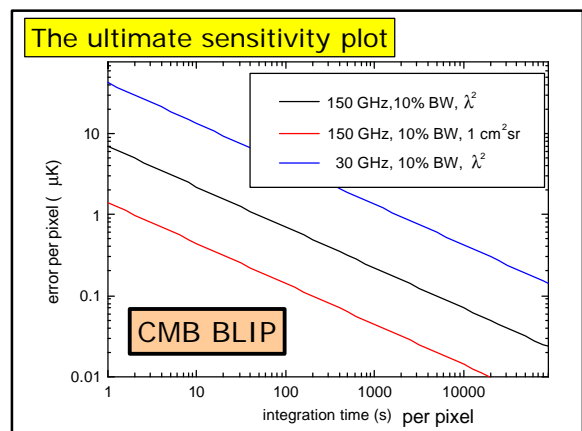
**Fundamental sensitivity limit: Radiation Noise**

- CMB anisotropy (or polarization) measurement, integration time  $t$ , limited only by radiation noise (**noiseless detector, no foregrounds !**)

$$\Delta B(\mathbf{n}, T) = \frac{\Delta T}{T} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{x e^x}{e^x - 1} B(x, T) dx$$

$$\mathbf{s} \left( \frac{\Delta T}{T} \right) = \frac{\mathbf{s}(\Delta B)}{\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{x e^x}{e^x - 1} B(x, T) dx}$$

$$\mathbf{s} \left( \frac{\Delta T}{T} \right) = \sqrt{\frac{4k^5 T^5}{c^2 h^3} A \Omega \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{x^4 e^x}{(e^x - 1)^2} dx} \sqrt{\frac{1}{t}}$$

$$\mathbf{s} \left( \frac{\Delta T}{T} \right) = \frac{2k^4 T^4}{c^2 h^3} A \Omega \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{x^4 e^x}{(e^x - 1)^2} dx \sqrt{t}$$


# 1) How can we make any other radiation negligible wrt CMB ?

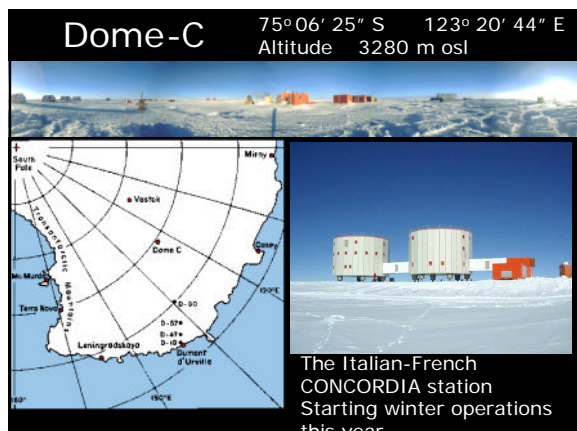
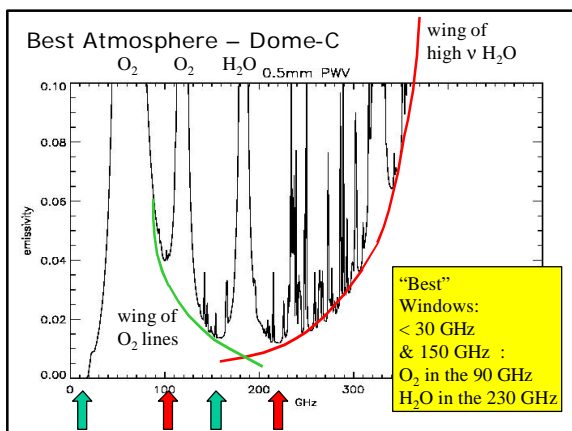
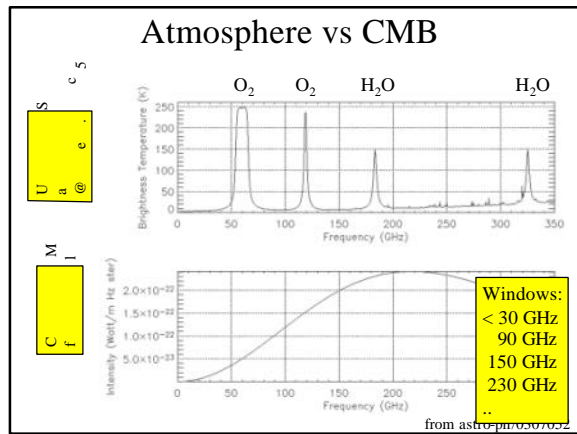
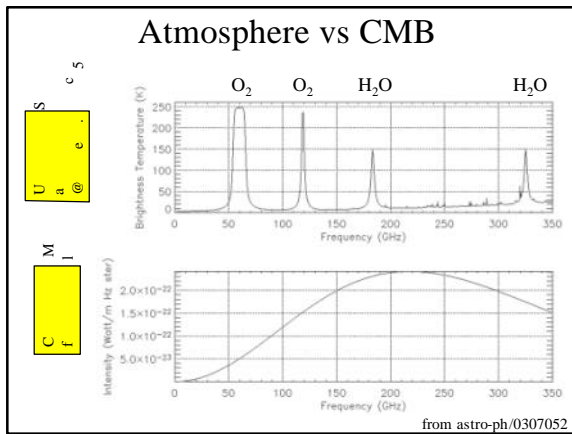
- 1.1) Atmosphere
- 1.2) Astrophysical Foregrounds

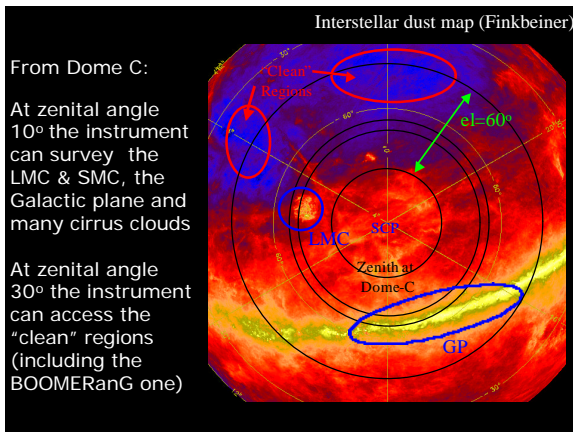
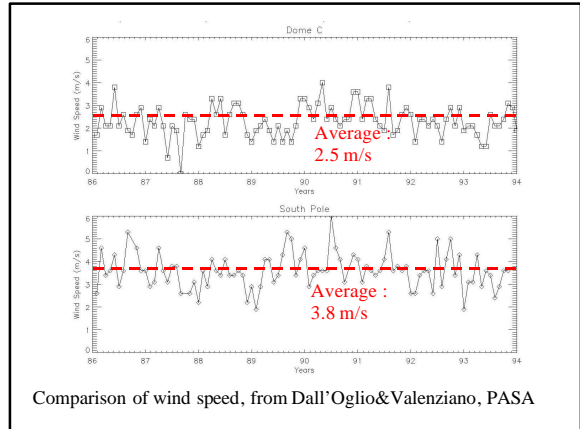
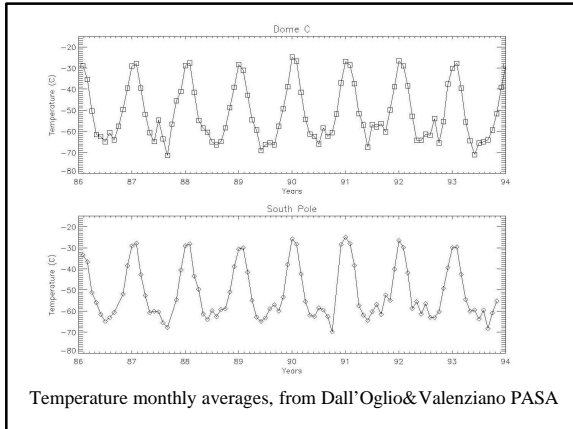
# 2) How do current detectors compare to CMB radiation noise ?

- 2.1) coherent detectors
- 2.2) bolometers
- 2.3) progress in large format arrays

# Atmospheric Foreground

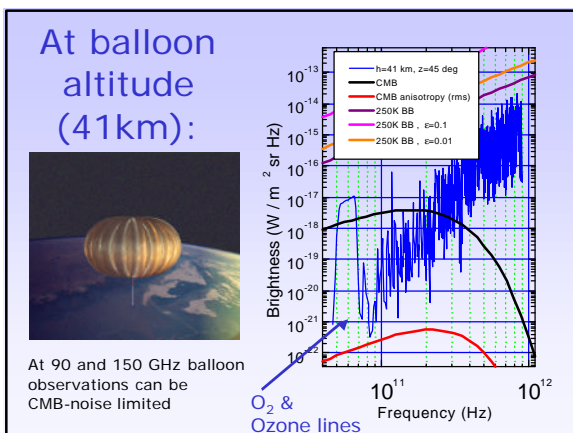
- The Earth atmosphere is a strong emitter of mm radiation.
- The instrument must operate in an atmospheric window, or carried outside the Earth atmosphere using a space carrier.
- In the first case, high altitude, cold and dry sites are selected.
- In the second case, stratospheric balloons (40 km), sounding rockets (400 km) or satellites (400 km to  $10^6$  km..) have been heavily used for CMB research.





Ground based experiments are limited in frequency and sky coverage.

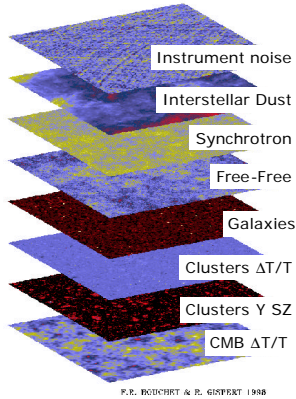
Wider frequency coverage, especially at high frequency, can be obtained only from space. This is essential to monitor/remove foregrounds.



Satellite observations are limited only by the astrophysical foregrounds:

## Astrophysical Foregrounds

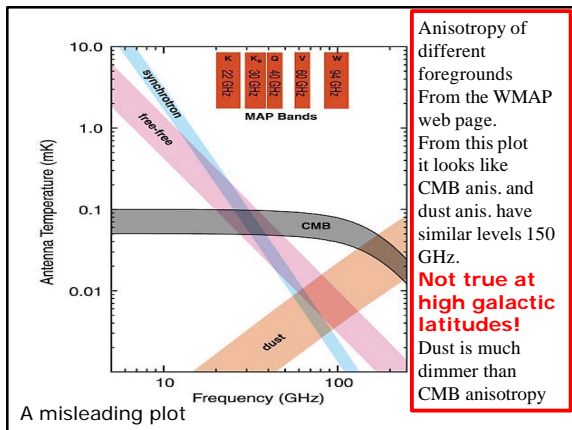
- From our location inside the Galaxy, we see the Early Universe through several layers of "local" matter, absorbing CMB photons and emitting other photons.
- Most of these layers are "thin" (optical depth  $\ll 1$ )



F. P. BOUCHÉRT & P. GIERBERT 1988

## Looking outside

- The key to optimally observe the CMB (and in general any extragalactic radiation) is mainly to work at a frequency  $\nu$  where the interstellar  $\tau_n$  is small.
- When this is not enough, the different spectral characteristics of the galactic and extragalactic signals must be exploited to separate the two (components separation).



A misleading plot

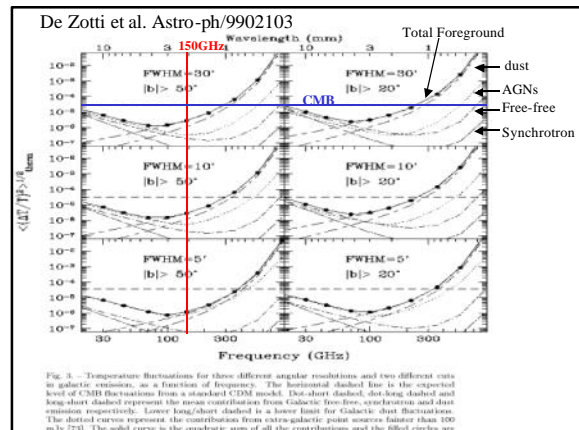
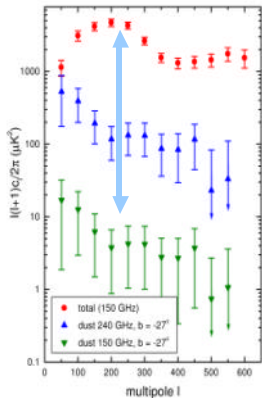


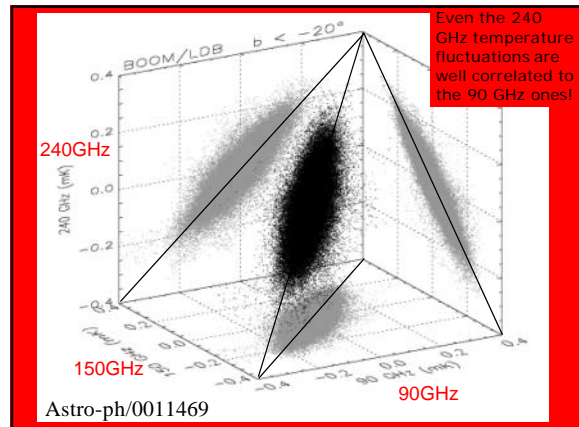
Fig. 3. Temperature fluctuations for three different angular resolutions and two different cuts in galactic emission, as a function of frequency. The horizontal dashed line is the expected level of CMB fluctuations from a standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model. Dotted, short-dashed, dot-long-dashed and long-short-dashed represent the mean contribution from Galactic free-free, synchrotron and dust emission respectively. Lower long/short dashed is a lower limit for Galactic dust fluctuations. The dotted curves represent the contribution from extra-galactic point sources fainter than 100 mJy (FW). The solid curve is the quadrature sum of all the contributions and the filled circles are

## Dust fluctuations at CMB wavelengths

- In the BOOMERanG region we have measured cirrus dust fluctuations at 150 GHz.
- Their power spectrum is 2 orders of magnitude smaller than CMB anisotropy at multipoles  $> 100$ .



Masi et al. Ap.J.Letters, 553, L93-L96, 2001 / Astro-ph/0101539



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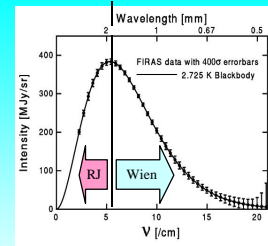
The situation is not as bad as in the WMAP figure, and 150 GHz seems to be an optimal frequency for bolometer surveys.

(see e.g. Baccigalupi et al., Maino et al., Tegmark, Herranz et al., Delabrouille et al., Cardoso et al., Patanchon et al....)

However, we are basically ignorant about the polarized foreground (see e.g. Prunet et al.).

Measurements are needed !

### Techniques ?



$n \leq n_{\max} = 100 \text{ GHz} \Rightarrow$  coherent detectors ( $\Delta\Omega = I^2$ )

$n \geq n_{\max} = 100 \text{ GHz} \Rightarrow$  bolometers ( $\Delta\Omega \geq I^2$ )

$n \approx n_{\max} = 100 \text{ GHz} \Rightarrow$  hybrid techniques

Current detectors are approaching the CMB BLIP.

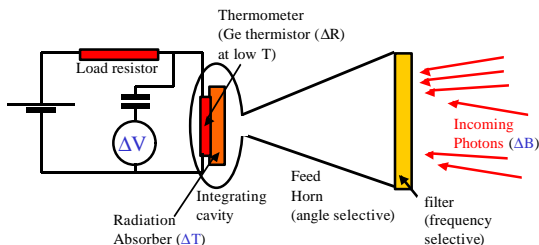
Once that is reached, the only way to improve is to use large format arrays of detectors, boosting the mapping speed.

### Detectors

- Coherent detectors measure amplitude and phase of the em wave
- Thermal detectors measure the energy of the em wave
- On both sides, astrophysical and CMB research drove the development of new devices:
  - Cryogenic, ultra-low noise HEMT amplifiers (coherent)
  - Cryogenic "Spider Web" and "Polarization Sensitive" Bolometers (thermal)
  - Low sidelobe corrugated antennas .....
- Also, the two worlds are progressively mixed: for example waveguides and striplines are now used with cryogenic bolometers

### Cryogenic Bolometers

- The CMB spectrum is continuum and bolometers are wide band detectors. That's why they are so sensitive.



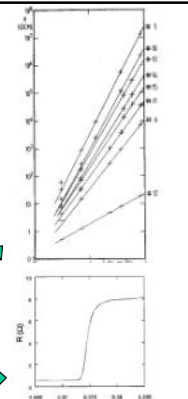
- Fundamental noise sources are Johnson noise in the thermistor ( $\langle \Delta V^2 \rangle = 4kTR\Delta f$ ), temperature fluctuations in the thermistor ( $\langle \langle \Delta W^2 \rangle \rangle = 4kGT^2\Delta f$ ), background radiation noise ( $T_{\text{bkg}}^5$ )  $\rightarrow$  need to reduce the temperature of the detector and the radiative background.

### Cryogenic Bolometers

$$a = \frac{1}{R(T)} \frac{dR(T)}{dT}$$

$$\mathfrak{R} = \frac{iaR}{G_{\text{eff}} \sqrt{1+t^2w^2}}$$

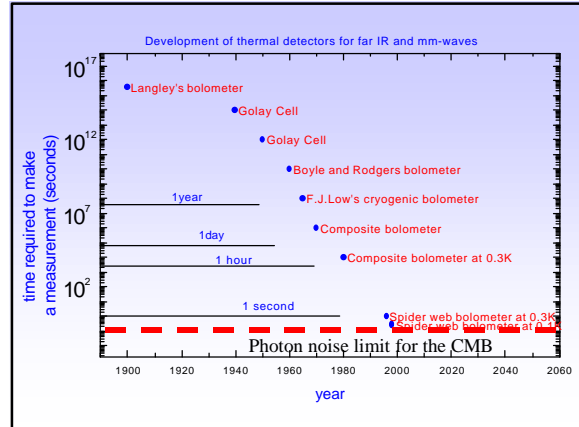
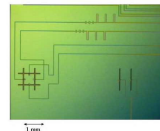
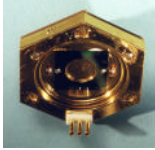
- A large  $\alpha$  is important for high responsivity.
- Ge thermistors:  $a \approx -10 \text{ K}^{-1}$
- Superconducting transition edge thermistors:  $a \approx 1000 \text{ K}^{-1}$



S.F. Lee et al. Appl. Opt. 37.3391 (1998)

## Cryogenic Bolometers

- Ge thermistor bolometers have been used in many CMB experiments:
  - COBE-FIRAS, ARGO, MAX, BOOMERanG, MAXIMA, ARCHEOPS
- Ge thermistor bolometers are extremely sensitive, but slow: the typical time constant C/G is of the order of 10 ms @ 300mK
- Transition Edge Superconductor (TES) thermistors can do much better using electro-thermal feedback (100  $\mu$ s) – Recent development (Hear Paul Richards ..)



- The absorber is micro machined as a web of metallized  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  wires, 2  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, with 0.1 mm pitch.
- This is a good absorber for mm-wave photons and features a very low cross section for cosmic rays. Also, the heat capacity is reduced by a large factor with respect to the solid absorber.
- NEP  $\sim 2 \cdot 10^{-17}$  W/Hz $^{0.5}$  is achieved @0.3K
- 150 $\mu\text{K}_{\text{CMB}}$  in 1 s
- Mauskopf *et al.* Appl.Opt. 36, 765-771, (1997)

## Spider-Web Bolometers

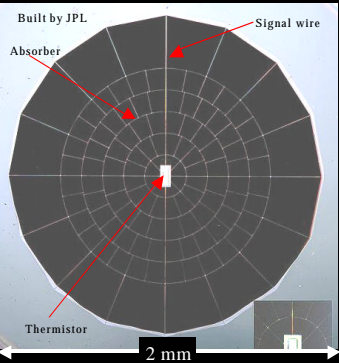


Table 5. In-flight bolometer performance

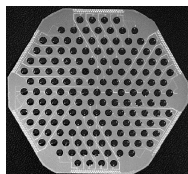
$\nu_0$ (GHz)	$\tau$ (ms)	$\eta_{\text{opt}}$	G ( $\mu\text{W K}^{-1}$ )	R ( $\text{M}\Omega$ )	NEP (1 Hz) ( $10^{-17}$ W/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ )	$\text{NET}_{\text{CMB}}$ ( $\mu\text{K}/\text{s}$ )
90	22	0.30	82	5.5	3.2	140
150sm	12.1	0.16	85	5.9	4.2	140
150mm	15.7	0.10	88	5.5	4.0	190
240	8.9	0.07	190	5.7	5.7	210
410	5.7	0.07	445	5.4	12.1	2700

Note. — In-flight bolometer performance. The 150 GHz channels are divided into single mode (150sm) and multimode(150mm). The optical efficiency of the channels decreased significantly from the measured efficiency of each feed structure due to truncation by the Lyot stop. The NEP is that measured in flight, and includes contributions from detector noise, amplifier noise, and photon shot noise.

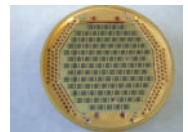
Crill *et al.*, 2003 – BOOMERanG 1998 bolometers, 300 mK

## Bolometer Arrays

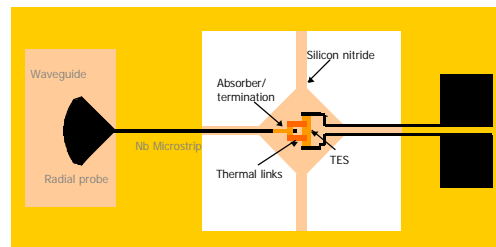
- Once bolometers reach BLIP conditions (CMB BLIP), the mapping speed can only be increased by creating large bolometer arrays.
- BOLOCAM and MAMBO are examples of large arrays with hybrid components (Si wafer + Ge sensors)
- Techniques to build fully lithographed arrays for the CMB are being developed.
- TES offer the natural sensors. (A. Lee, D. Benford, A. Golding ..hear Richards..)MAMBO (MPIIR for IRAM)



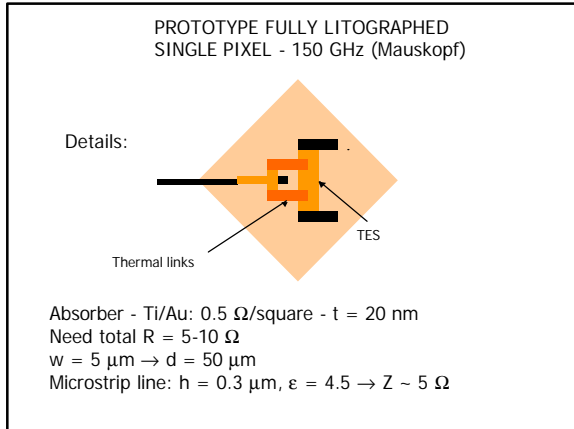
Bolocam Wafer (CSO)



## PROTOTYPE FULLY LITHOGRAPHED SINGLE PIXEL - 150 GHz (Mauskopf)



Similar to JPL design, Hunt, *et al.*, 2002 but with waveguide coupled antenna



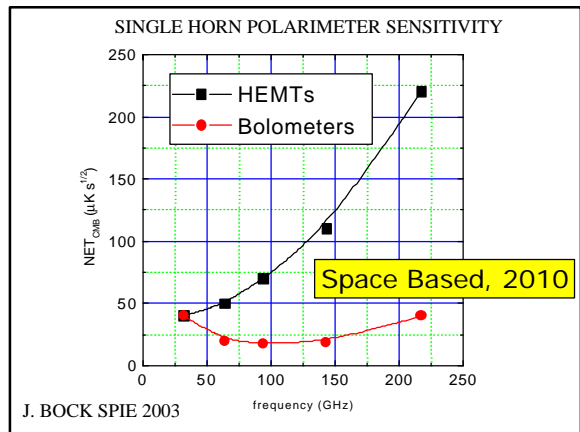
### TES arrays

- Are the future of this field. See recent reviews from Paul Richards, Adrian Lee, Jamie Bock, Harvey Moseley ... et al.

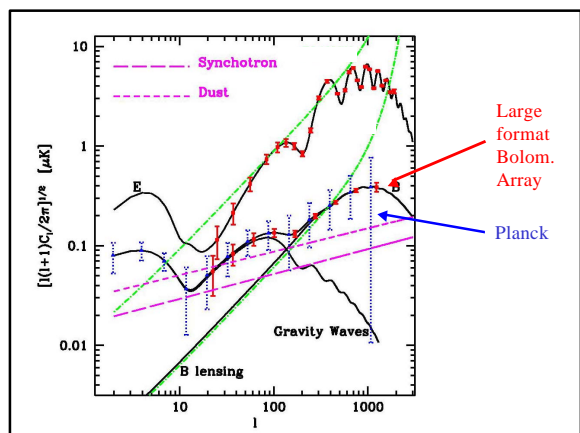
- In Proc. of the Far-IR, sub-mm and mm detector technology workshop, Monterey 2002.

### Coherent Detectors

- Here the CMB em waves interact with an antenna, and a selected mode is propagated in a waveguide to a probe, where a voltage proportional to the incoming field is generated.
- The voltage is amplified by means of a fast, low noise amplifier (direct receivers)
- Very low noise HEMT amplifiers, cooled at 20K have been developed (NRAO).
- They have been used in many CMB experiments: TOCO, DASI, CBI, WMAP and will be used in Planck-LFI.
- There is no cheap way to replicate HEMT amplifiers to build a large format array (> 500\$/pixel ?); moreover, due to the longer wavelength, the focal plane is larger.



- Imagine to have several hundred pixels observing simultaneously at 150 GHz, plus other observing at higher frequencies for foreground subtraction.
- This can be done only on a balloon (atmospheric noise/transparency does not allow to work at  $f > 150 \text{ GHz}$  even from Dome-C) or on a satellite (Inflation-Probe).



# Systematics

## Systematics ARE there.

- Knox's formula assumes simple white gaussian noise.
- In the real world noise is not gaussian and we have drifts, spikes, events of different kind in the raw data.
- Detectors characteristics (responsivity, noise) can change with time during the survey.
- Moreover, low-level local emission can contaminate the sky signal in a non gaussian way.
- Evident features are easily identified and rejected.
- Features smaller than the noise cannot be removed, and contaminate the results.

## Systematics ARE there.

- The experiment needs to have internal redundancy in order to make tests for the presence of systematics.
  - A. Several detectors at the same frequency
  - B. Several different frequencies
- The experimental conditions must be changed, to check the reliability of the result
  - C. Experiment different scan speeds
  - D. Experiment different sidelobes conditions
  - E. Experiment different locations of sun, moon, strong sources.
  - F. Results must be compared to results of similar, independent experiments.
- Calibration should be carried out several times during the survey
- All these tests have been passed by BOOMERanG.

## Current/planned CMB experiments:

ACBAR, ACT, AMI, AMiBA, APEX, Archeops, BICEP, BOOMERanG, B-POL, BRAIN, CAPMAP, CBI, CG, CLOVER, COMPASS, DASI, MAXIPOL, MBI, MINT, OLIMPO, PLANCK, POLAR, Polatron, SPT, SuZIE, SZA, TopHat, VSA, WMAP, ... ..

so many that it is impossible to review all. I'll focus on two hot topics / experiments:

a) Measurements of CMB polarization. B-modes are generated during inflation and are not generated at recombination. Test of inflation.

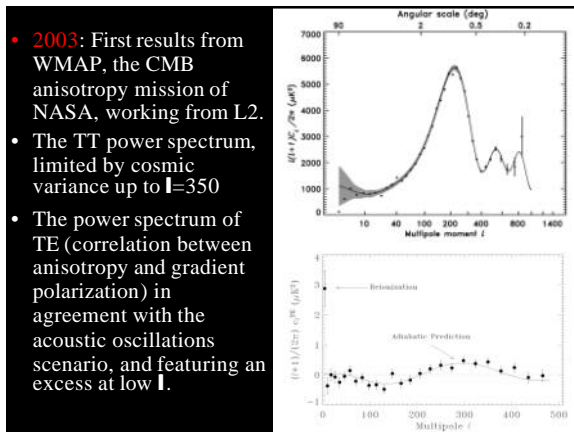
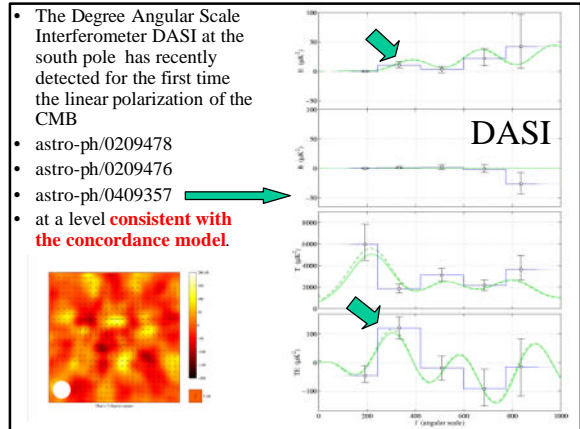
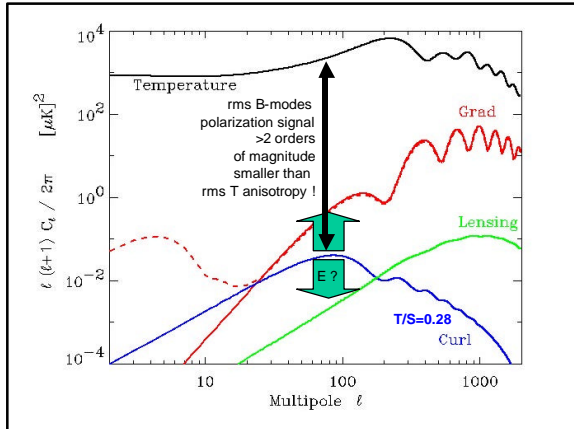
Long way to go: **B2K** is a first step. **CLOVER** will be an advanced step.

b) Measurement of SZ effect in distant clusters of Galaxies. Test of expansion rate / dark energy. **OLIMPO** is our way to approach the problem.

## The B-modes signal is extremely weak

- Nobody really knows how to detect it.
  - Pathfinder experiments are needed
- Whatever smart, ambitious experiment we design to detect the B-modes:
  - It needs to be extremely sensitive
  - It needs an extremely careful control of systematic effects
  - It needs careful control of foregrounds
  - It will need **independent experiments with orthogonal systematics.**
- There is still a long way to go: ...





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**B2K = BOEMERanG 2003**

### Polarization-sensitive bolometers

#### JPL-Caltech

3  $\mu\text{m}$  thick wire grids, Separated by 60  $\mu\text{m}$ , in the same groove of a circular corrugated waveguide

Planck-HFI testbed

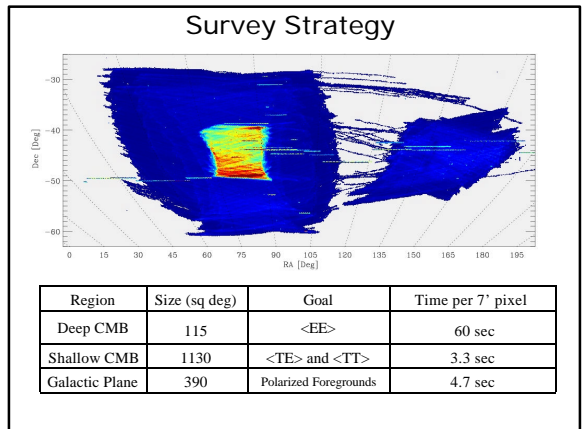
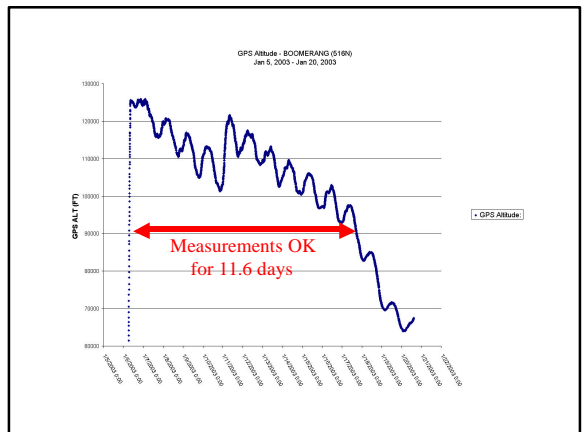
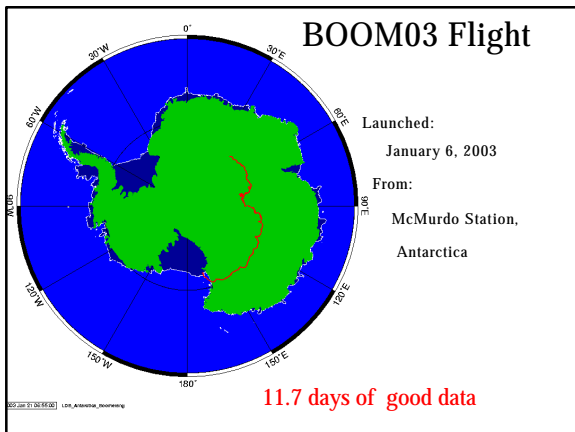
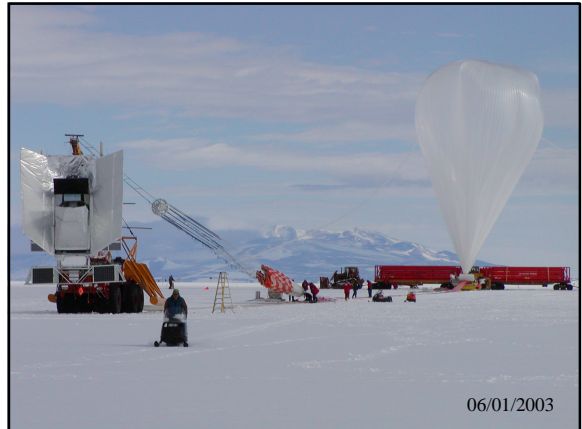
B.Jones et al. Astro-ph/0209132

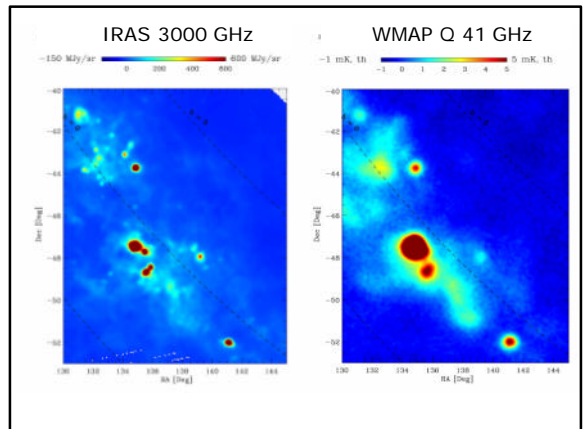
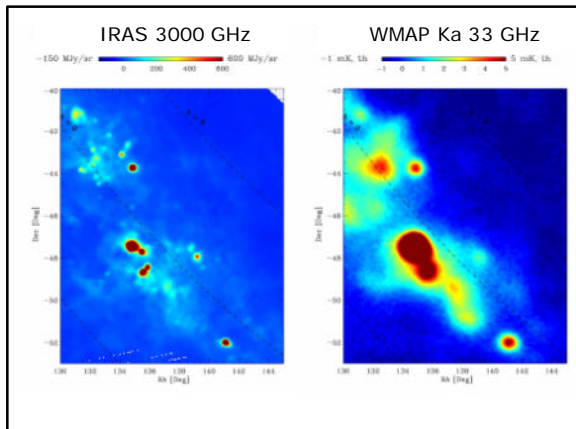
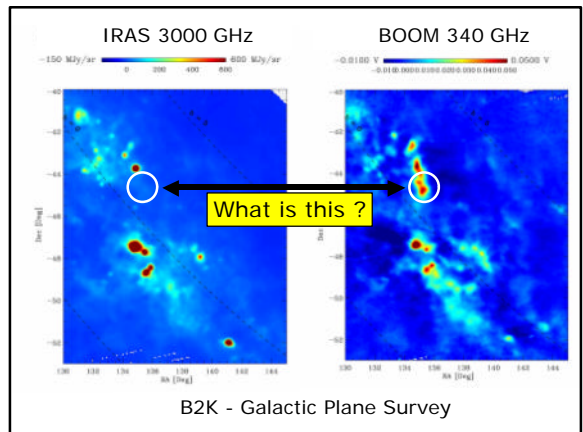
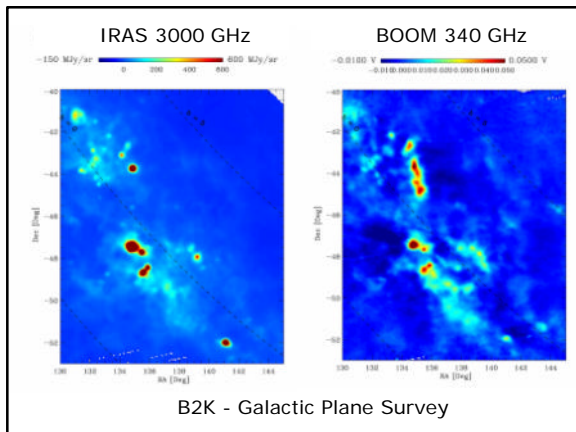
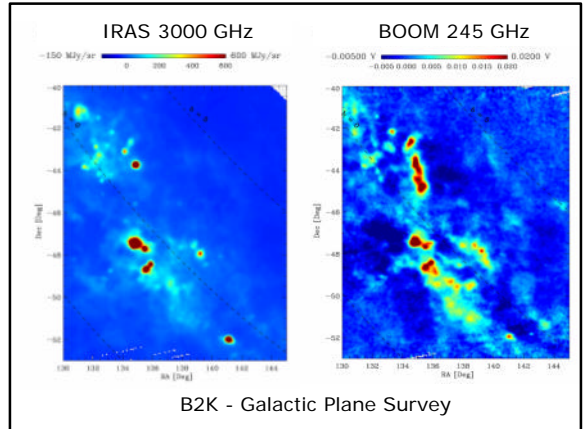
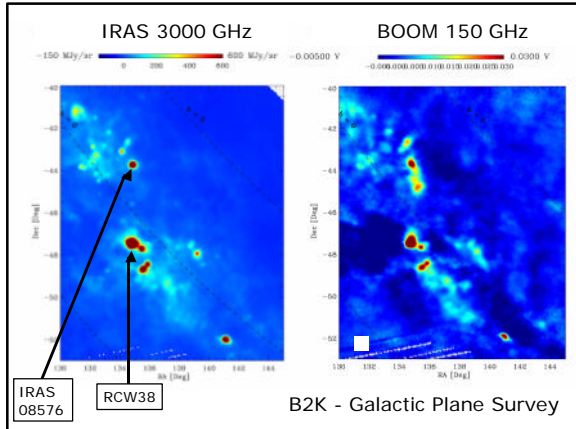
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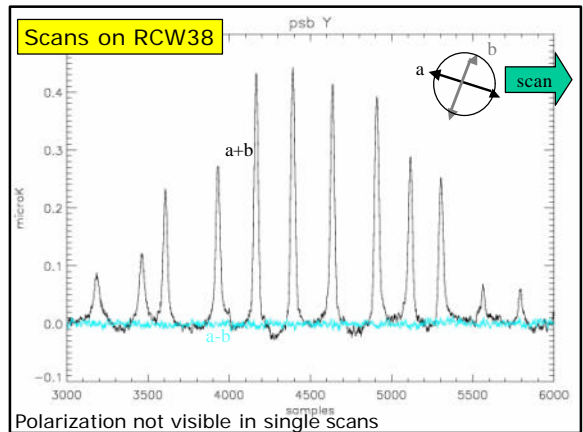
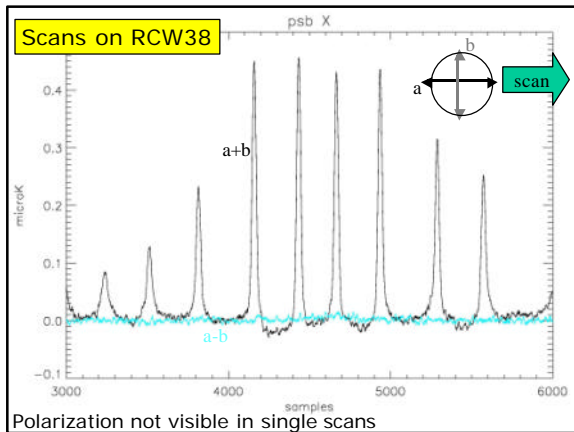
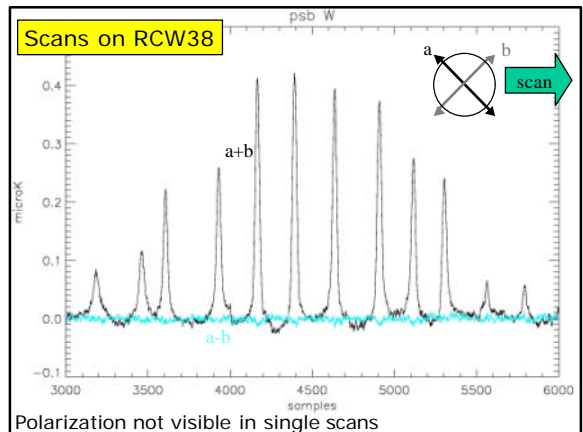
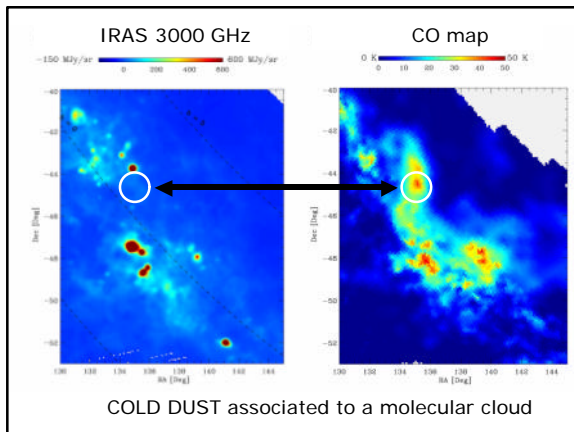
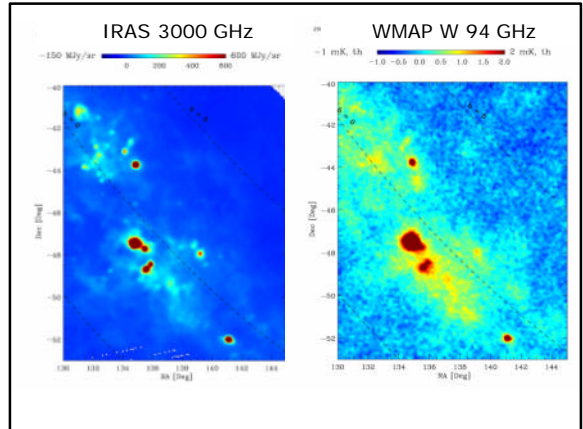
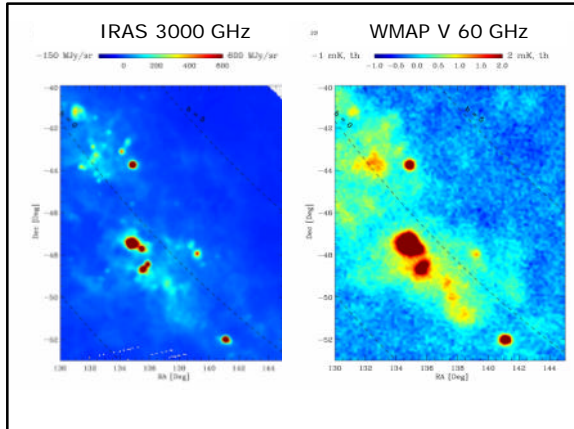
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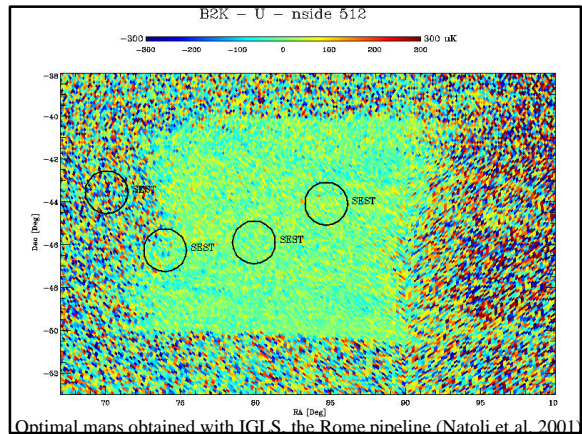
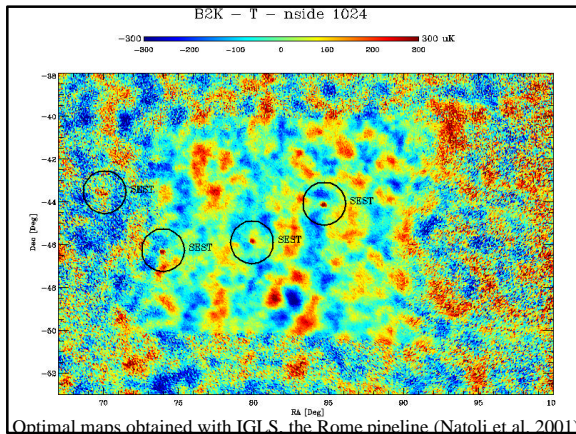
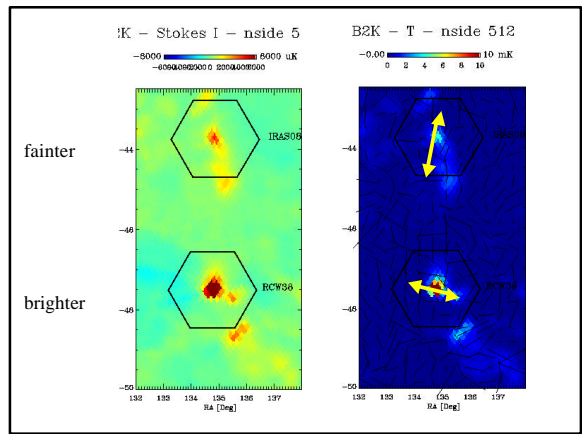
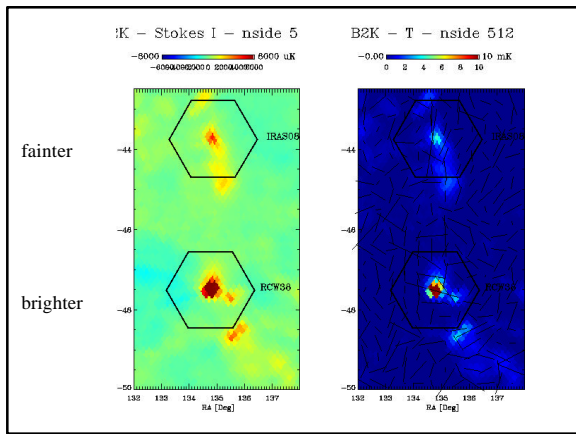
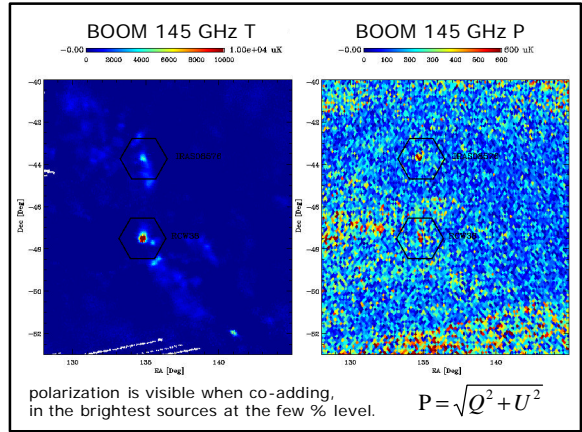
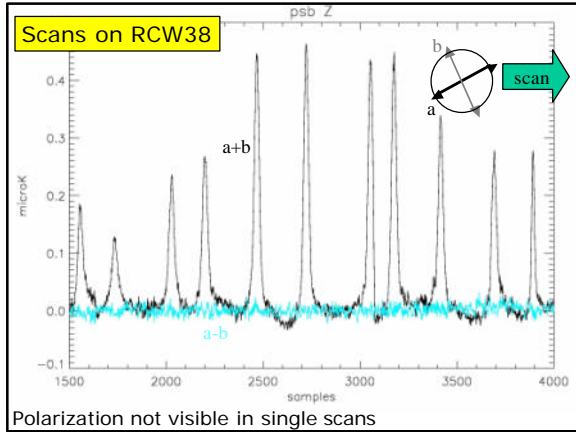
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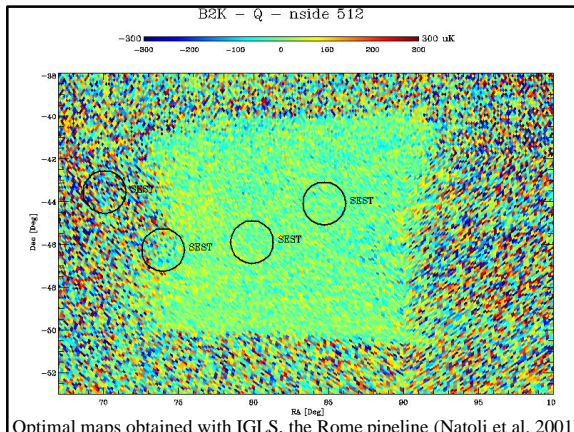
30° azimuth











### Is there any signal in the Q,U maps ?

- Likelihood to measure the observed signals in the  $i=1..N$  pixels. For gaussian correlated signal and noise:

$$L(\mathbf{s}_{sky}^k) = \prod_i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mathbf{p}} |C_{ij}(\mathbf{s}_{sky}^k)|} \exp[-X_i C_{ij}^{-1}(\mathbf{s}_{sky}^k) X_j]$$

$$k = \begin{cases} T \\ Q \\ U \end{cases} ; X = \begin{cases} T_i \\ Q_i \\ U_i \end{cases} ; C_{ij}(\mathbf{s}_{sky}^k) = (\mathbf{s}_{sky}^k)^2 R^k(\mathbf{q}_{ij}) + (N_{ij}^k)^2$$

Normalized Sky covariance      Pixel Noise covariance

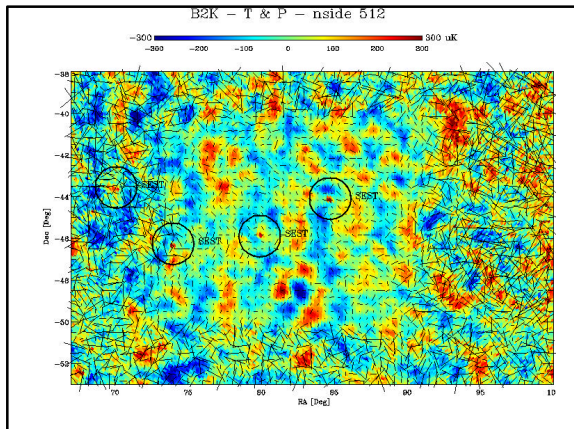
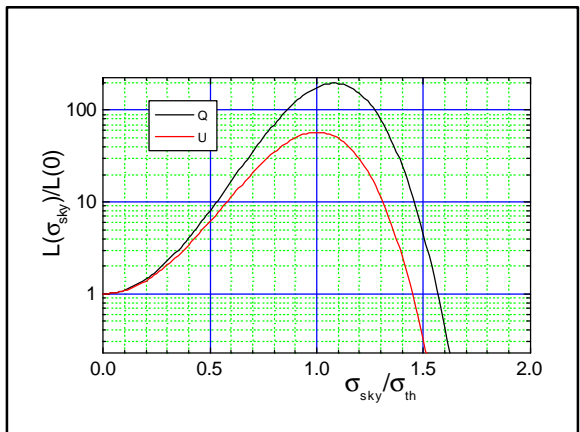
### Is there any signal in the Q,U maps ?

- For a rough estimate, we can neglect the correlations:

$$L(\mathbf{s}_{sky}^k) = \prod_i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{s}_i^2 + \mathbf{s}_{sky}^2)}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{X_i^2}{\mathbf{s}_i^2 + \mathbf{s}_{sky}^2}\right]$$

$$k = \begin{cases} T \\ Q \\ U \end{cases} ; X = \begin{cases} T_i \\ Q_i \\ U_i \end{cases}$$

- In the deep region we have  $N=5137$  pixels ( $7'$  side).
- Average noise = (20,28,28  $\mu\text{K}$ ) per pixel (T,Q,U).
- Expected CMB rms: (100, 2, 2  $\mu\text{K}$ ) for (T,Q,U).

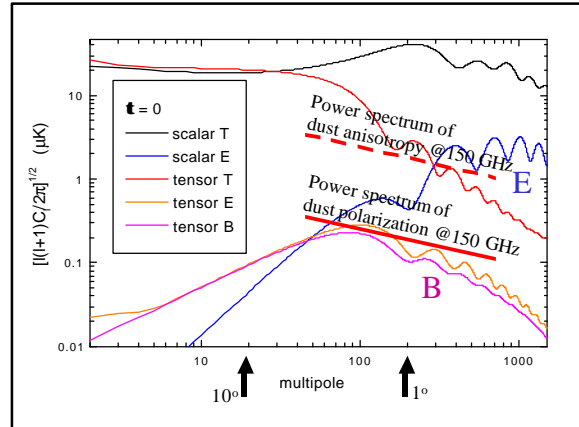


### Data Analysis

- Is underway. We have now two pipelines (one in the USA, one in Italy) converging to optimal maps of T, Q, U.
- Optimal Spectral estimation is also underway.

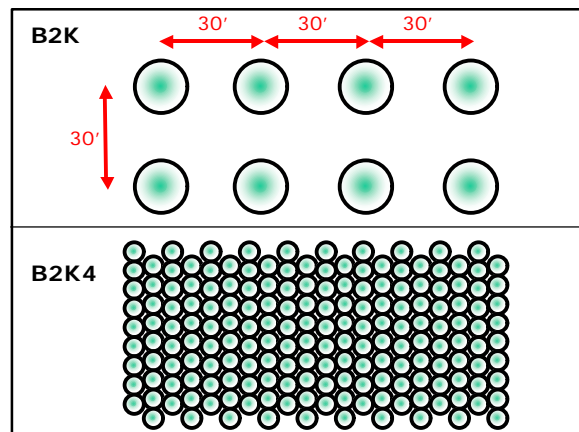
## The future of BOOMERanG

- Diffuse Dust emission is polarized at 10% in the plane of the Galaxy. See [astro-ph/0306222](#) "First Detection of Polarization of the Submillimetre Diffuse Galactic Dust Emission by Archeops".
- Its polarization will have both E-modes and B-modes.
- We know that **at 150 GHz** at high latitudes the PS of dust emission is about 1% of the PS of CMB anisotropy (Masi et al. *Ap.J.* **553**, L93-L96, 2001)
- So **we naively expect B-modes from dust polarization PS at a level of  $10^{-4}$  of the anisotropy.**
- This is an important foreground for B-modes of CMB, whose level is also about  $10^{-4}$  of anisotropy !
- These are only rough estimates. We know very little about the configuration and distribution of the magnetic fields aligning the dust grains.



## B2K5

- We plan to re-fly B2K with an upgraded focal plane, to go after foreground **cirrus dust polarization**.
- This information is **essential** for all the planned B-modes experiments (e.g. BICEP, Dome-C etc.) and is very difficult to measure from ground.
- The BOOMERanG optics can host an array of >100 PSB at >350 GHz.



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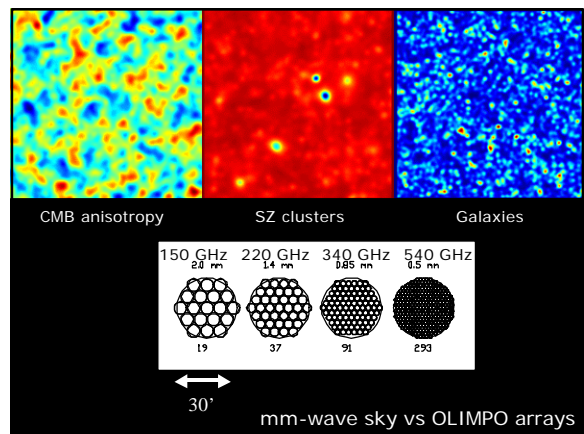
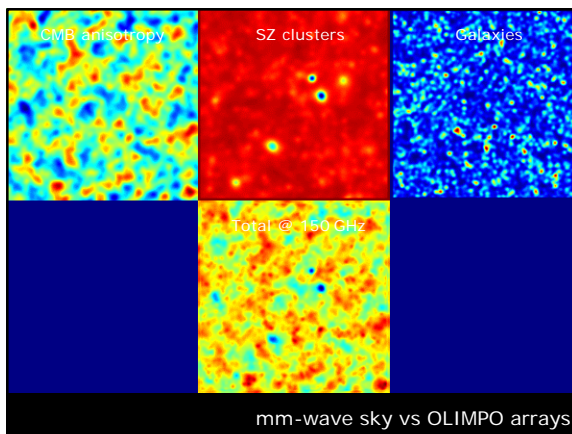


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## OLIMPO

- Is the combination of
  - A large (2.6m diameter) mm/sub-mm telescope with scanning capabilities
  - A multifrequency array of bolometers
  - A precision attitude control system
  - A long duration balloon flight
- The results will be high resolution (arcmin) sensitive maps of the mm/sub-mm sky, with optimal frequency coverage (150, 220, 340, 540 GHz) for SZ detection, Determination of Cluster parameters and control of foreground/background contamination.

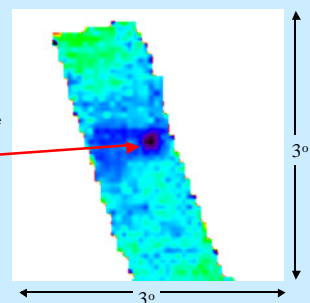


## Olimpo: list of Science Goals

- **Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect**
  - Measurement of  $H_0$  from rich clusters
  - Cluster counts and detection of early clusters -> parameters ( $\Lambda$ )
- **Distant Galaxies – Far IR background**
  - Anisotropy of the FIRB
  - Cosmic star formation history
- **CMB anisotropy at high multipoles**
  - The damping tail in the power spectrum
  - Complement interferometers at high frequency
- **Cold dust in the ISM**
  - Pre-stellar objects
  - Temperature of the Cirrus / Diffuse component

## OLIMPO observations of a SZ Cluster

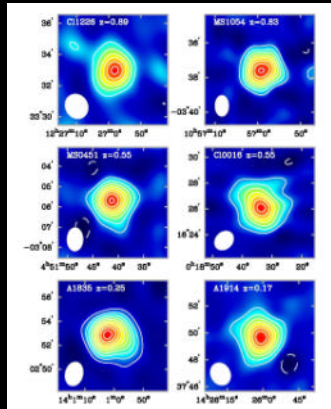
- **Simulated** observation of a SZ cluster at 2 mm with the Olimpo array.
- The large scale signals are CMB anisotropy.
- The cluster is the dark spot evident in the middle of the figure.
- Parameters of this observation: scans at  $1^\circ/s$ , amplitude of the scans  $3^\circ$  p-p, detector noise  $150 \text{ mK s}^{1/2}$ ,  $1/f$  knee = 0.1 Hz, total observing time = 4 hours, Comptonization parameter for the cluster  $y=10^{-4}$ .



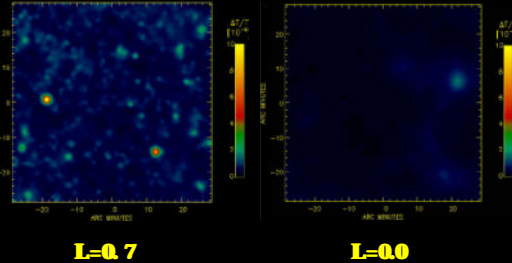


Carlstrom J., et al. Astro-ph/0208192 ARAA 2002

The SZ signal from the clusters does not depend on redshift.



Simulations show that the background from unresolved SZ clusters is very sensitive to  $L$  (see e.g. Da Silva et al. astro-ph/0011187)

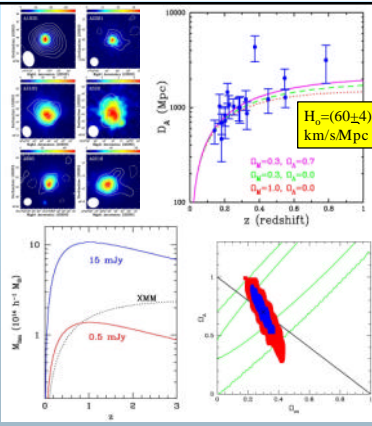


### S-Z

SZ and X brightness measurements can be combined to measure  $D_A$  (Cavaliere 1978) Doing this for a sample of clusters with known  $z$ , it is possible to derive  $H_0$  (see e.g. Reese et al. Astro-ph/0205350)

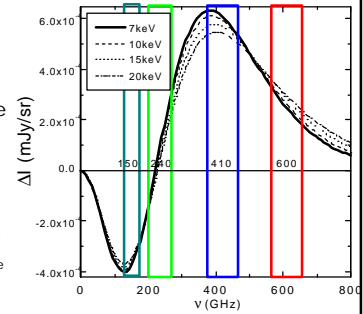
Deep surveys of SZ clusters can give independent estimates of  $\Lambda$  and  $\Omega_m$  through the measurement of SZ clusters counts.

See e.g. Carlstrom et al. Astro-ph/0103480



### The uniqueness of OLIMPO

- OLIMPO measures in 4 frequency bands simultaneously. These bands optimally sample the spectrum of the SZ effect.
- This allows us to clean the signal from any dust and CMB contamination, and even to measure  $T_e$  by means of the relativistic corrections.



### Simulations show that:

- For a
  - $Y=10^{-5}$  cluster,
  - in a dust optical depth of  $10^{-5}$  @ 1 mm,
  - In presence of a 100  $\mu$ K CMB anisotropy
- In 2 hours of integration over 1 square degree of sky centered on the cluster
  - $Y$  can be determined to  $\pm 10^{-6}$ ,
  - $\Delta T_{\text{CMB}}$  can be measured to  $\pm 10 \mu$ K
  - $T_e$  can be measured to  $\pm 3$ keV
- Many clusters (order 100) can be observed in a long duration flight

### Clusters sample

- We have selected 40 nearby rich clusters to be measured in a single long duration flight.
- For all these clusters high quality data are (or will be) available from XMM/Chandra

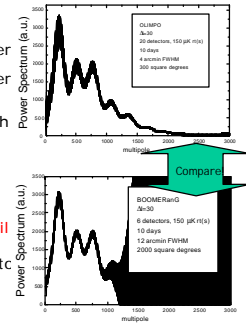
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2	A400	0.0232	12	A1367	0.0215
3	A426	0.0183	13	A1656	0.0232
4	A539	0.0205	14	A1775	0.0696
5	A576	0.0381	15	A1795	0.0616
6	A754	0.0528	16	A2151	0.0371
7	A1060	0.0114	17	A2199	0.0303
8	A1185	0.0304	18	A2256	0.0601
9	A1215	0.0494	19	A2319	0.0564
10	A1254	0.0628	20	A2634	0.0312

## Serendipitous Clusters

- Distant clusters produce the same SZ as nearby ones.
- OLIMPO is able to detect clusters never seen in the X-rays.
- The number density of these clusters strongly depends on the expansion history, i.e. on  $\Lambda$ .
- The higher resolution and sensitivity wrt Planck will allow deeper observations.
- The multifrequency observation will allow a cleaner removal of high frequency foregrounds (wrt SP, APEX etc.).

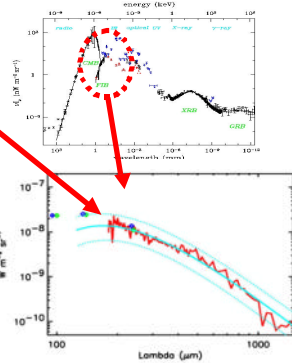
## Olimpo: CMB anisotropy

- Taking advantage of its high angular resolution, and concentrating on a limited area of the sky, OLIMPO will be able to measure the angular power spectrum (PS) of the CMB up to **multipoles  $l=3000$** , significantly higher than BOOMERanG, MAP and Planck.
- In this way it will complement at high frequencies the interferometers surveys, producing essential independent information, in a wide frequency interval, and free from systematics like sources subtraction.
- The measurement of the **damping tail** of the PS is an excellent way to map the **dark matter** distribution (4) and to measure  $\Omega_{\text{darkmatter}}$  (5).



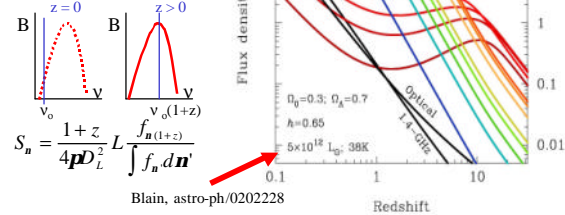
## mm/sub-mm backgrounds

- Diffuse cosmological emission in the mm/sub-mm is largely unexplored.
- A cosmic far IR background (FIRB) has been discovered by COBE-FIRAS (Puget, Hauser, Fixsen)
- It is believed to be produced by **ultra-luminous early galaxies** (Blain astro-ph/0202228)
- **Strong, negative k-correction** at mm and sub-mm wavelengths enhances the detection rate of these early galaxies at high redshift.



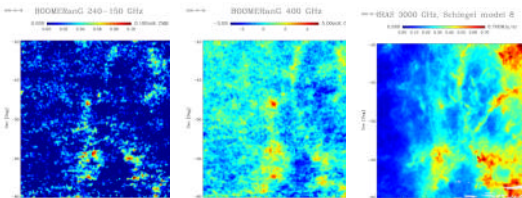
## mm/sub-mm galaxies

- In the sub-mm we are in the steeply rising part of the emission spectrum: if the galaxy is moved at high redshift we will see emission from a rest-frame wavelength closer to the peak of emission.



## Olimpo: Cold Cirrus Dust

- Sub-mm observations of cirrus clouds in our Galaxy are very effective in measuring the temperature and mass of the dust clouds.

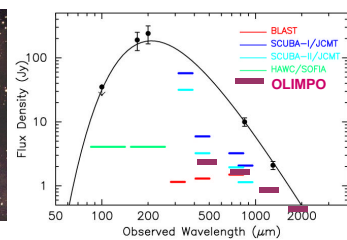


- See Masi et al. Ap.J. 553, L93-L96, 2001; and Masi et al. "Interstellar dust in the BOOMERanG maps", in "BC2K1", De Petris and Gervasi editors, AIP 616, 2001.

## OLIMPO can be used to survey the galactic plane for pre-stellar objects

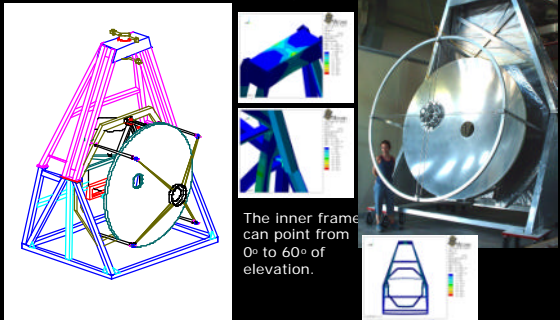


M16 - In the constellation Serpens



The SED of L1544 with  $10\sigma$  1 second sensitivities

## Olimpo: The Payload



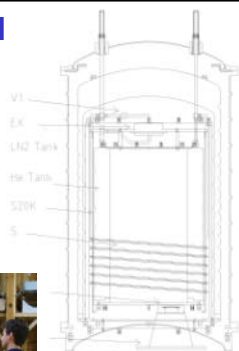
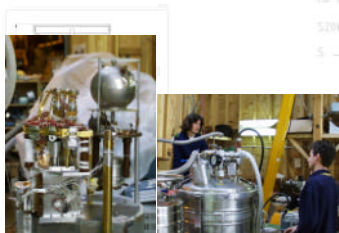
## Olimpo: The Primary mirror

- The primary mirror (2.6m) has been built and verified.
- It is the largest mirror ever flown on a stratospheric balloon.
- It is slowly wobbled to scan the sky.



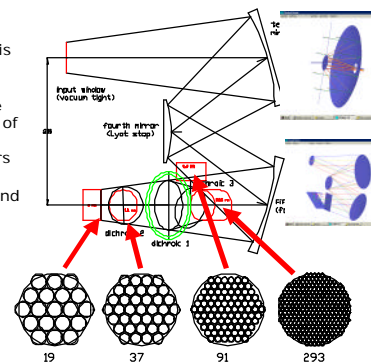
## Olimpo: technical solutions

- The **dewar** is being developed in Rome. It is based on the same successful design of the BOOMERanG dewar (6,7)
- 25 days at 290 mK.



## Olimpo: reimaging optics

- The **cryogenic reimaging optics** is being developed in Rome.
- It is mounted in the experiment section of the cryostat, at 2K, while the bolometers are cooled at 0.3K.
- Extensive baffling and a cold Lyot stop reduce significantly straylight and sidelobes.



OLIMPO will be flown as a trans-Mediterranean flight (24 hours) from Sicily to Spain in July 2005 (ASI)

The long duration flight (300 hours) will be in 2006 from Svalbard or from Antarctica.