



Osservare il passato remoto dell' Universo

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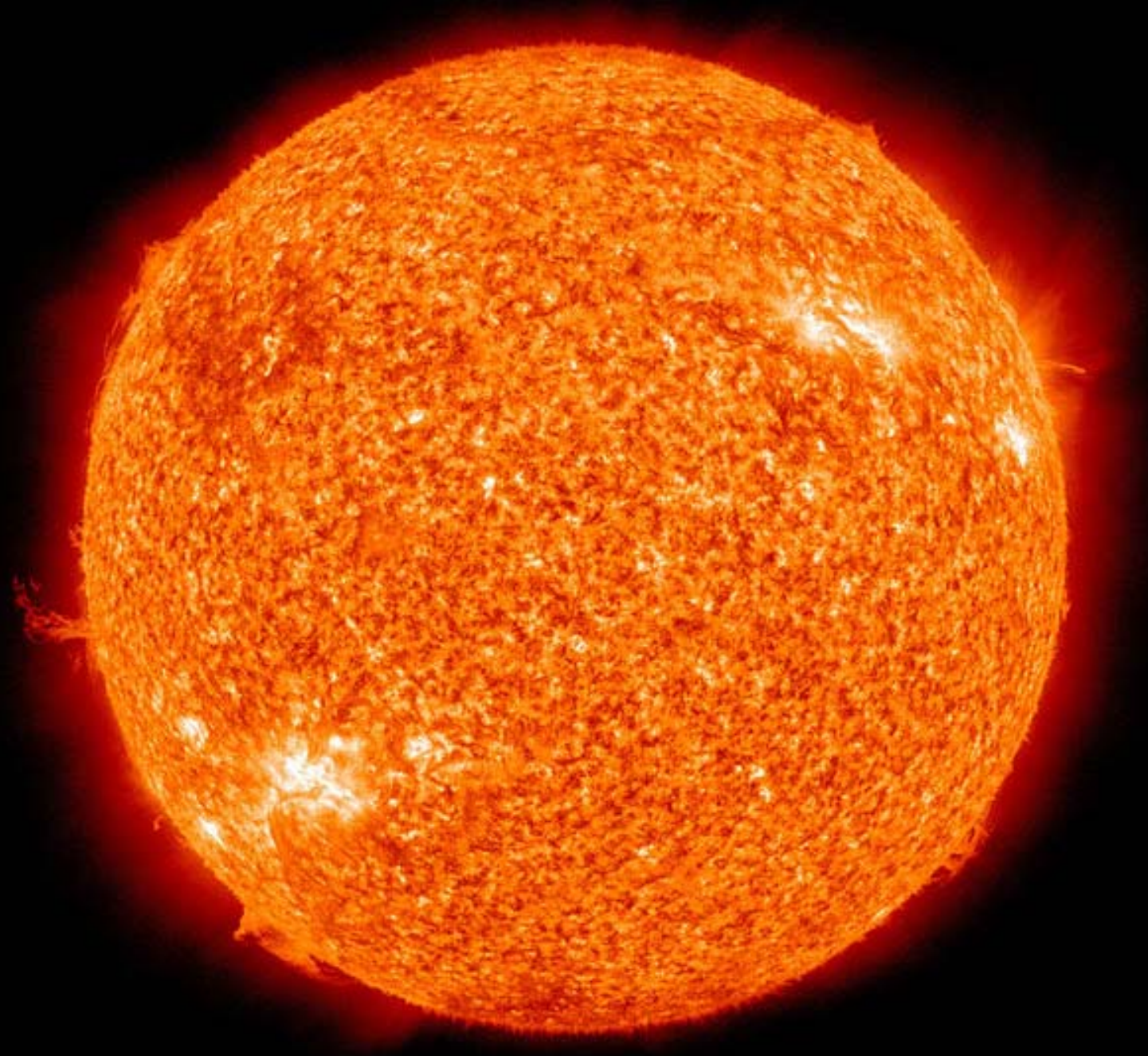
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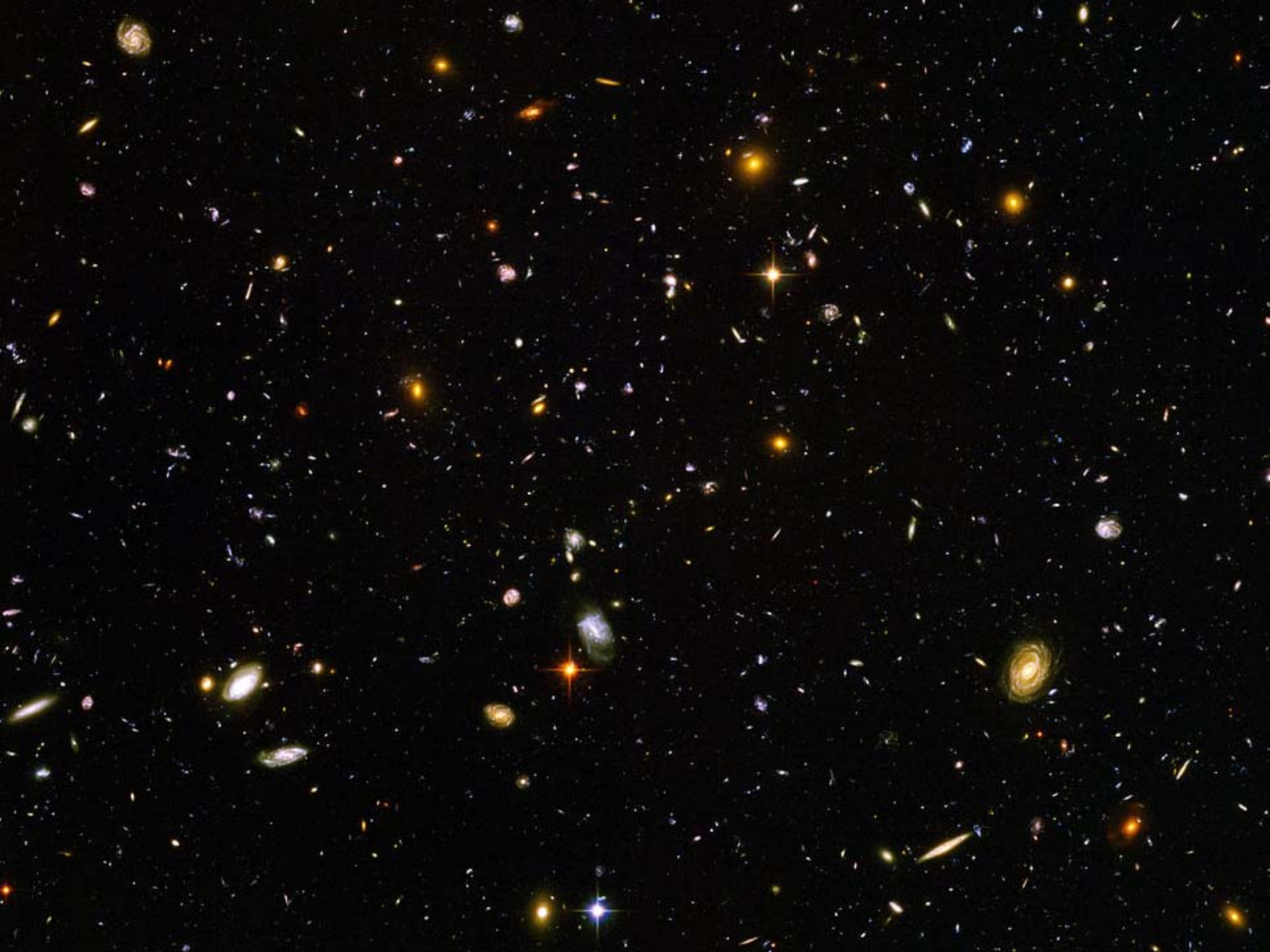
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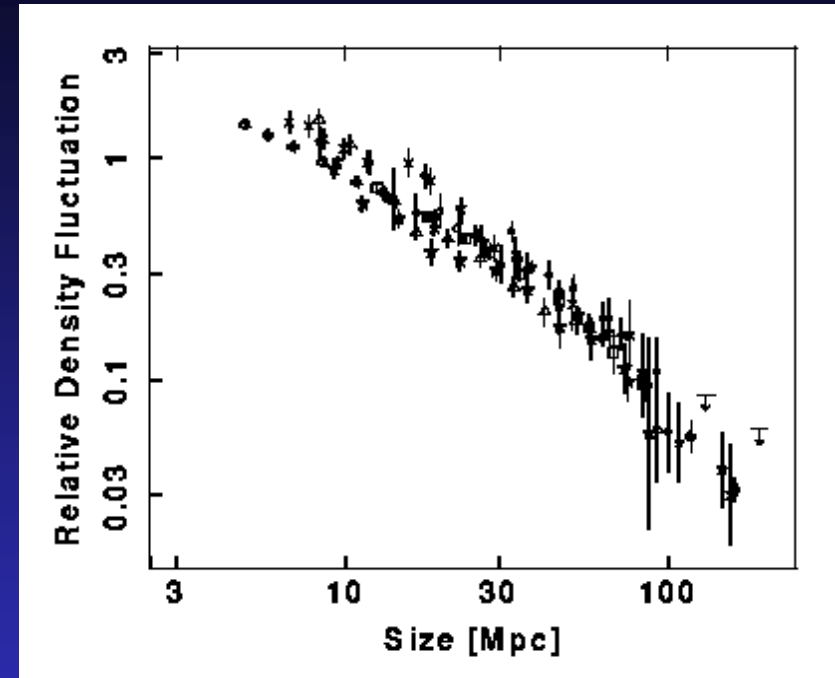
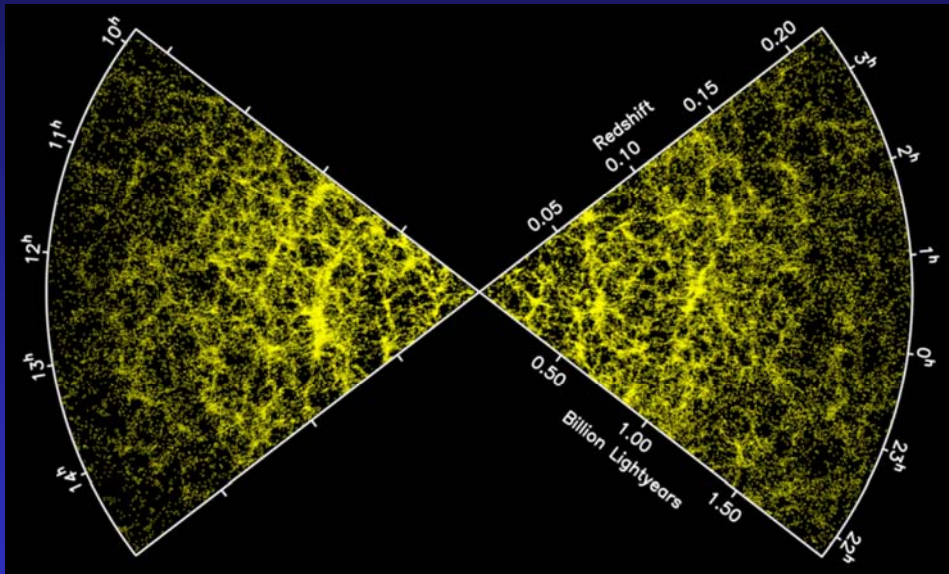
$$c = 2.99792458 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

- La velocità della luce è elevatissima, ma non infinita
- Le distanze cosmiche sono enormi
- Questi due fatti ci permettono di osservare il *passato* dell' universo, studiando luce che proviene da grandi distanze e quindi ci porta l' immagine della sorgente come era al momento dell' emissione.





Cataloghi tridimensionali della distribuzione delle galassie

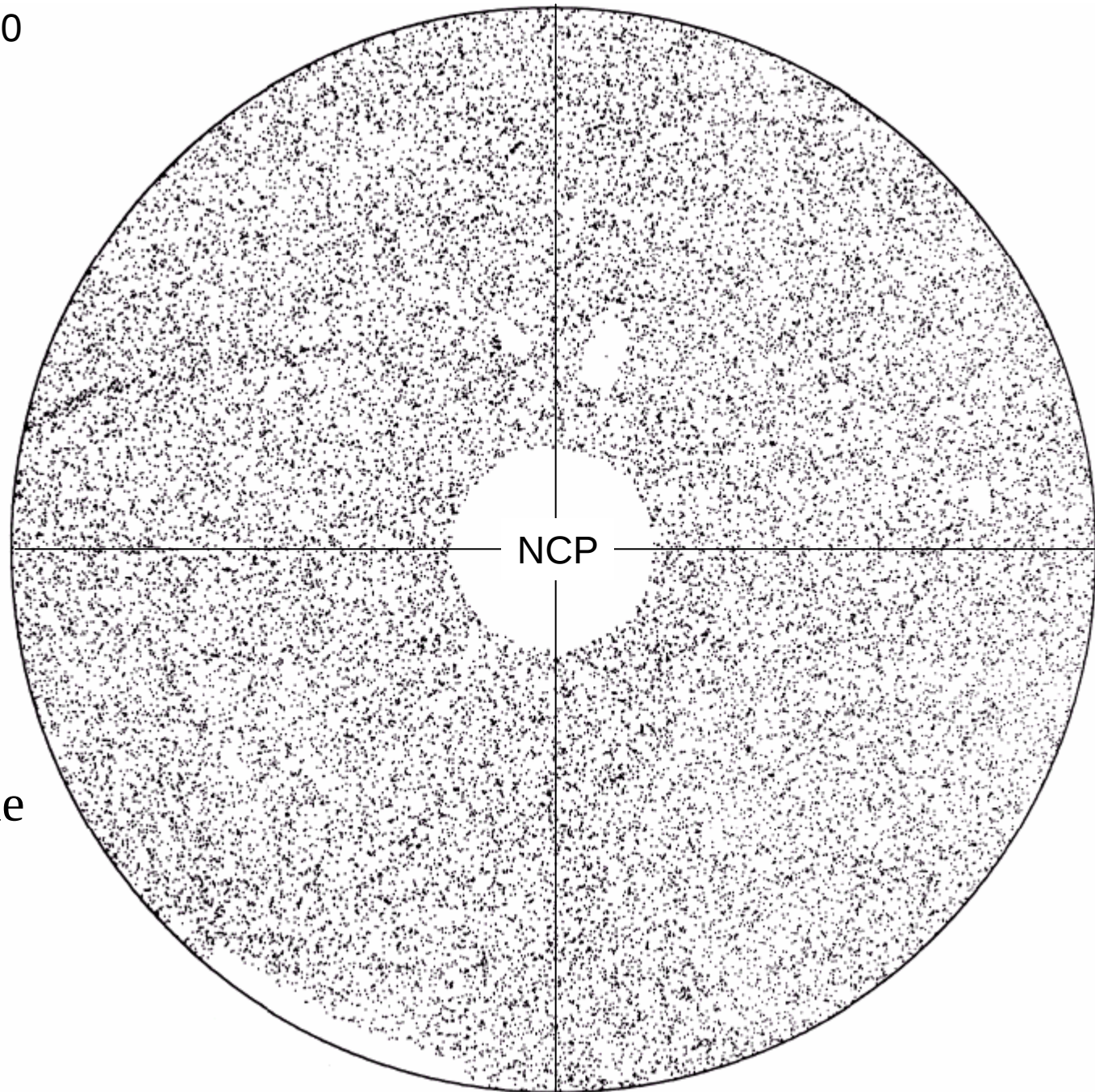


Peacock and Dodds
(1994, MNRAS, 267, 1020)

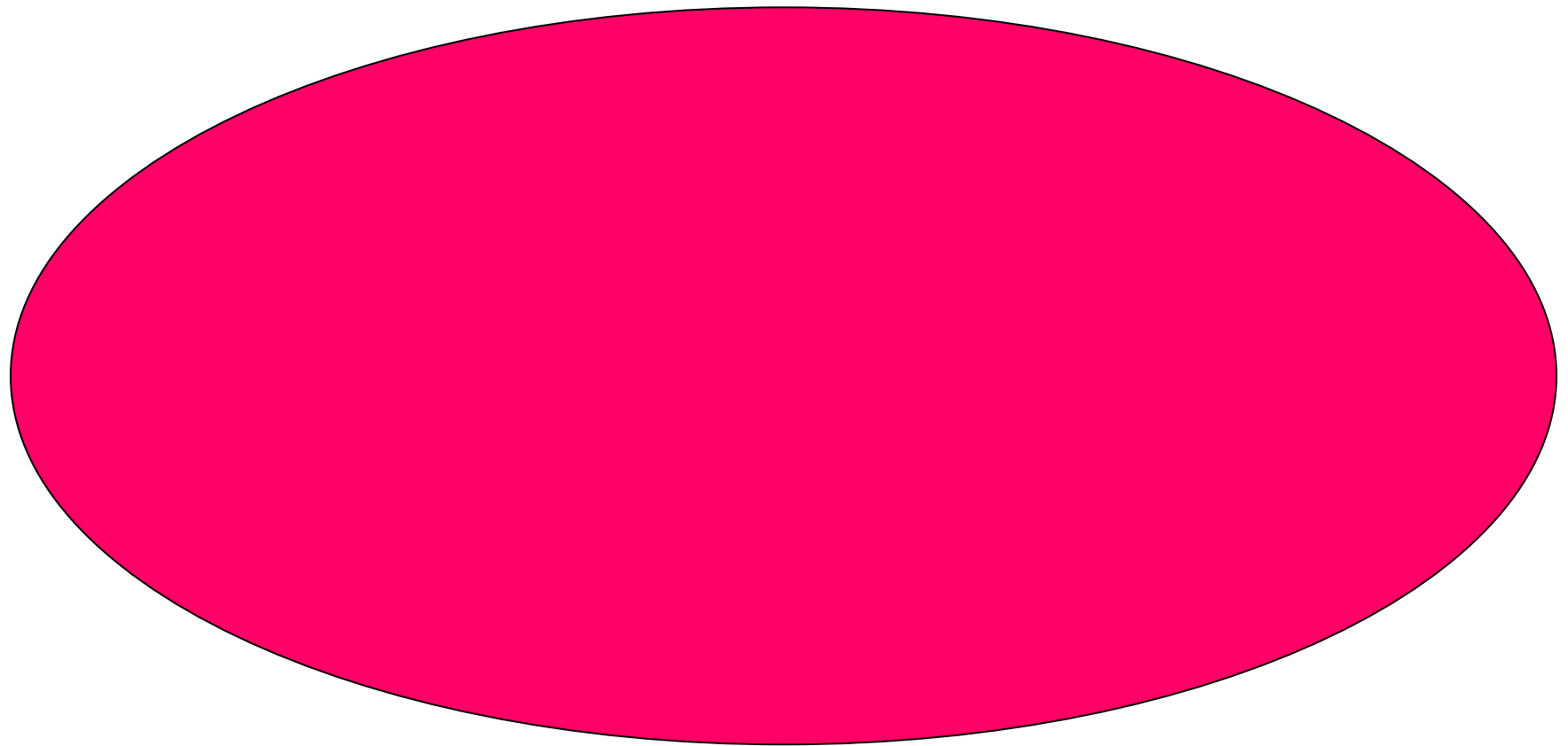
- La distribuzione 3D delle galassie è statisticamente omogenea, e lo è sempre di più se si considerano scale sempre più grandi.

Distribution of the 31000
brightest radio sources
($\lambda=6$ cm, Gregory and
Condon 1991)

Northern hemisphere,
equal-area projection



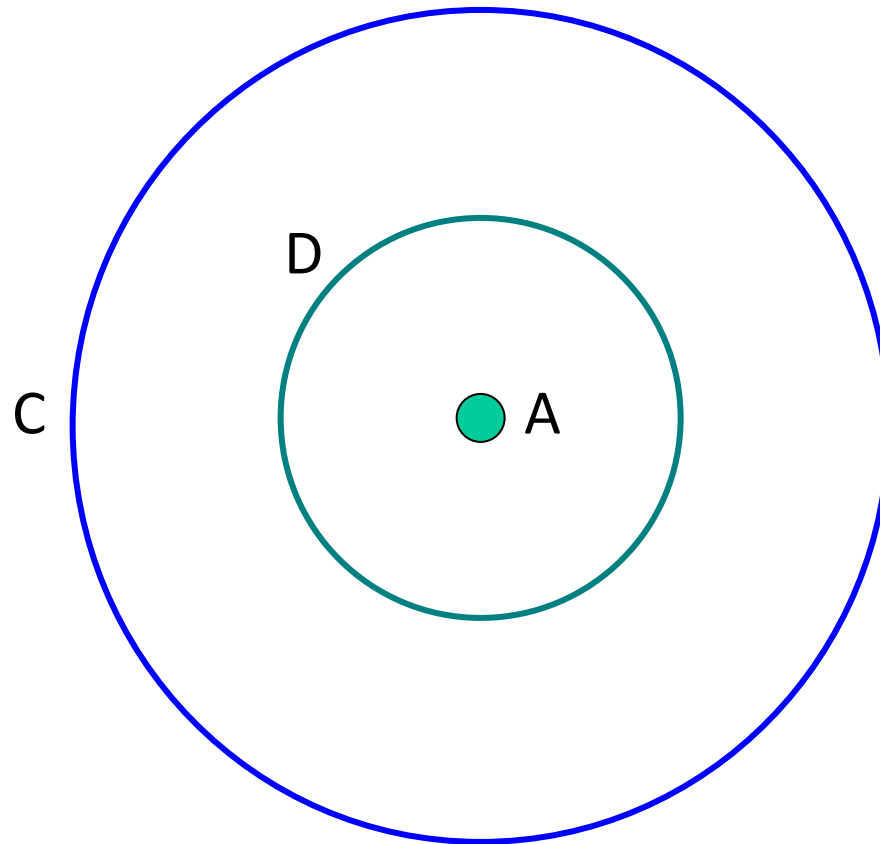
- L' omogeneità
dell' universo a
grandi scale è
confermata dall'
isotropia della
distribuzione delle
radiosorgenti
lontane....



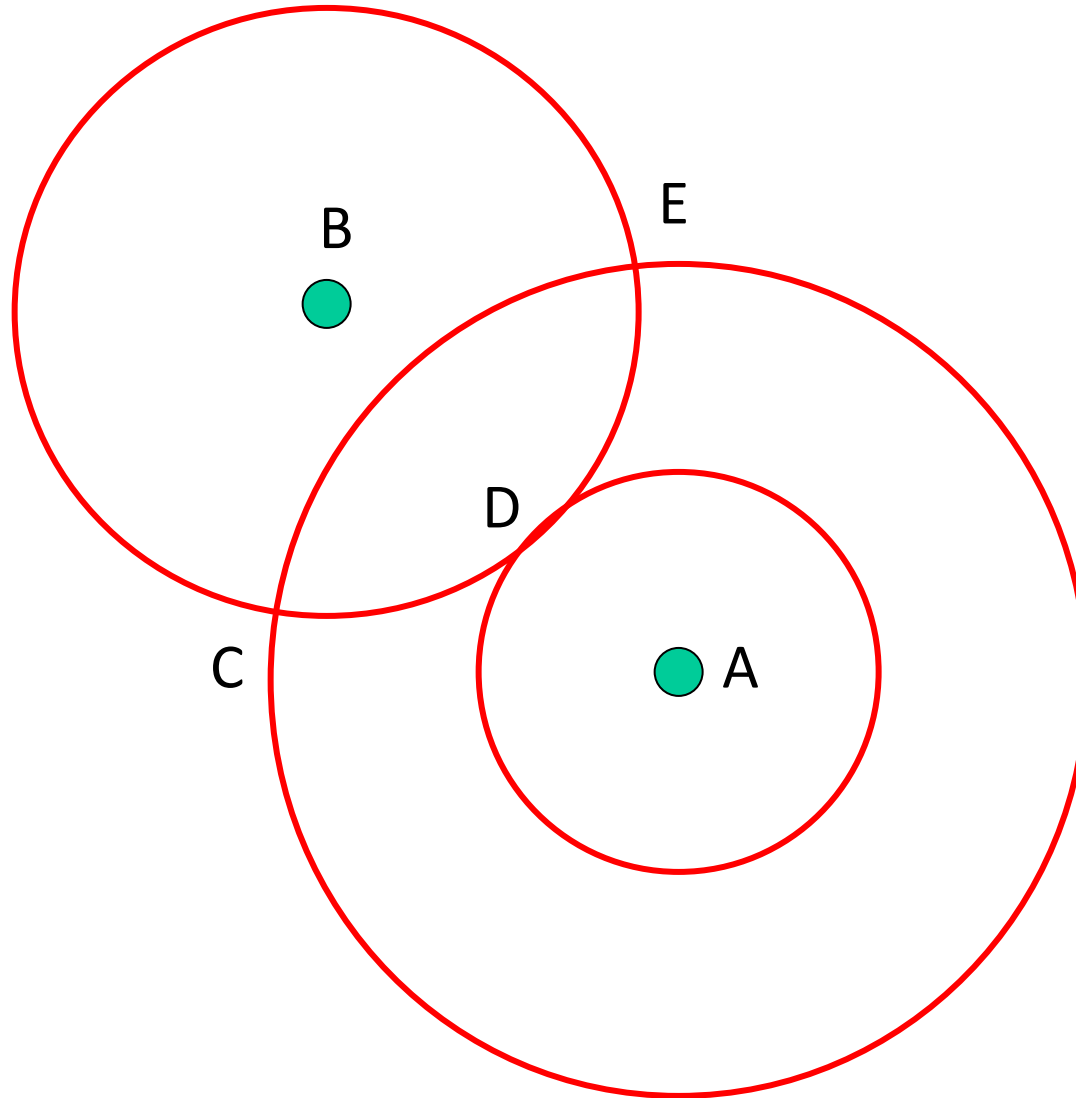
brightness temperature of the sky (K)
at $\nu=150$ GHz

- ... e dalla straordinaria isotropia del cielo nelle microonde.
- L' immagine del cielo più noiosa di tutte !

Principio Copernicano + isotropia = omogeneità



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Cosa vedremo osservando ancora più lontano, e quindi sempre più indietro nel tempo ?

- Per rispondere si deve sapere se e come l'universo è cambiato al passare del tempo
- Si deve studiare la dinamica del sistema universo.
- Per prima cosa lo si deve modellizzare, e poi si devono applicare le appropriate leggi della dinamica per studiarne l'evoluzione.

Metodo

- Si usa un modello ultrasemplificato :
- Fluido omogeneo ed isotropo che riempie l' universo (principio cosmologico)
- Funziona bene a grandi scale (background universe):
 - Isotropia delle radiogalassie
 - Isotropia del fondo cosmico di microonde
 - Principio Copernicano : non siamo speciali nell' universo
 - 3D galaxy distribution surveys
- Forze in azione: gravitazione
- Teoria che descrive correttamente la dinamica :
Relatività Generale (GR)

Ricetta dalla GR

- Specificare la geometria (metrica), inserire il contenuto di massa-energia, e le equazioni di Einstein fanno il resto, determinando l'evoluzione del sistema.
- Nel nostro caso (4D = x,y,z,ict):

- Metrica euclidea (teorema di Pitagora in 4 dimensioni):

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2$$

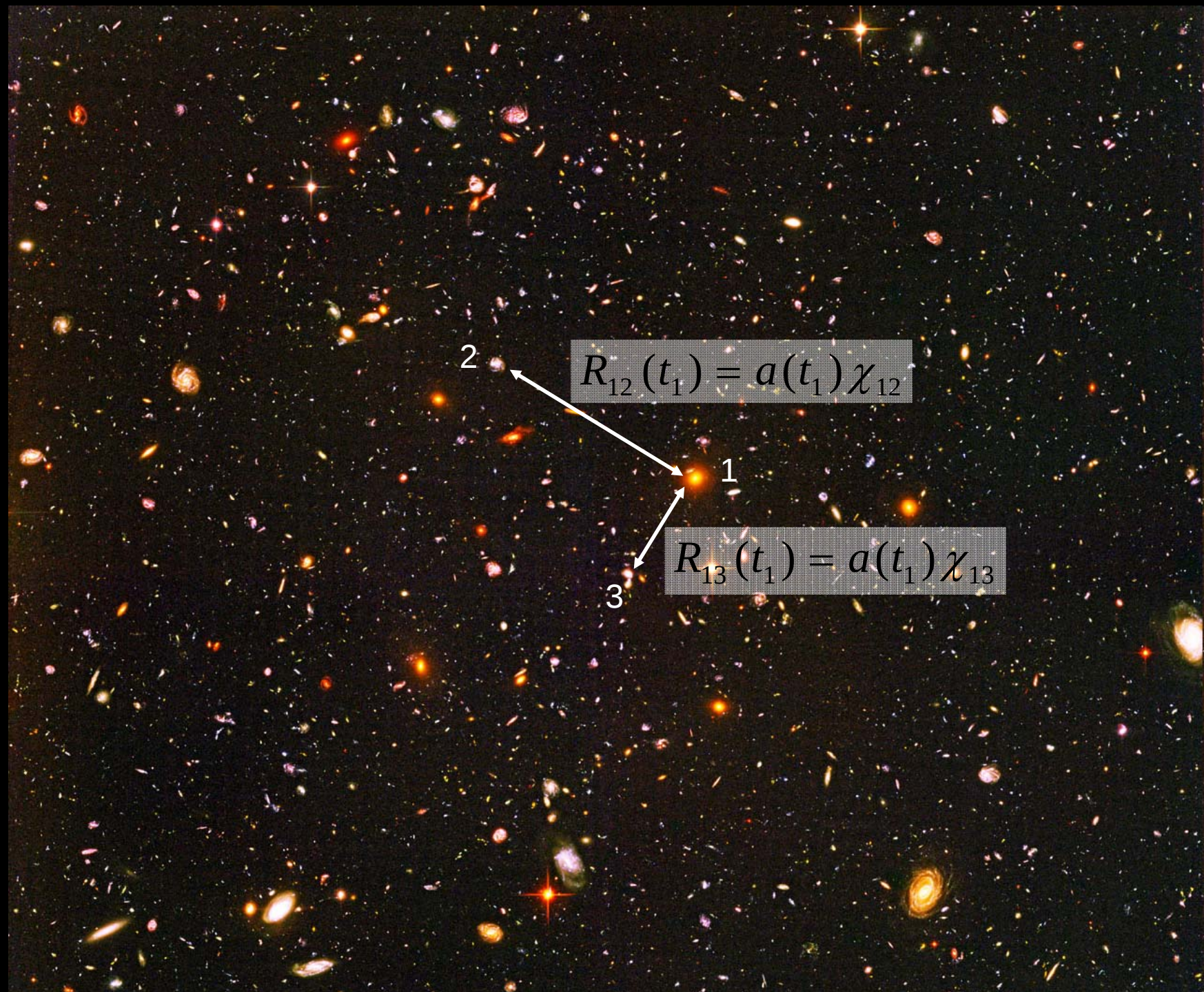
- Metrica più generale omogenea e isotropa (FRW):

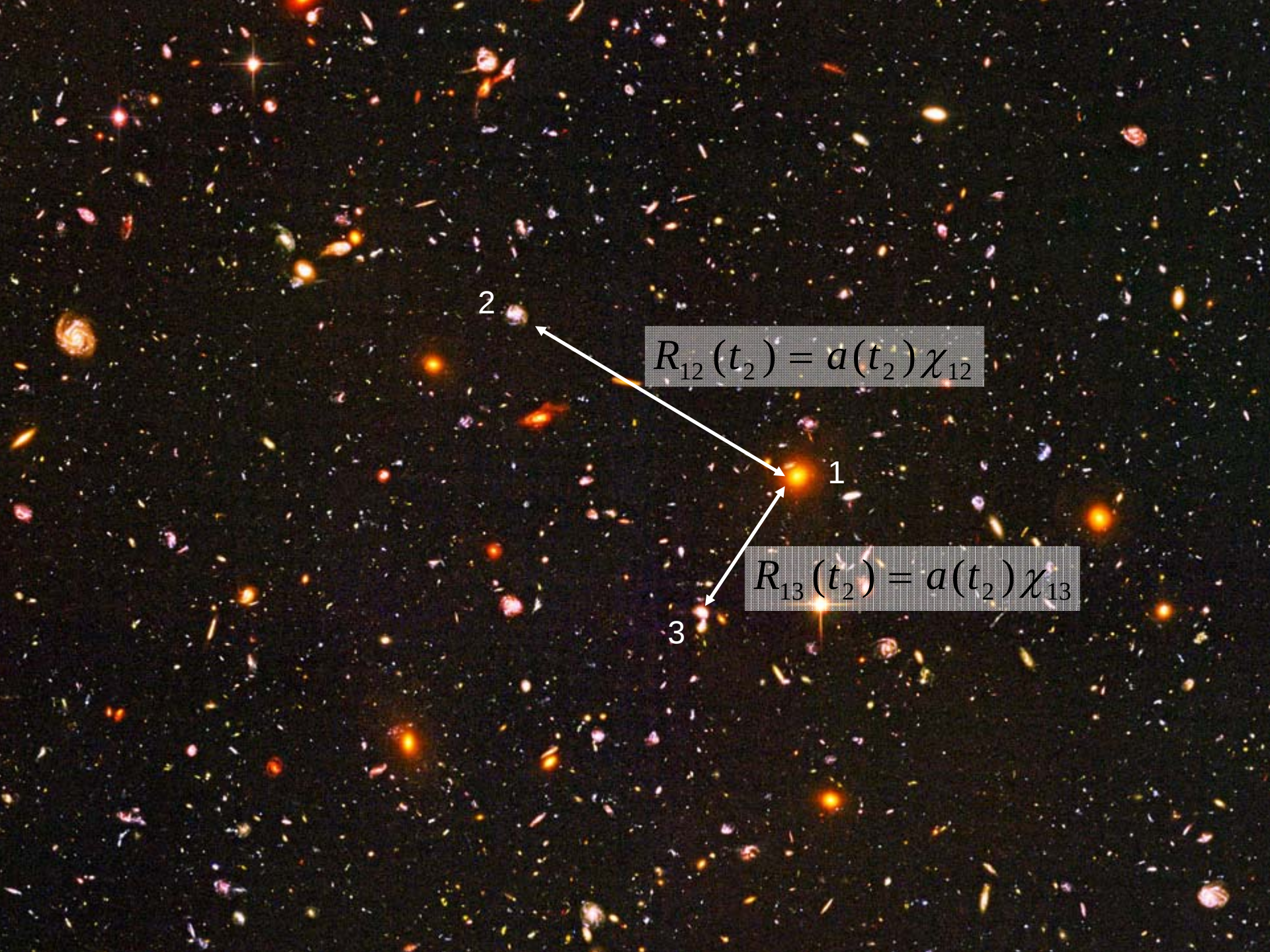
$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - a^2(t) \left[\left(\frac{d\chi}{\sqrt{1 - k\chi^2}} \right)^2 - (\chi d\theta)^2 - (\chi \sin \theta d\varphi)^2 \right]$$

- Il fattore di scala $a(t)$ permette di variare le dimensioni dell'universo mantenendo omogeneità ed isotropia:

$$R(t) = a(t) \chi$$







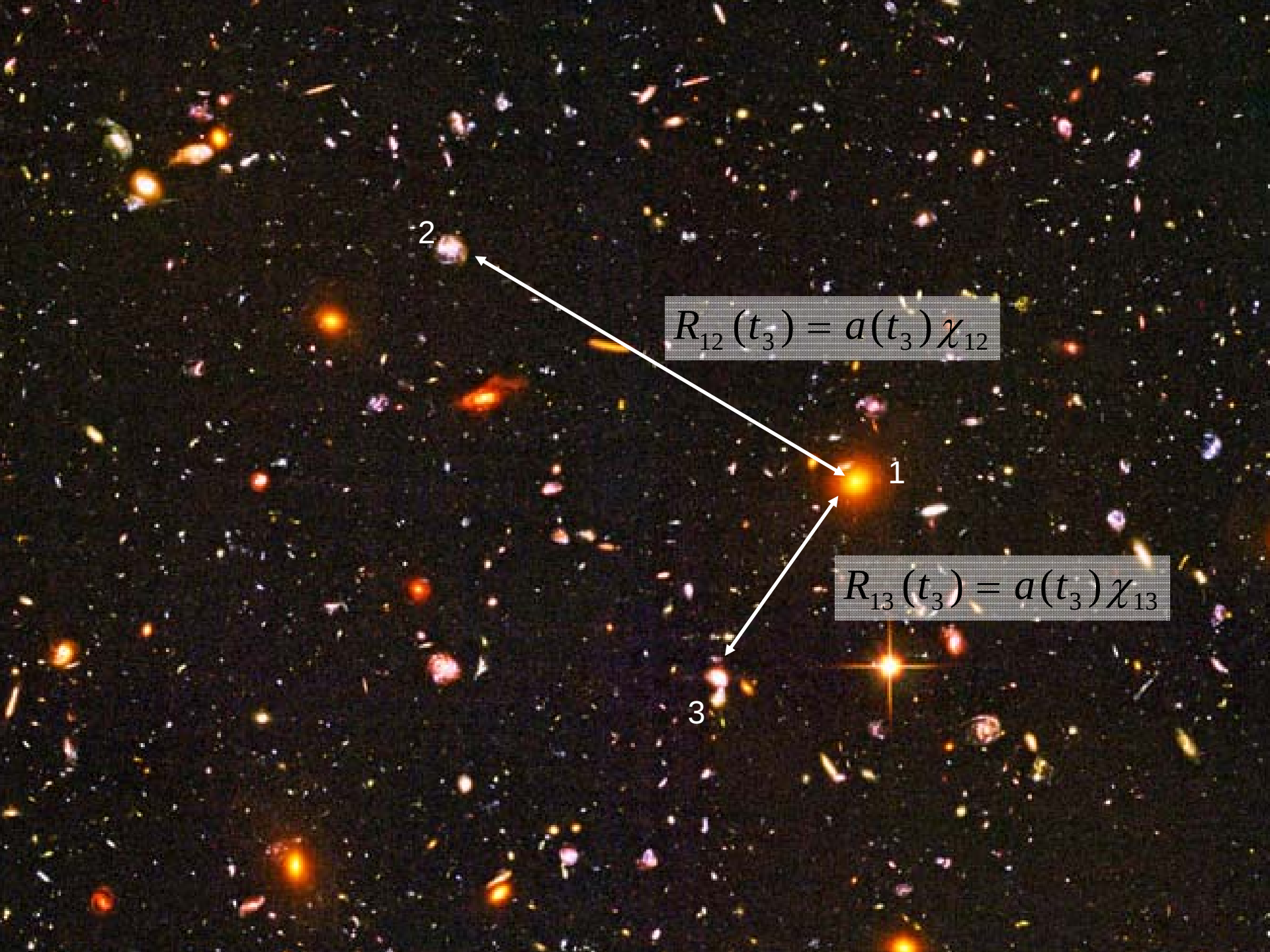
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$$R_{12}(t_2) = a(t_2)\chi_{12}$$

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$$R_{13}(t_2) = a(t_2)\chi_{13}$$

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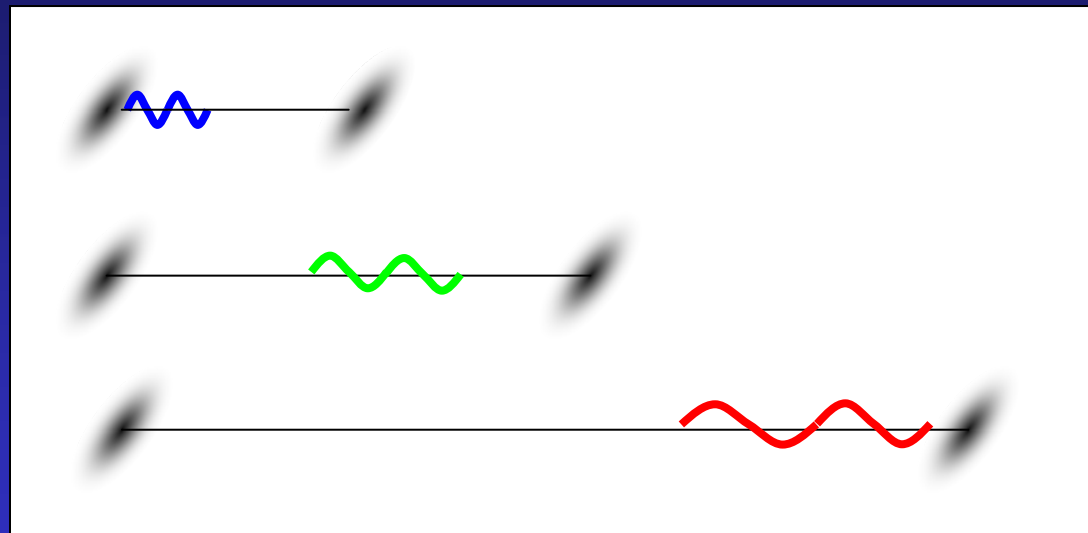
$$R_{12}(t_3) = a(t_3)\chi_{12}$$

$$R_{13}(t_3) = a(t_3)\chi_{13}$$

Redshift

- Se l' universo non è statico [$a=a(t)$] le lunghezze d' onda della luce cambiano durante il suo viaggio attraverso l' universo:

$$\frac{\lambda_{\text{det}}}{\lambda_{\text{em}}} = \frac{a(t_{\text{det}})}{a(t_{\text{em}})}$$



- In un universo in espansione si ha un allungamento delle lunghezze d' onda (redshift cosmologico)

Legge di Hubble

- Più una galassia è lontana
- Più tempo impiega la sua luce ad arrivarci
- Più si espande l' universo nel frattempo
- Più si allunga la lunghezza d' onda della luce durante il viaggio
- Più grande è il redshift

$$z = \frac{\lambda_{\text{det}} - \lambda_{\text{em}}}{\lambda_{\text{em}}}$$

$$\frac{\lambda_{\text{det}}}{\lambda_{\text{em}}} = \frac{a(t_{\text{det}})}{a(t_{\text{em}})} > 1$$

- **z aumenta con la distanza.**
- Per piccole distanze ($z \ll 1$): Legge di Hubble:

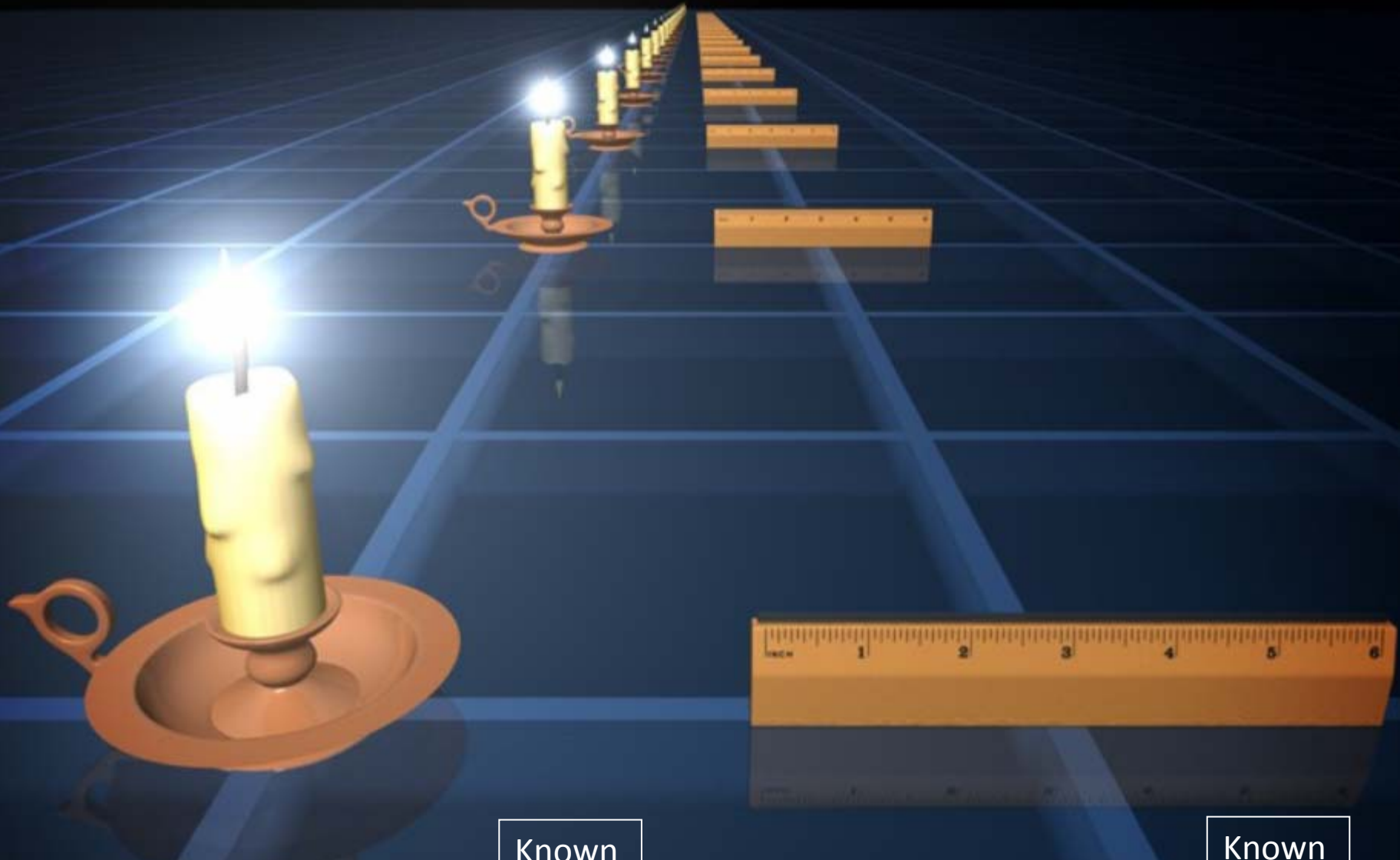
Measurabile
(misura diretta con uno spettrometro)

$$z = \left[\frac{H_o}{c} \right] D$$

Una costante

Misurabile
(indirettamente, usando Indicatori di distanza)

Distance Indicators



$$F = \frac{L}{4\pi D_L^2} \rightarrow D_L = \sqrt{\frac{L}{4\pi F}}$$

Known
a-priori

measurable

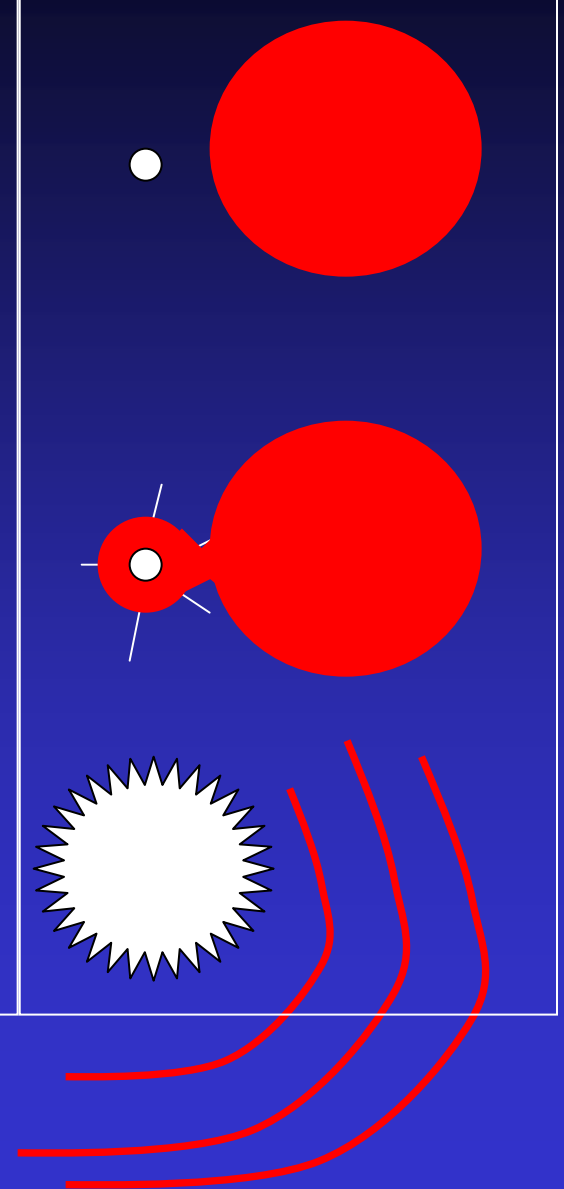
$$\theta = \frac{\ell}{D_A} \rightarrow D_A = \frac{\ell}{\theta}$$

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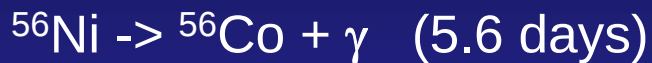
measurable

SNe1a

- Un fenomeno raro
- Sistema doppio : gigante rossa e nana bianca
- Il materiale della gigante rossa accresce la massa della nana bianca
- Quando la massa della nana bianca si avvicina alla massa di Chandrasekhar ($1.4M_{\text{sun}}$), la pressione interna non può più resistere all' autogravità e la stella implode, espellendo le parti più esterne.

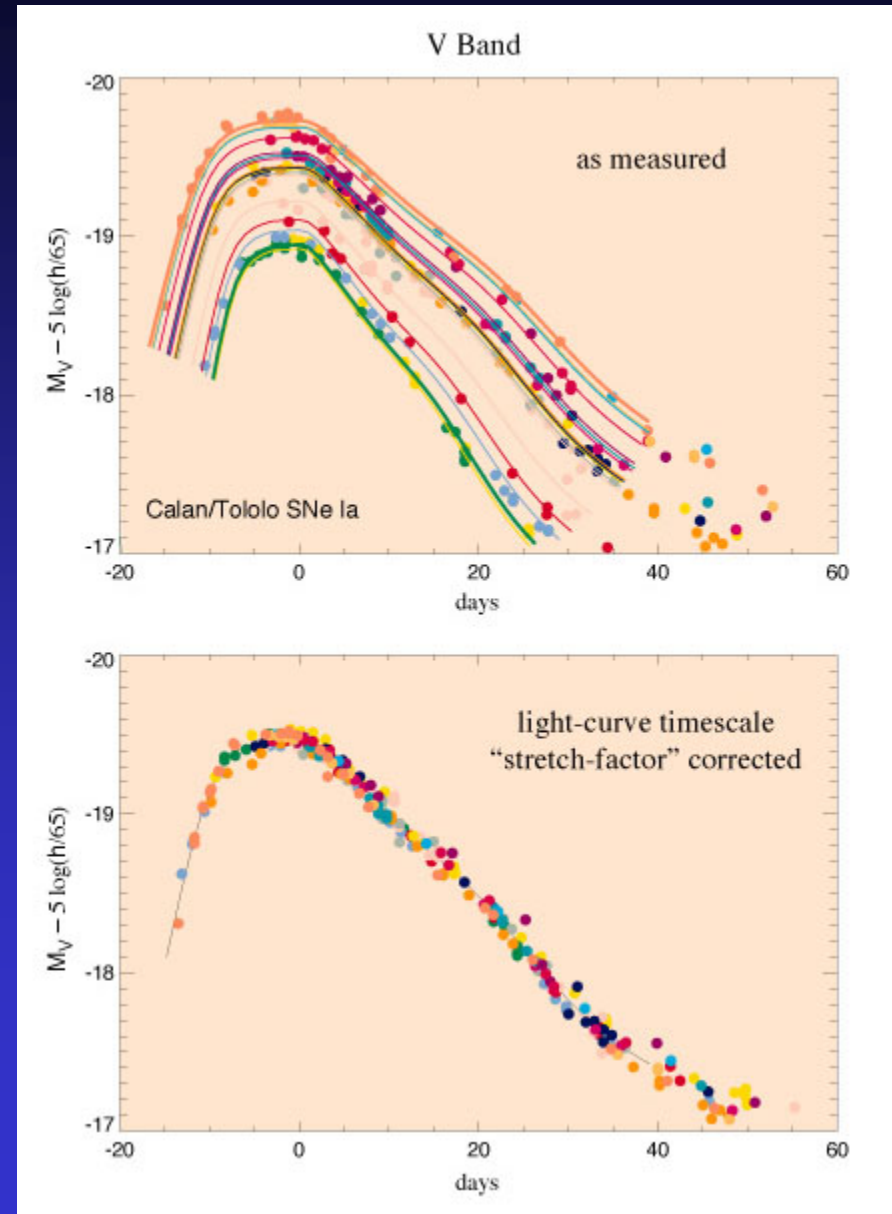


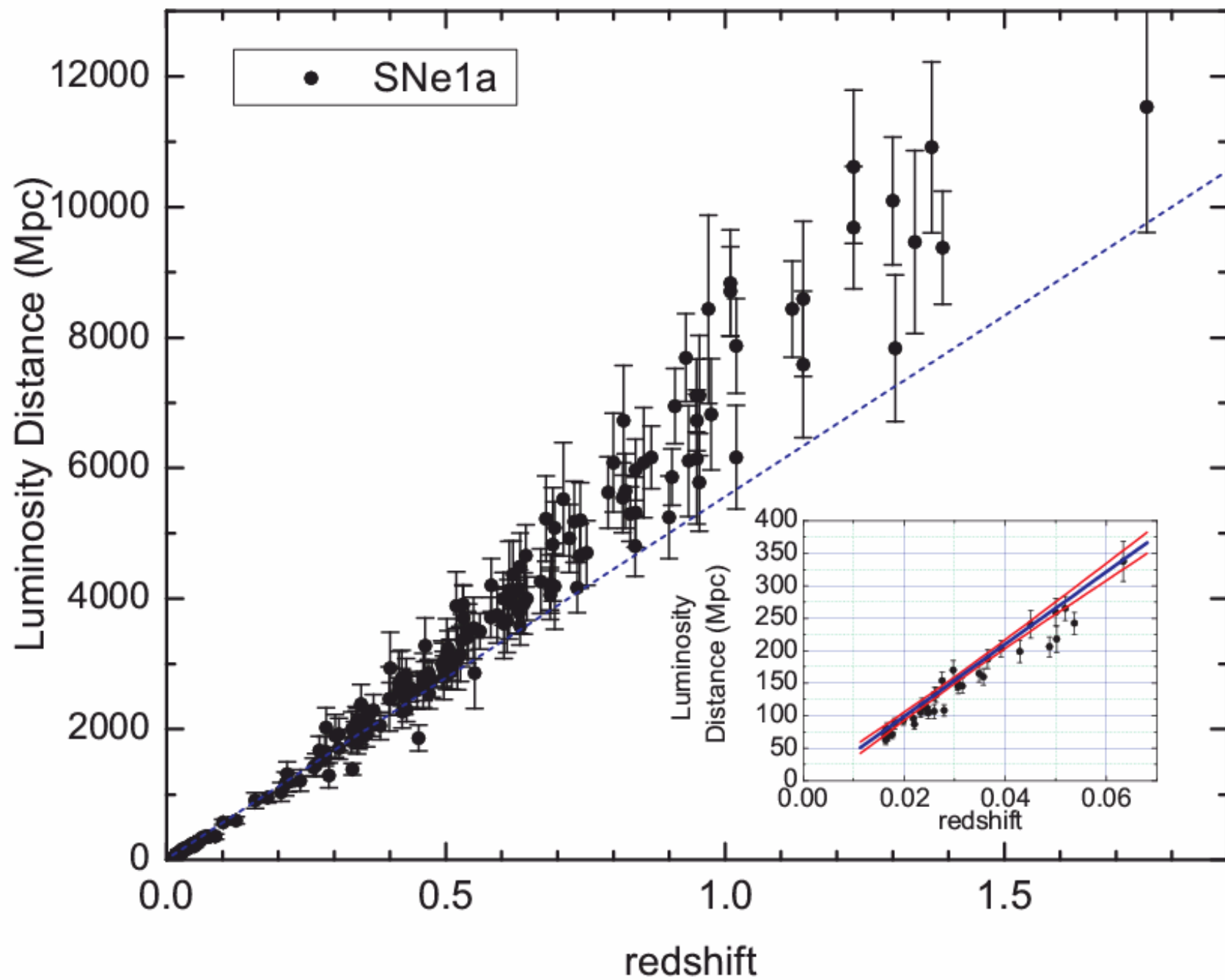
- La luminosità e la curva di luce che osserviamo sono il risultato del decadimento di nuclei radioattivi prodotti durante l'implosione della parte più interna della stella.



- Siccome la composizione e la massa iniziale sono le stesse per tutte le nane bianche vicino alla massa di Chandrasekar, la luminosità assoluta è circa la stessa per tutte le SN di questo tipo (SNe1a).
- Si devono applicare delle correzioni empiriche.

SNe1a



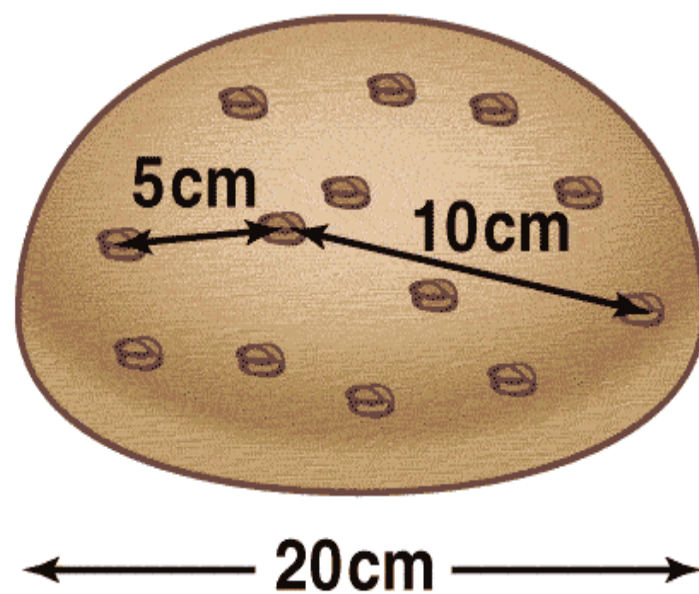


Costante di Hubble

- Usando le candele standard (SNe1a, ma anche variabili Cefeidi) si trova che la legge di Hubble è ben verificata a $\text{redshift} < 1$, e la costante di Hubble vale :

$$z = \left[\frac{H_o}{c} \right] D \longleftrightarrow H_o = (74.3 \pm 2.1) \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

- Una galassia ad una distanza di 1 Mpc (3.26 milioni di anni luce) recede da noi con una velocità di 74 km/s.
- Una galassia ad una distanza di 10 Mpc (32.6 milioni di anni luce) recede da noi con una velocità di 740 km/s.
- Non c'è un centro in questa espansione generale dell'universo.



L' universo si sta espandendo

- E' un risultato empirico, ed ha straordinarie conseguenze per la cosmologia
- Se si sta espandendo, in passato era più denso e più caldo.
- Per capire quantitativamente quanto, dobbiamo risolvere le equazioni della relatività generale che descrivono l' evoluzione dell' universo causata dalle forze gravitazionali in gioco.

Friedman's equation

- At this point we are in a position to write half of Einstein's equation (metric part) for an homogenous isotropic universe.
- To write the other half, we need to specify how much of the different possible forms of mass-energy densities is present in the universe, and how each contribution scales with the expansion of the universe:
 - Matter $\rho_M = \rho_{M_0} / a^3$
 - Radiation $\rho_R = \rho_{R_0} / a^4 \leftarrow n = n_0 / a^3 \quad ; \quad E = h\nu = hc / \lambda \approx 1 / a$
 - Cosmological Constant $\rho_\Lambda = \rho_{\Lambda_0}$
- All densities are given in adimensional form, as a fraction of the critical density:

$$\rho_{co} = \frac{3H_o^2}{8\pi G} = (1.04 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-29} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$\Omega_{io} = \frac{\rho_{io}}{\rho_{co}}$$

Friedman's equation

- Einstein's equation, in the case of a homogenous isotropic universe, gives

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = H_o^2 \left[\frac{\Omega_{Ro}}{a^4} + \frac{\Omega_{Mo}}{a^3} + \frac{(1-\Omega_o)}{a^2} + \Omega_{\Lambda} \right]$$

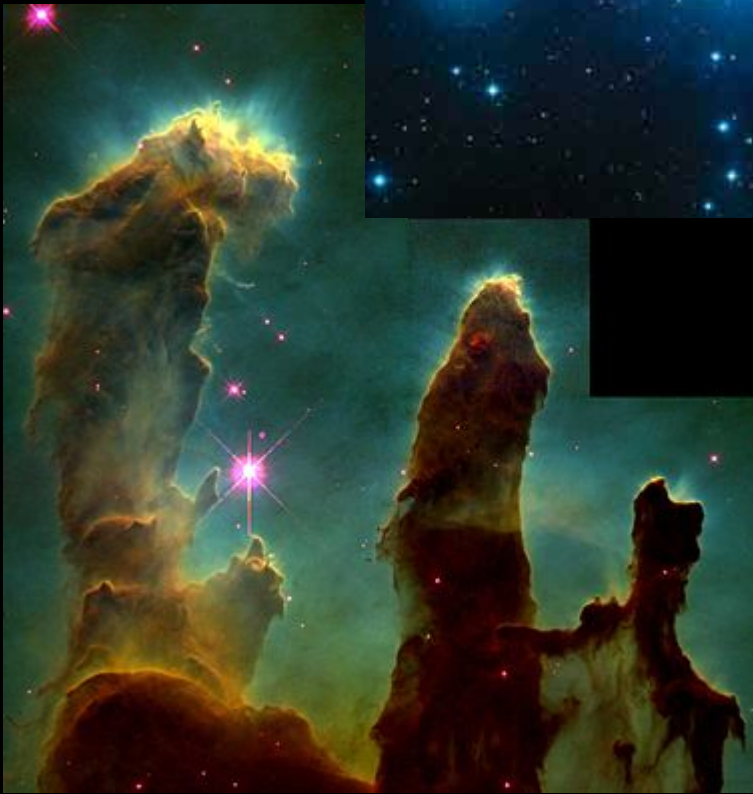
- The solution $a(t)$ tells us how all the distances in the universe evolve with time (i.e. how the universe expands).
- To find the solution, we need to find empirically the mass energy densities ρ_{Ro} , ρ_{Mo} , ρ_{Λ} and from them the parameters Ω_{Ro} , Ω_{Mo} , Ω_{Λ}

Baryonic Matter

- Baryonic matter interacts electromagnetically
- We can measure it because it emits, or absorbs, or scatters light and electromagnetic waves.
- Us, planets, stars, interstellar matter, galaxies, etc. contain baryonic matter.
- Measuring the luminosity, one can infer the mass responsible for such a luminosity.
- Most recent estimates: $\Omega_{Mo} = (0.045 \pm 0.003)$
- Consistent with primordial nucleosynthesis.
- A minor component of our universe.



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Dark Matter

- Dark matter does not interact electromagnetically.
- We can measure it only through its gravitational interaction, which is much weaker than electromagnetic.
- The dynamics of stars in galaxies and of galaxies in clusters of galaxies cannot be explained without the presence of dark matter
- Additional evidence comes from gravitational lensing and other effects.

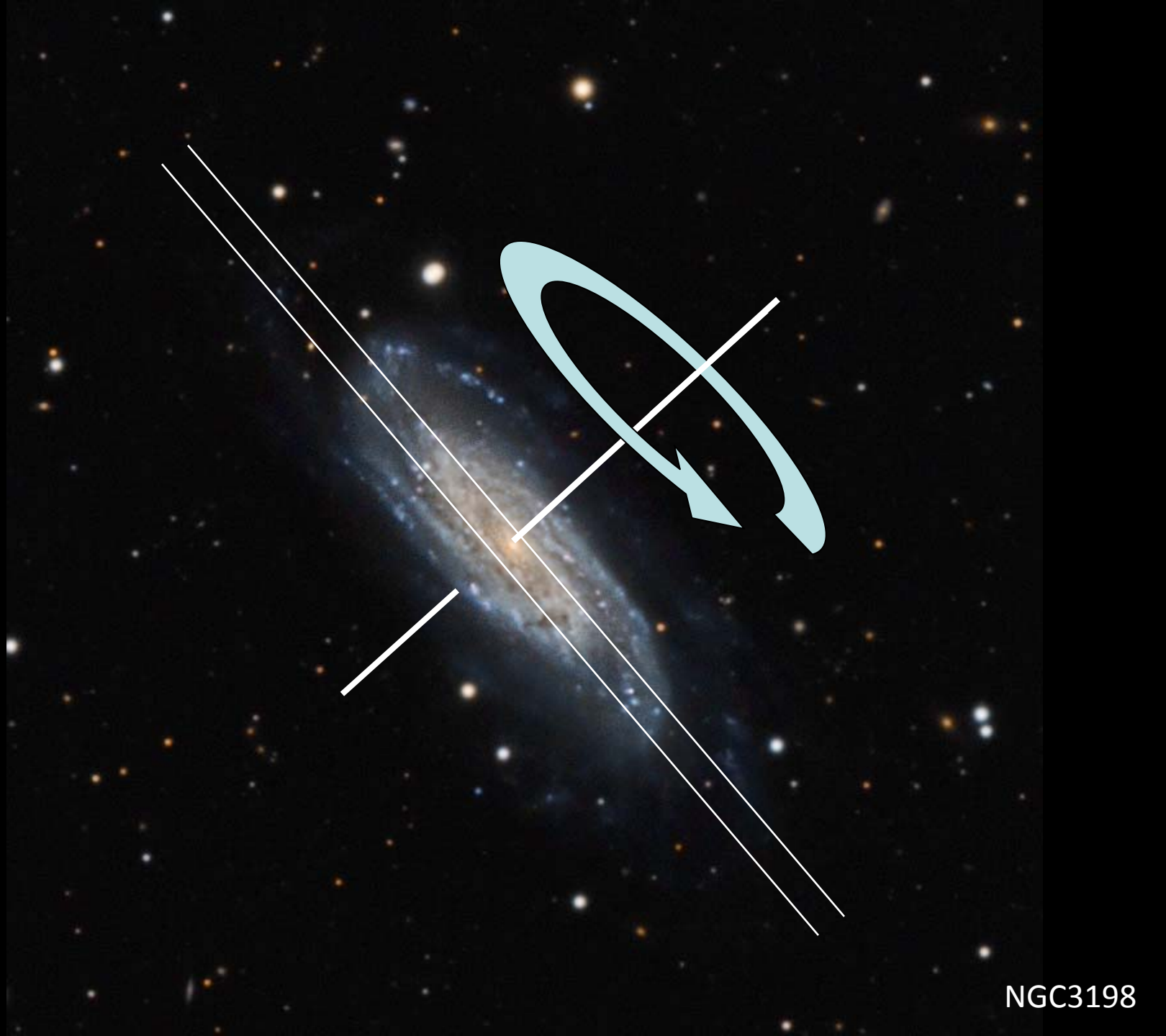
$$\Omega_{DMo} = (0.22 \pm 0.02)$$



NGC3198



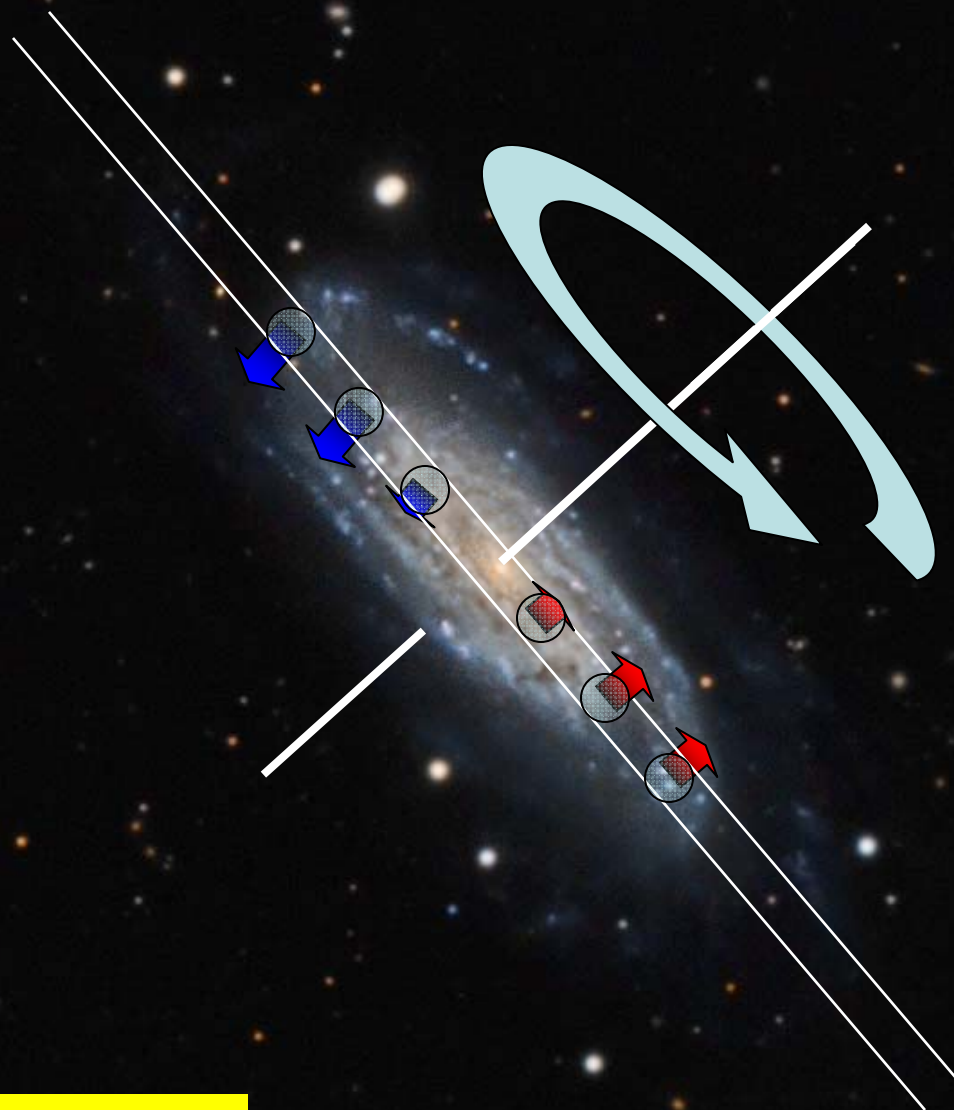
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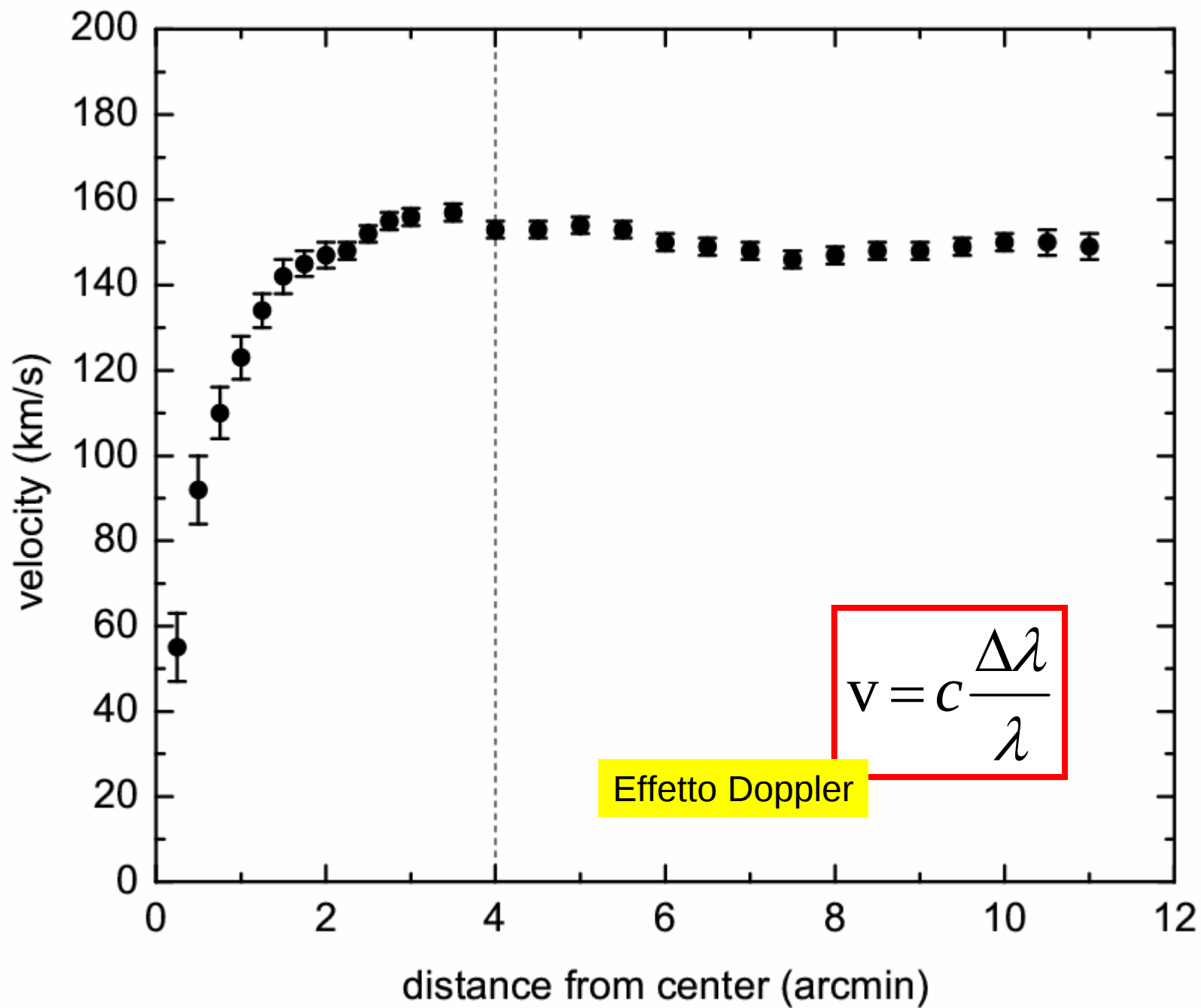
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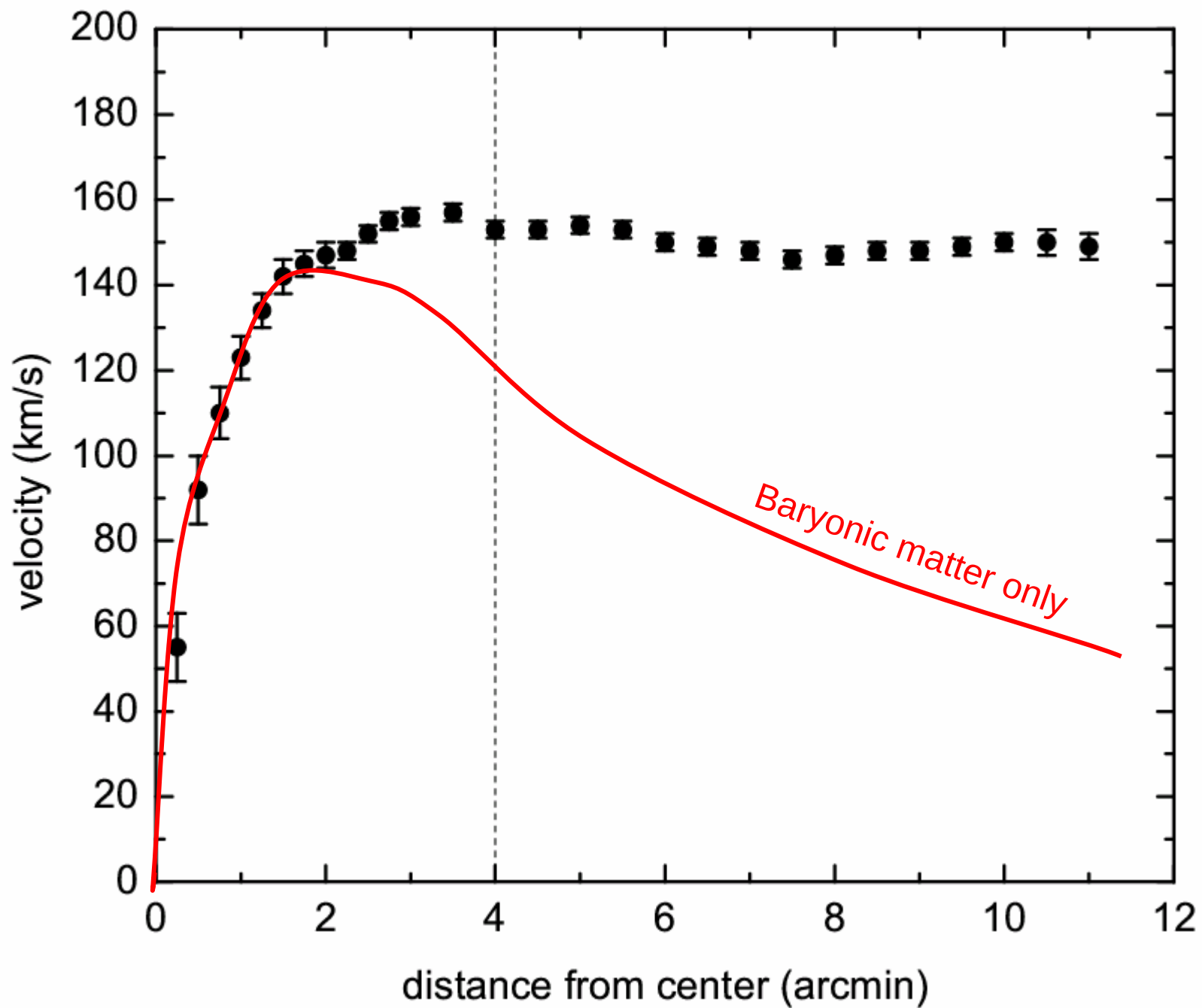
$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{v}{c}$$

Effetto Doppler



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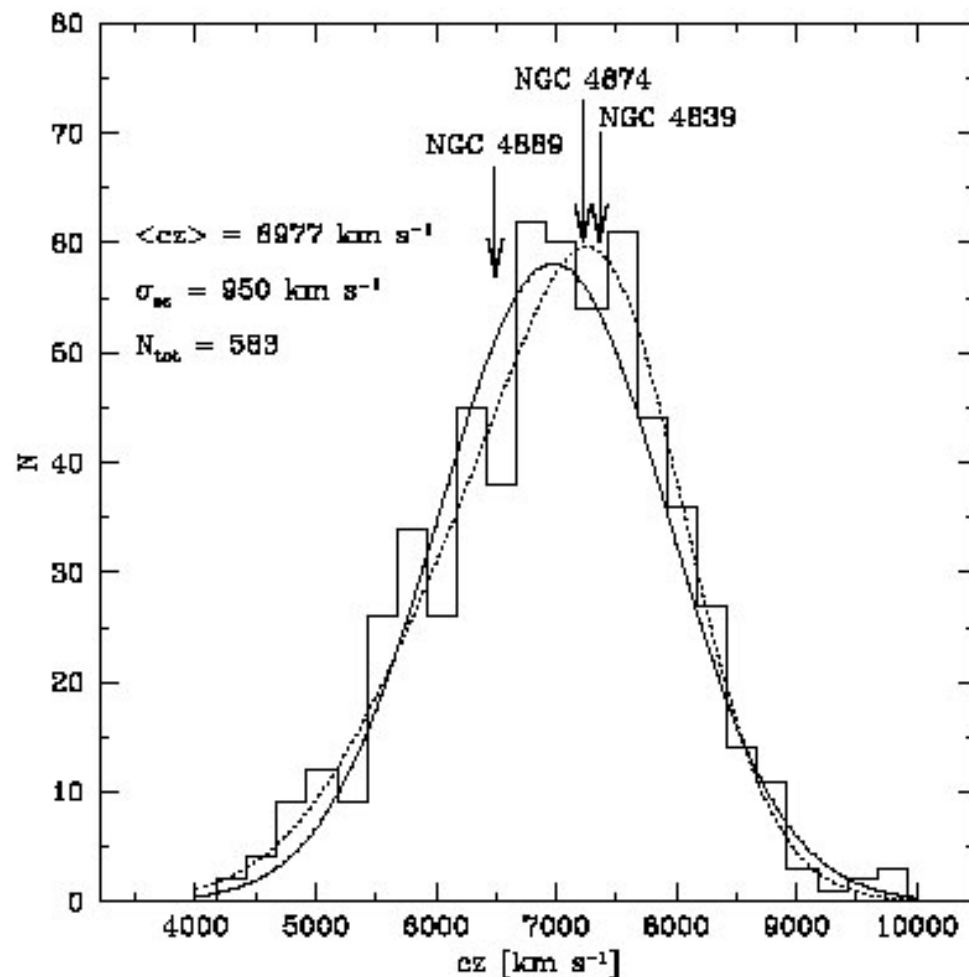


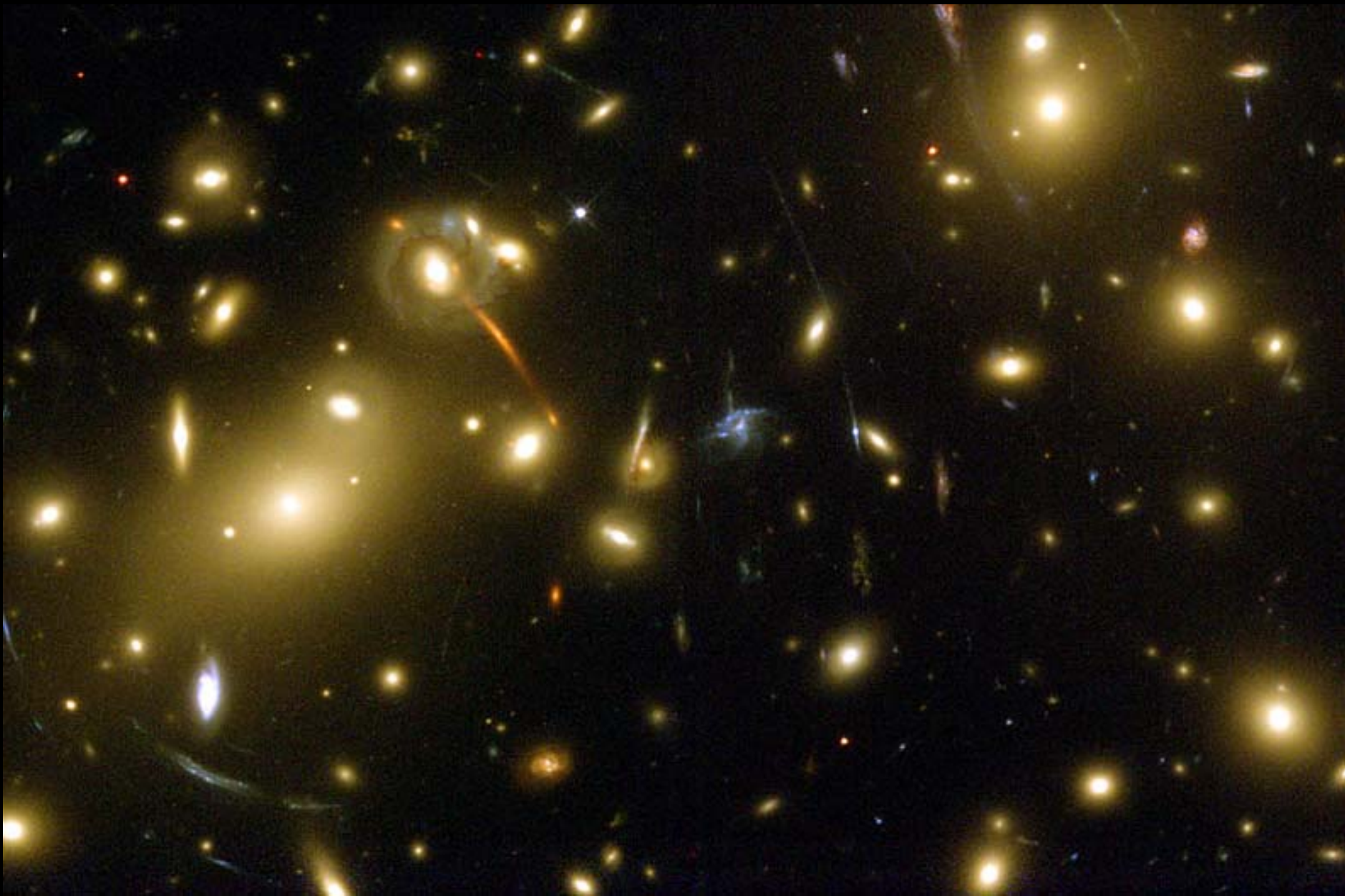




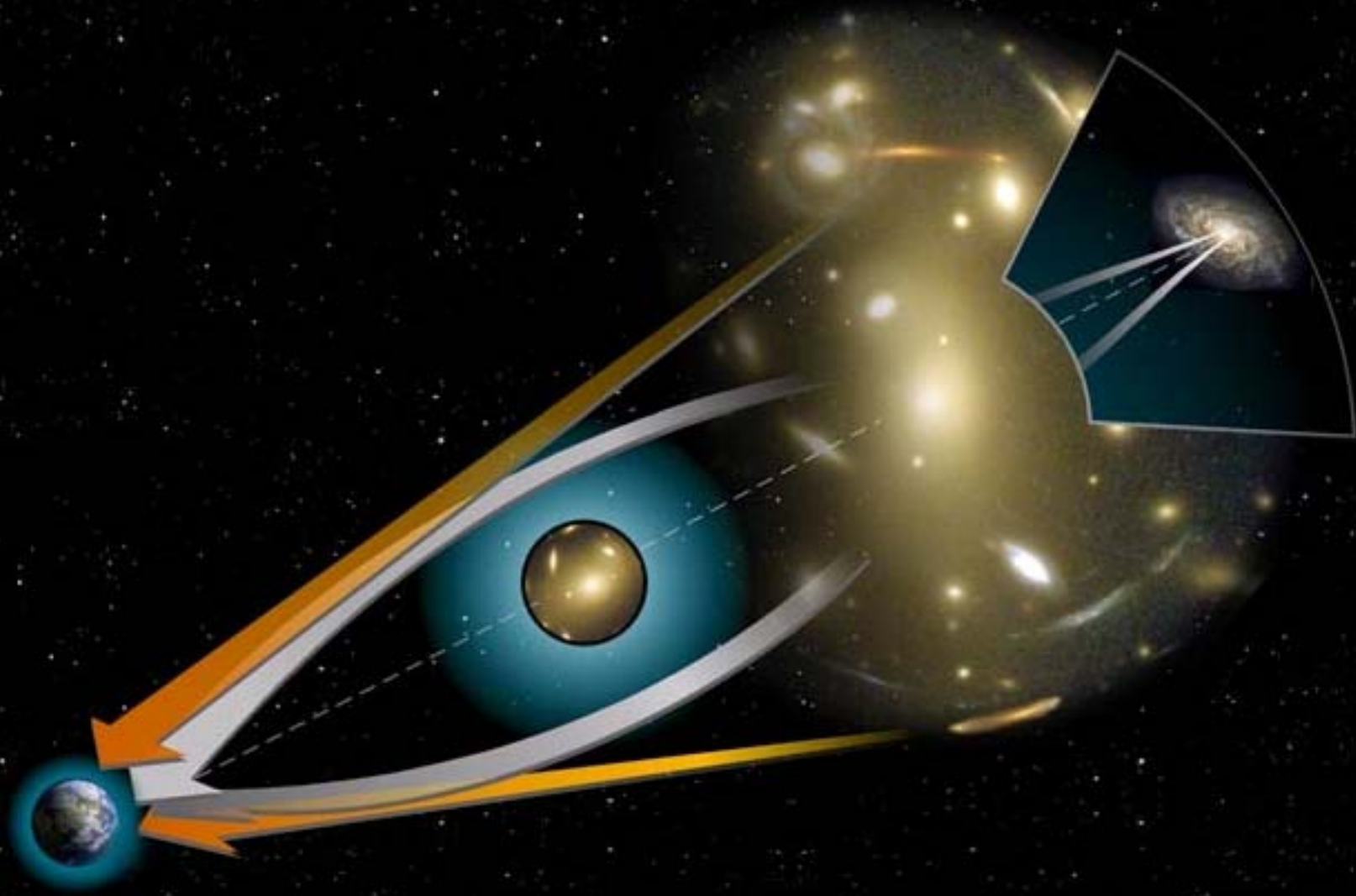
Coma

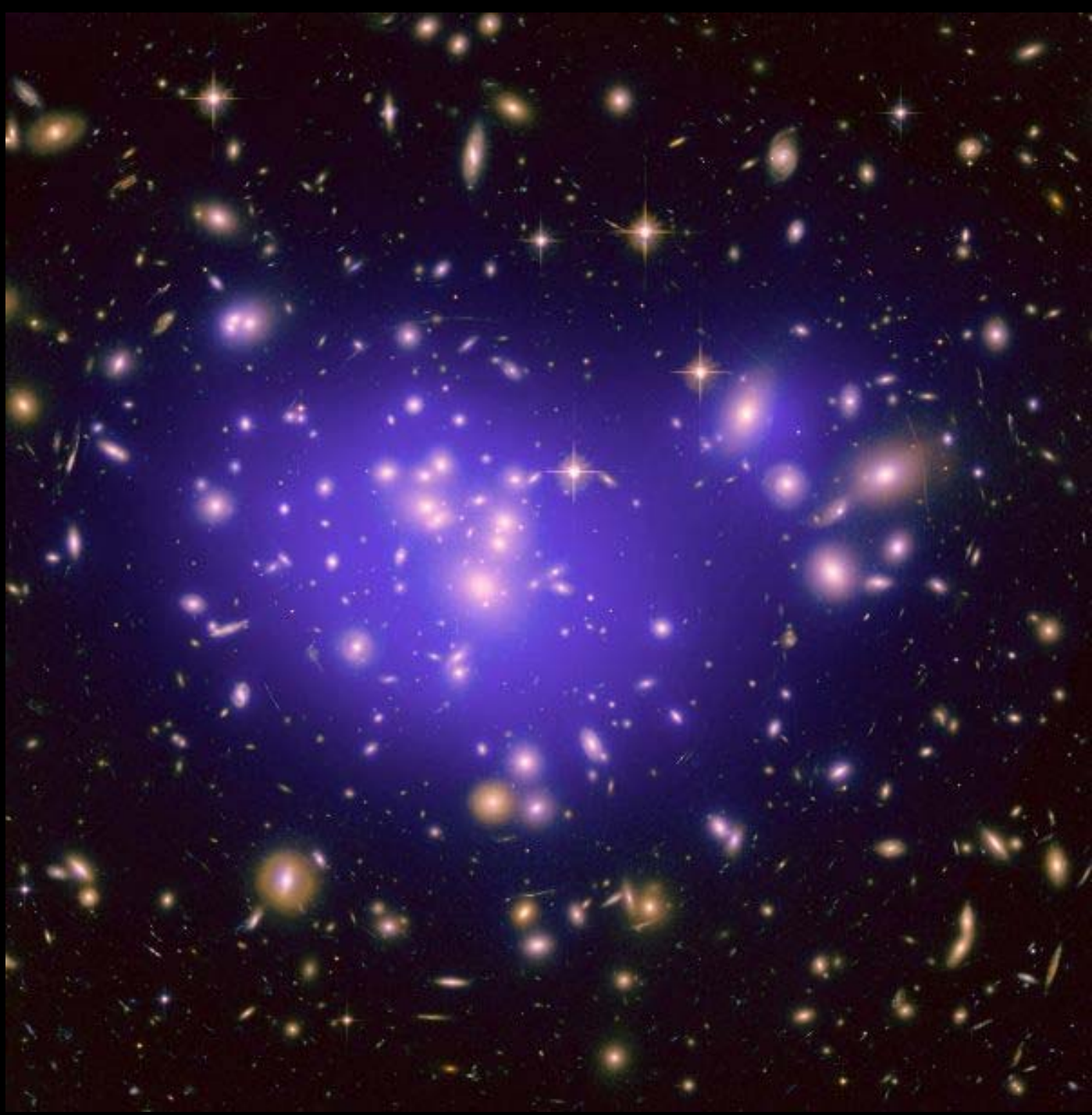
Figure 4.10— The distribution of radial velocities of all 583 identified Coma cluster galaxies ($4000 < cz < 10000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$). The solid curve is a Gaussian with mean $6977 \pm 53 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and standard deviation $950 \pm 39 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The dotted curve is the sum of two Gaussians with $\overline{cz}_1 = 7501 \pm 187 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, $\sigma_1 = 650 \pm 216 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and $\overline{cz}_2 = 6640 \pm 470 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, $\sigma_2 = 1004 \pm 120 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and gives a better fit to the observed distribution. The radial velocities of the three dominant galaxies are indicated.





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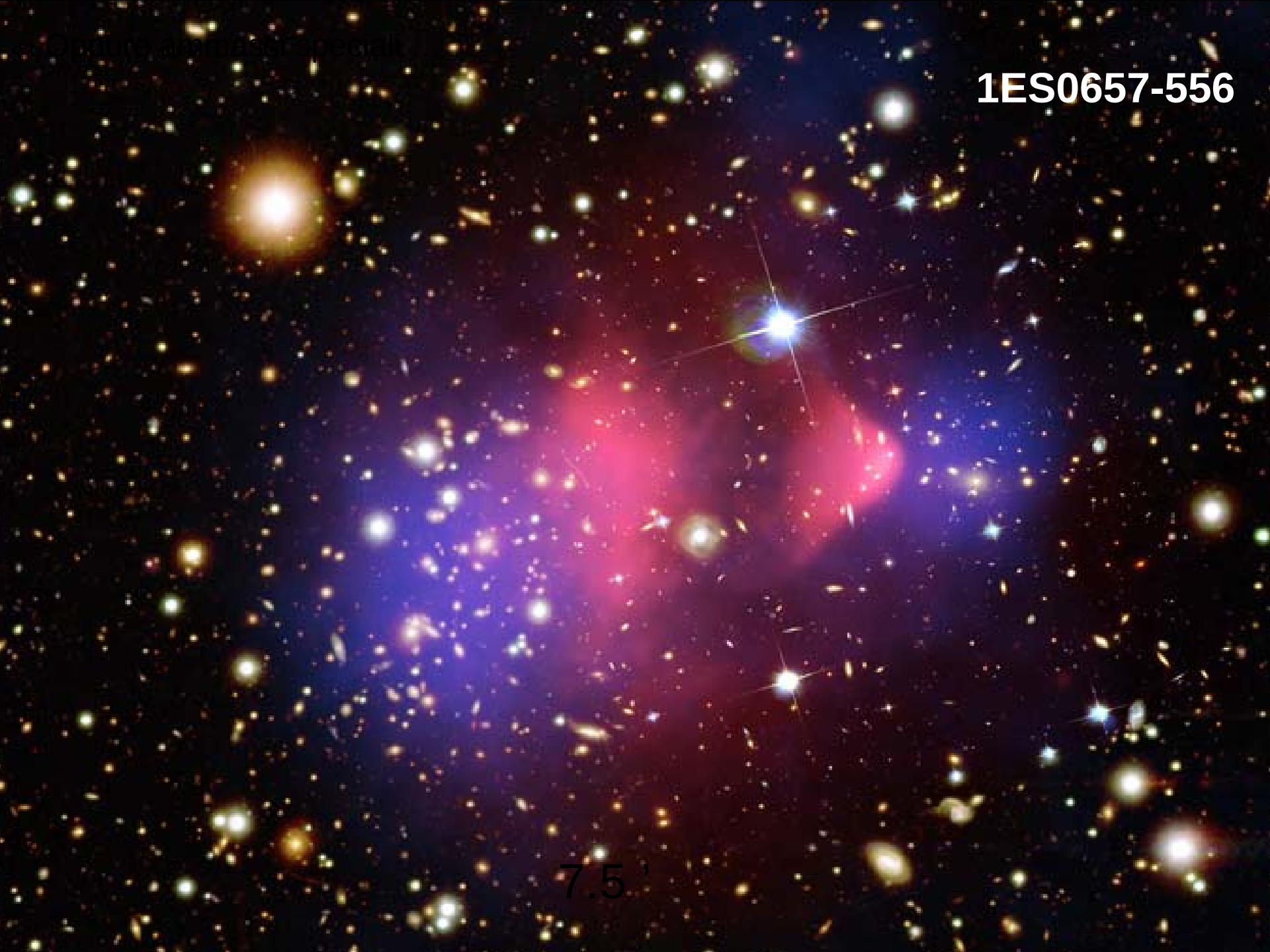


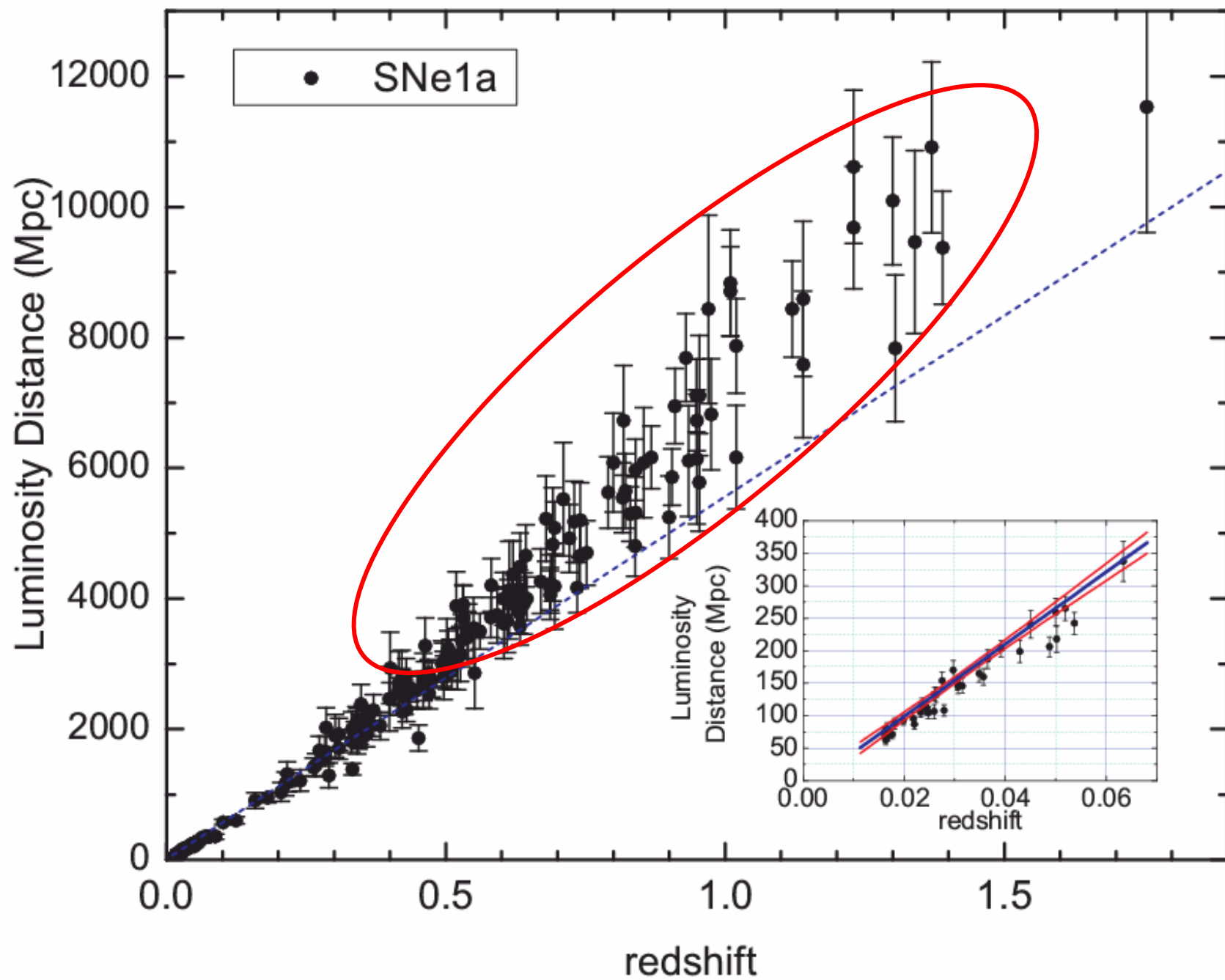


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Dark Energy

- Systematic weakness of distant (high redshift) SNe1a
- Can be explained by an accelerated expansion of the universe, so that they are more distant for a given redshift.
- From Friedman's equation, the only way is to have $\Omega_{\Lambda} > 0$.

$$\ddot{a} = H_o^2 \left[-\frac{\Omega_{Ro}}{a^3} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Omega_{Mo}}{a^2} + \Omega_{\Lambda} a \right]$$

- The best fit is $\Omega_{\Lambda} = (0.73 \pm 0.03)$
- This can be obtained from independent measurements as well (CMB, see below)

Radiation

- Light and electromagnetic waves fill the universe.
- Stellar radiation is not the most important radiation field present in the universe, since it dilutes far from stars.
- The cosmic microwave background is a perfect blackbody with a temperature $T_0=2.725\text{K}$ filling the whole universe, so dominating over stellar and any other radiation at large scales.
- Its density today is negligible: $\Omega_{Ro} < 10^{-4}$
- However, early in the evolution of the universe, it dominated the energy density. In principle, it was light.

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = H_o^2 \left[\frac{\Omega_{Ro}}{a^4} + \frac{\Omega_{Mo}}{a^3} + \frac{(1-\Omega_o)}{a^2} + \Omega_\Lambda \right]$$

Density Parameter

- The total mass-energy density is the sum of all the components analyzed above.

$$\Omega_o = \Omega_{Ro} + \Omega_{Mo} + \Omega_{DMo} + \Omega_{\Lambda} \approx 1$$

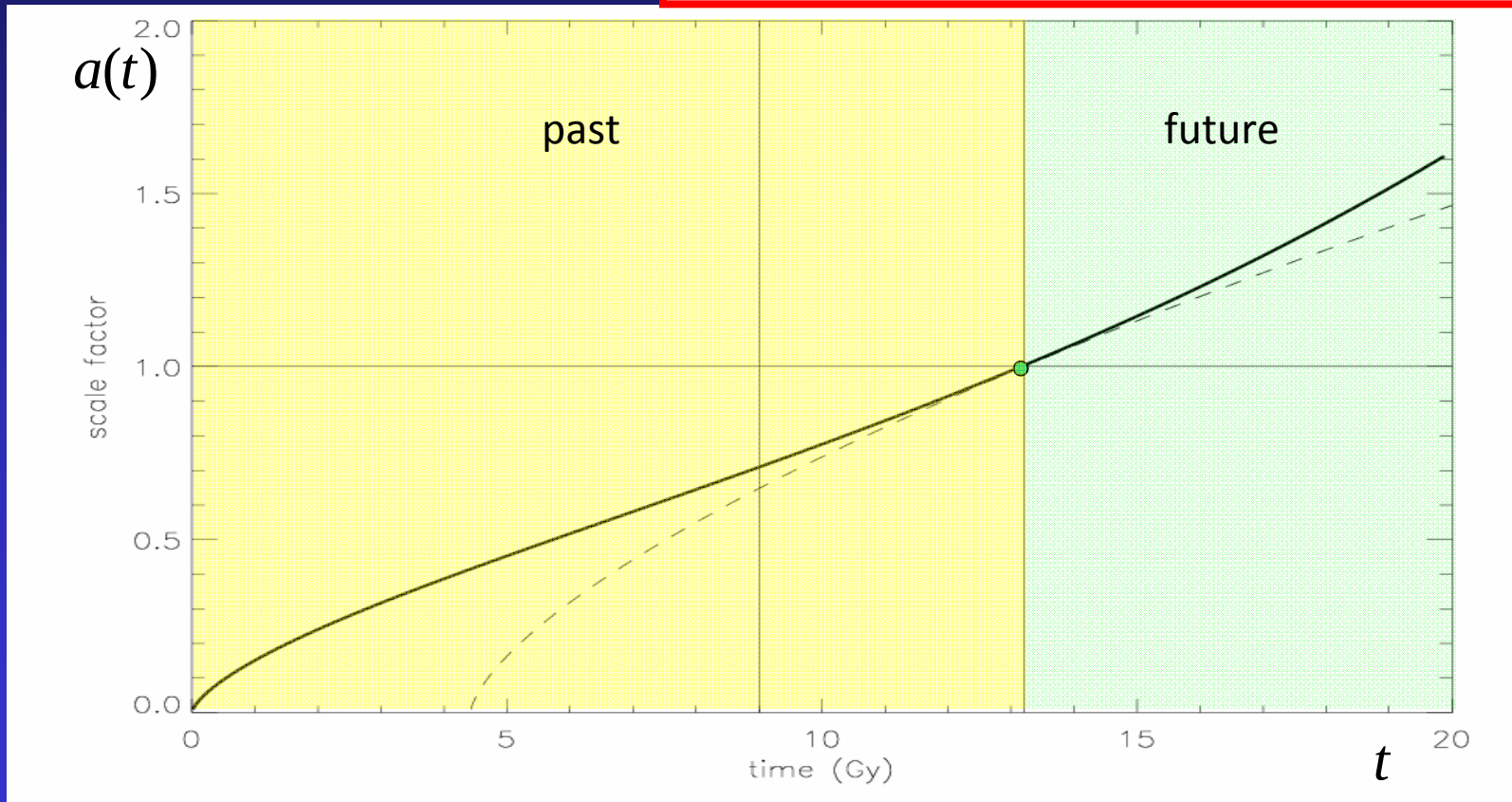
- I.e. the mass-energy density is consistent with the critical density, and there is no curvature of space.
- This result is confirmed and its accuracy is improved by measurements of the causal horizon at redshift 1100, using the cosmic microwave background:

$$\Omega_o = (1.02 \pm 0.02)$$

Friedman's equation

- We know all the parameters, so we can solve the equation:

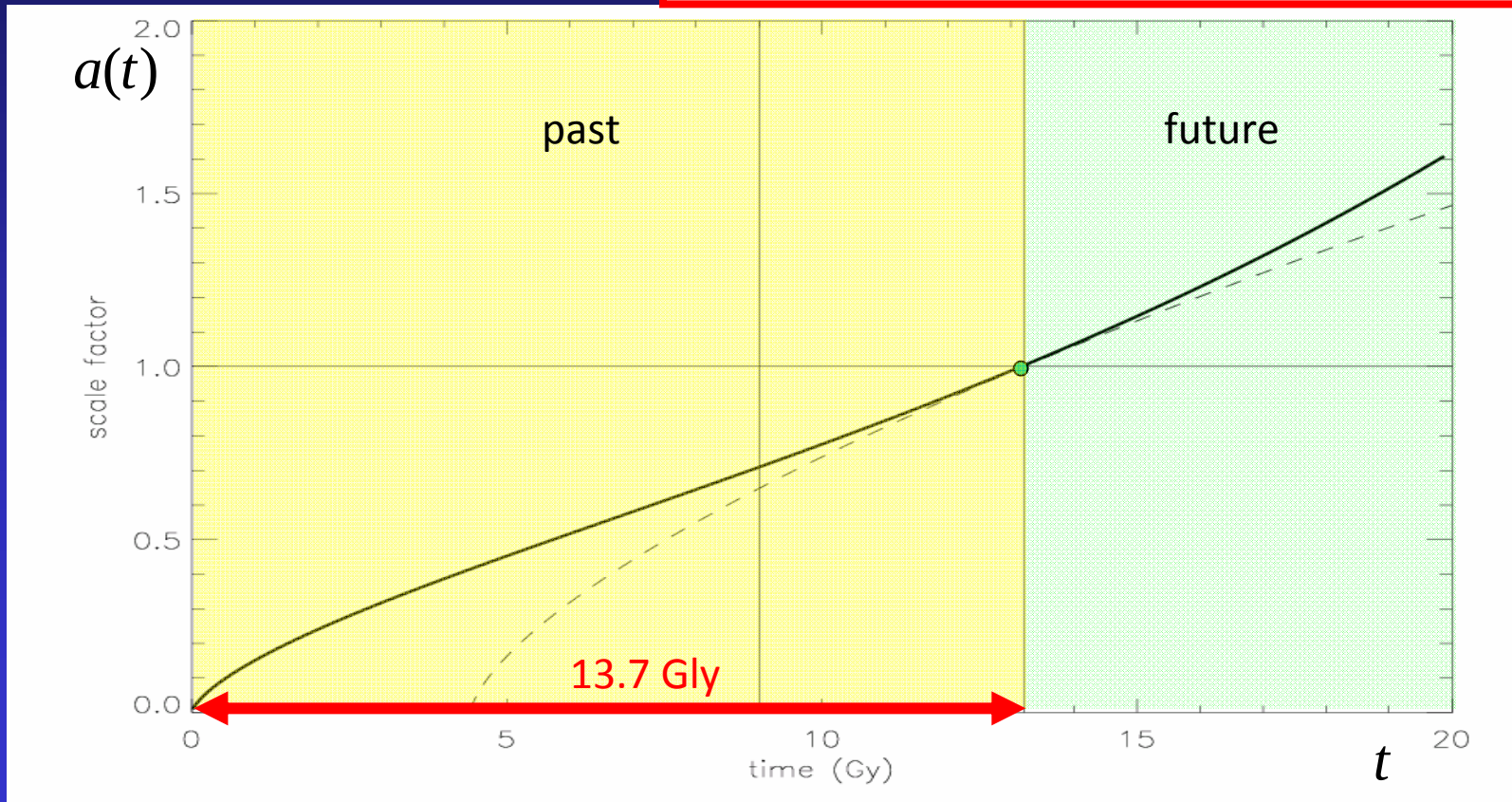
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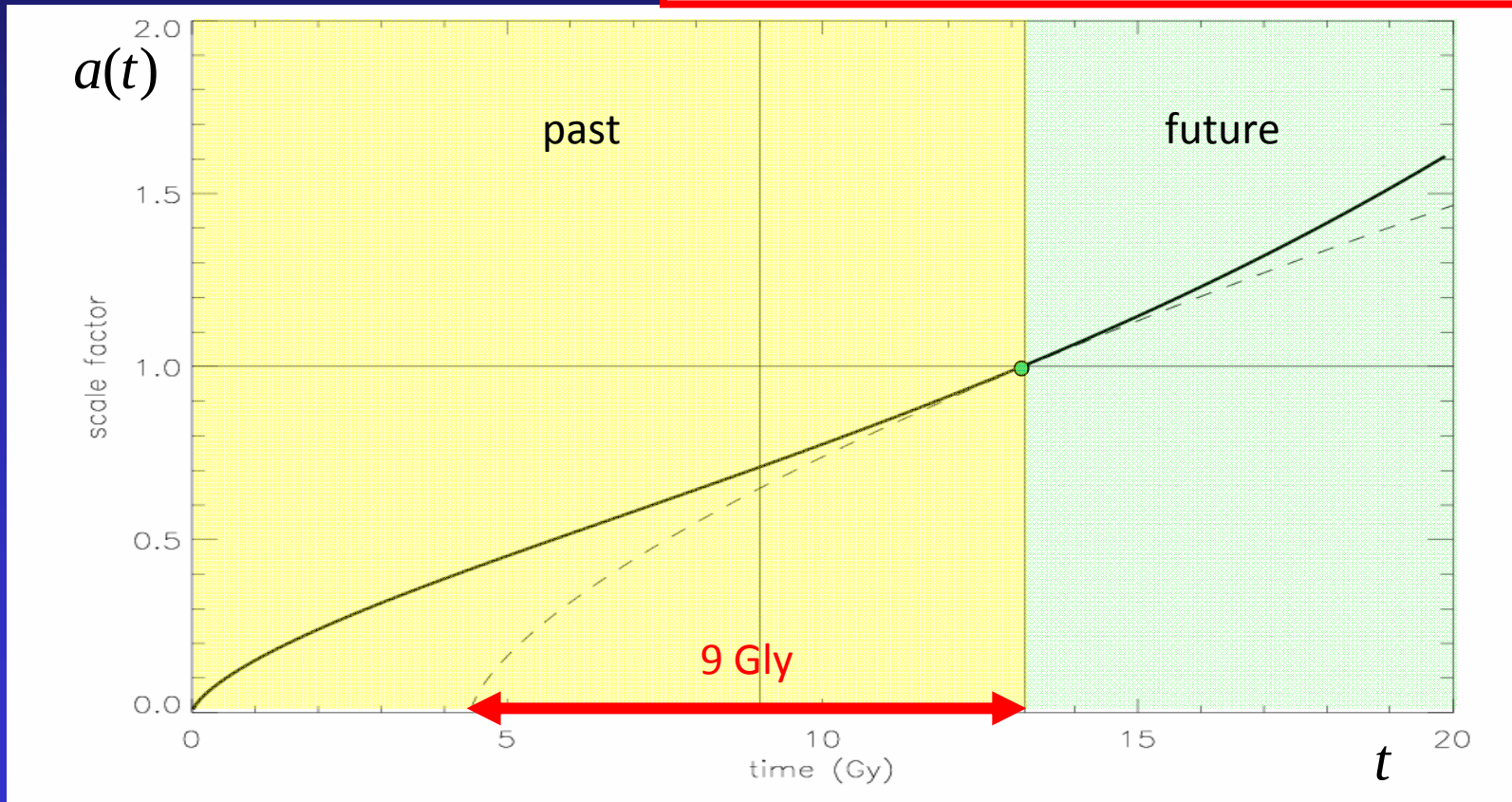
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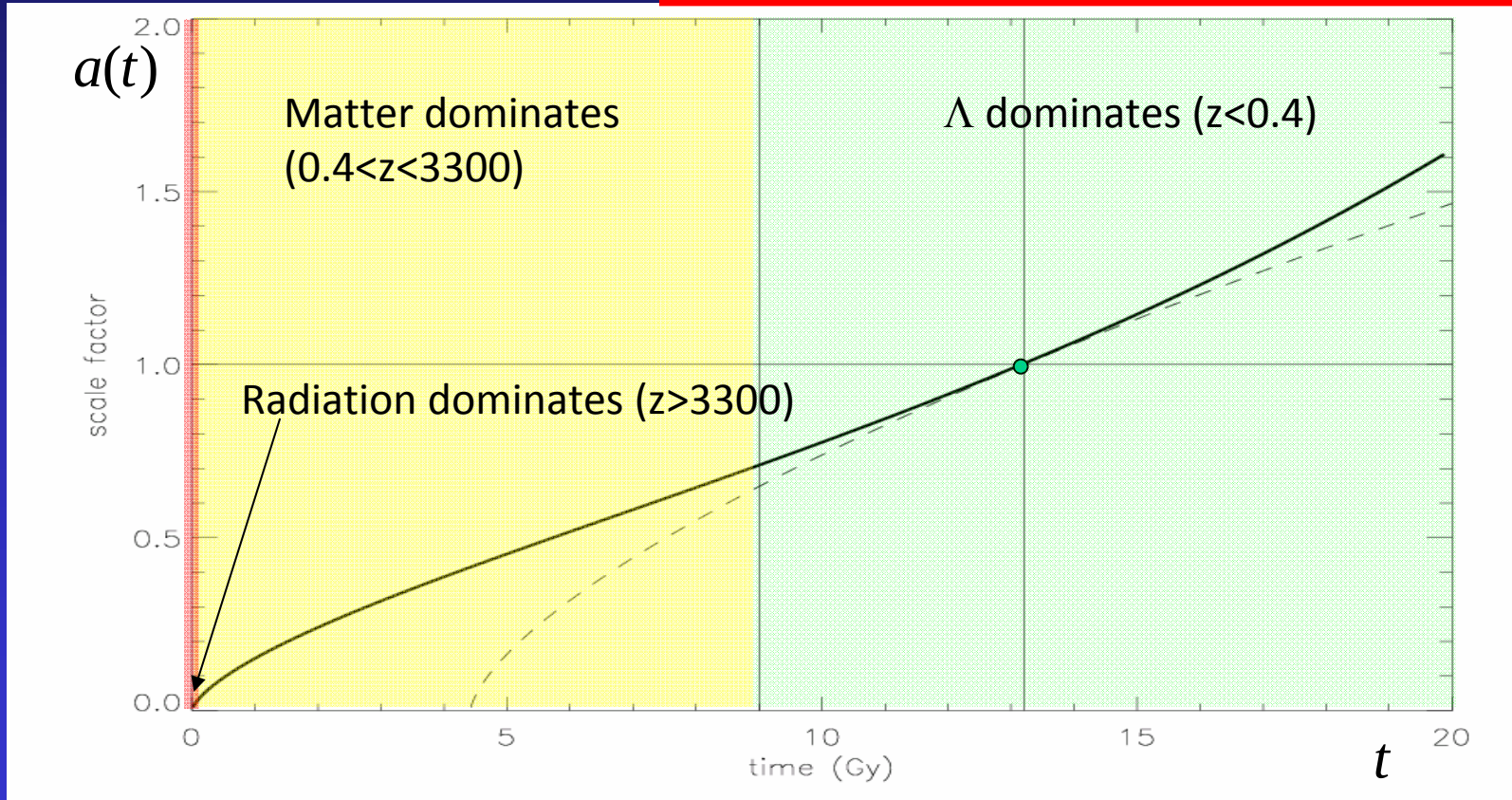


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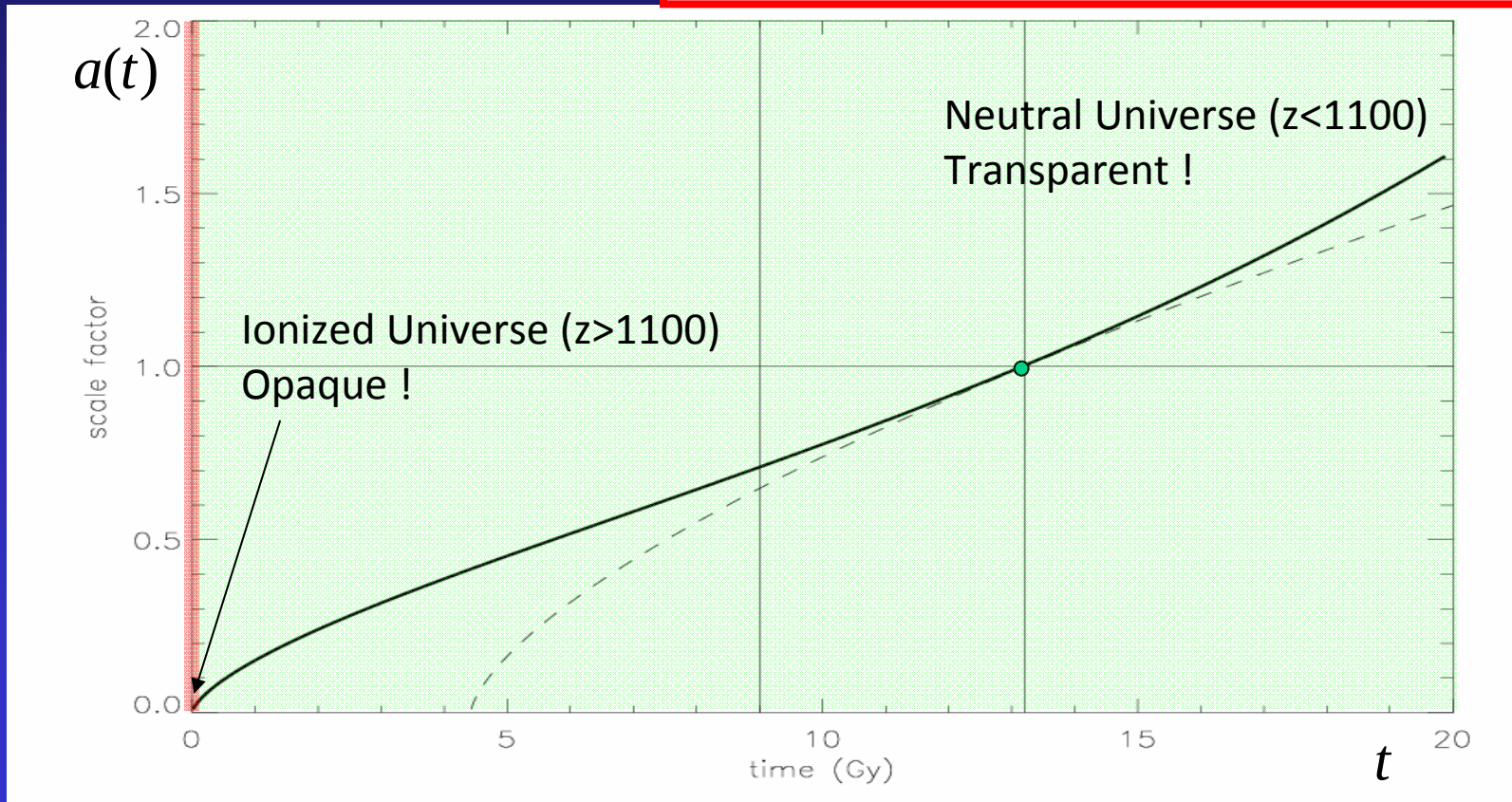
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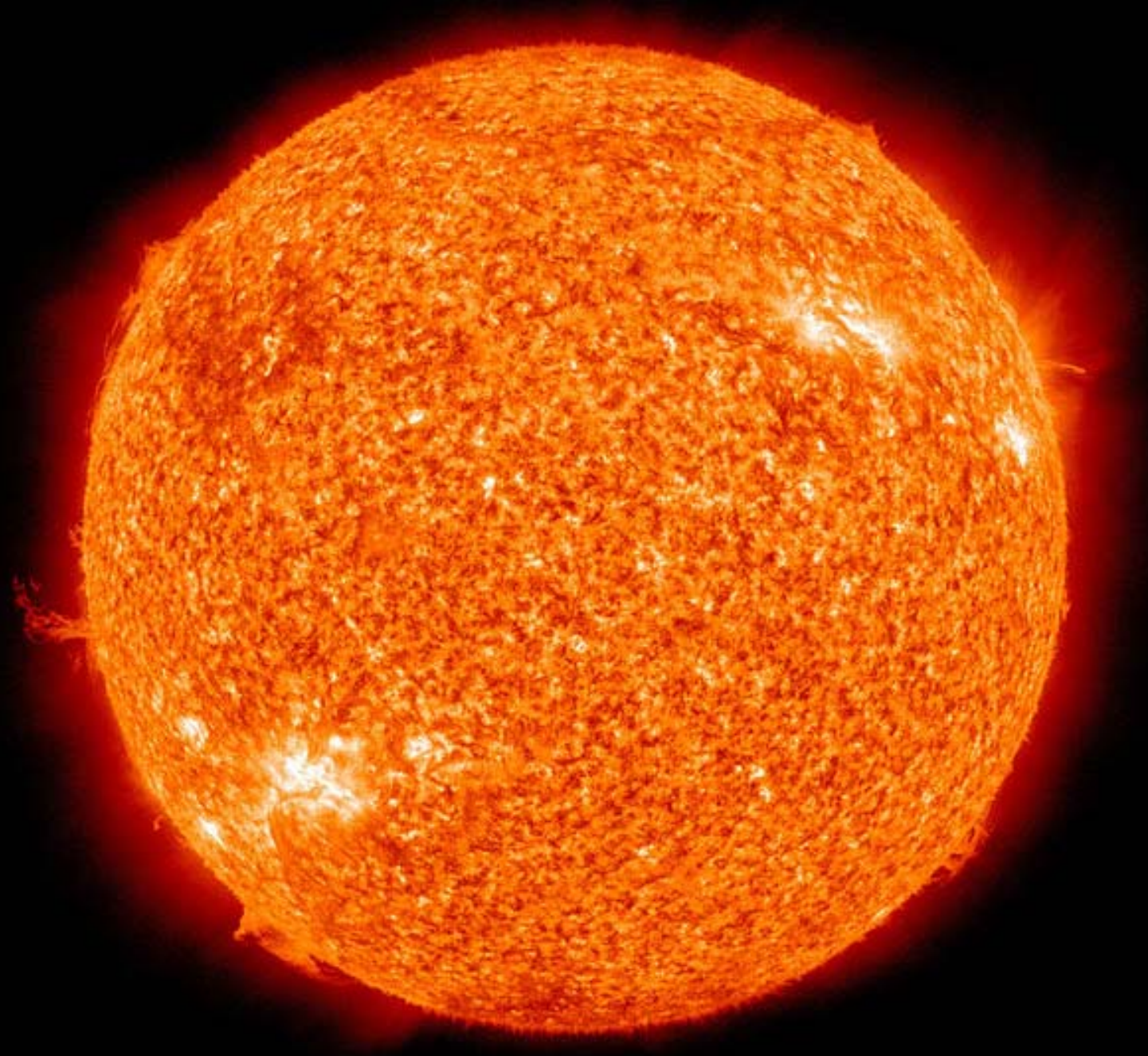


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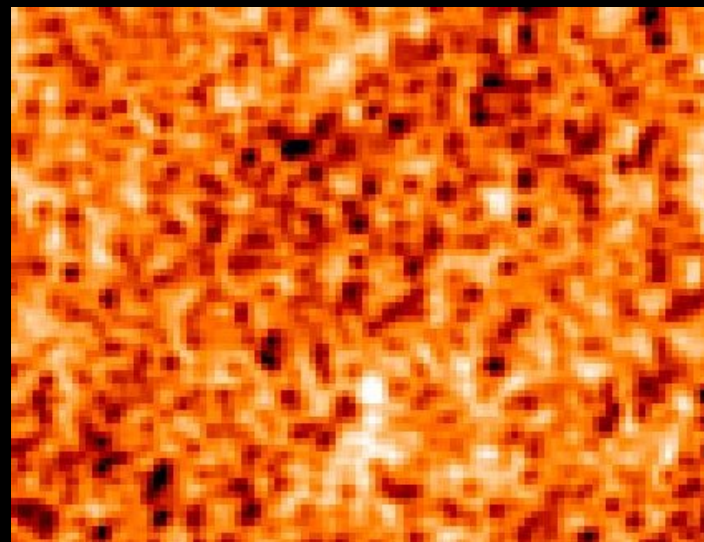
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Granulazione solare



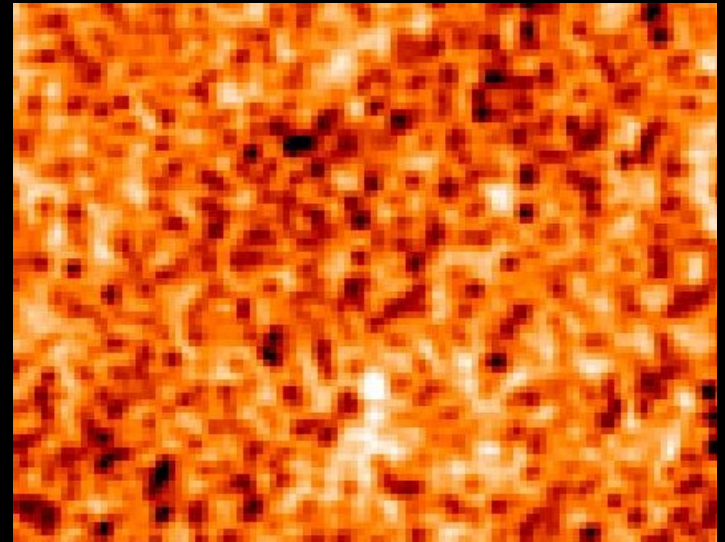
Gas incandescente
sulla superficie del
Sole (5500 K)

8 minuti luce



Qui, ora

Granulazione solare



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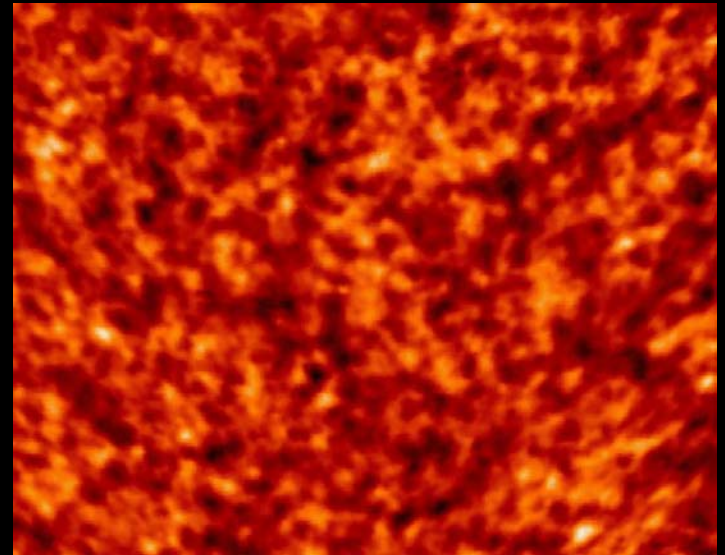
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Gas incandescente
nell' universo
primordiale (l'
universo diventa
trasparente a 3000 K)

14 miliardi di anni luce

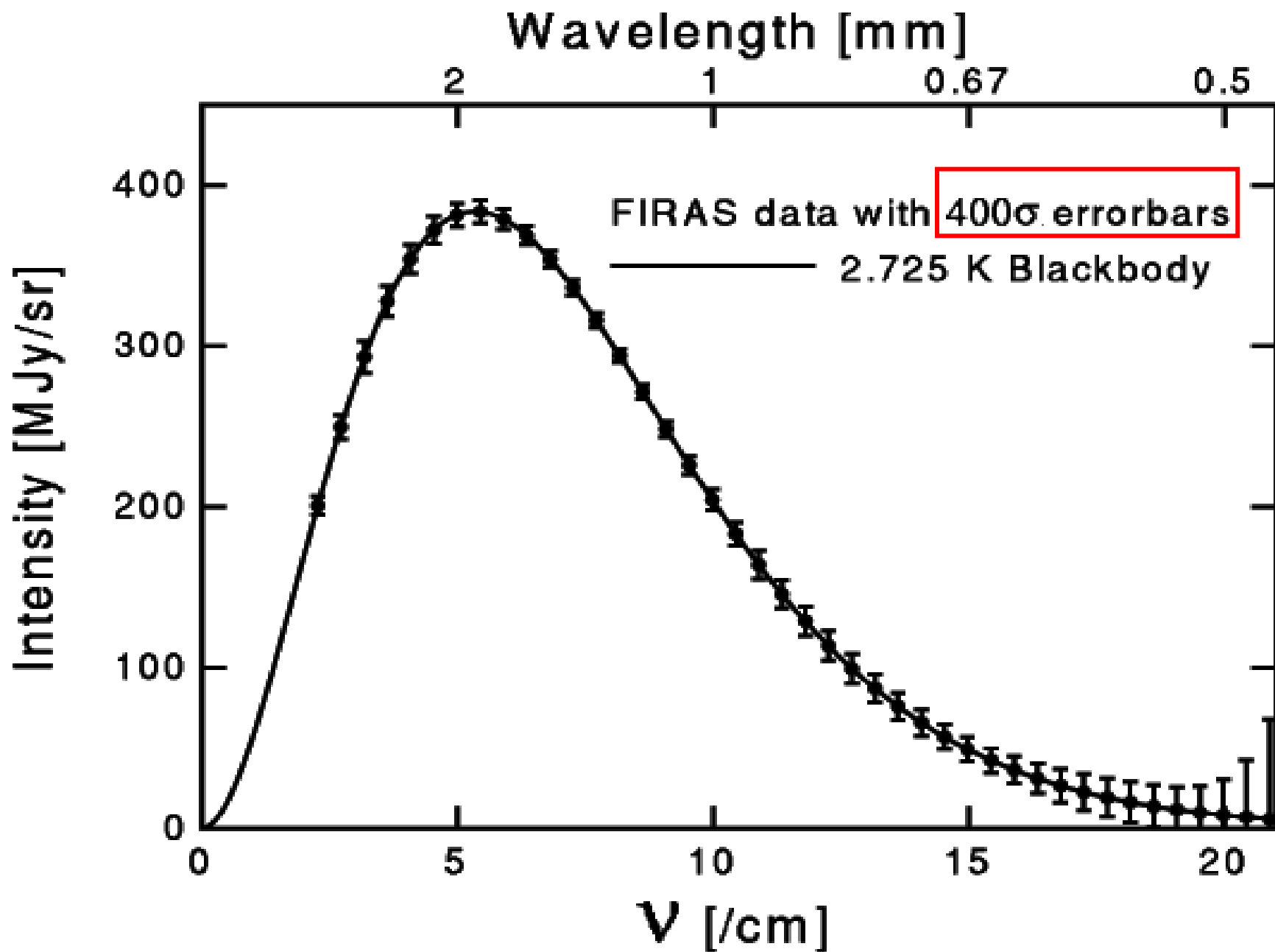
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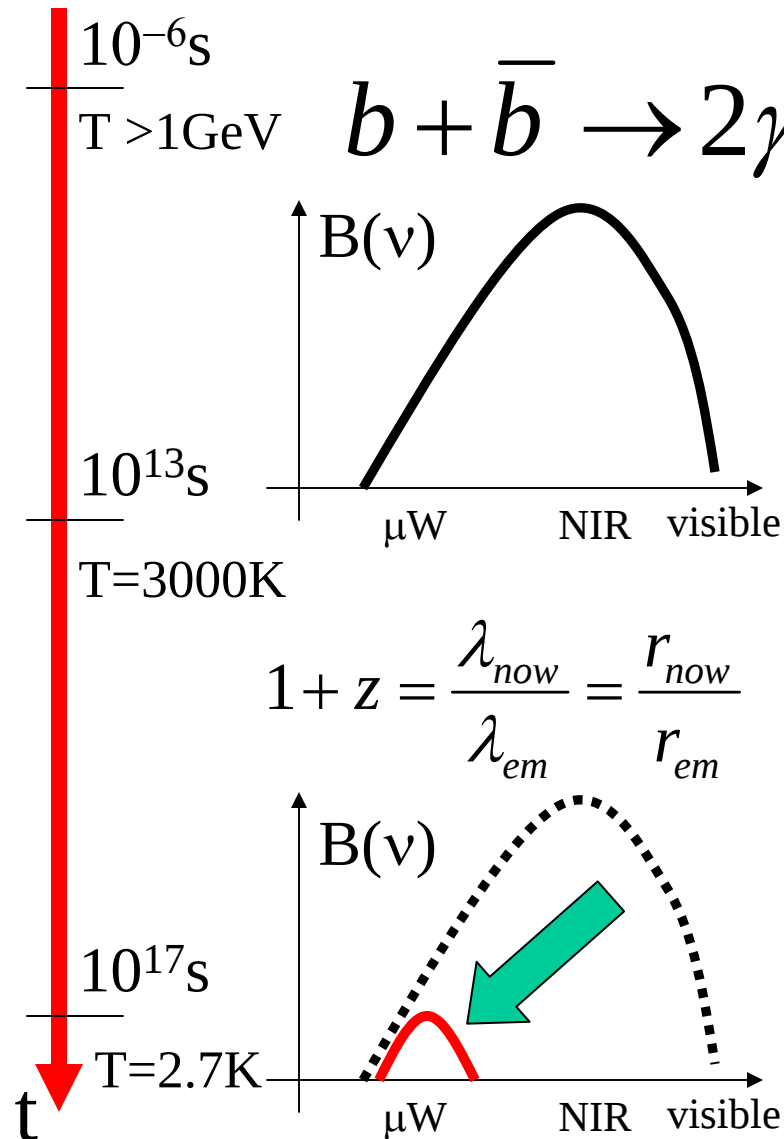
Mapa di BOOMERanG dell' Universo Primordiale

Fondo Cosmico di Microonde

- Osservando regioni di universo sempre più distanti, si arriva a sondare un' epoca in cui l' universo era talmente denso e caldo da essere ionizzato, e quindi opaco.
- Da questa barriera incandescente (simile alla superficie del sole) proviene luce che, a causa della successiva espansione dell' universo, si trasforma in microonde che possono essere osservate ancora oggi.
- Il fondo cosmico di microonde, uno straordinario portatore di informazioni sulle primissime fasi dell' espansione dell' universo.



What is the CMB

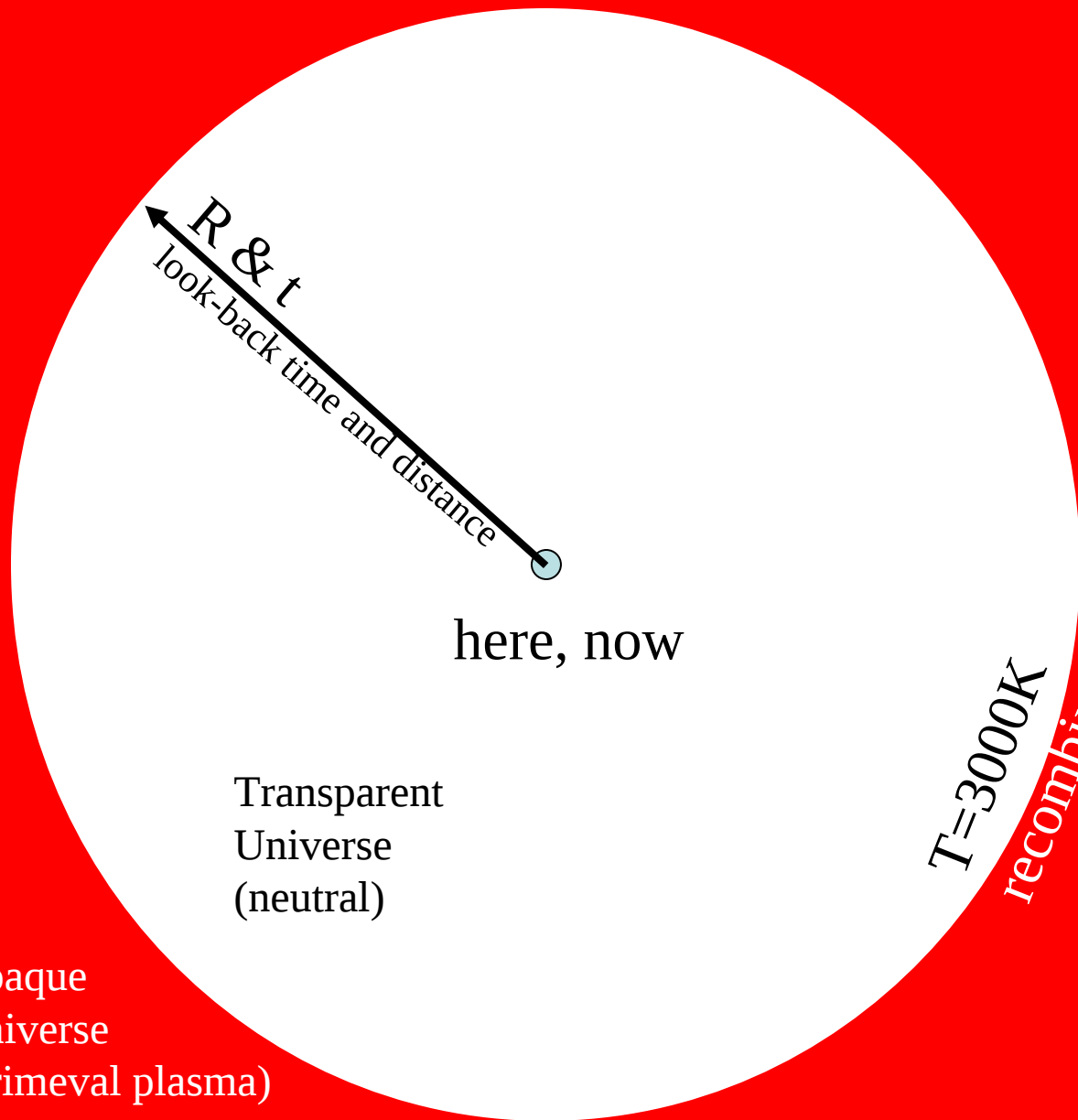


According to modern cosmology:

An abundant background of photons filling the Universe.

- **Generated** in the very early universe, less than $4\ \mu\text{s}$ after the Big Bang ($10^9\gamma$ for each baryon)
- **Thermalized** in the primeval fireball (in the first 380000 years after the big bang) by repeated scattering against free electrons
- **Redshifted** to microwave frequencies **and diluted** in the subsequent 14 Gyrs of expansion of the Universe
- **Today: $410\gamma/\text{cm}^3$, $\sim 1\ \text{meV}$**

These photons carry
significant information
on the structure, evolution and
composition of our universe



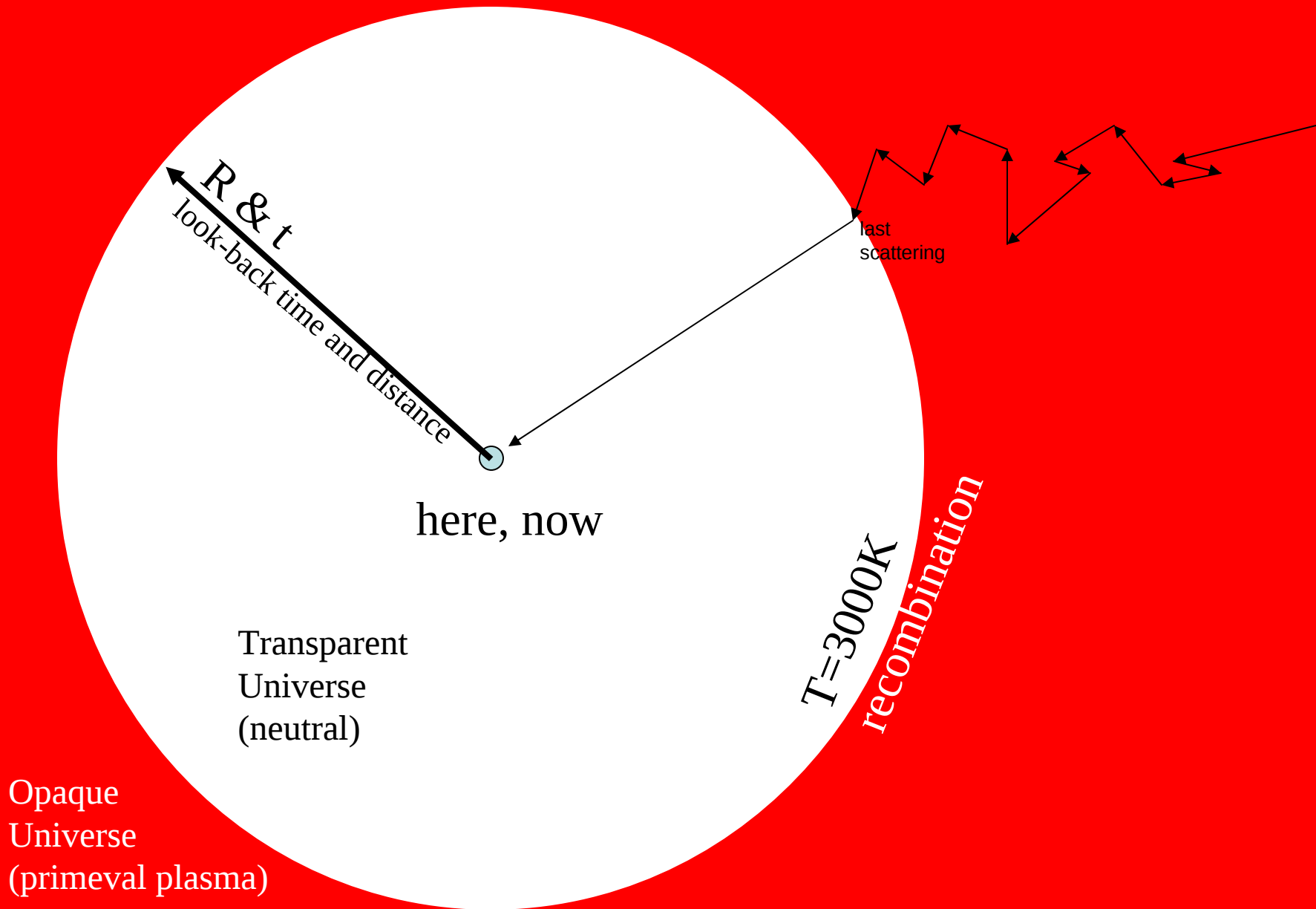
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Transparent
Universe
(neutral)

$T=3000K$

recombination

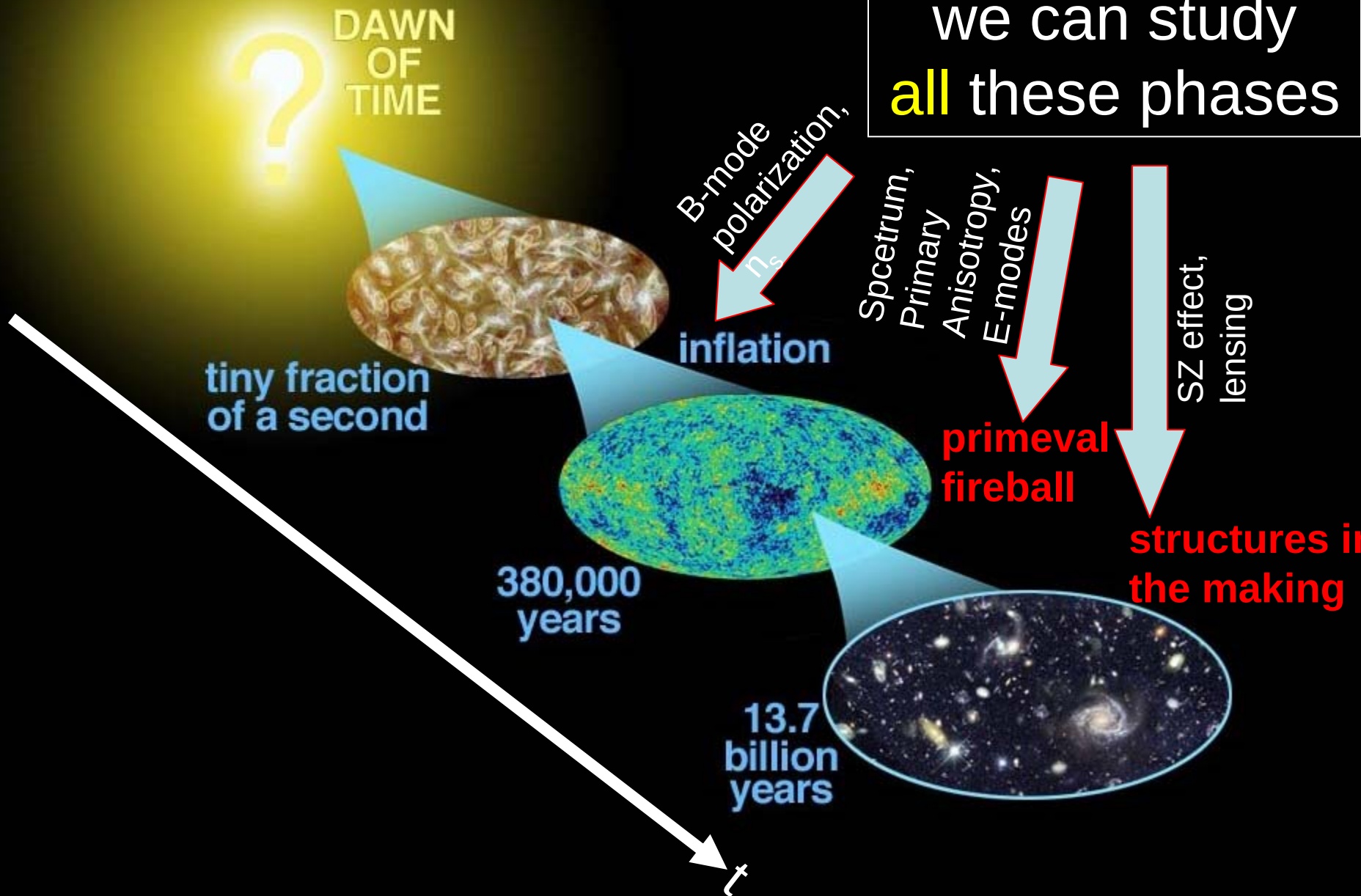
Opaque
Universe
(primeval plasma)



The spectrum

- CMB photons are produced when matter and radiation are in tight thermal equilibrium (Thomson scattering in the primeval plasma)
- The spectrum of the CMB has to be a **blackbody**.
- The expansion of the universe preserves the shape of a blackbody spectrum, while its temperature decreases as the inverse of the scale factor.
- Measuring a blackbody spectrum of the CMB, we can prove the existence of a primeval fireball phase of the universe.
- To be consistent with the primordial abundance of light elements, a temperature of **a few K** is expected (Gamow)

with CMB data
we can study
all these phases



CMB anisotropy (intrinsic)

- Different physical effects, all related to the *small* density fluctuations $\delta\rho / \rho$ present 380000 yrs after the big bang (recombination) produce CMB Temperature fluctuations:

$$\frac{\delta T}{T} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\delta\phi}{c^2} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\delta\rho_\gamma}{\rho_\gamma} - \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \cdot \vec{n}$$

Sachs-Wolfe
(gravitational
redshift)

Photon
density
fluctuations

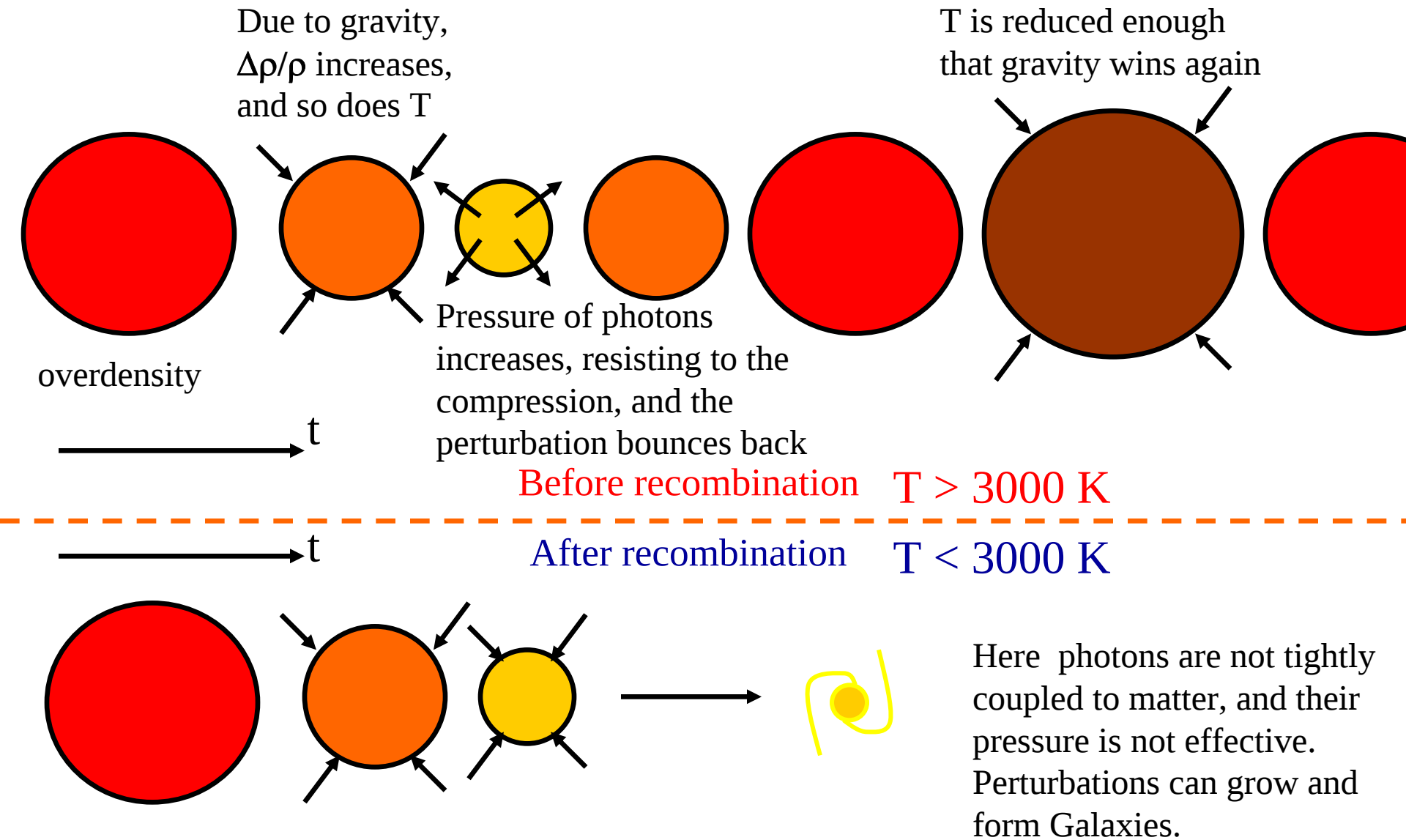
Doppler effect
from velocity
fields

- Scales larger than the horizon are basically frozen in the pre-recombination era. Flat power spectrum of $\delta T/T$ at large scales.
- Scales smaller than the horizon undergo acoustic oscillations during the primeval fireball. Acoustic peaks in the power spectrum of $\delta T/T$ at sub-degree scales.

CMB anisotropy (intrinsic)

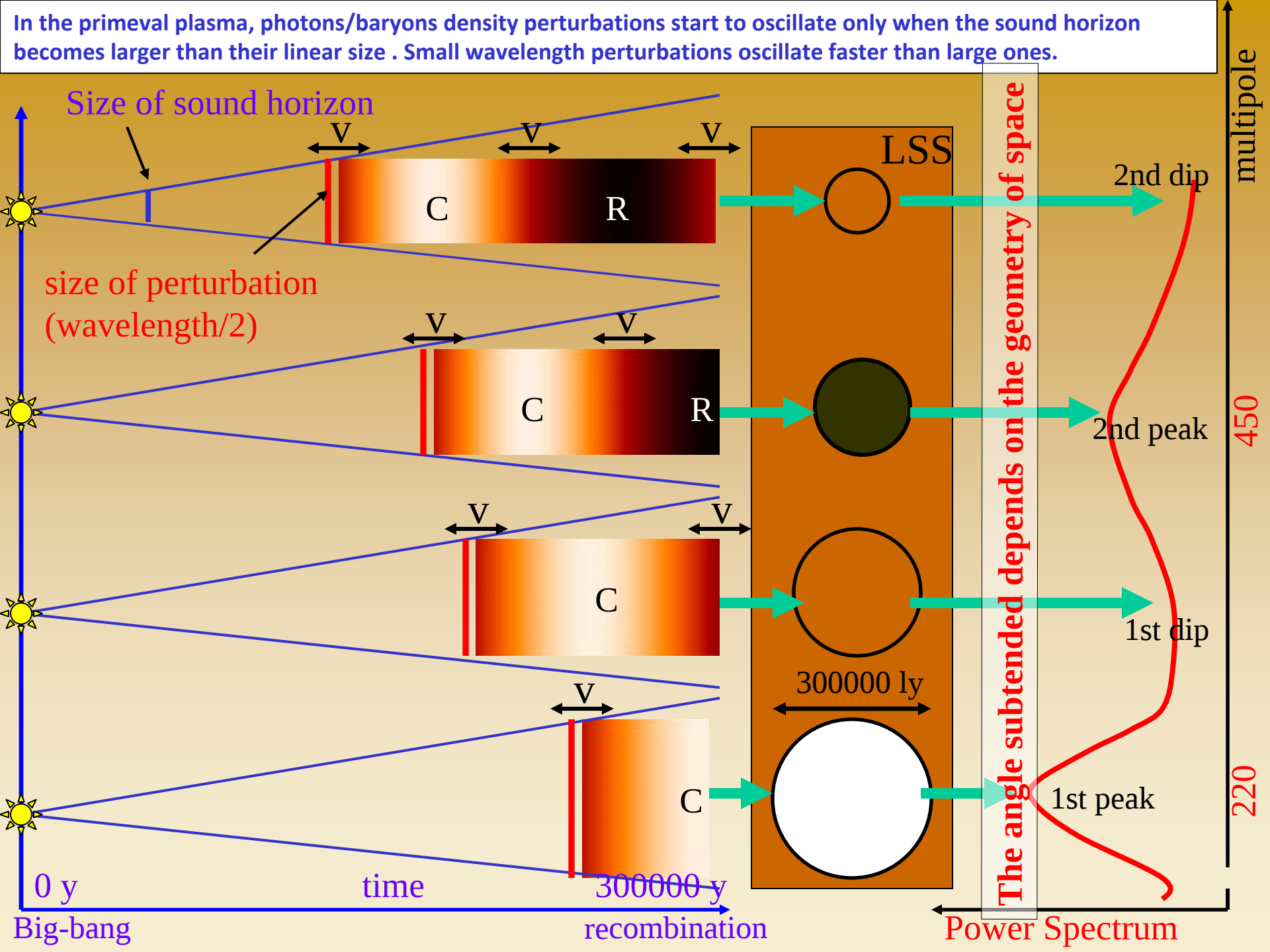
- The primeval plasma of photons and matter **oscillates** :
- self-gravity vs radiation pressure.
- We can measure the result of these oscillations as a weak anisotropy pattern in the **image** of the CMB.
- Statistical theory: all information encoded in the **angular power spectrum** of the image.

Density perturbations ($\Delta\rho/\rho$) were **oscillating** in the primeval plasma (as a result of the opposite effects of gravity and photon pressure).



After recombination, density perturbation can **grow** and create the hierarchy of structures we see in the nearby Universe.

In the primeval plasma, photons/baryons density perturbations start to oscillate only when the sound horizon becomes larger than their linear size . Small wavelength perturbations oscillate faster than large ones.



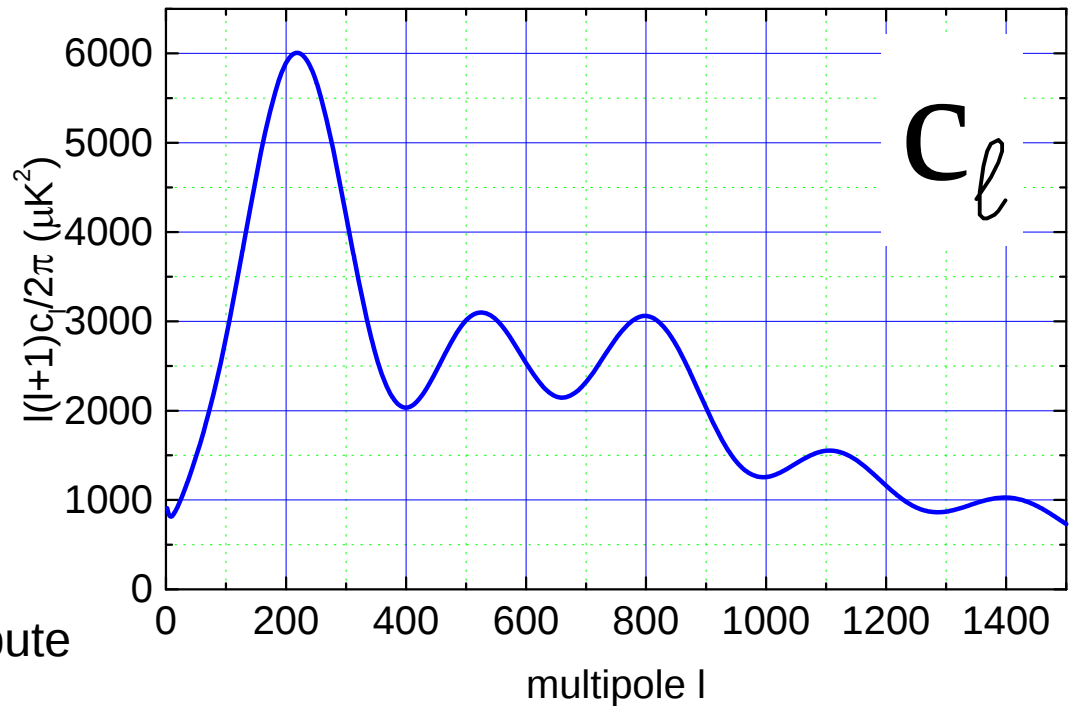
Expected power spectrum:

$$\Delta T(\theta, \varphi) = \sum_{\ell, m} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell}^m(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$c_{\ell} = \langle a_{\ell m}^2 \rangle$$

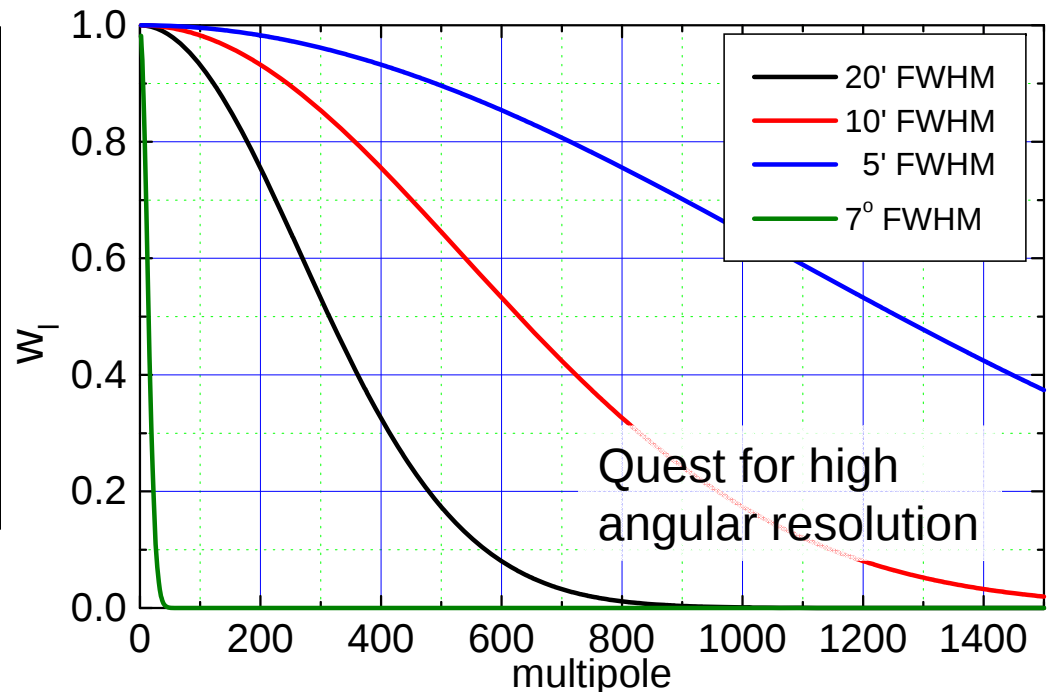
$$\langle \Delta T^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{\ell} (2\ell + 1) c_{\ell}$$

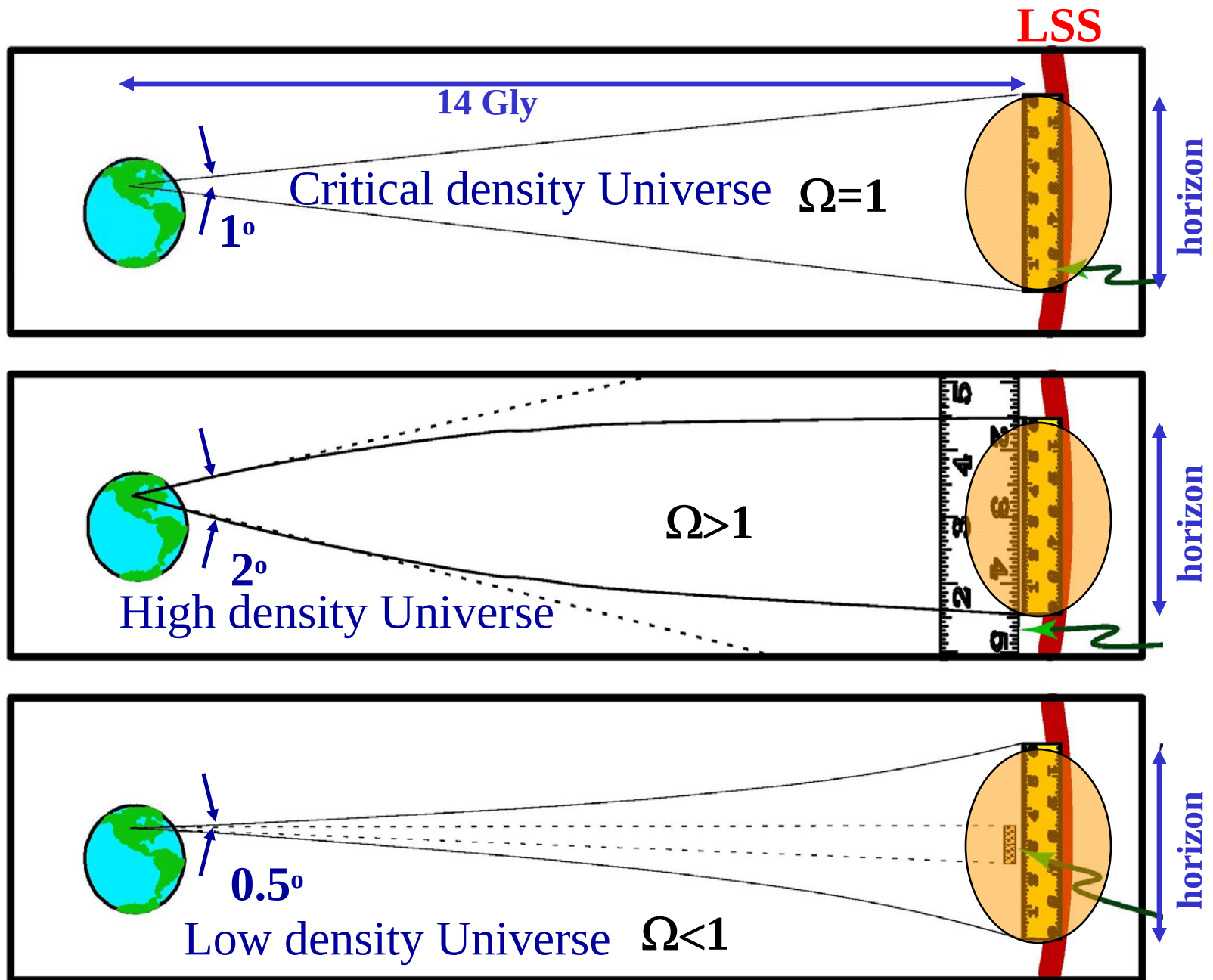
See e.g. <http://camb.info> to compute c_{ℓ} for a given cosmological model



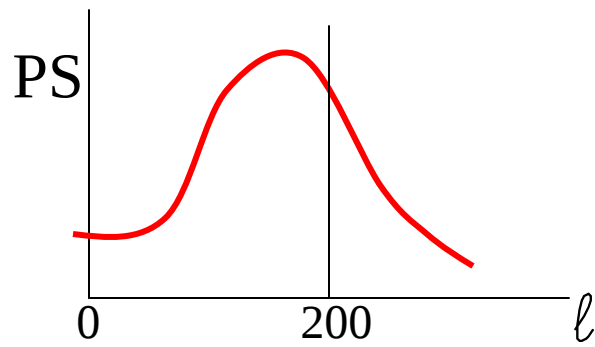
An instrument with finite angular resolution is not sensitive to the smallest scales (highest multipoles). For a gaussian beam with s.d. σ :

$$w_{\ell}^{LP} = e^{-\ell(\ell+1)\sigma^2}$$

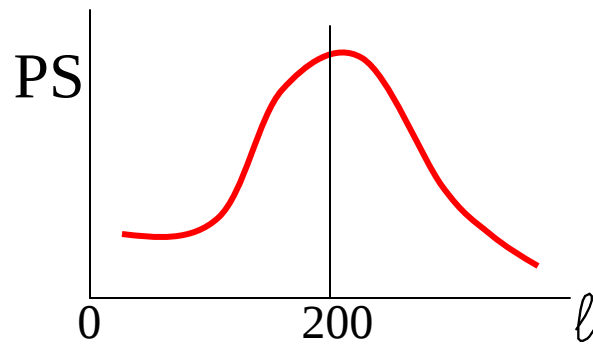




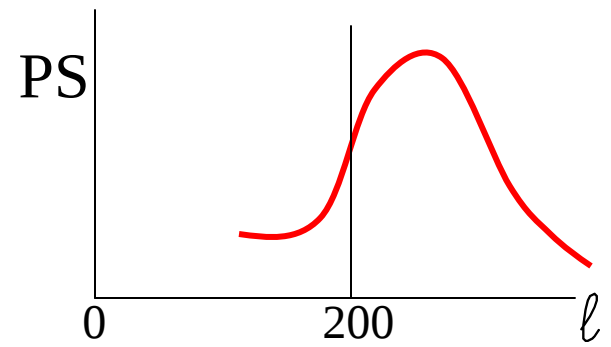
The image and PS are modified by the geometry of the universe



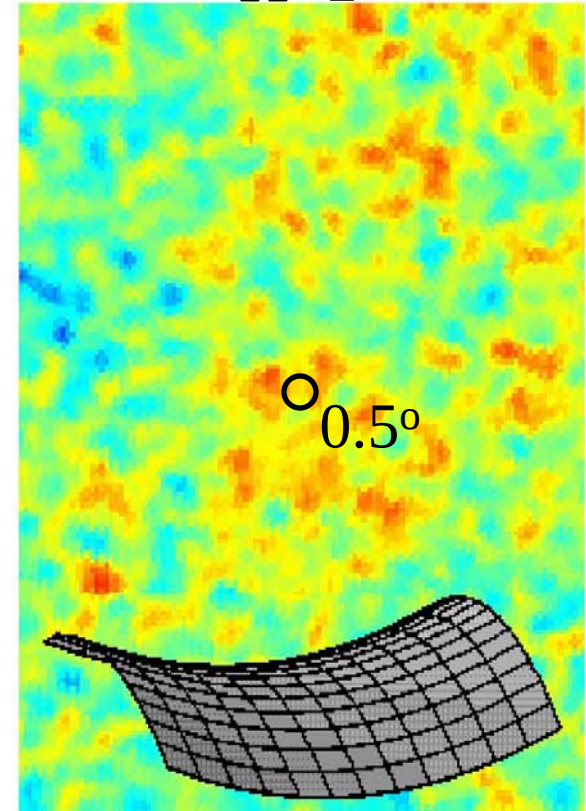
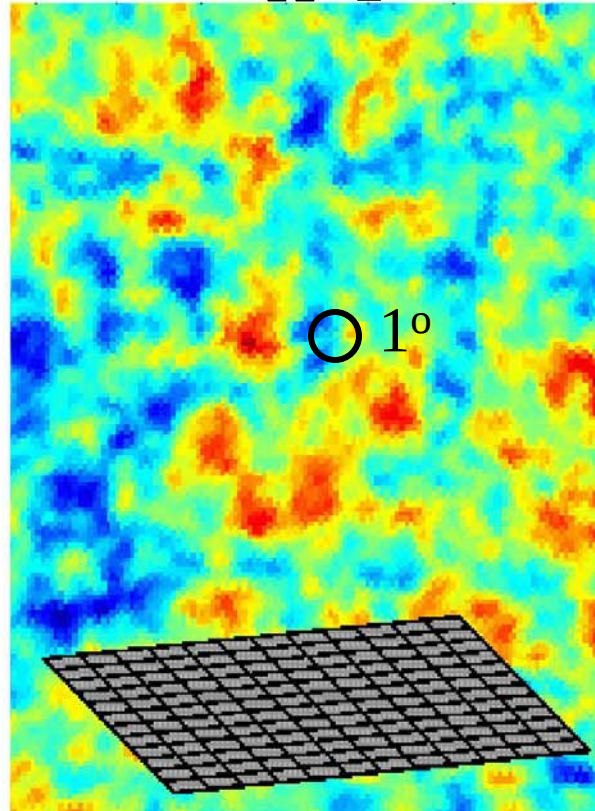
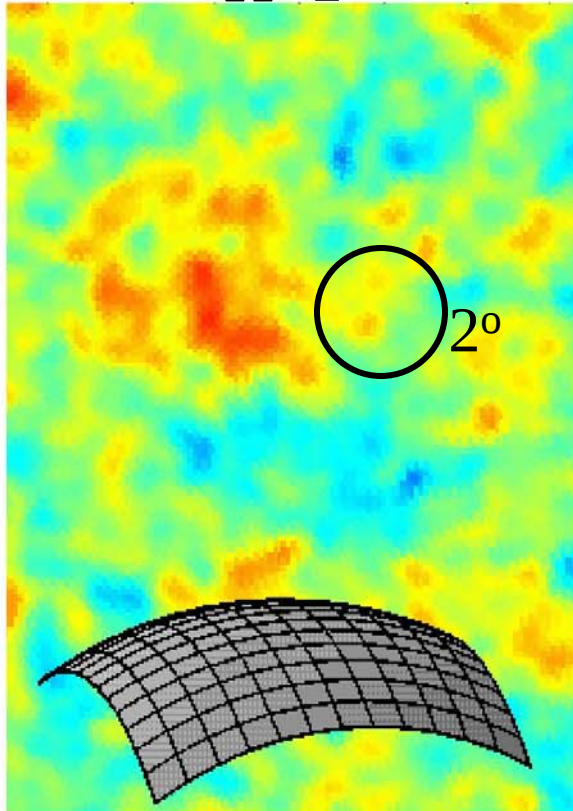
High density Universe
 $\Omega > 1$



Critical density Universe
 $\Omega = 1$



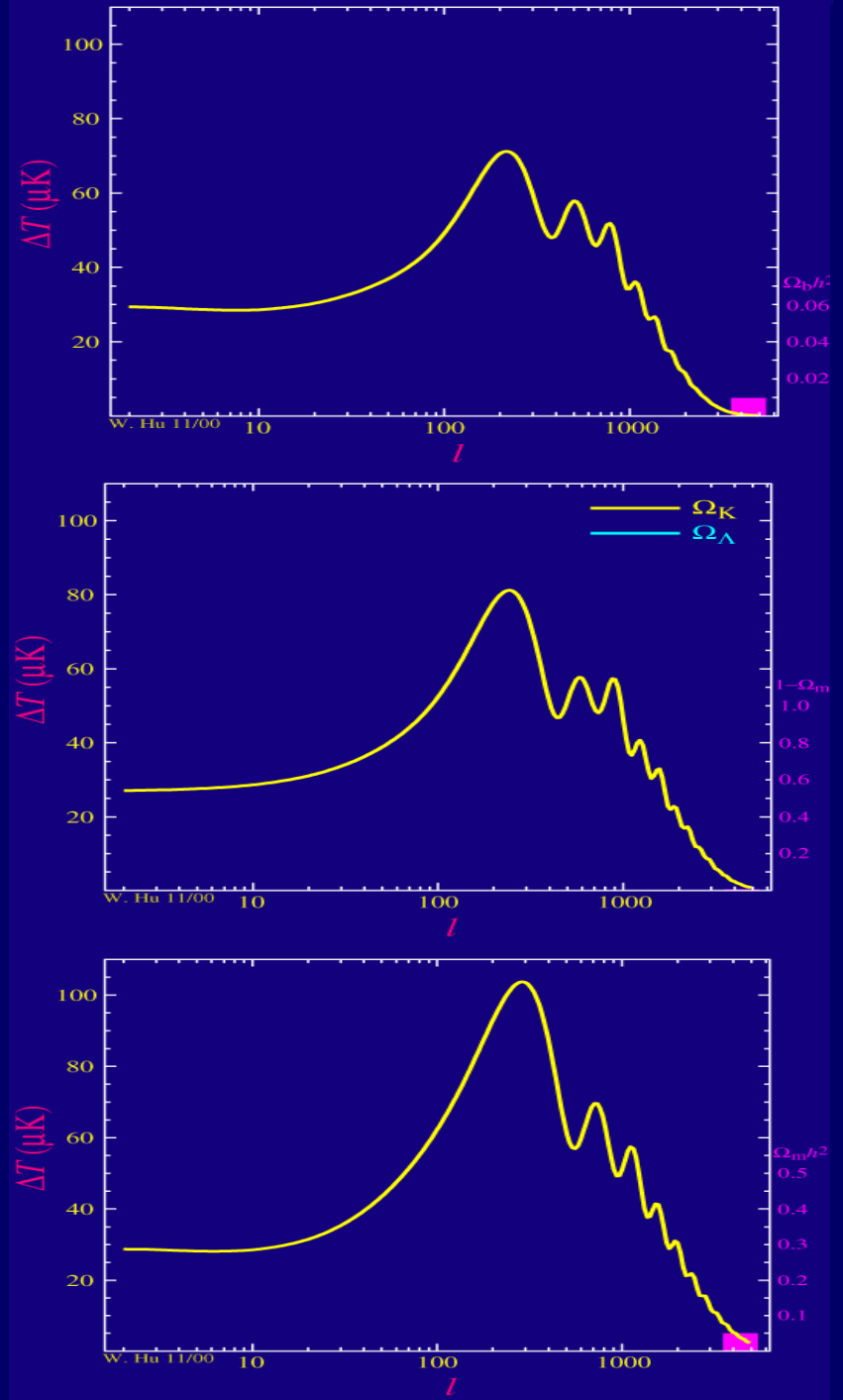
Low density Universe
 $\Omega < 1$



The mass-energy density of the Universe can be measured in this way.

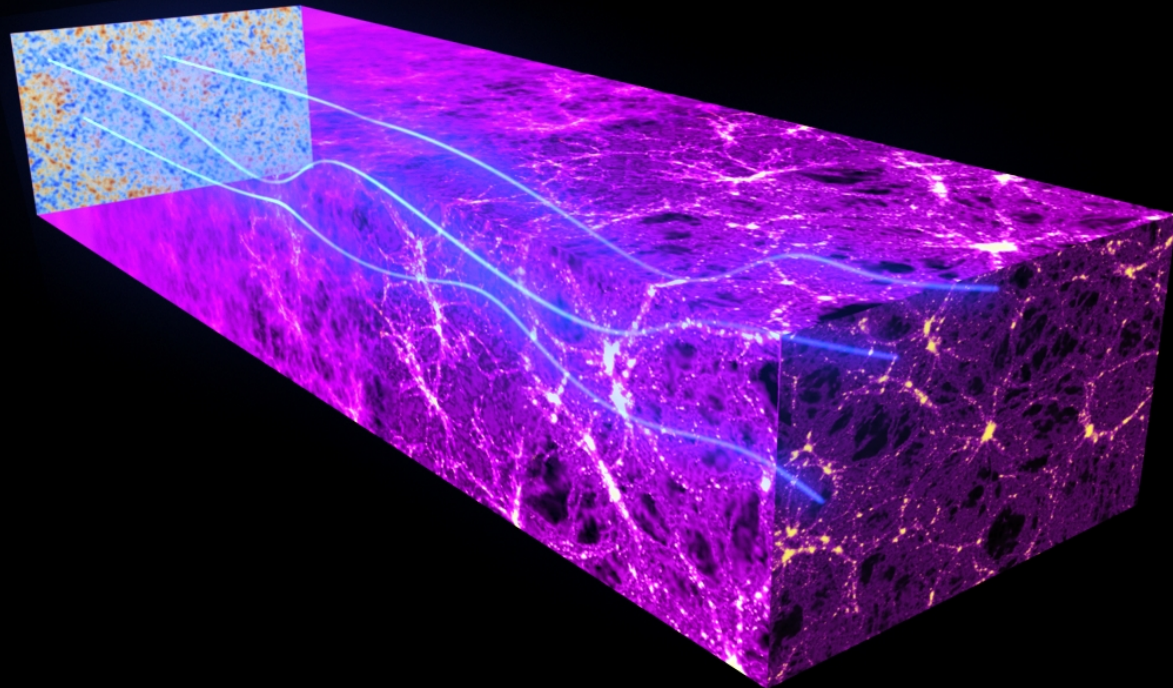
Composition

- The composition of the universe (baryons, dark matter, dark energy) affects the shape of the power spectrum.
- Accurate measurements of the power spectrum allow to constrain the energy densities of the different components of the universe.



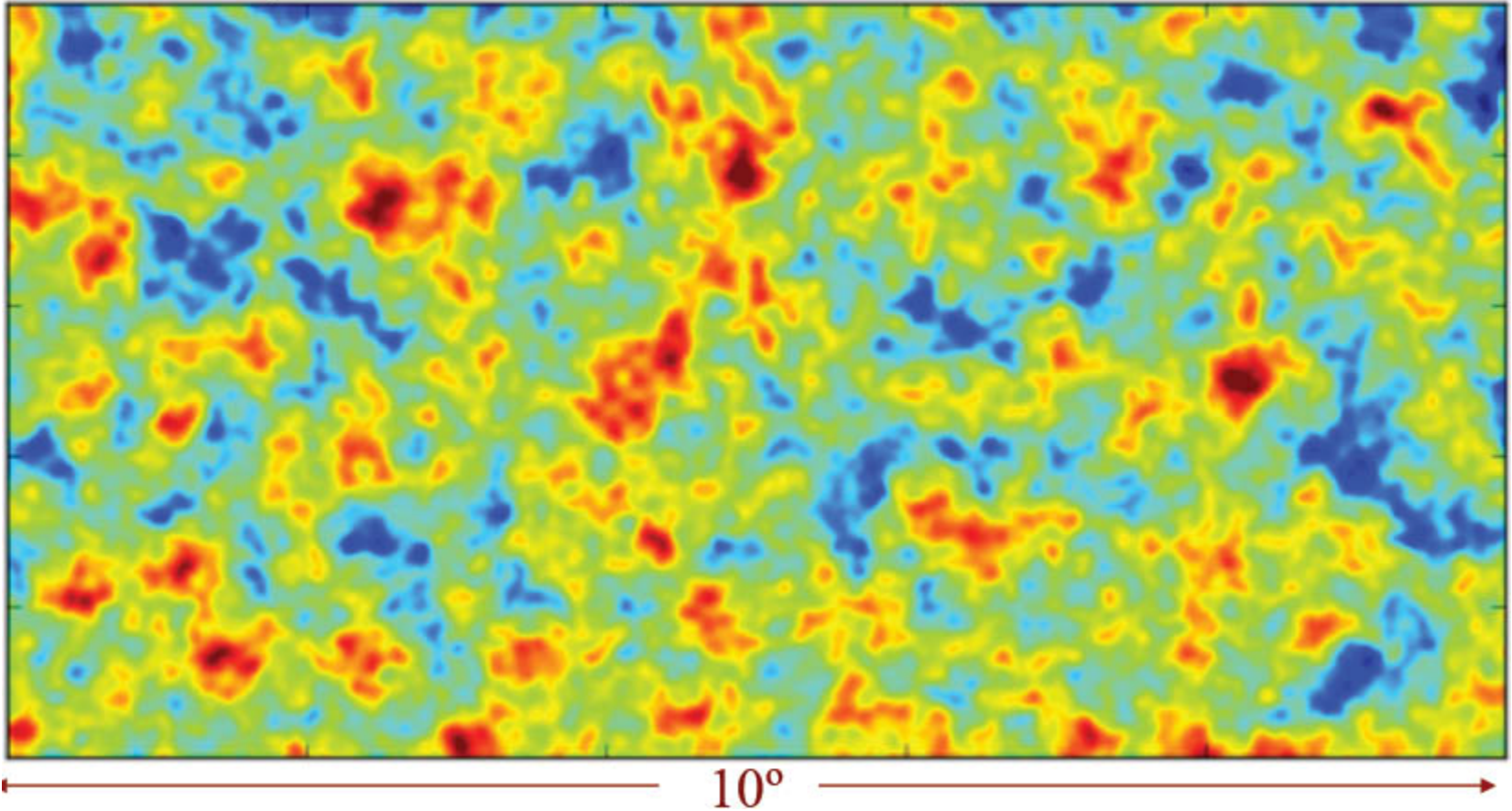
CMB anisotropy (lensing)

- Photons travelling in the universe for 13.7 Gly interact with massive structures, and are deflected (gravitational lensing)
- The result is a modified image of CMB anisotropy, which can be analyzed to study the distribution of mass (mainly dark matter) all the way to recombination.



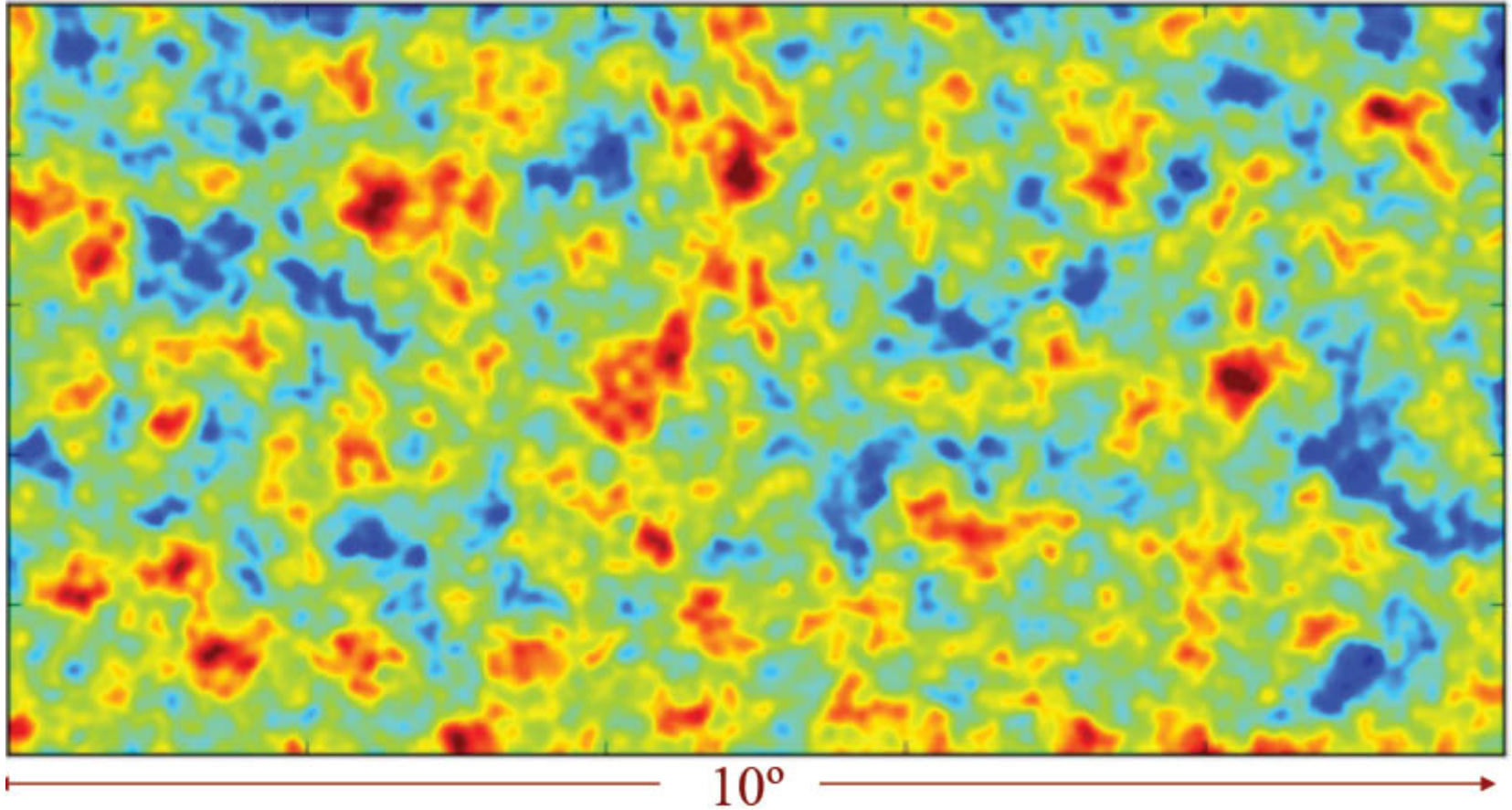
Typical deflection: 2.5'

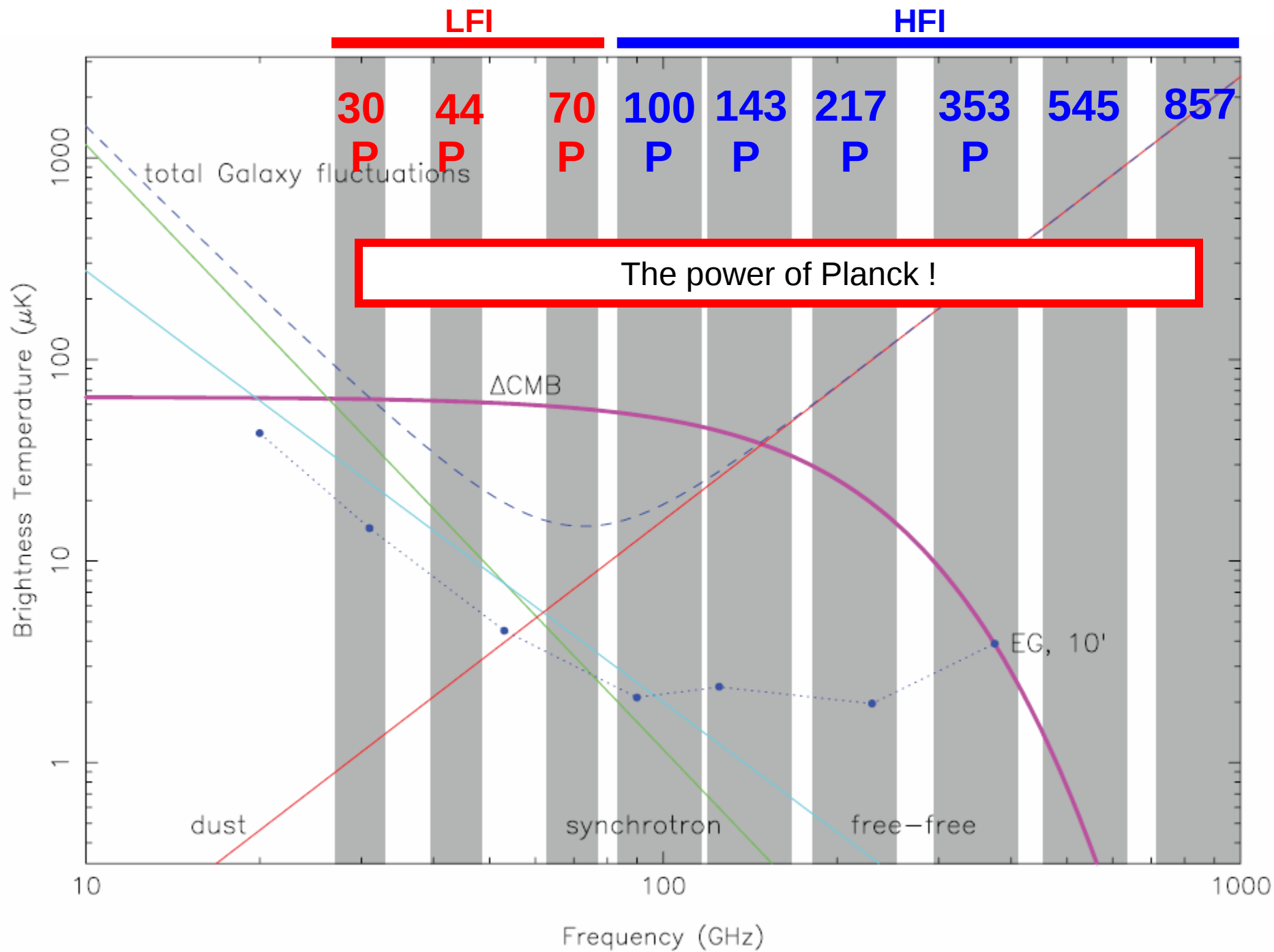
intrinsic CMB anisotropy

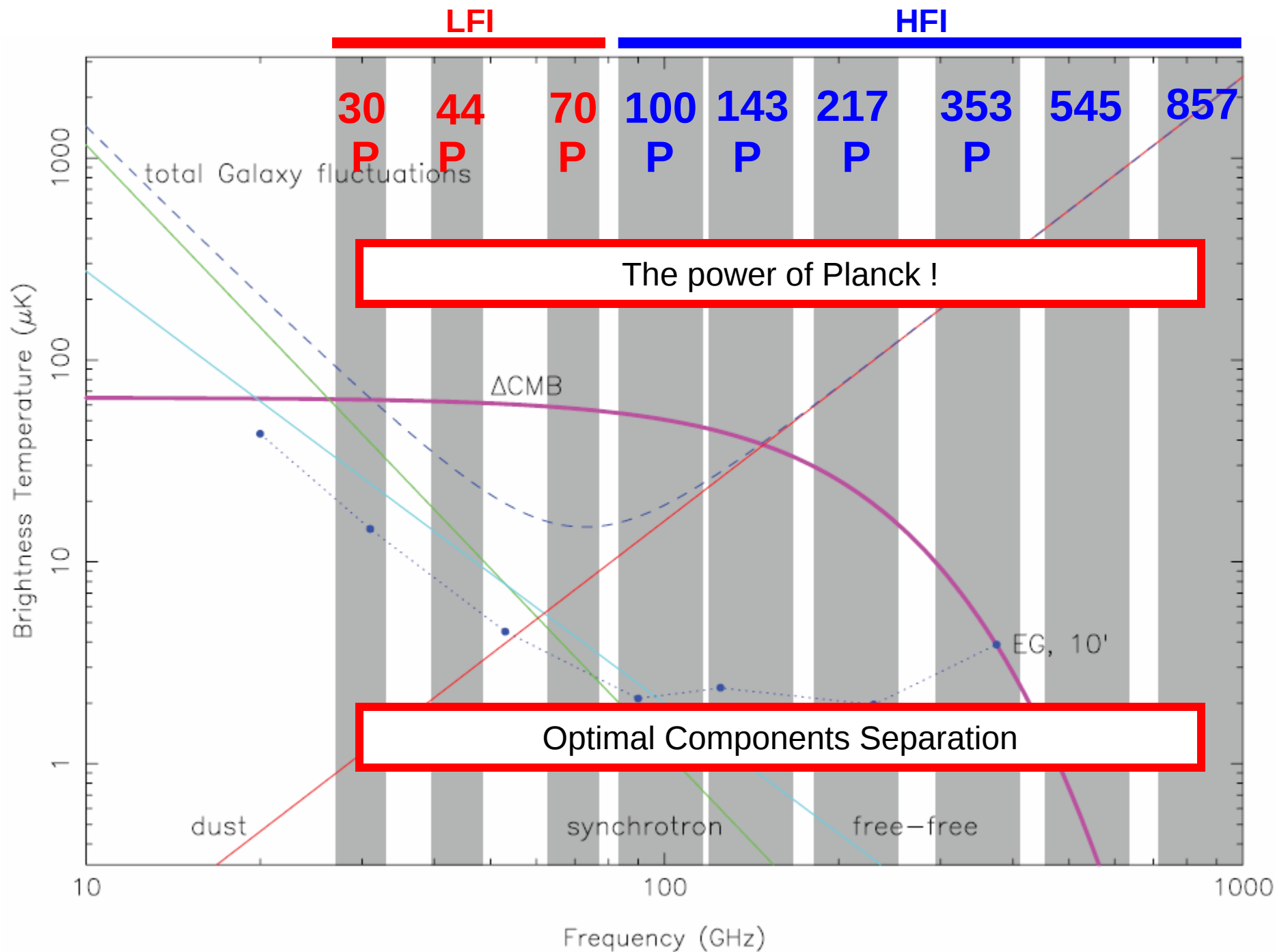


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lensed CMB anisotropy



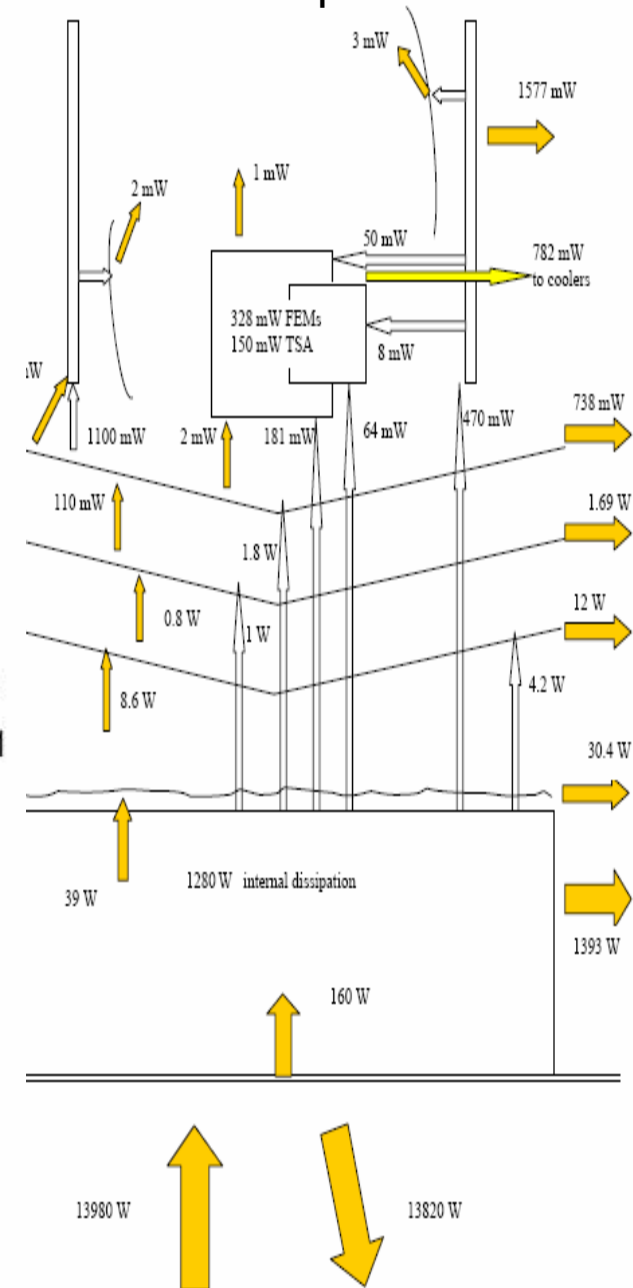
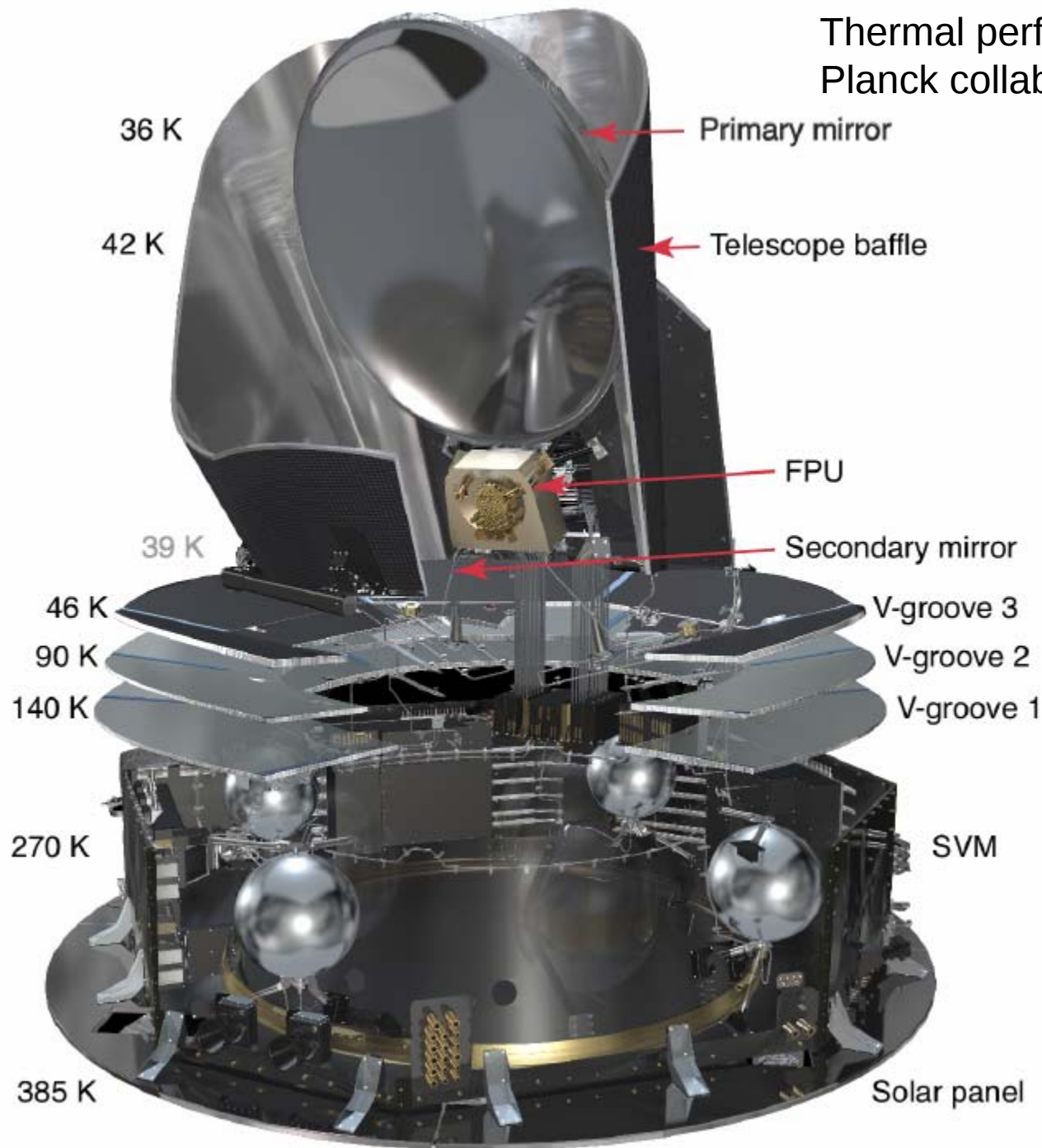






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Thermal performance : Planck collaboration: astro-ph/1101:2023



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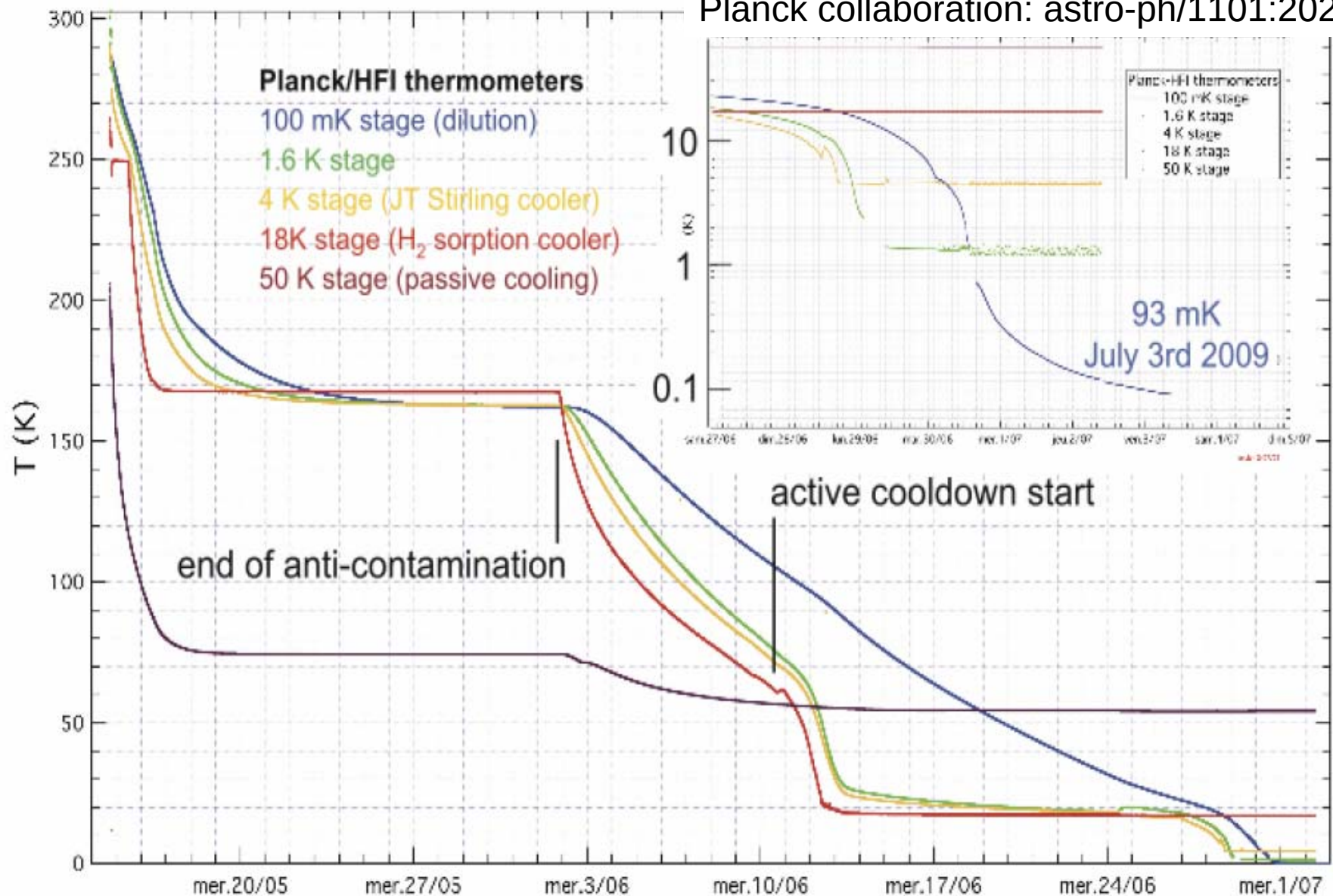
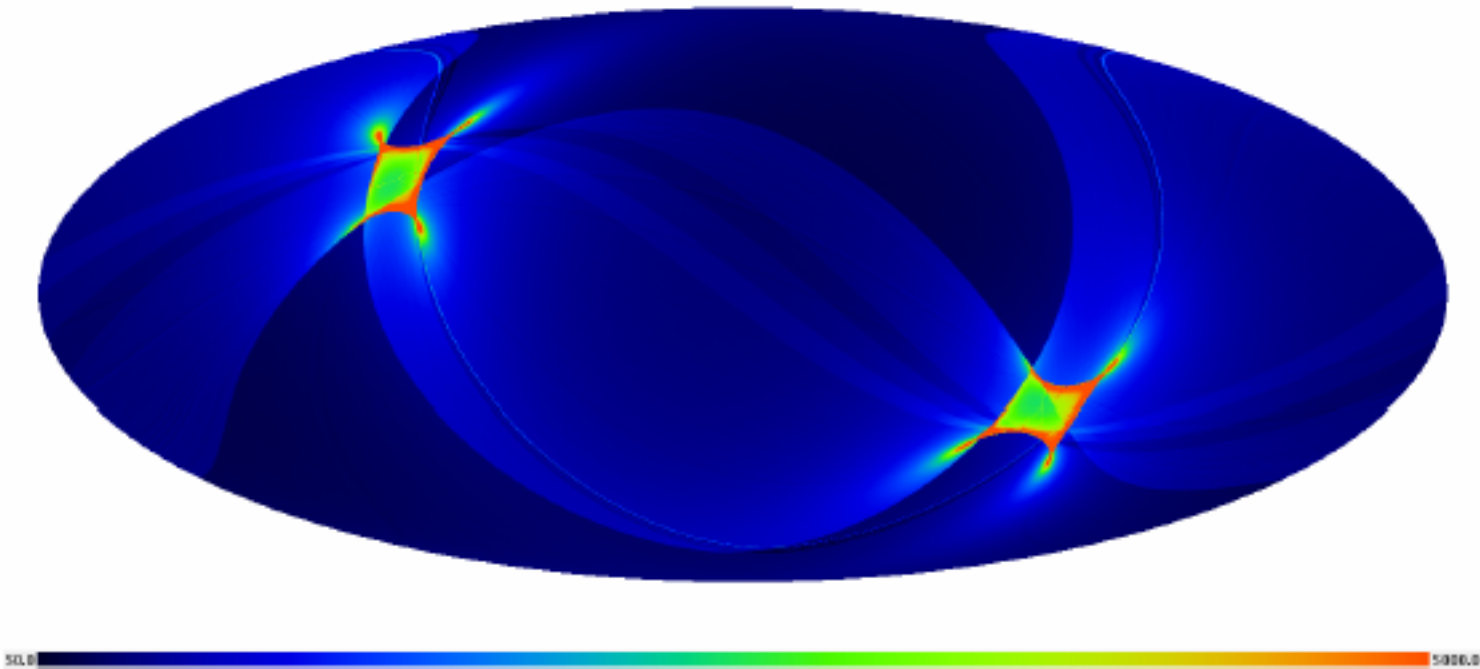


Table 1. *Planck* coverage statistics.

	30 GHz	100 GHz	545 GHz	
Mean ^a	2293	4575	2278	sec deg ²
Minimum	440	801	375	sec deg ²
< half Mean ^b	14.4	14.6	15.2	%
> 4× Mean ^c	1.6	1.5	1.2	%
> 9× Mean ^d	0.41	0.42	0.41	%

- ^a Mean over the whole sky of the integration time cumulated for all detectors (definition as in Table 3) in a given frequency channel.
- ^b Fraction of the sky whose coverage is less than half the Mean.
- ^c Fraction of the sky whose coverage is larger than four times the Mean.
- ^d Fraction of the sky whose coverage is larger than nine times the Mean.



A very stable environment

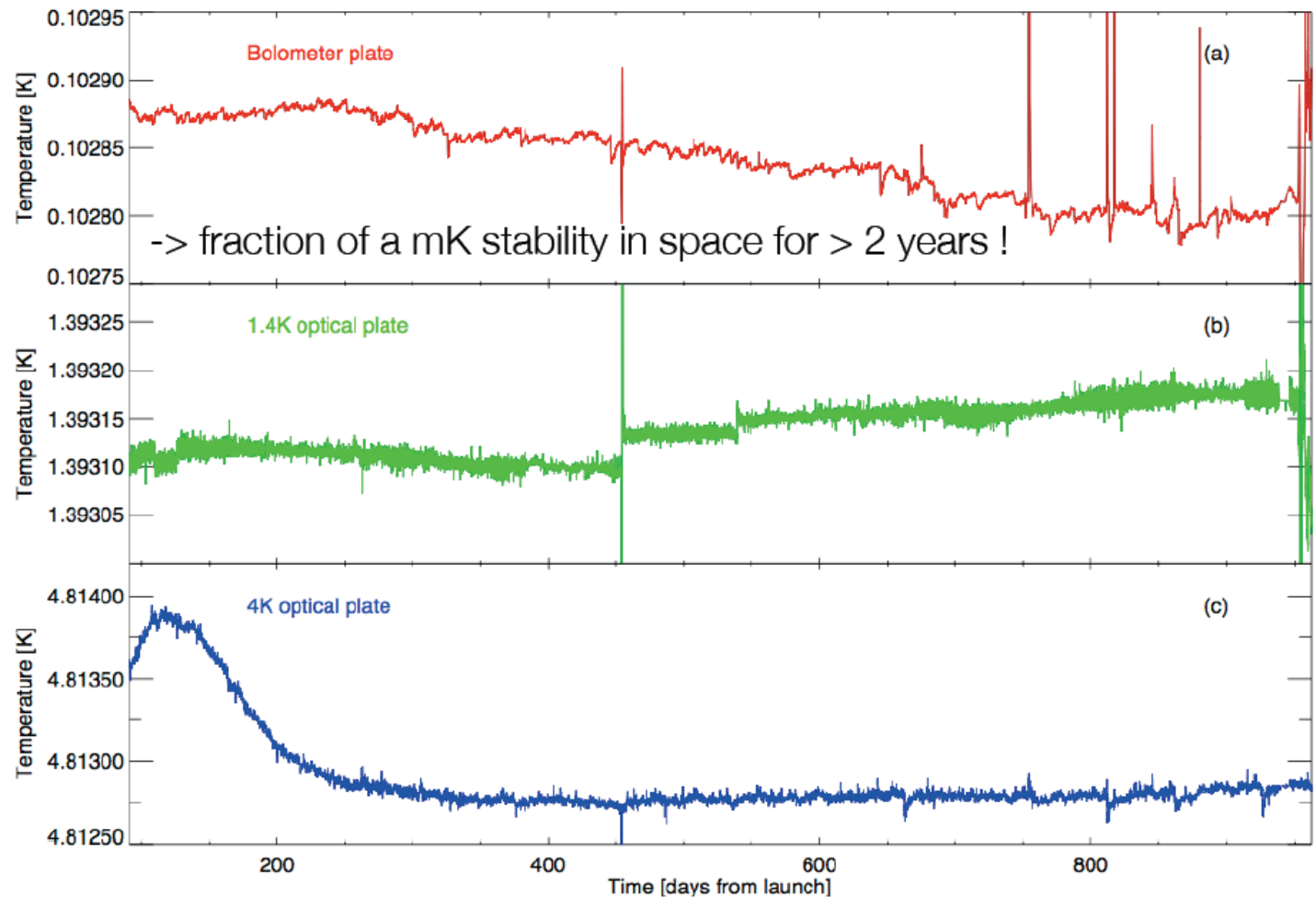
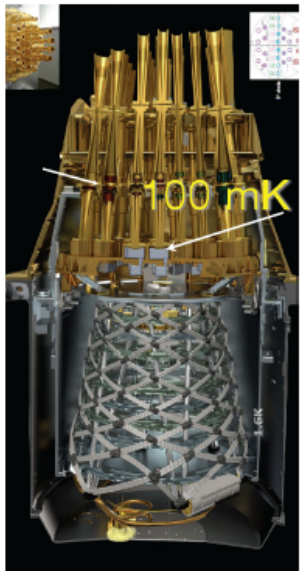
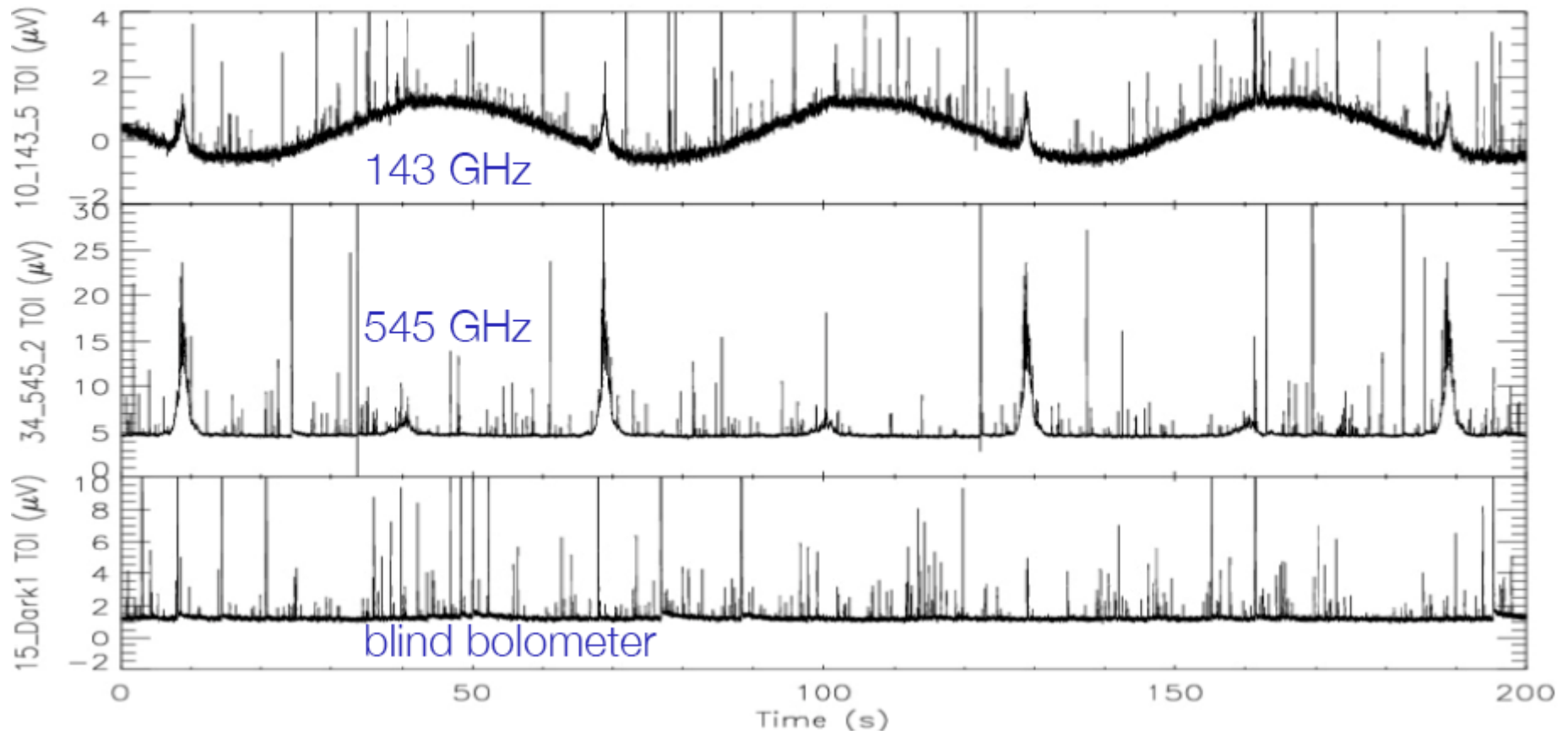


Fig. 7. The impressive stability of the HFI thermal stages during operations. Shown is the temperature evolution of the bolometer stage (*top*), the 1.6 K optical filter stage (*middle*) and the 4-K cooler reference load stage (*bottom*). The horizontal axis displays days since the beginning of the nominal mission.

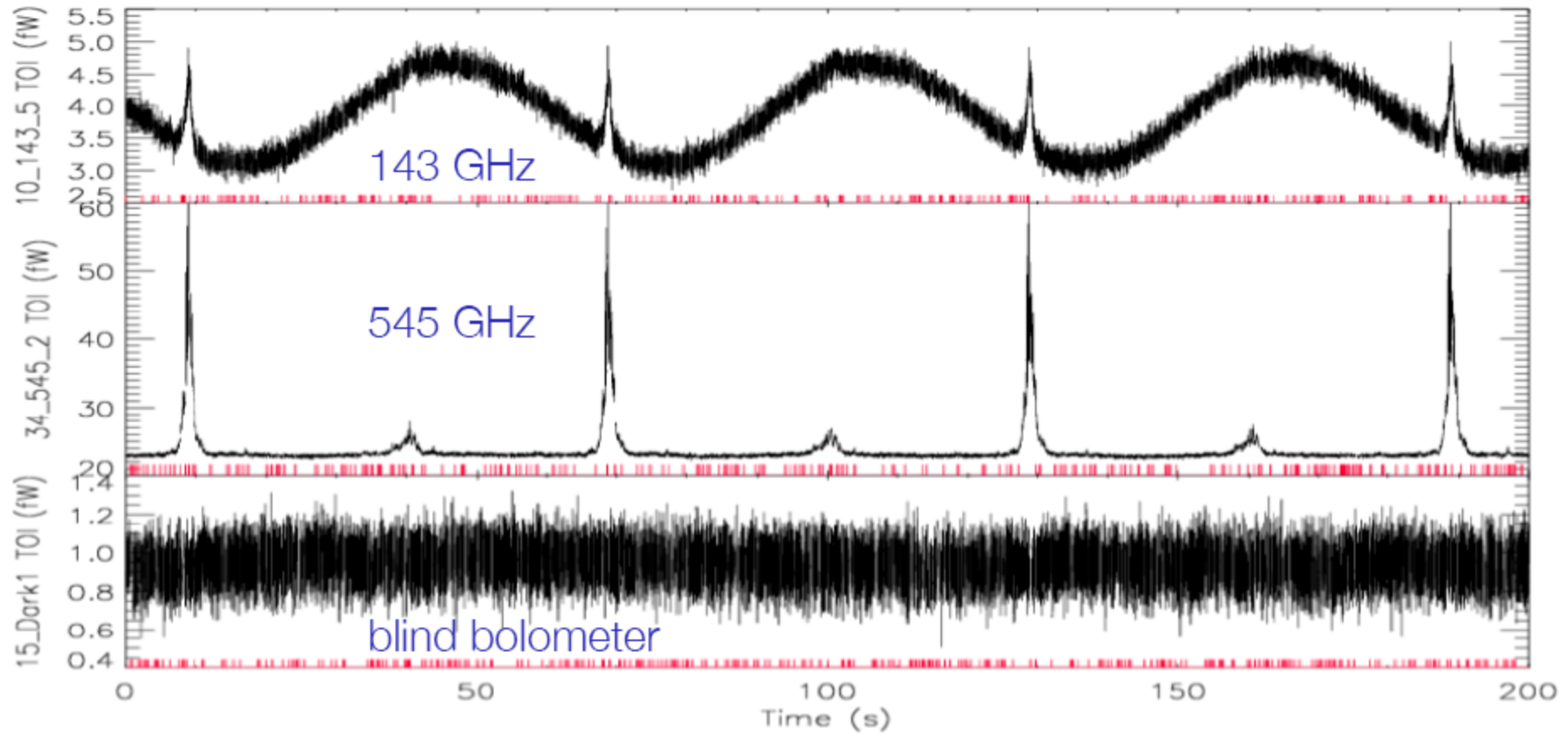


Cryostat:
dilution He3/He4

Raw HFI data

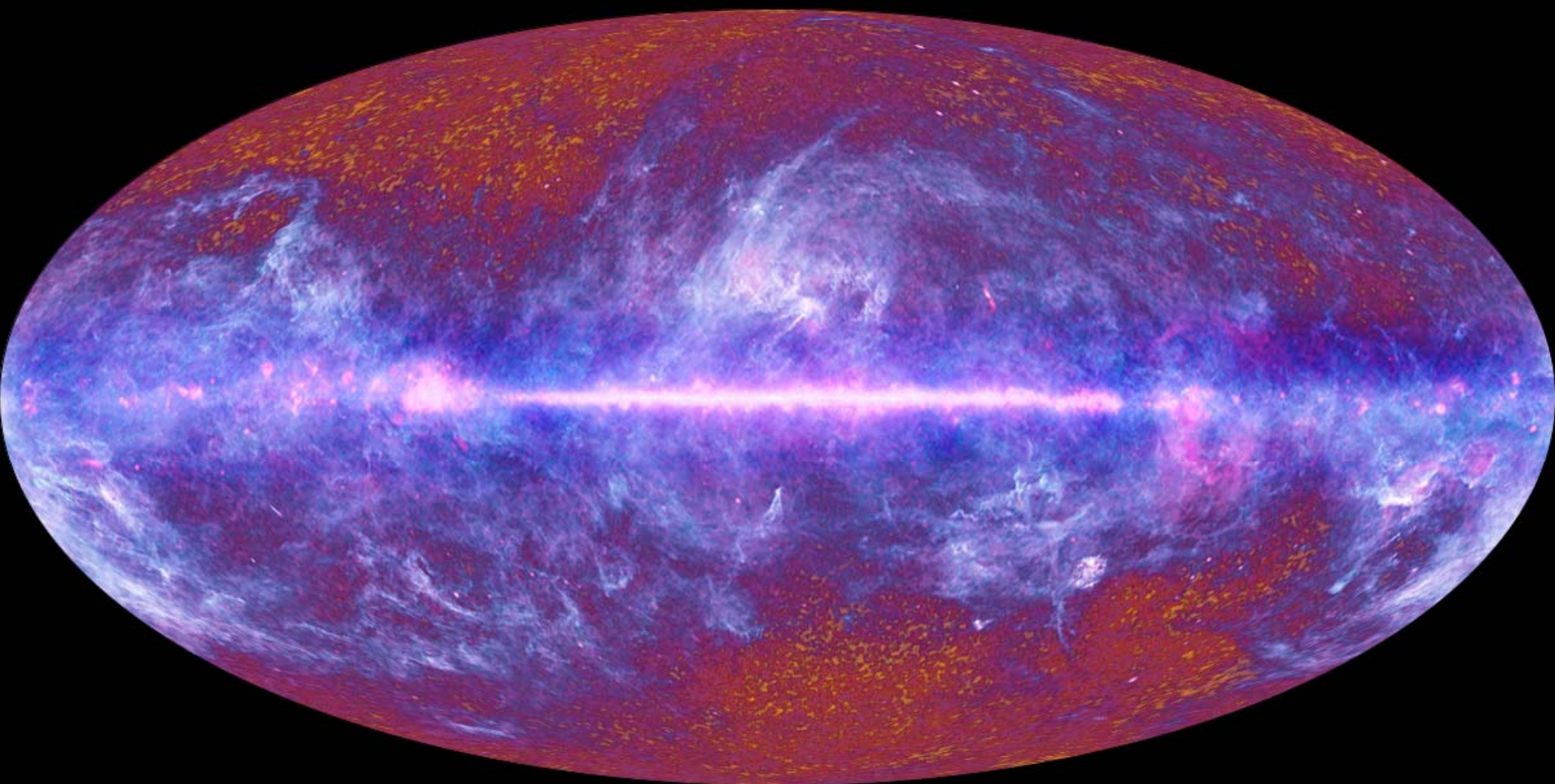


De-spiked HFI data



<20% of data flagged

2011 data release



Planck one-year all-sky survey



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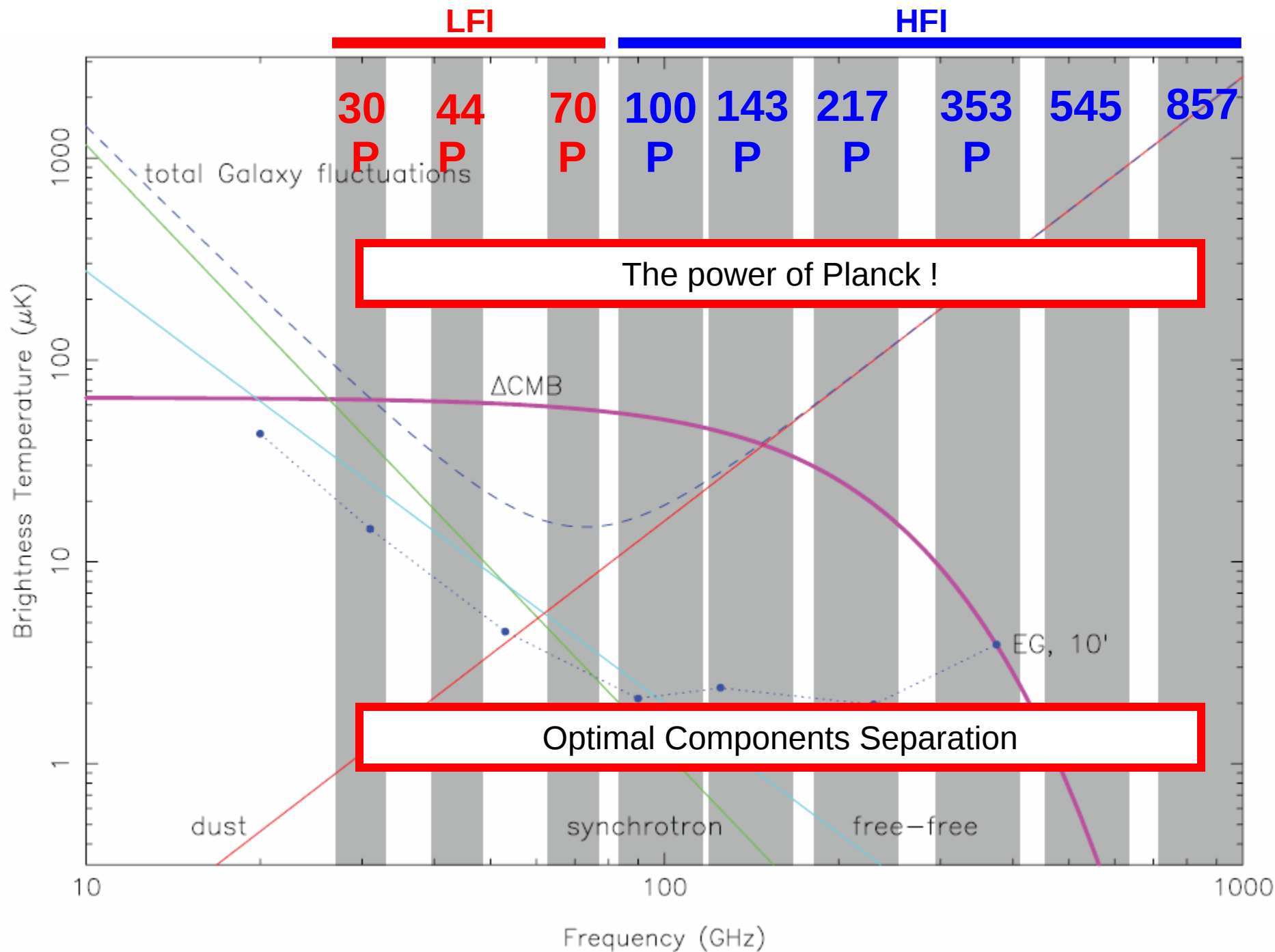
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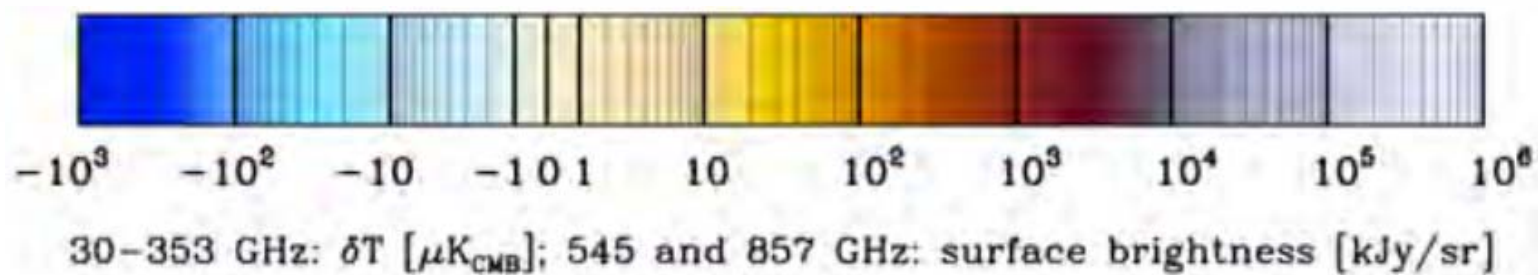
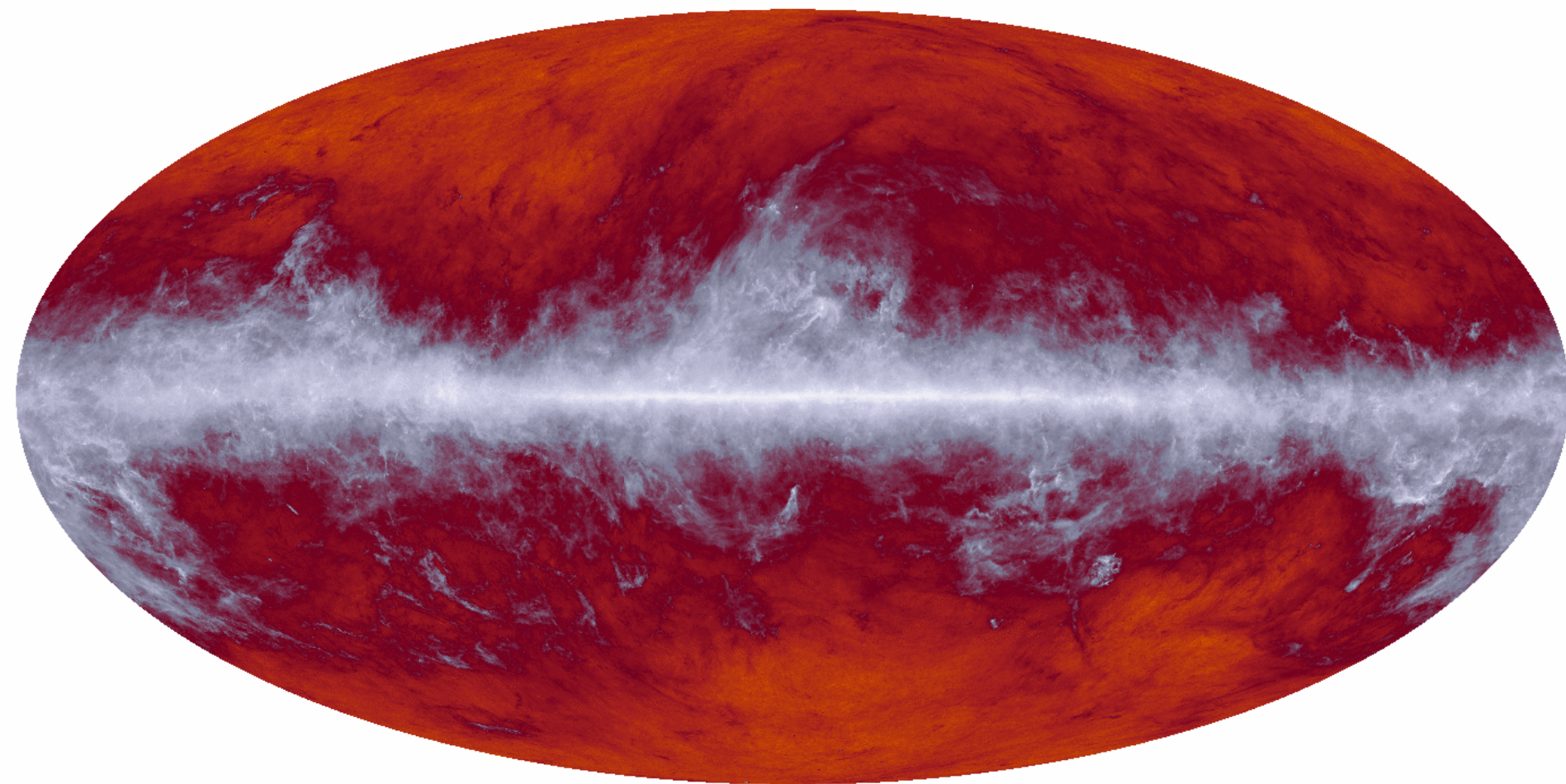
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6×10^6 pixels (5')

Planck Legacy Maps

857 GHz



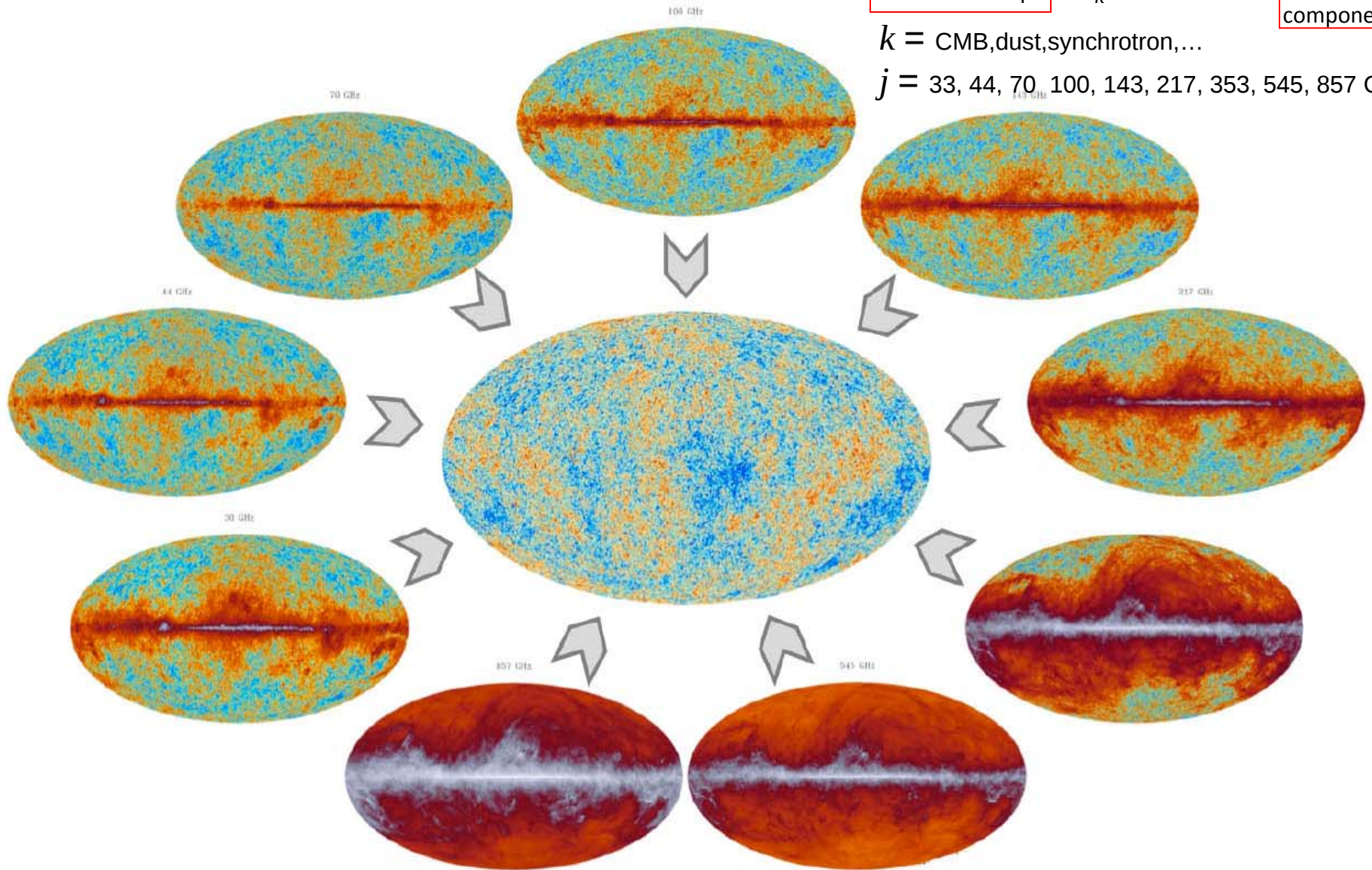
components separation

$$\Delta T(\nu_j, \ell, b) = \sum_k a_k(\nu_j, \ell, b) C_k(\ell, b)$$

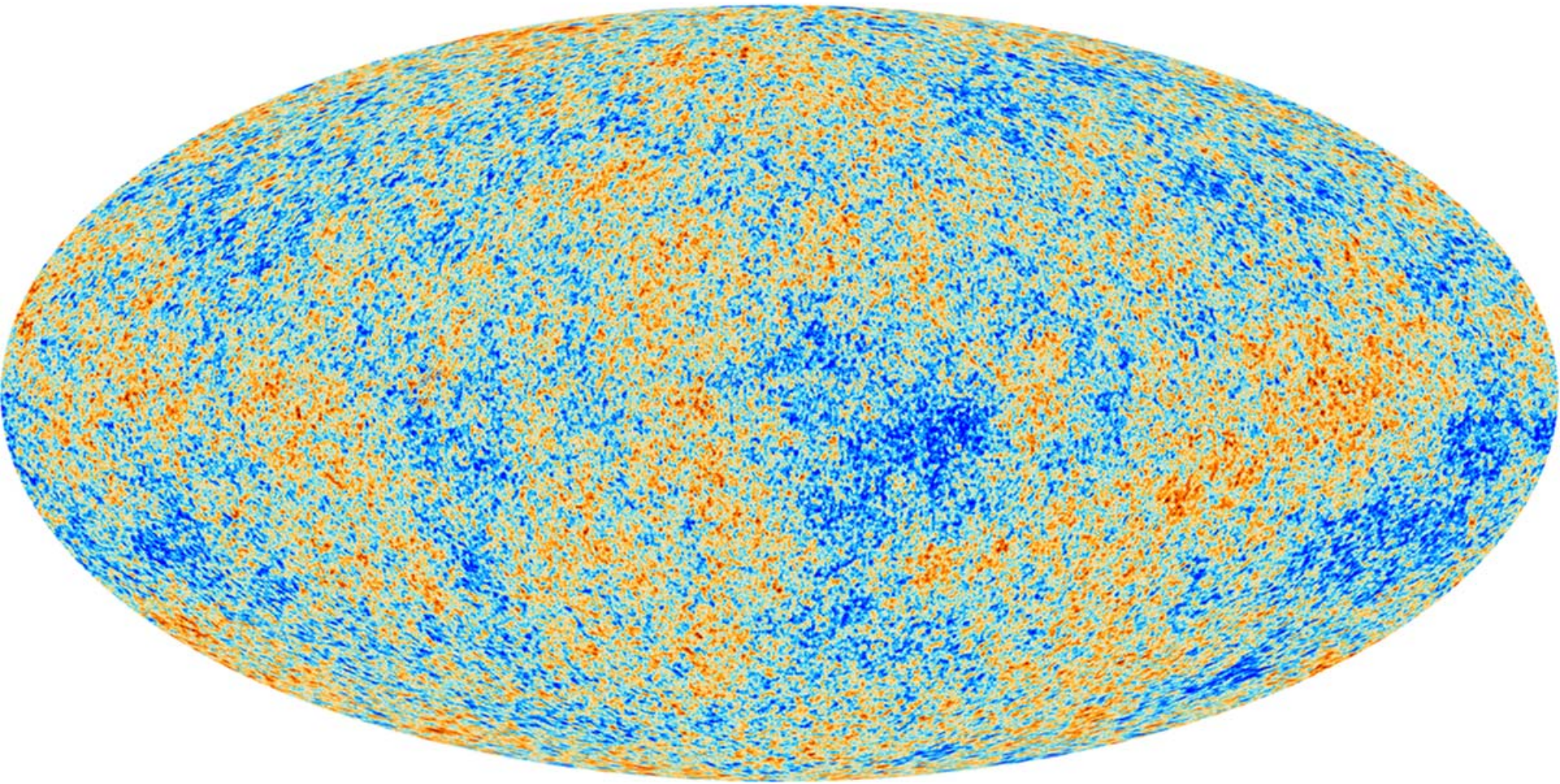
Measured maps physical components

k = CMB, dust, synchrotron, ...

j = 33, 44, 70, 100, 143, 217, 353, 545, 857 GHz

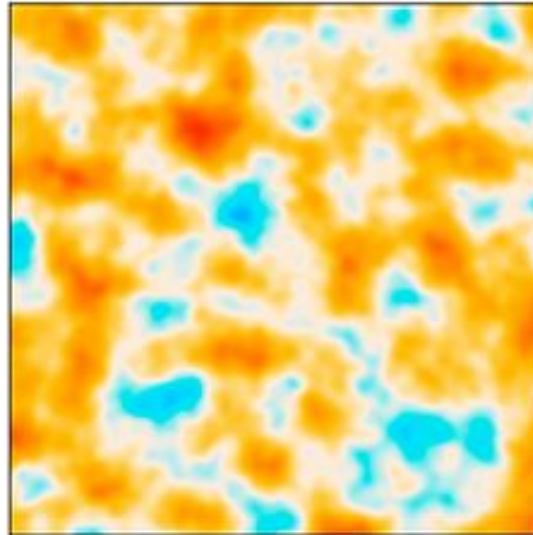
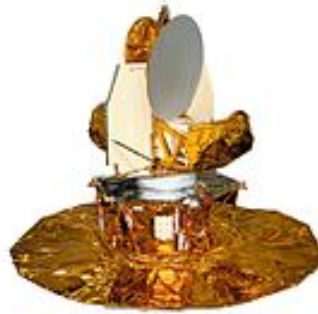


The CMB component

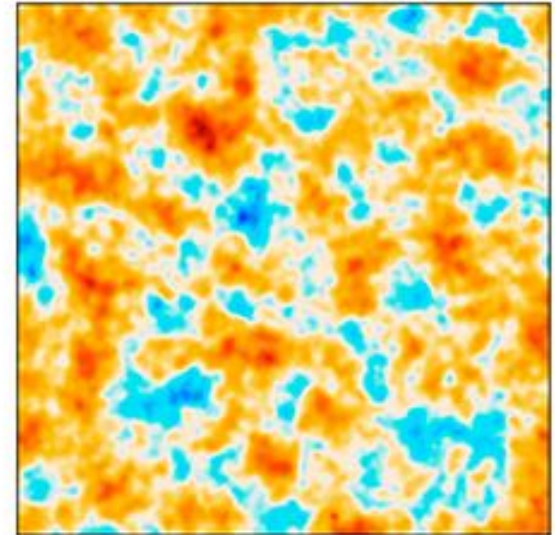




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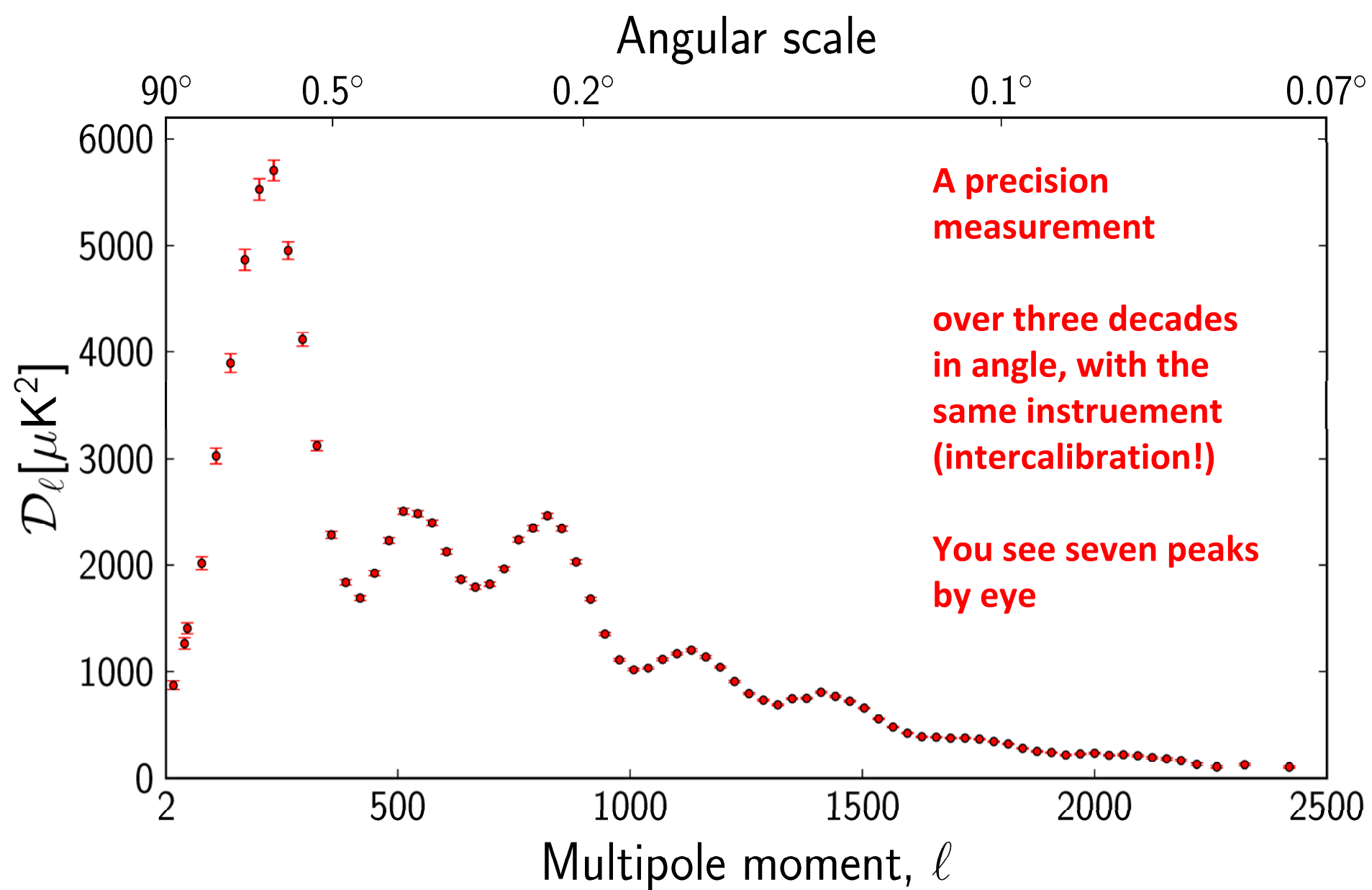


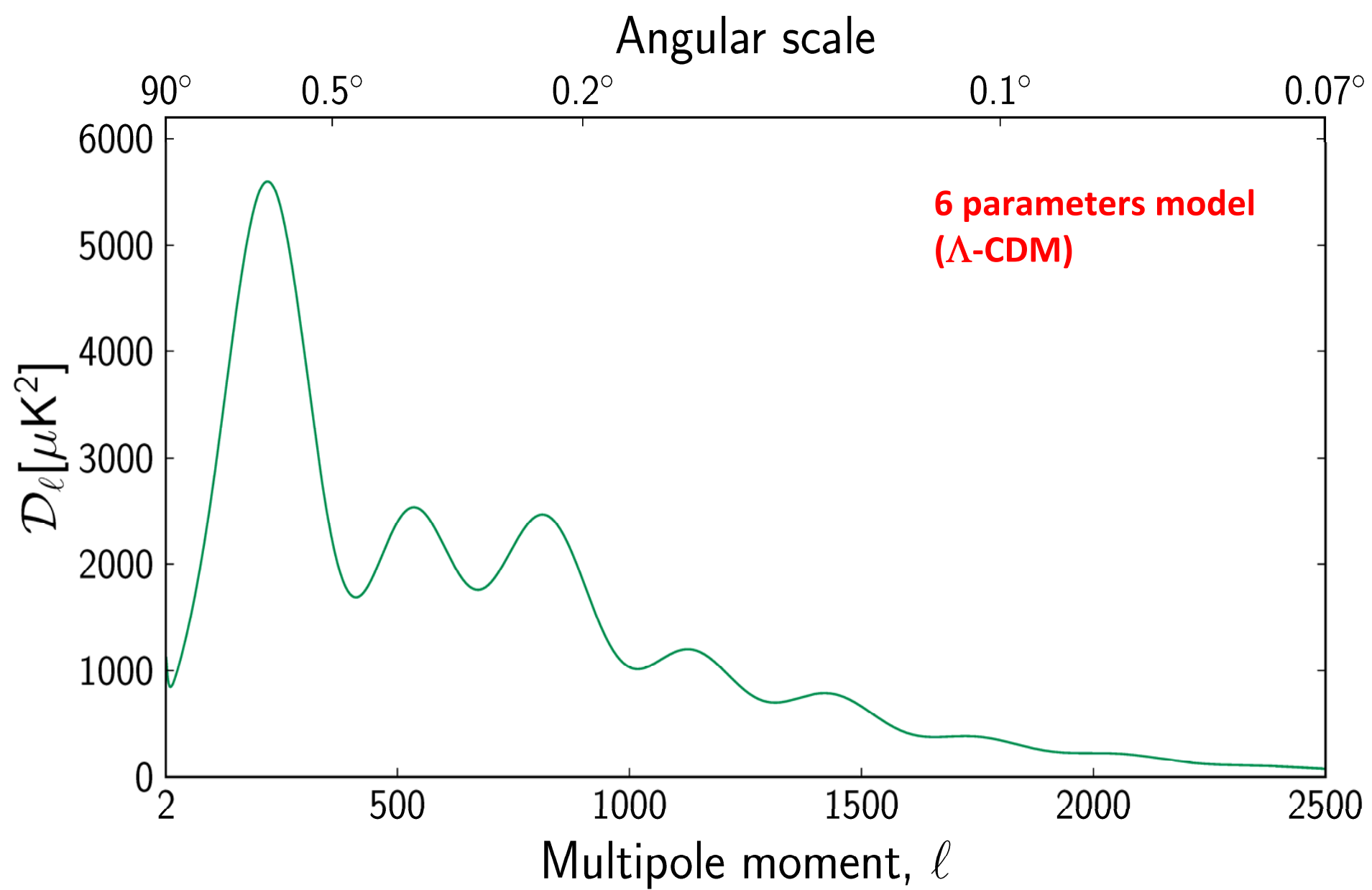
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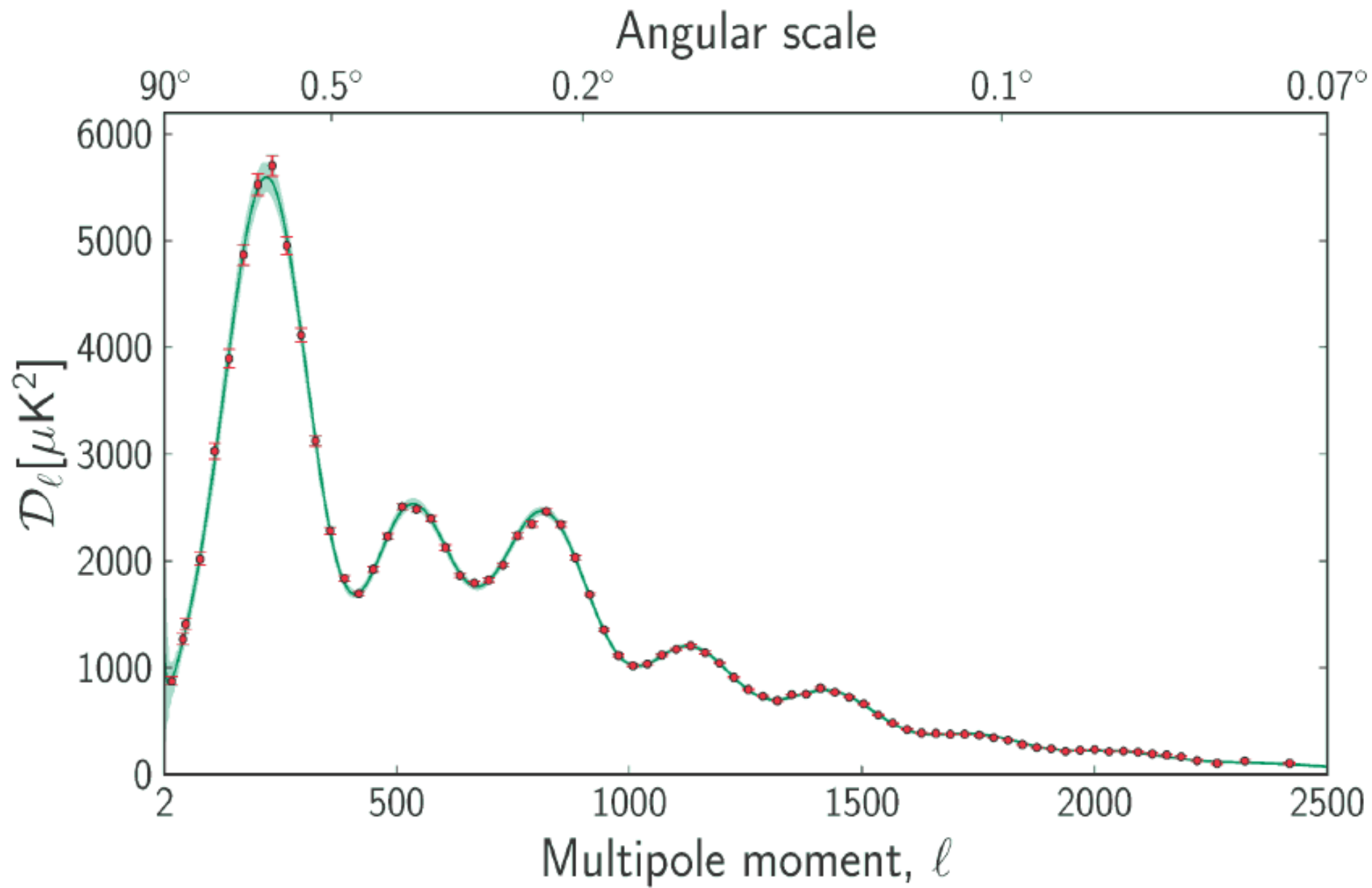


Planck

Best angular resolution
Best control of foregrounds



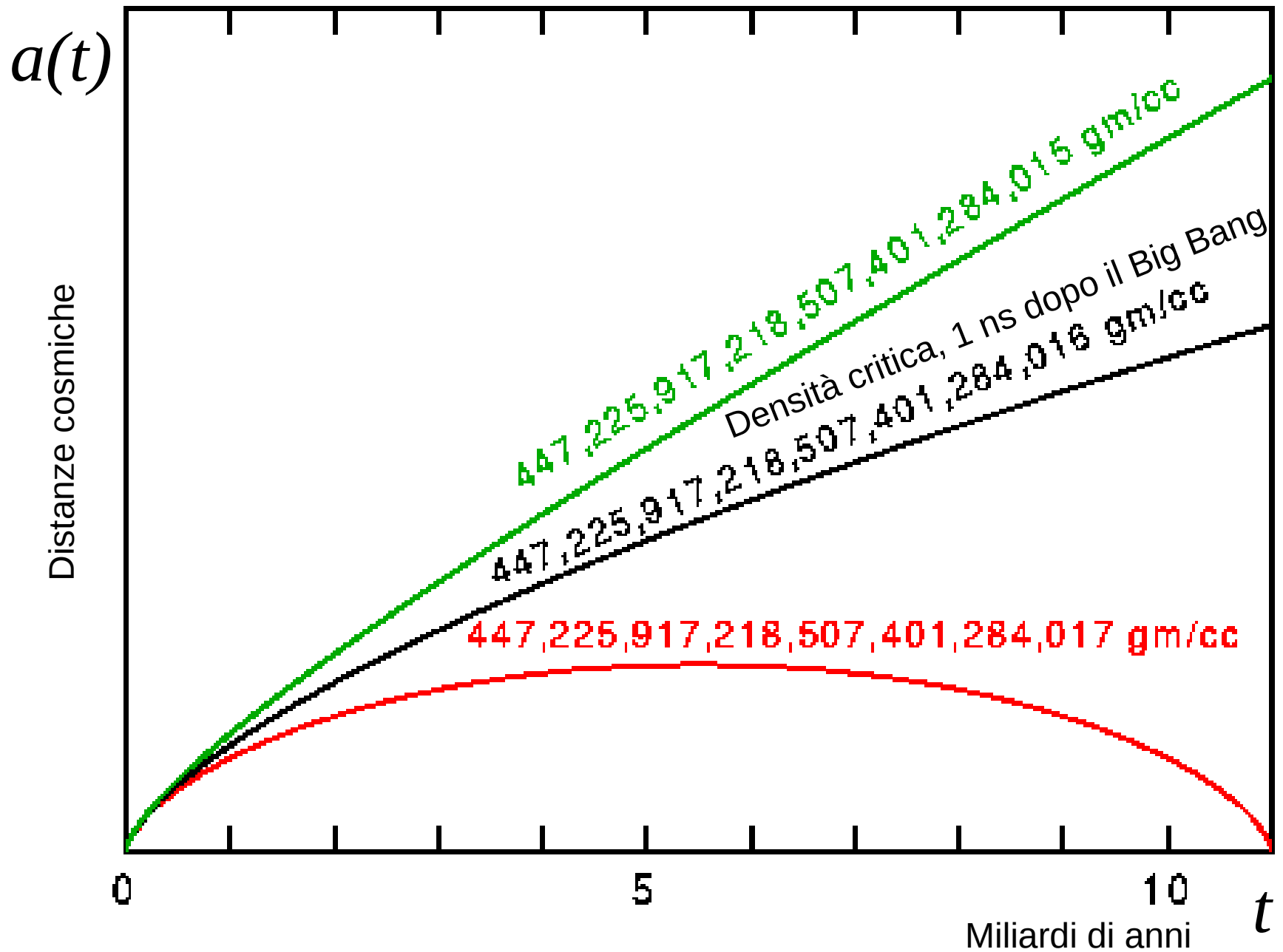




Paradosso della Piattezza

- Se i fotoni si sono propagati lungo linee rette dalla ricombinazione fino a noi, allora l' universo ha una geometria euclidea.
- Ma secondo le equazioni di Einstein, questa geometria si verifica solo se la densità totale di massa-energia dell' universo ha un valore molto preciso: la densità critica (10^{-29} g/cm³).
- Quindi abbiamo pesato l' universo !
- Ma quello della densità critica è uno spartiacque tra evoluzioni dell' universo estremamente diverse !
- Chi ha regolato così precisamente la densità ?
- Paradosso della piattezza.

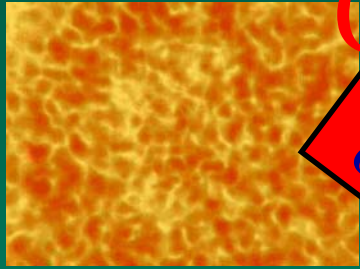
Espansione critica: un equilibrio delicatissimo tra dissolvimento e collasso



Altri paradossi ... e una soluzione

- Perché non ci sono monopoli magnetici ?
- Perché le piccole fluttuazioni di temperatura del fondo cosmico, oltre ad essere piccole, sono Gaussiane e Invarianti di scala ?
- Chi ha generato le prime strutture cosmiche ?
- C'è una ipotesi affascinante che spiegherebbe questi paradossi e risponderebbe a queste domande.
- E' affascinante perché collega il cosmo con il microcosmo...
- E' l'ipotesi dell'Inflazione Cosmica

Chi crea le strutture ? Inflation !

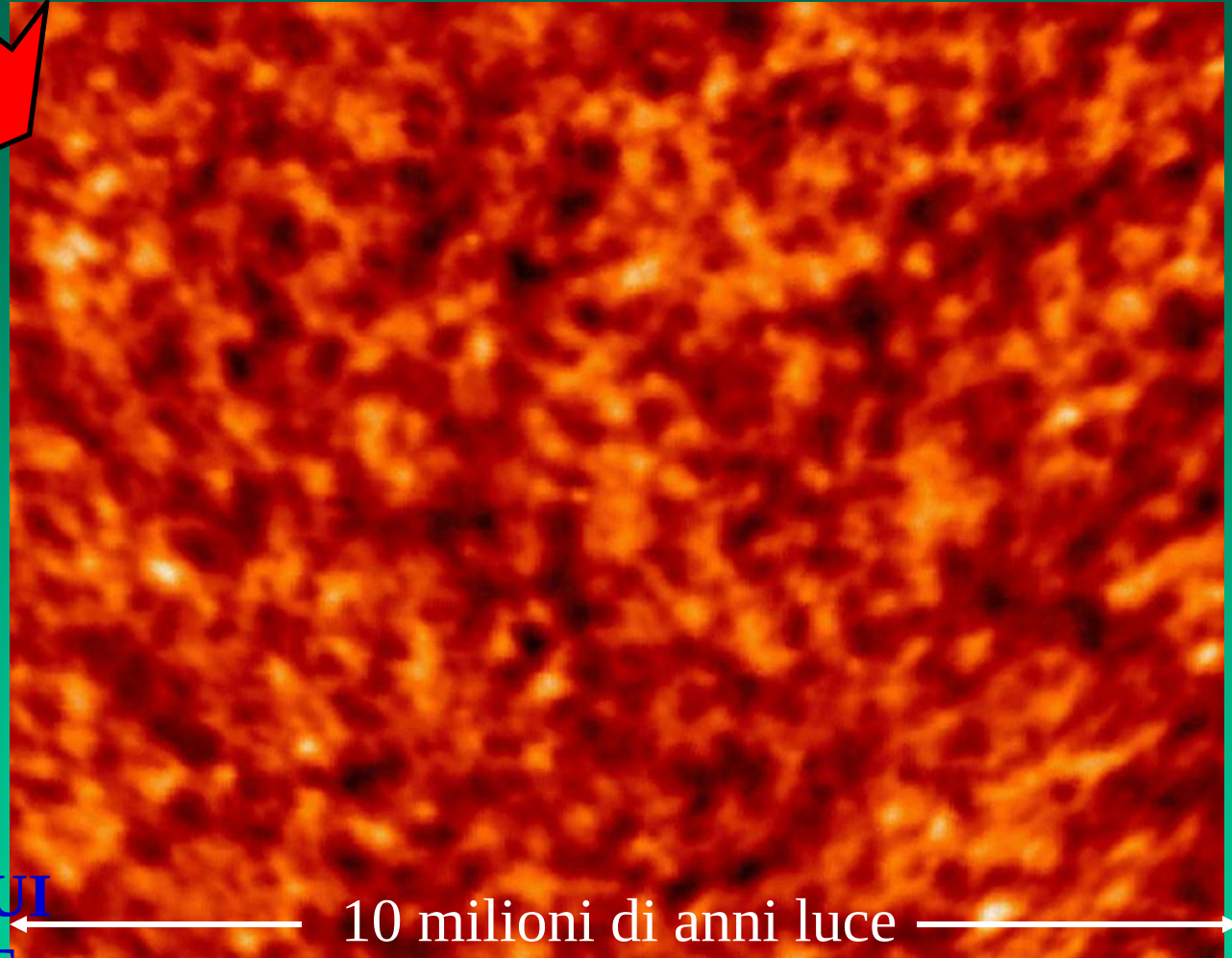


Inflazione
Cosmica

Dimensioni subatomiche
 $t=10^{-32}s$

Fluttuazioni quantistiche
del campo di energia
primordiale

Energie tipiche:
 10^{16} GeV
(100 milioni di miliardi
di miliardi di eV)



10 milioni di anni luce

$t=380000$ anni

Fluttuazioni di densità
illuminate dalla luce del fondo cosmico

**UNA FINESTRA SUI
PRIMI ISTANTI E
SULLA FISICA DELLE
ALTISSIME ENERGIE**

Previsioni dell' inflazione cosmica:

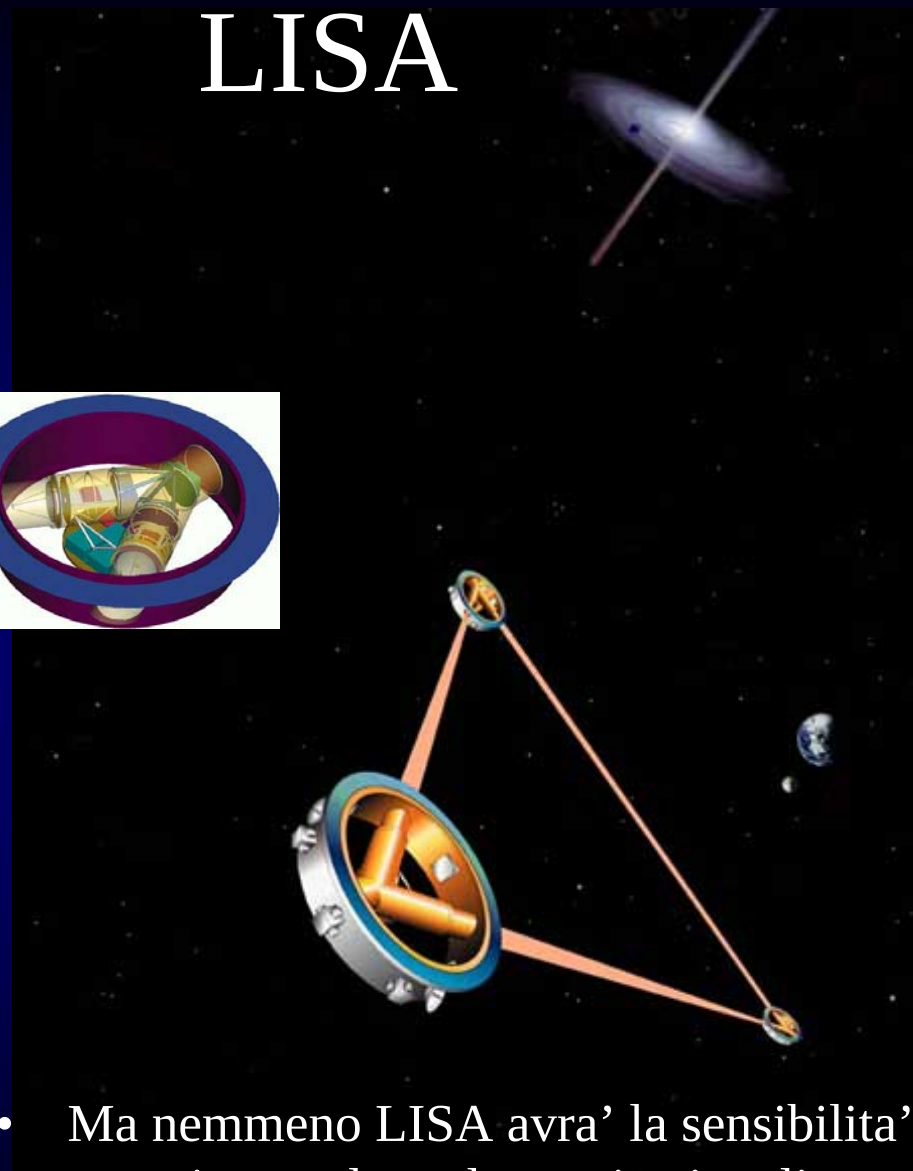
- La geometria a grande scala deve essere euclidea, perché quasiasi curvatura dello spazio antecedente si stira durante l' inflazione
- Le fluttuazioni di densita' devono essere uguali a tutte le scale (origine quantistica)
- Le fluttuazioni di temperatura devono essere gaussiane (origine quantistica)
- Durante l' espansione inflazionaria si generano onde gravitazionali stocastiche

L' ultima previsione e' tutta da verificare.

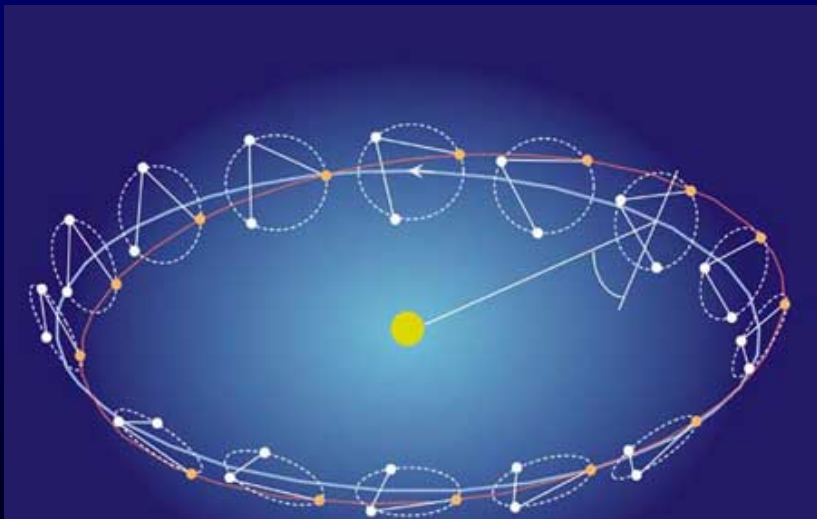
- Le onde gravitazionali non sono state ancora misurate direttamente. Ma si sa da misure indirette che esistono.
- L' interferometro spaziale LISA misurerà tra qualche anno quelle delle stelle binarie presenti nella nostra Galassia, e quelle generate da buchi neri massicci in galassie distanti.
- Sarà una ulteriore conferma della teoria della Relatività Generale !



LISA



- Ma nemmeno LISA avrà la sensibilità per misurare le onde gravitazionali primordiali prodotte durante l' inflazione cosmica.



- <http://lisa.jpl.nasa.gov>



- Ma queste perturbazioni interagiscono con il fondo cosmico a microonde, generando una debole **polarizzazione lineare** rotazionale dei suoi fotoni.
- Il segnale e' piccolissimo, meno di un decimo di miliardesimi di grado, e mischiato ad una componente irrotazionale piu' grande (pochi milionesimi di grado).

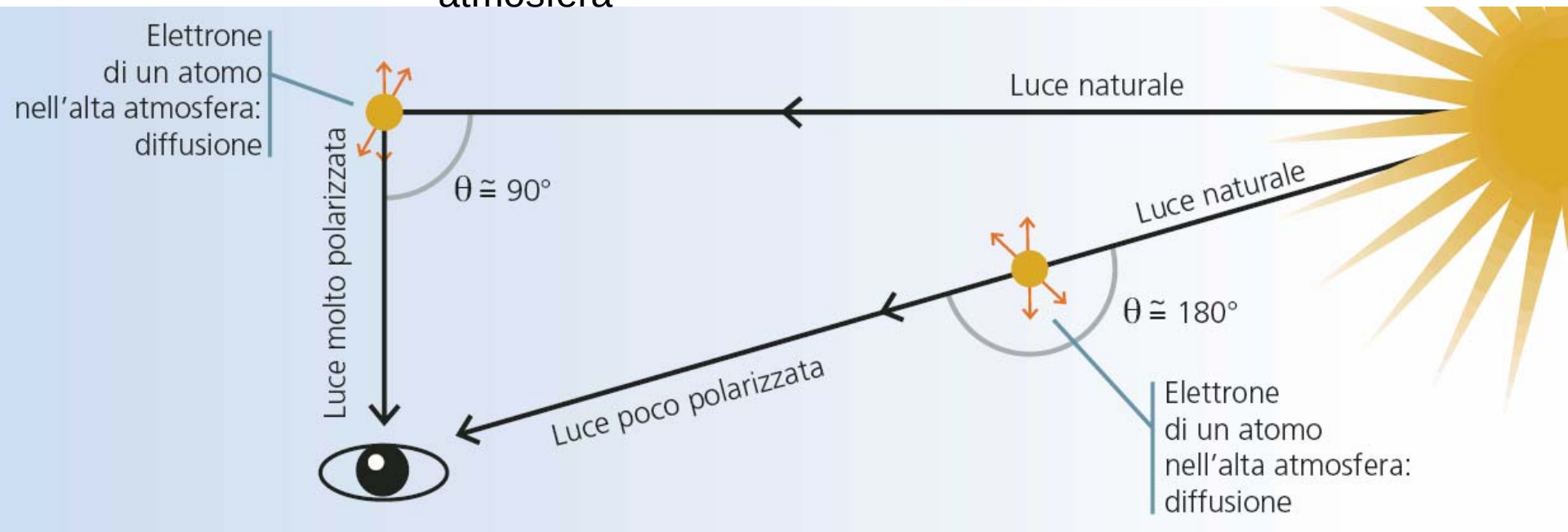


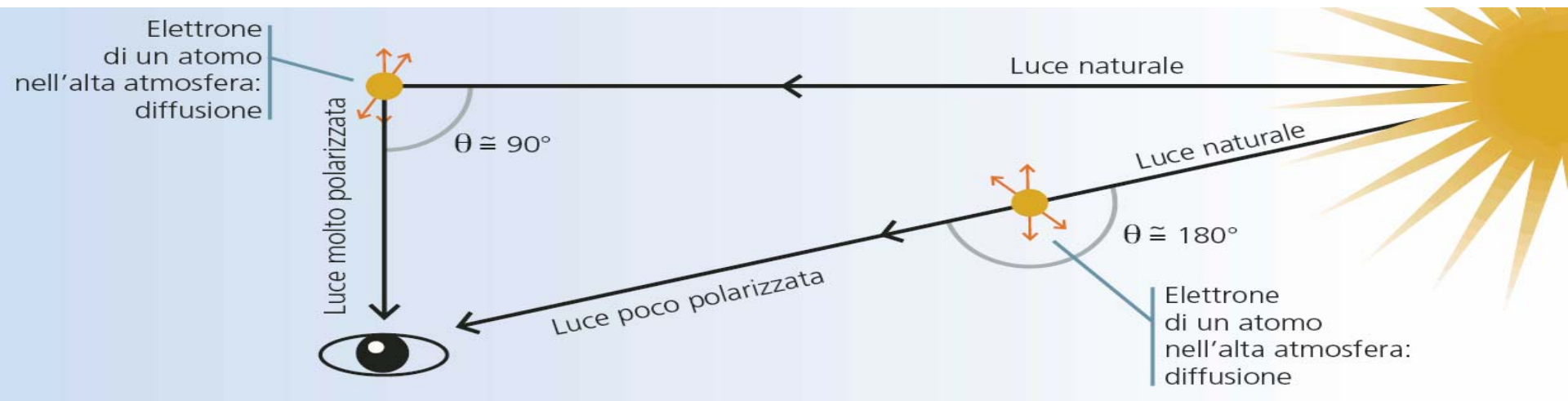
Polarizzazione della luce: direzione preferenziale di oscillazione del campo elettromagnetico

La luce blu del cielo è polarizzata

- La usavano i Vichinghi per trovare la rotta nei lunghi crepuscoli solare, usando la “pietra del sole”, lo spato d' Islanda
- La usano le api per orientarsi e ritrovare l' alveare
- La usiamo noi con il filtro polarizzatore quando nelle fotografie si vogliono far risaltare le nubi (non polarizzate) contro il cielo blu

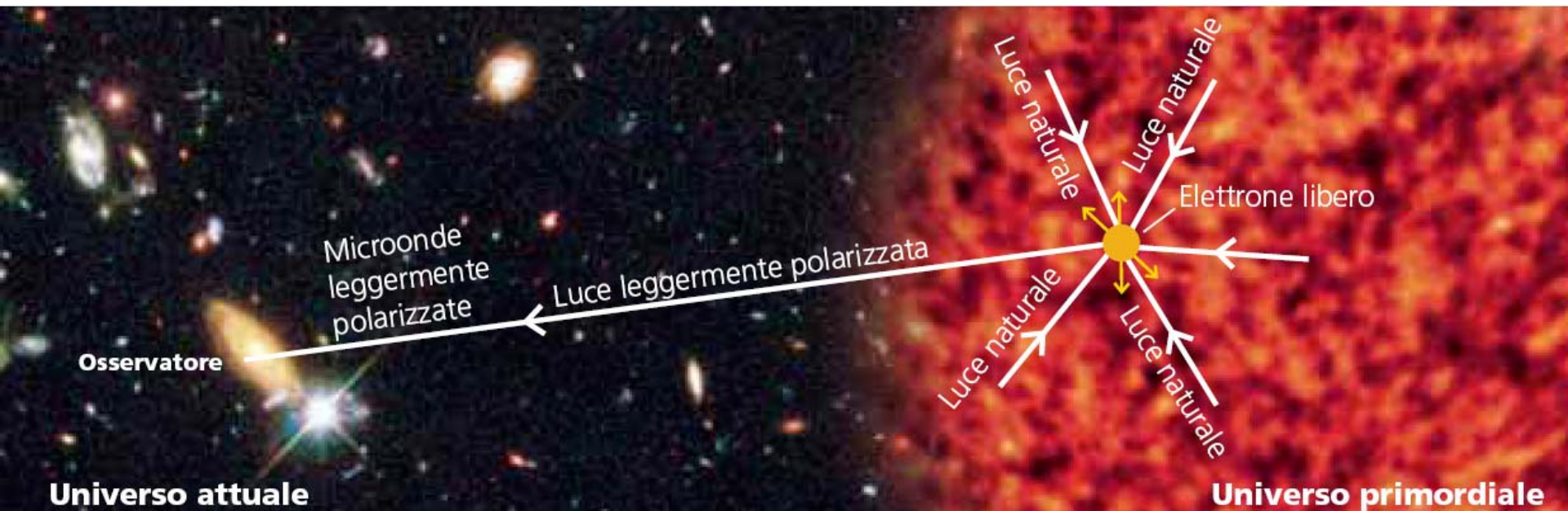
E' polarizzata perché diffusa (deviata) dagli elettroni dell' alta atmosfera

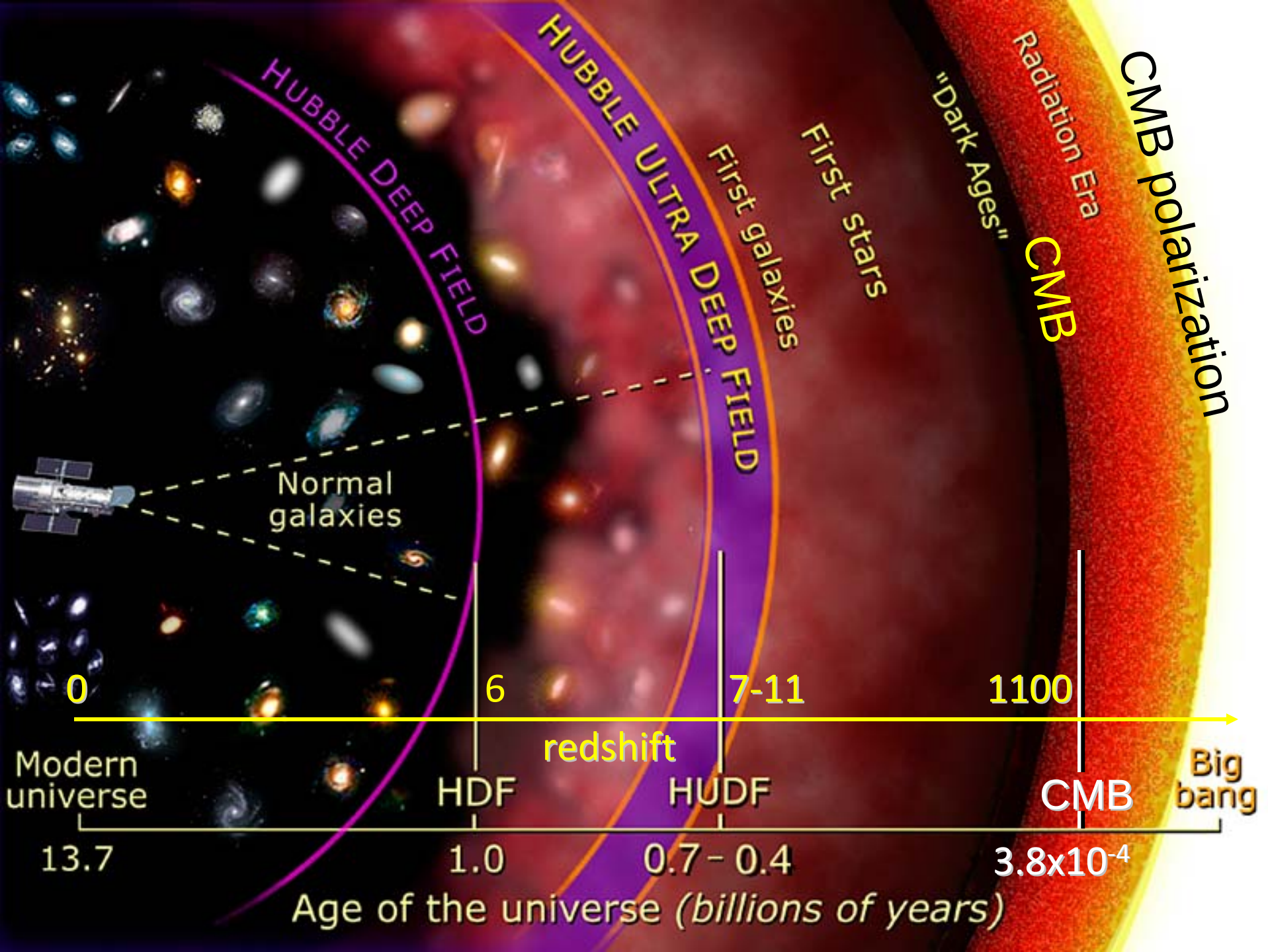




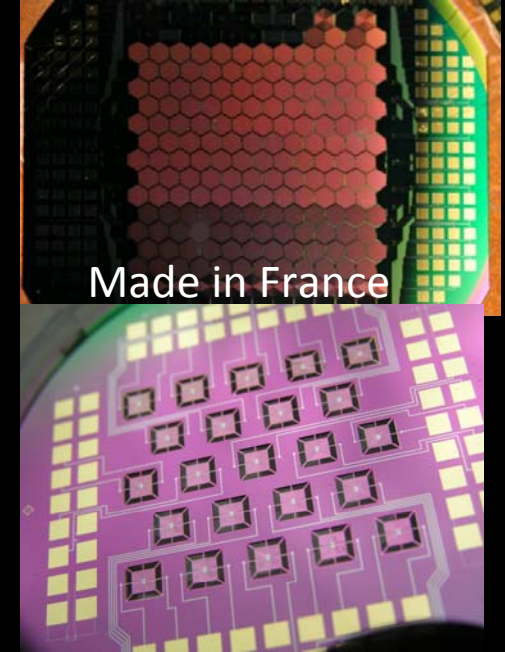
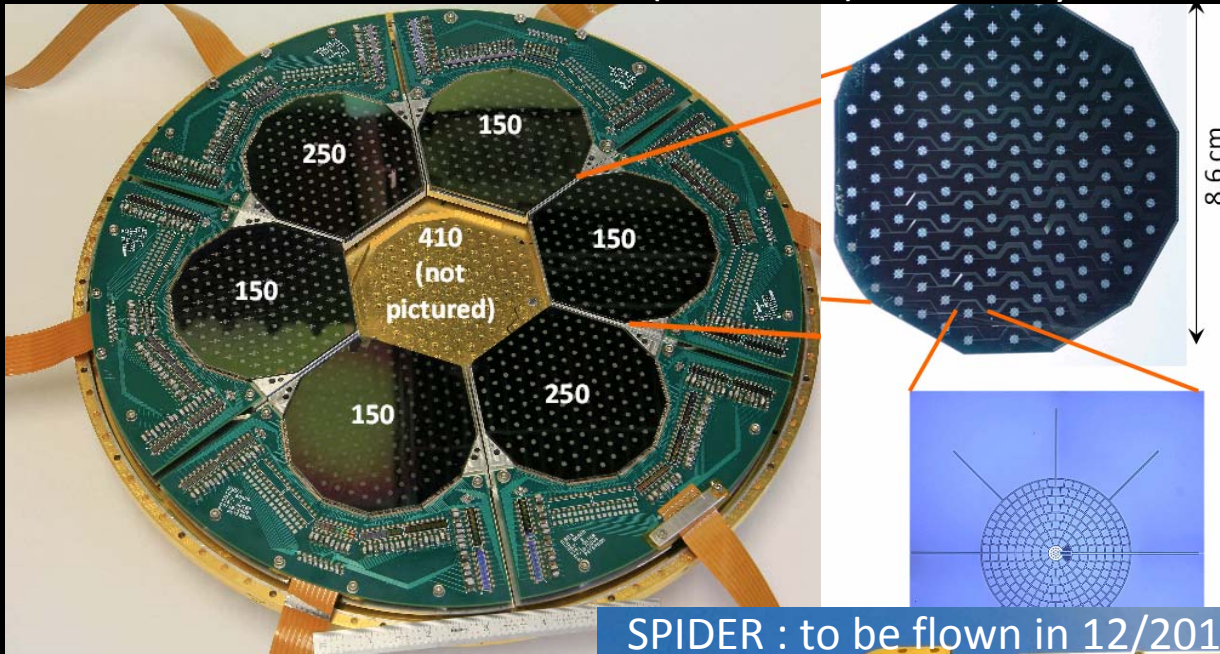
Per i fotoni che provengono dall' universo primordiale avviene un fenomeno simile: sono anche essi deviati dagli elettroni, e se il mezzo è inhomogeneo, nasce una debole polarizzazione.

L' inhomogeneità può essere dovuta a fluttuazioni di densità, ma anche alle onde gravitazionali prodotte dall' inflazione cosmica, se c'è stata.

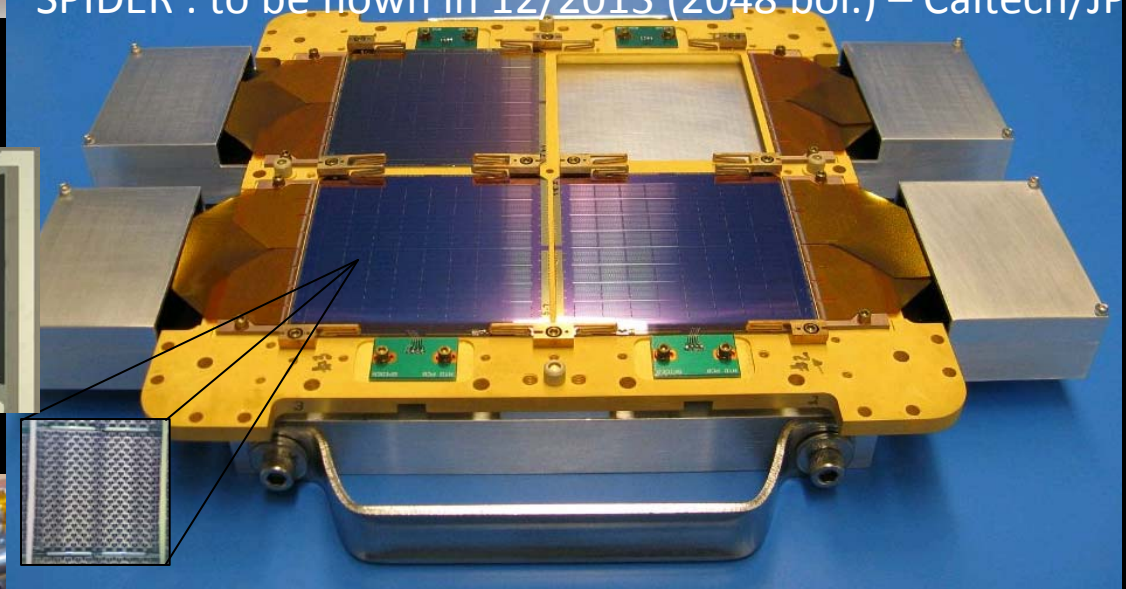
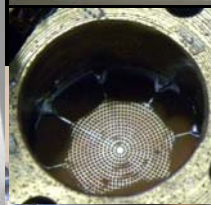
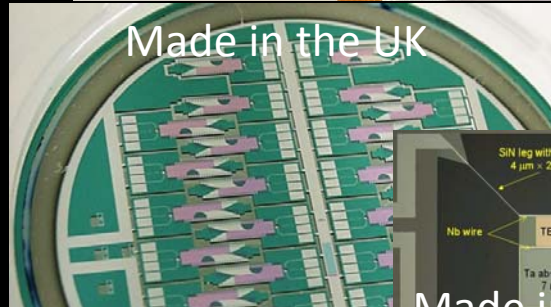




EBEX: flown in 2012 (850+ bol.) – Berkeley

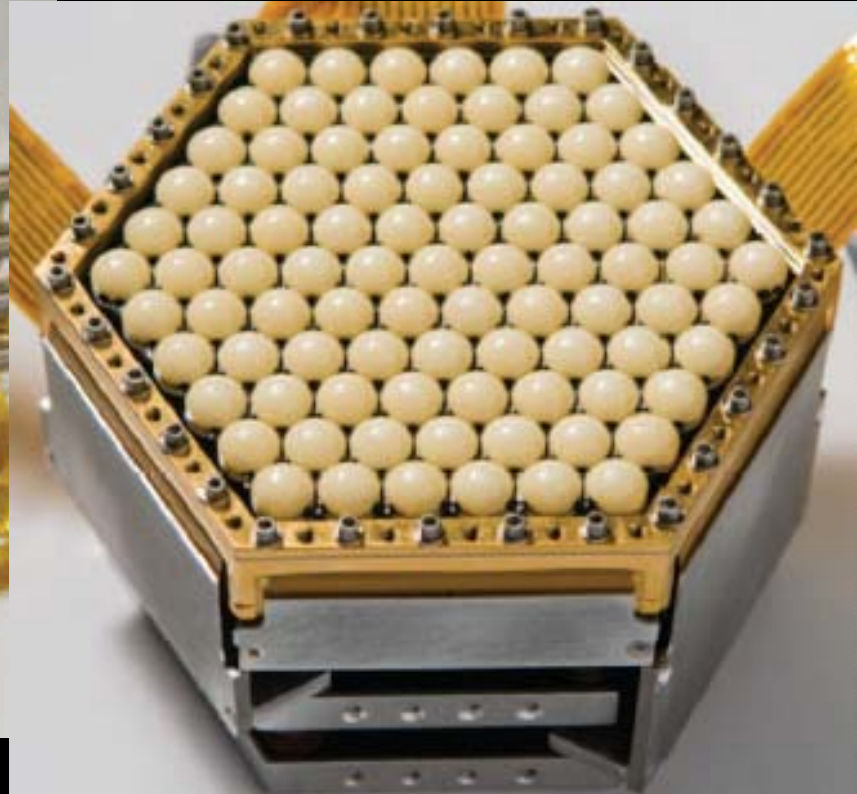
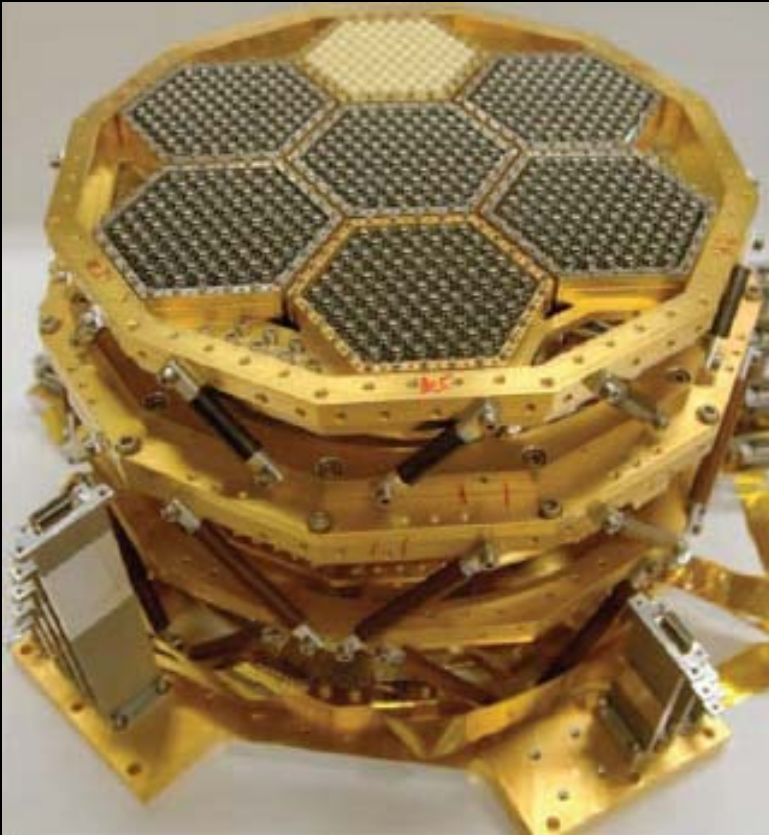


SPIDER : to be flown in 12/2013 (2048 bol.) – Caltech/JPL



TES bolometer arrays : HUGE effort and great success. Now a mature technology.

The trend :

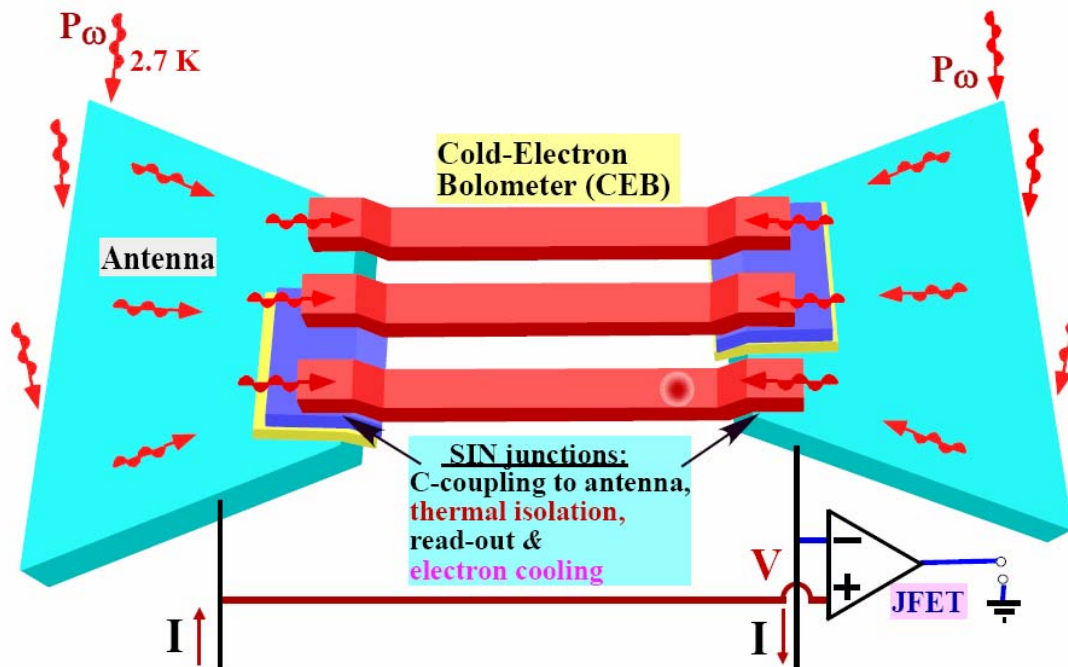


- Large arrays of multichroic pixels: 6000+ detectors for polarbear2, SPTpol, litebird ...
- ESA ITT for compact focal planes (Maynooth)

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Improving over TES bolometers ?

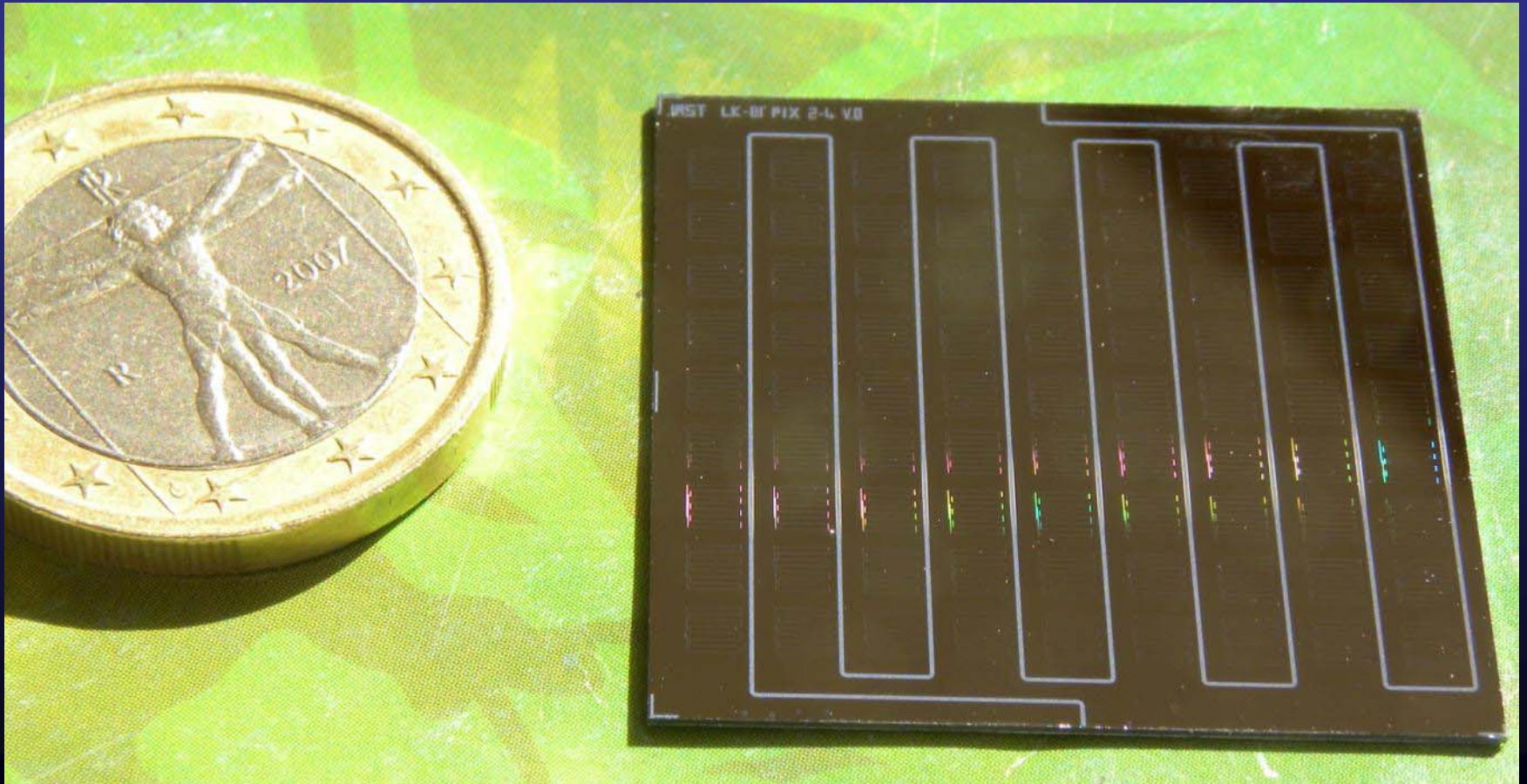
- KIDs & CEBs !
- KIDs made in Cardiff, Grenoble, Rome/TN etc.
- CEBs made in Chalmers



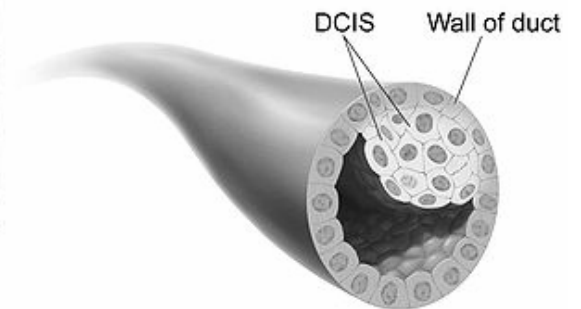
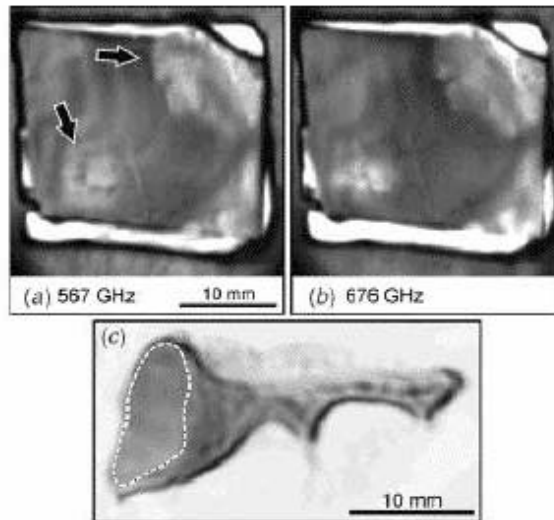
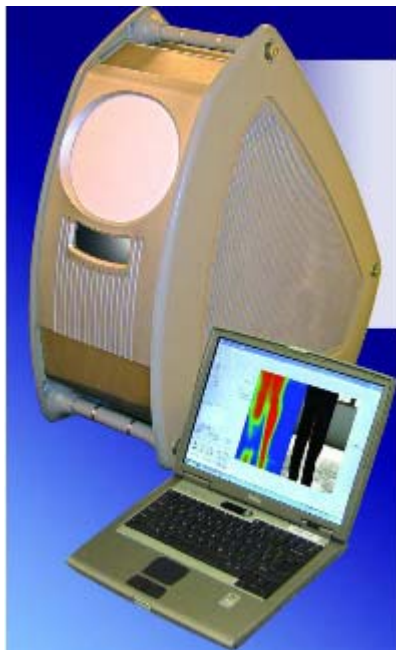
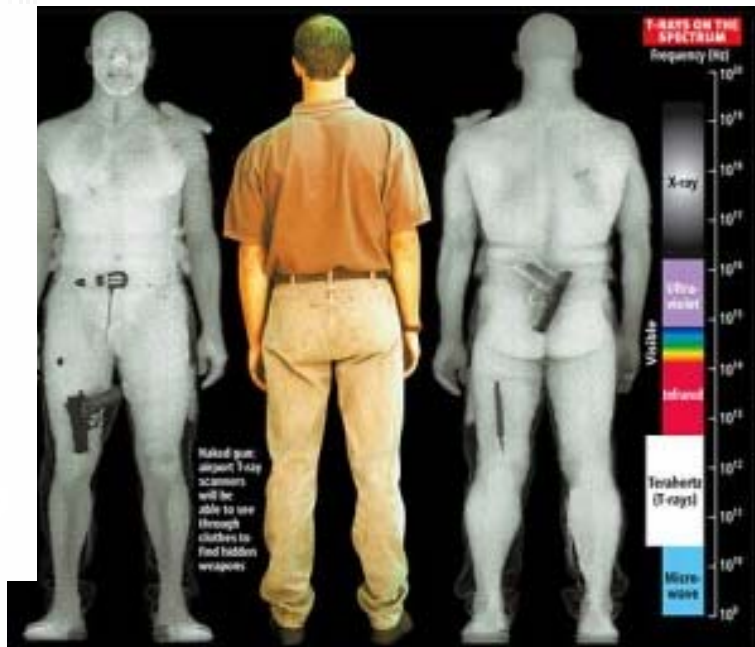
Very insensitive to CR hits
(sensing electrons are confined in a sub- μm sized junction, and effectively decoupled from the lattice)
Kuzmin et al. 2010

KIDs

- You heard about the great results of the Grenoble group with kinetic inductance detectors at the IRAM dish (NIKA).
- However, CMB BLIP is not reached yet, and standard KIDs are very sensitive to CR hits.
- KIDs are easier than TES to build, at least in the ground based versions.
- Space-based version still to be developed, and significant added complexity.

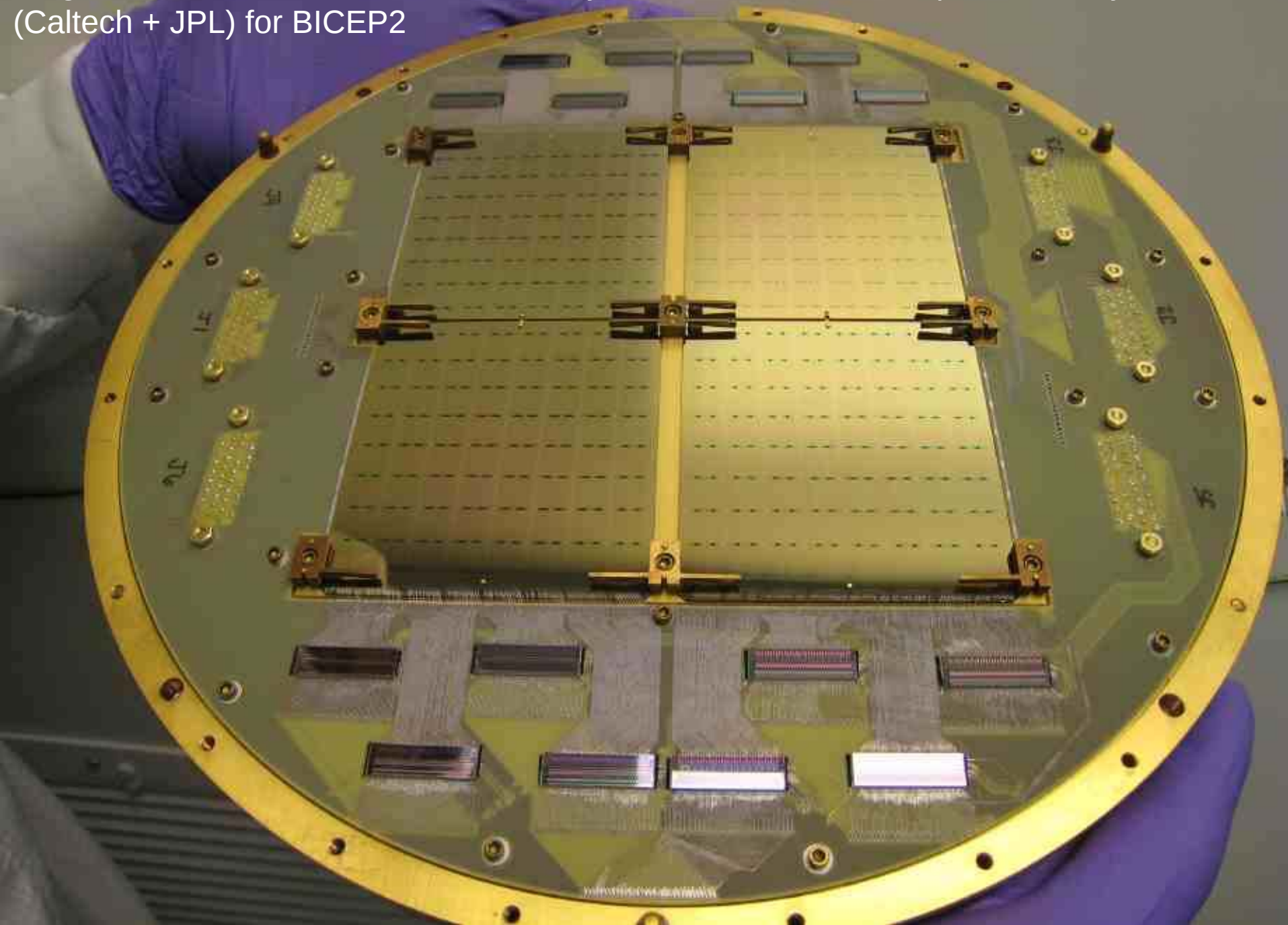


KIDs array made in Italy (Calvo et al. 2010)

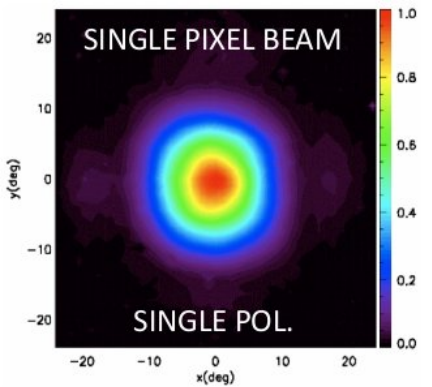
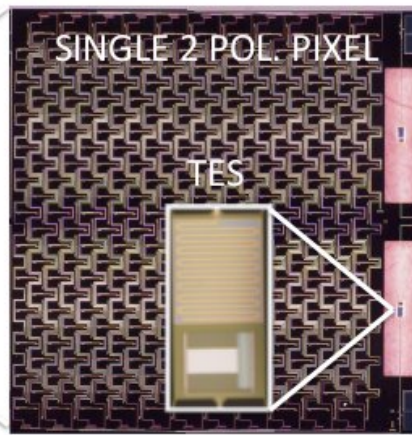
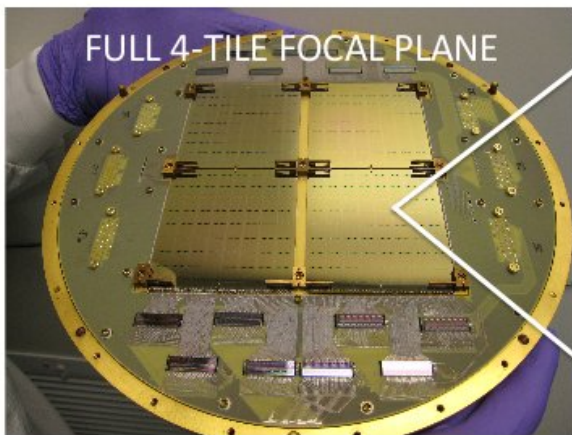


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Large Number of Detectors for Sensitivity : TES bolometers with phased-array antennas
(Caltech + JPL) for BICEP2

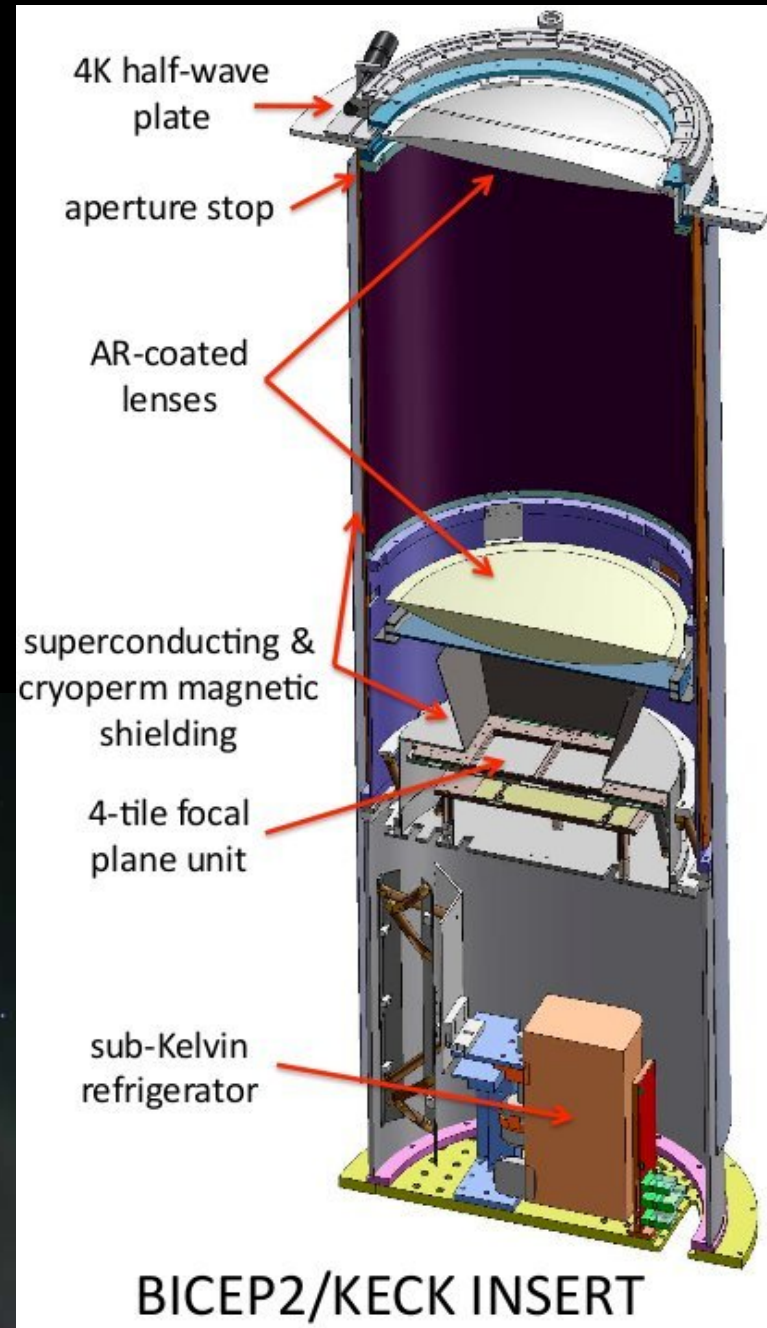


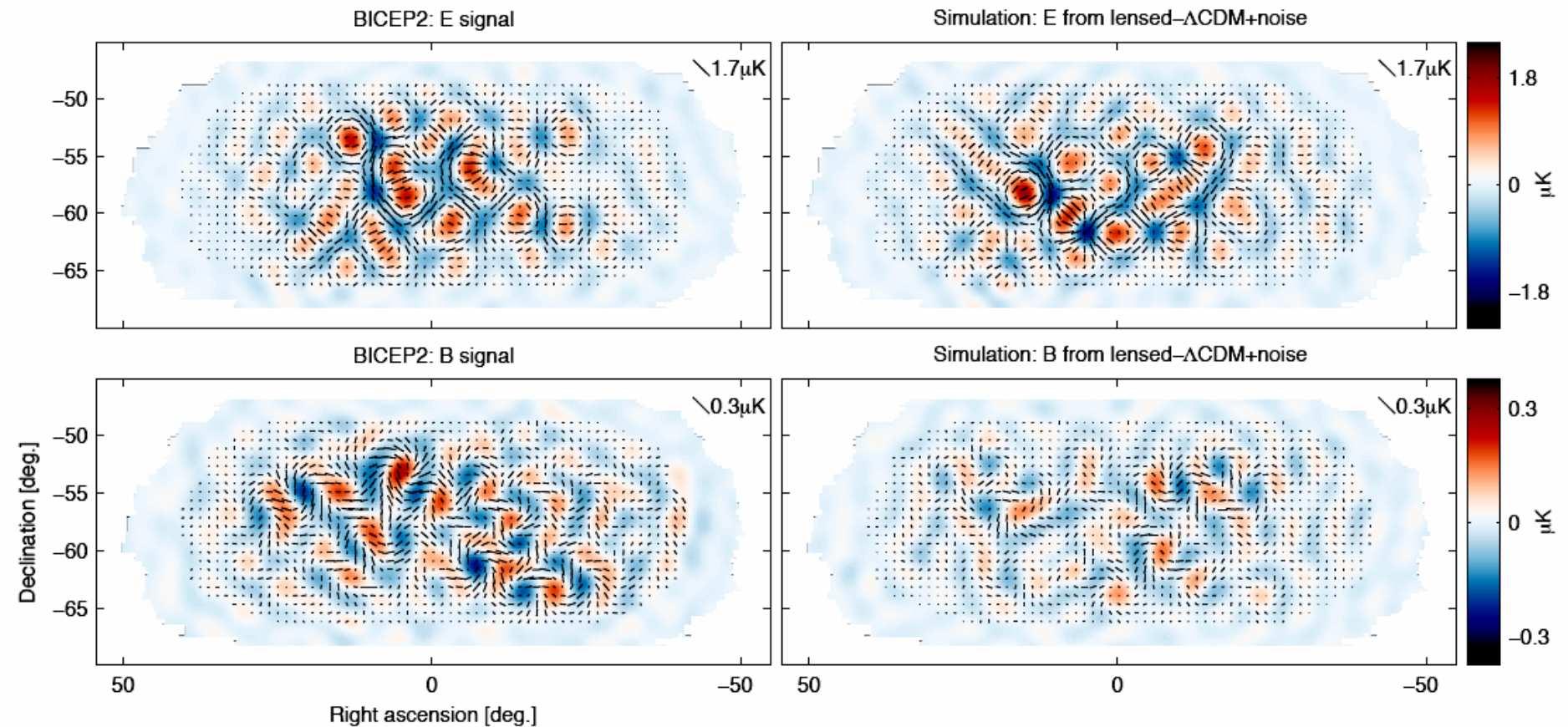
BICEP2/KECK (south pole)



3 dark winters of
integration
In the best sky spot
(<1000 sq. deg)

BICEP2 : single frequency
150 GHz

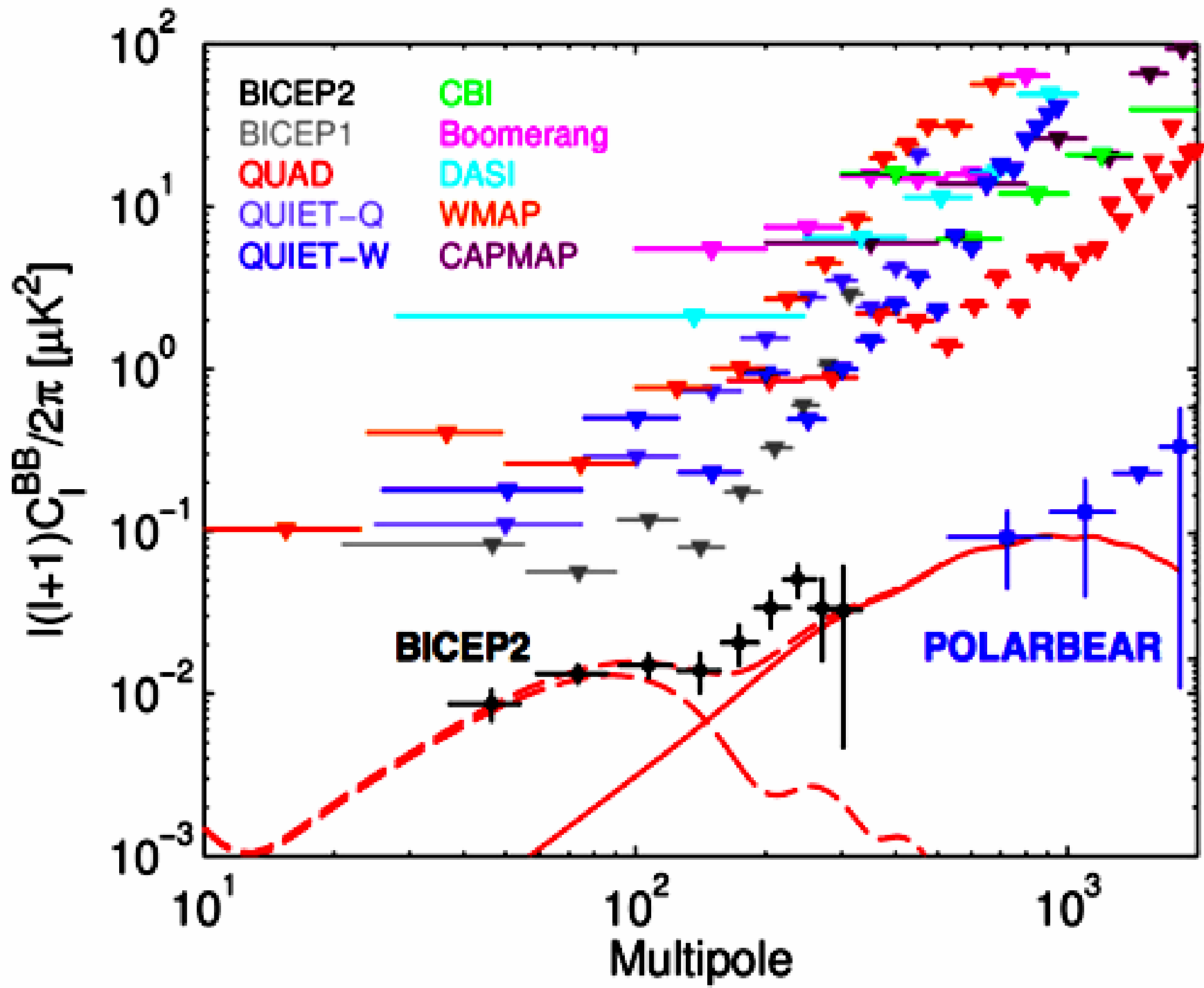


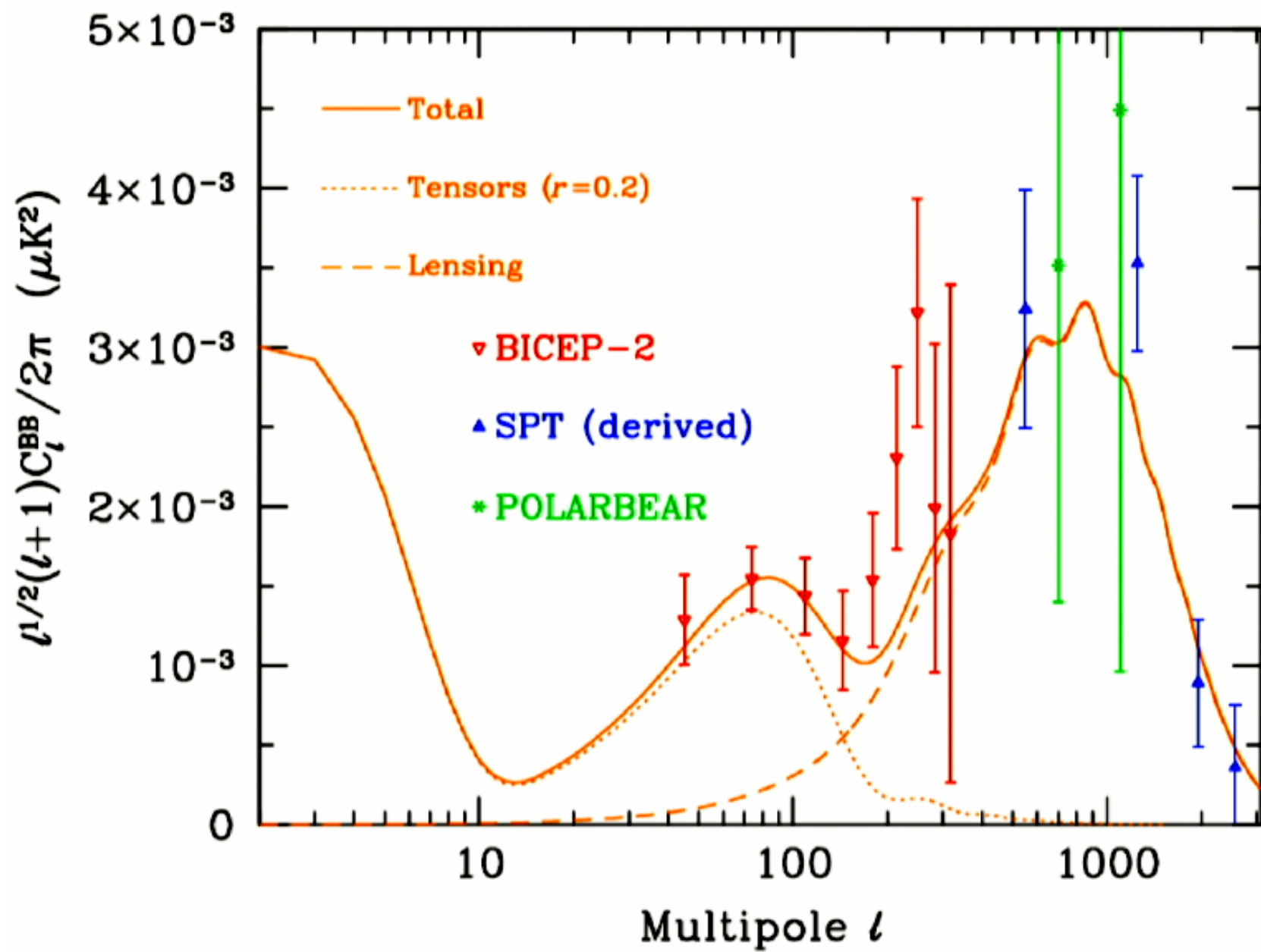


BICEP2 @ south pole :

- 3 dark winters of integration with hundreds of polarization-sensitive bolometers
- Extremely deep map (87 nK deg) of the lowest foreground intensity patch in the sky
- Single frequency (150 GHz)

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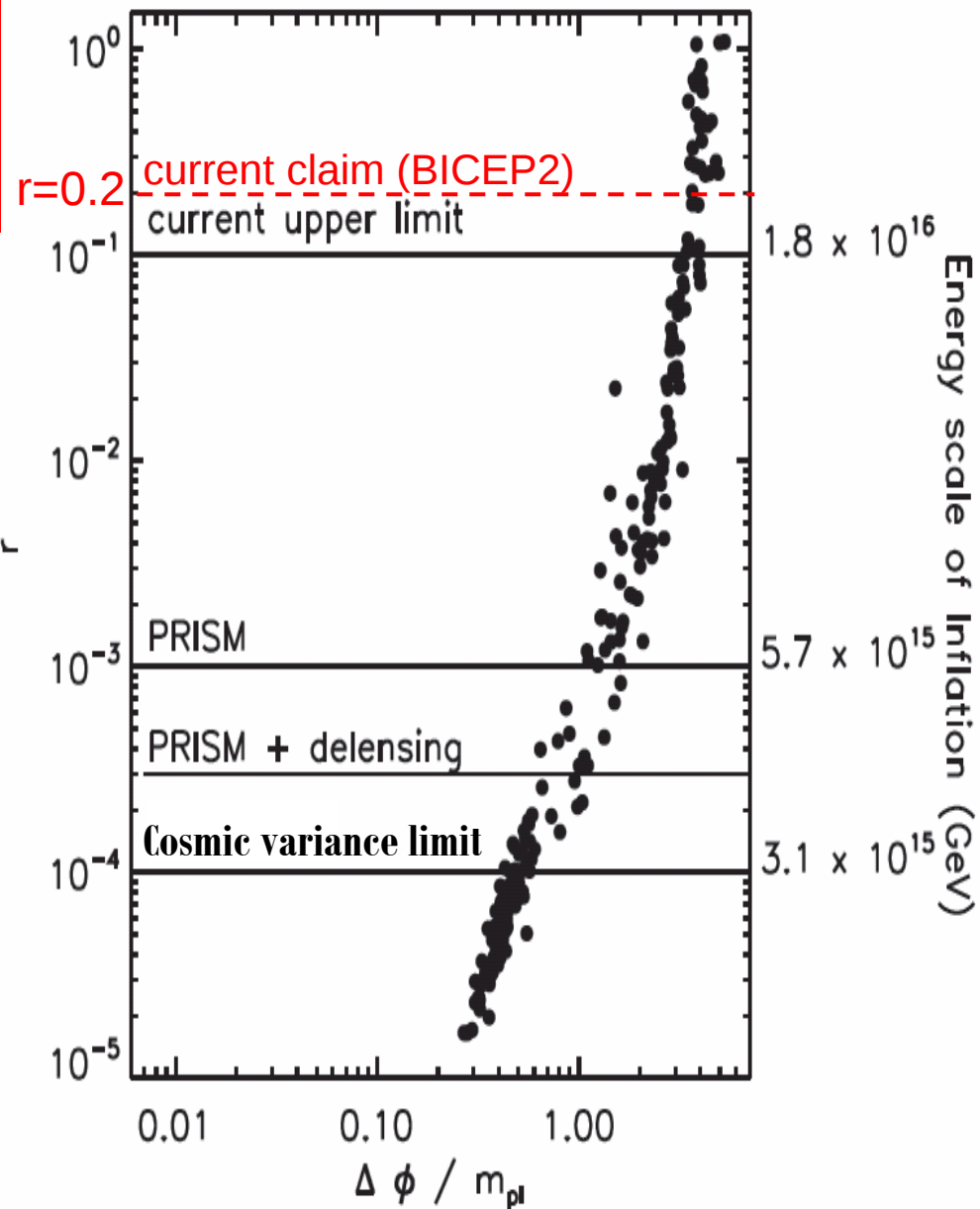




BICEP2 results: potentially a huge impact on Cosmology and Fundamental Physics

IF the detected B-modes are generated by cosmic inflation:

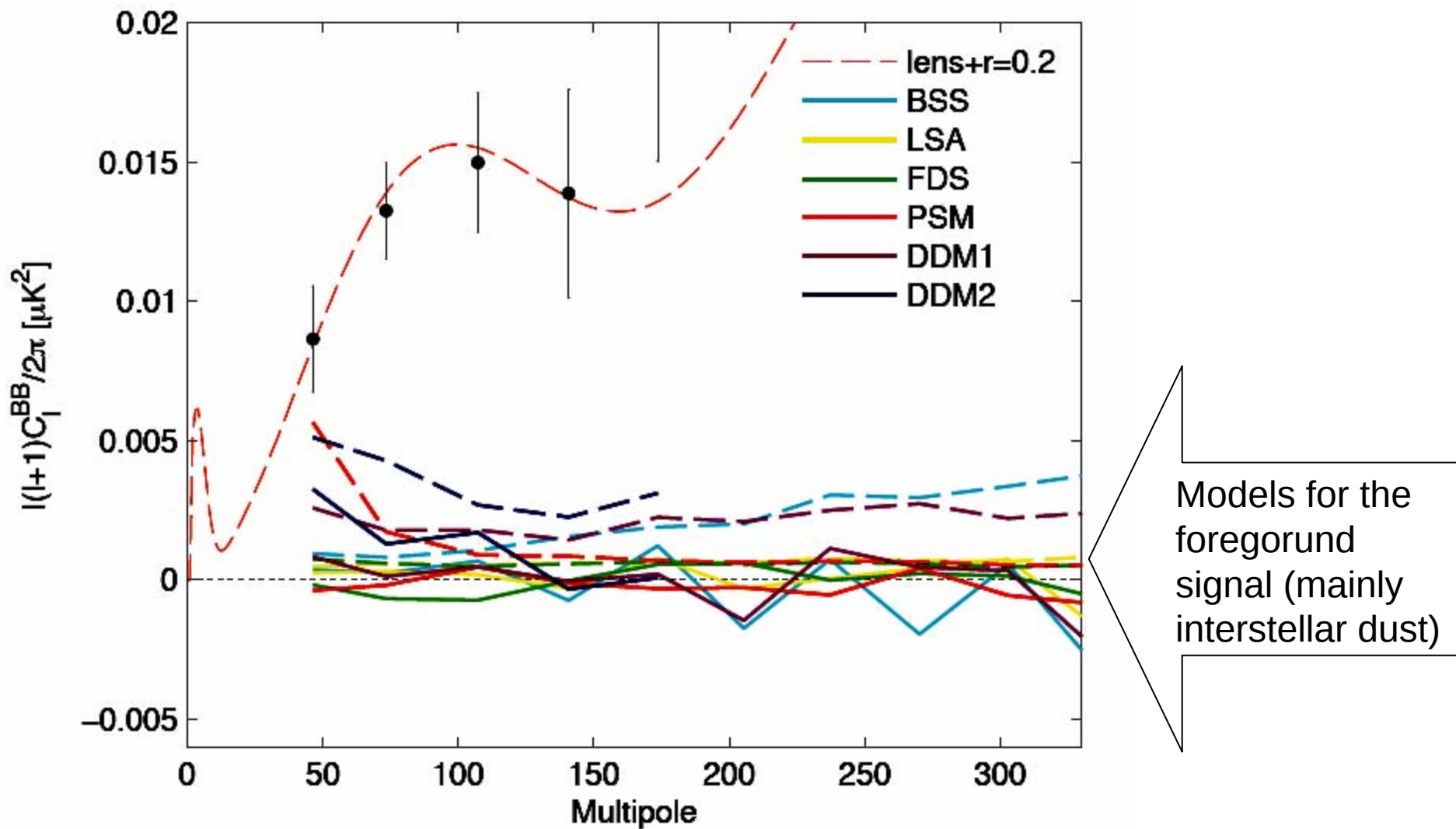
- What has been measured is the result of pre-inflationary quantum fluctuations in the spacetime metric
- The energy-scale of inflation is 2×10^{16} GeV (quite precise !)
- We can reject several classes of inflation models
- With new instruments and more precise measurements of B-modes we can constrain other parameters of inflation
- high-energy theory is to construct models of new physics near the Planck scale that include inflation.
- knowing the slope of the spectrum of tensor perturbations would provide a new observational constraint of physics in this energy range that CANNOT be probed by any other means



However ...

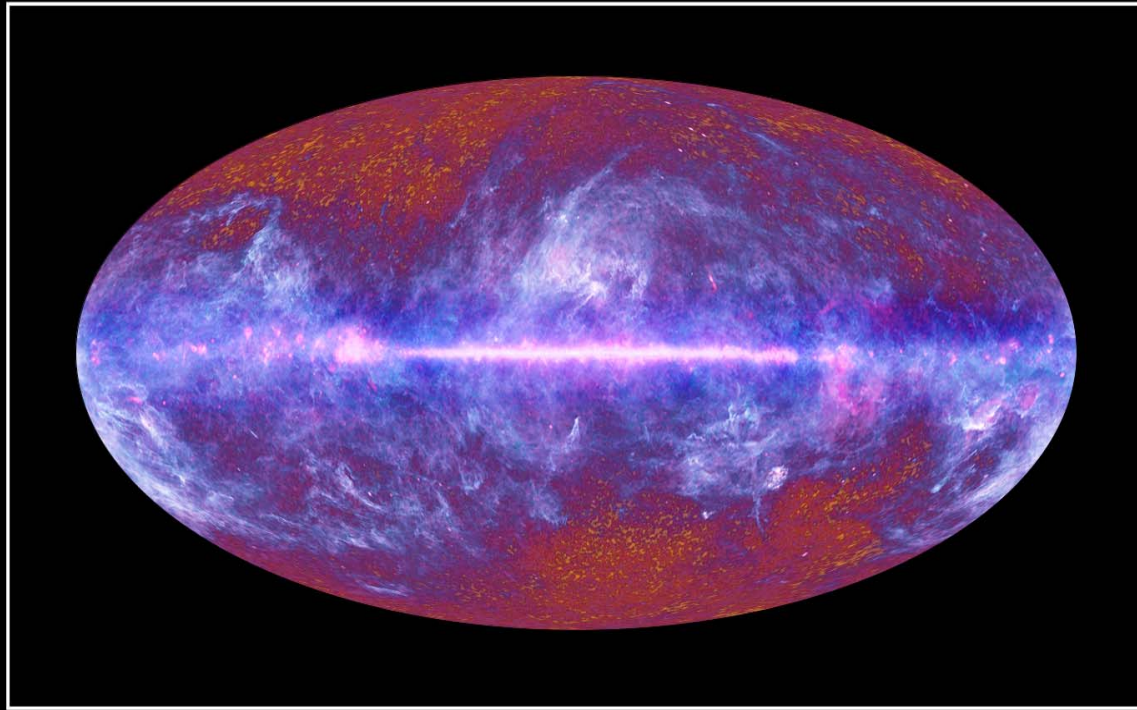
- Extraordinary discoveries require extraordinary evidence
- **Is the BICEP2 B-modes signal really in the sky ?**
My personal opinion is YES, despite of the tiny level, there is more than enough evidence for this in the papers. A systematics paper will be published soon, to fully convince.
- **Is the BICEP2 B-modes signal really primordial ?**
My personal opinion is that there is NOT enough evidence for this in the papers.

From BICEP2 paper :



Interstellar dust polarization

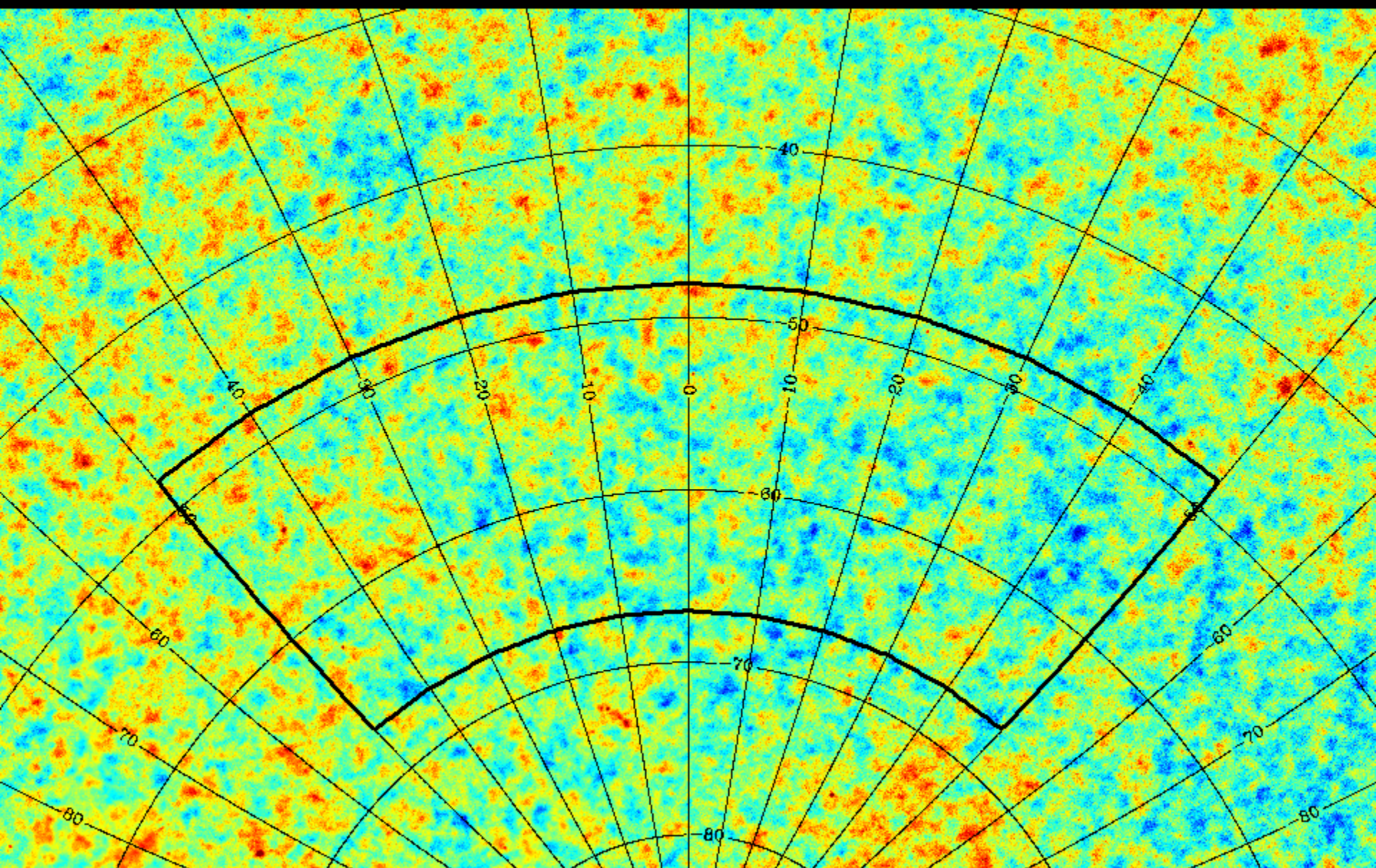
- Interstellar dust grains are elongated and aligned in the magnetic field of our Galaxy
- Dust grains are heated by UVs from stars, and re-emit as grey-body sources in the FIR, with a temperature of 20-30K.
- Due to the alignment, the emission is polarized.
- The polarization fraction depends on the degree of alignment and on the coherence of the B-field along the line of sight
- In high-latitude regions the line of sight crosses only one or a few thin dust clouds, where the magnetic field is likely to be coherent. So lower dust intensity does not imply necessarily low dust polarization.
- Planck polarization data at 340 GHz are very sensitive to polarized dust.
- Other data are very scarce and there are no data available in the region observed by BICEP2.



The Planck one-year all-sky survey

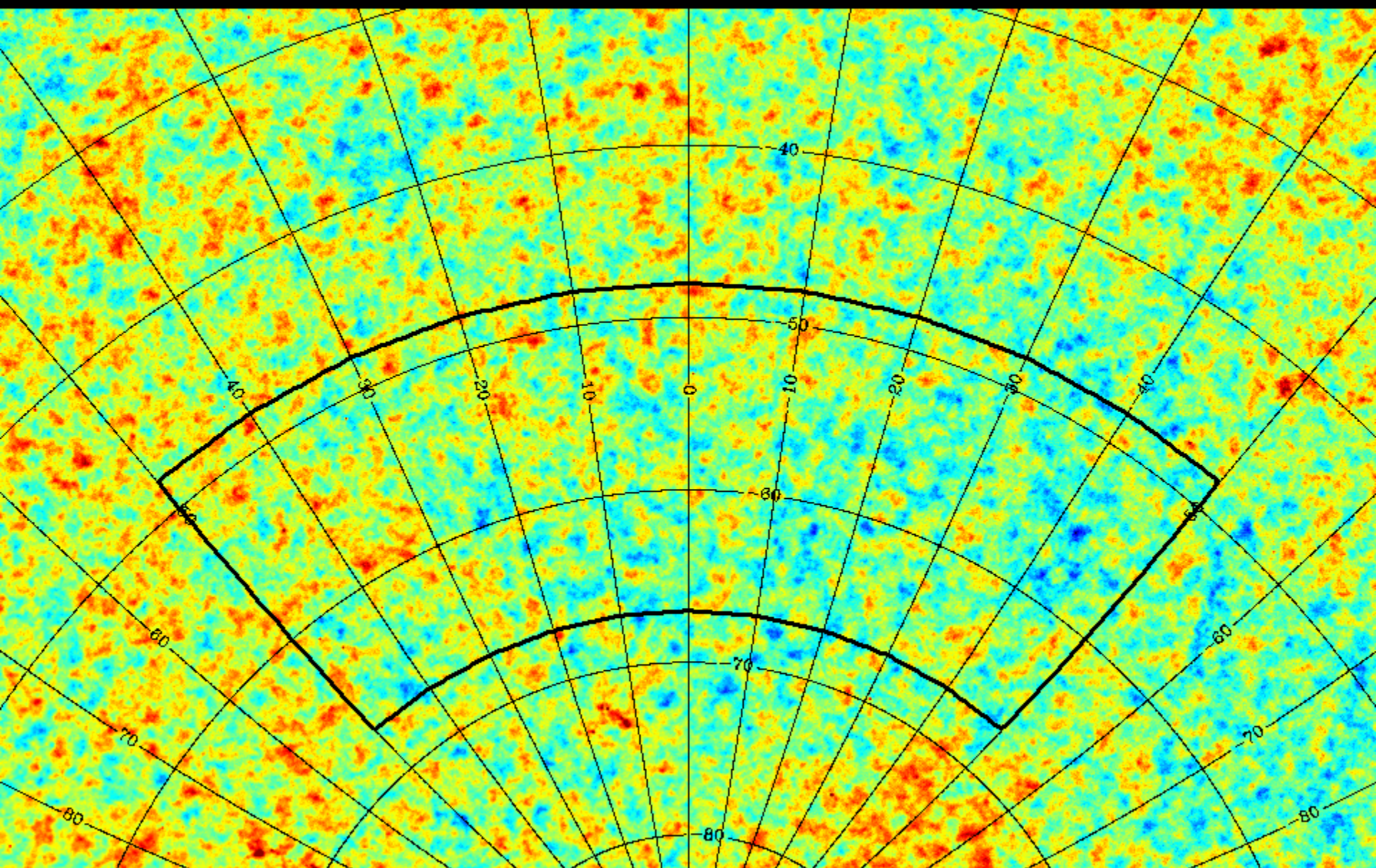


(c) ESA, HFI and LFI consortia, July 2010



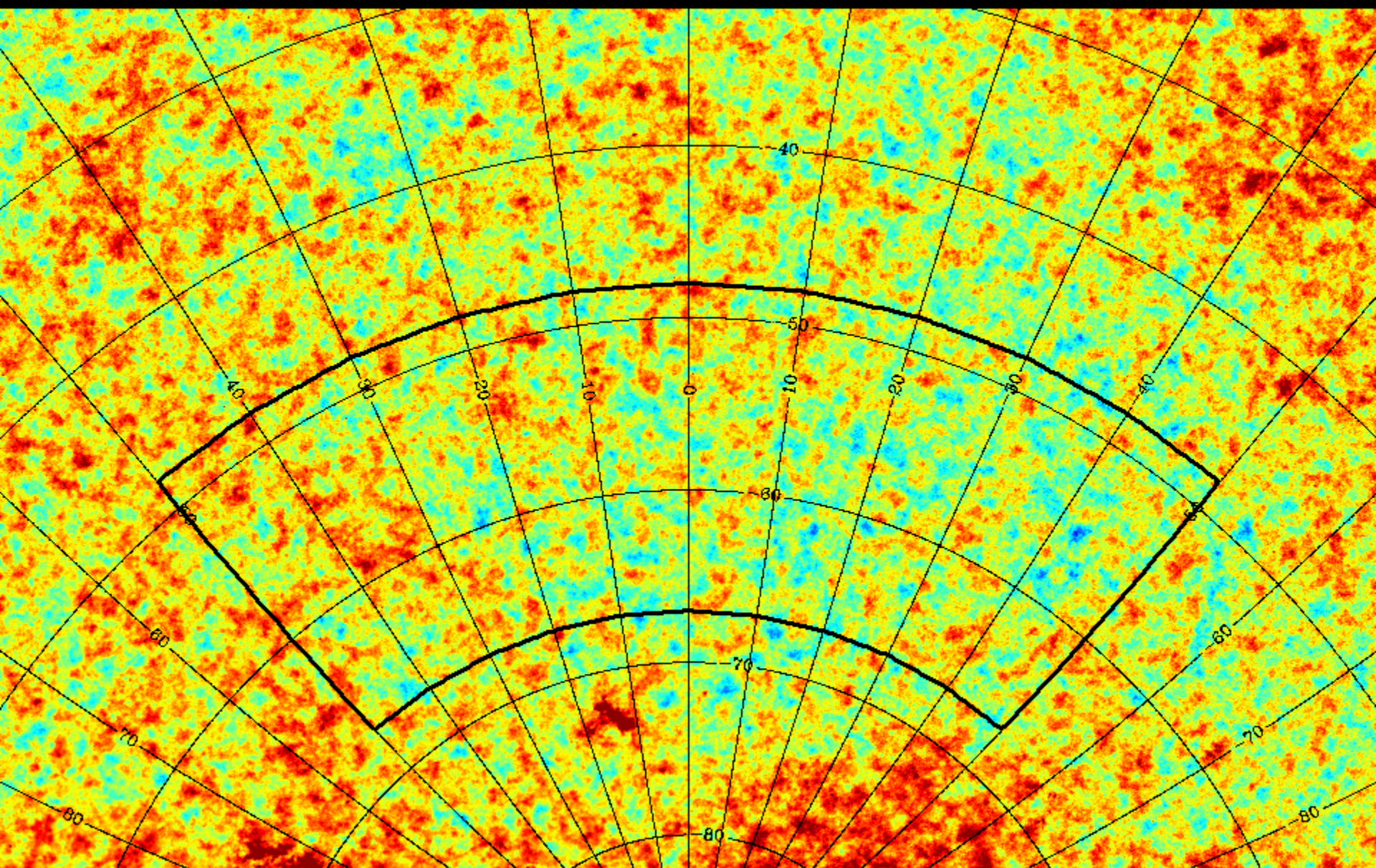
Planck data in the BICEP2 region

100 GHz



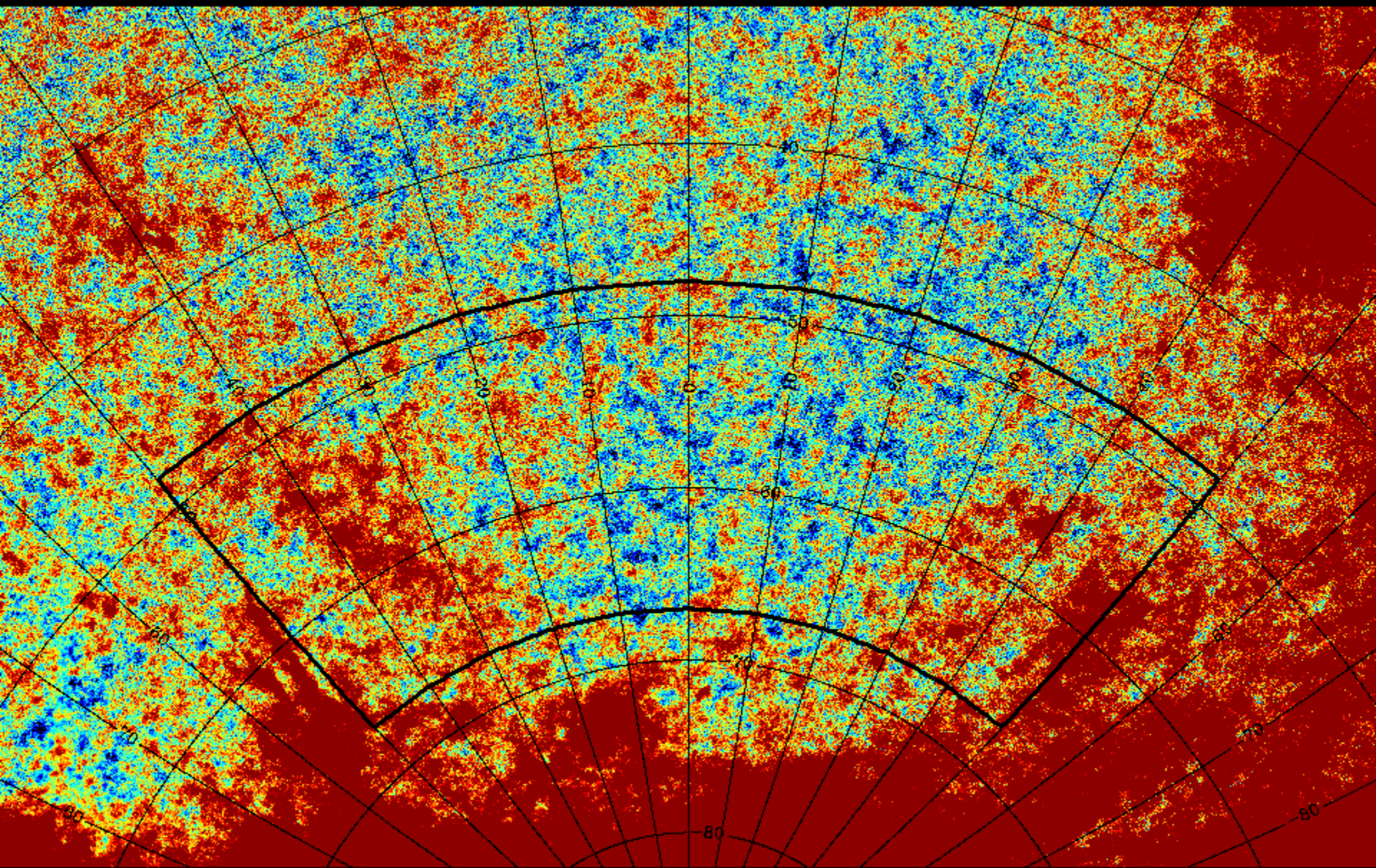
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143 GHz



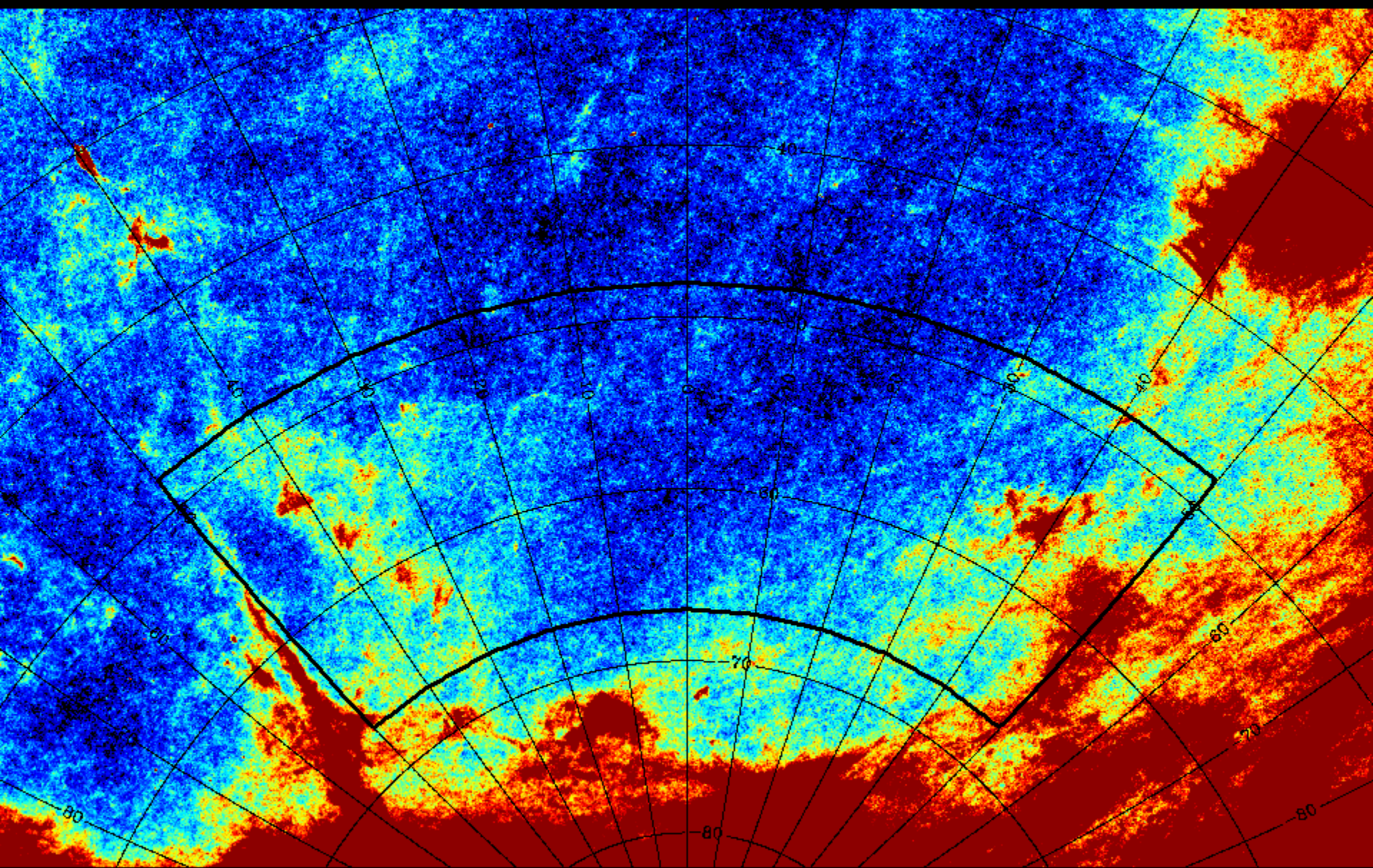
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217 GHz



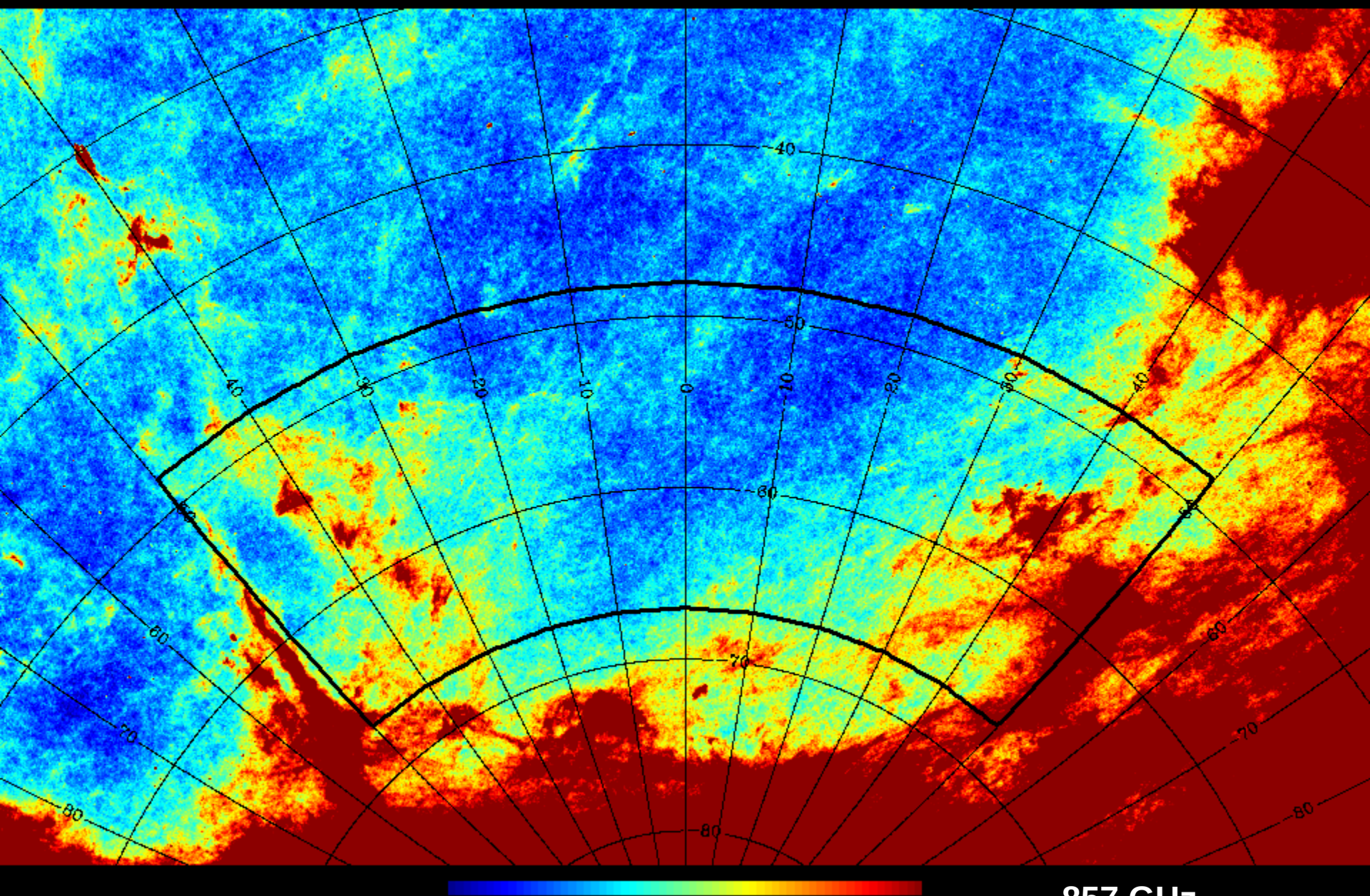
Planck data in the BICEP2 region

353 GHz



Planck data in the BICEP2 region

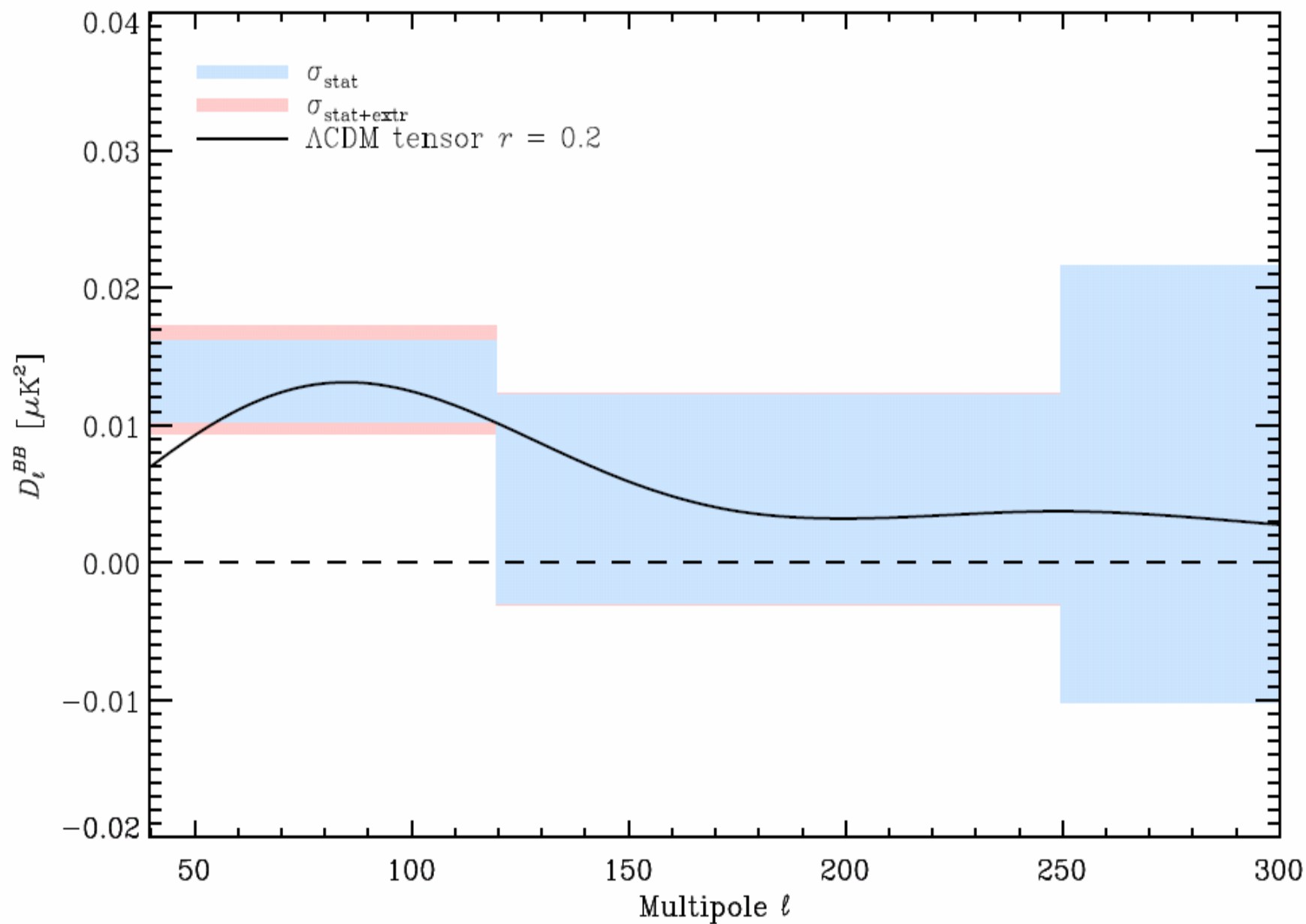
545 GHz



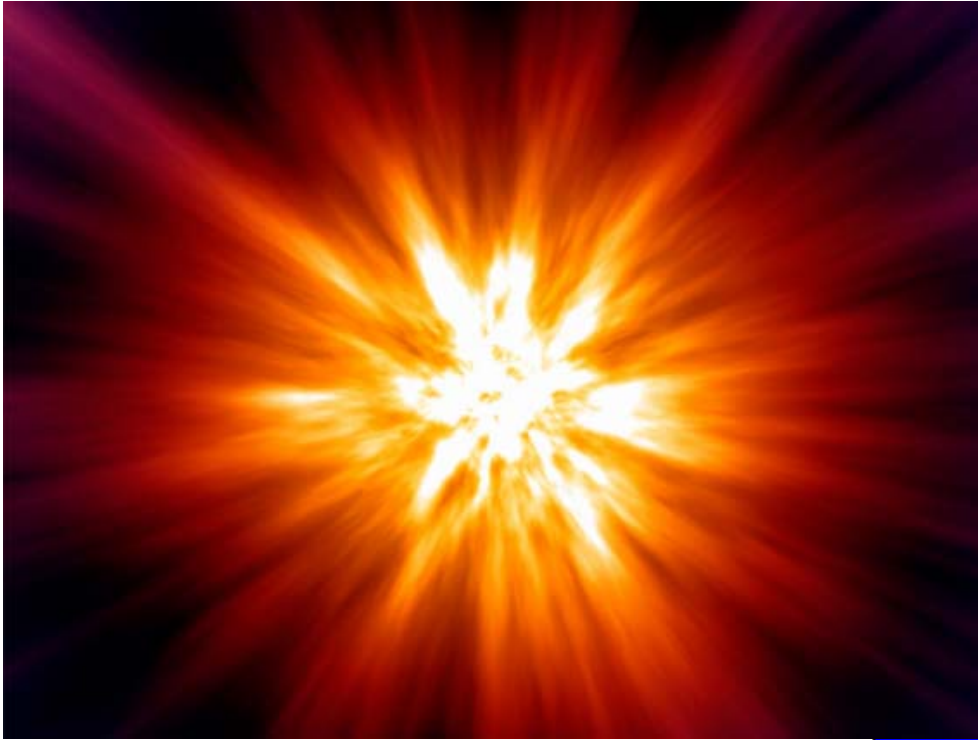
Planck data in the BICEP2 region

857 GHz

The *Planck* collaboration: *Planck* dust polarization at high latitudes



Enigmas in
cosmology, today.
(or in fundamental
physics ?)

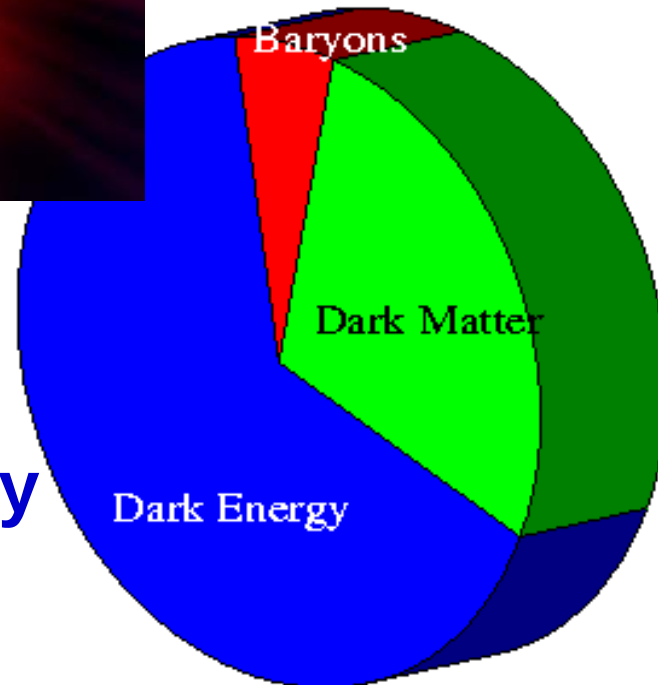


Inflation

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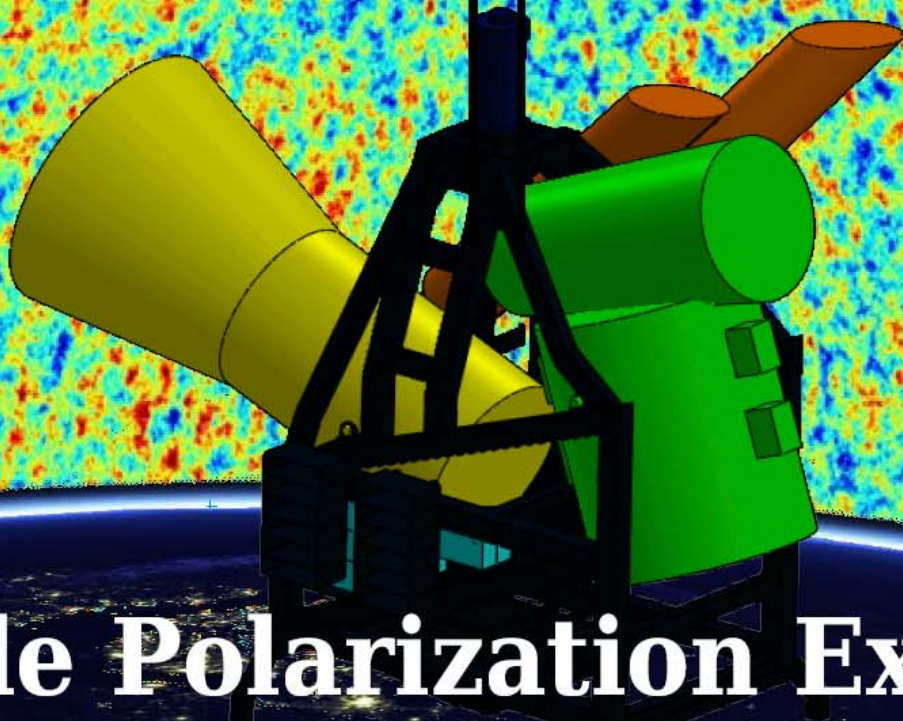
?

**Dark
Energy
74%**



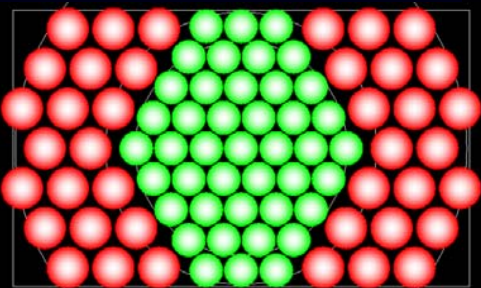
**Dark
Matter
22%**

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Large Scale Polarization Explorer

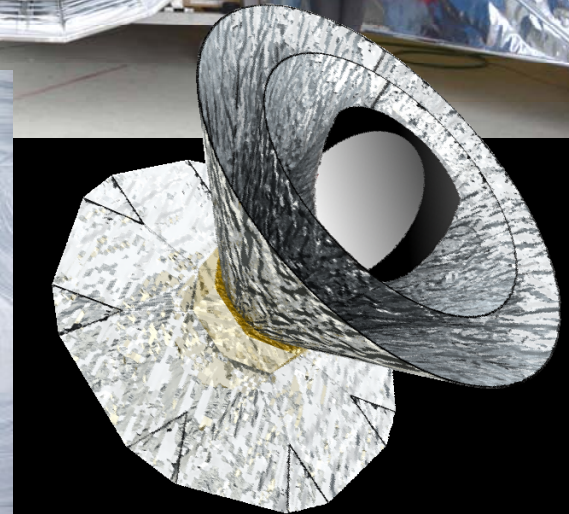
90-GHz 145 GHz 90-GHz



Progress linked to technology development

c): angular resolution

- **Planck:** 1.5m aperture, 5' resolution @300 GHz
- **OLIMPO:** 2.6m, 4'-1' resolution 140-600 GHz
- **SPT:** 10m, 1' resolution @140 GHz
- **COrE:** 1' resolution @600 GHz
- **PRISM:** sub-arcmin @300 GHz



Forse la polarizzazione del fondo cosmico a microonde ci svelerà cosa accadde nei primi attimi ...

C'è ancora moltissimo da fare per arrivarci.



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