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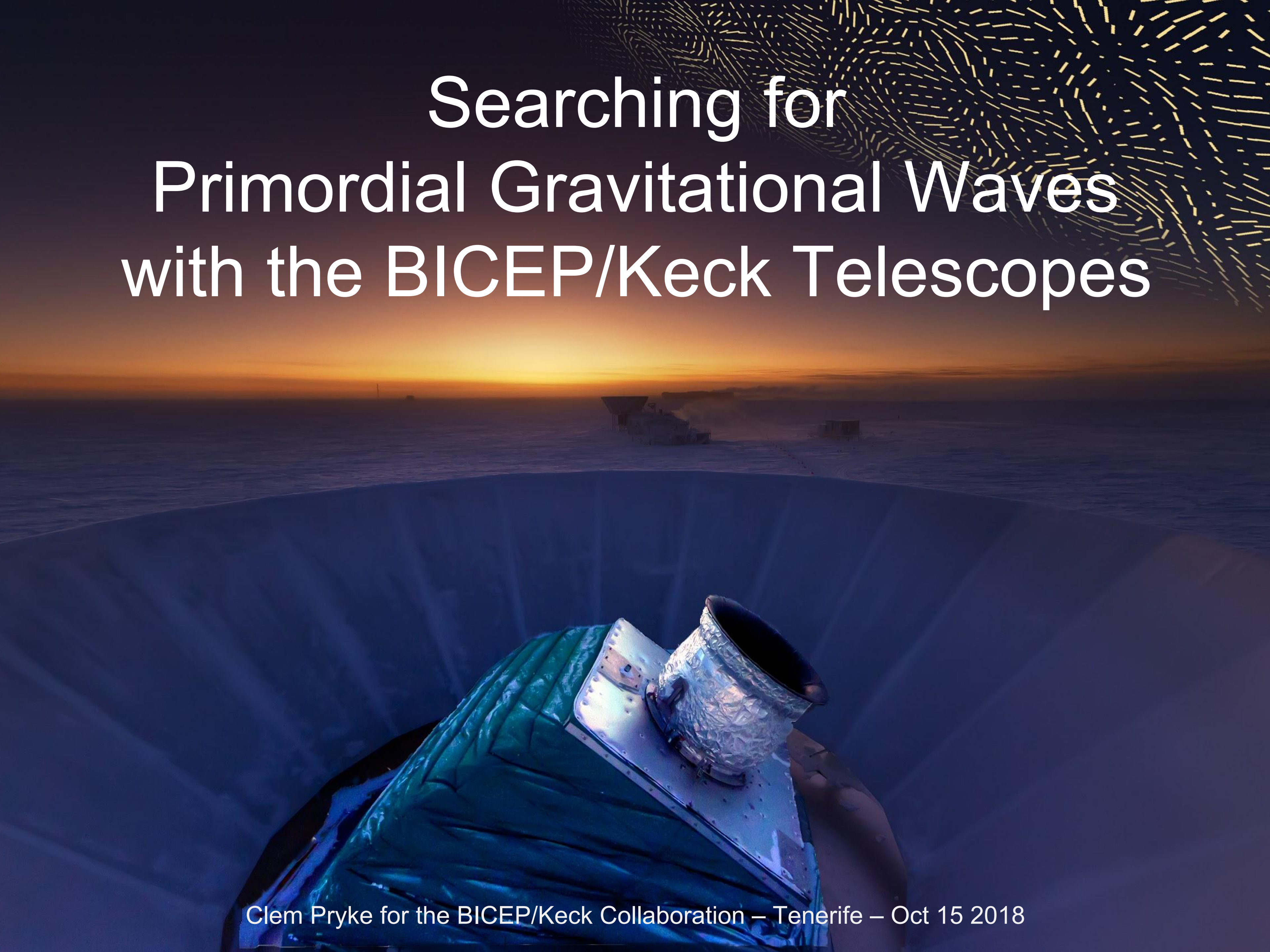

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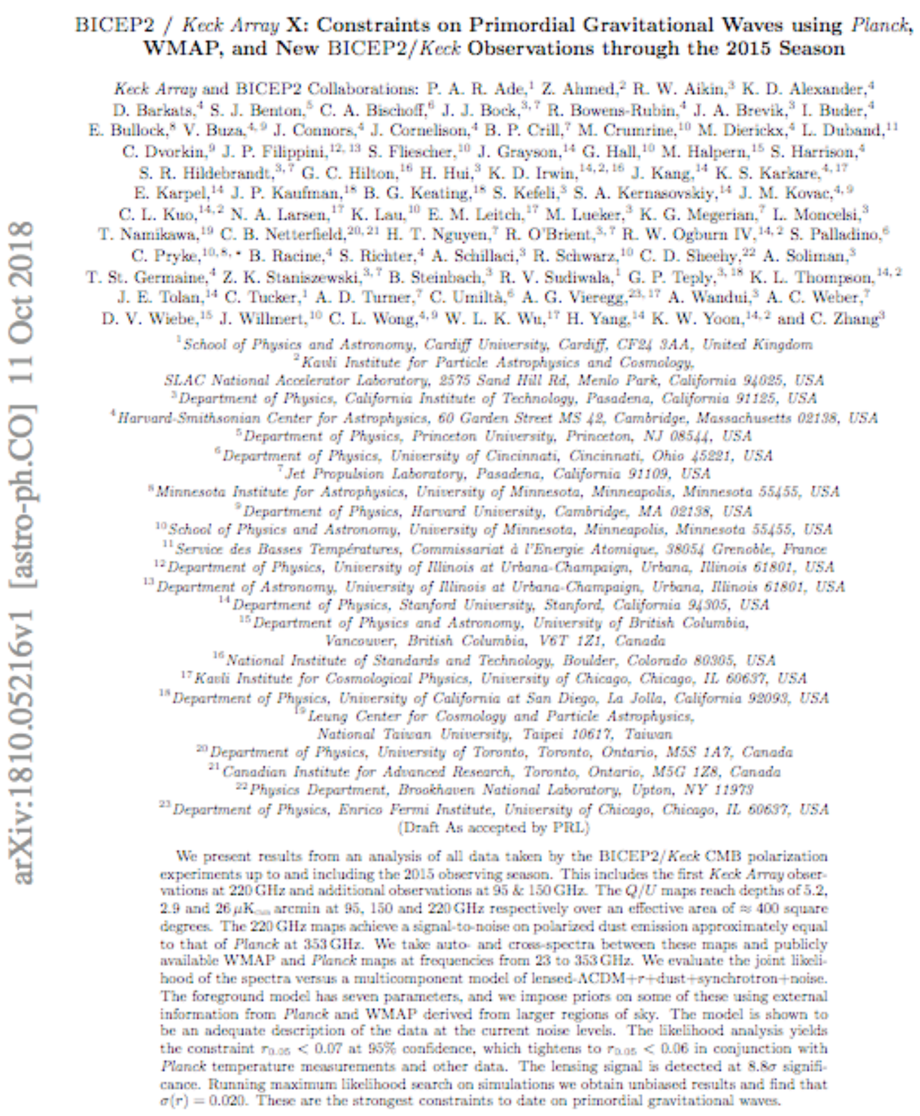

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We present results from an analysis of all data taken by the BICEP2/*Keck* CMB polarization experiments up to and including the 2015 observing season. This includes the first *Keck Array* observations at 220 GHz and additional observations at 95 & 150 GHz. The Q/U maps reach depths of 5.2, 2.9 and 26 $\mu K_{\rm CMB}$ arcmin at 95, 150 and 220 GHz respectively over an effective area of ≈ 400 square degrees. The 220 GHz maps achieve a signal-to-noise on polarized dust emission approximately equal to that of *Planck* at 353 GHz. We take auto- and cross-spectra between these maps and publicly available WMAP and *Planck* maps at frequencies from 23 to 353 GHz. We evaluate the joint likelihood of the spectra versus a multicomponent model of lensed-ΛCDM+r+dust+synchrotron+noise. The foreground model has seven parameters, and we impose priors on some of these using external information from *Planck* and WMAP derived from larger regions of sky. The model is shown to be an adequate description of the data at the current noise levels. The likelihood analysis yields the constraint $r_{0.05} < 0.07$ at 95% confidence, which tightens to $r_{0.05} < 0.06$ in conjunction with *Planck* temperature measurements and other data. The lensing signal is detected at 8.8σ significance. Running maximum likelihood search on simulations we obtain unbiased results and find that $\sigma(r) = 0.020$. These are the strongest constraints to date on primordial gravitational waves.

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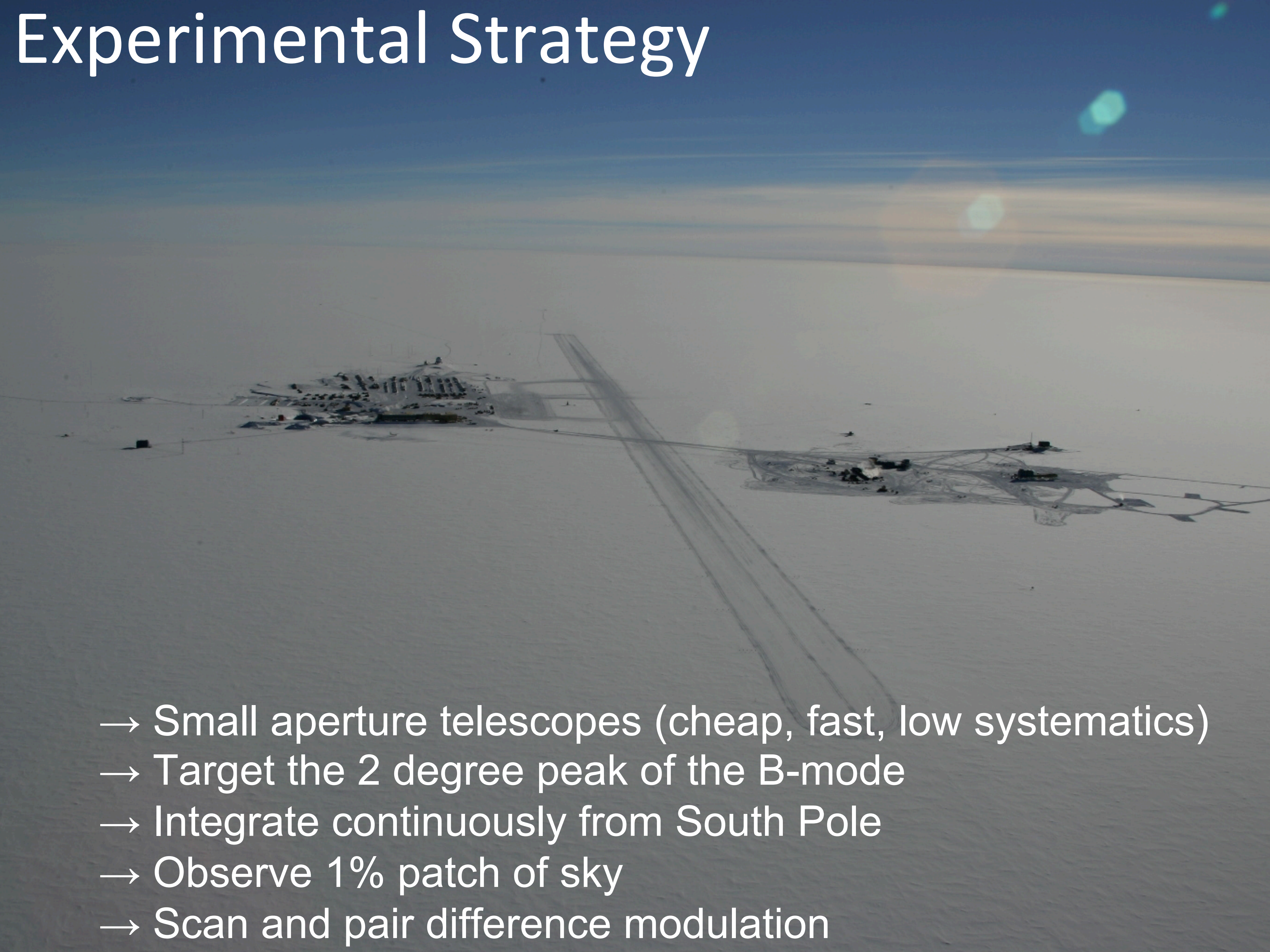
BK15 = includes all data taken up to, and including, 2015 season

Three years since BK14 – Sorry for the delay!

Experimental Strategy



→ Small aperture telescopes (cheap, fast, low systematics)
→ Target the 2 degree peak of the B-mode
→ Integrate continuously from South Pole
→ Observe 1% patch of sky
→ Scan and pair difference modulation

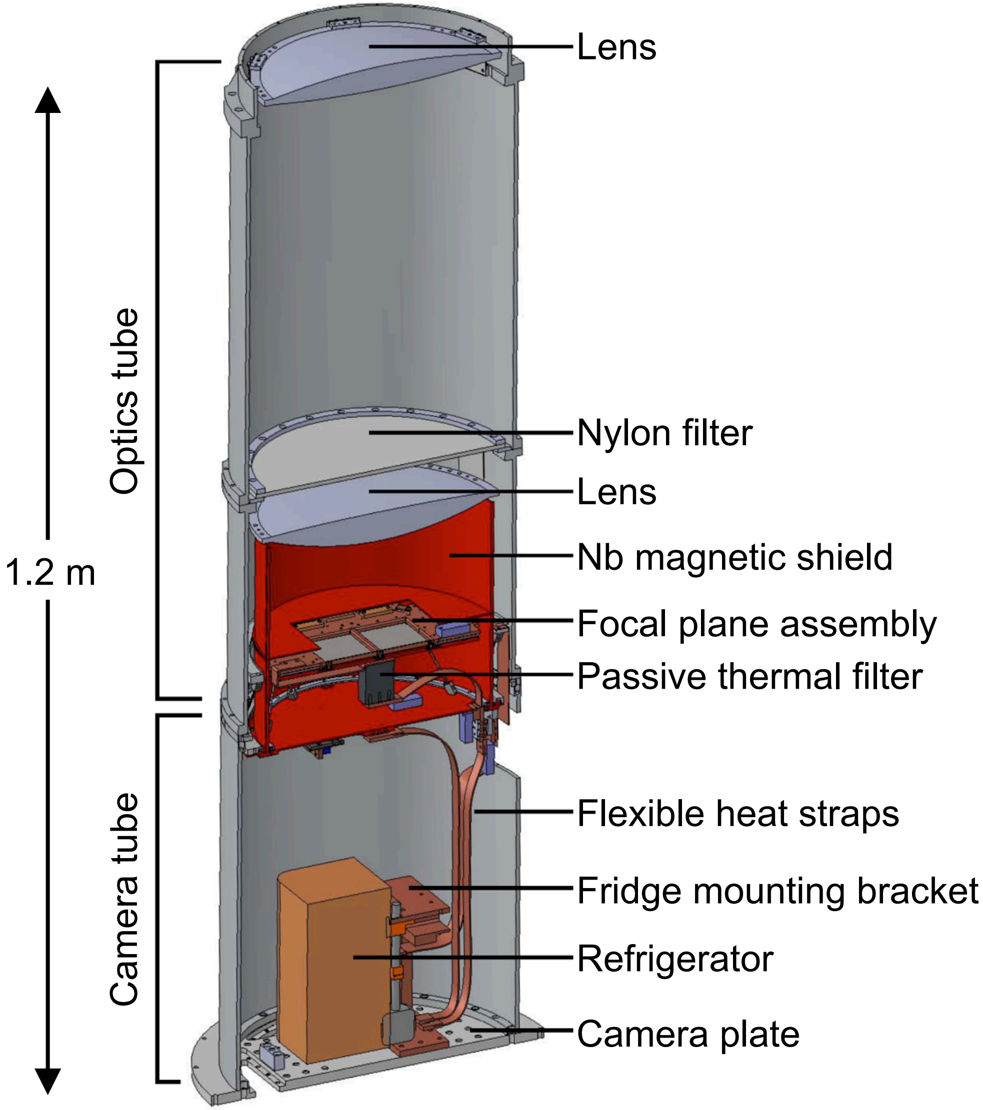
The BICEP2/Keck Telescopes

Telescope as compact as possible while still having the angular resolution to observe degree-scale features

On-axis, refractive optics allow the entire telescope to rotate around boresight for polarization modulation

Liquid helium/pulse tube cools the optical elements to 4 K

3-stage helium sorption refrigerator further cools the detectors to 0.27 K



Planar superconducting detector arrays

…designed to scale
in frequency

Up to 2013 – all 150GHz
2014 – 2x95 3x150GHz
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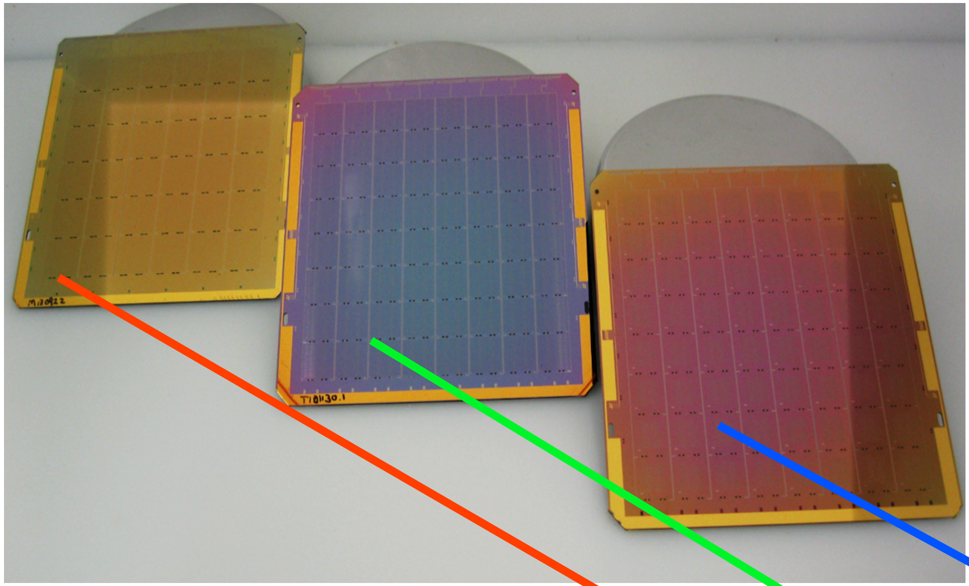
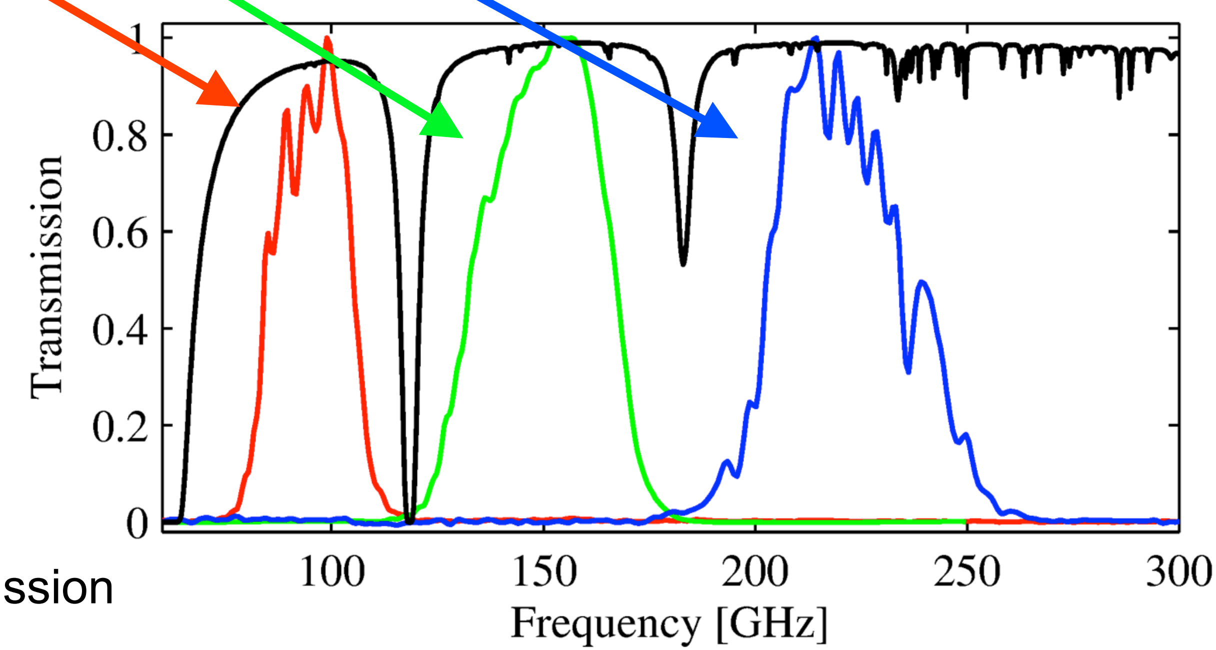
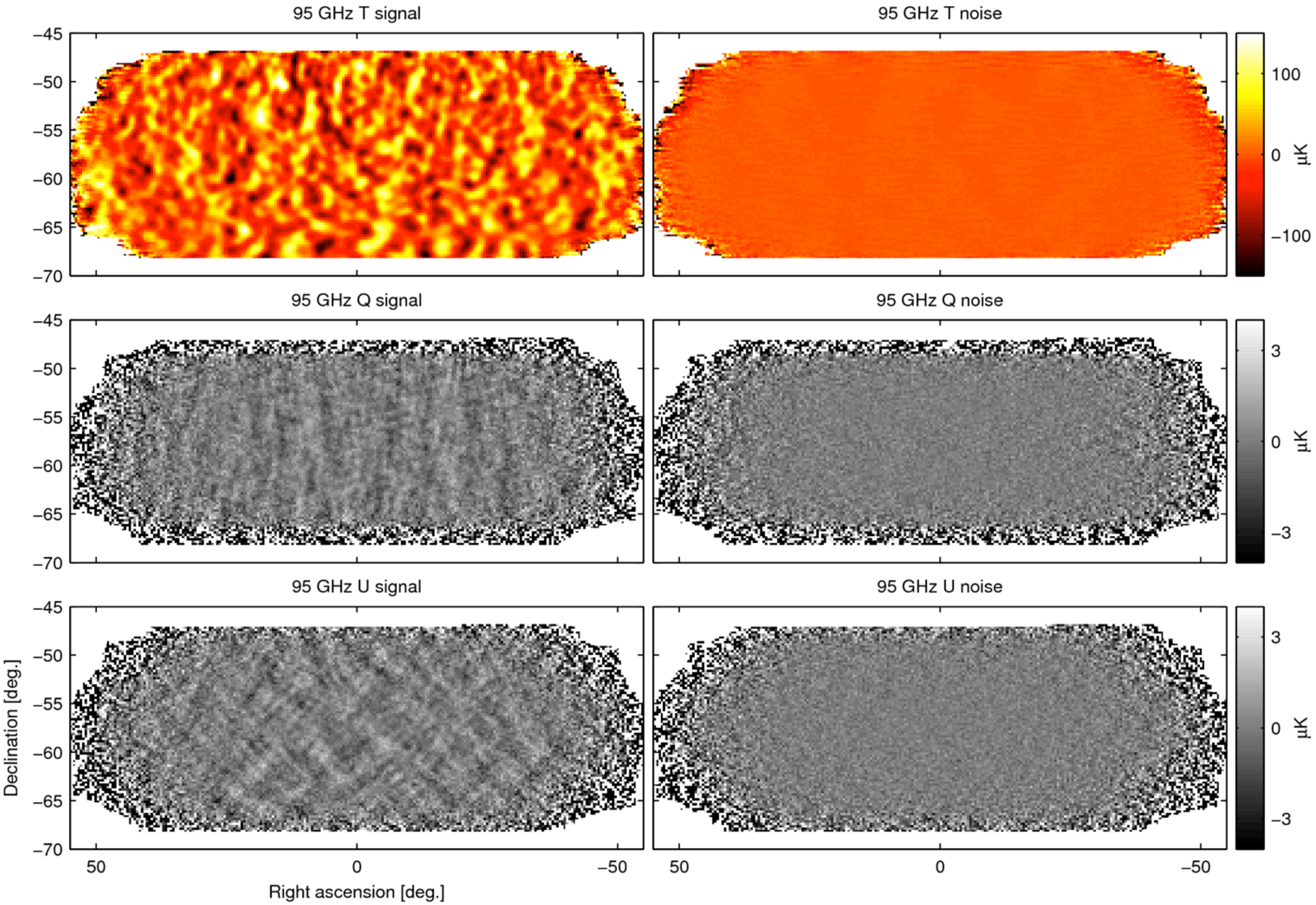




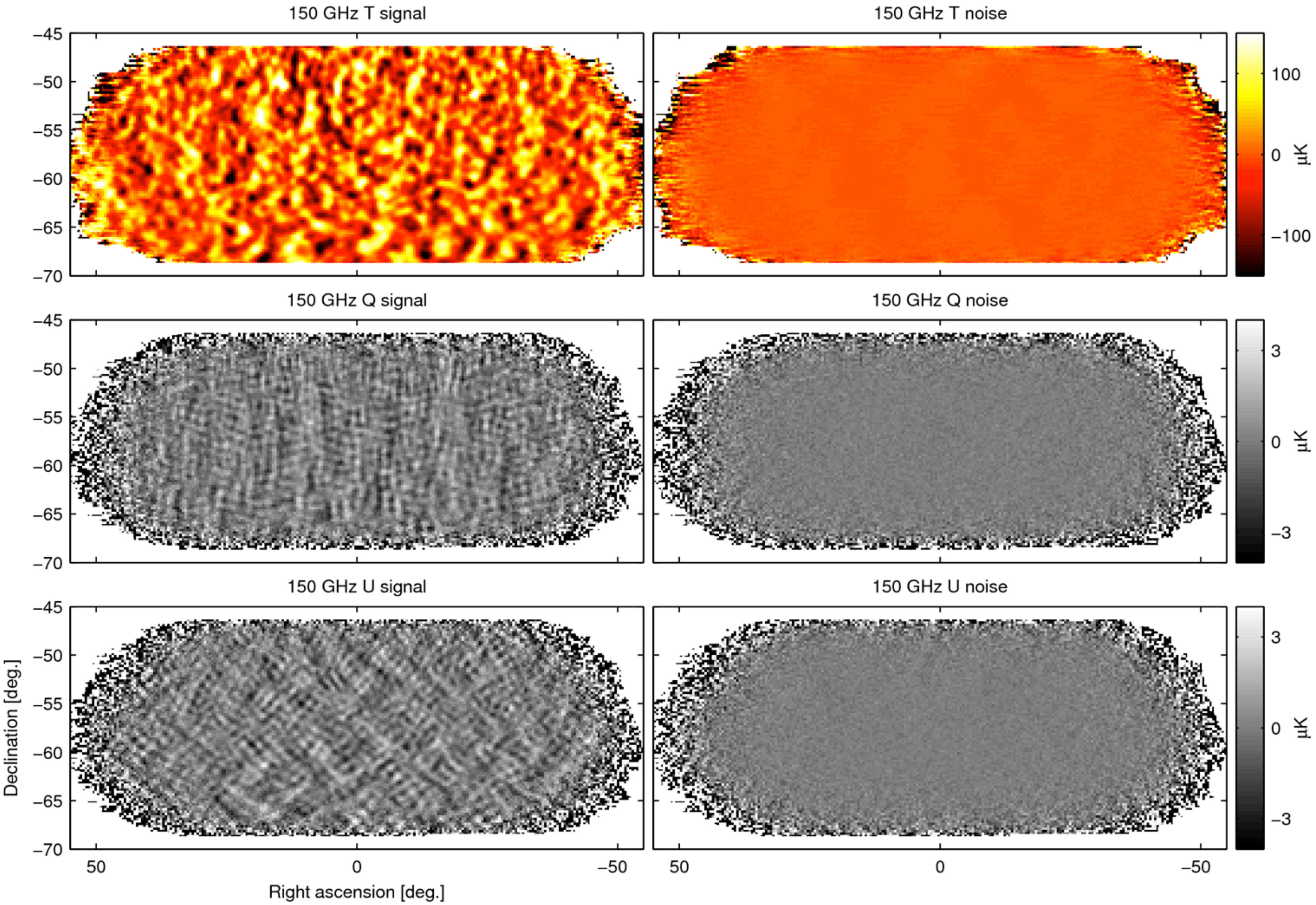
Typical South Pole
atmospheric transmission

BK15 95GHz Maps



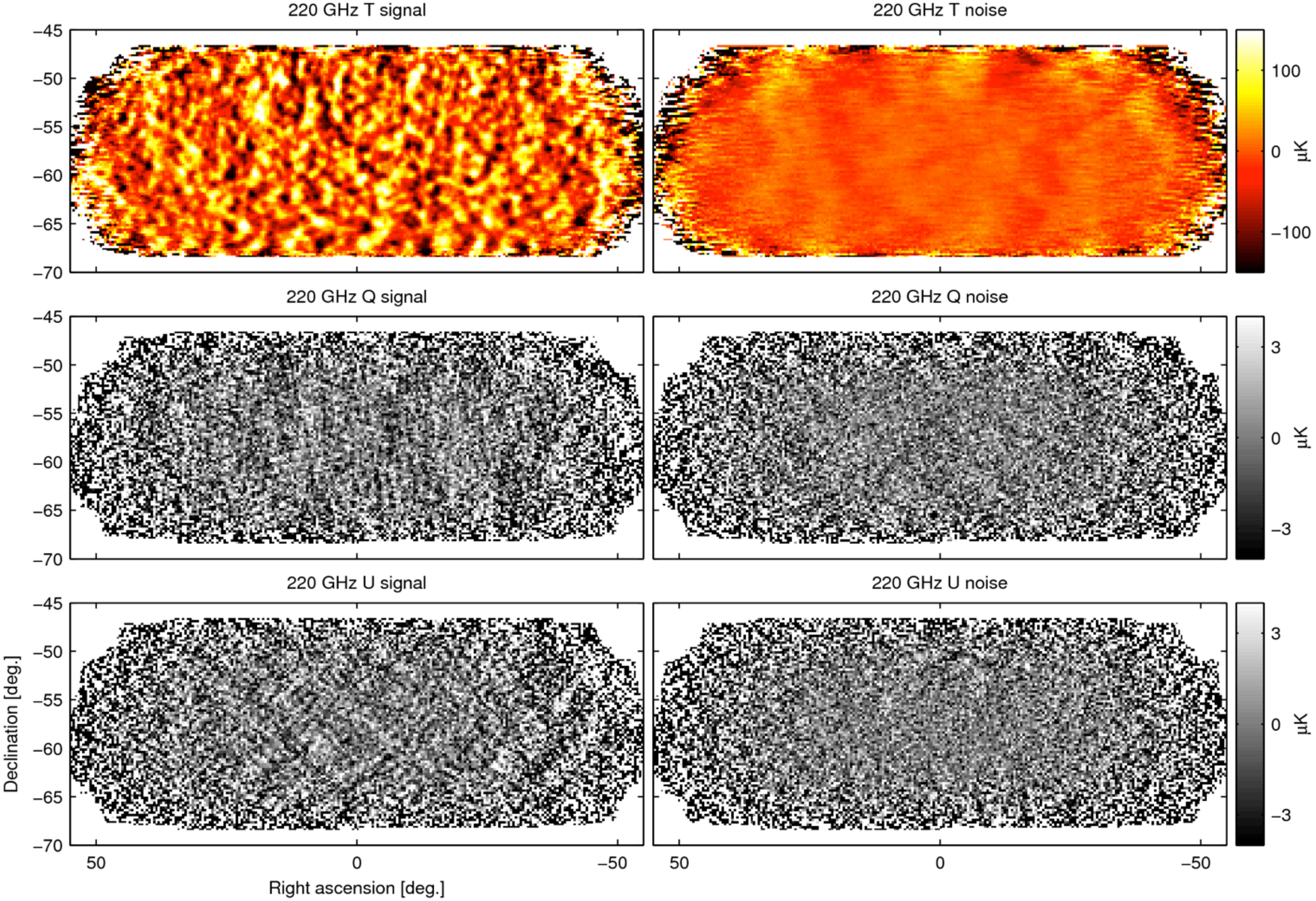
BK15 95GHz – 5 μK arcmin

BK15 150GHz Maps



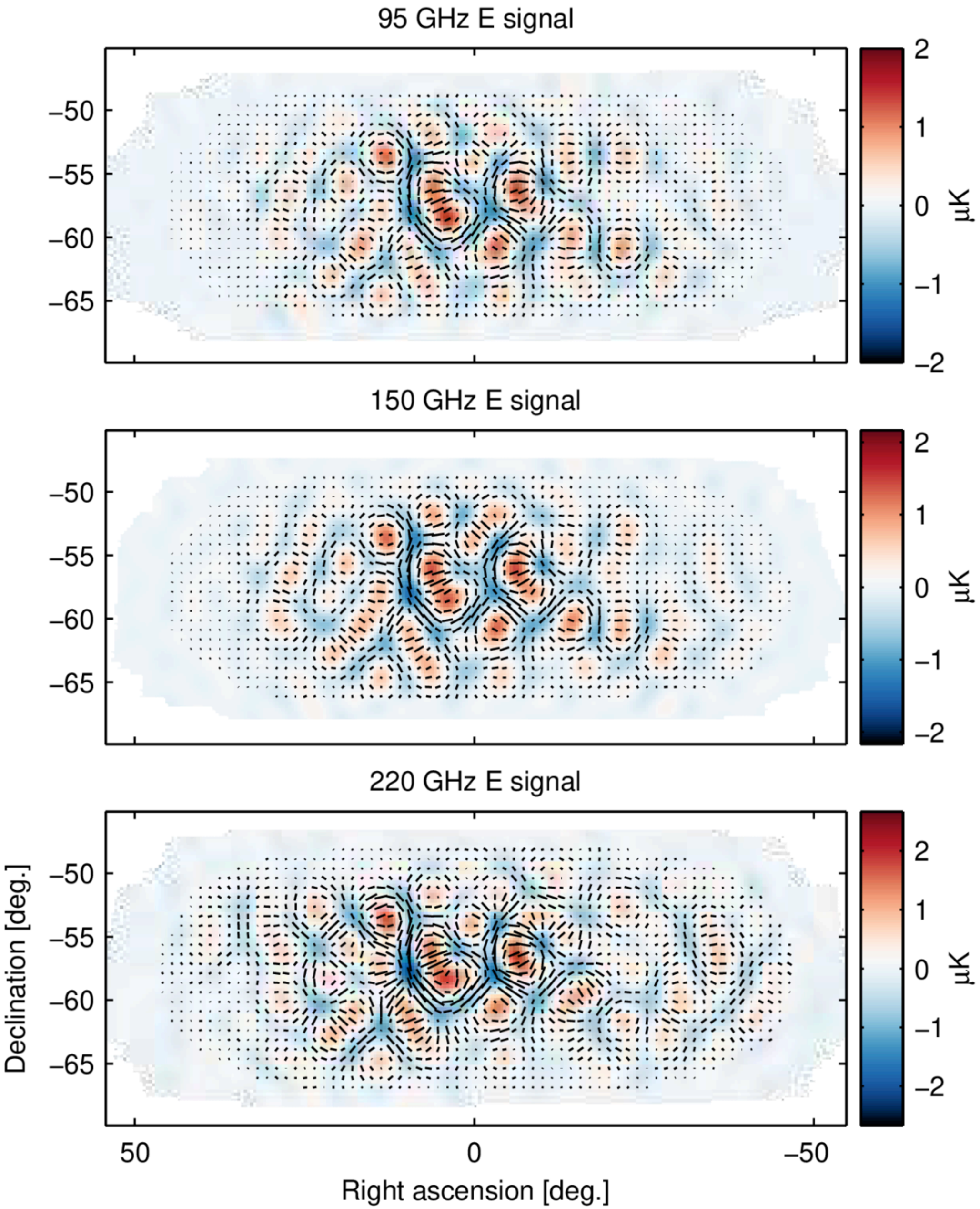
BK15 150GHz – 2.8 μK arcmin

BK15 220GHz Maps



BK15 220GHz – 25 μK arcmin

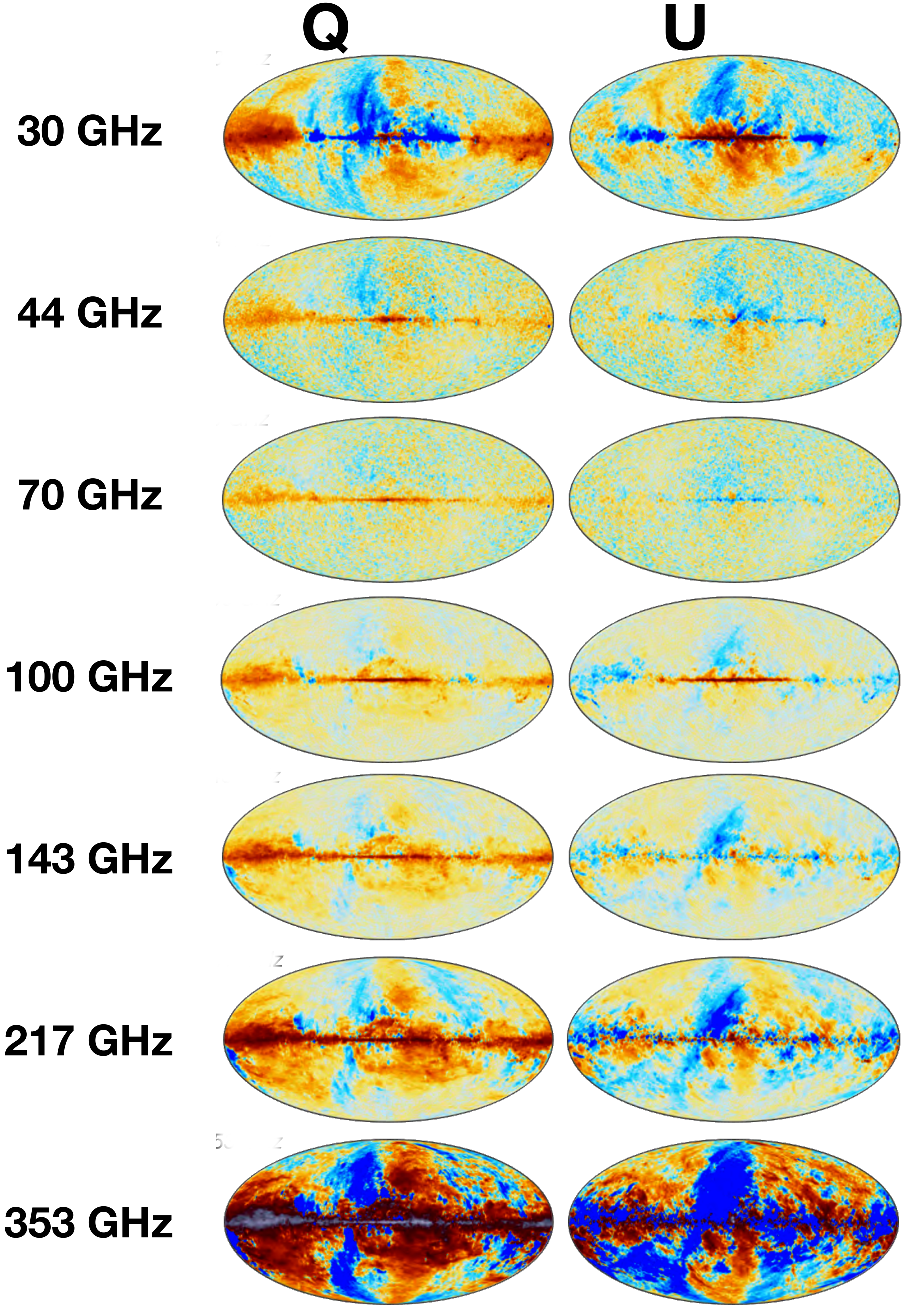
Just for fun: Keck 2015 single season E-mode maps



This plot shows LCDM E-modes with high s/n at three frequencies from data taken in a single season!

Already deeper than Planck 217 GHz

Add to the mix: Planck at 7 frequencies and WMAP at 2 frequencies



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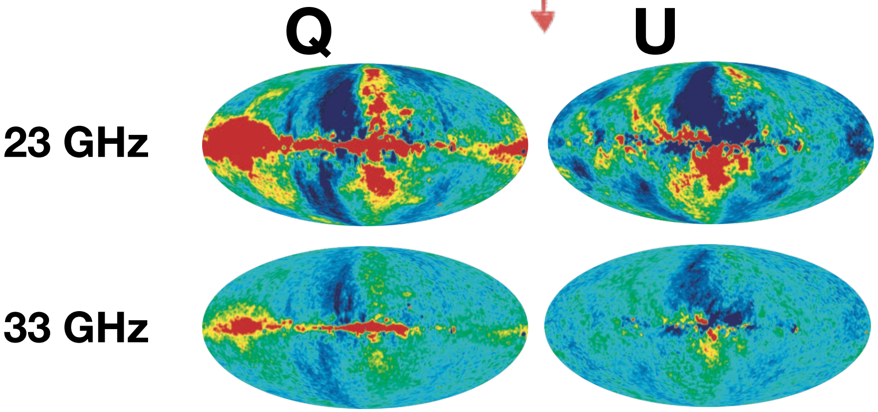
Polarized galactic
synchrotron
dominates
at low frequencies



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Polarized thermal
emission (~20K) from
galactic **dust** aligned in
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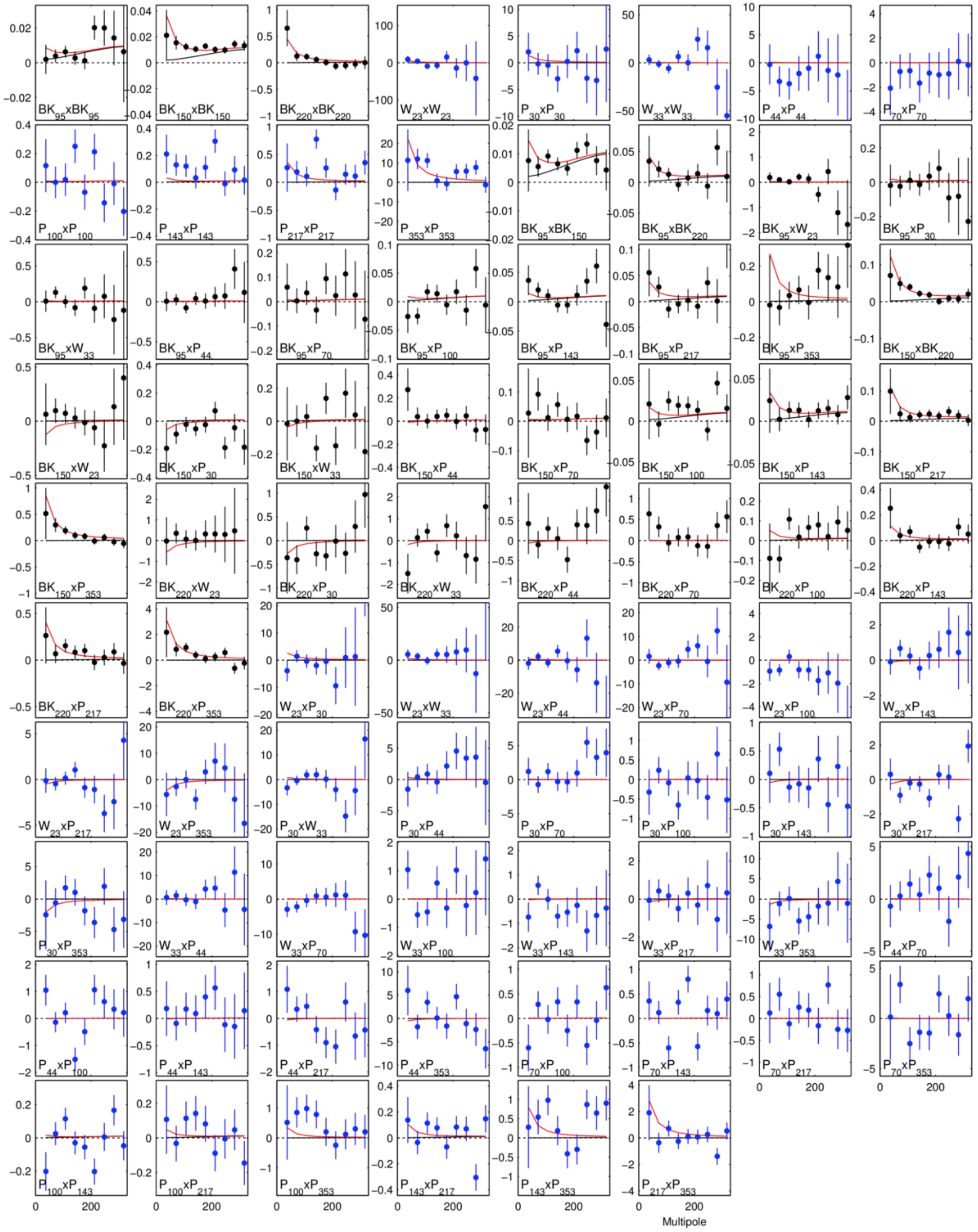
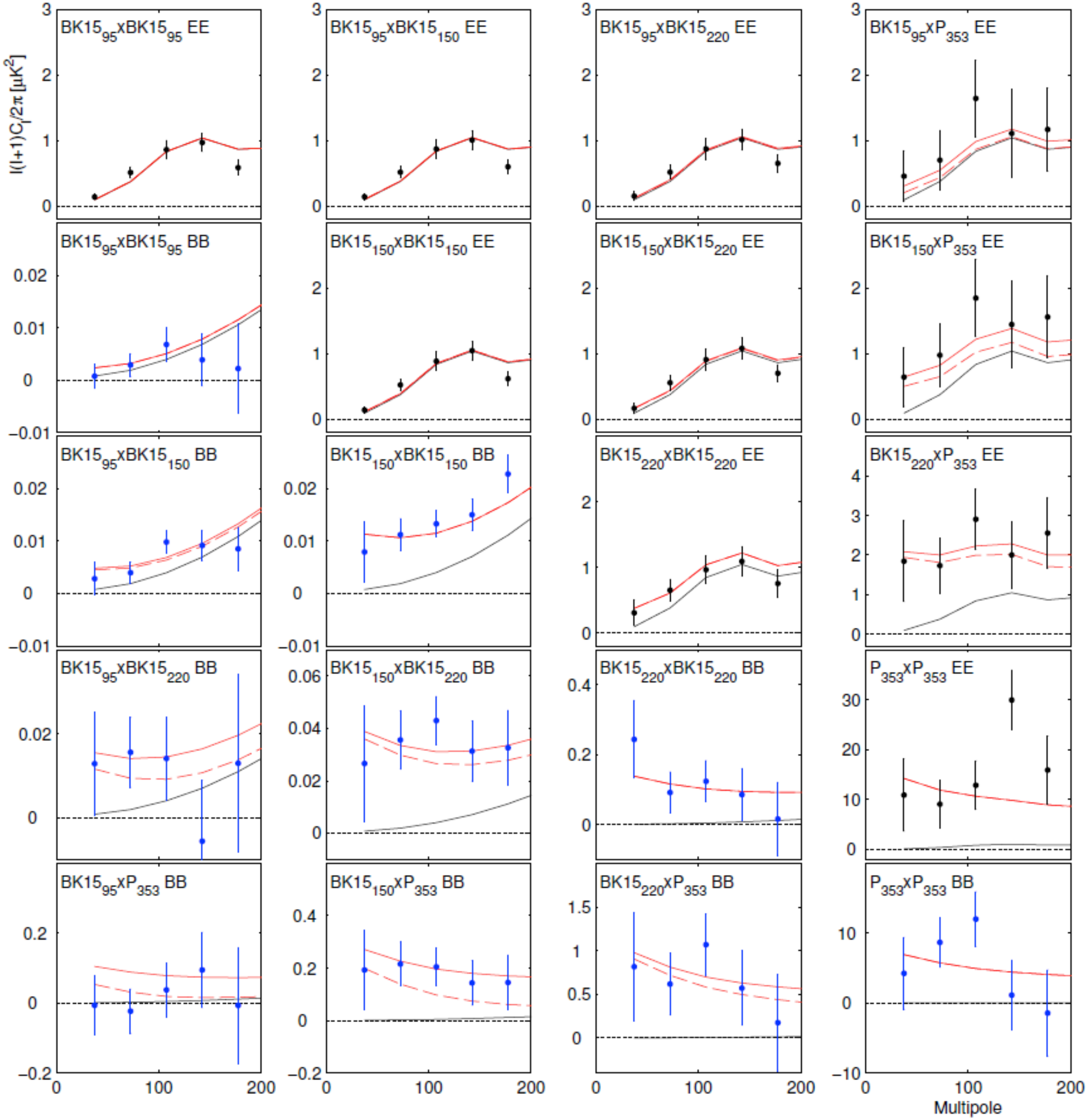
Take all possible auto- and cross spectra between the BICEP/Keck, WMAP, and Planck bands (78 of them)



BK15+P353 Spectra



Upper/right plots are EE (black points)

Lower/left plots are BB (blue points)

220GHz auto/cross spectra are all new

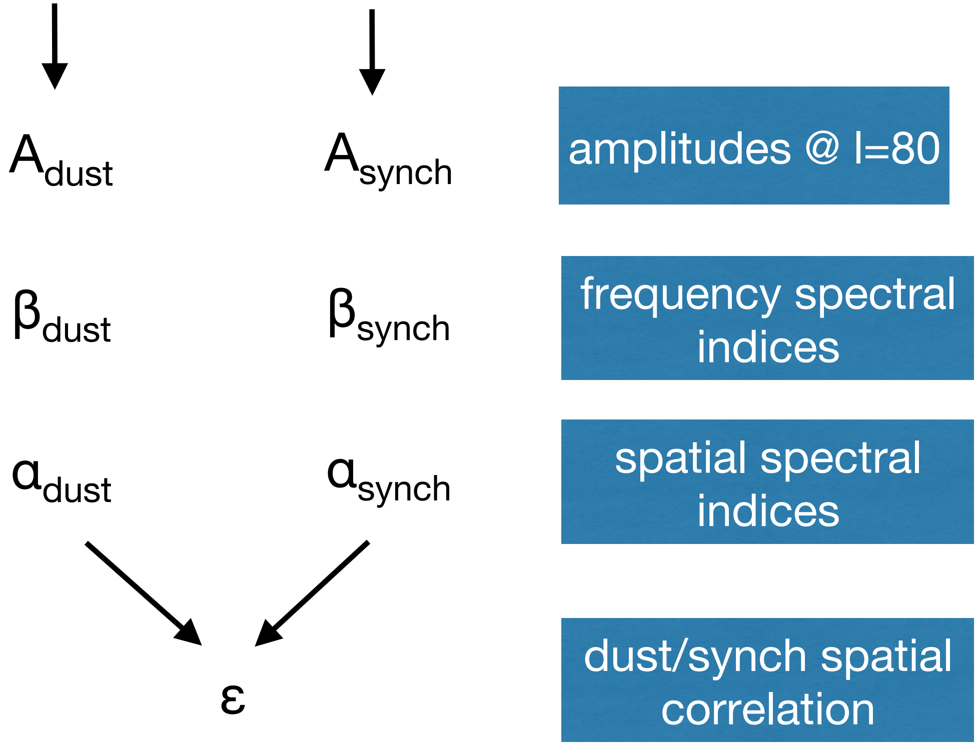
Red solid line is best fit multicomponent model from previous (BK14) analysis - It fits all the spectra

Chi-squared is OK – no evidence yet for non-Gaussianity of the dust pattern

Multicomponent parametric likelihood analysis

Take the joint likelihood of all the spectra simultaneously vs. model for BB that is the ΛCDM lensing expectation + 7 parameter foreground model + r

foreground model = dust + synchrotron

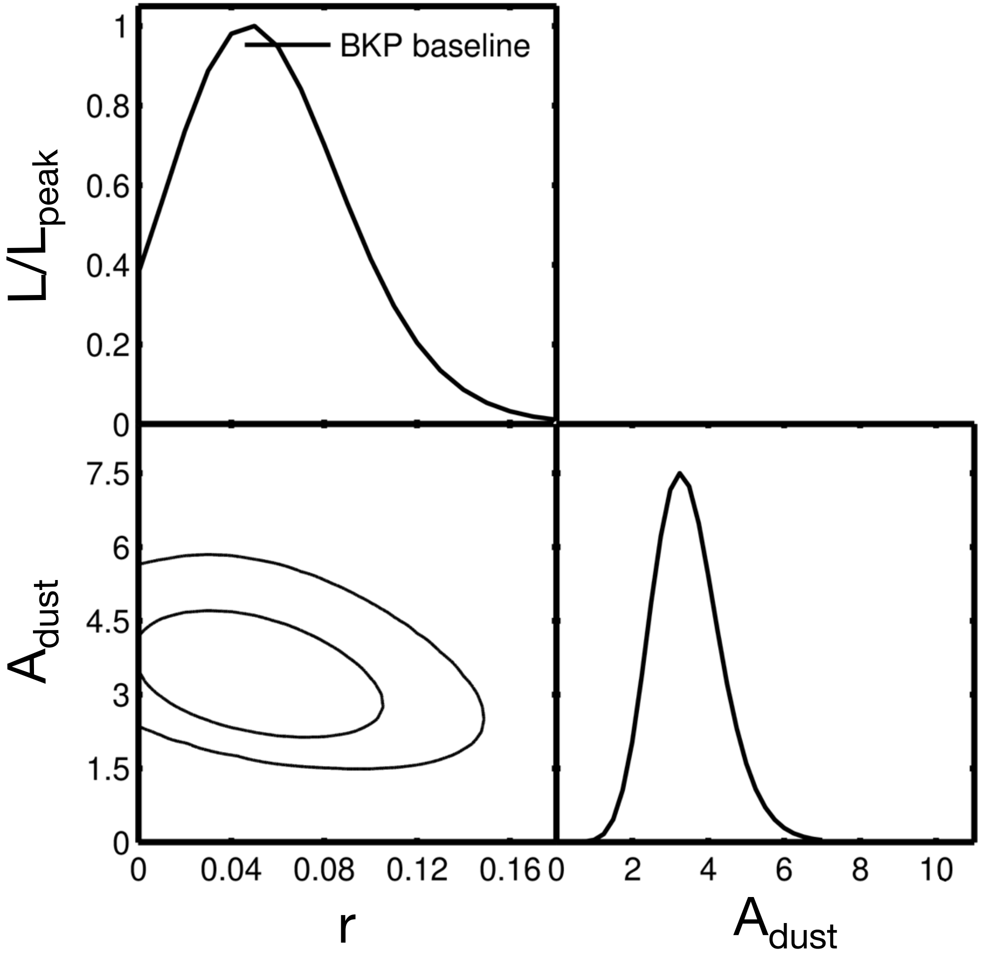


A_{dust} A_{synch} amplitudes @ l=80

β_{dust} β_{synch} frequency spectral indices

α_{dust} α_{synch} spatial spectral indices

ε dust/synch spatial correlation



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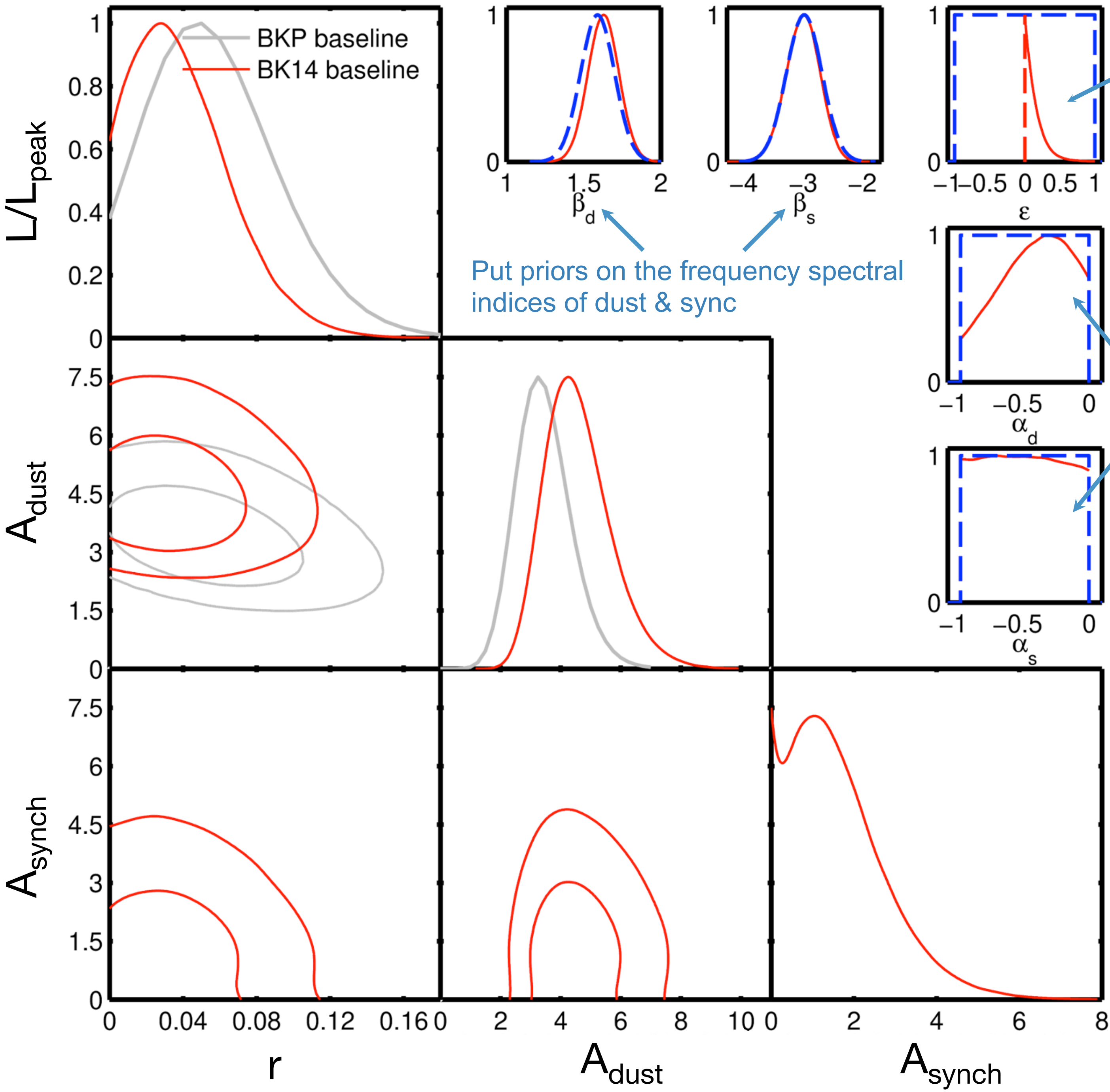

Put priors on the frequency spectral indices of dust & sync

Allow dust/sync correlation

Marginalize over generous ranges in spatial spectral indices

BK14

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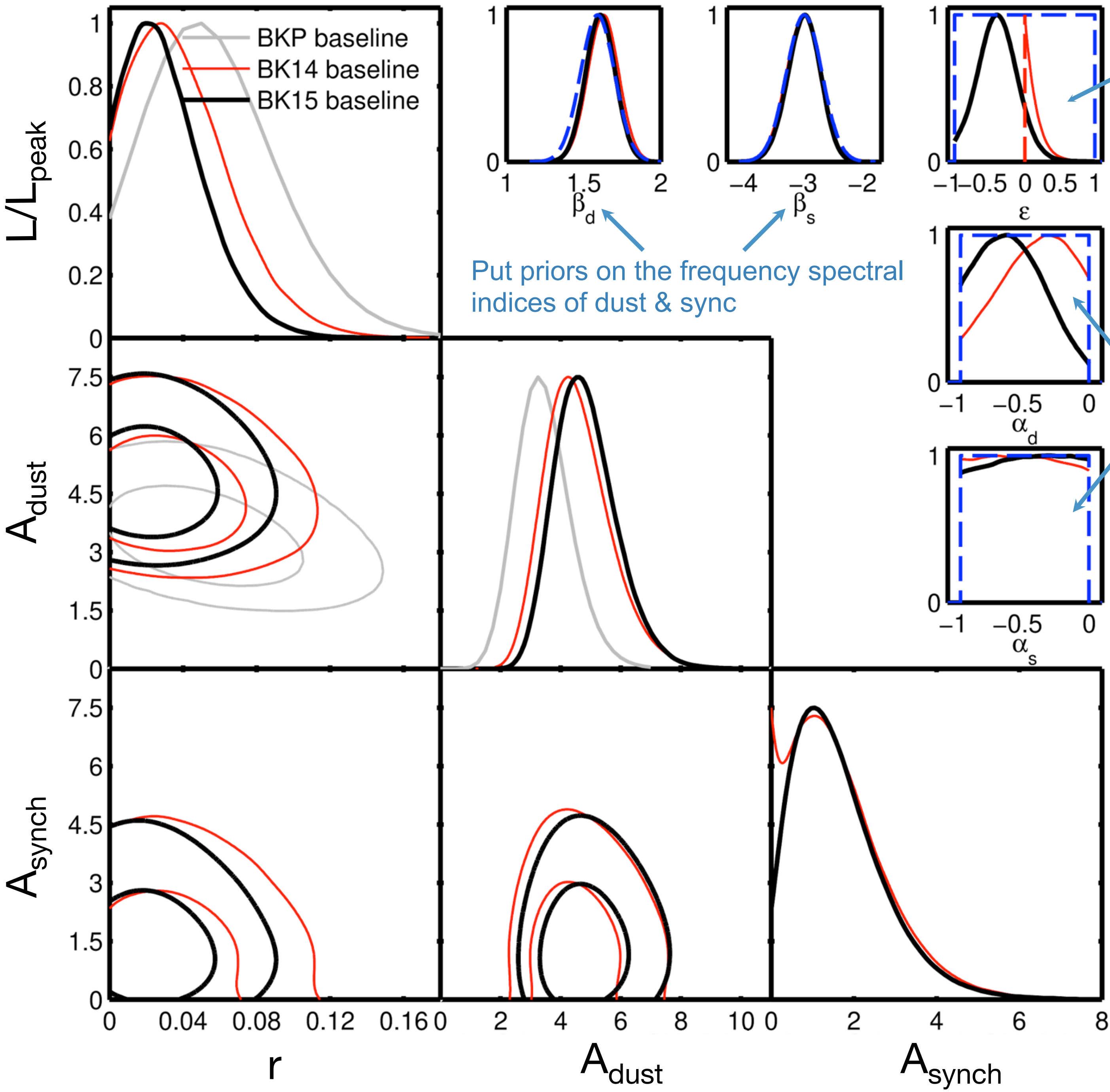

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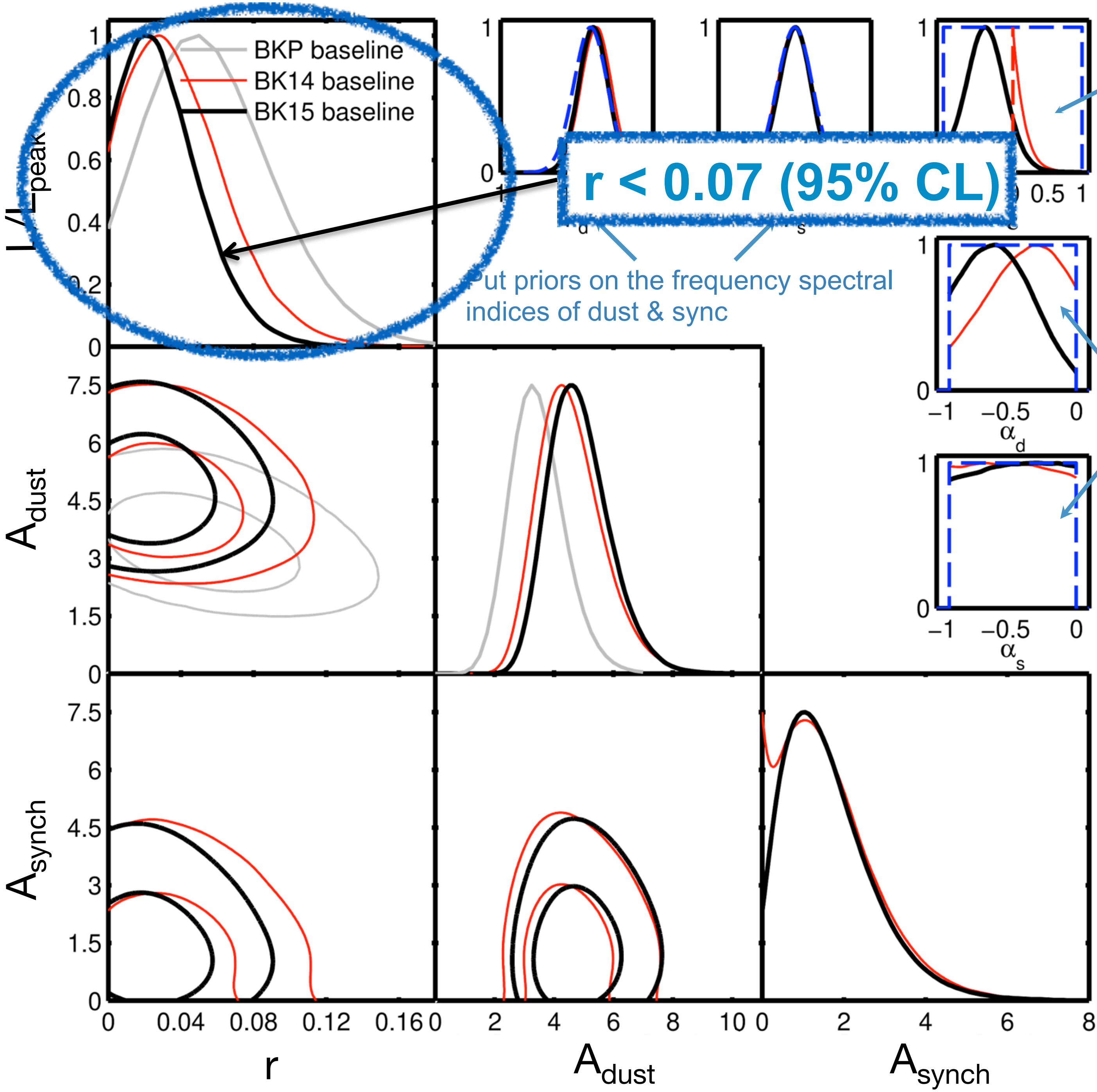

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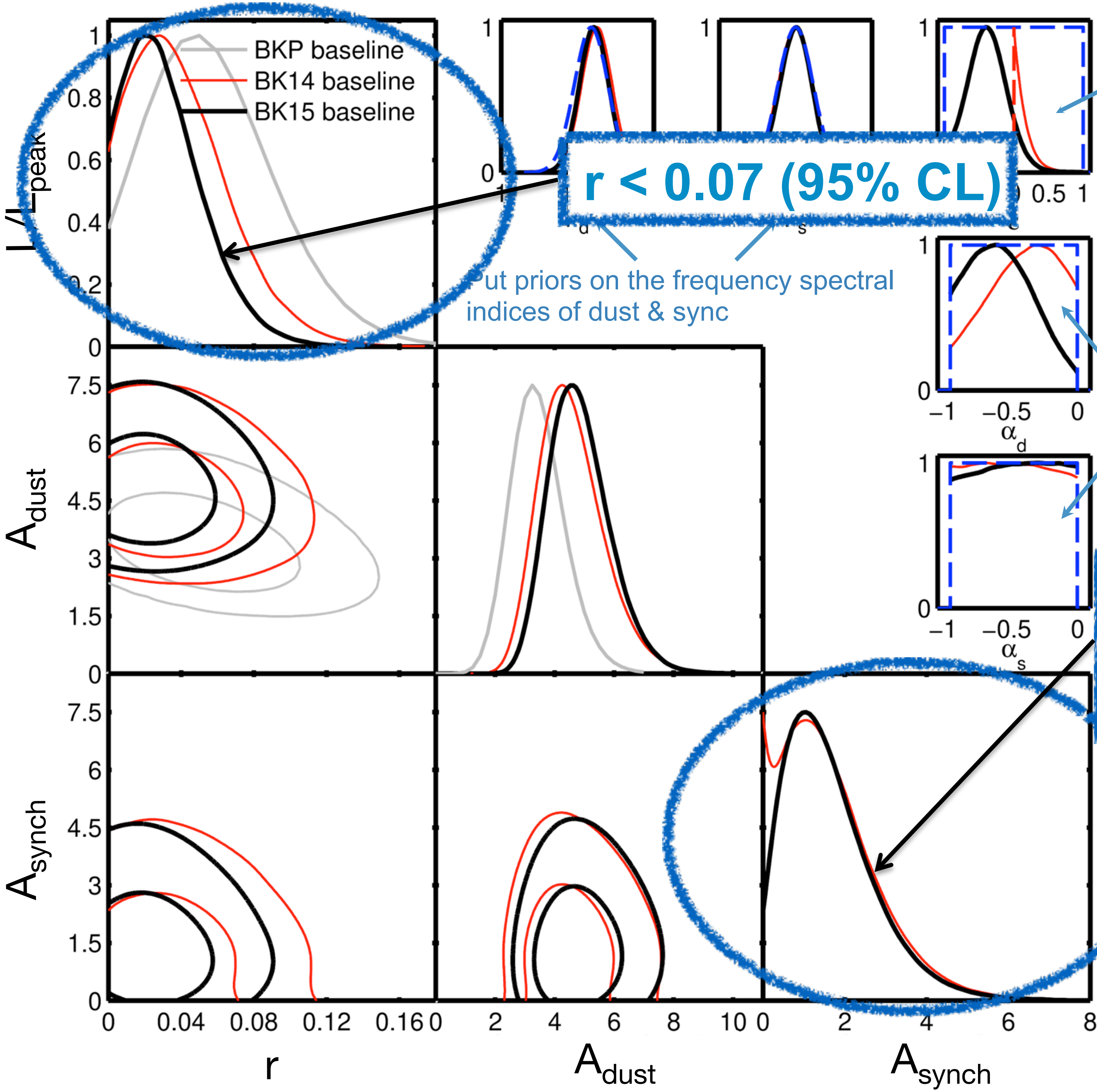

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Weak sync detection?

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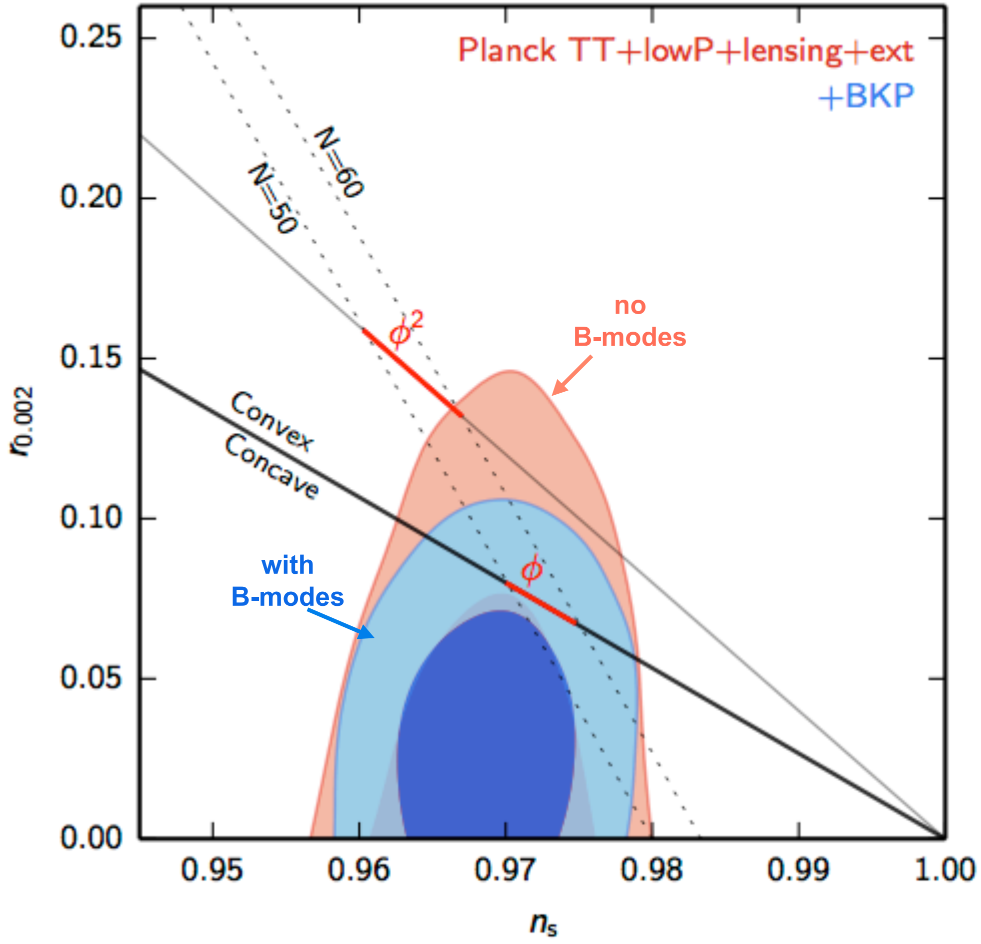
Adding in temperature



$r < 0.09$

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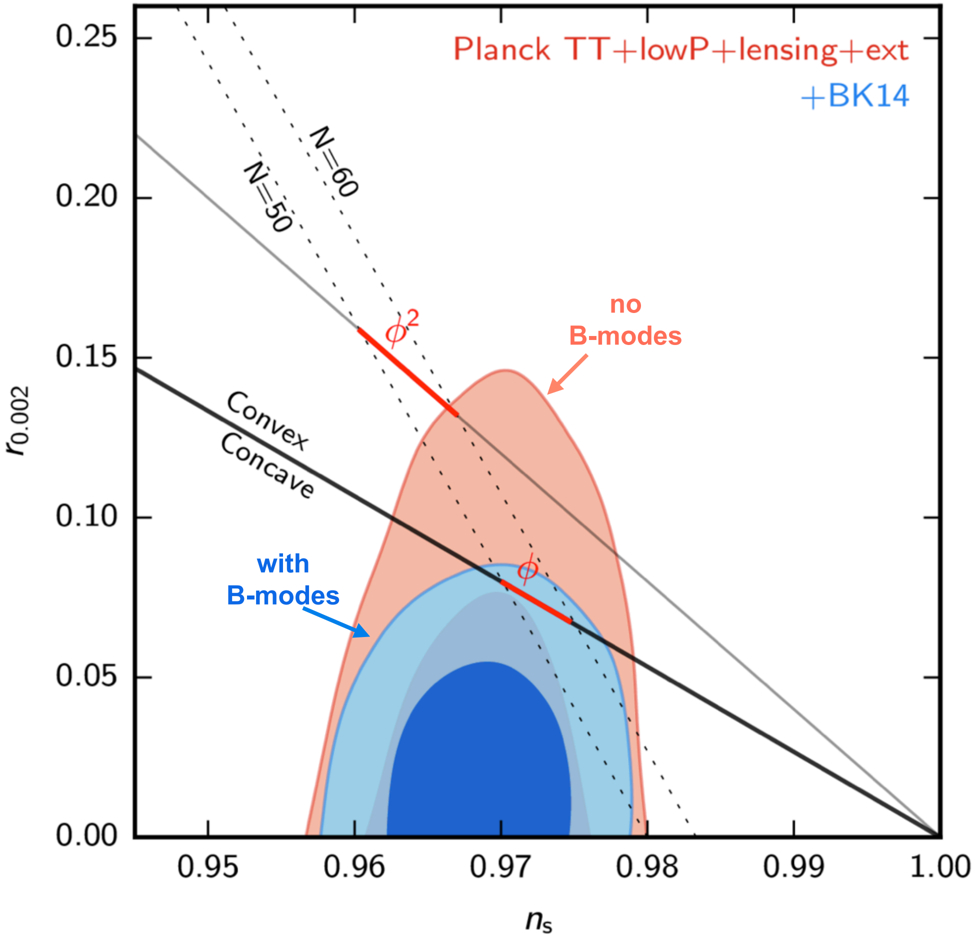

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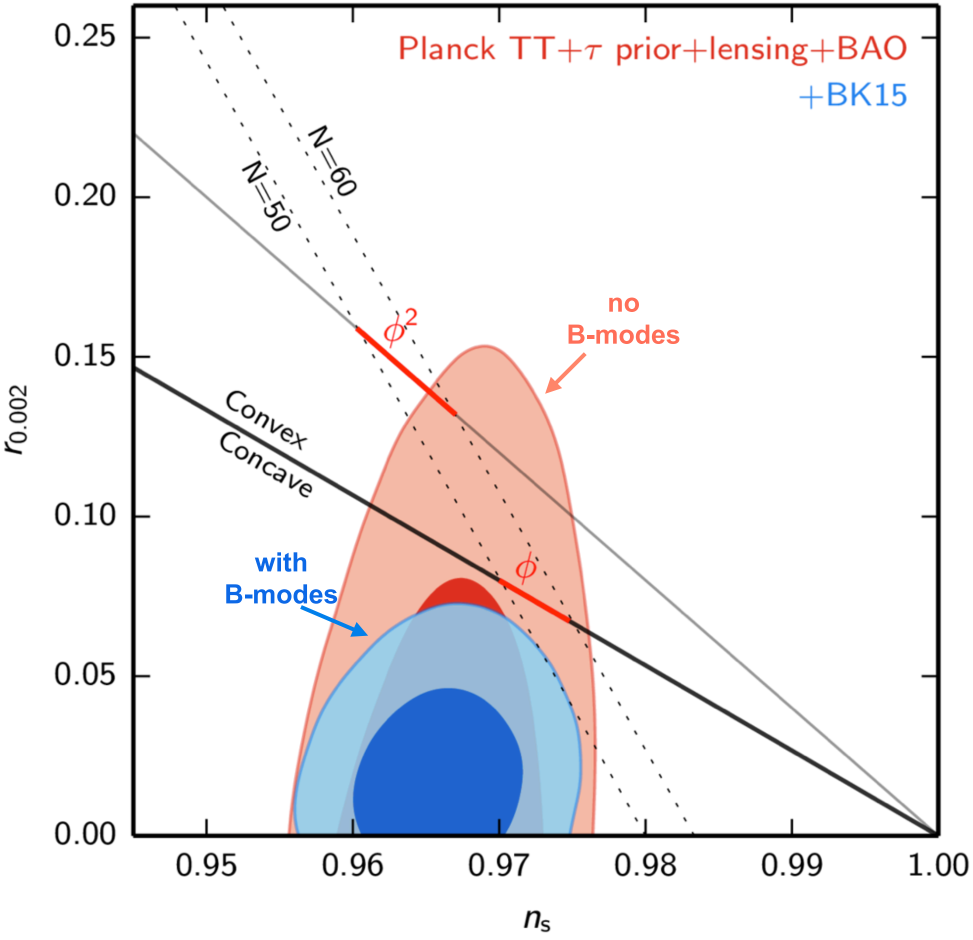

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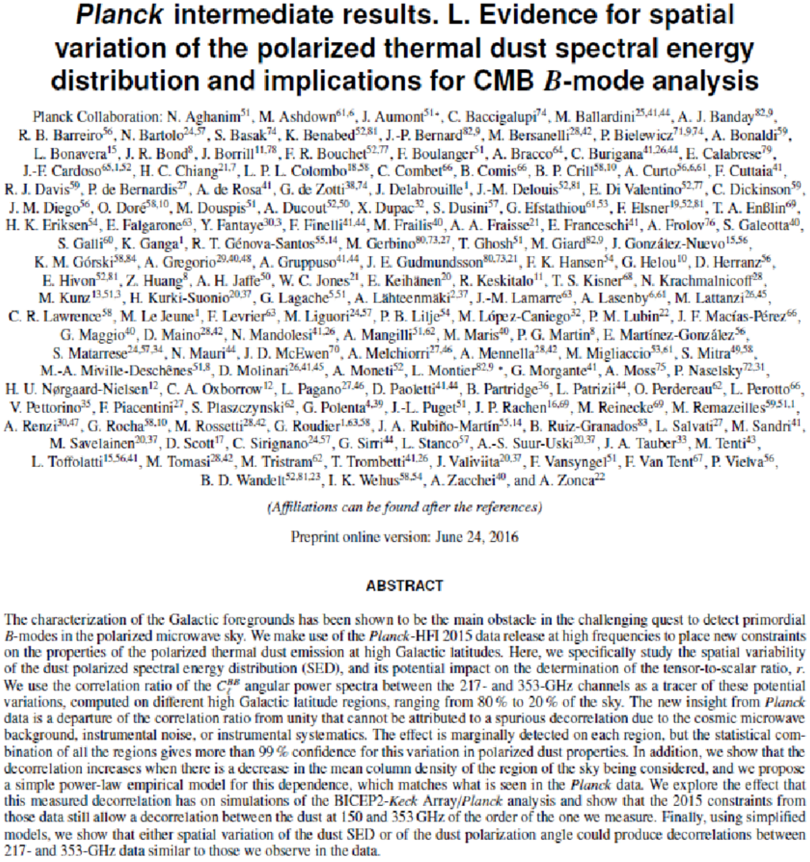
Why BK15 comes 3 years after BK14…

Planck 2016



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ABSTRACT

The characterization of the Galactic foregrounds has been shown to be the main obstacle in the challenging quest to detect primordial *B*-modes in the polarized microwave sky. We make use of the *Planck*-HFI 2015 data release at high frequencies to place new constraints on the properties of the polarized thermal dust emission at high Galactic latitudes. Here, we specifically study the spatial variability of the dust polarized spectral energy distribution (SED), and its potential impact on the determination of the tensor-to-scalar ratio, r. We use the correlation ratio of the C_ℓ^{BB} angular power spectra between the 217- and 353-GHz channels as a tracer of these potential variations, computed on different high Galactic latitude regions, ranging from 80 % to 20 % of the sky. The new insight from *Planck* data is a departure of the correlation ratio from unity that cannot be attributed to a spurious decorrelation due to the cosmic microwave background, instrumental noise, or instrumental systematics. The effect is marginally detected on each region, but the statistical combination of all the regions gives more than 99 % confidence for this variation in polarized dust properties. In addition, we show that the decorrelation increases when there is a decrease in the mean column density of the region of the sky being considered, and we propose a simple power-law empirical model for this dependence, which matches what is seen in the *Planck* data. We explore the effect that this measured decorrelation has on simulations of the BICEP2-*Keck* Array/*Planck* analysis and show that the 2015 constraints from those data still allow a decorrelation between the dust at 150 and 353 GHz of the order of the one we measure. Finally, using simplified models, we show that either spatial variation of the dust SED or of the dust polarization angle could produce decorrelations between 217- and 353-GHz data similar to those we observe in the data.

A departure of the correlation ratio from unity that cannot be attributed to a spurious decorrelation due to the cosmic microwave background, instrumental noise, or instrumental systematics… **detected at more than 99% confidence**

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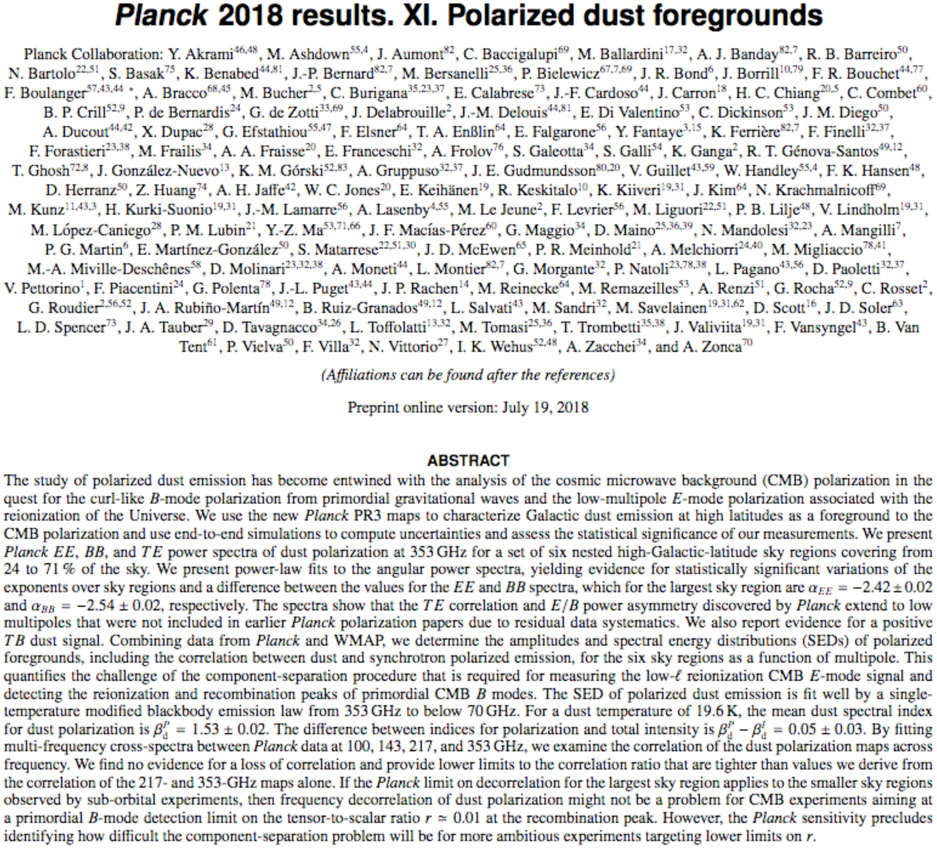

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ABSTRACT

The study of polarized dust emission has become entwined with the analysis of the cosmic microwave background (CMB) polarization in the quest for the curl-like *B*-mode polarization from primordial gravitational waves and the low-multipole *E*-mode polarization associated with the reionization of the Universe. We use the new *Planck* PR3 maps to characterize Galactic dust emission at high latitudes as a foreground to the CMB polarization and use end-to-end simulations to compute uncertainties and assess the statistical significance of our measurements. We present *Planck* EE, BB, and TE power spectra of dust polarization at 353 GHz for a set of six nested high-Galactic-latitude sky regions covering from 24 to 71 % of the sky. We present power-law fits to the angular power spectra, yielding evidence for statistically significant variations of the exponents over sky regions and a difference between the values for the EE and BB spectra, which for the largest sky region are $\alpha_{EE} = -2.42 \pm 0.02$ and $\alpha_{BB} = -2.54 \pm 0.02$, respectively. The spectra show that the TE correlation and E/B power asymmetry discovered by *Planck* extend to low multipoles that were not included in earlier *Planck* polarization papers due to residual data systematics. We also report evidence for a positive TB dust signal. Combining data from *Planck* and WMAP, we determine the amplitudes and spectral energy distributions (SEDs) of polarized foregrounds, including the correlation between dust and synchrotron polarized emission, for the six sky regions as a function of multipole. This quantifies the challenge of the component-separation procedure that is required for measuring the low-ℓ reionization CMB *E*-mode signal and detecting the reionization and recombination peaks of primordial CMB *B* modes. The SED of polarized dust emission is fit well by a single-temperature modified blackbody emission law from 353 GHz to below 70 GHz. For a dust temperature of 19.6 K, the mean dust spectral index for dust polarization is $\beta_d^P = 1.53 \pm 0.02$. The difference between indices for polarization and total intensity is $\beta_d^P - \beta_d^I = 0.05 \pm 0.03$. By fitting multi-frequency cross-spectra between *Planck* data at 100, 143, 217, and 353 GHz, we examine the correlation of the dust polarization maps across frequency. We find no evidence for a loss of correlation and provide lower limits to the correlation ratio that are tighter than values we derive from the correlation of the 217- and 353-GHz maps alone. If the *Planck* limit on decorrelation for the largest sky region applies to the smaller sky regions observed by sub-orbital experiments, then frequency decorrelation of dust polarization might not be a problem for CMB experiments aiming at a primordial *B*-mode detection limit on the tensor-to-scalar ratio $r \simeq 0.01$ at the recombination peak. However, the *Planck* sensitivity precludes identifying how difficult the component-separation problem will be for more ambitious experiments targeting lower limits on r.

We find no evidence for a loss of correlation.
… might not be a problem for CMB experiments aiming at a primordial B-mode detection limit on the tensor-to-scalar ratio r ~ 0.01…

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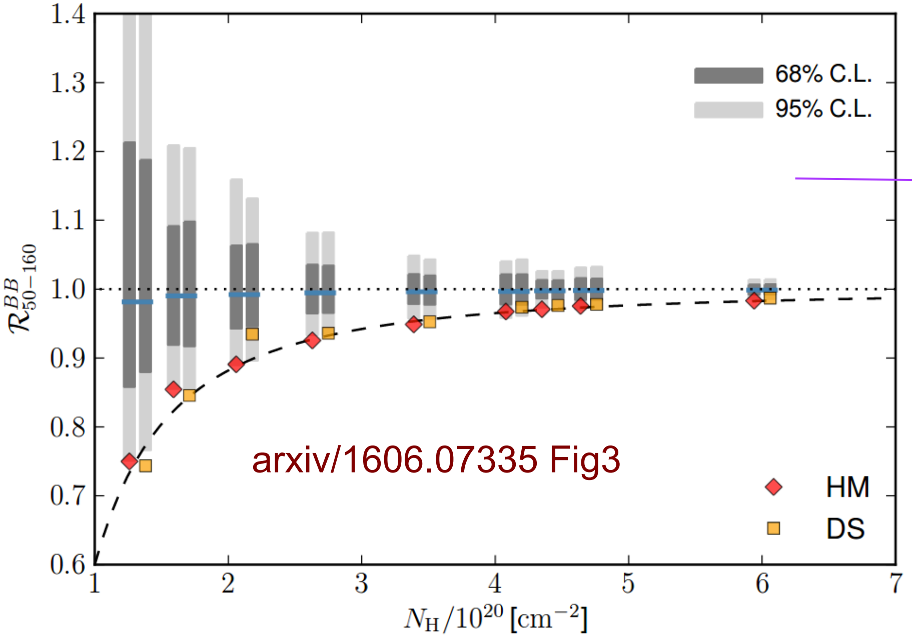
Latest Planck Dust Analysis



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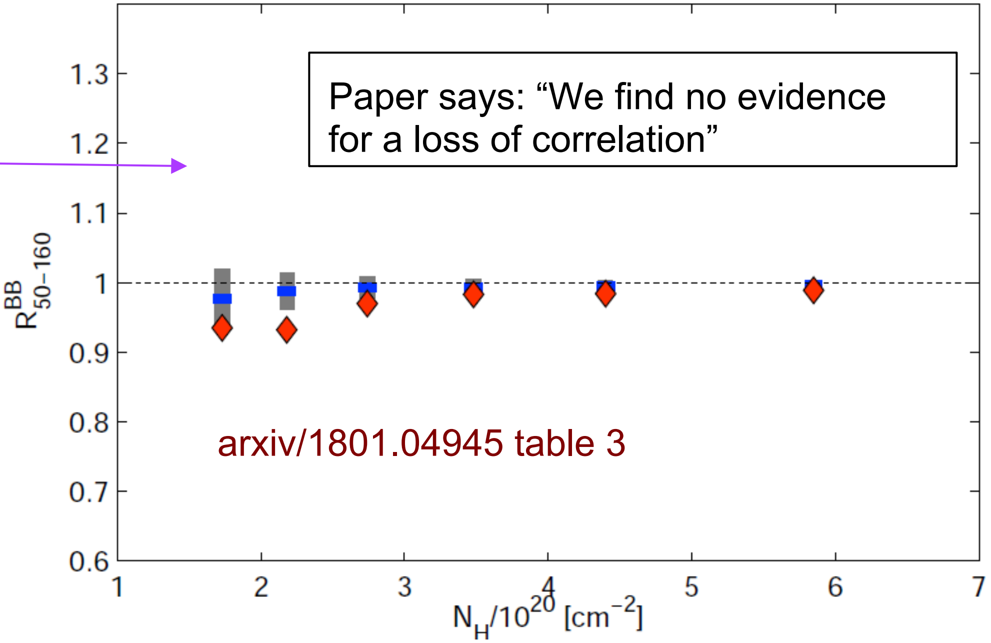

Paper says: “We find no evidence for a loss of correlation”

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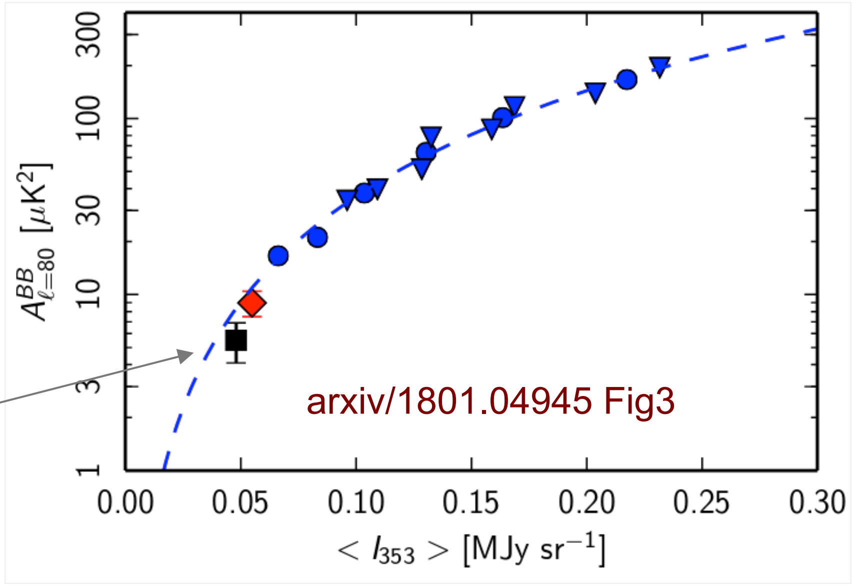

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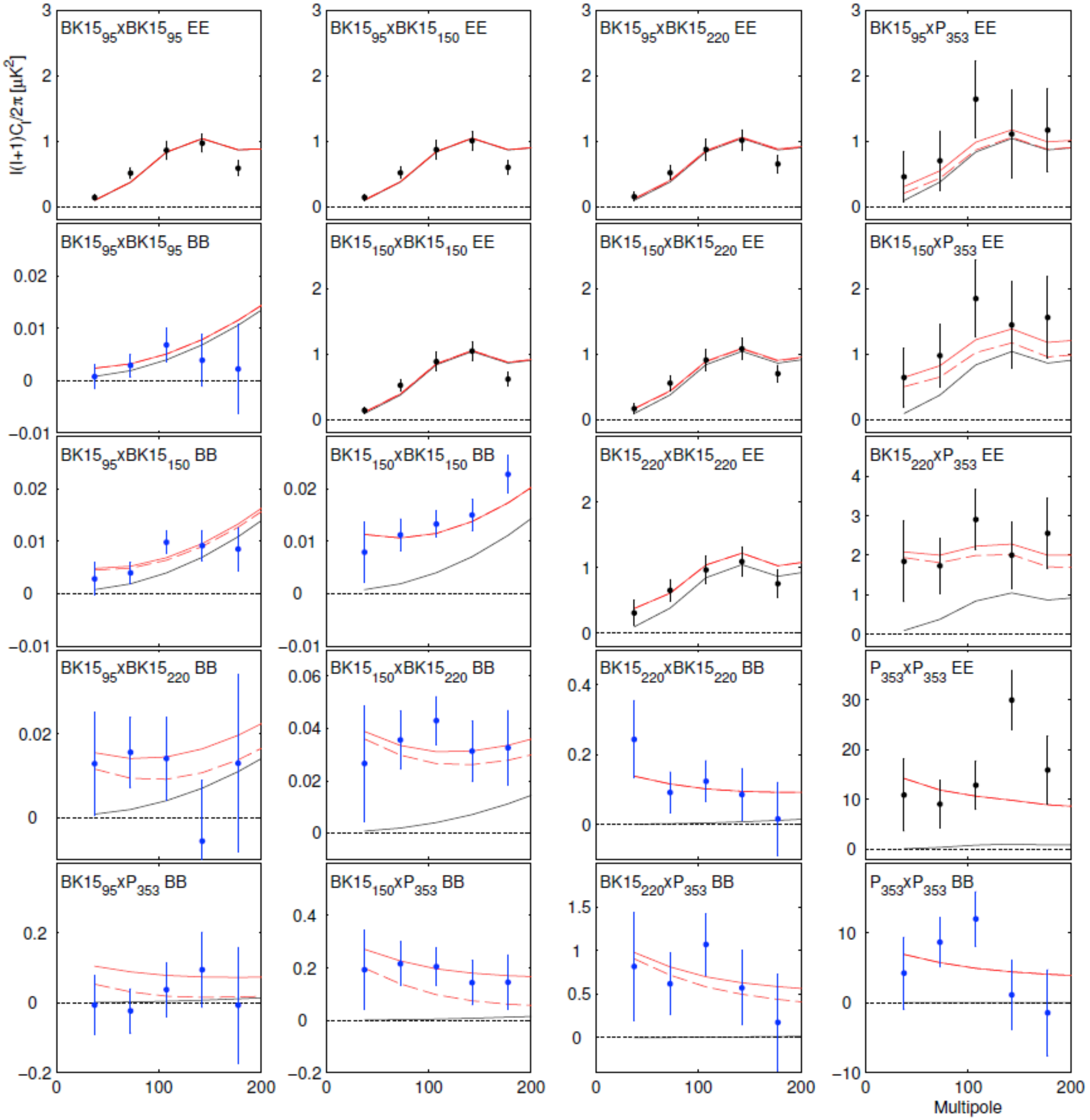
BK patch a few times cleaner than extrapolation

BK15+P353 Spectra



Upper/right plots are EE (black points)

Lower/left plots are BB (blue points)

220GHz auto/cross spectra are all new

Red solid line is best fit multicomponent model from previous (BK14) analysis - It fits all the spectra

Red dashed line is same model but with strong decorrelation – better for 95x353, worse for 150x353

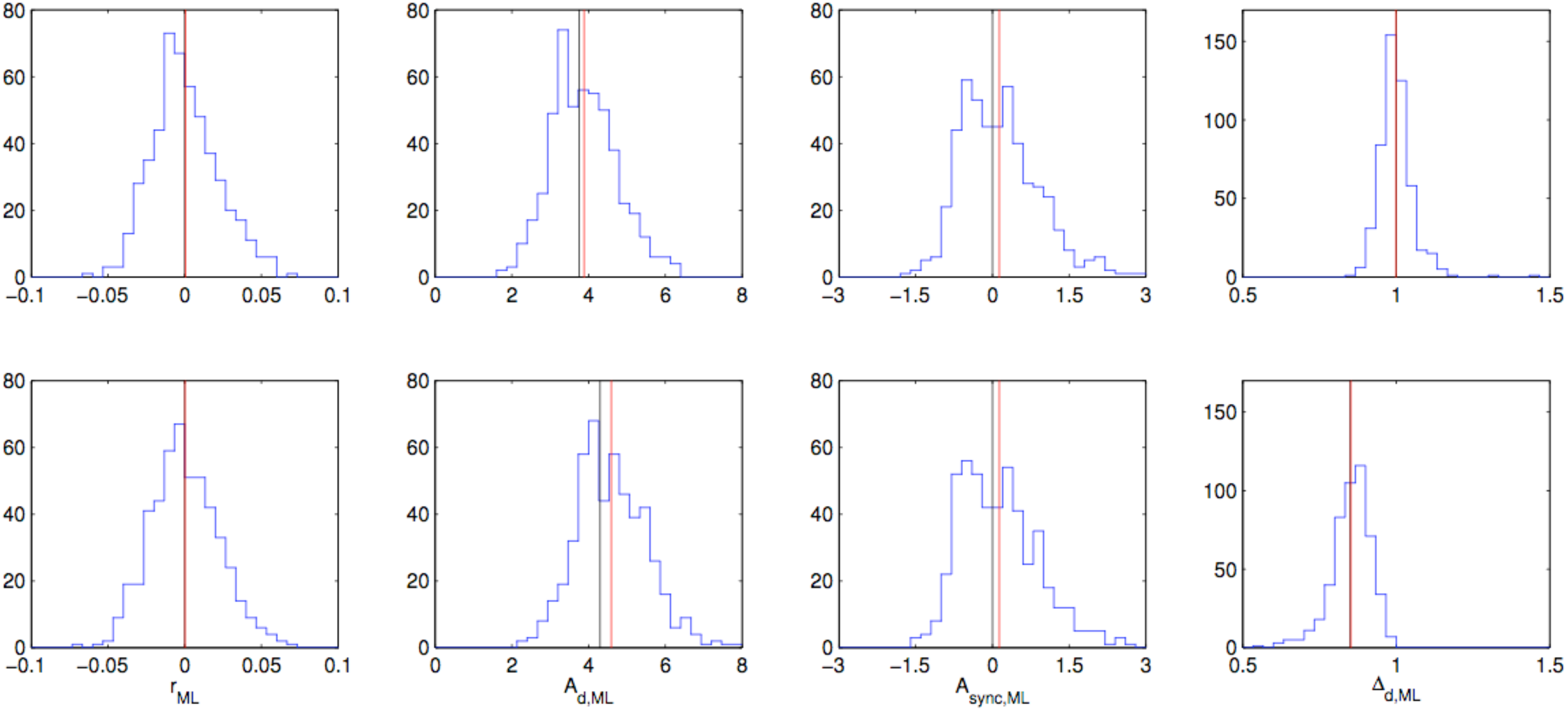
Need better data to say for sure

Include dust correlation parameter?

- The standard BK15 marginalized likelihood analysis (COSMOMC style) is unbiased for *r* – i.e. when run on lensed-LCDM+dust+noise sims 50% of the r curves peak at zero.
- However, if add a dust correlation parameter and restrict to physical range (<1) then *r* becomes biased – i.e. 72% of curves peak at zero
- This is because *r* and dust correlation parameter are partially degenerate
- Can run alternate maximum likelihood searches where parameters are allowed to take unphysical values (*r*<0 and dust correlation >1)
- These really should be unbiased…

BK15 ML Search Results for Sims

Upper = standard lensed-LCDM+dust+noise sims

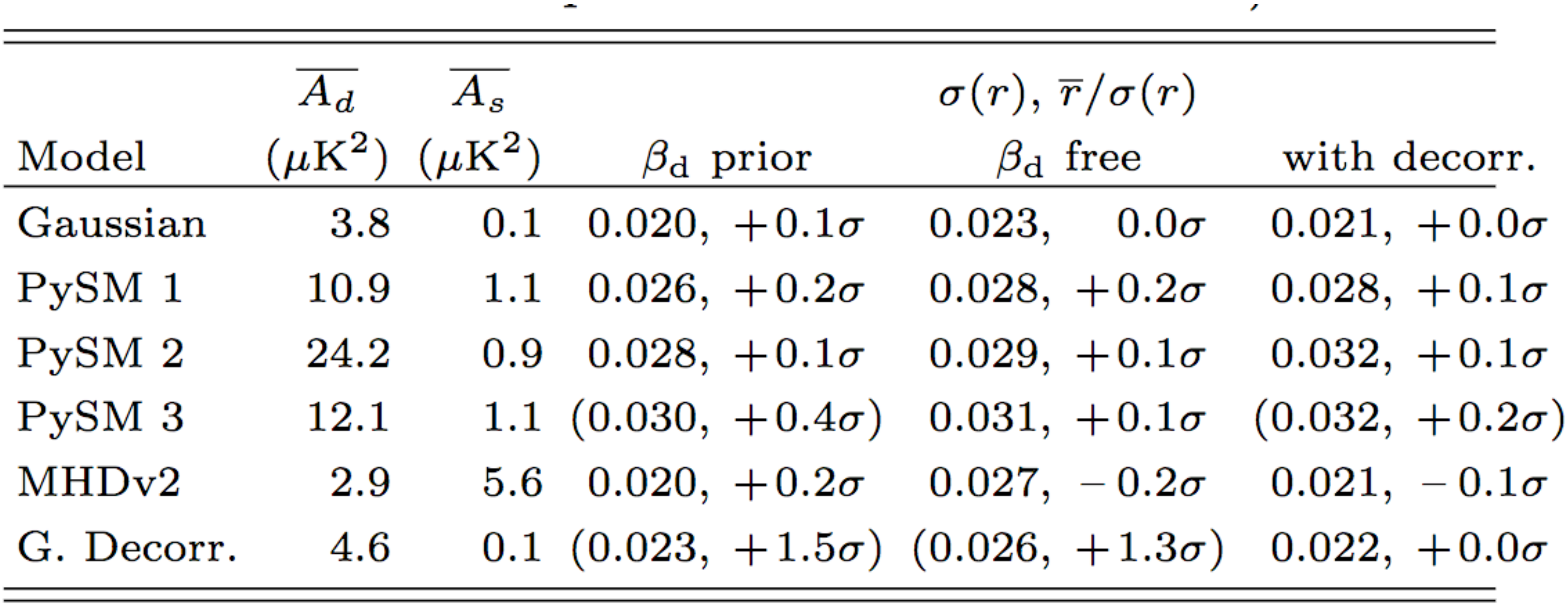


Lower = lensed-LCDM+dust+noise sims with dust decorrelation

$$\Delta_{\mathrm{d}} = \frac{\mathcal{D}_{80}(217 \times 353)}{\sqrt{\mathcal{D}_{80}(217 \times 217)\mathcal{D}_{80}(353 \times 353)}}$$

BK15 ML Search Results for Sims

Also run ML search on sims containing 3rd party foreground models which do not necessarily conform to the foreground parameterization we are using in the re-fit. For the models considered so far bias is small compared to sigma(r) – additional models are welcome.



Model	$\overline{A_d}$ (μK^2)	$\overline{A_s}$ (μK^2)	β_d prior	$\sigma(r)$, $\overline{r}/\sigma(r)$ β_d free	with decorr.
Gaussian	3.8	0.1	0.020, $+0.1\sigma$	0.023, 0.0σ	0.021, $+0.0\sigma$
PySM 1	10.9	1.1	0.026, $+0.2\sigma$	0.028, $+0.2\sigma$	0.028, $+0.1\sigma$
PySM 2	24.2	0.9	0.028, $+0.1\sigma$	0.029, $+0.1\sigma$	0.032, $+0.1\sigma$
PySM 3	12.1	1.1	(0.030, $+0.4\sigma$)	0.031, $+0.1\sigma$	(0.032, $+0.2\sigma$)
MHDv2	2.9	5.6	0.020, $+0.2\sigma$	0.027, -0.2σ	0.021, -0.1σ
G. Decorr.	4.6	0.1	(0.023, $+1.5\sigma$)	(0.026, $+1.3\sigma$)	0.022, $+0.0\sigma$

2016 onwards: BICEP3 “Super receiver”

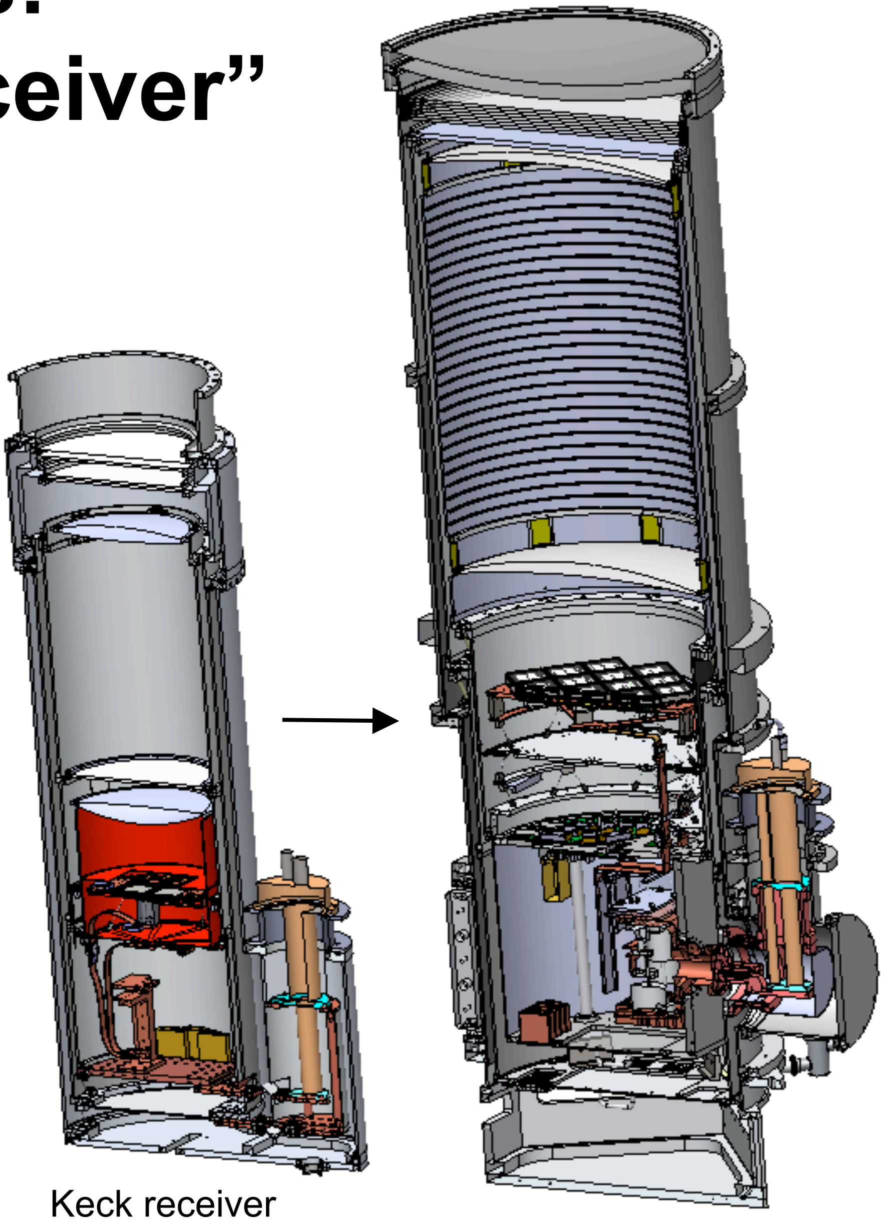
All 95 GHz

2560 detectors in modular focal plane

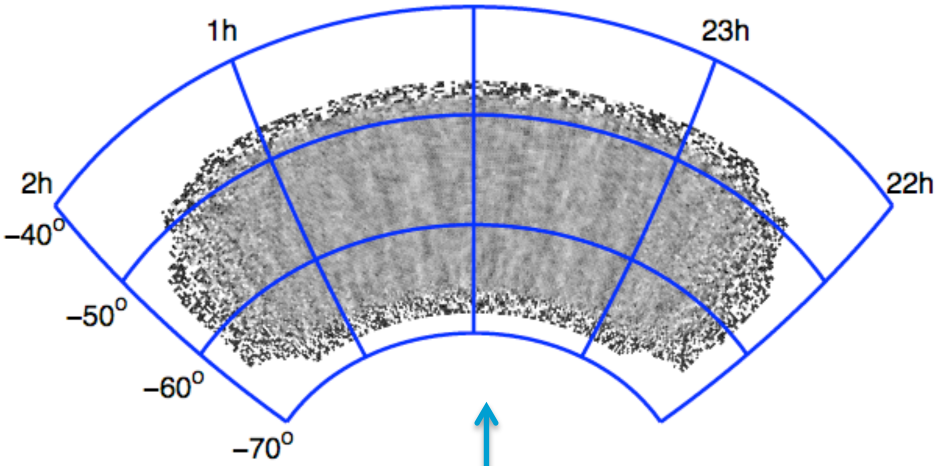
Larger-aperture optics

> 10x optical throughput of single BICEP2/Keck receiver

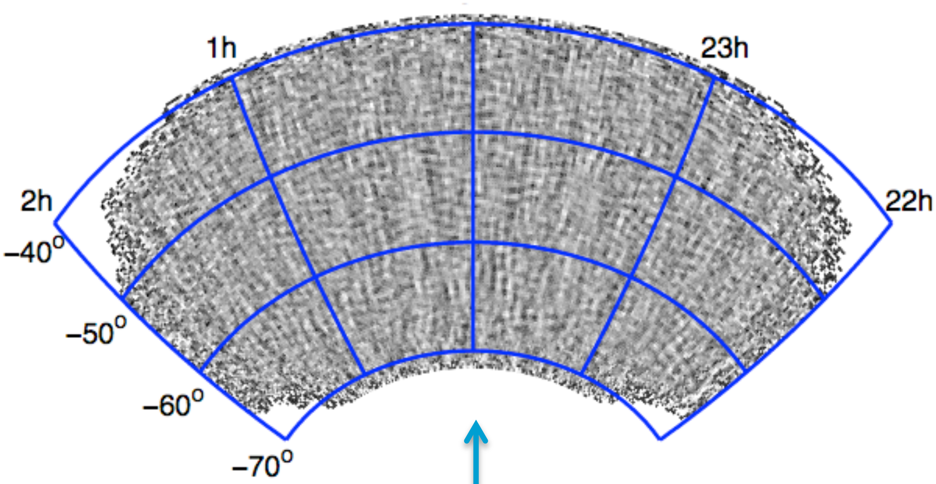
Means larger field of view and lower noise faster



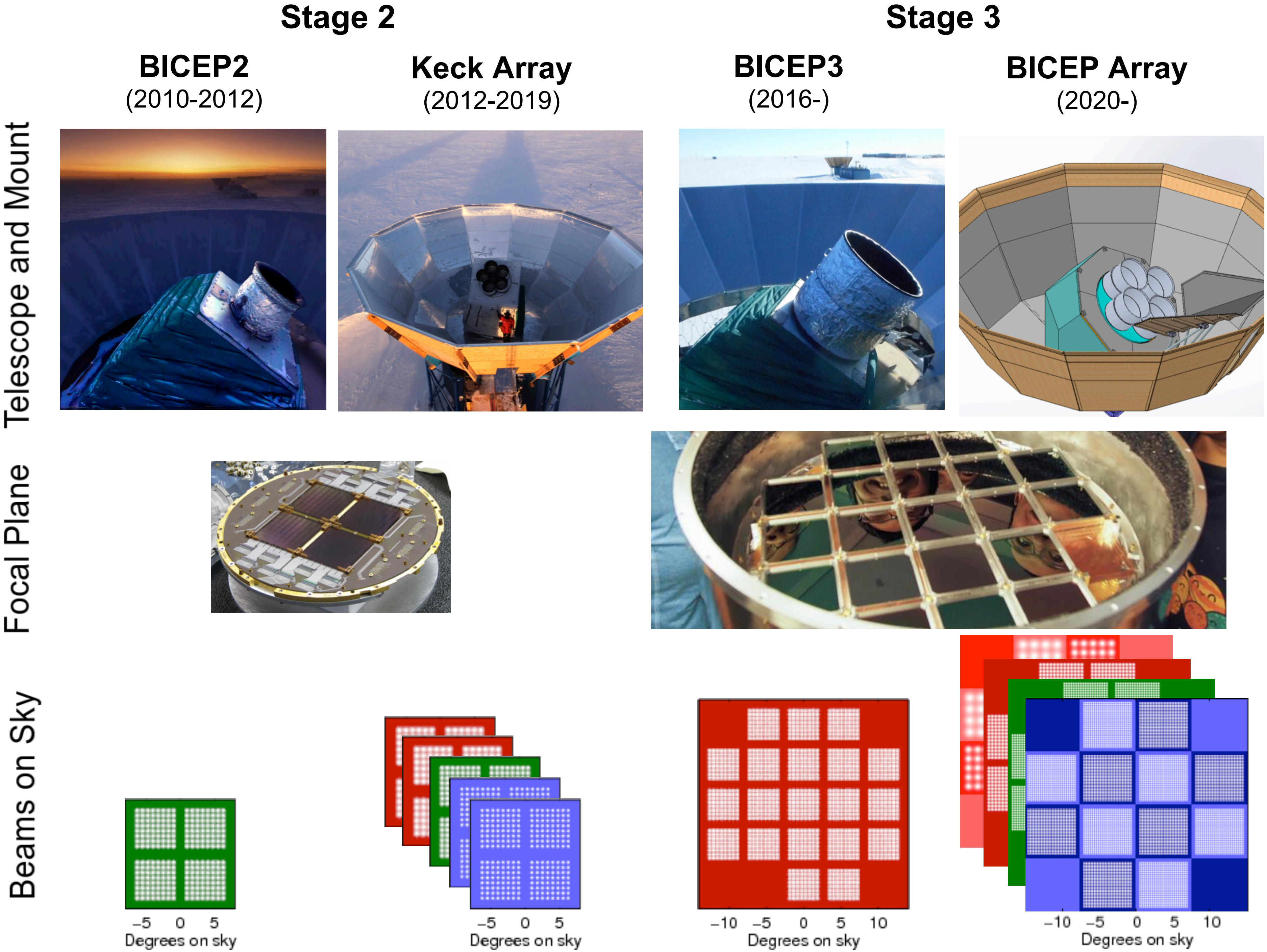
Larger receiver = more sky area



Keck 95 GHz *Q* map after 4 receiver years



BICEP3 95 GHz *Q* map after 1 receiver year (2017) (Increased area, angular-resolution and sensitivity)


Stage 2
Stage 3
BICEP2
(2010-2012)
Keck Array
(2012-2019)
BICEP3
(2016-)
BICEP Array
(2020-)
Telescope and Mount
Focal Plane
Beams on Sky
−5 0 5
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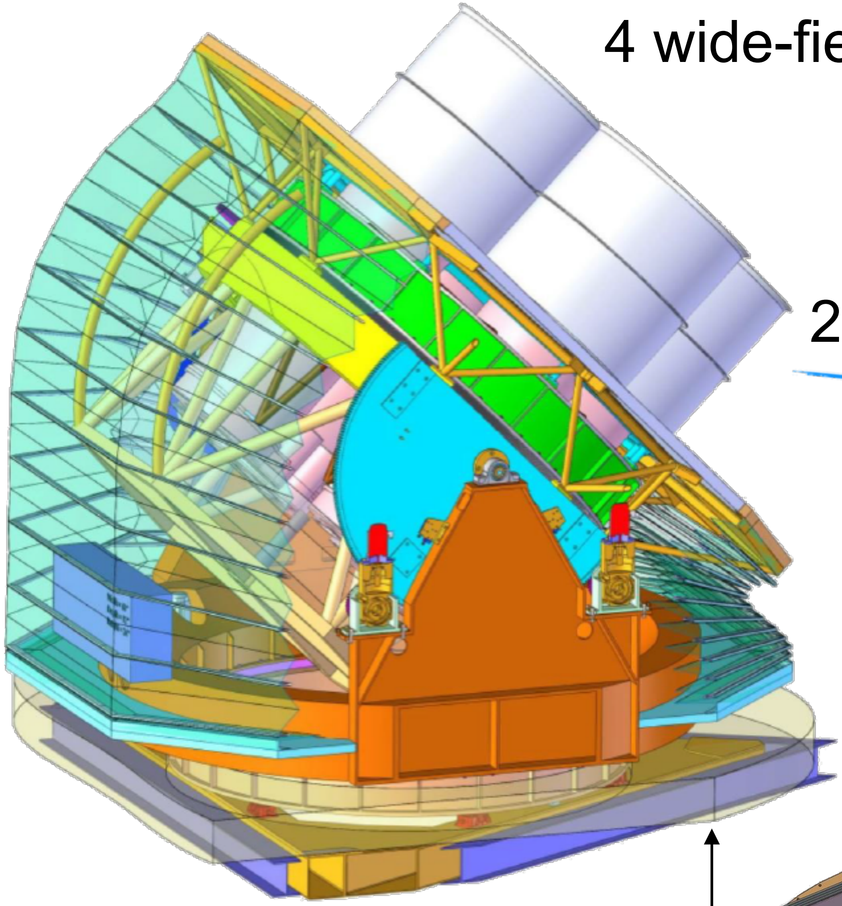
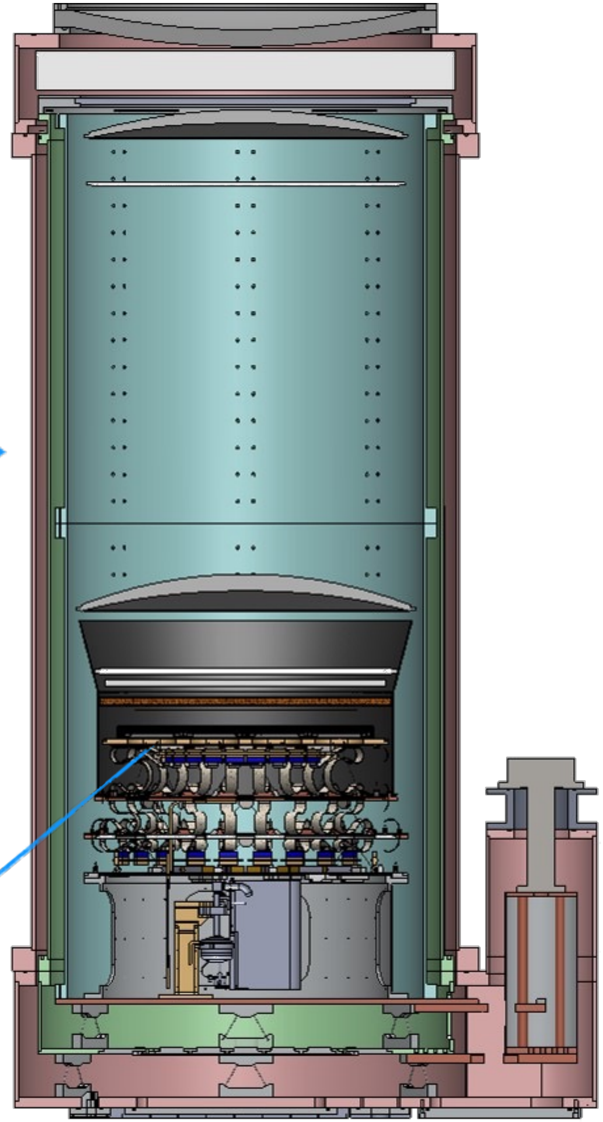
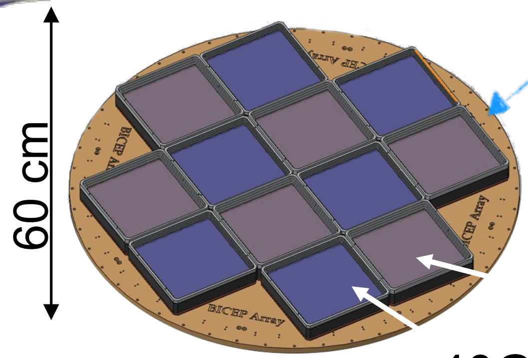
Next Gen Experiment BICEP Array Under Construction



4 wide-field receivers
30/40 GHz
95 GHz
150 GHz
220/270 GHz



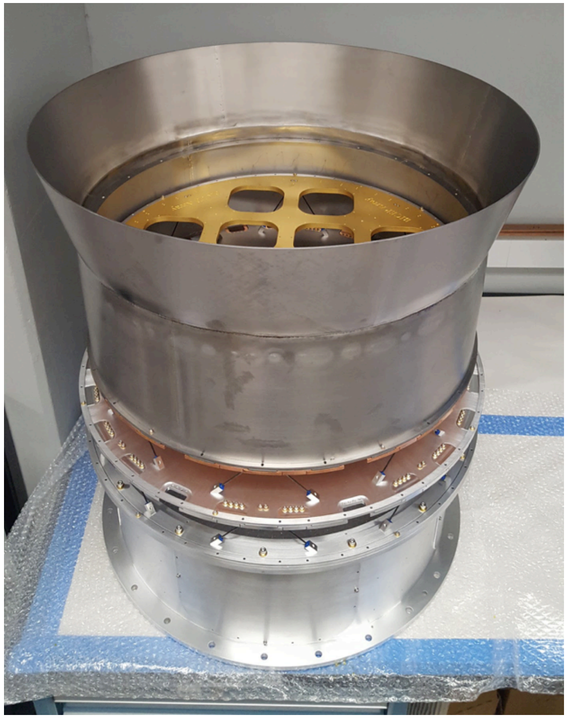


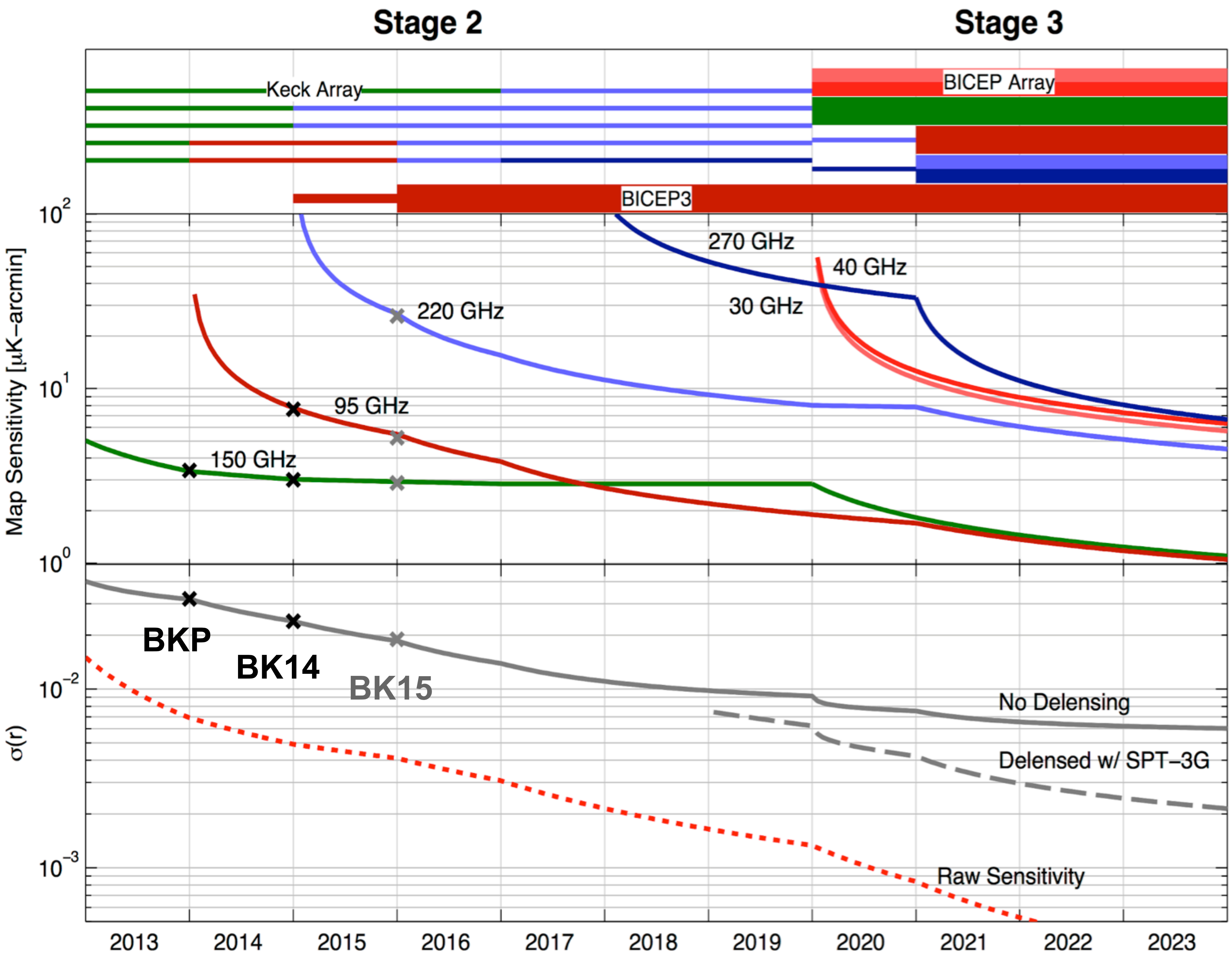
30GHz

40GHz

Focal plane layout

BICEP Array Is Under Construction




Stage 2
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Keck Array
BICEP Array
BICEP3
Map Sensitivity [μK−arcmin]
10^2
10^1
10^0
270 GHz
40 GHz
30 GHz
220 GHz
95 GHz
150 GHz
σ(r)
10^{-2}
10^{-3}
BKP
BK14
BK15
No Delensing
Delensed w/ SPT−3G
Raw Sensitivity
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023

Conclusions

- BICEP/Keck lead the field in the quest to detect or set limits on inflationary gravitational waves:
- New BK15 result sets $r_{0.05} < 0.07$ and $\sigma(r) = 0.020$

- BICEP3 is running since 2016 with high sensitivity at 95GHz, and Keck Array continues to run at 220GHz, plus new 270GHz band
- We intend to go straight to BK17 (or BK18) analysis which will approach $\sigma(r) = 0.010$

- BICEP Array is under construction and will go much further
- Next gen. receivers in five bands
- Delensing in conjunction with SPT3G is under development
- Project BK23 $\sigma(r) < 0.003$

- And beyond that is mega experiment CMB-S4…

- Foreground complexity will remain a serious issue – the hope is that we can measure it *and* constrain *r* simultaneously without a large loss of sensitivity. Additional ground/balloon measurements at low/high frequencies may be able to help.