

The QUBIC experiment

the QU Bolometric Interferometer for Cosmology



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- The QUBIC collaboration, 2011, *APP*, 34, 705-716
- Piat et al, 2012, *JLTP* 167, 872P
- Ghbri et al, 2014, *JLTP* 176, 698

What is QUBIC?

B-mode
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Adiation
I
Nterferometer

+ **M**illimeter-wave
Bolometric
Interferometer

= **Q** and
U
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mm interferometric experiments to observe the Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation Polarization



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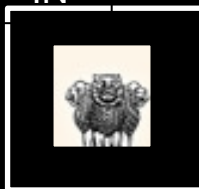
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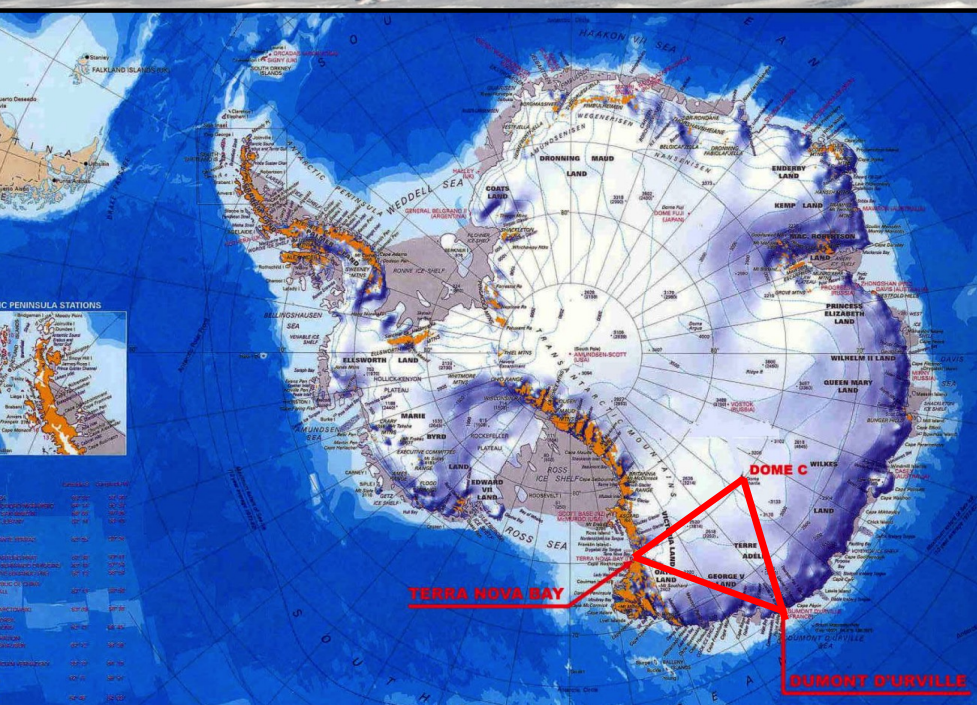
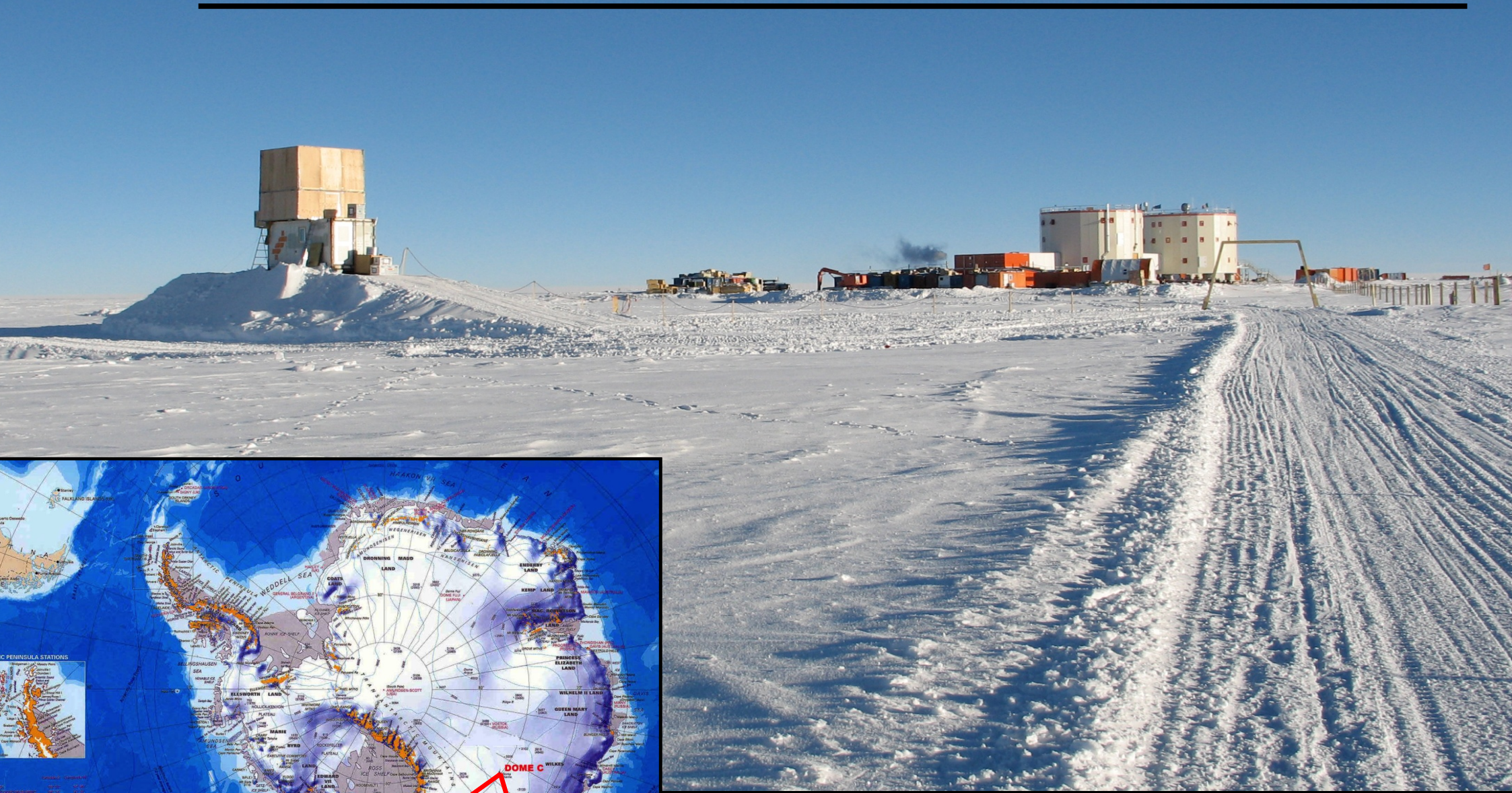
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Concordia Station: Dome C



123° 23' 42"E, 75° 06' 06" S, 3233m asl



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Great Base



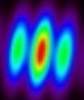
Great landscape



Great Infrastructures



Healthy weather



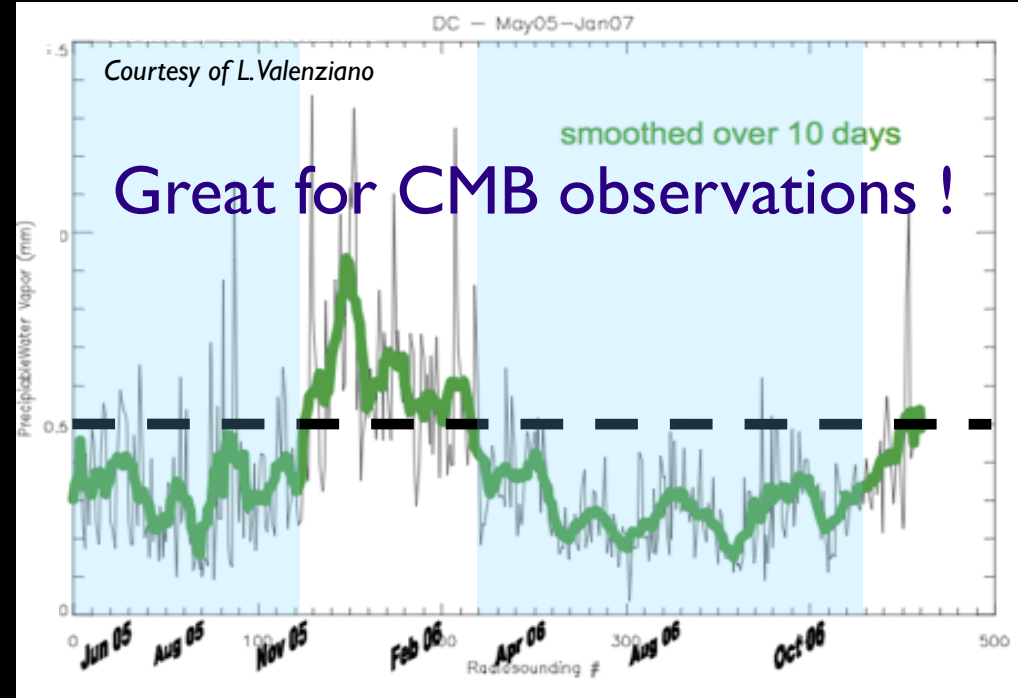


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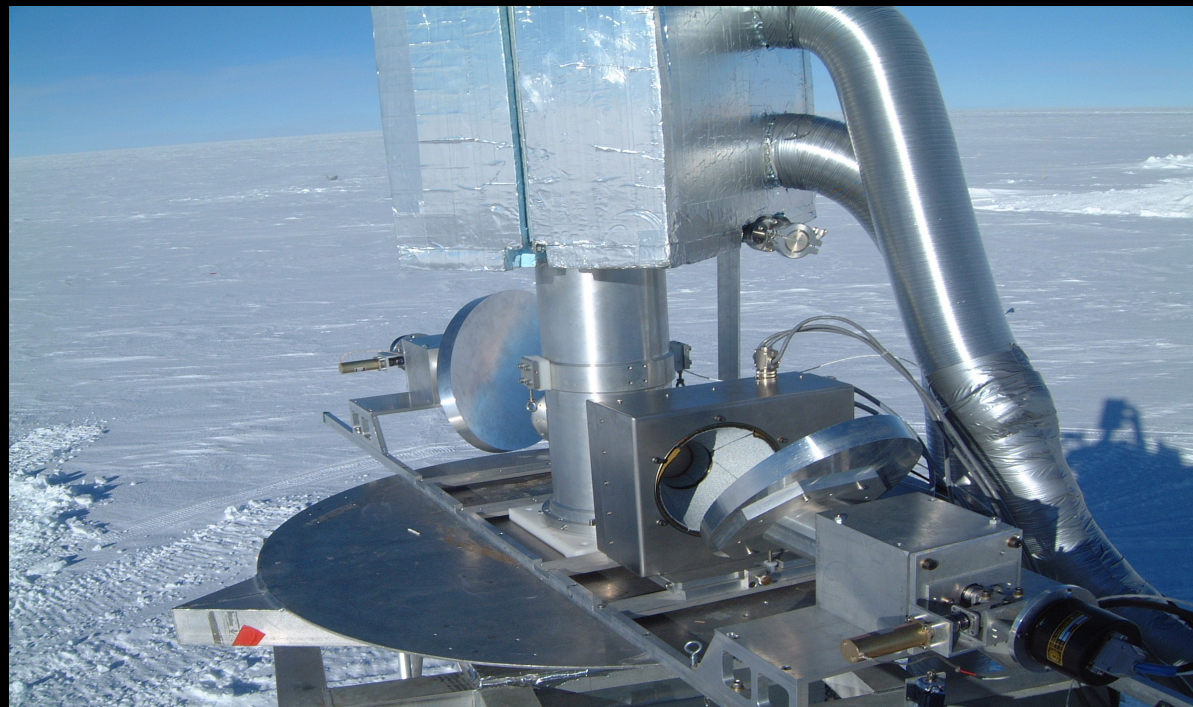
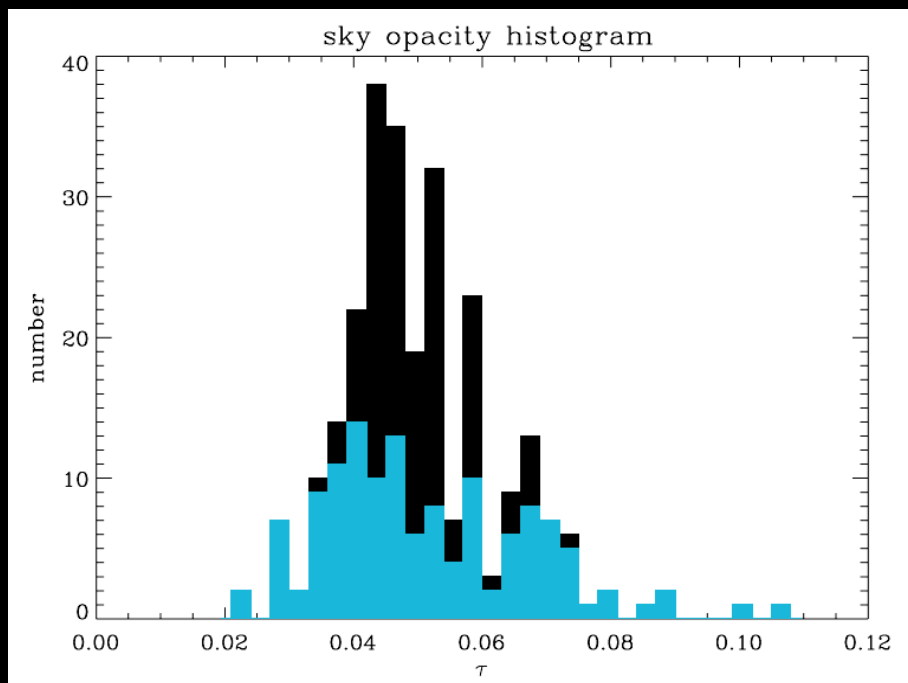




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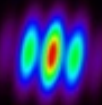
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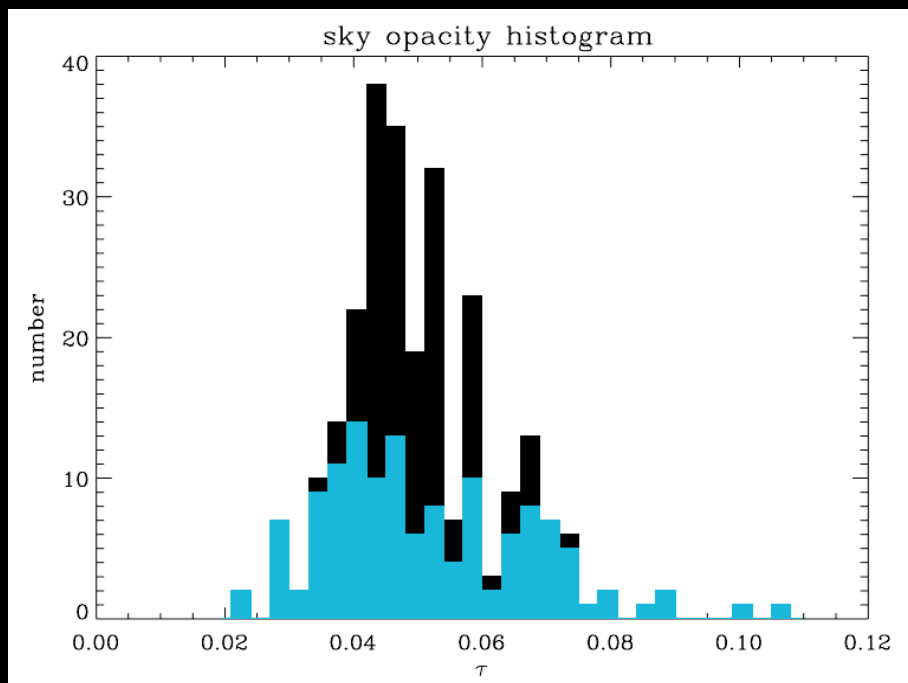




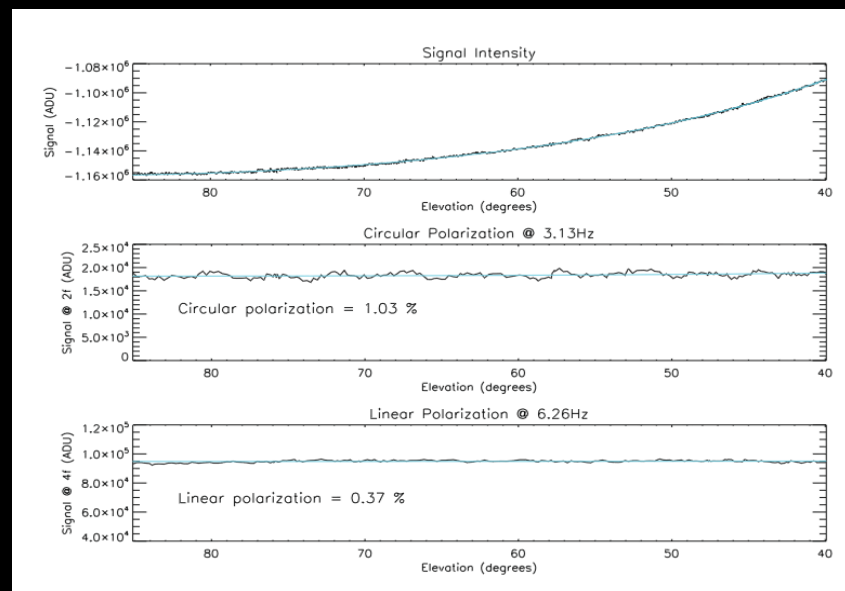
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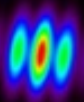
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We set upper limits on both circular and linear polarization from atmosphere

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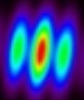
Possible instruments

- **Imagers with bolometers (thermal):**
 - No doubt they are nice detectors for CMB:
 - wide band
 - low noise
- **Interferometers (coherent):**
 - Long history in CMB
 - CMB anisotropies in the late 90s (CAT, VSA, CBI...)
 - CMB polarization 1st detection (DASI, CBI)
 - Clean systematics:
 - No telescope (lower ground-pickup & cross-polarization)
 - Angular resolution set by receivers geometry (well known)
 - Technology used so far
 - Antennas + HEMTs : higher noise wrt bolometers
- **Can these two nice devices be combined ?**
 - Bolometric Interferometry !

Good sensitivity

Good control of systematics

Both



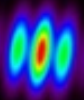
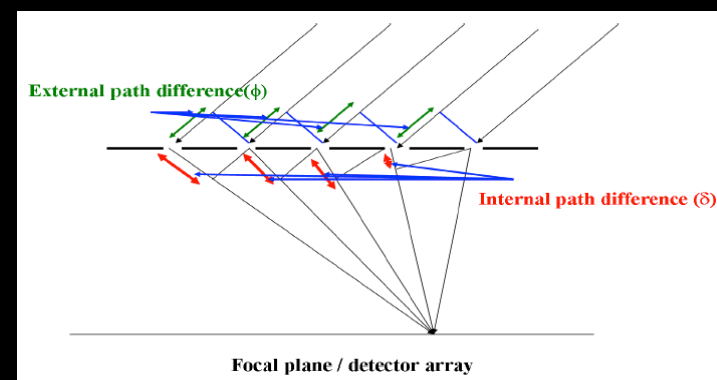
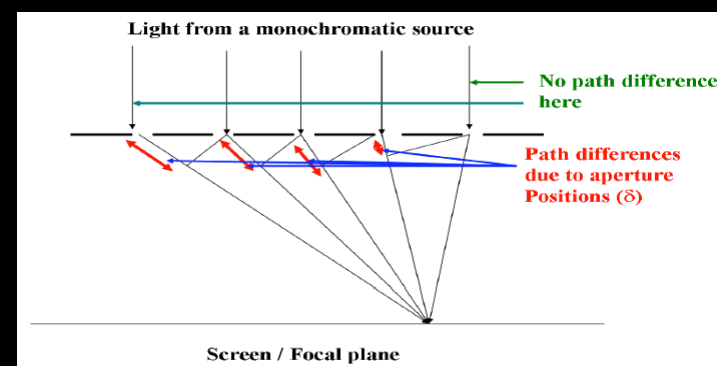
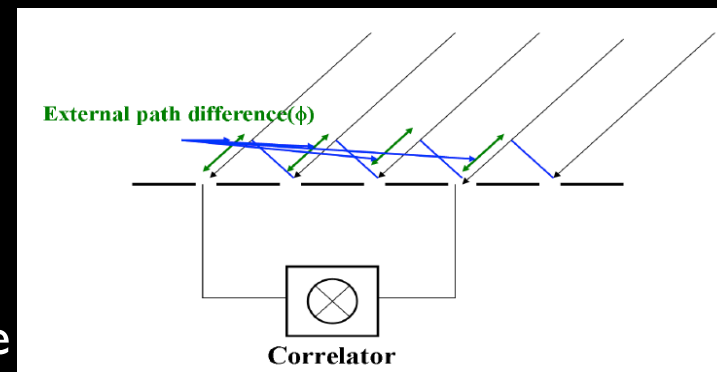
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Possible configuration

- In an interferometer, radiation is selected by diffractive apertures and then recombined
- QUBIC is an adding interferometer: we use the Fizeau approach in which all the outputs are summed (linear combination) into the detector array. Better when there are several apertures.
- Phase difference is present both before and after the incoming antennas: External phase difference gives the relation visibility FT sky-image...similarly does the internal phase difference but FT⁻¹
- Thus a Fizeau combination enables imaging in an interferometer except that images are modulated by synthesized beam produced by interference pattern
- Horns act as diffractive apertures and make a “spatial filtering”: QUIBC is an imager that accept only a sub-set of modes



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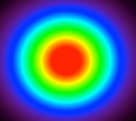
QUBIC in a nutshell

- Bolometric interferometer: adding interferometer (synthetic imager) to use the sensitivity of bolometers and the systematic control of interferometers
- To be installed in Dome C: probably the best place on earth (like Carlsberg beer)
- ~1.5% of the cleanest sky mapped multifrequency with HWP polarization capability
- Angular resolution: a little difficult for an interferometer...let's say 0.5°
- 1st module December 2016 with 2000 TES at 150GHz and 220GHz: goal $r < 0.05$ at 90% C.L.: anticipated sensitivity:
 - 3.7uK/arcmin @ 150GHz
 - 9.8uK/arcmin @ 220GHz
- Extended: 6 modules, at 90, 150, 220GHz possibly with KID detectors: goal $r < 0.01$ at 90% C.L....it will require a deep rethinking of Dome C



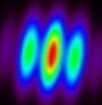
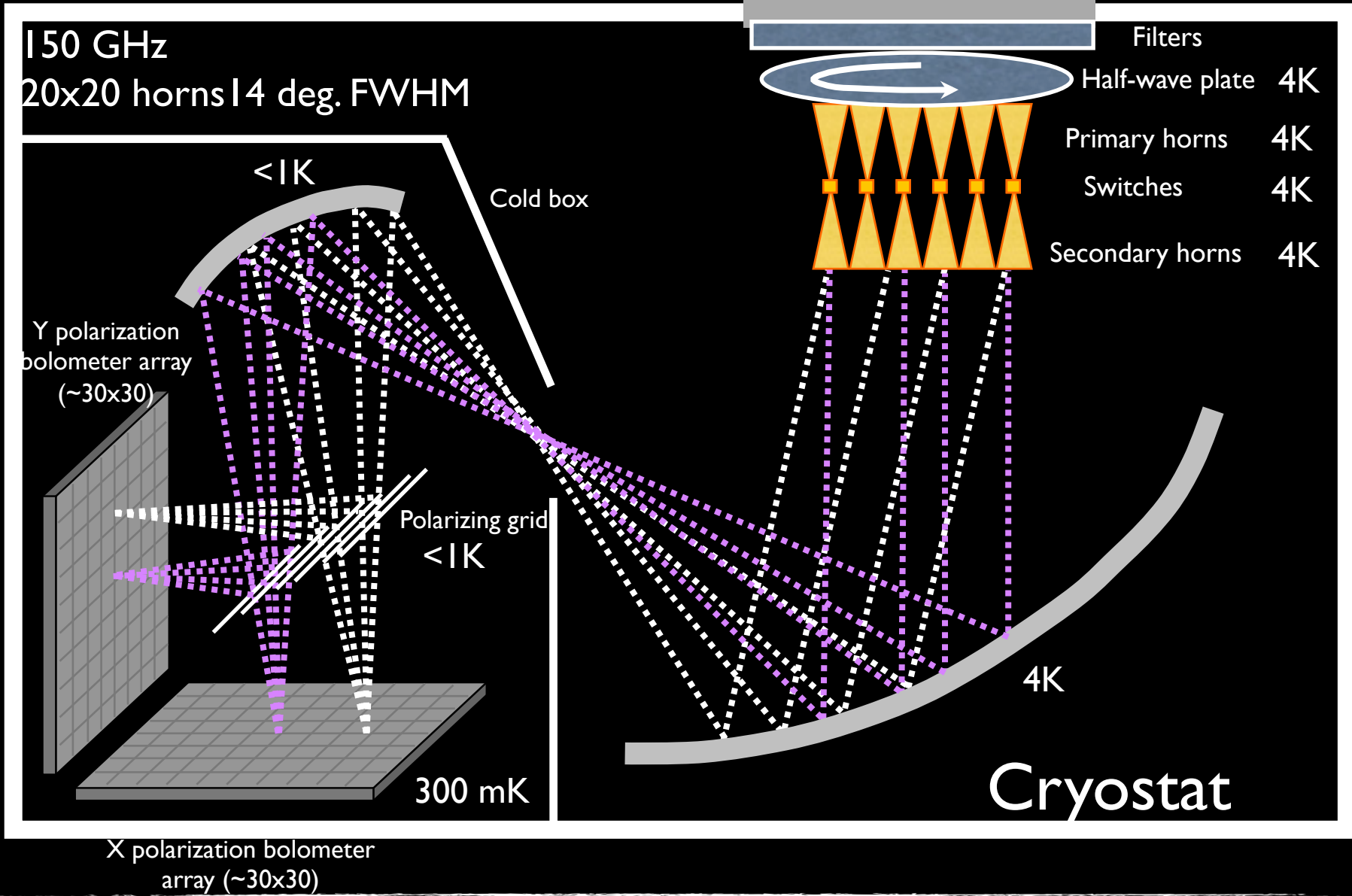
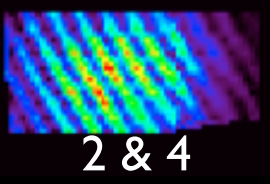
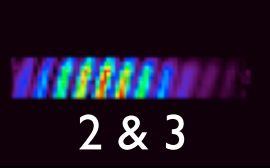
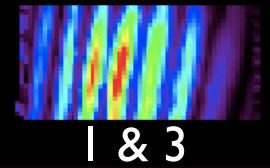
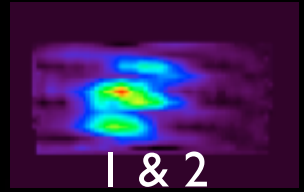
QUBIC design

fringes successfully observed in 2009 with MBI-4 [Timbie et al. 2006]



1 horn open

MBI-4 data
2009 campaign
(PBO-Wisc.)



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Dual Band QUBIC (150/220 GHz in the first module)

B2B horns are:

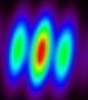
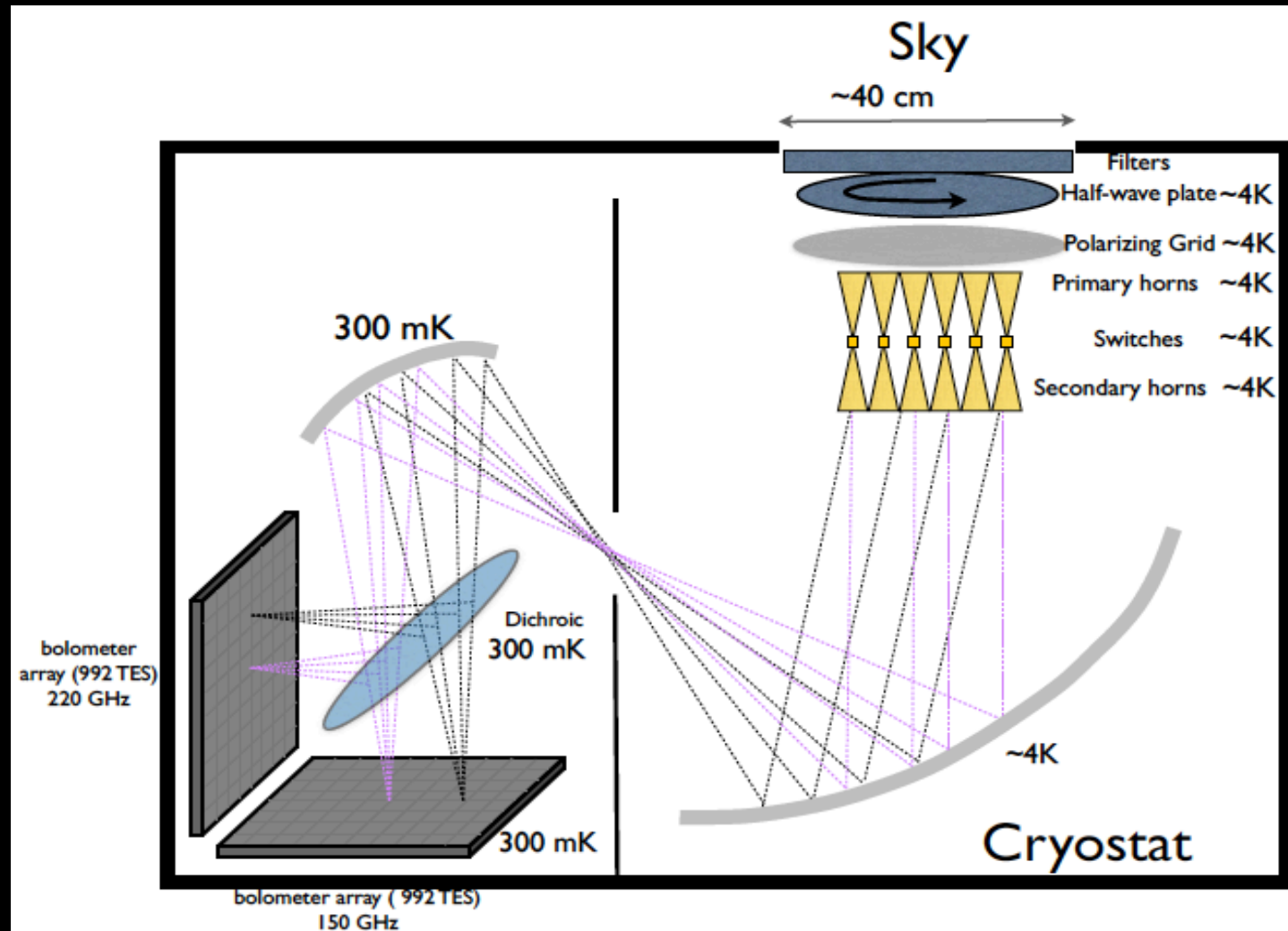
- single moded at 150GHz

- multi- (few-) moded at 220GHz

they are diffractive apertures that make spatial filtering i.e. the entrance pupil is a square array of gaussian-illuminated apertures

The beam combiner alone can be used as a telescope (uniformly illuminated pupil) with $N \sim \text{FOV} / (\lambda / D)$ independent Airy spots

On a given focal plane pixel, the synthetic image is the convolution of sky signal (Q,U) and synthetic beam



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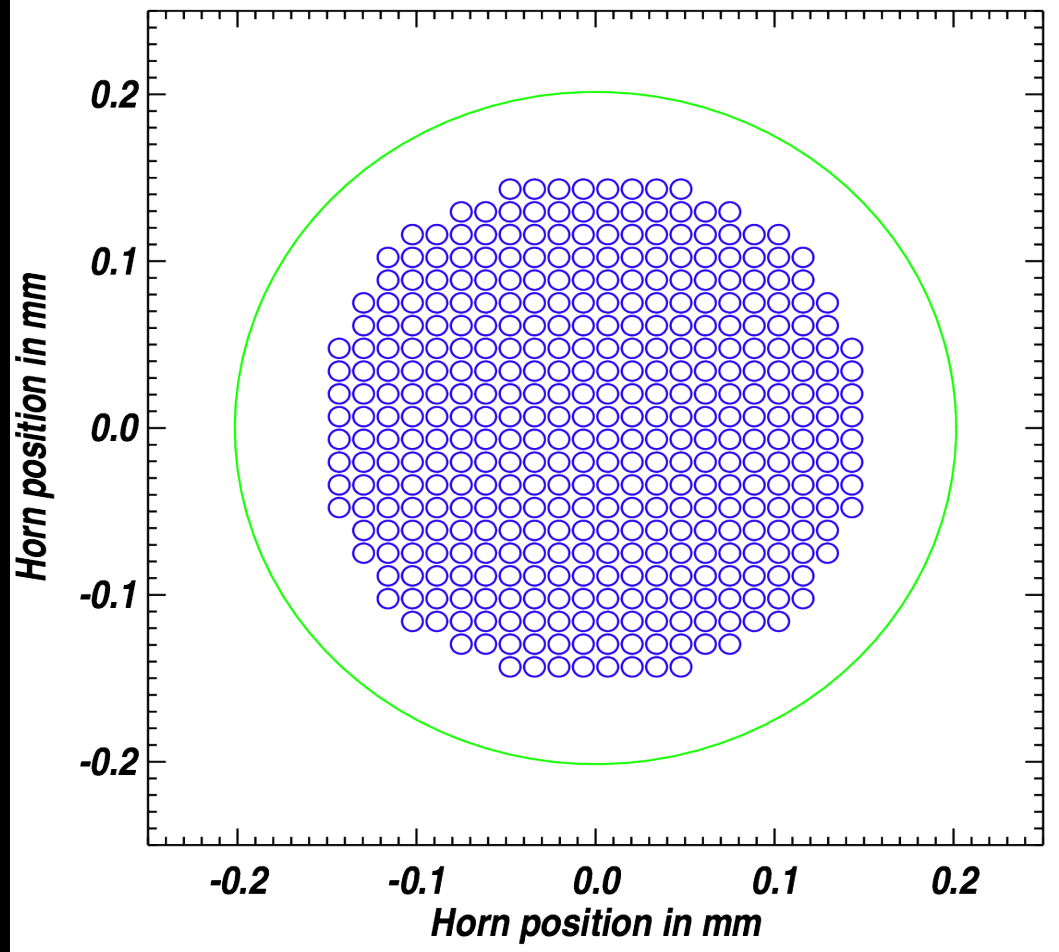
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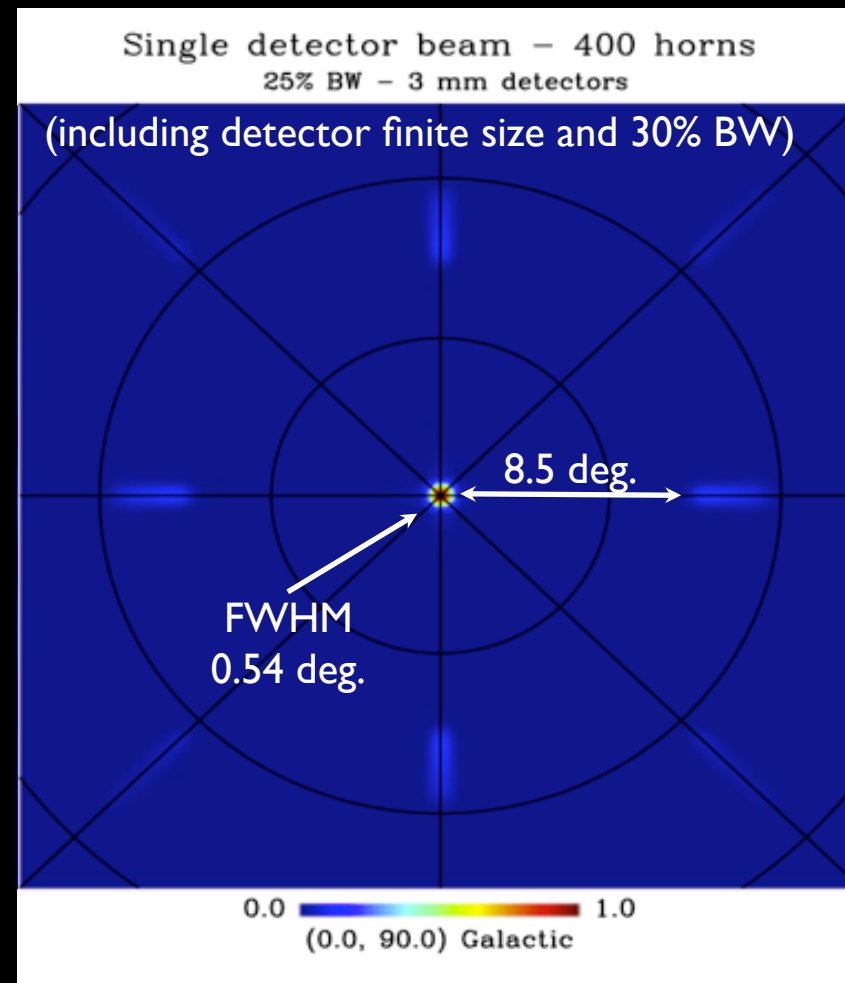
B.I. = Synthesized imager

Primary horns array

Window: 403.0mm - N horns=400



Synthesized beam



20x20 horns 14 deg. FWHM, D=1.2 cm

Synthesized beam used to scan the sky as with an imager

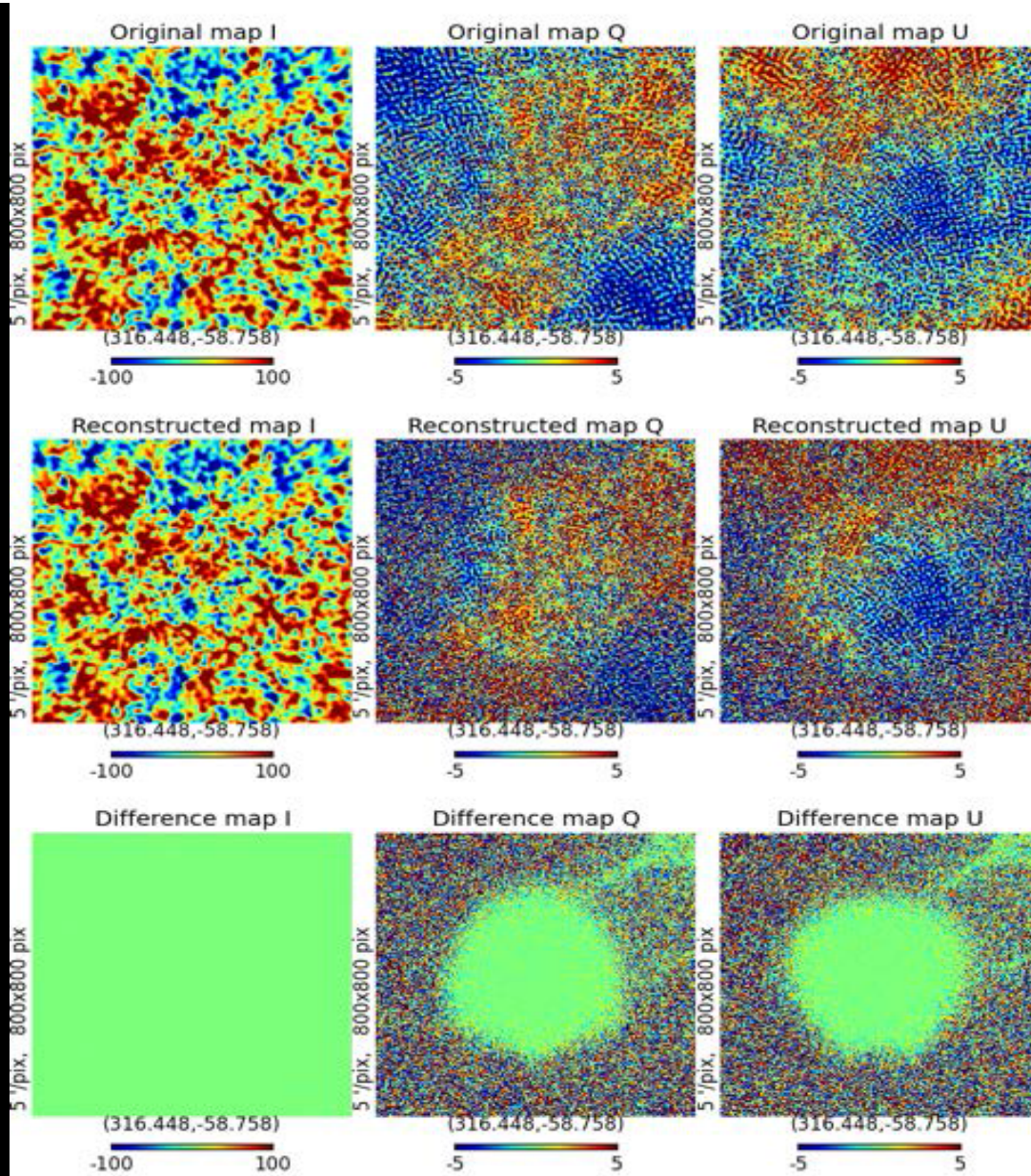


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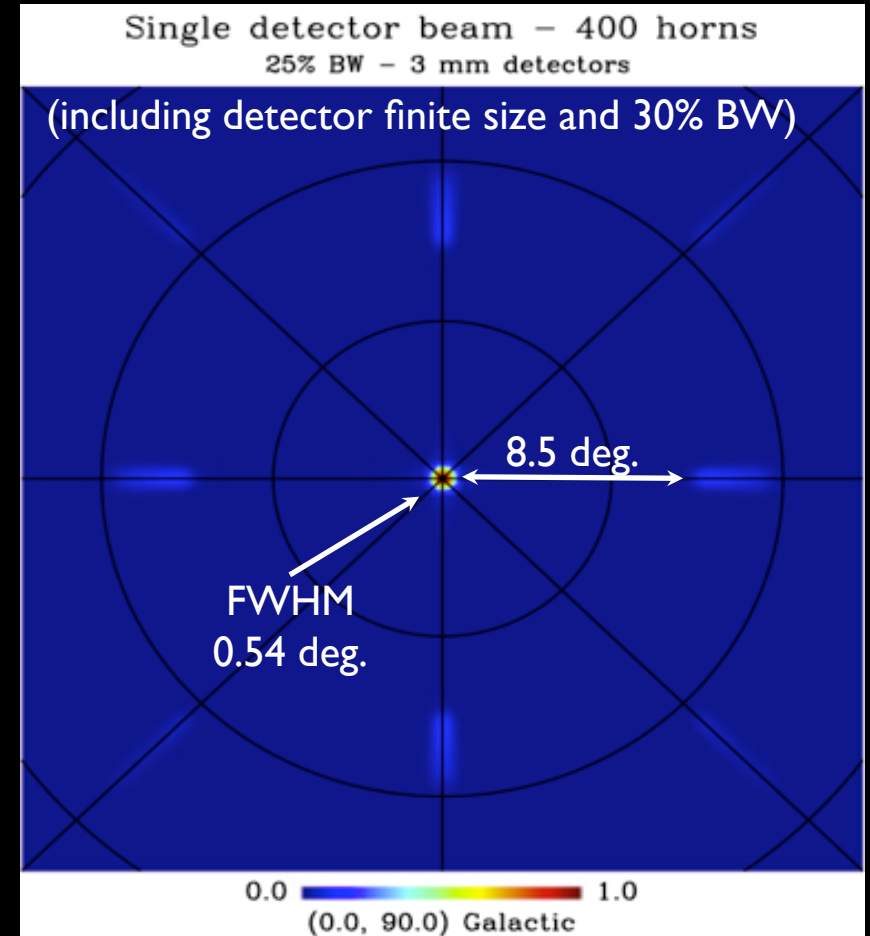
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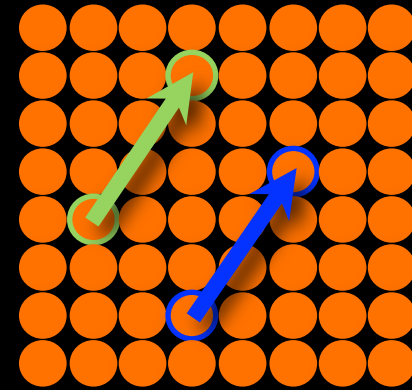
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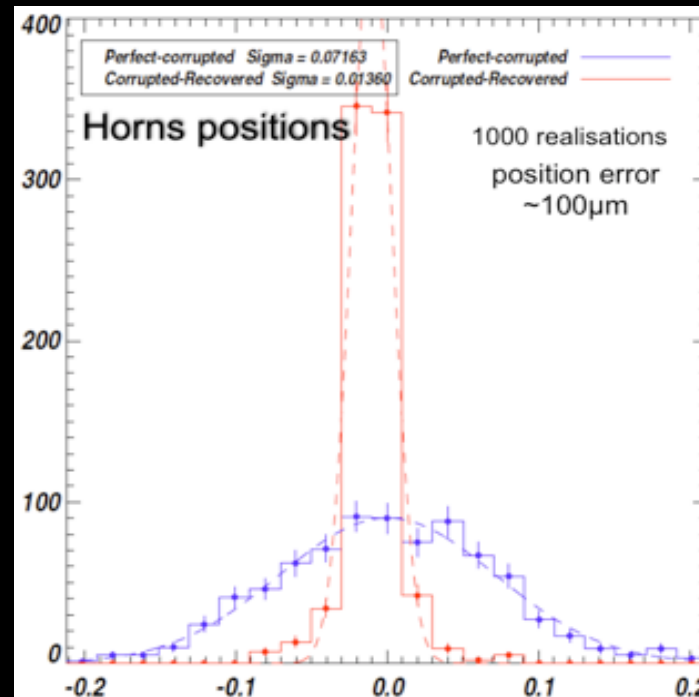
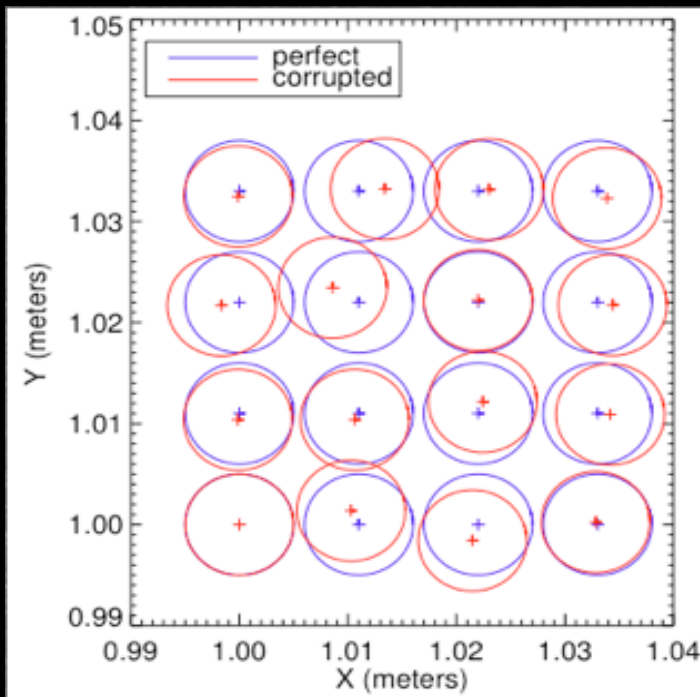
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- A unique possibility to do that, and to handle systematic errors, is the self-calibration
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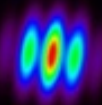
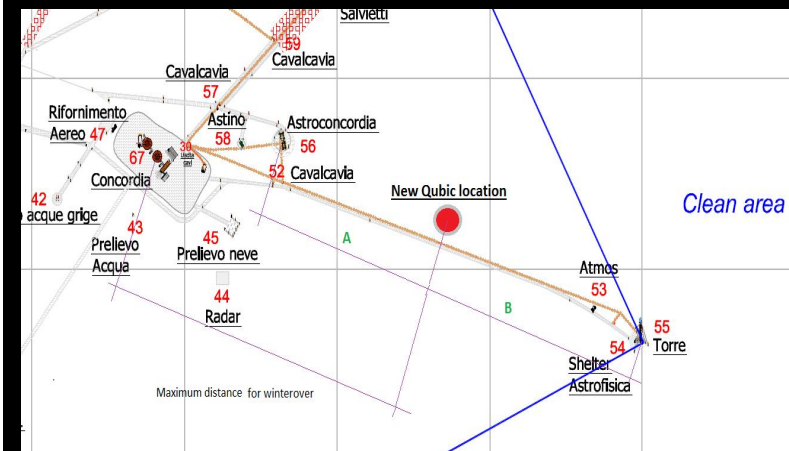


Redundant baselines :
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Example: exact horns locations (figure exaggerated !!)



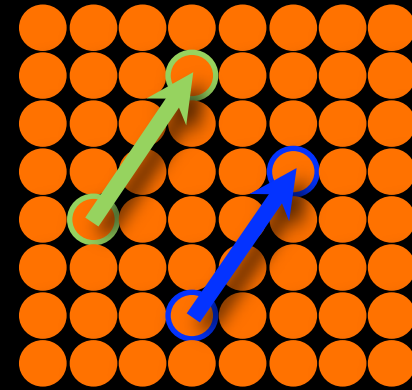
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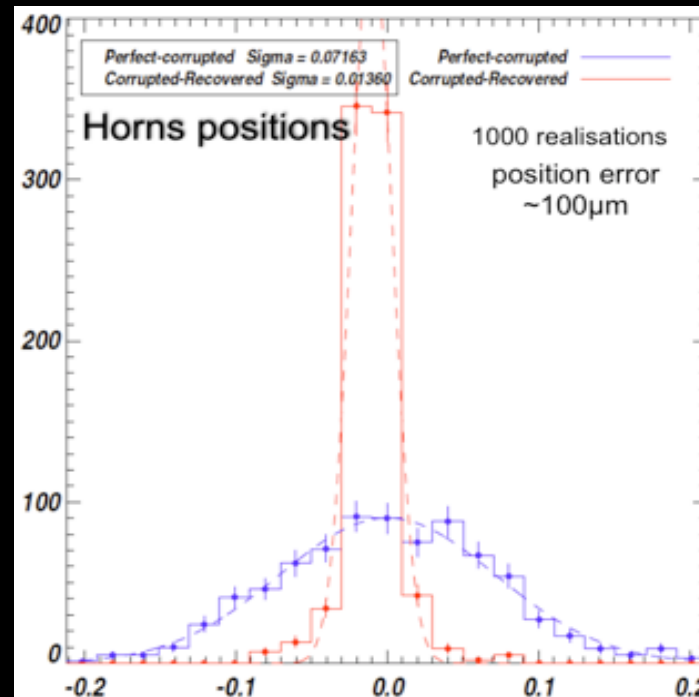
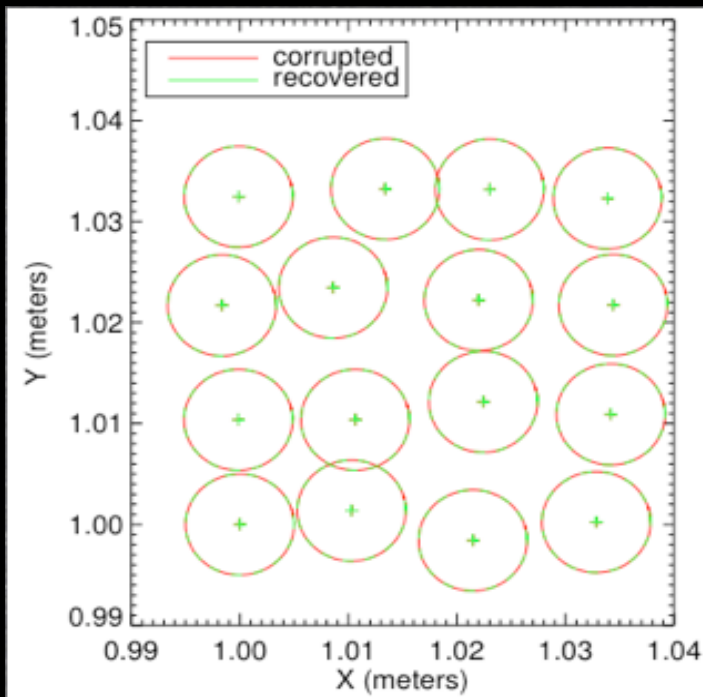
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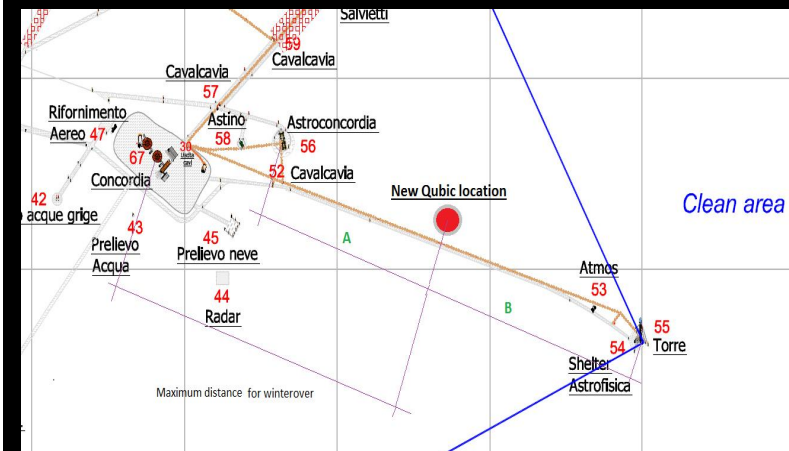


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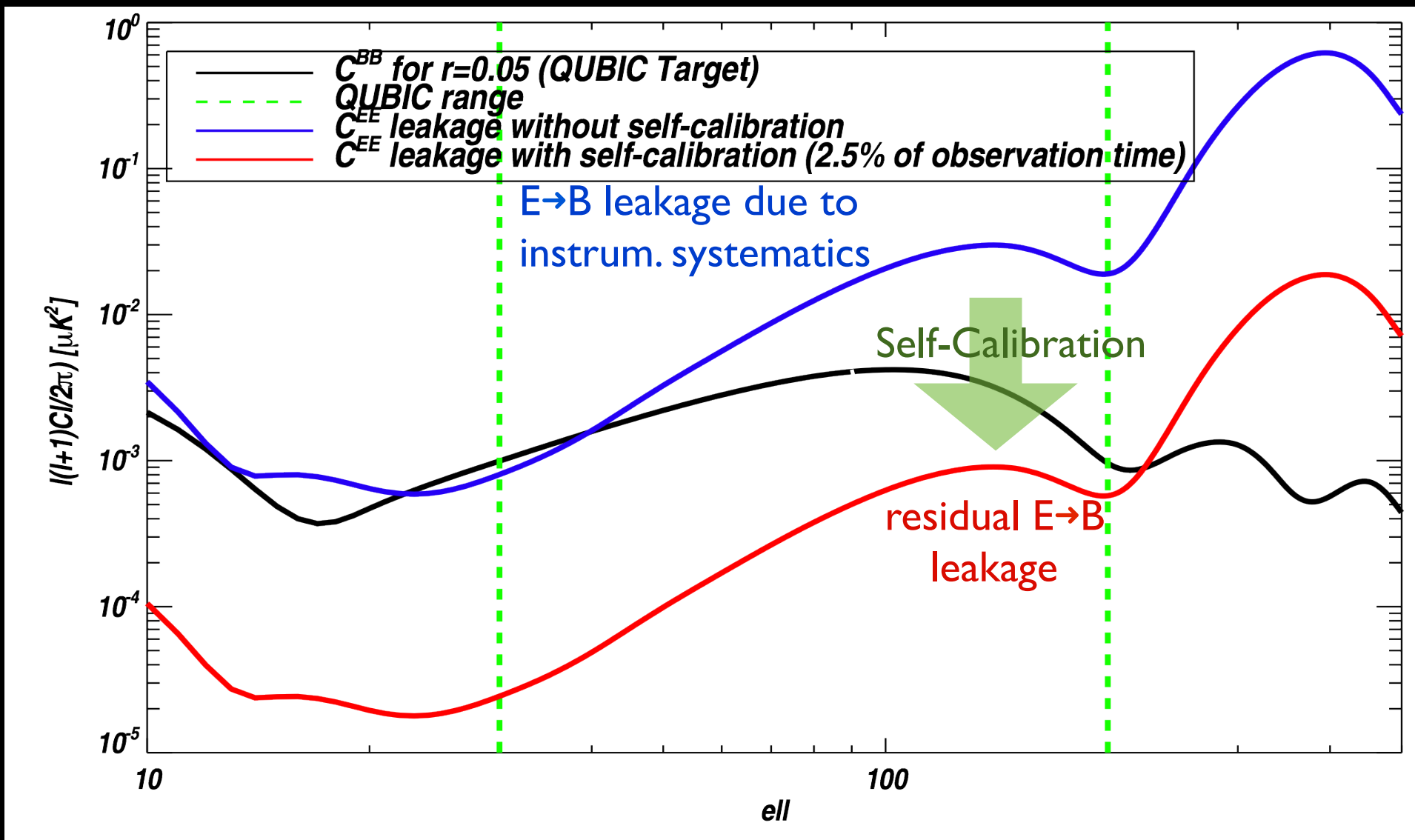


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Self-Calibration results



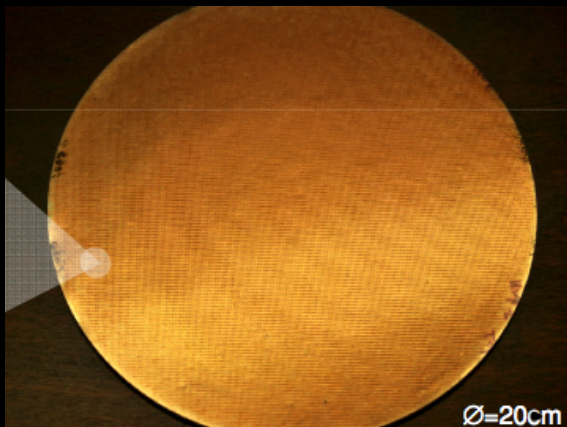
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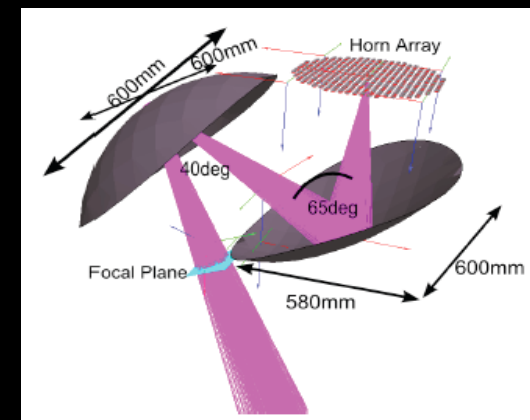


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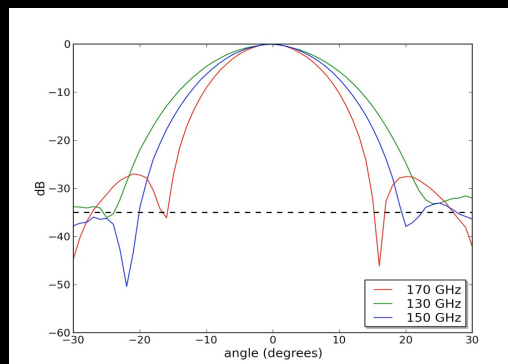
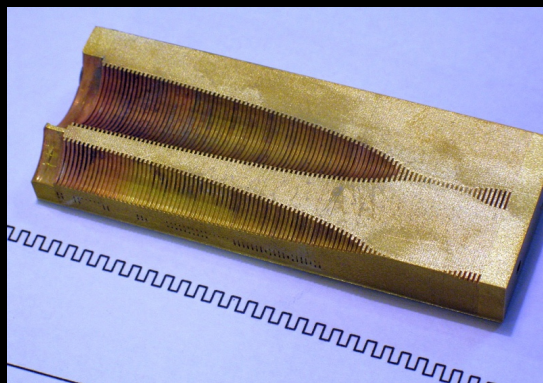
Dielectrically embedded mesh HWP
Cardiff, G. Pisano et al. 2012



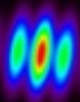
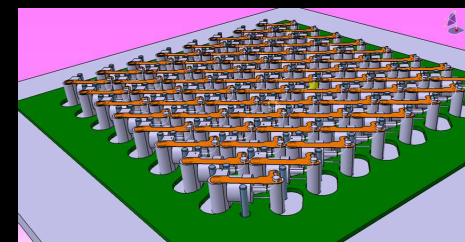
Off-Axis Gregorian System, 300mm
equivalent focal length, 0.5m mirrors,
Low aberrations (Maynhoot, Rome)



400 primary horns, aluminum
platelet FWHM = 14°
Milano Courtesy of F. Cavaliere



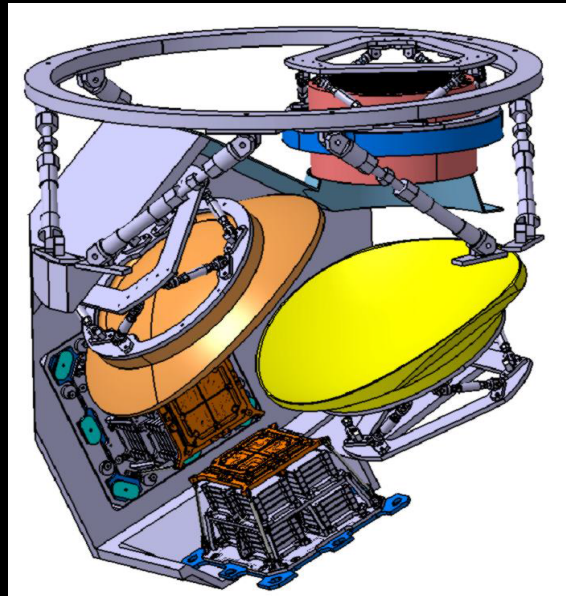
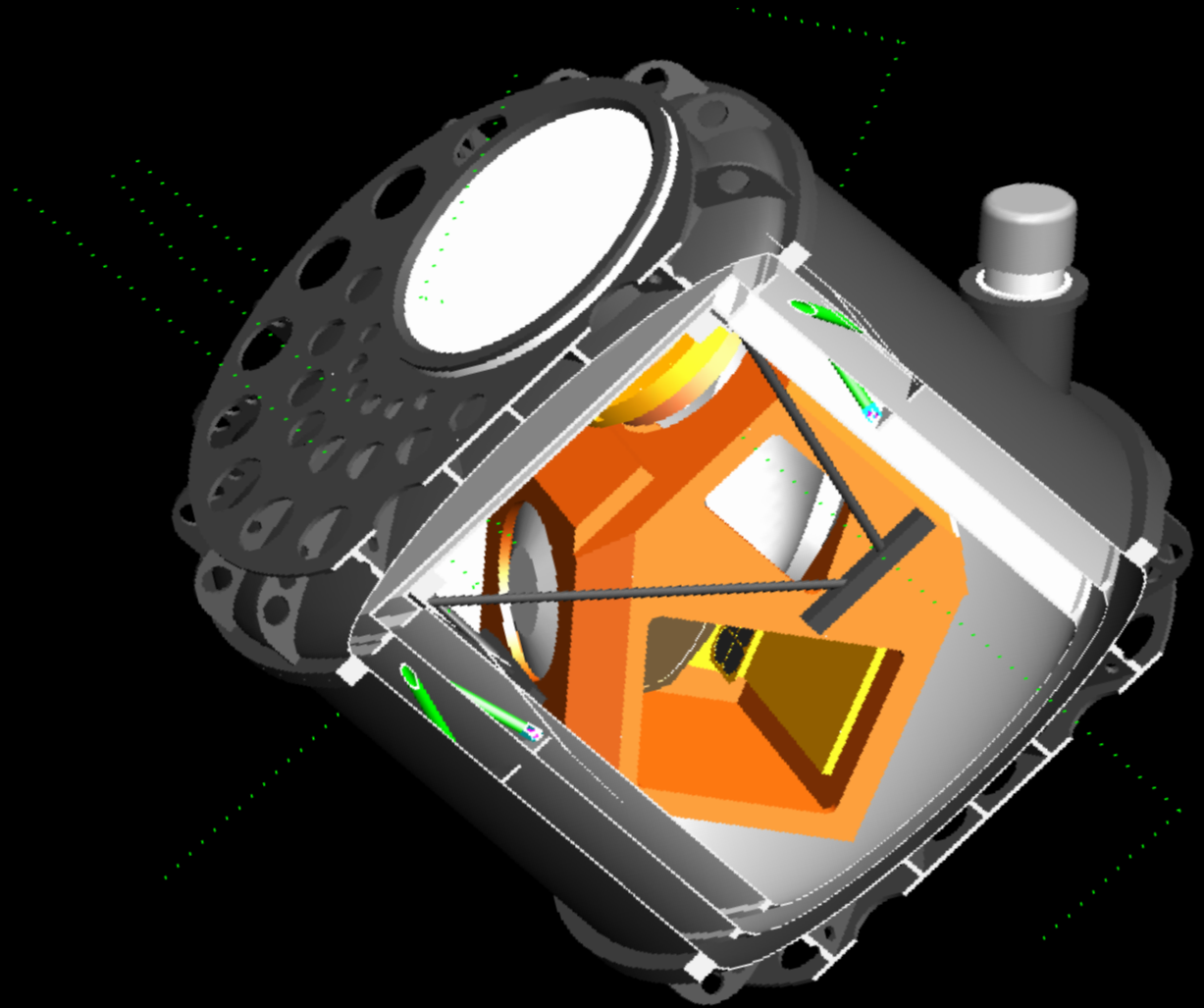
Electro-magnetic switches
mainly used for self-calibration
Milano Bibocca, APC, Paris





THE INSTRUMENT

Subsystem	Temperature
HWP	3 K
Polarizing grid	3 K
Horn Arrays	3 K
Primary mirror	1 K
Secondary Mirror	1 K
Detector arrays	0.3 K
Read out electronics	1 K and 40 K



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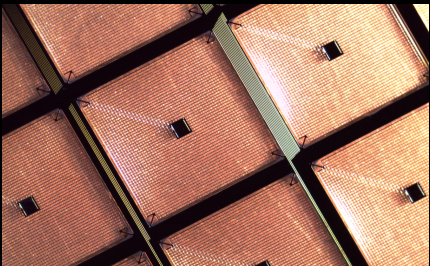
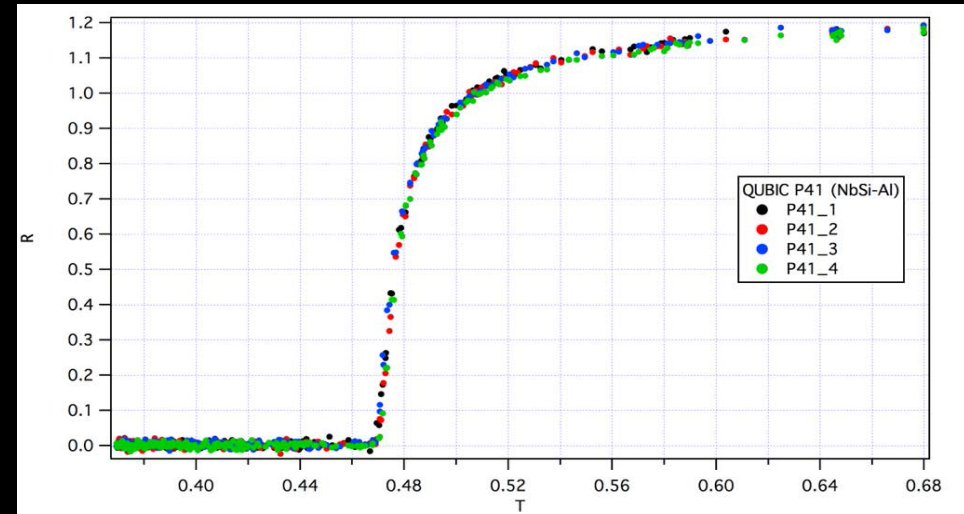
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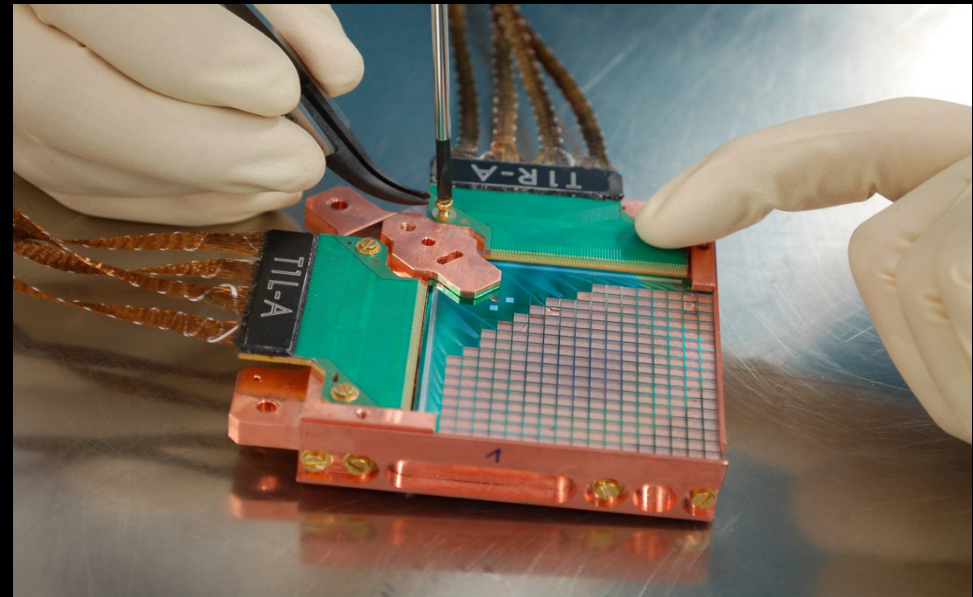


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- TES + SQUIDS + SiGe ASIC Mux
- 2 arrays of 992 NbSi TES
- Capacity coupling-Time Domain Multiplexing
- Bias reversal AC SQI bias
- The current bias steps through the rows for a first multiplexing stage and a cryogenic amplifier steps through the columns for a second multiplexing stage
- This is done by the ASIC
- Multiplexing factor 128/1 in a 2D configuration



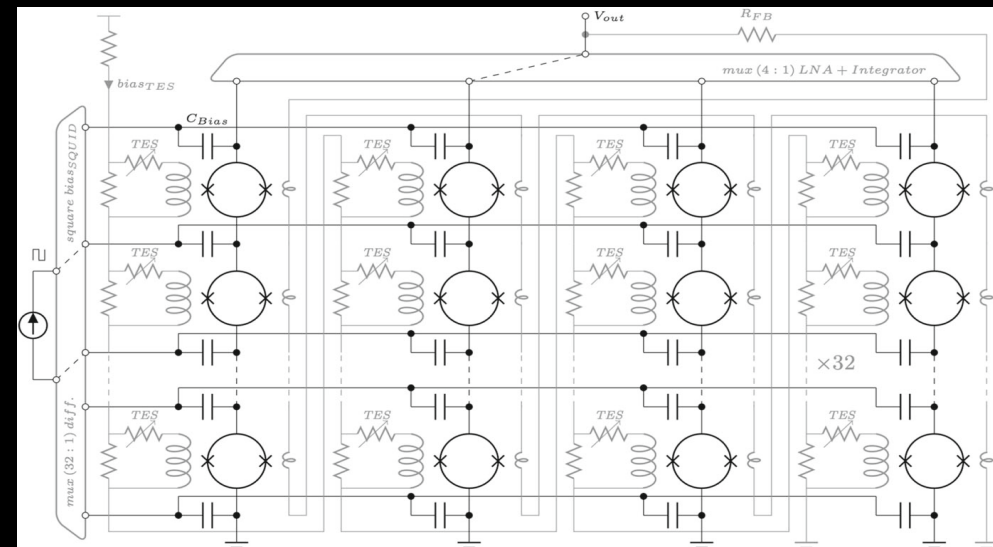
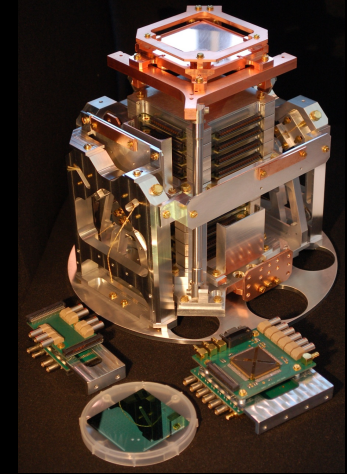
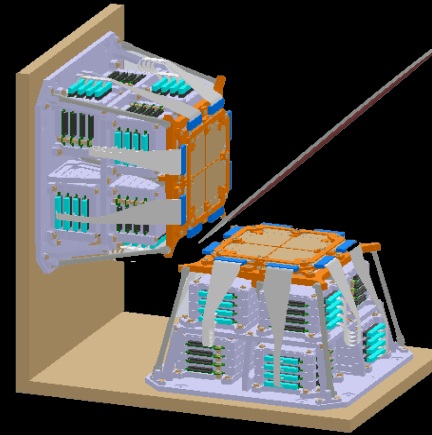
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- This is done by the ASIC
- Multiplexing factor 128/1 in a 2D configuration



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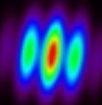
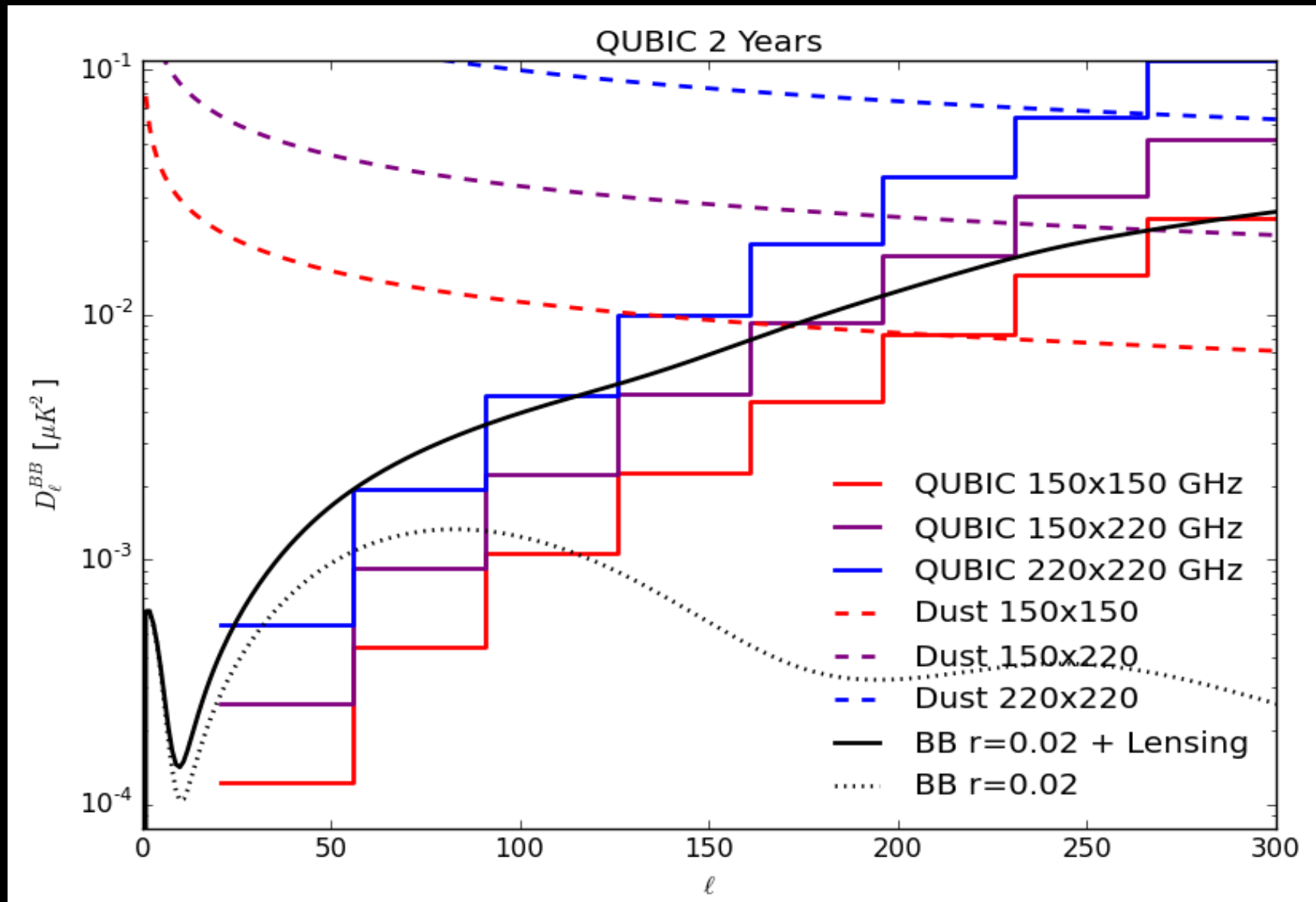


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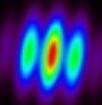
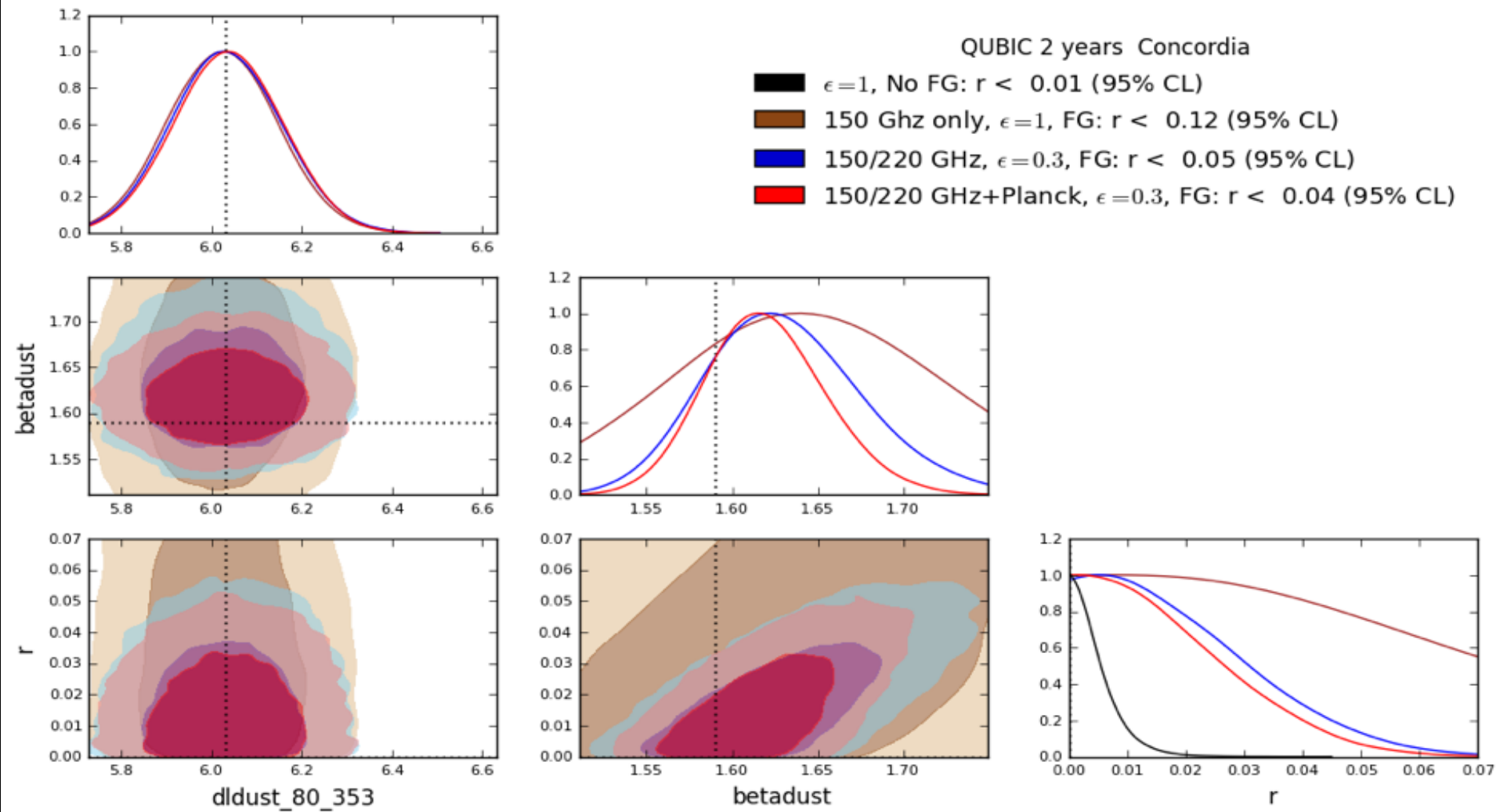


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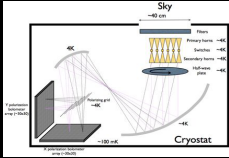
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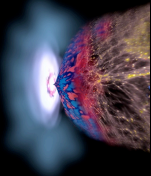


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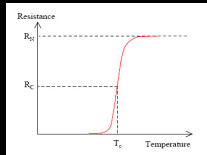
- QUBIC is a novel instrumental concept



- ★ Bolometric Interferometer optimized to handle systematics: QUBIC is a synthesized imager (or an imaging interferometer) observing a selected range of spatial frequencies that can be accurately calibrated



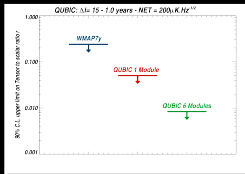
- ★ Dedicated to CMB polarimetry and inflationary physics



- ★ High sensitivity with ~ 2000 TES bolometers



- ★ Located at Dome C, Antarctica



- ★ Target :

- First module (150/220 GHz): $r < 0.05$ at 90% C.L. (first light late 2016)
- Six modules (90, 150, 220 GHz) : $r < 0.01$ at 90% C.L.



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