



SPIDER: Examining Deviations in Dust Modeling

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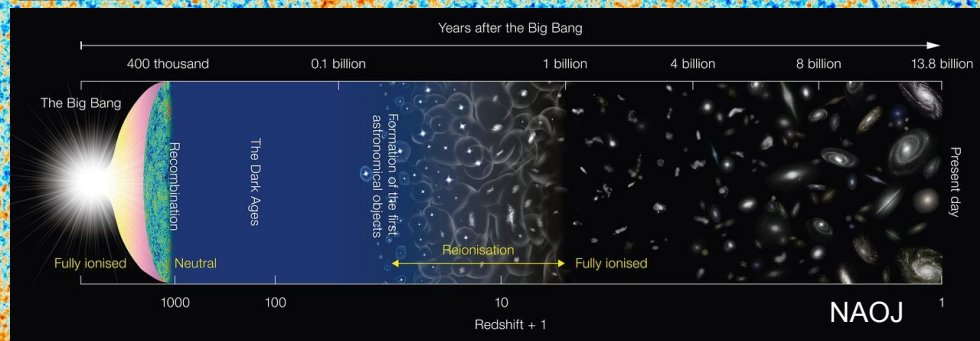
What and Why

The CMB is a Goldmine

Temperature

Polarization

Primary
Anisotropies



Secondary
Anisotropies

Cosmological Parameters
(Ω_b , Ω_c , Ω_m , θ_{MC} , τ , A_s ,
 $n_s \rightarrow H_0$, σ_8 , r , ...)

Inflation

Reionization
History

Sum of
Neutrino
Masses

Dark
Matter

Non-
Gaussianity

and
more!

Search for Primordial B-modes

- r : tensor-to-scalar energy ratio

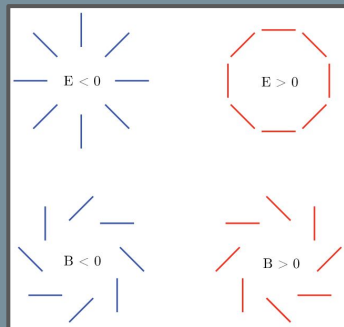
$$r = \frac{A_t}{A_s}$$

- Tensor perturbations affect temperature and polarization

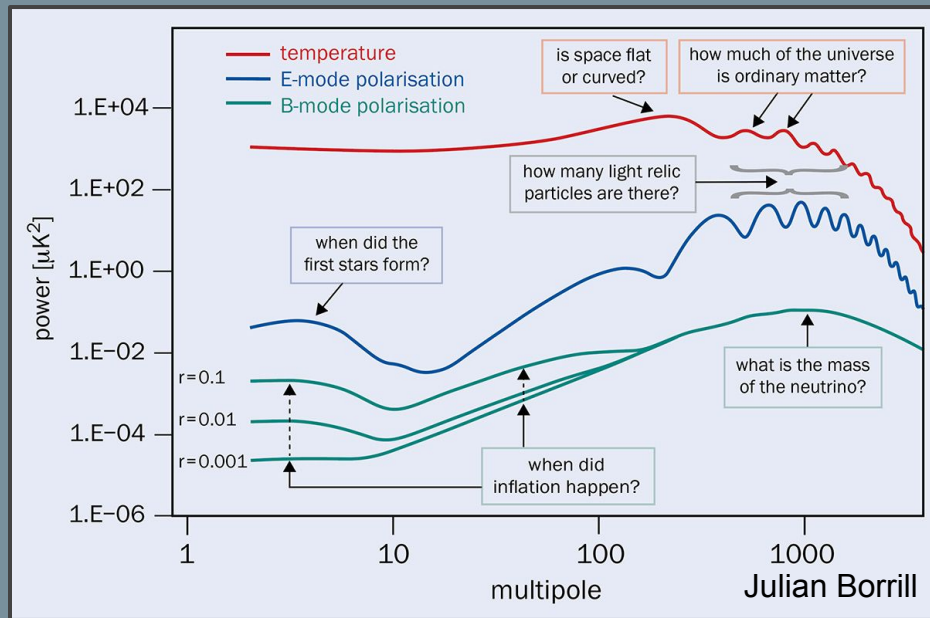
Thomson
Scattering

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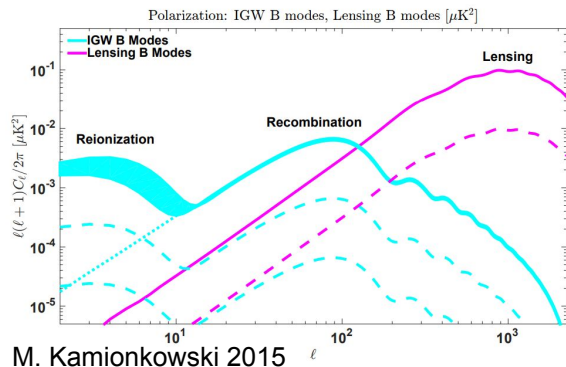


- Want to measure B-mode polarization as the *clean* signature of r

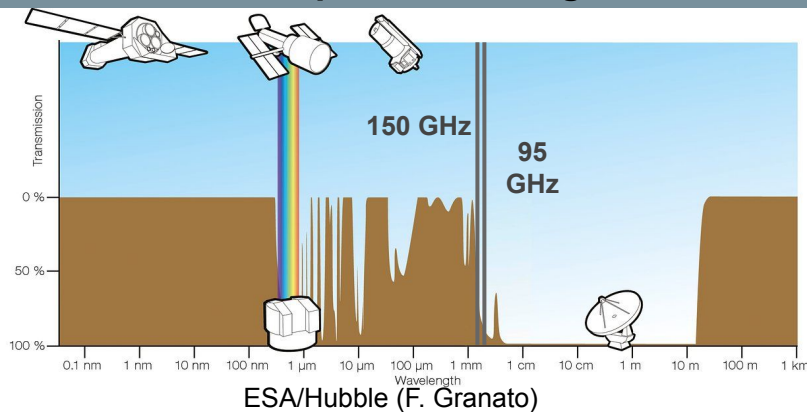


Measurement Challenges

Primordial vs. Lensed B modes



Atmospheric Loading

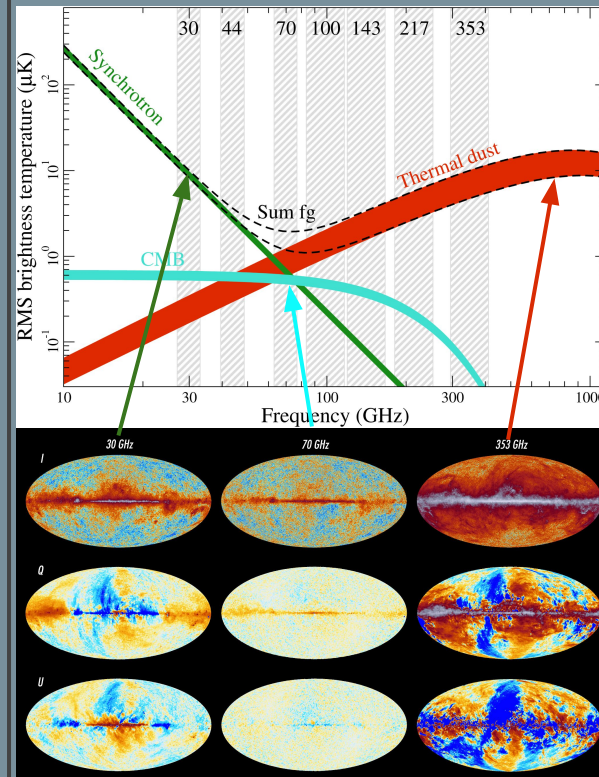


Very faint
signal

Polarization $\ll$
Temperature

B-modes $\ll$
E-modes

Galactic Foregrounds



Planck/ESA 2015

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People:

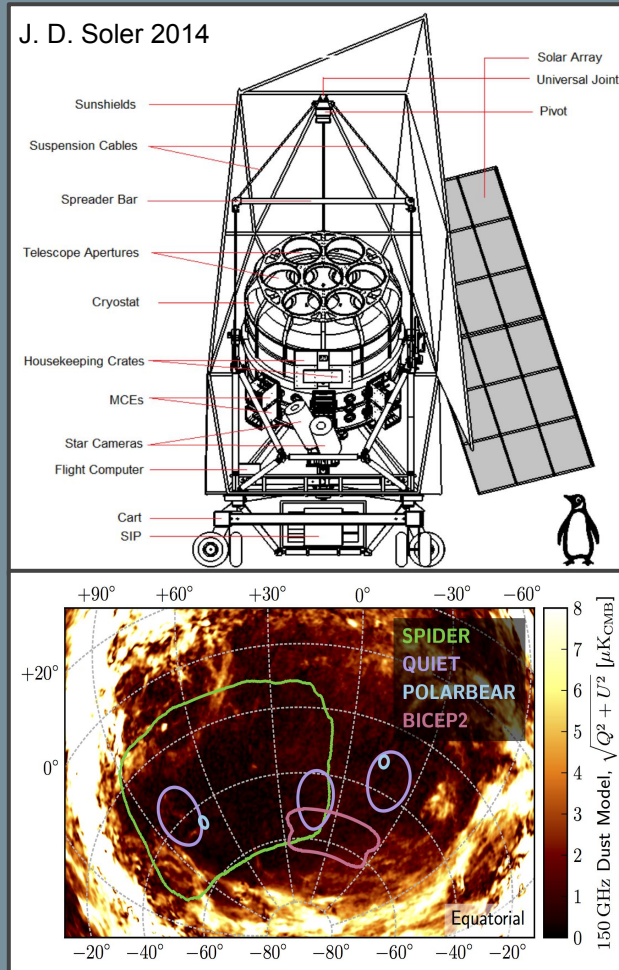
- Train young scientists for earth, balloon, and space observational experiments
- Vast skill set: computer design, cryogenics, data analysis, electronics, machining, rigging, supercomputing, vacuum work

What is SPIDER

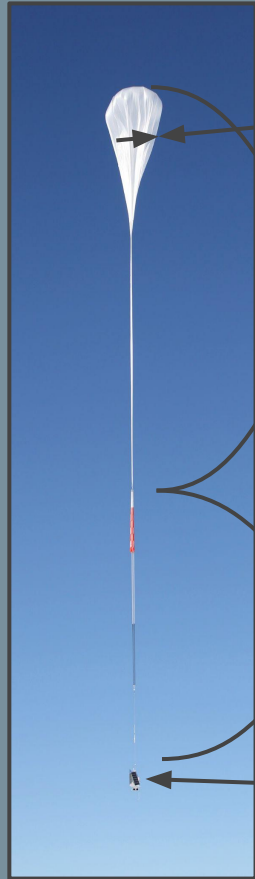
CMB polarimeter flying on a NASA Long Duration Balloon from McMurdo Antarctica

SPIDER 1: 2014-15

- 6 telescopes, half degree beams
3 x 95, 3 x 150 GHz
- Flew for 16 days
- As much sky as possible given constraints
(Galactic equator, sun, earth's limb, balloon)
- 4.8% of sky used in analysis
- High fidelity polarization measurement at $\ell \sim (33, 260)$



Long Duration Ballooning Platform



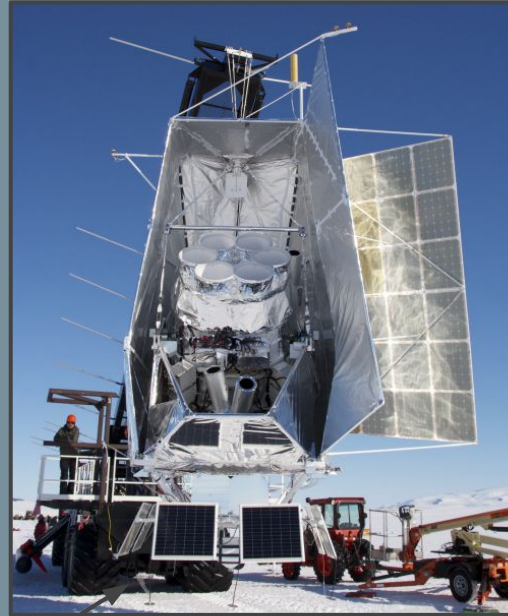
2 millimeters thick

1 million cubic meters
(195 Goodyear Blimps)

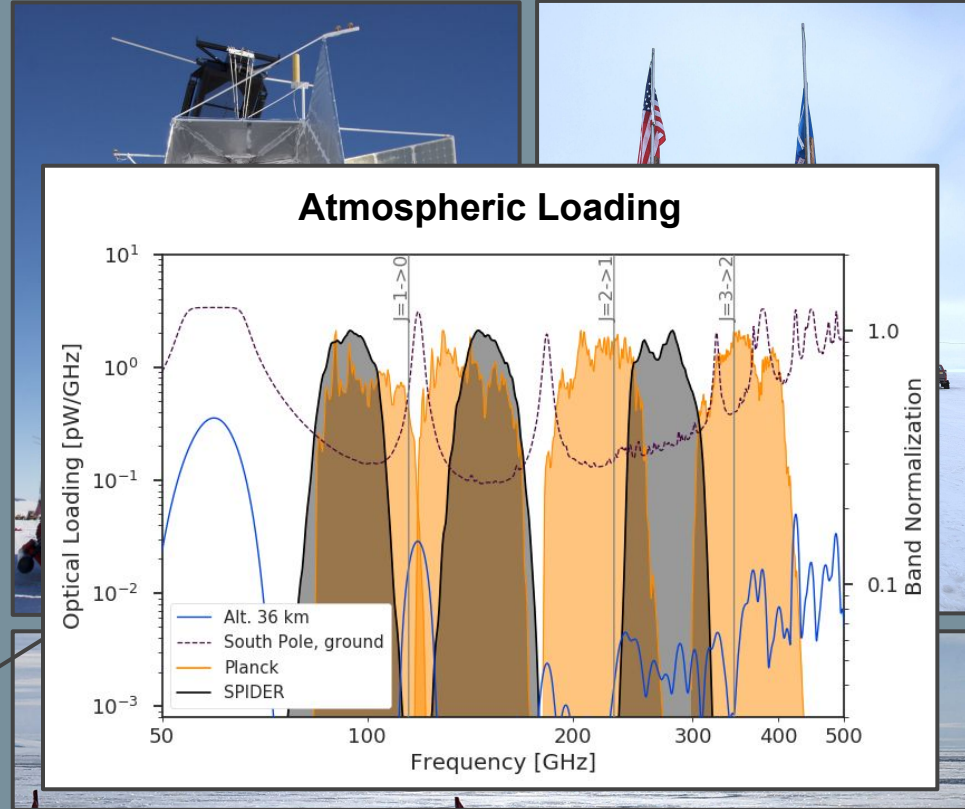
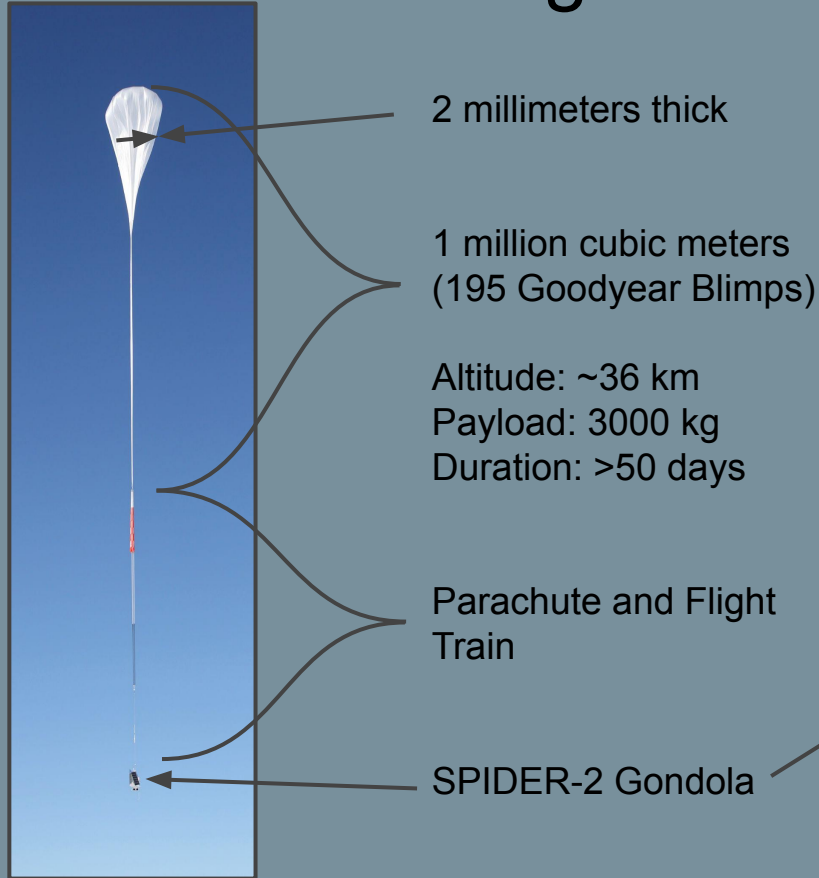
Altitude: ~36 km
Payload: 3000 kg
Duration: >50 days

Parachute and Flight
Train

SPIDER-2 Gondola



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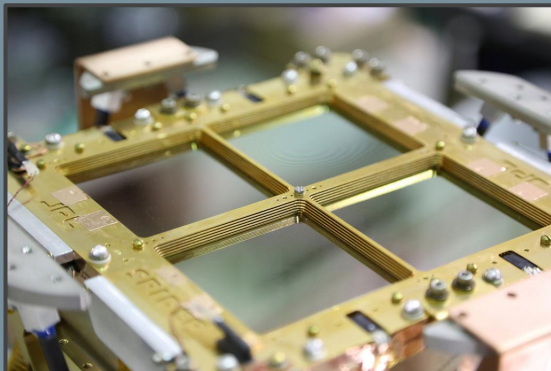


Tackling Measurement Challenges

Very faint signal

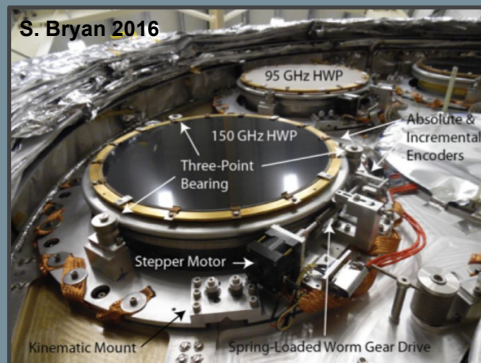
Sensitive detectors

- 2300 sensors at 0.3K
- Reduced stray loading with absorptive filters at many temperature stages



Controlling Systematics

- half-wave plates to modulate signal polarization
- Stepped twice a day throughout flight to reduce polarization systematics



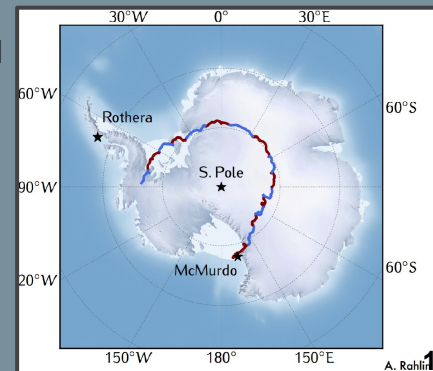
Long Duration

- 1300 L liquid helium tank
- 16 L superfluid tank
- Multi-week capacity

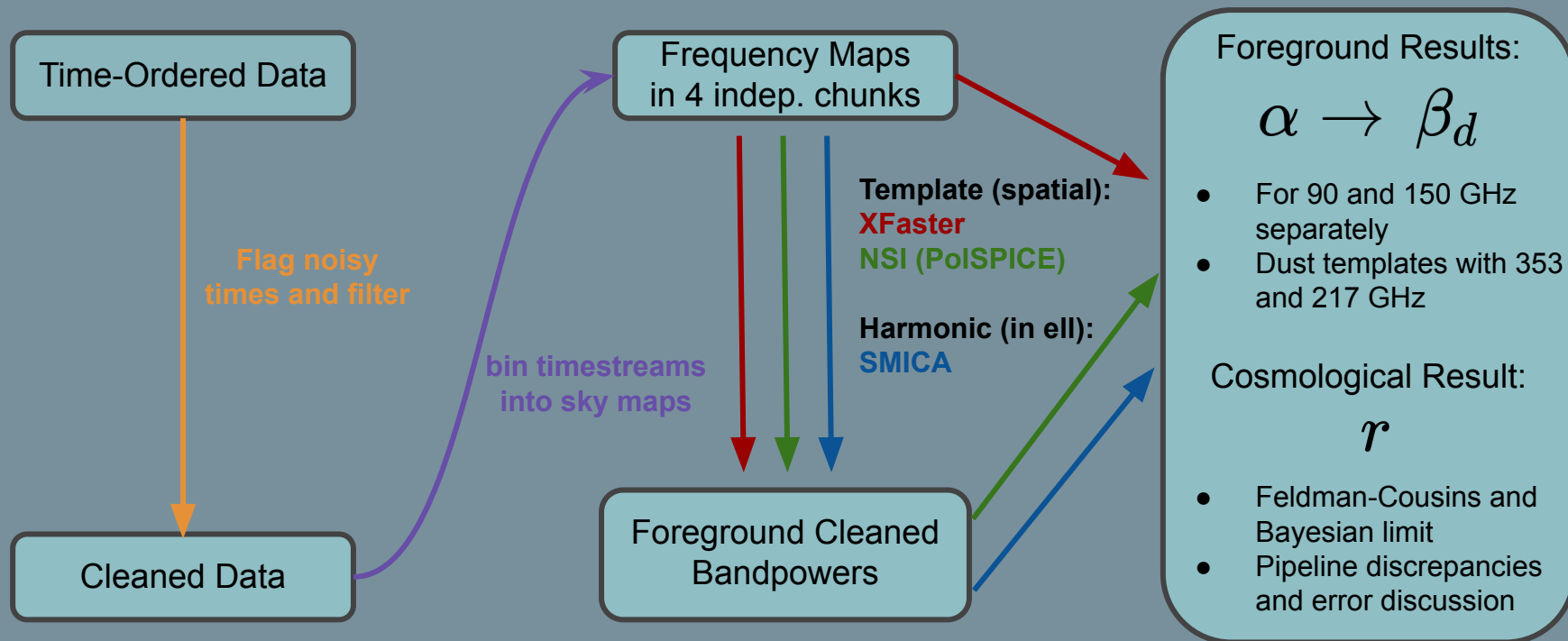


Meyer Tool & Manufacturing

- Longest overland flight possible
- Low radio/comm interference
- 24h sun for solar panels



Analysis Pipeline



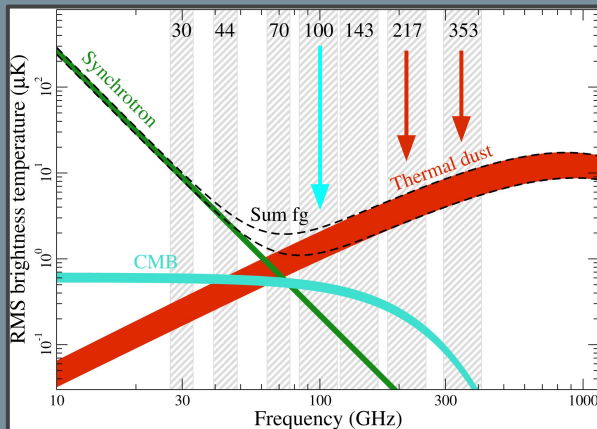
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Assumes fixed dust morphology, only amplitude variation

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Planck 2018 cosmological parameters into CAMB to generate a theory shape spectrum

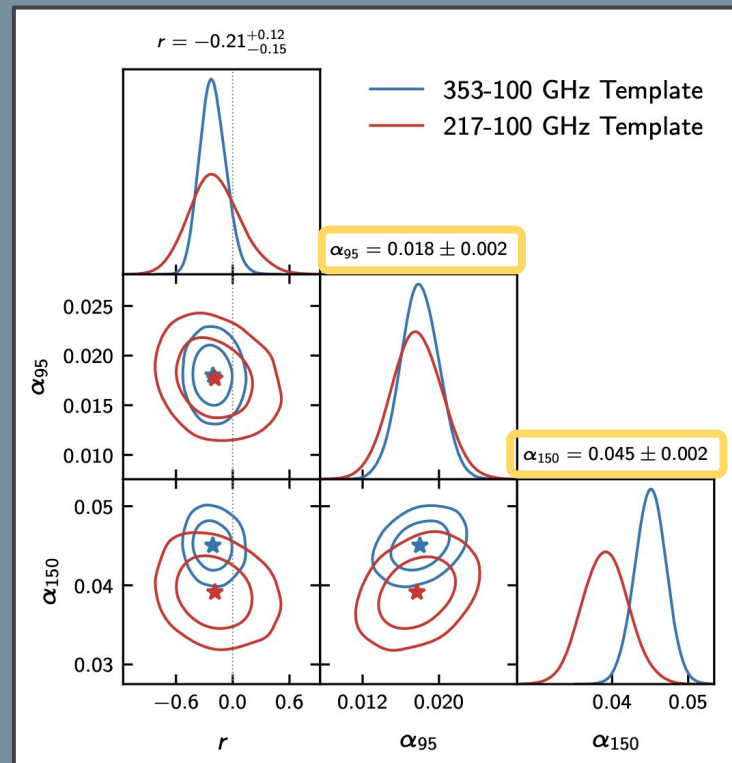
For XFaster

$$C_{\ell}^{(S)}(r) = C_{\ell}(r=0) + r C_{\ell}^{\text{tens}}(r=1)$$

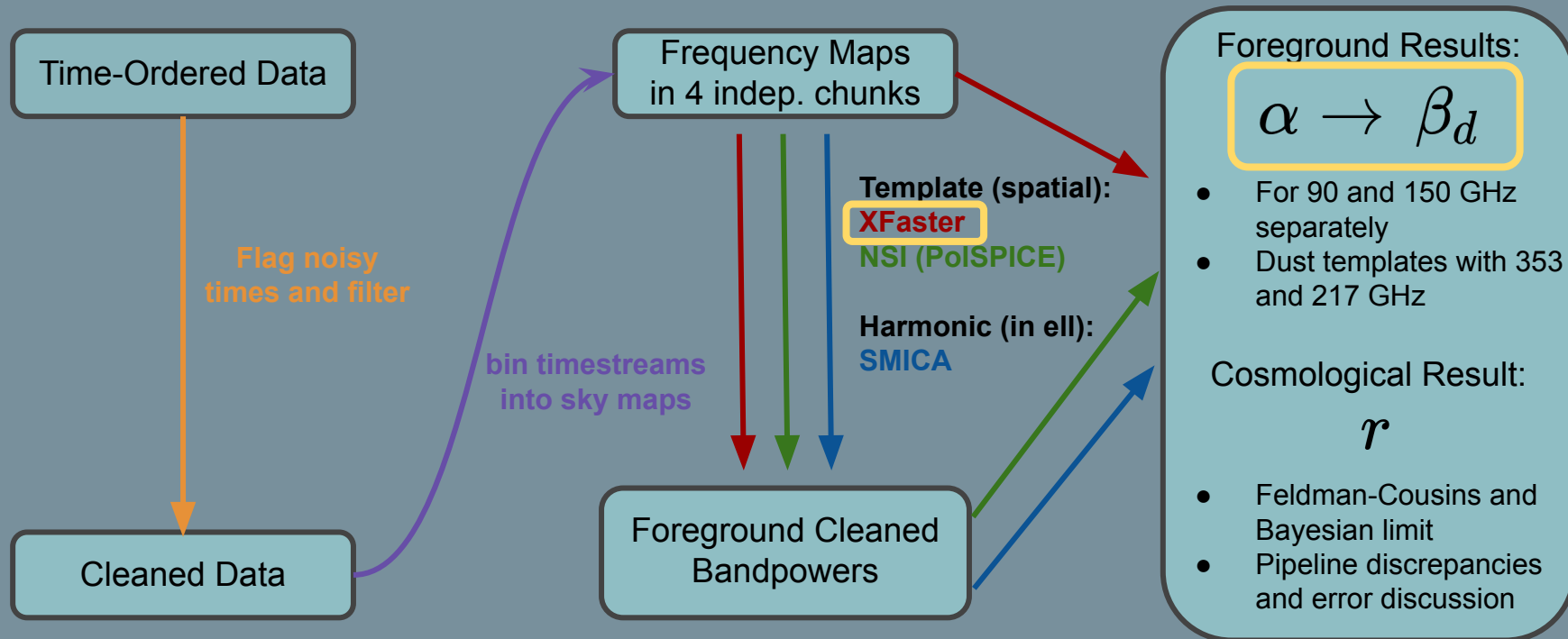
Maximum likelihood parameter estimates are calculated for r , α_{95} , α_{150} simultaneously

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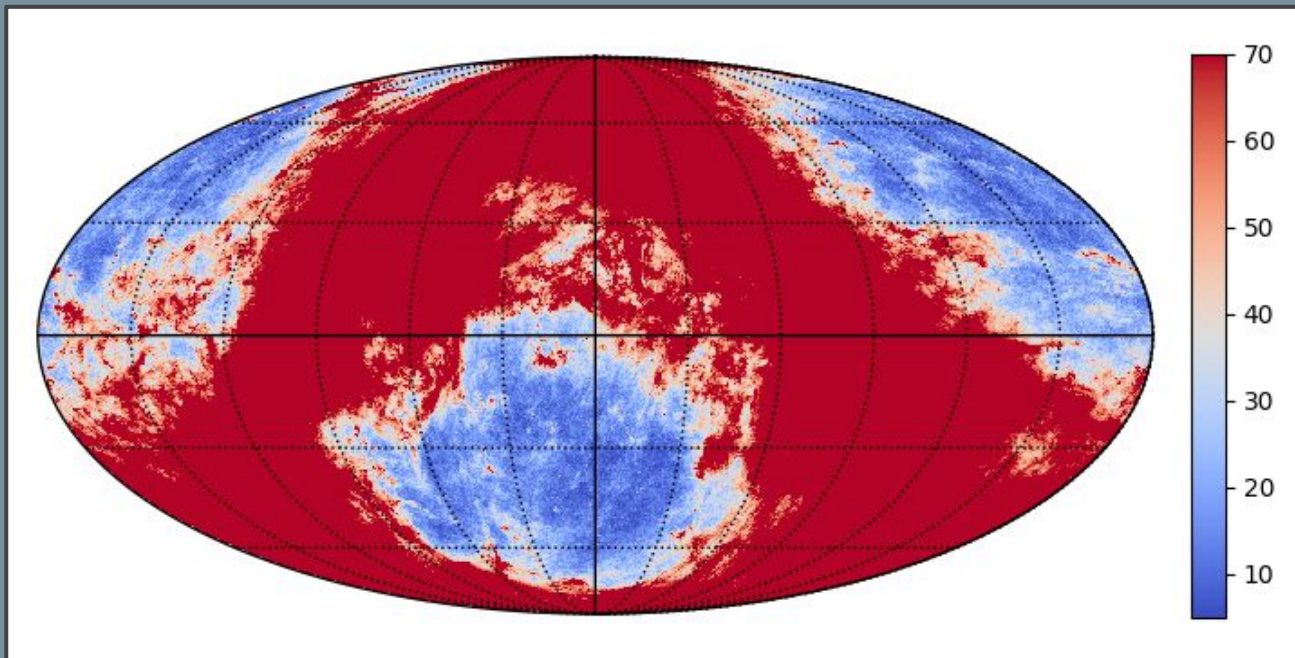
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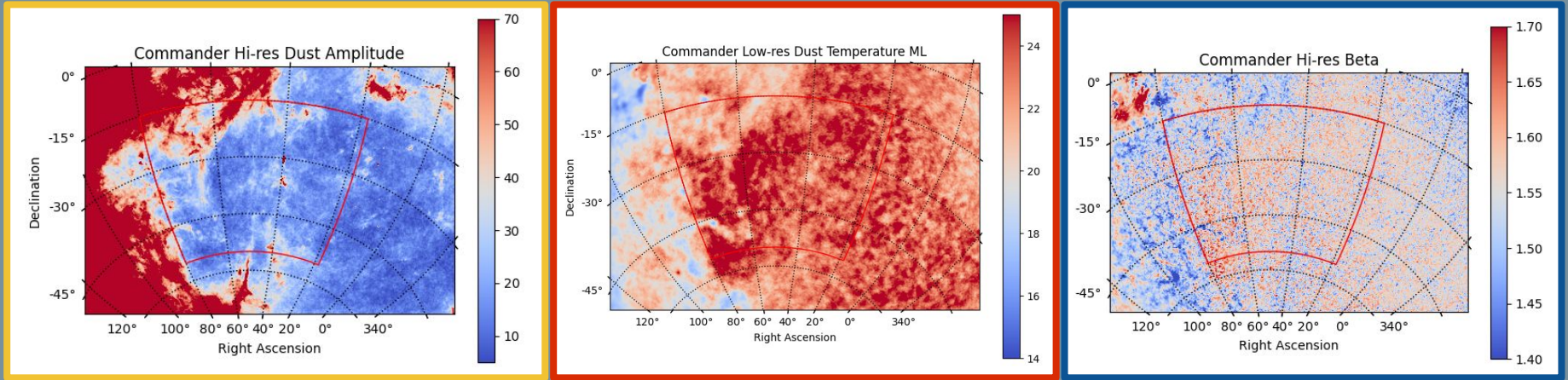
Spatial Variation from PLANCK



Commander High-Res Dust Amplitude (Celestial Projection)

Spatial Variation from PLANCK

Graybody Model, in ΔT_{cmb} units



$$S_\nu = cc(T_d, \beta) A_d \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_0} \right)^\beta B_\nu(T_d, \nu)$$

Probing Spatial Variation

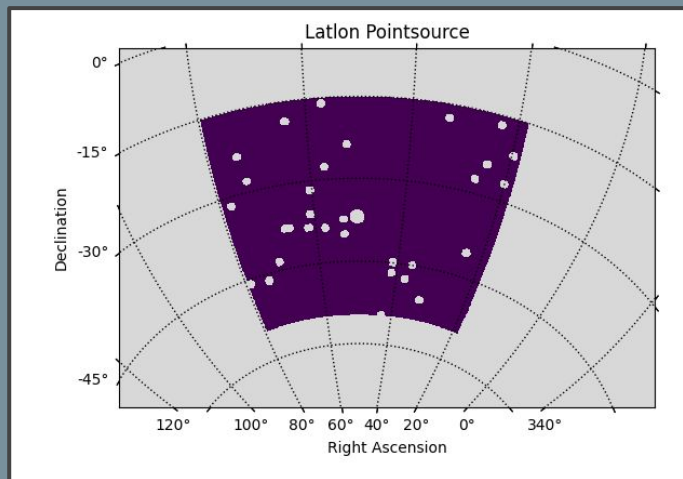
Make subregions that better capture spatial variation

Must be:

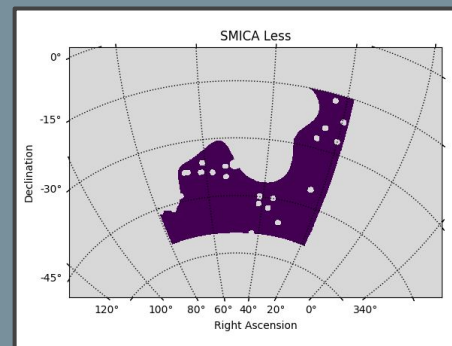
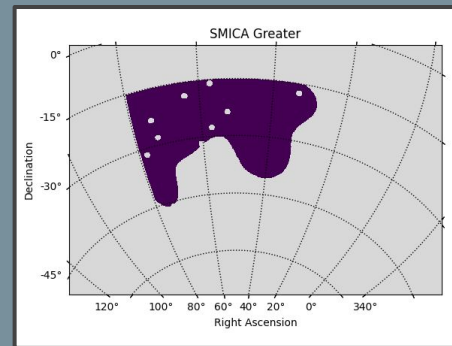
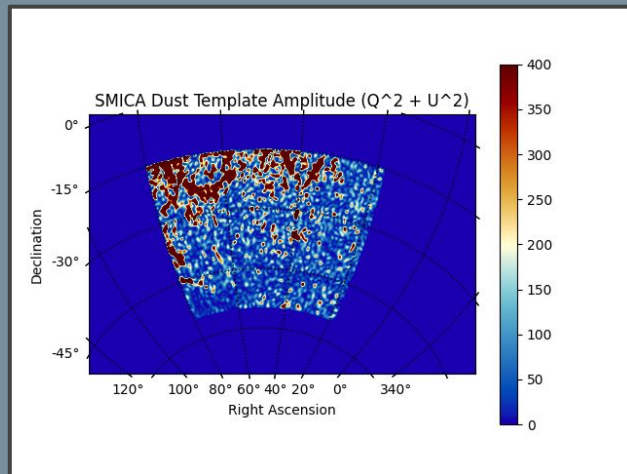
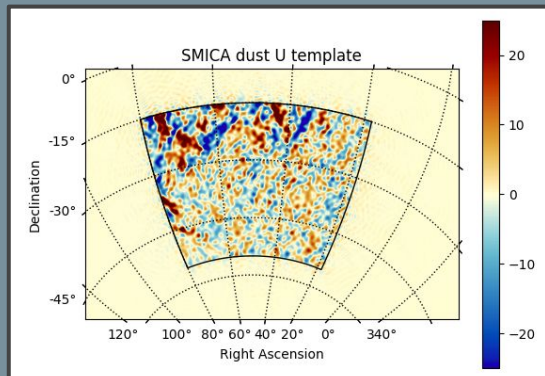
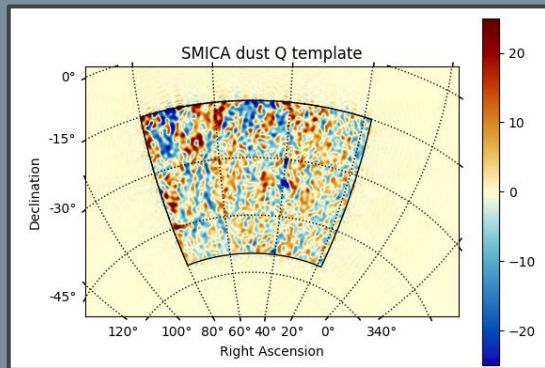
- Smooth
- Simply connected
- ~50/50 area

Procedure to generate masks

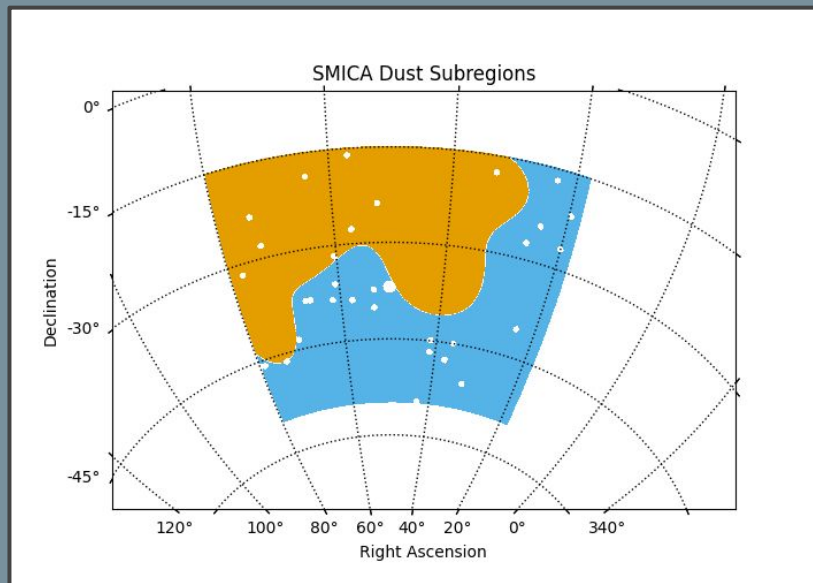
- Find foreground-informative map
- Make map strictly positive
- Smooth with gaussian
- Threshold



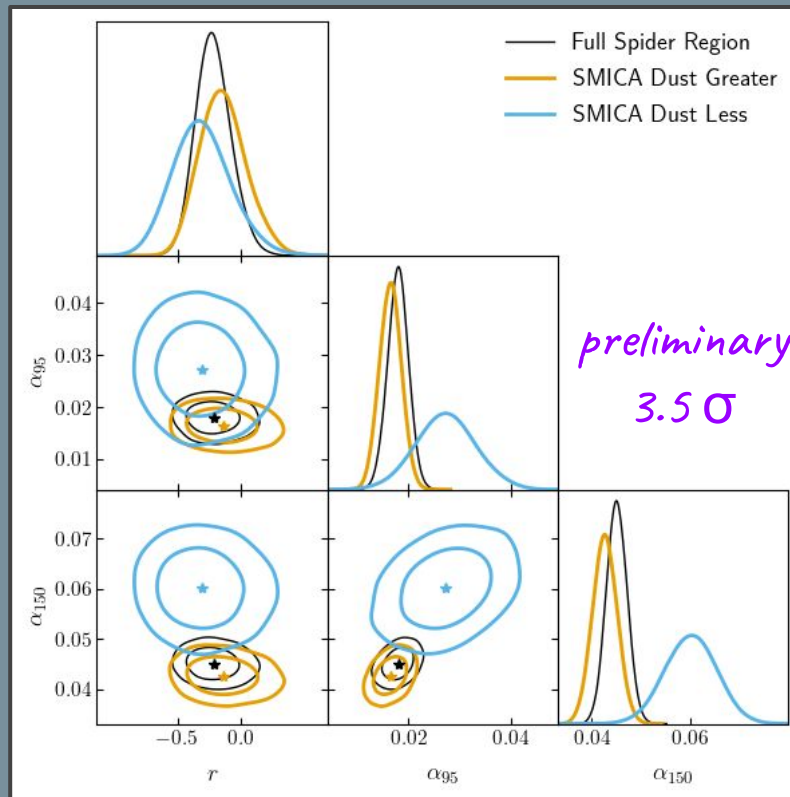
SMICA informed Subregions



SPIDER-1 Sees Spatial Variation



Foregrounds and Intensity
papers coming soon!

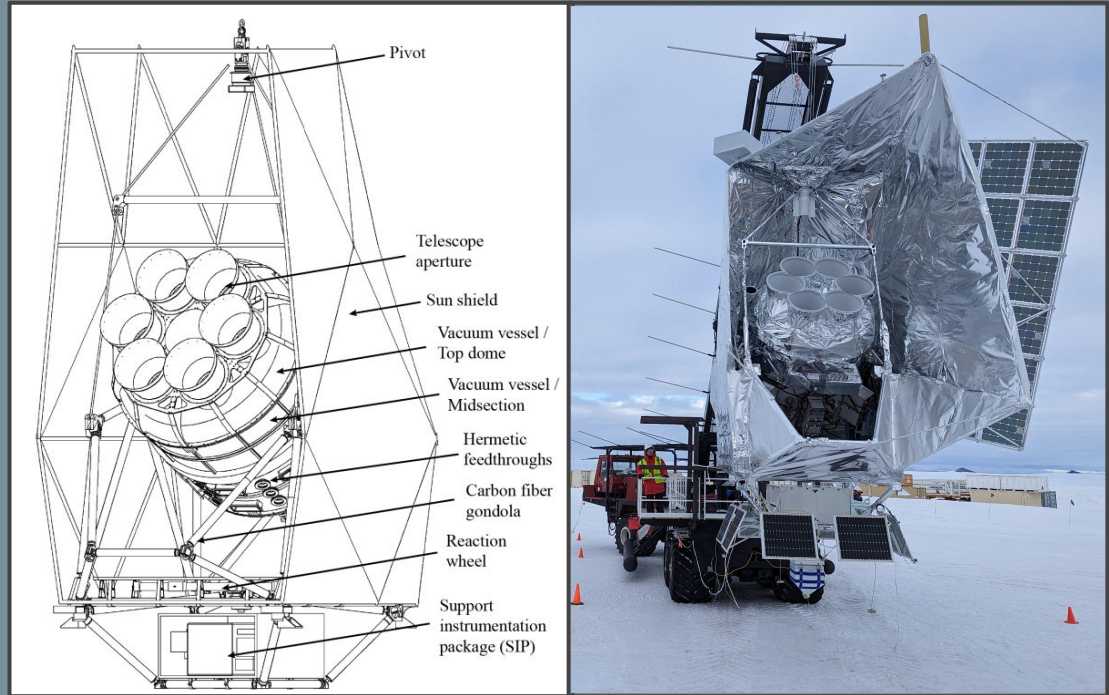


SPIDER-2

SPIDER 2:

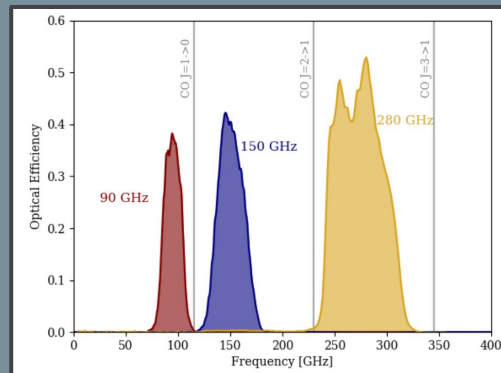
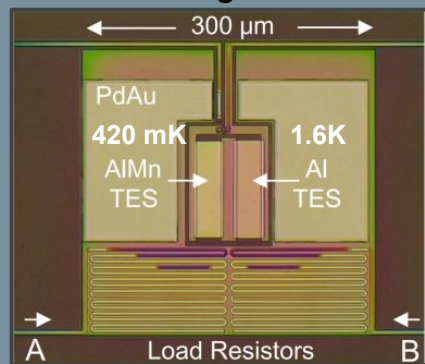
2022-23

- 6 telescopes
2 x 95, 1 x 150, **3 x 280 GHz**
- About 8 days of data
- Data recovered and low-level work starting now

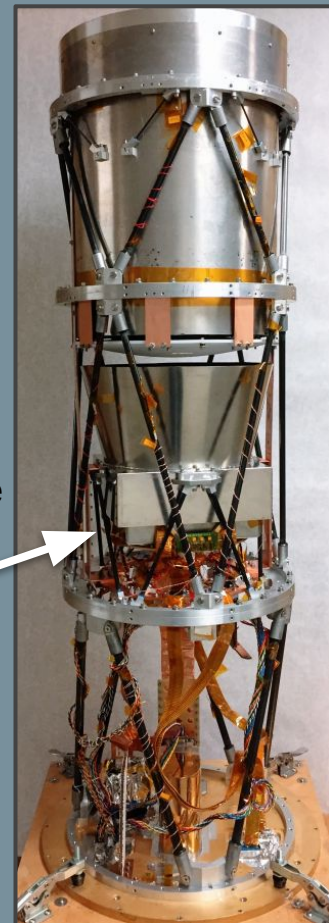
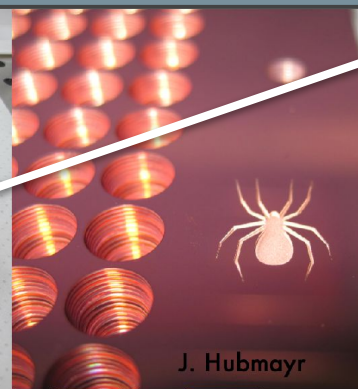
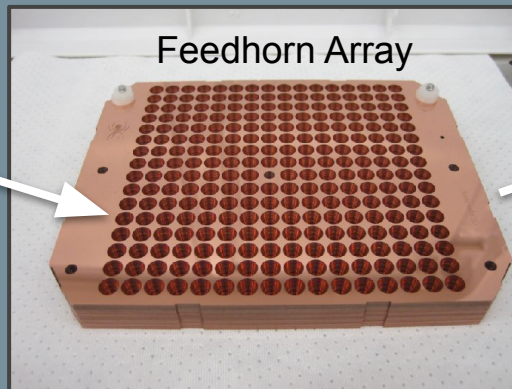
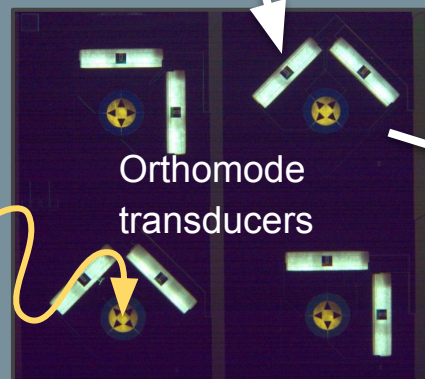


280 GHz Telescopes

Transition Edge Sensor island



focal plane of
280 telescope

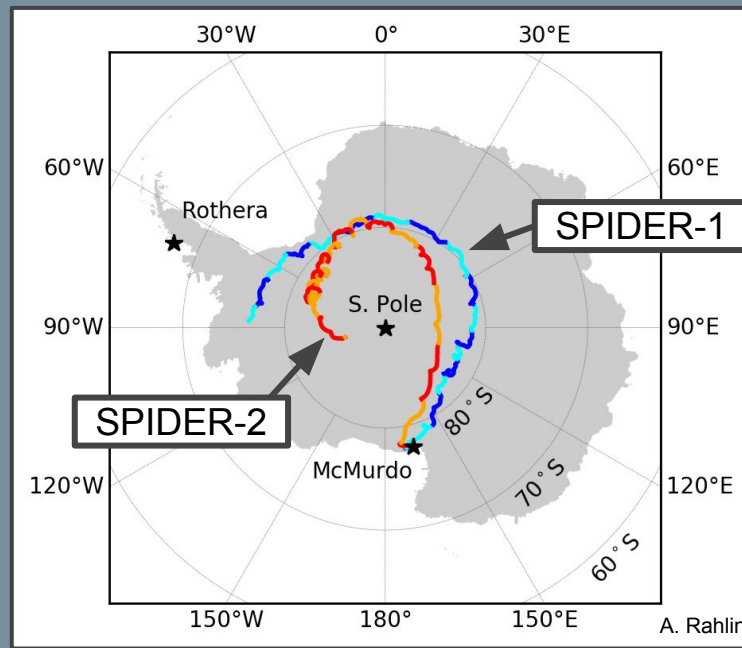
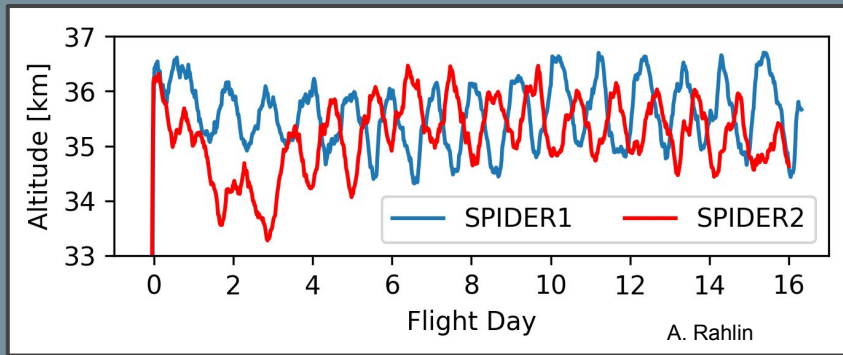


Flight! Dec 22-Jan 7 2023



In-Flight Statistics

- 8 days of data
- Similar sky region and area to SPIDER-1
- All 280 GHz receivers fully on science transition
- Nearly half the photons seen by detectors are CMB



Summary

- Ballooning is a challenging but rewarding platform
- Foregrounds are hard
 - Future polarization measurements need better dust models
 - Foregrounds and Intensity papers coming out soon
- Second flight a success!
 - More integration time, better handle of systematics → better constraints
 - Unparalleled 280 GHz maps for better foreground modeling in future experiments

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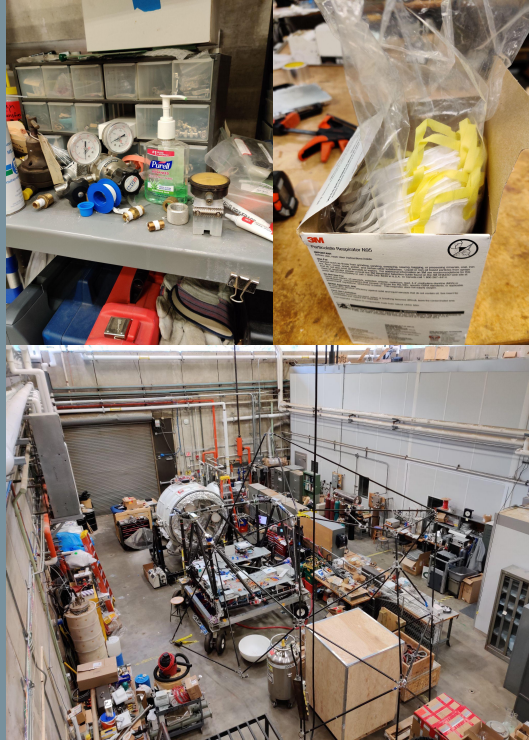
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Backup Slides

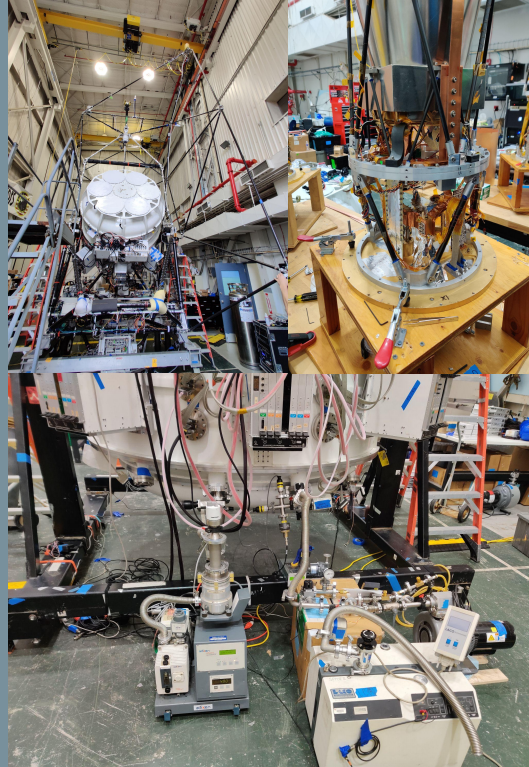


Second Flight Hardware: Cryo Runs

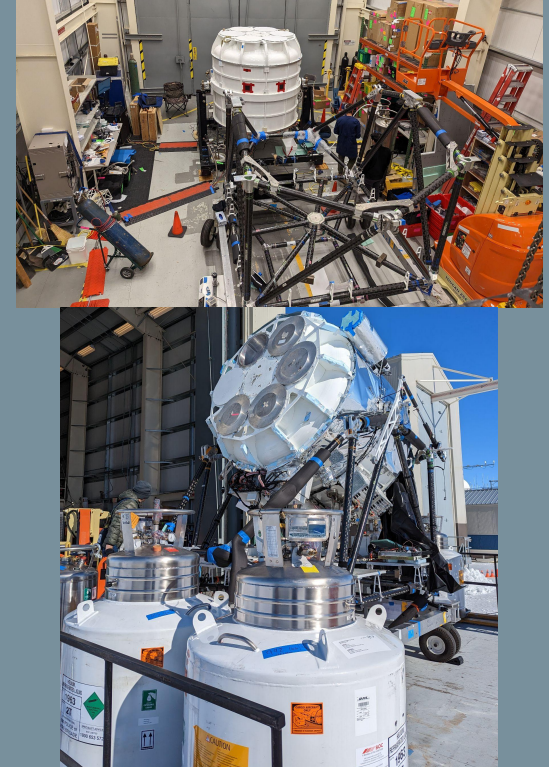
Spring 2020 (Princeton)



Summer 2022 (Palestine)



Winter 2022 (McMurdo)



XFaster Algorithm

2104.01172

Uses a fiducial full-sky model and iteratively solves for bandpower deviations

$$\tilde{\mathbf{C}}(\theta) = \tilde{\mathbf{S}}(\theta) + \tilde{\mathbf{N}}$$

$$\tilde{S}_{\ell}^{XY,ij} = \sum_b q_b^{XY} \tilde{C}_{b\ell}^{XY,ij}$$

$$\tilde{N}_{\ell}^{XY,ij} = \delta^{ij} \sum_b \chi_{b\ell} (1 + n_b^i) \langle \tilde{N}_{\ell}^i \rangle$$

$$\tilde{C}_{b\ell}^{XY,ij} = \sum_{\ell'} \chi_{b\ell'} K_{\ell\ell'}^{ij} F_{\ell'}^{XY,ij} \left(B_{\ell'}^{XY,ij} \right)^2 C_{\ell'}^{XY(S)}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{C}}(\theta)$$

Generalized covariance matrix

$$\tilde{S}_{\ell}^{XY,ij} \quad \tilde{N}_{\ell}^{XY,ij}$$

Signal and Noise covariance

$$q_b^{XY}$$

Bandpower deviation of bin b

$$\chi_{b\ell}$$

Binning operator

$$n_b^i$$

Noise scaling parameter

$$\langle \tilde{N}_{\ell}^i \rangle$$

Mean spectrum of noise sim ensemble

$$\tilde{C}_{b\ell}^{XY,ij}$$

Bandpower kernel

$$K_{\ell\ell'}^{ij}$$

Mode coupling matrix

$$F_{\ell'}^{XY,ij}$$

Linear filter function

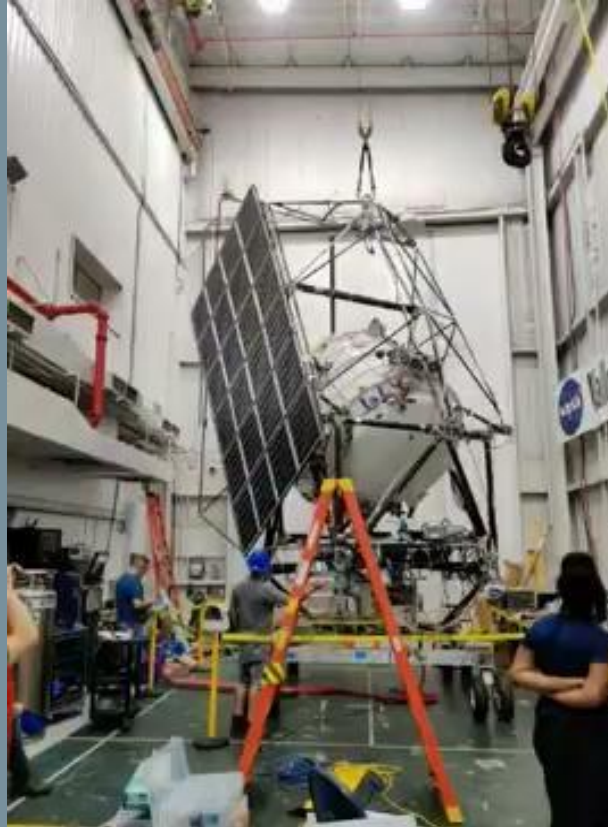
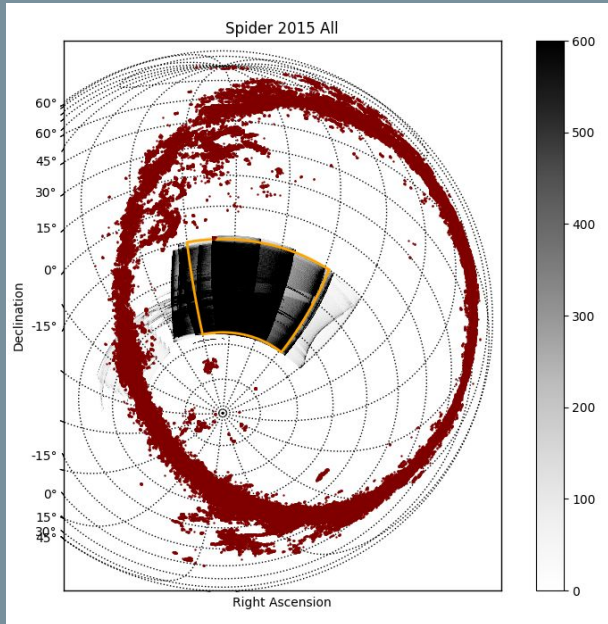
$$B_{\ell'}^{XY,ij}$$

Beam function

$$C_{\ell'}^{XY(S)}$$

Shape spectrum (fiducial)

Second Flight Scan Strategy: Pointing Hardware



Pointing in AZ

- Reaction wheel
- Pivot motor

Pointing in EL

- 2 EL drives
- Inline strain gauges
- 2 EL sensors

Other sensors

- 2 Star cameras
- Inner and outer frame gyros
- Sun sensor
- Magnetometer
- NASA GPS

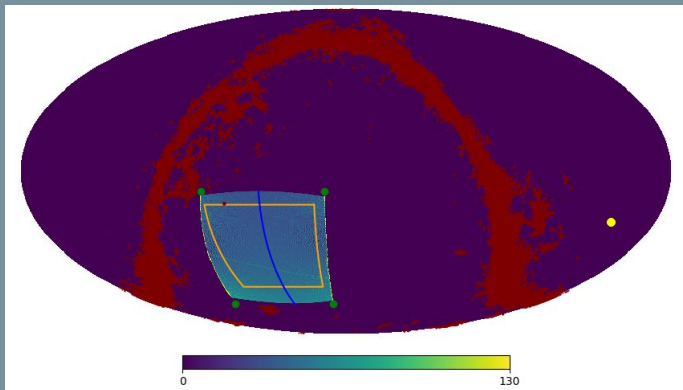
Second Flight Scan Strategy: Scan Simulation

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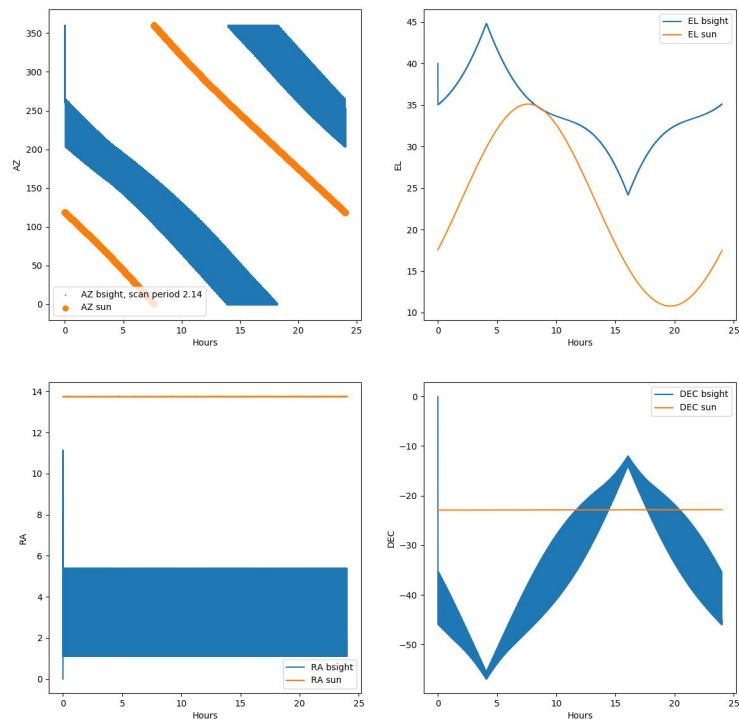
- Quad box
- Scan track pt.
- Half scans per EL step
- Scan velocity

We don't control:

- Date (sun)
- Min and max EL
- Balloon Latitude
- Galaxy



AZ, EL and RA, DEC of tight_scan, sun and pointing



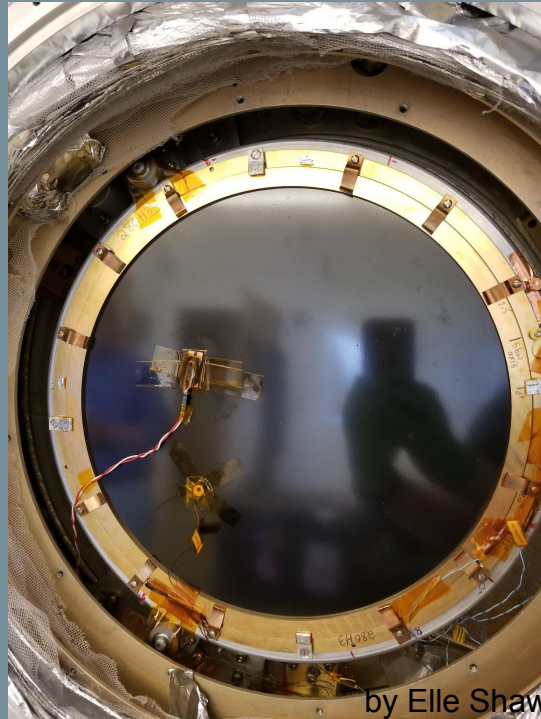
Second Flight Scan Strategy: Pointing in SPIDER-2

Three latitude pointings

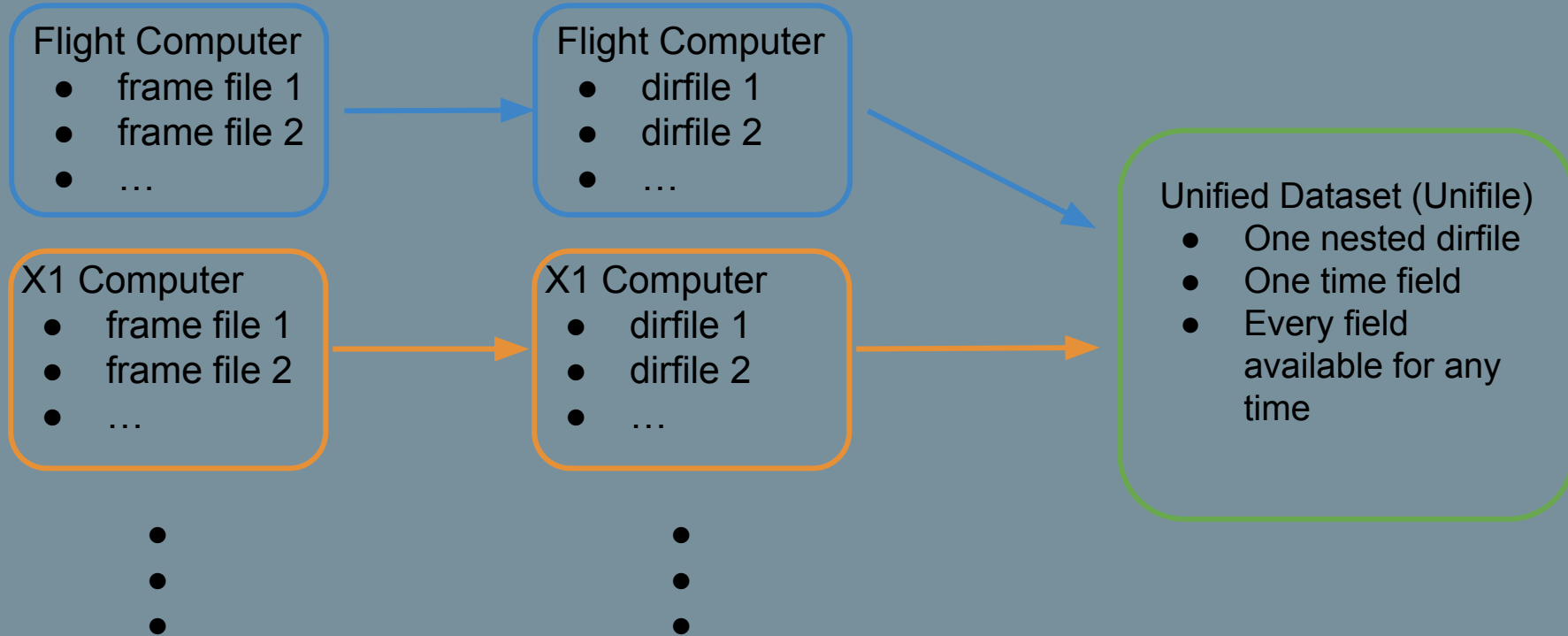
- -78 degrees (McMurdo)
- -82 degrees
- -85 degrees

Schedule of Commands

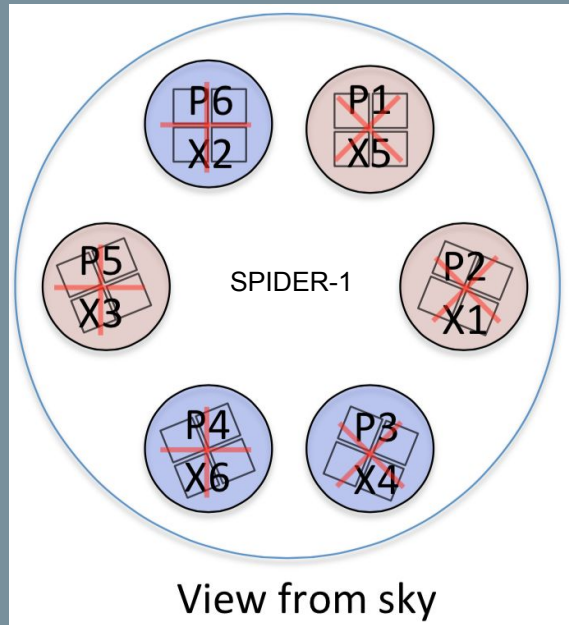
- Half-wave plate rotation
2x a day
- Fridge cycle
1x a day
- Scanning



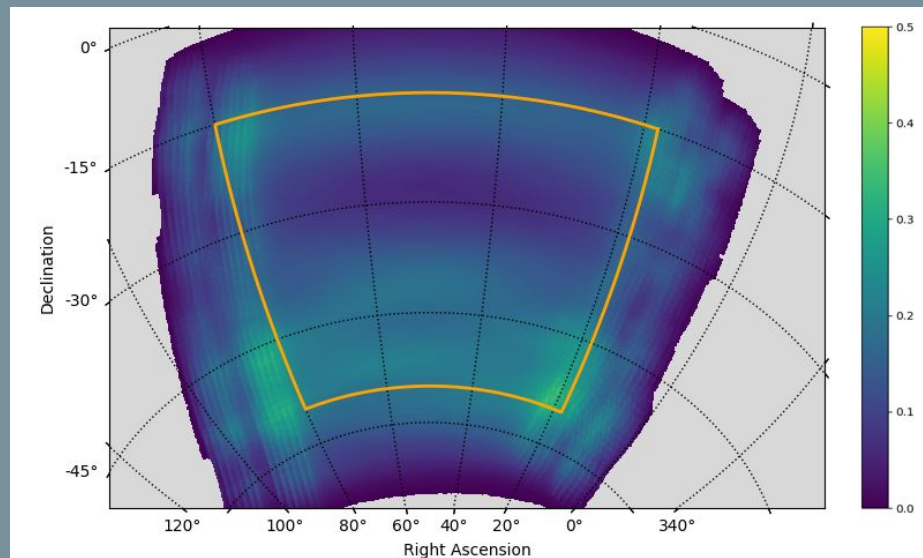
Second Flight Low-Level Analysis: Getting a Unified Dataset



Second Flight Scan Strategy: Integrating with Unimap



by John Ruhl



B-Mode Tabled Results

	$10^3 \alpha_{95}$	$10^3 \alpha_{150}$	β_d^{95}	β_d^{150}
Template: $\nu_0 = 353$ GHz				
<i>Planck</i>	16.8 ± 0.5	44.4 ± 0.8	1.53 ± 0.02	
XFaster	18 ± 2	45 ± 2	$1.49^{+0.07}_{-0.09}$	1.52 ± 0.05
NSI	19 ± 5	45 ± 4	$1.44^{+0.22}_{-0.17}$	1.51 ± 0.10
Template: $\nu_0 = 217$ GHz				
<i>Planck</i>	153 ± 3	404 ± 4	1.53 ± 0.02	
XFaster	159 ± 17	377 ± 16	$1.51^{+0.10}_{-0.12}$	$1.68^{+0.08}_{-0.09}$
NSI	140 ± 50	350 ± 58	$1.63^{+0.46}_{-0.31}$	$1.81^{+0.38}_{-0.31}$
SMICA				
FFP10	—	—	1.43 ± 0.04	
Auto-Cross	—	—	1.50 ± 0.04	

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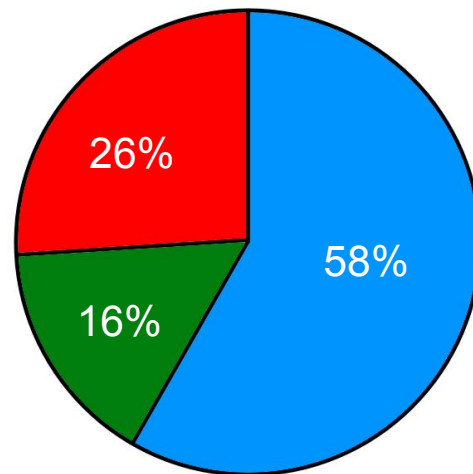
Band details: NET, Map Depth

Band	Center [GHz]	Width [%]	FWHM [arcmin]	# Det. Used	NET_{tot} [$\mu\text{K}\sqrt{\text{s}}$]	Data Used [days]	Map Depth [$\mu\text{K} \cdot \text{arcmin}$]
95 GHz	94.7	26.4	41.4	675	7.1	6.5	22.5
150 GHz	151.0	25.7	28.8	815	6.0	5.6	20.4

Finding Sigma r Budget: Varying one Ensemble

Vary **SIGNAL**, Spider **Noise**, and **Template Noise** individually and calculate the contribution

$$x\% = \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_{Signal}^2 + \sigma_{Noise}^2 + \sigma_{T.Noise}^2}$$



Commander Map Info

Data Sources and Structure

For Commander 2015, we are provided two sets of data. A Low-res (nside=256) that contains maximum likelihood, mean, and rms for intensity, temperature, and beta. And, a Hi-res (nside=2048) that just has posterior maximum values for intensity and beta for different data splits (full, hm1, hh2, hr1, hr2, yr1, yr2). The high-resolution products are derived from the same algorithm as for the low-resolution analyses, but only including frequency channels including and above 143 GHz. The dust temperature for the high-resolution fit is fixed, and derived from the low-resolution fit converted to alm space.

For GNILC, everything is nside=2048 and we have amplitude, beta plus beta error, and temperature plus temperature error.

Analysis Pipeline	Nside	Ref. Frequency	Intensity Data	Intensity Units	Temperature Data	Temperature Units	Beta Data
Commander 2015 (Hi-res)	2048	545 GHz	I_ML (different splits)	uK_RJ	N/A	N/A	BETA_ML (different splits)
Commander 2015 (Low-res)	256	545 GHz	I_ML, I_MEAN, I_RMS	uK_RJ	TEMP_ML, TEMP_MEAN, TEMP_RMS	K	BETA_ML, BETA_MEAN, BETA_RMS
GNILC 2016	2048	353 GHz	AMP	MJy/sr	TEMP, TEMP_ERROR	K	BETA, BETA_ERROR

The dataset is in Galactic 'G' coordinates and have been rotated to Celestial 'C' (also known as eQuatorial 'Q') coordinates.

CAMB: Code for Anisotropies in the Microwave Background