

# Finding Cosmic Inflation

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# Breakthrough in Cosmological Research

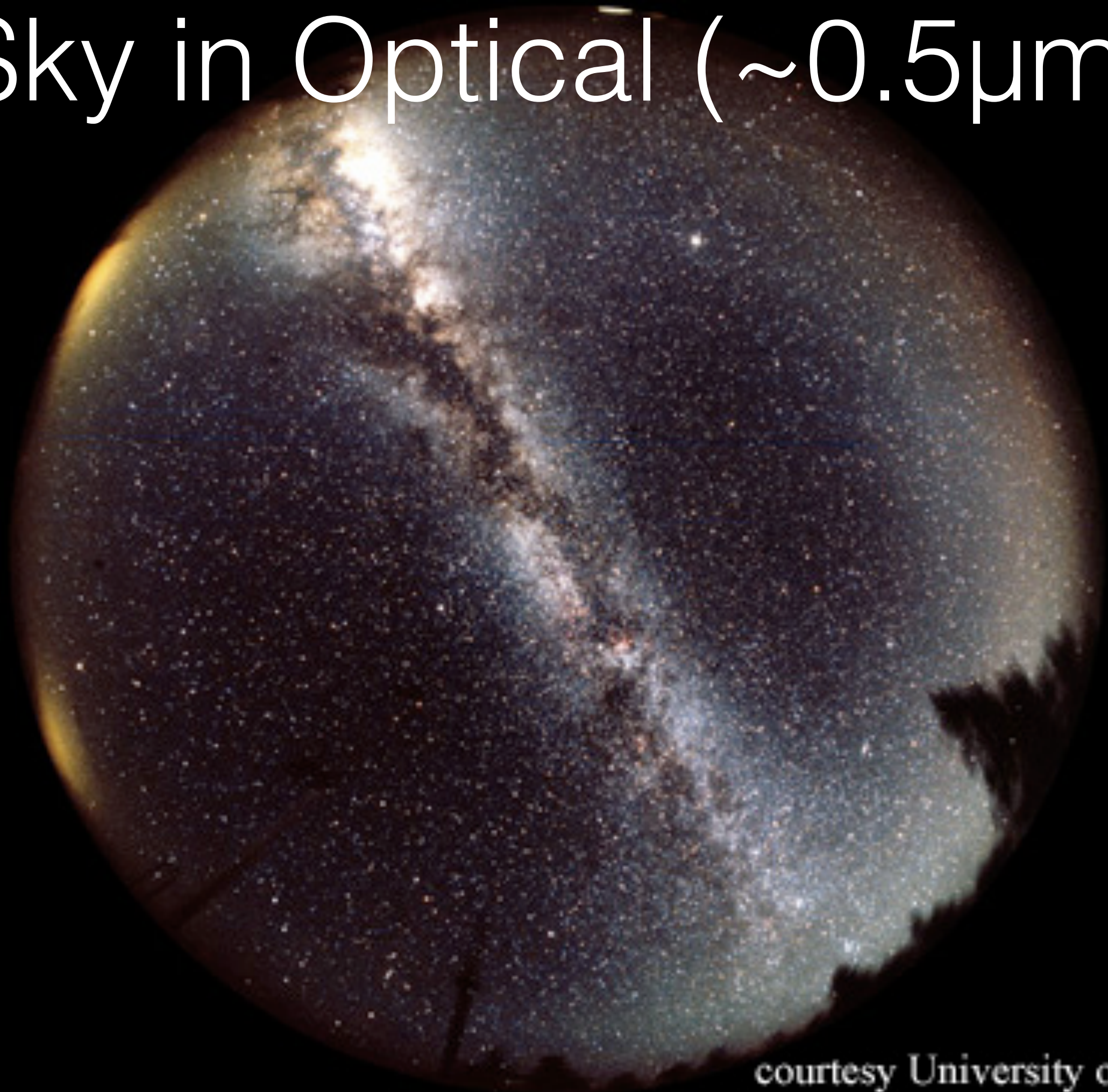
- We can actually **see** the physical condition of the universe when it was very young



*From "Cosmic Voyage"*



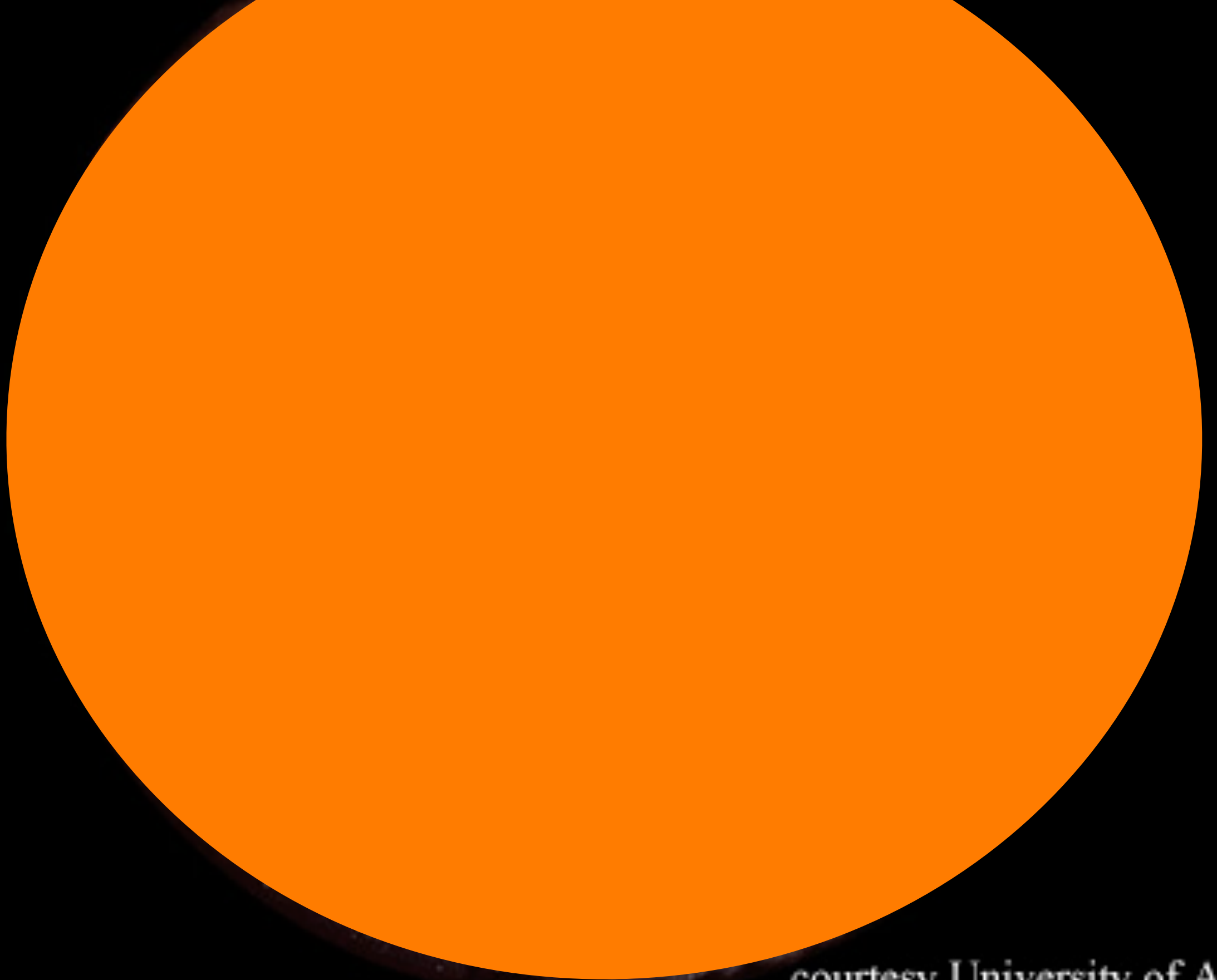
# Sky in Optical ( $\sim 0.5\mu\text{m}$ )



courtesy University of Arizona



# Sky in Microwave ( $\sim 1\text{mm}$ )



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# Sky in Microwave ( $\sim 1\text{mm}$ )

*Light from the fireball Universe  
filling our sky (2.7K)*

**The Cosmic Microwave  
Background (CMB)**

**410 photons**  
per  
cubic centimeter!!





Full-dome movie for planetarium

Director: Hiromitsu Kohsaka

# HORIZON

Beyond the Edge of the Visible Universe

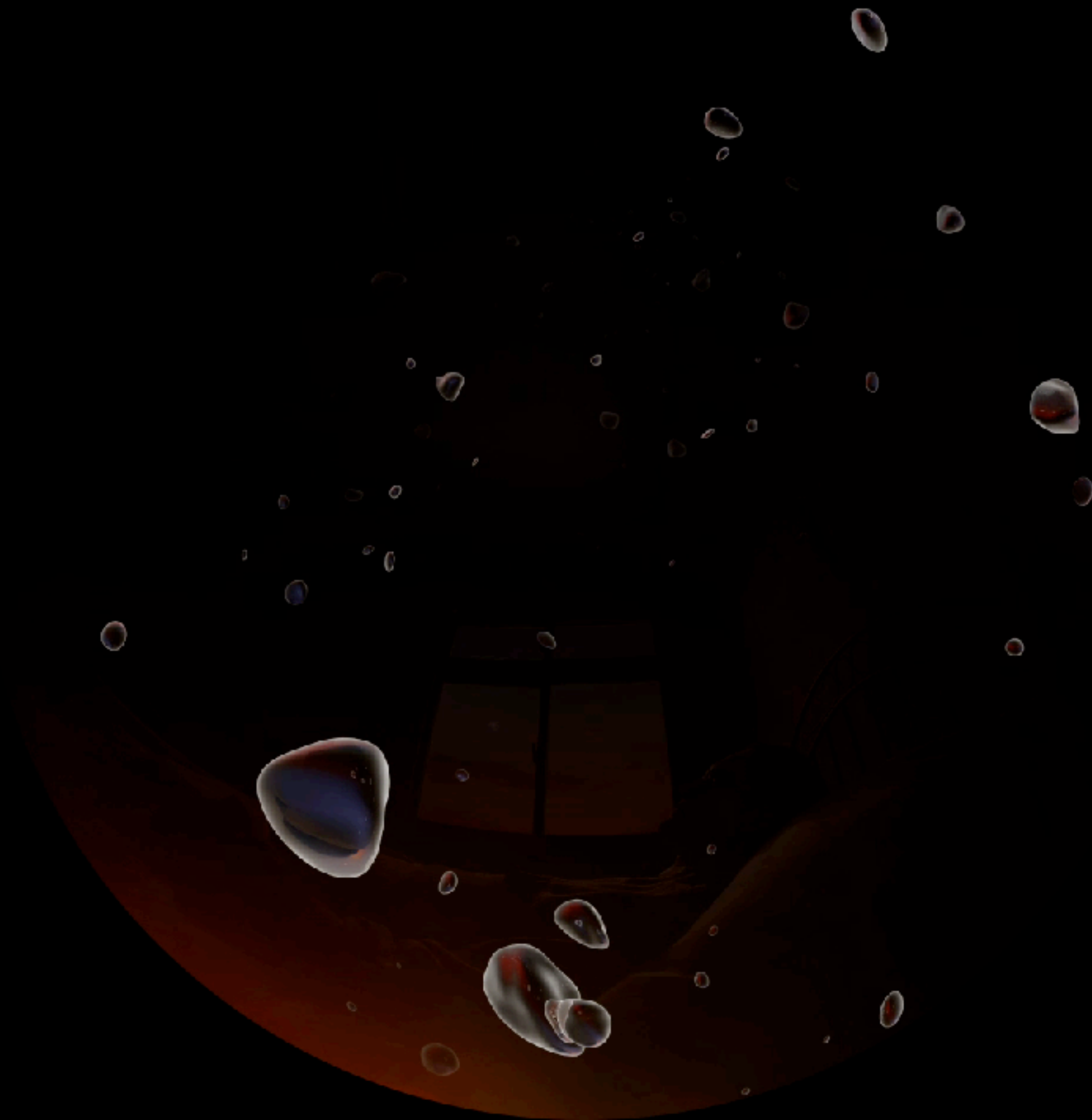
**Nominated for one of 12 movies,  
which will be shown at the upcoming  
“FullDome Festival” at Jena, May 23–26, 2018**



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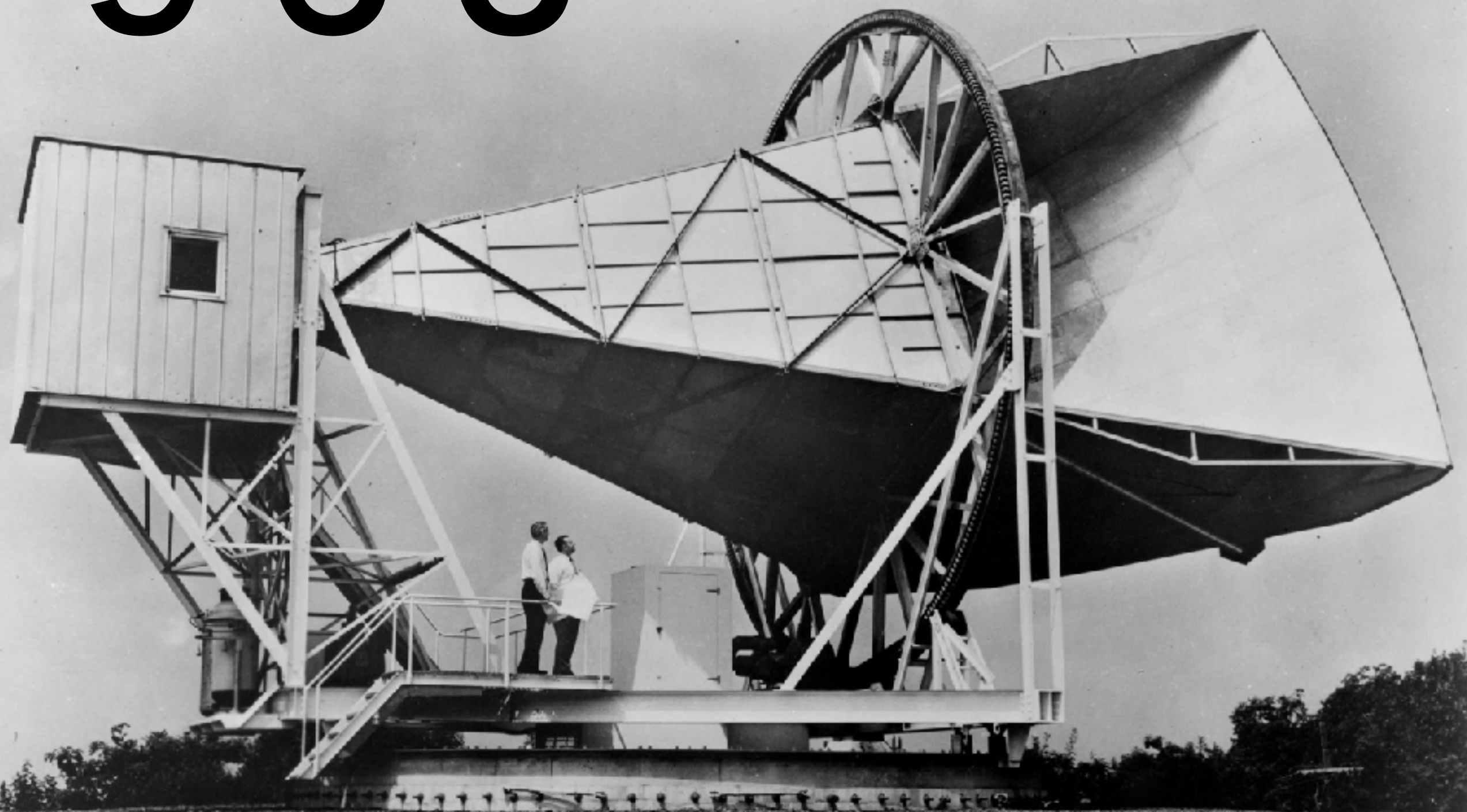


A photograph of Prof. Hiranya Peiris, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a black cardigan over a black top with a colorful patterned collar. She is holding a vintage, light-colored television set with a handle. The TV screen displays a blue, grainy, noisy pattern. The background is dark, and a wooden ledge is visible at the bottom.

**Prof. Hiranya Peiris**  
**(Univ. College London)**

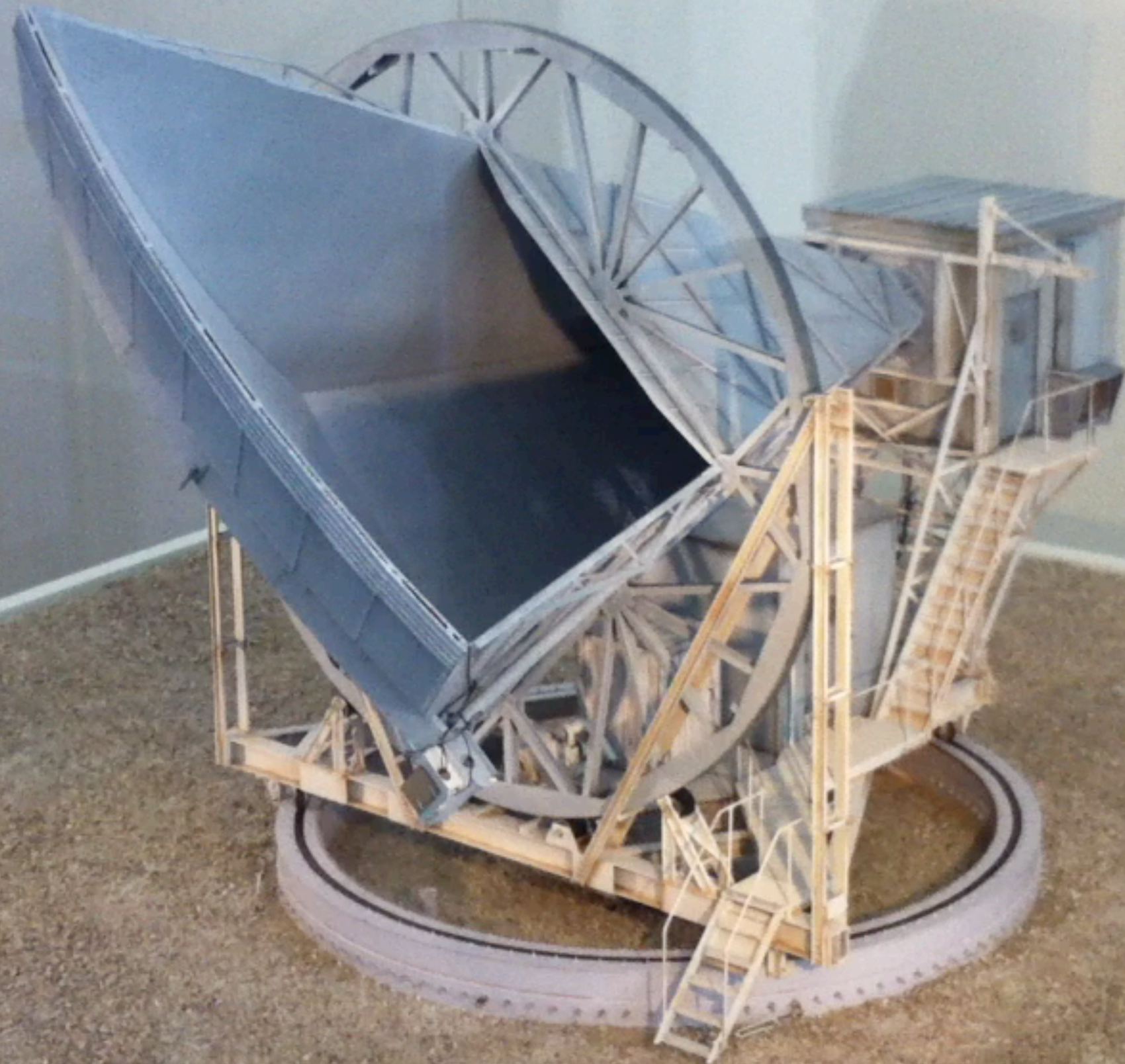
**All you need to do is to detect radio waves. For example, 1% of noise on the TV is from the fireball Universe**

1965





1:25 model of the antenna at Bell Lab  
The 3rd floor of Deutsches Museum





# The real detector system used by Penzias & Wilson

## The 3rd floor of Deutsches Museum



**Donated by Dr. Penzias,  
who was born in Munich**





Horn antenna

Calibrator, cooled  
to 5K by liquid helium

Amplifier

Recorder

Hornantennenanschluss

Hohlleiterzug

V  
Vergleichs-  
quelle

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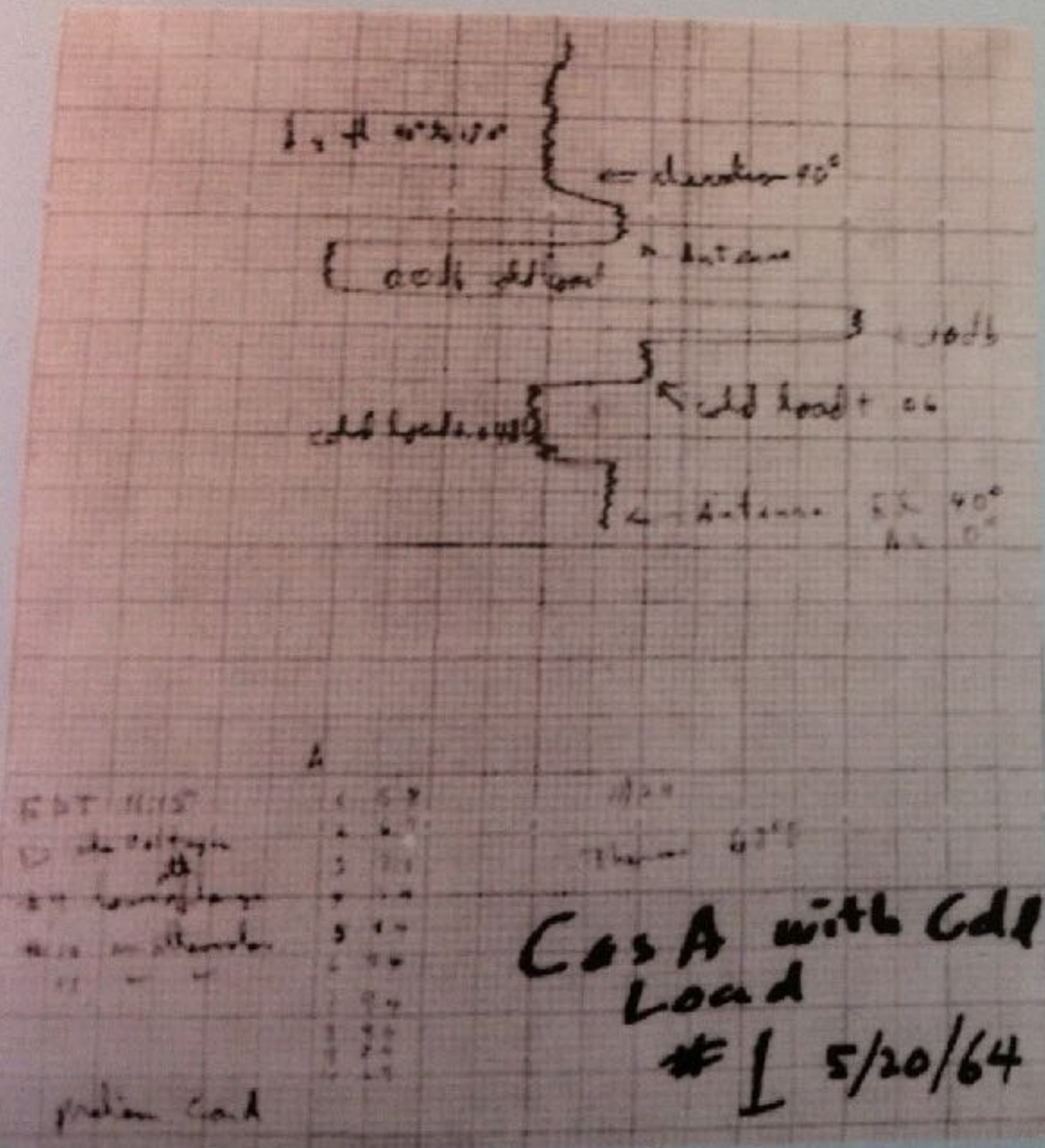
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# May 20, 1964 CMB Discovered

$$6.7 - 2.3 - 0.8 - 0.1 \\ = 3.5 \pm 1.0 \text{ K}$$

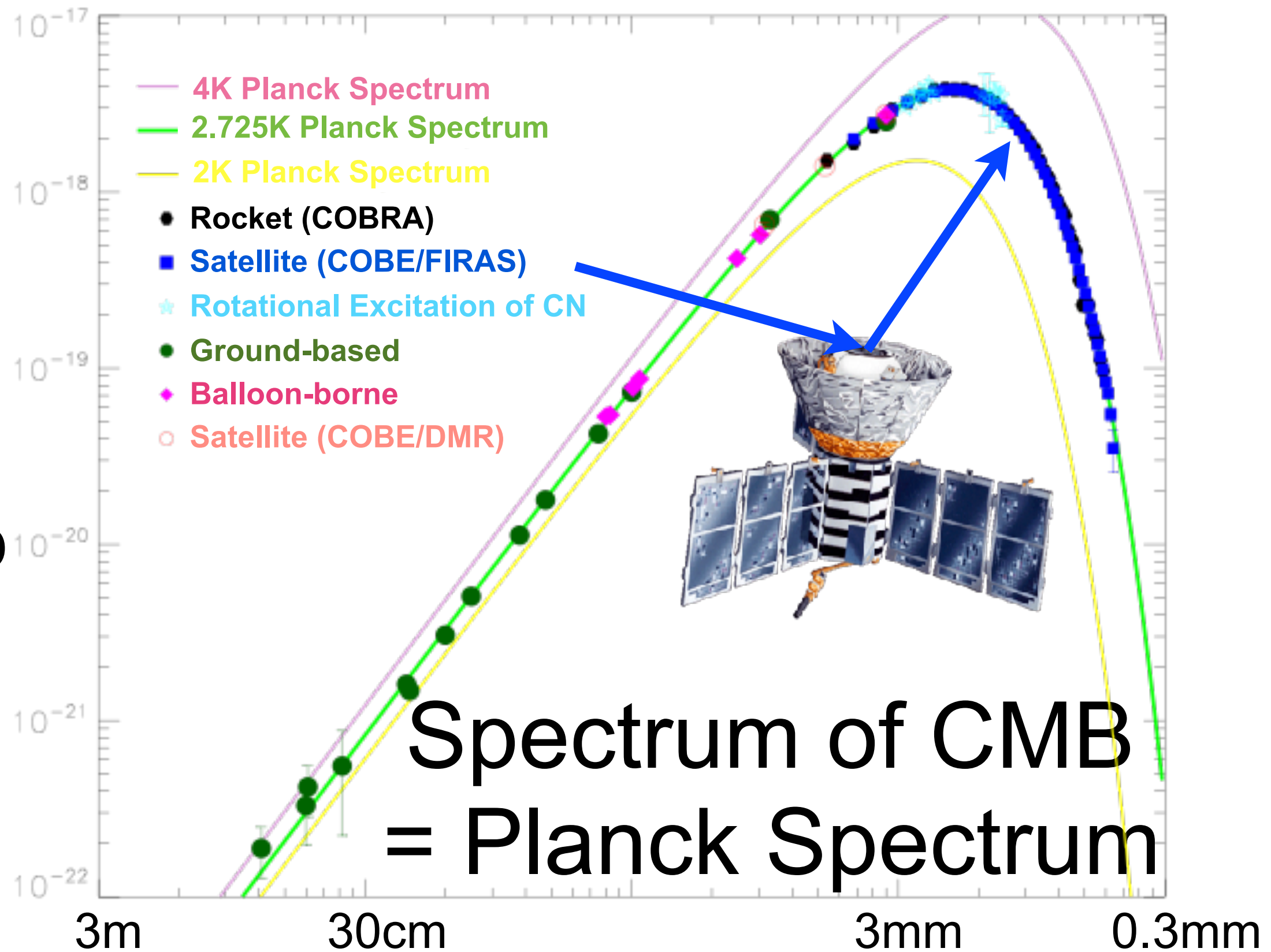


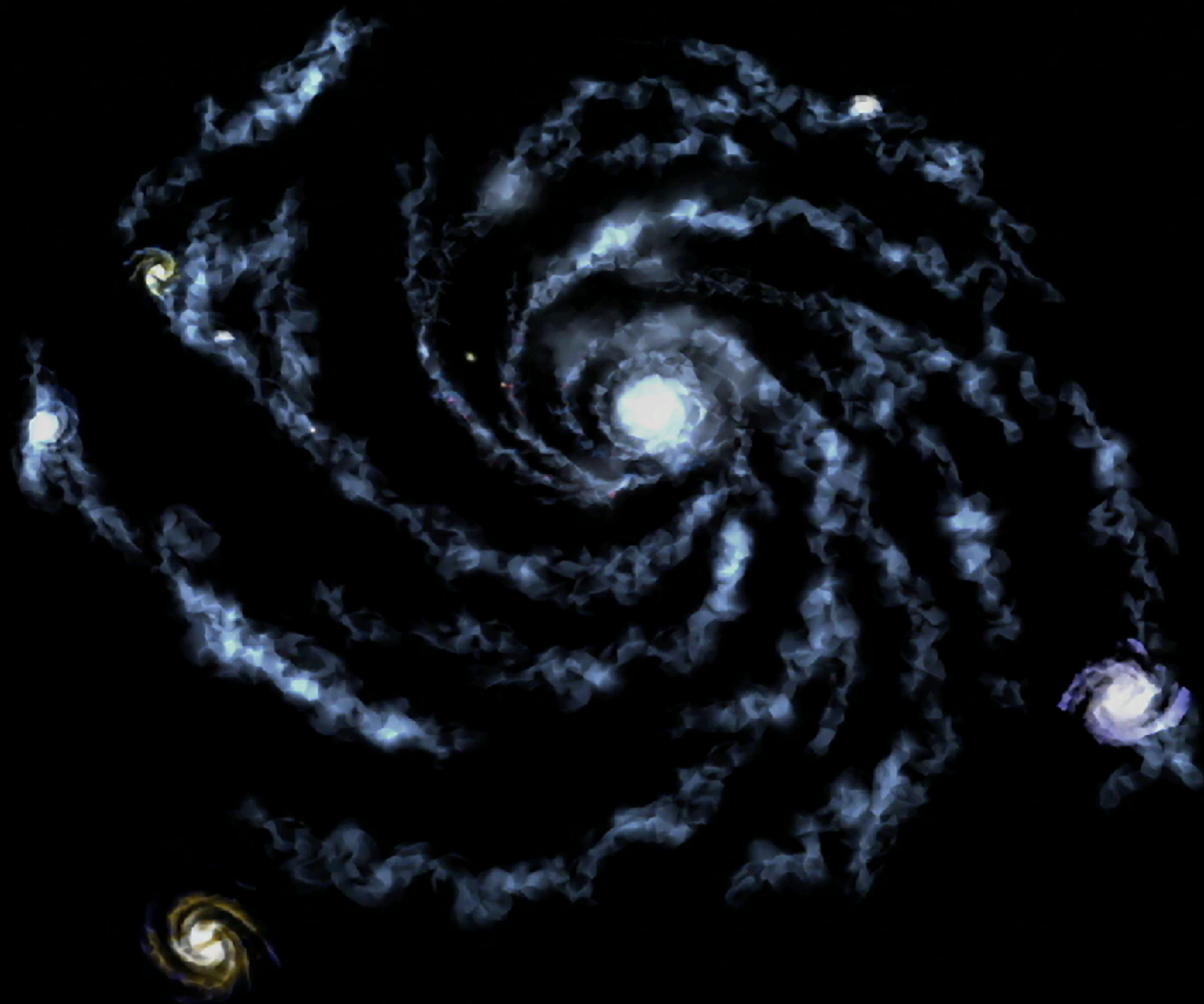
Schreiberaufzeichnung der ersten Messung des Mikrowellenhintergrundes am 20.5.1964

Recording of the first measurement of cosmic microwave background radiation taken on 5/20/1964.



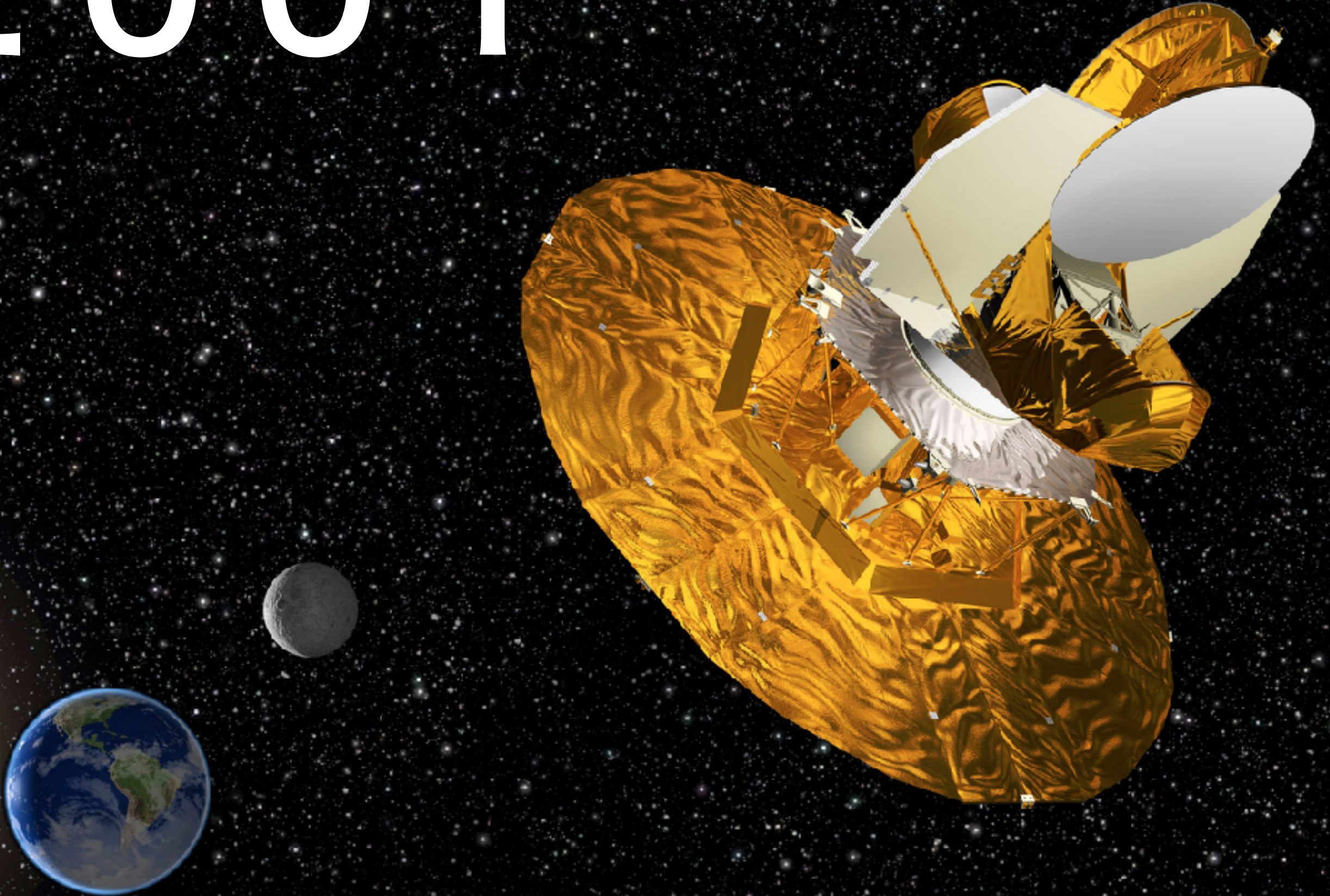
Brightness







# 2001





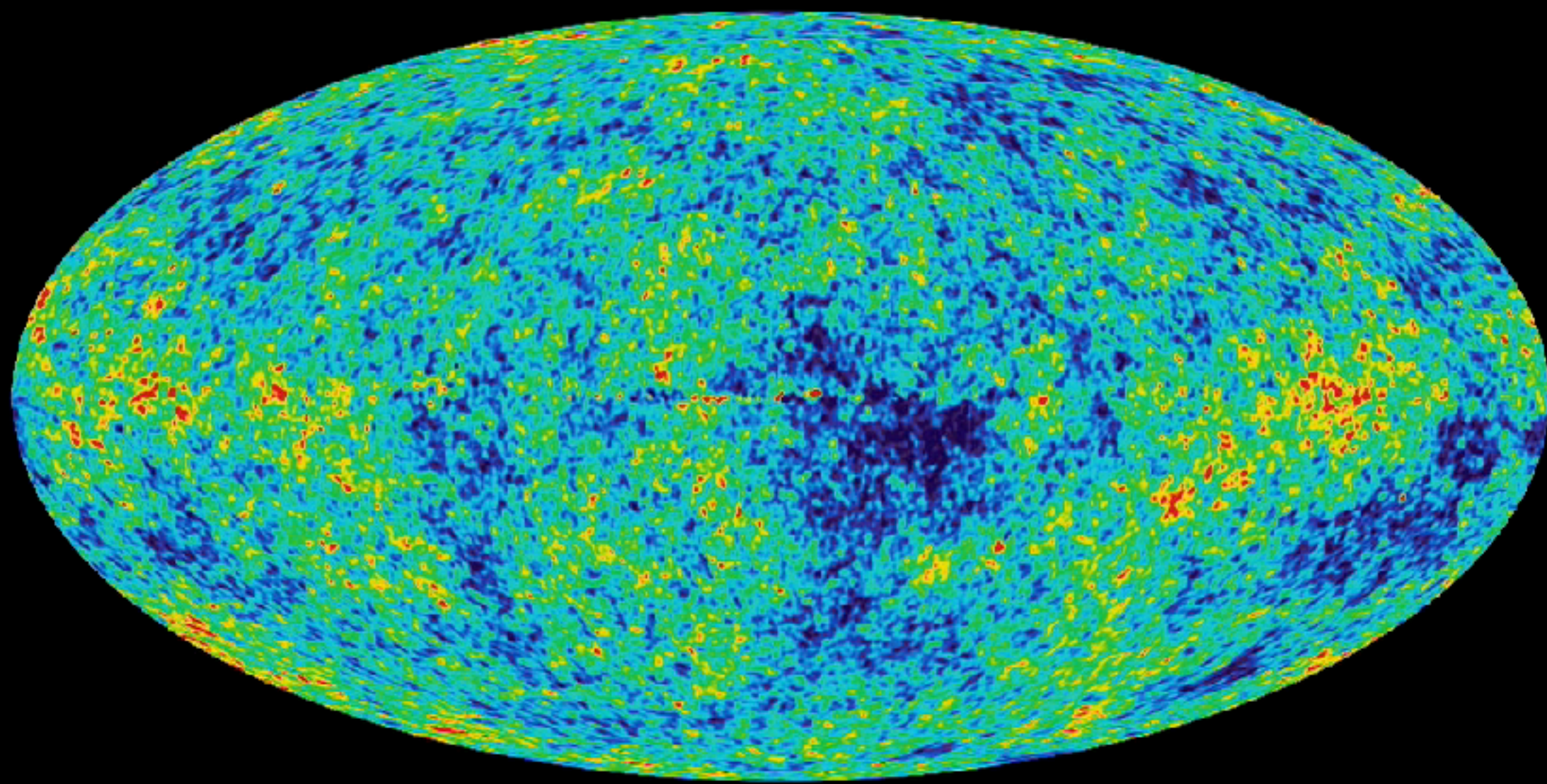
# WMAP Science Team

## July 19, 2002



- WMAP was launched on June 30, 2001
- The WMAP mission ended after 9 years of operation

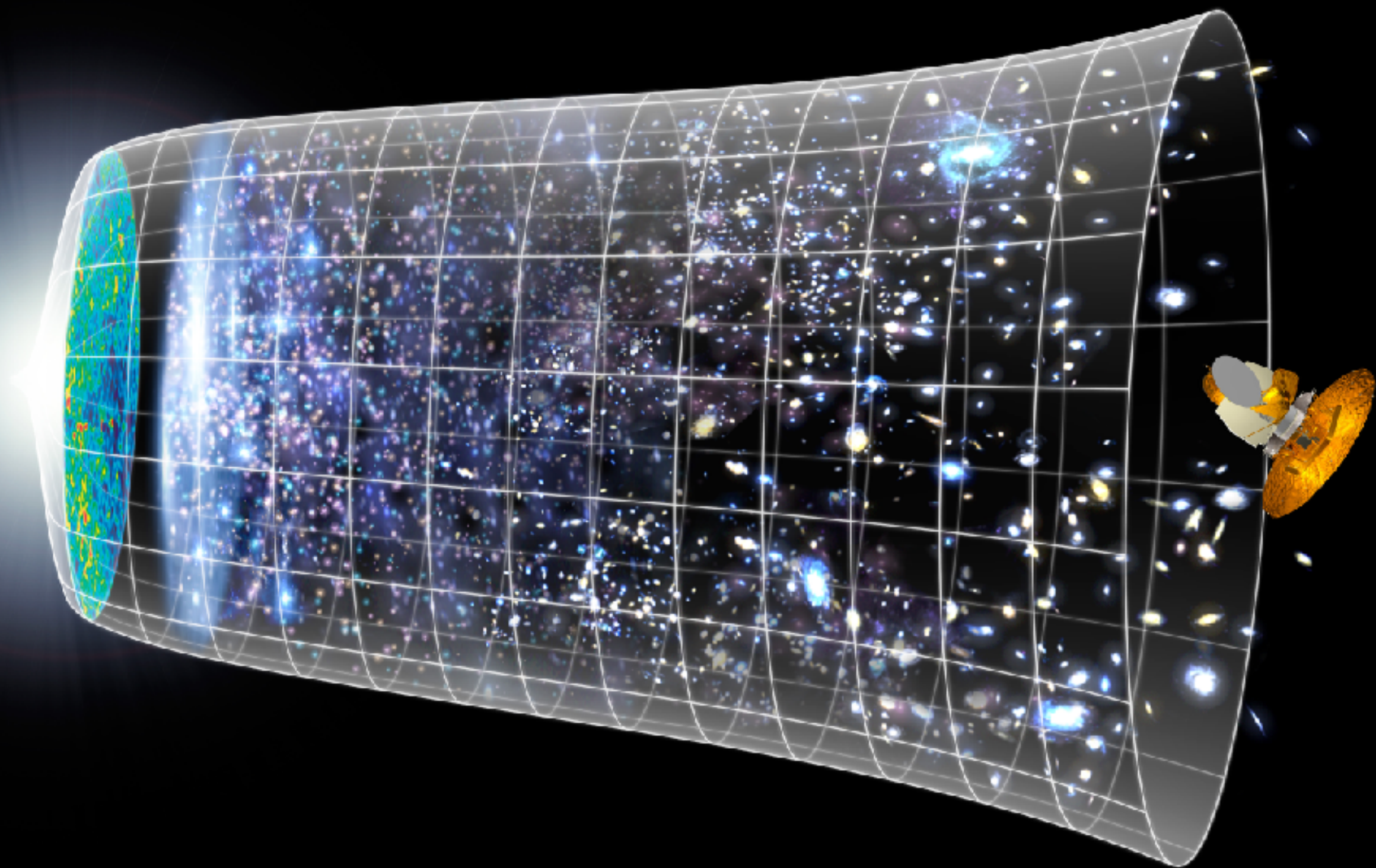




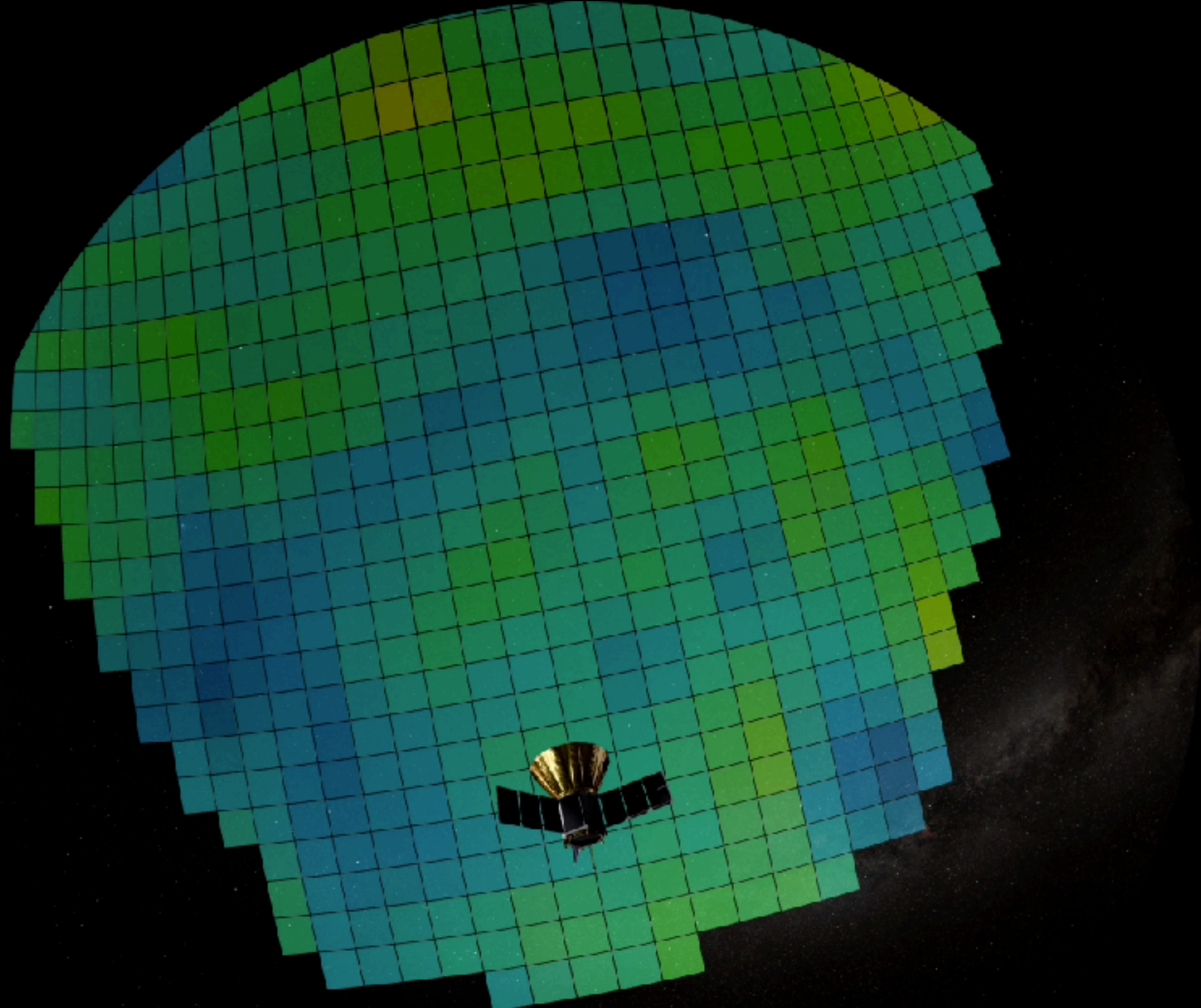


# A Remarkable Story

- Observations of the cosmic microwave background and their interpretation taught us that **galaxies, stars, planets, and ourselves originated from tiny fluctuations in the early Universe**
- *But, what generated the initial fluctuations?*







# Leading Idea

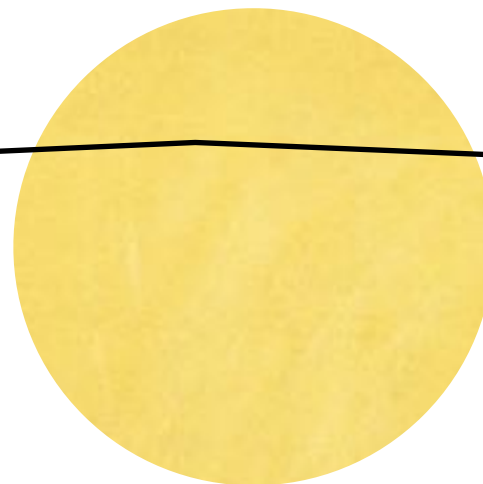
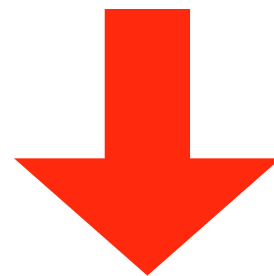
- Quantum mechanics at work in the early Universe
  - “*We all came from quantum fluctuations*”
- But, how did quantum fluctuations on the *microscopic* scales become *macroscopic* fluctuations over large distances?
- What is the **missing link** between small and large scales?

# Cosmic Inflation

Quantum fluctuations on  
microscopic scales



Inflation!



- Exponential expansion (inflation) stretches the wavelength of quantum fluctuations to cosmological scales

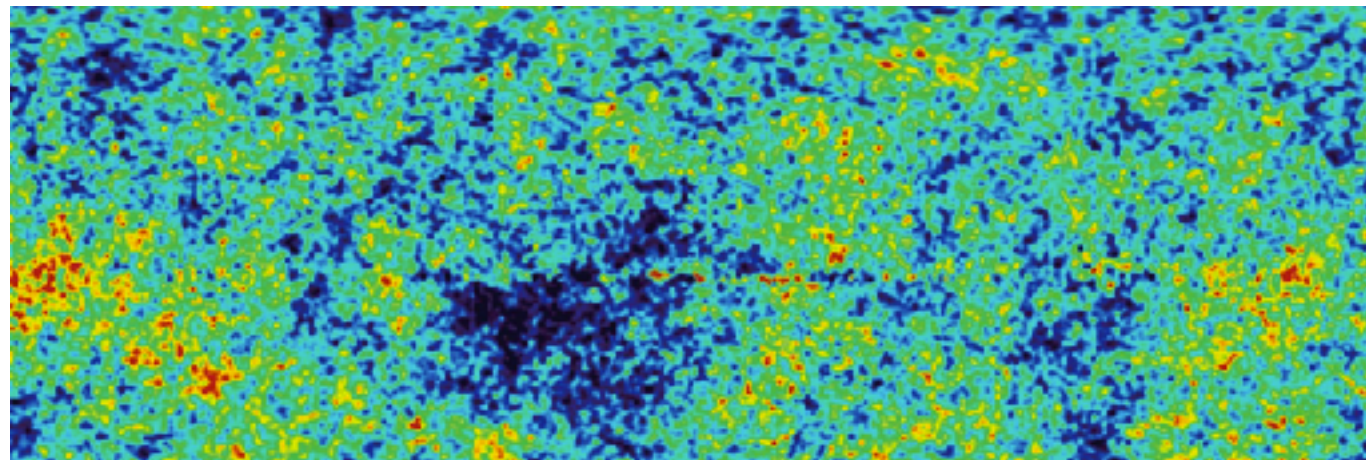
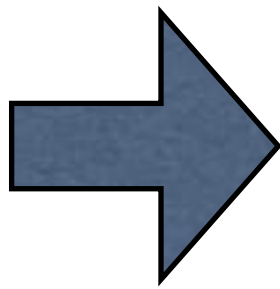


# Key Predictions

 $\zeta$ 

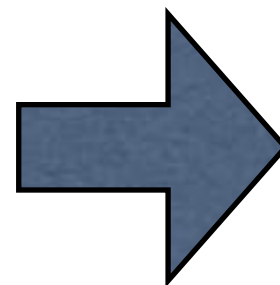
scalar  
mode

- Fluctuations we observe today in CMB and the matter distribution originate from quantum fluctuations during inflation

 $h_{ij}$ 

tensor  
mode

- There should also be *ultra long-wavelength* gravitational waves generated during inflation



*Starobinsky (1979)*

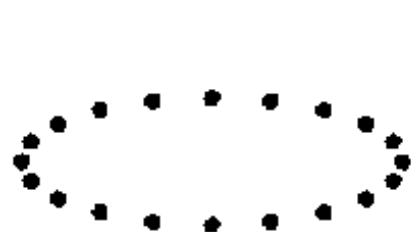


# We measure distortions in space

- A distance between two points in space

$$d\ell^2 = a^2(t)[1 + 2\zeta(\mathbf{x}, t)][\delta_{ij} + h_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, t)]dx^i dx^j$$

- $\zeta$  : “curvature perturbation” (scalar mode)
  - Perturbation to the determinant of the spatial metric
- $h_{ij}$  : “gravitational waves” (tensor mode)
  - Perturbation that does not alter the determinant



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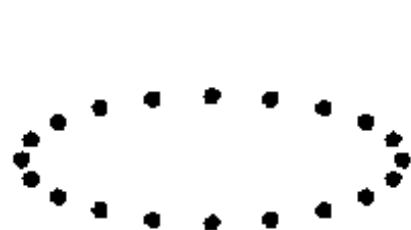
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scale factor

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# Finding Inflation

- Inflation is the **accelerated**, quasi-exponential expansion. Defining the Hubble expansion rate as  **$H(t)=d\ln(a)/dt$** , we must find

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = \dot{H} + H^2 > 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \epsilon \equiv -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} < 1$$

- For inflation to explain flatness of spatial geometry of our observable Universe, we need to have a **sustained** period of inflation. This implies  $\epsilon=O(N^{-1})$  or smaller, where  $N$  is the number of e-folds of expansion counted from the end of inflation:

$$N \equiv \ln \frac{a_{\text{end}}}{a} = \int_t^{t_{\text{end}}} dt' H(t') \approx 50$$



# Have we found inflation?

$$\epsilon \equiv -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2}$$

- *Have we found  $\epsilon \ll 1$ ?*
- To achieve this, we need to map out **H(t)**, and show that it does not change very much with time

# Fluctuations are proportional to $H$

- Both scalar ( $\zeta$ ) and tensor ( $h_{ij}$ ) perturbations are proportional to  $H$
- Consequence of the uncertainty principle
  - [energy you can borrow]  $\sim$  [time you borrow] $^{-1} \sim H$
- **THE KEY:** The earlier the fluctuations are generated, the more its wavelength is stretched, and thus the bigger the angles they subtend in the sky. **We can map  $H(t)$  by measuring CMB fluctuations over a wide range of angles**

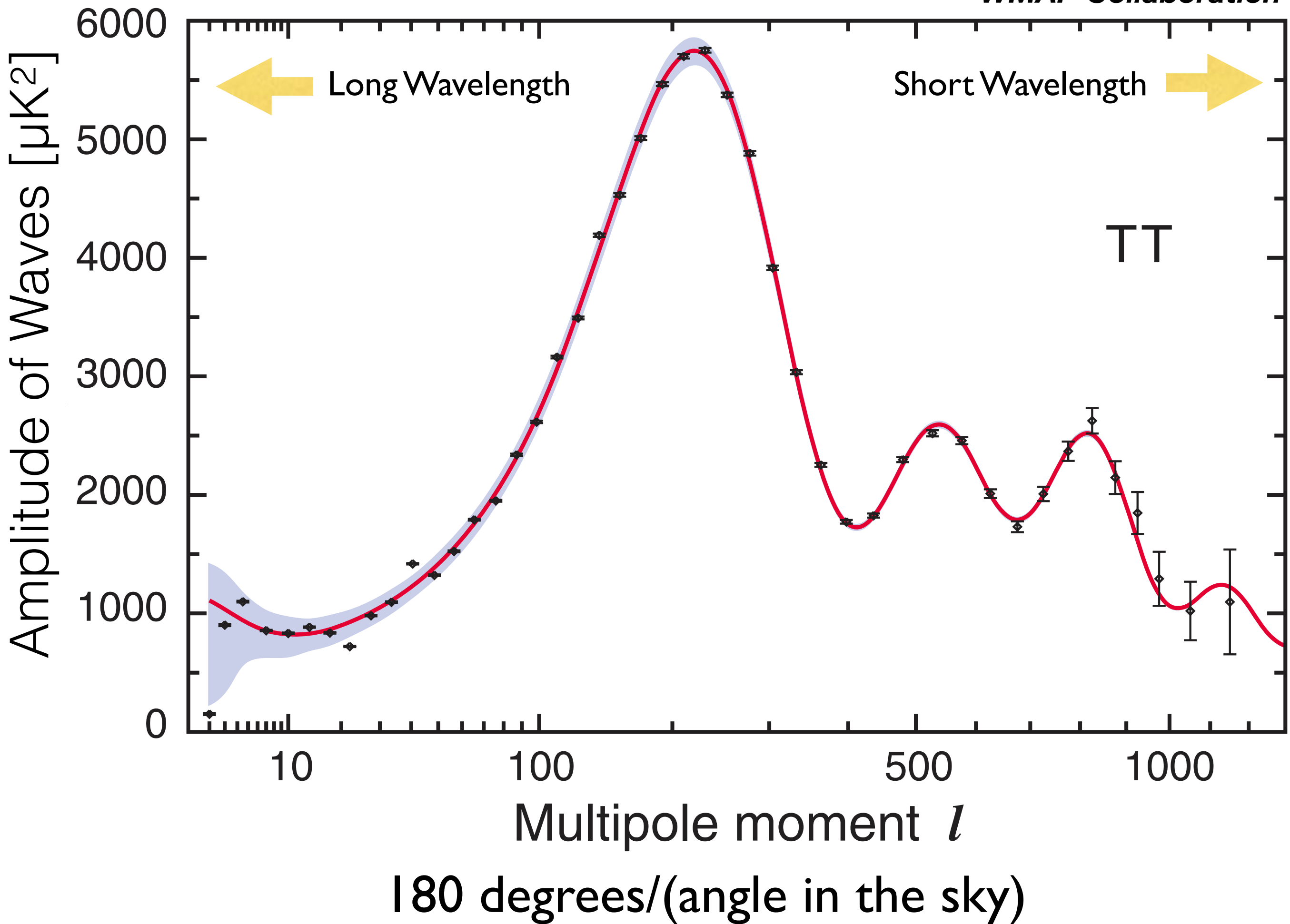
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- We can map  $H(t)$  by measuring CMB fluctuations over a wide range of angles
  1. We want to show that the amplitude of CMB fluctuations does not depend very much on angles
  2. Moreover, since inflation must end,  $H$  would be a decreasing function of time. It would be fantastic to show that the amplitude of CMB fluctuations actually DOES depend on angles such that the small scale has *slightly* smaller power

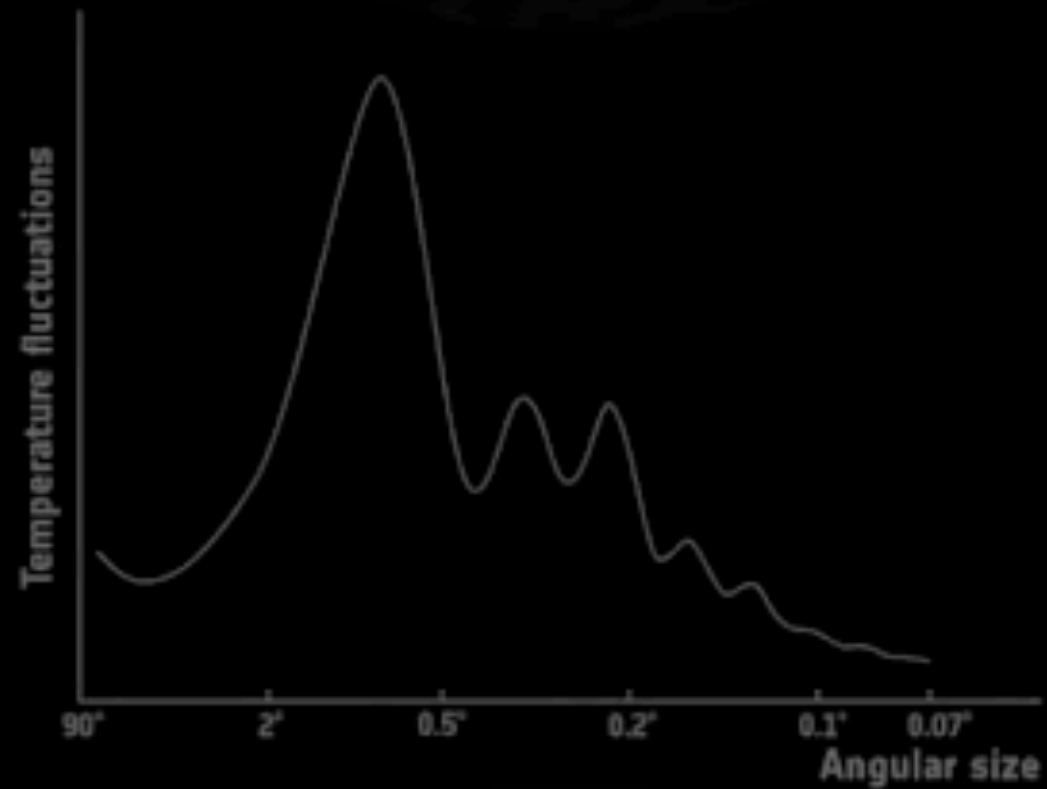


# Data Analysis

- Decompose temperature fluctuations in the sky into a set of waves with various wavelengths
- Make a diagram showing the strength of each wavelength



# Power spectrum, explained





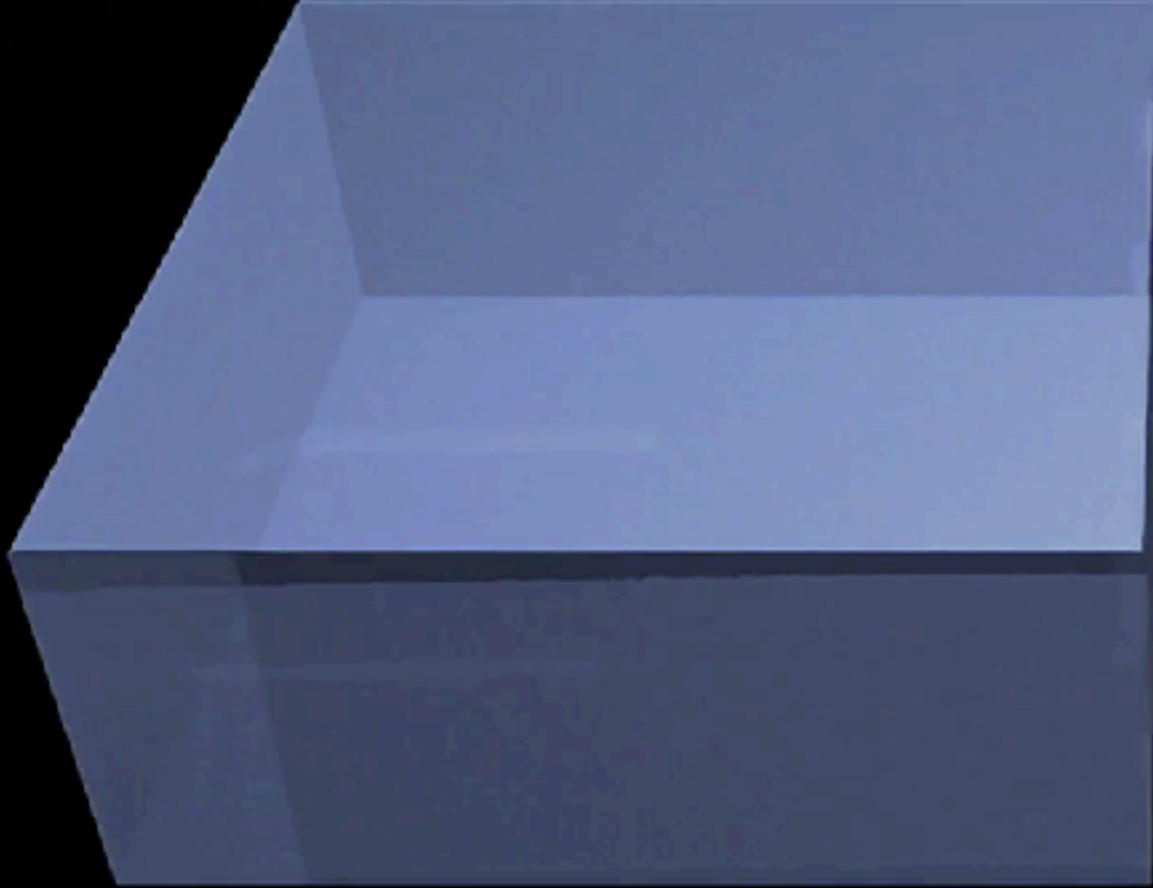




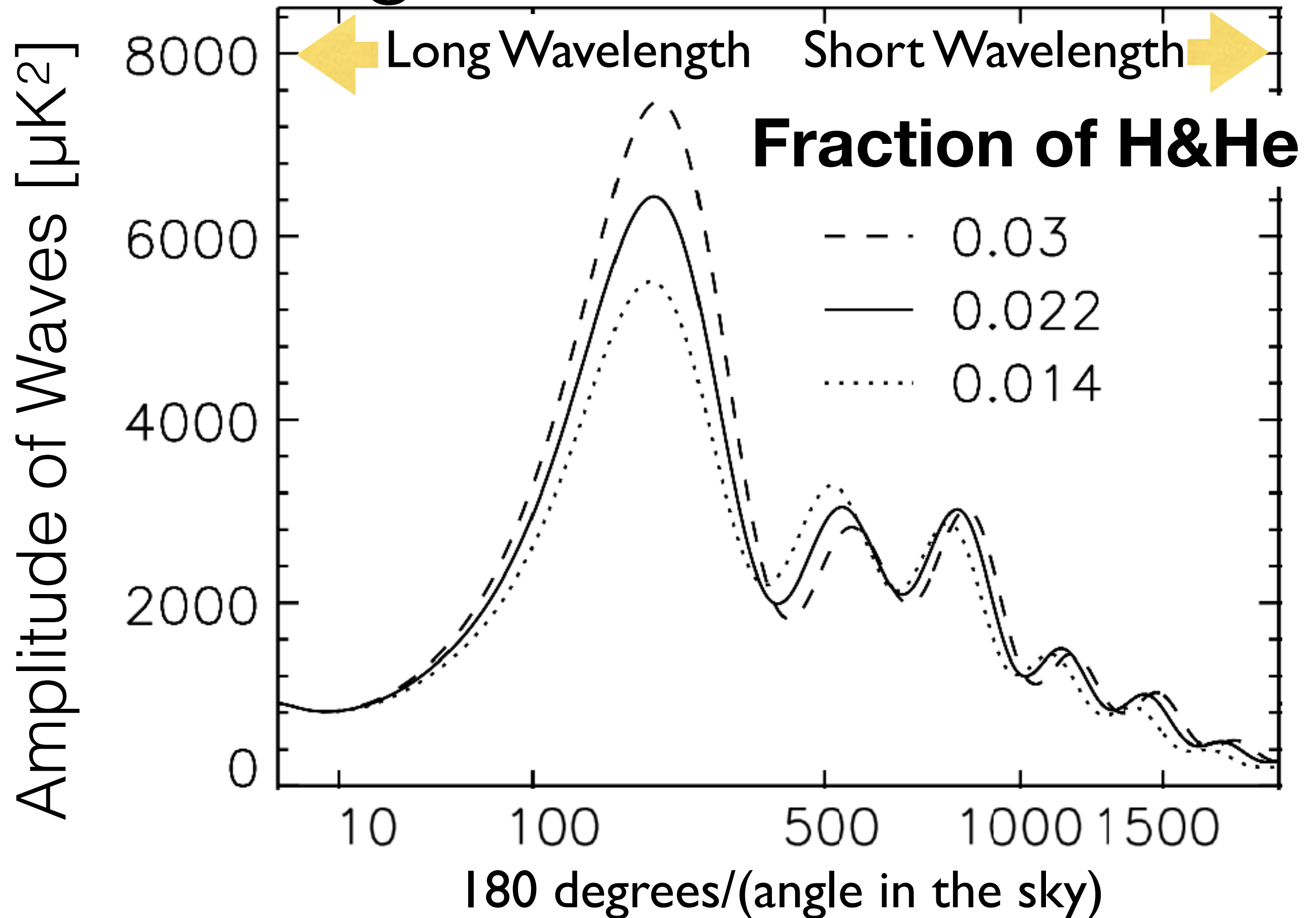


# La Soupe Miso Cosmique

- When matter and radiation were hotter than 3000 K, matter was completely ionised. The Universe was filled with plasma, which behaves just like a soup
- Think about a Miso soup (if you know what it is). Imagine throwing Tofus into a Miso soup, while changing the density of Miso
- And imagine watching how ripples are created and propagate throughout the soup

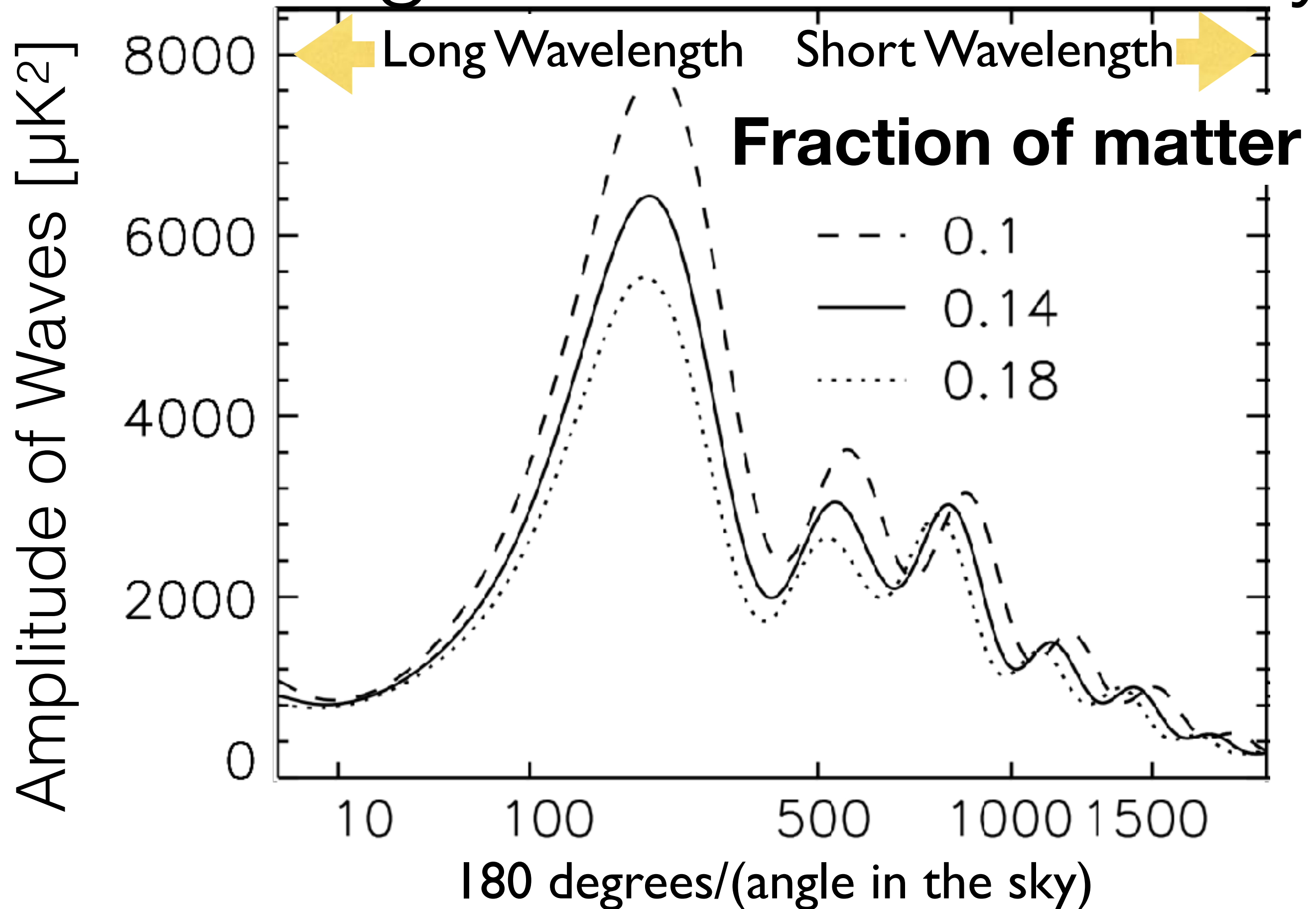


# Measuring Abundance of H&He



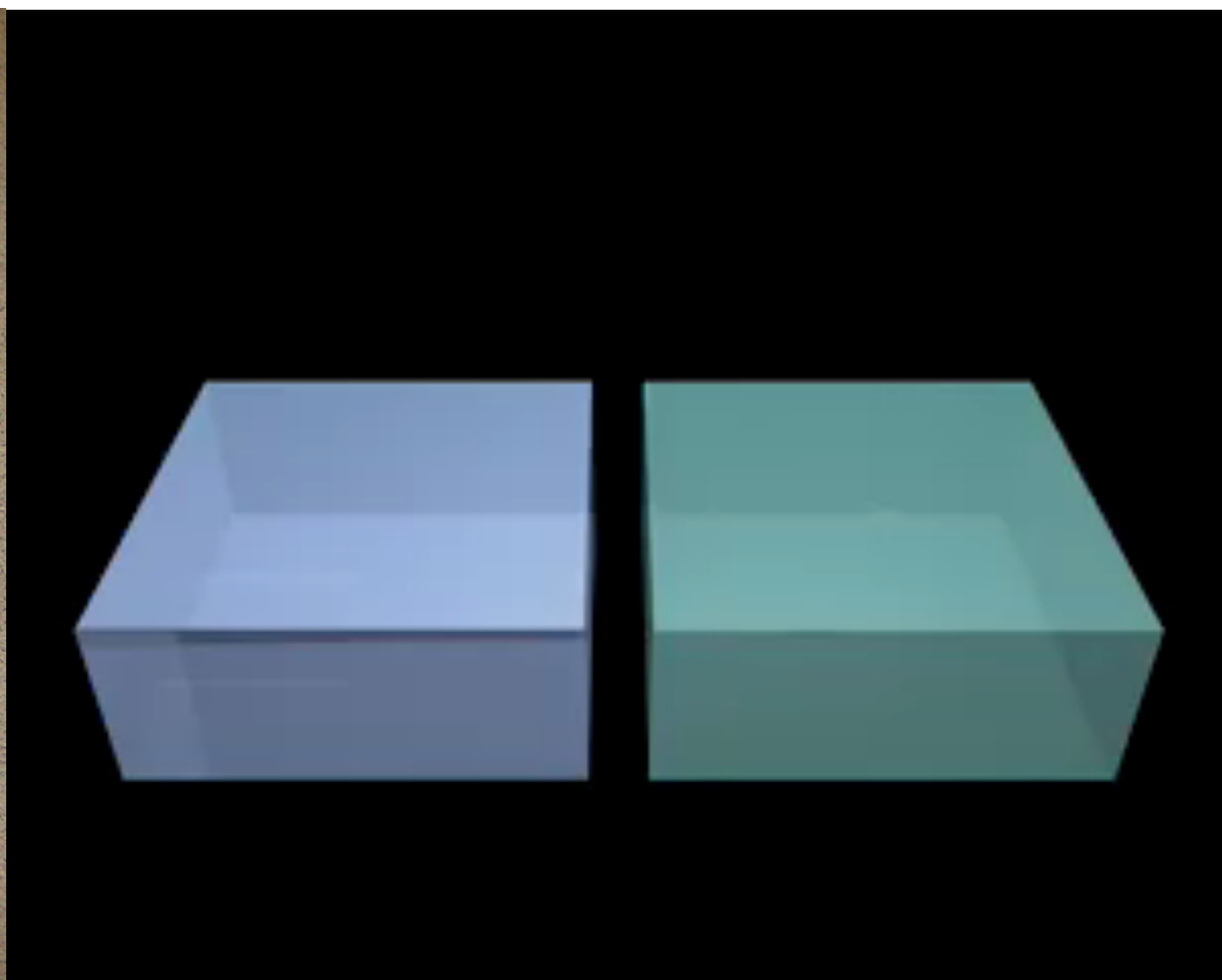


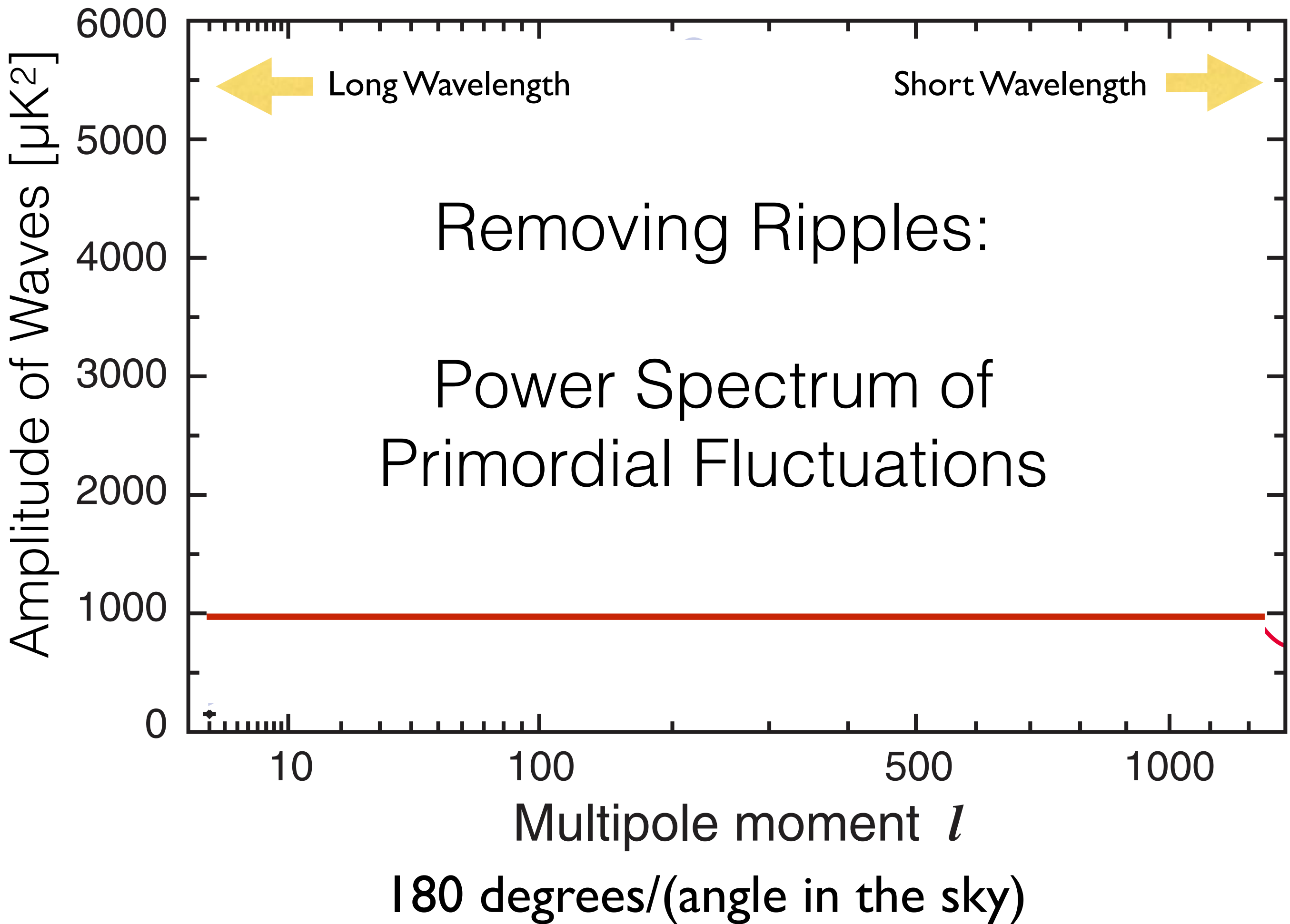
# Measuring ***Total*** Matter Density



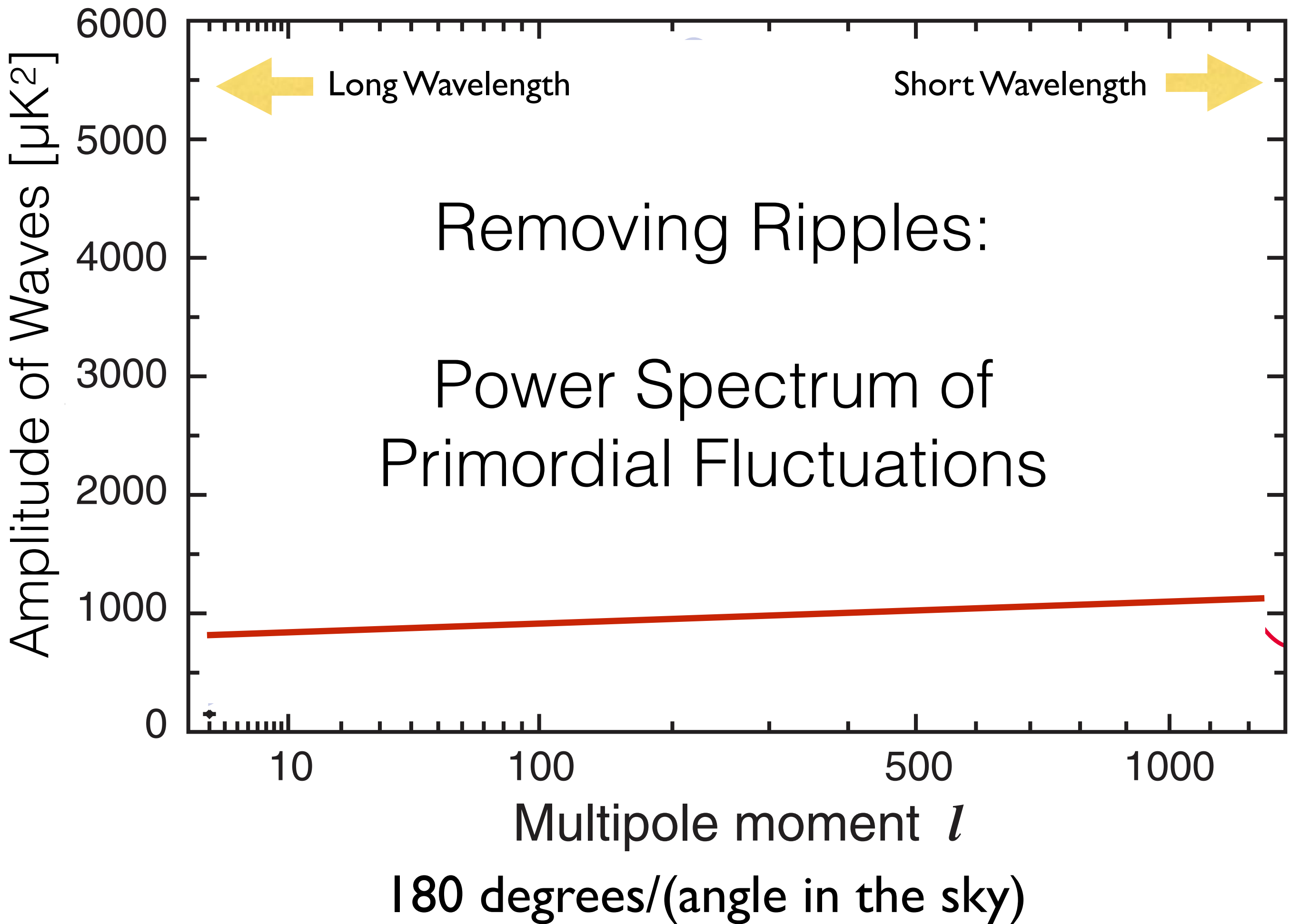
# Origin of Fluctuations

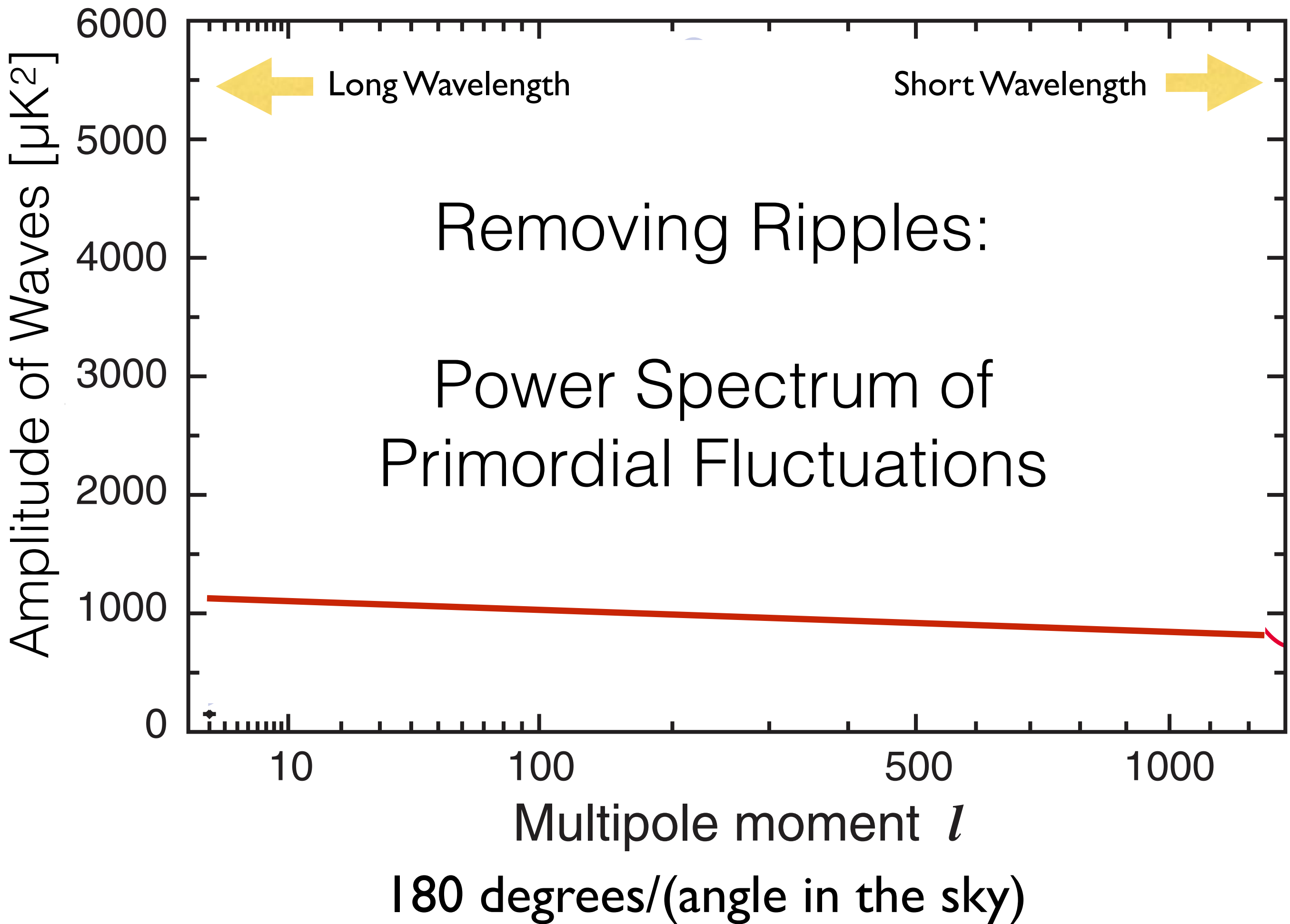
- Who dropped those Tofus into the cosmic Miso soup?

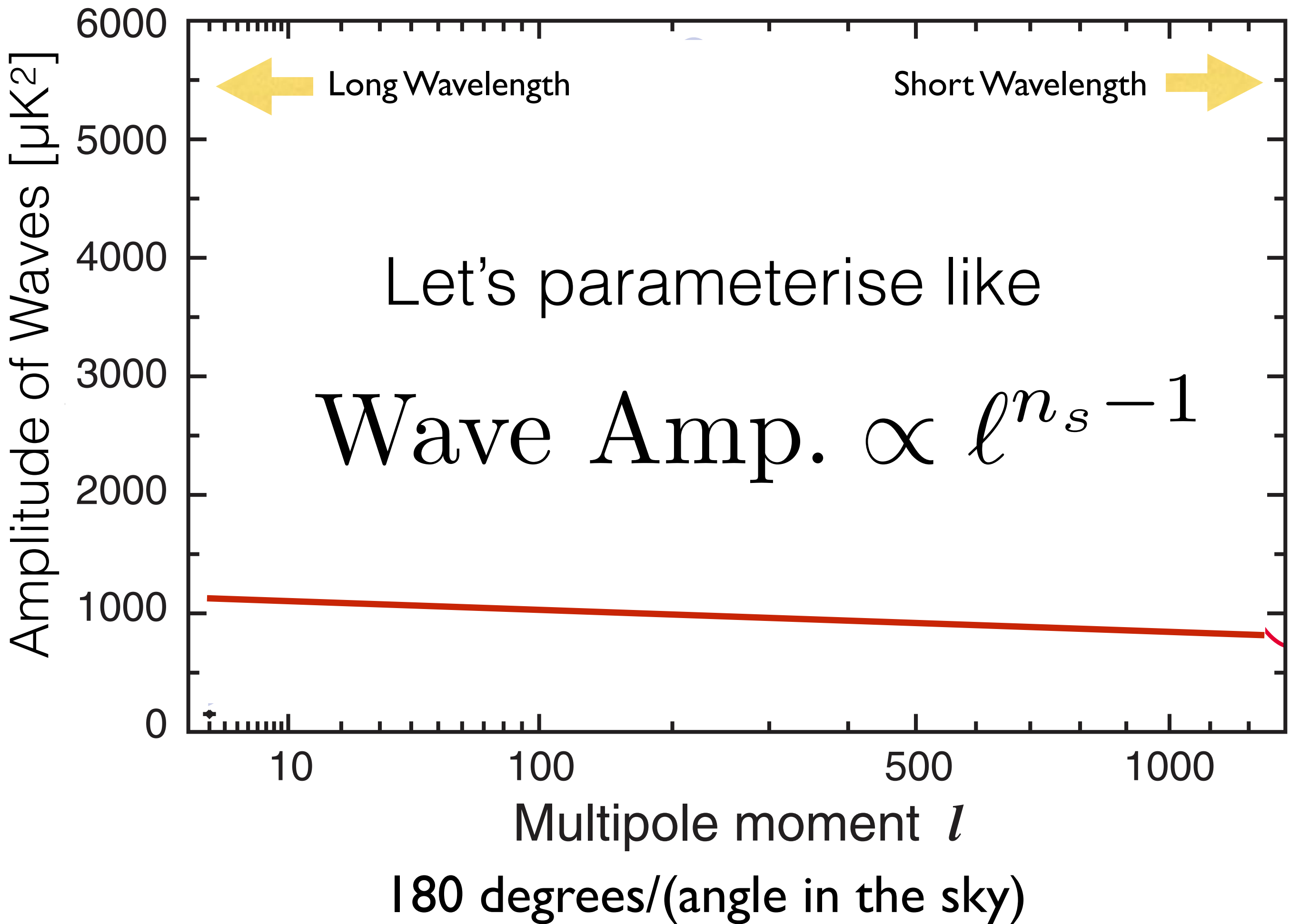




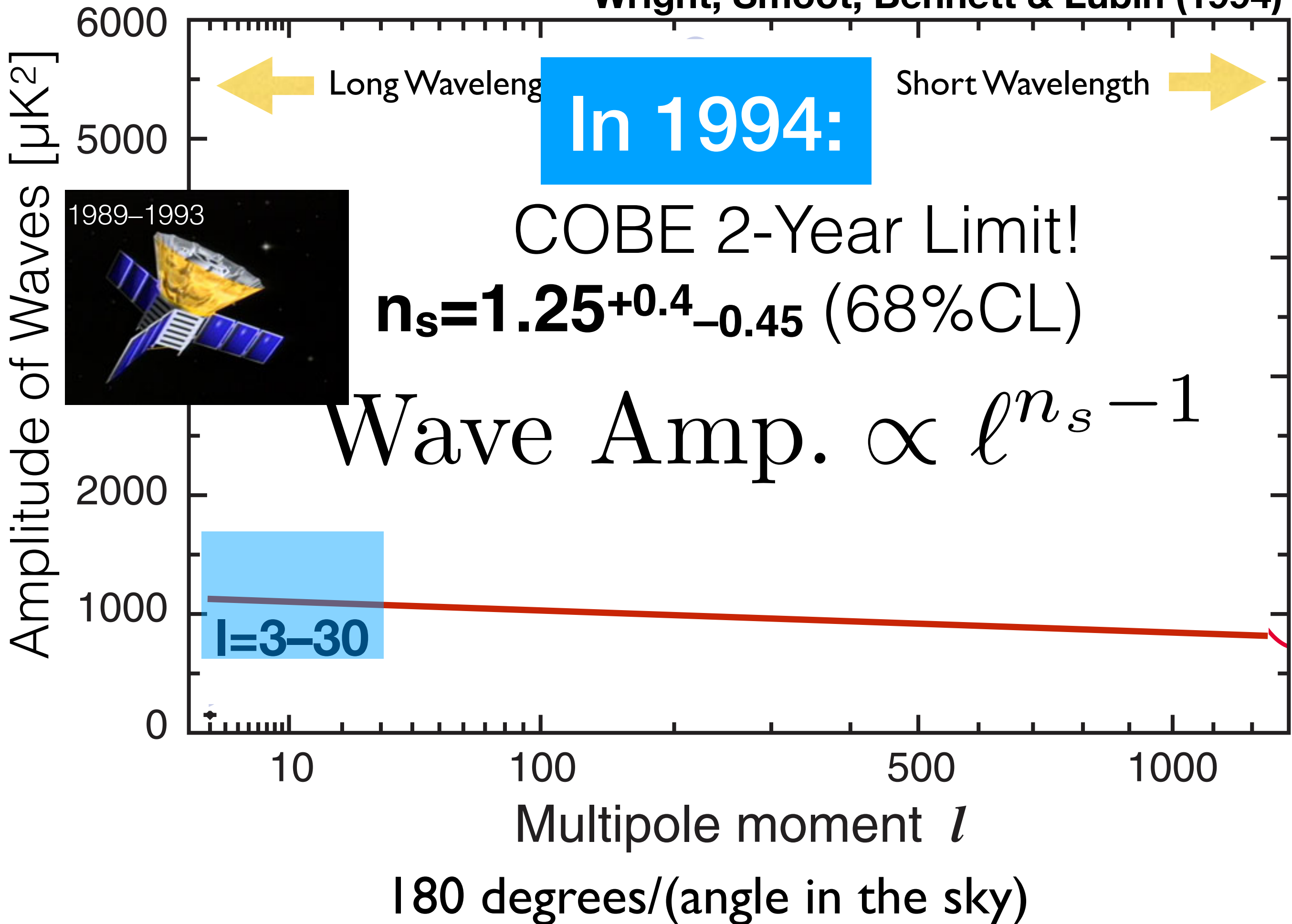


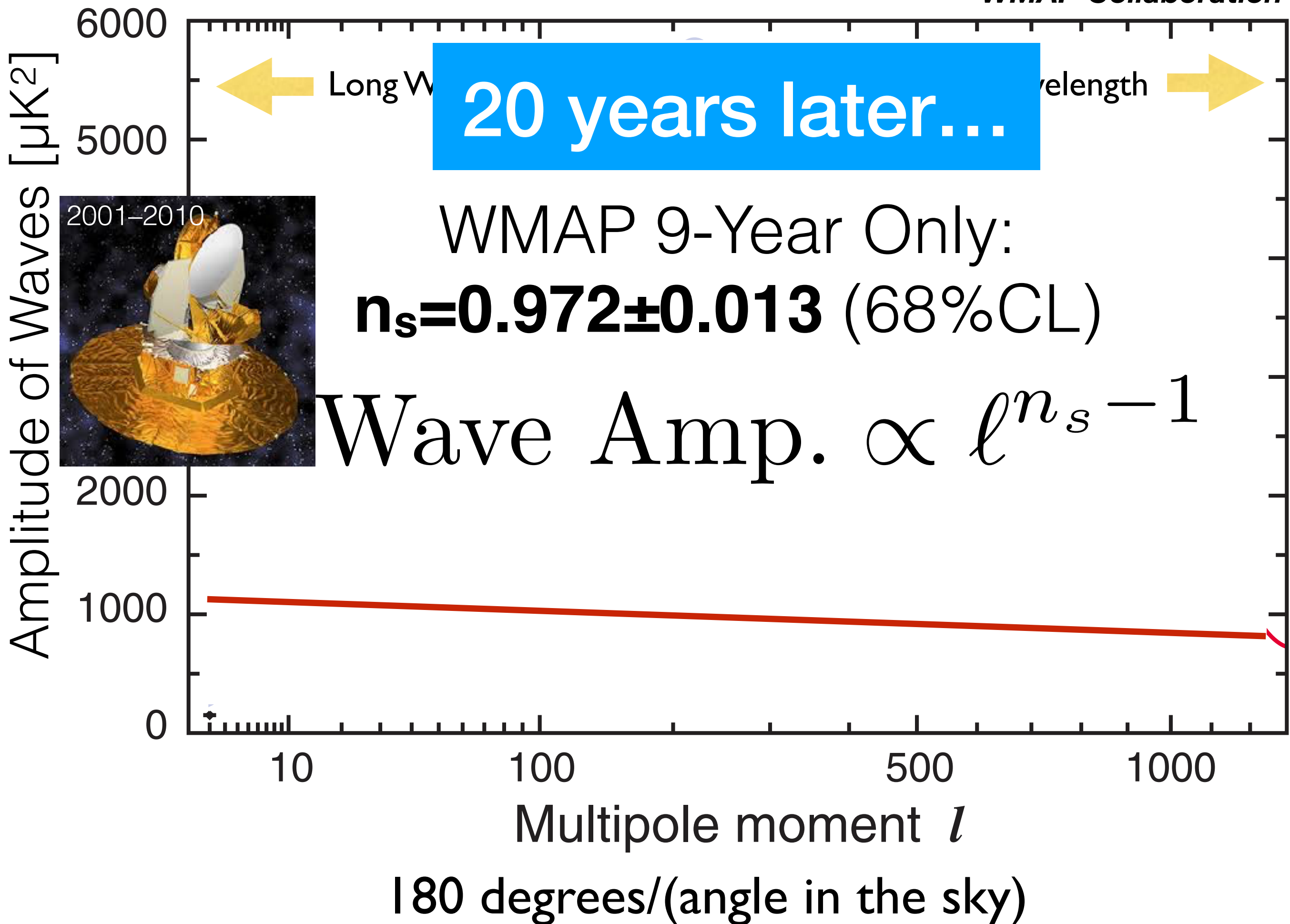












Angular scale

WMAP Collaboration

90°

2°

0.5°

0.2°

0.1°

Amplitude of  $\Delta\kappa^2$

2001–2010

South Pole Telescope  
[10-m in South Pole]

$$n_s = 0.965 \pm 0.010$$

Atacama Cosmology Telescope  
[6-m in Chile]

100

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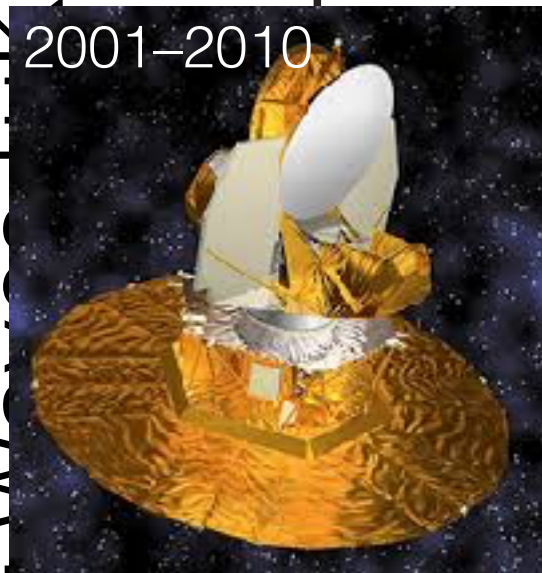
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2000

Multipole moment  $l$





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[10-m in South Pole]

$n_s = 0.961 \pm 0.008$

~5 $\sigma$  discovery of  $n_s < 1$  from the  
CMB data combined with the  
distribution of galaxies

Atacama Cosmology Telescope  
[6-m in Chile]

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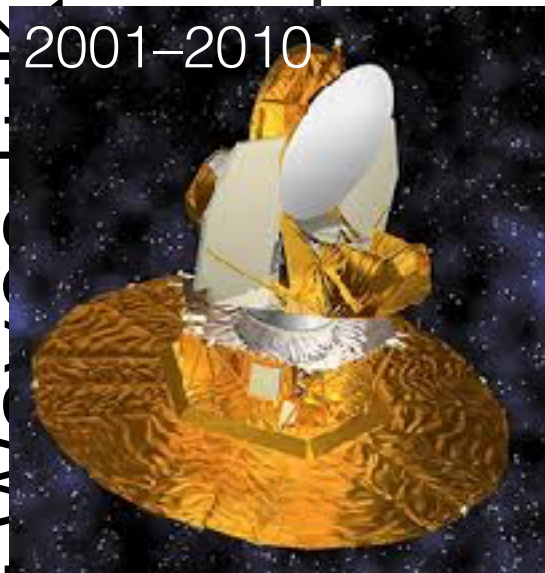
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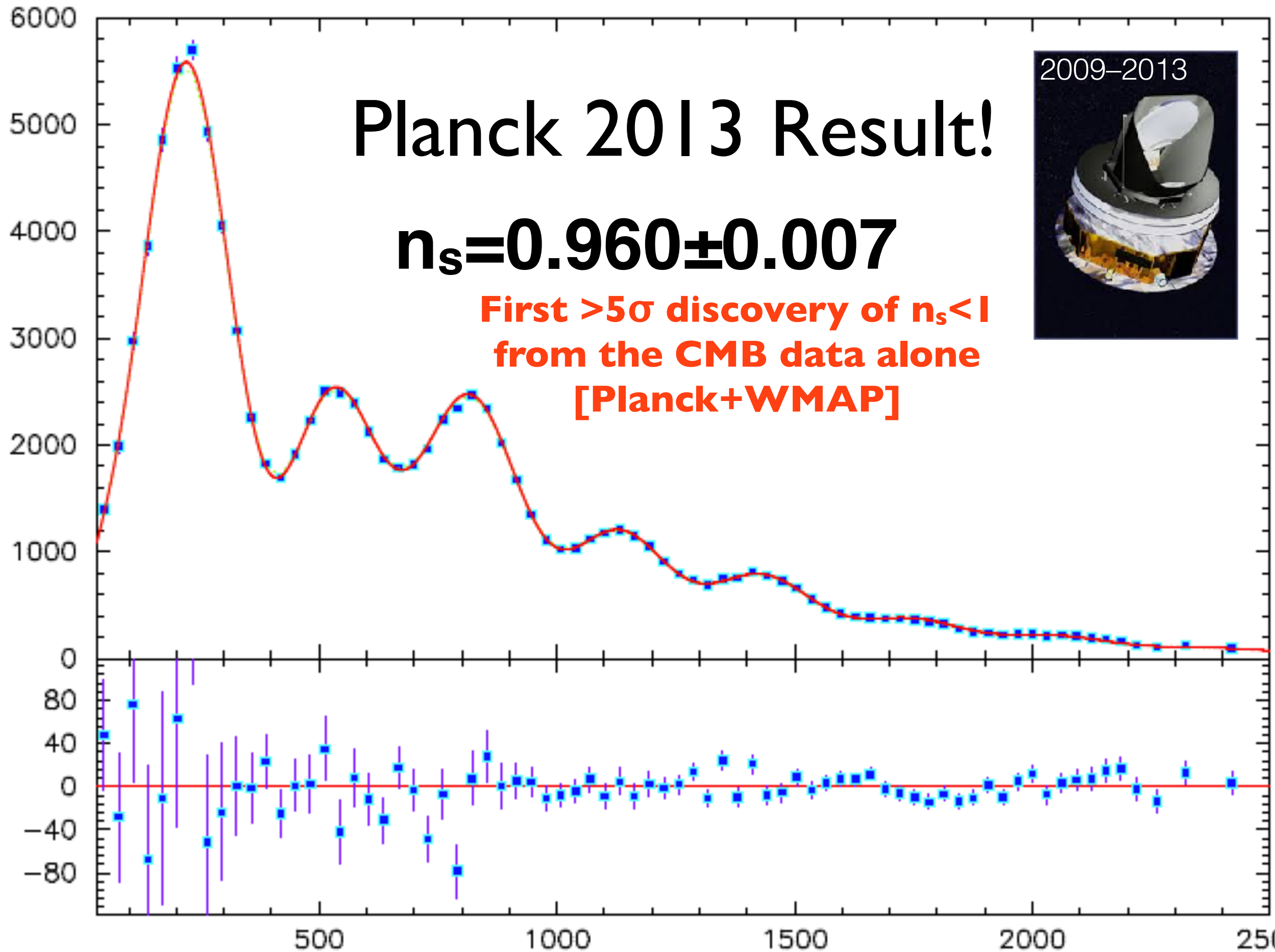
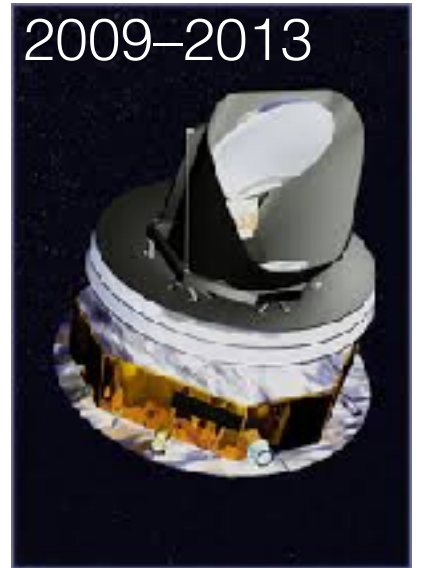
Residual Amplitude of Waves [ $\mu\text{K}^2$ ]

# Planck 2013 Result!

$$n_s = 0.960 \pm 0.007$$

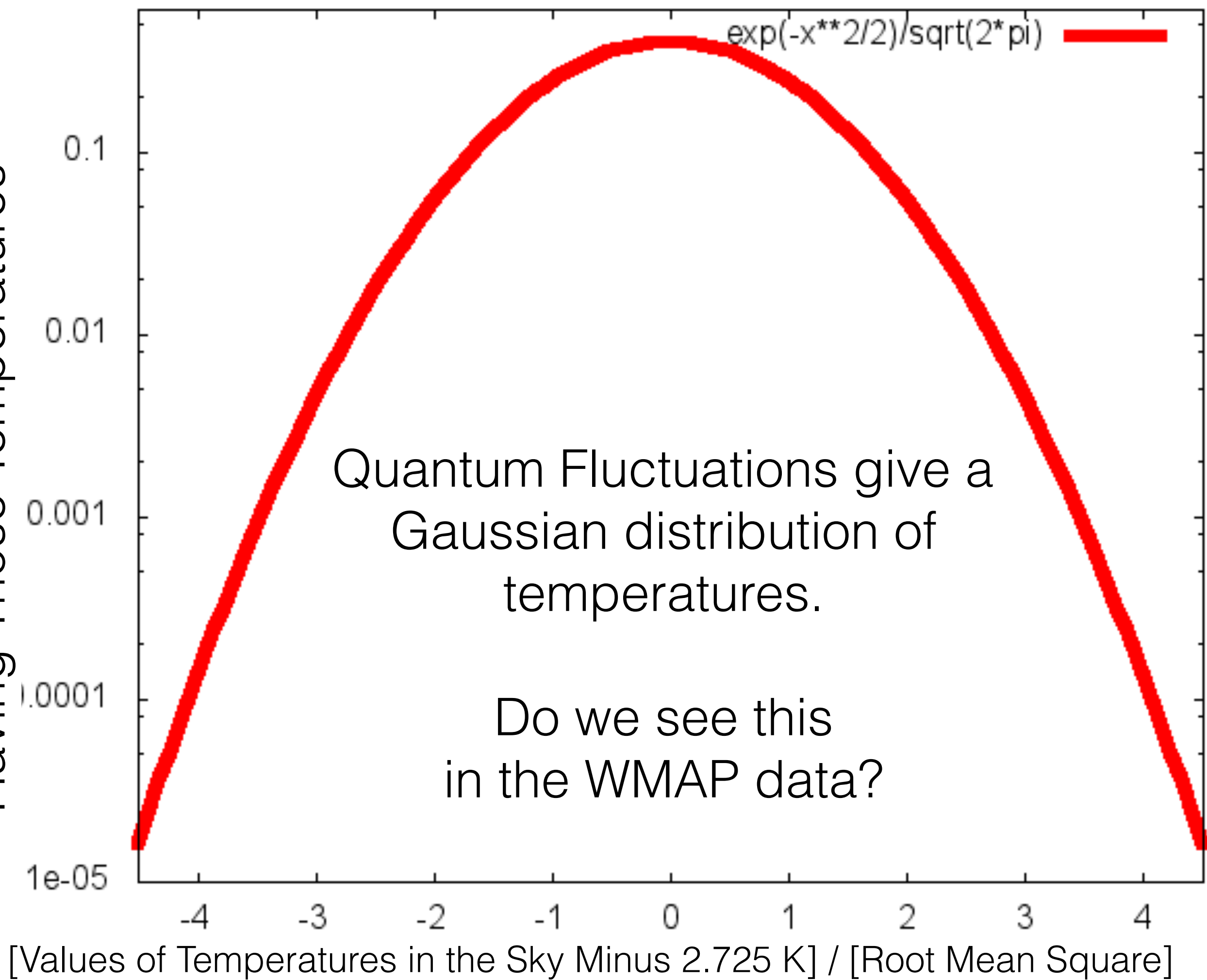
**First  $>5\sigma$  discovery of  $n_s < 1$   
from the CMB data alone  
[Planck+WMAP]**

2009–2013



$l$  80 degrees/(angle in the sky)

Fraction of the Number of Pixels  
Having Those Temperatures





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*WMAP Collaboration*

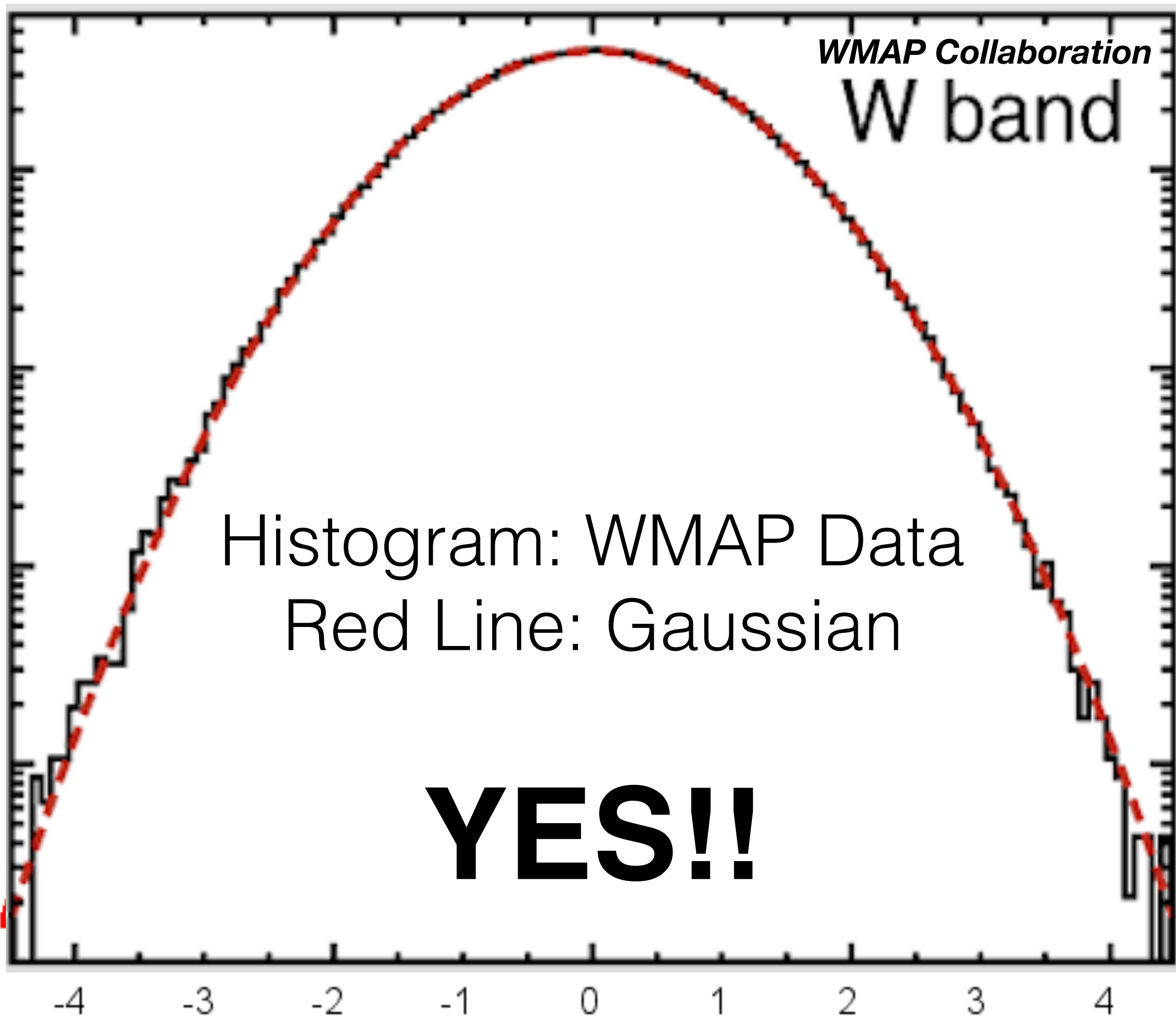
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1e-05

Histogram: WMAP Data  
Red Line: Gaussian

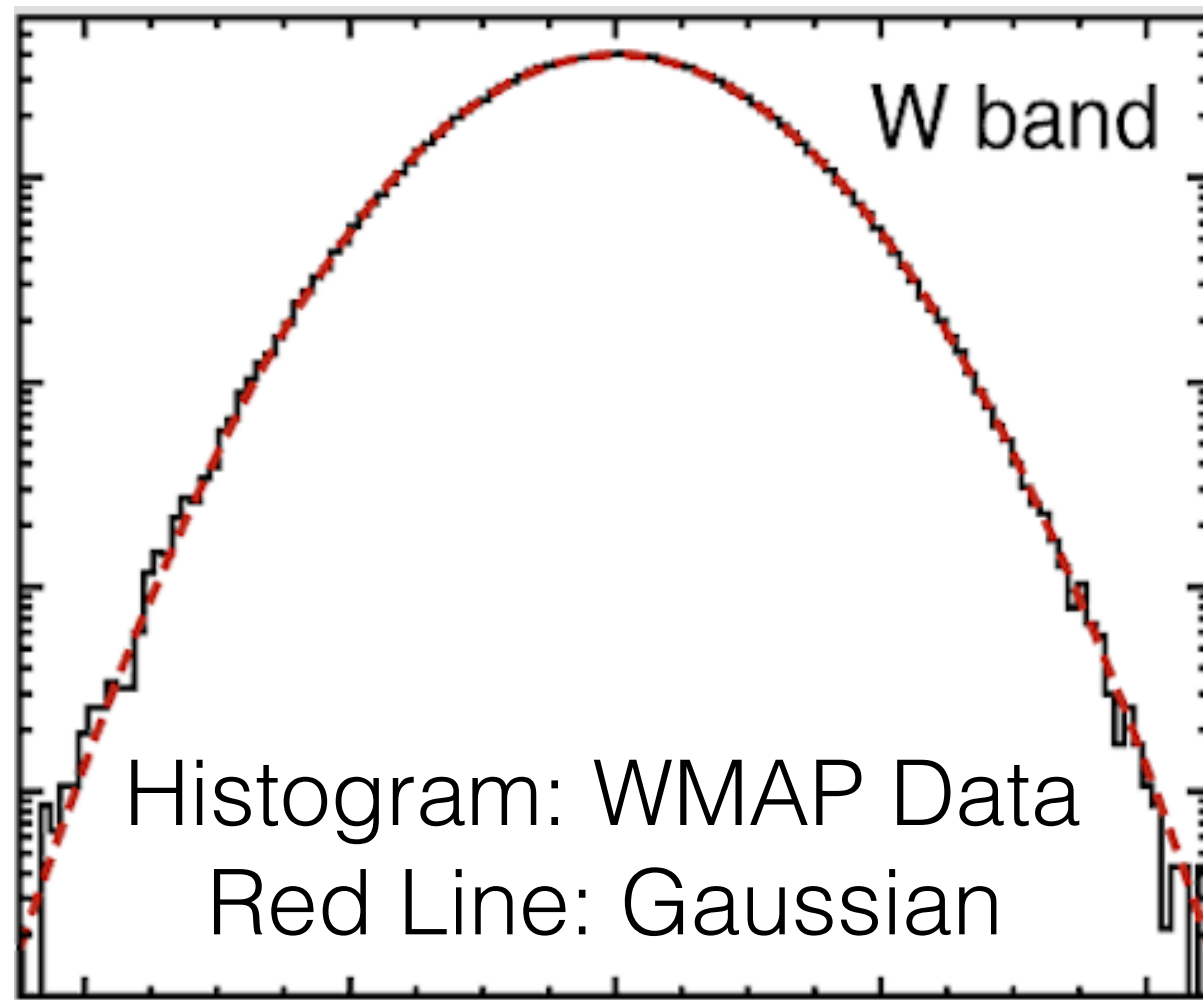
**YES!!**

[Values of Temperatures in the Sky Minus 2.725 K] / [Root Mean Square]



# Testing Gaussianity

Fraction of the Number of Pixels  
Having Those Temperatures



[Values of Temperatures in the Sky Minus  
2.725 K]/ [Root Mean Square]

- Since a Gauss distribution is symmetric, it must yield a vanishing **3-point function**

$$\langle \delta T^3 \rangle \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\delta T \, P(\delta T) \delta T^3$$

- More specifically, we measure this by averaging the product of temperatures at three different locations in the sky

$$\langle \delta T(\hat{n}_1) \delta T(\hat{n}_2) \delta T(\hat{n}_3) \rangle$$

# Lack of non-Gaussianity

- The WMAP data show that the distribution of temperature fluctuations of CMB is very precisely Gaussian
  - with an upper bound on a deviation of **0.2%** (95%CL)

$$\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta_{\text{gaus}}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{3}{5} f_{\text{NL}} \zeta_{\text{gaus}}^2(\mathbf{x}) \text{ with } f_{\text{NL}} = 37 \pm 20 \text{ (68\% CL)}$$

**WMAP 9-year Result**

- The Planck data improved the upper bound by an order of magnitude: deviation is **<0.03%** (95%CL)

$$f_{\text{NL}} = 0.8 \pm 5.0 \text{ (68\% CL)}$$

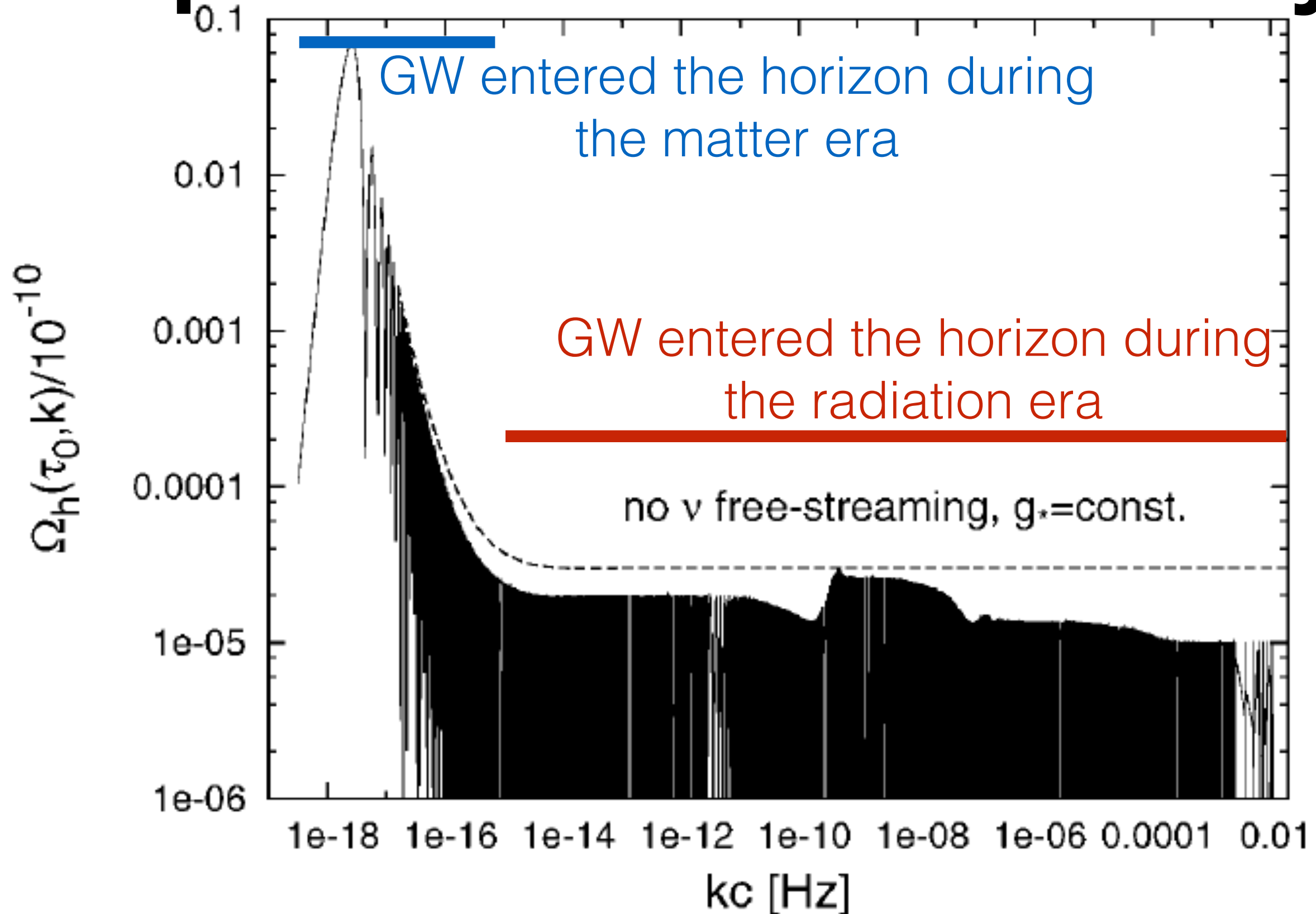
**Planck 2015 Result**



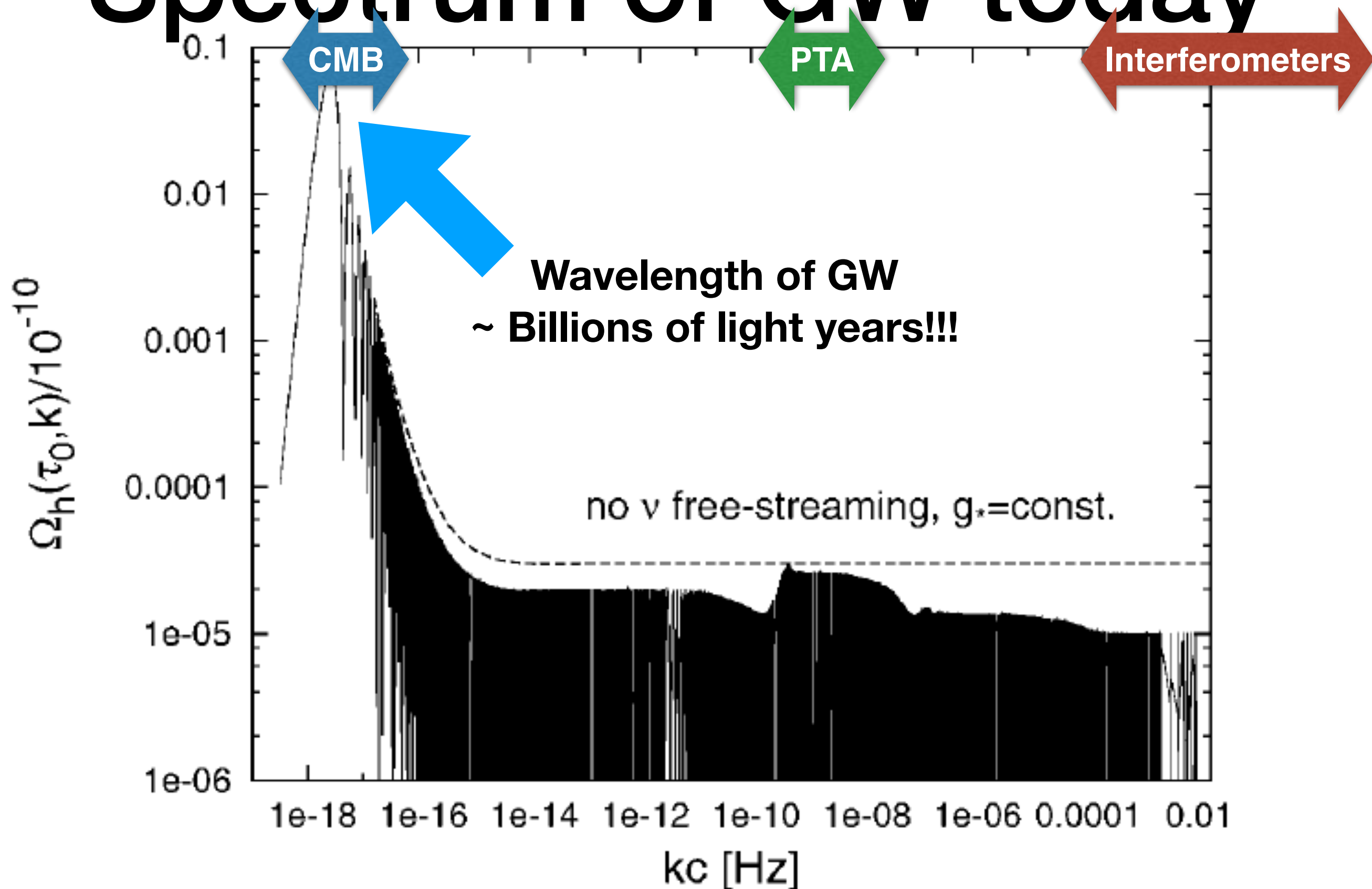
# So, have we found inflation?

- Single-field slow-roll inflation looks remarkably good:
  - **Super-horizon fluctuation**
  - **Adiabaticity**
  - **Gaussianity**
  - **$n_s < 1$**
- What more do we want? **Gravitational waves**. Why?
  - Because the “*extraordinary claim requires extraordinary evidence*”

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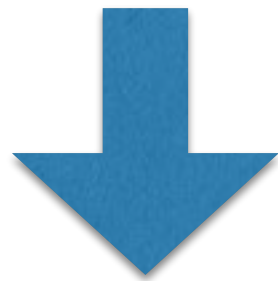
# Finding Signatures of Gravitational Waves in the CMB

- **Next frontier in the CMB research**
  1. Find evidence for nearly scale-invariant gravitational waves
  2. Once found, test Gaussianity to make sure (or not!) that the signal comes from the vacuum fluctuation in spacetime
  3. Constrain inflation models

# Measuring GW

- GW changes distances between two points

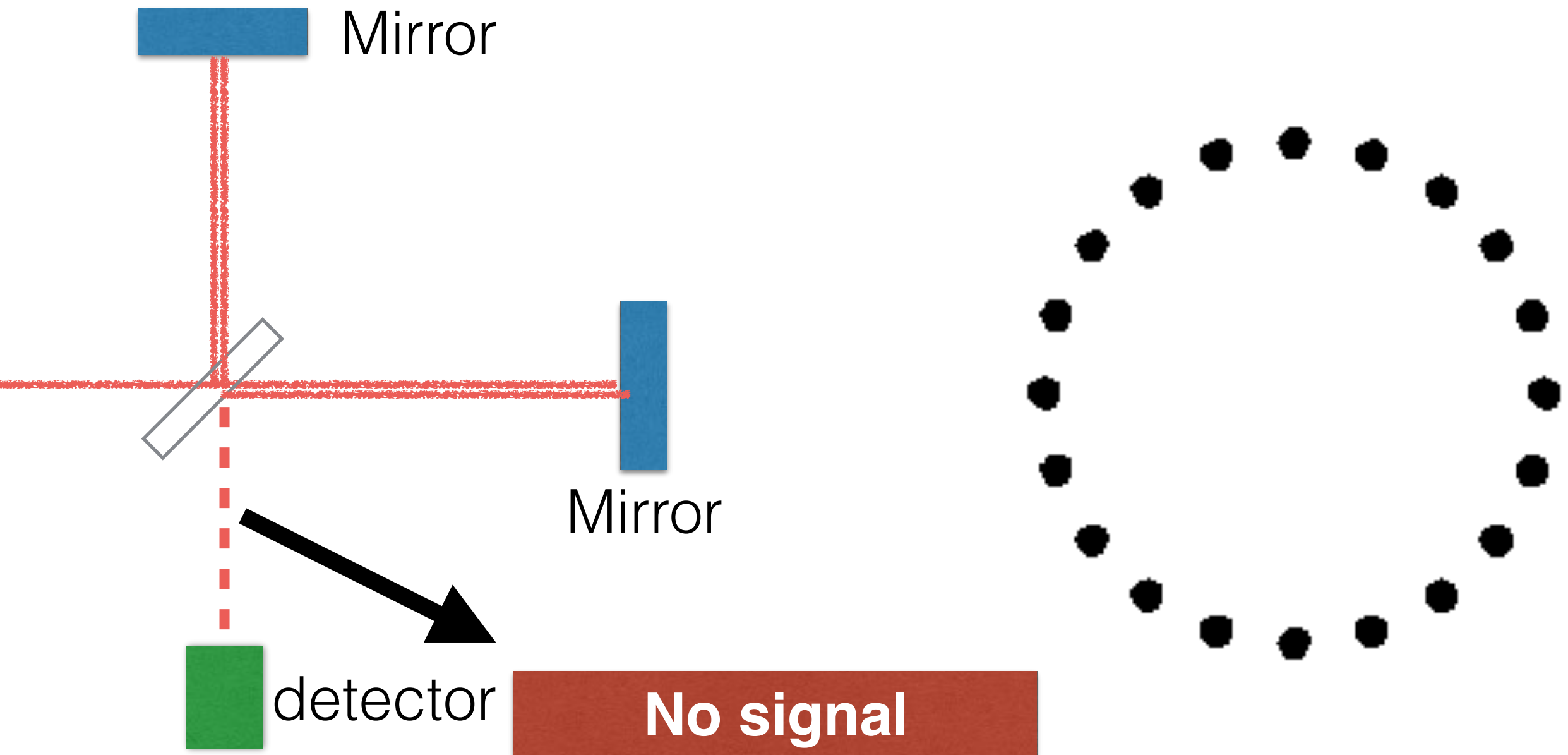
$$d\ell^2 = d\mathbf{x}^2 = \sum_{ij} \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$



$$d\ell^2 = \sum_{ij} (\delta_{ij} + \text{perturbation}) dx^i dx^j$$

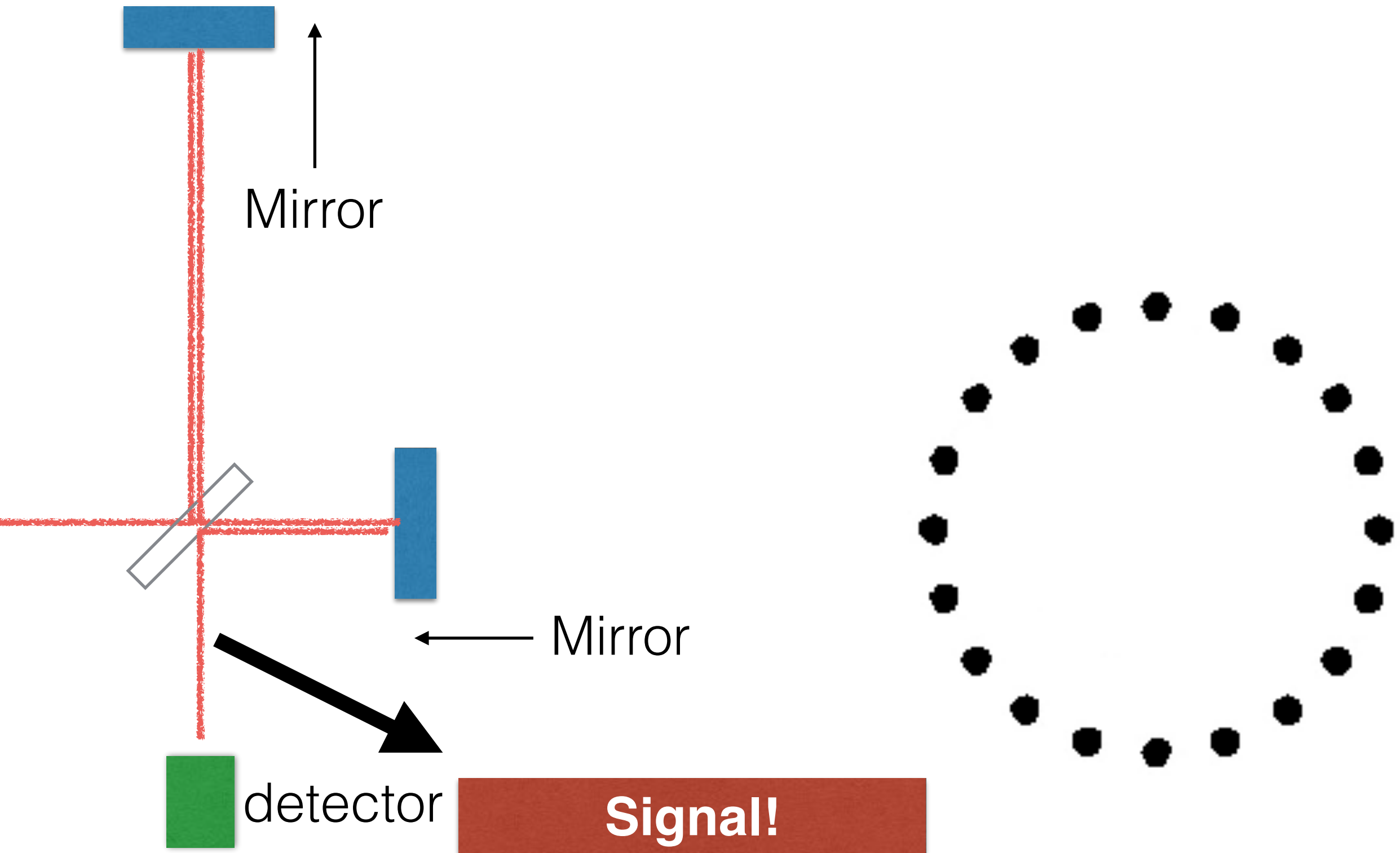


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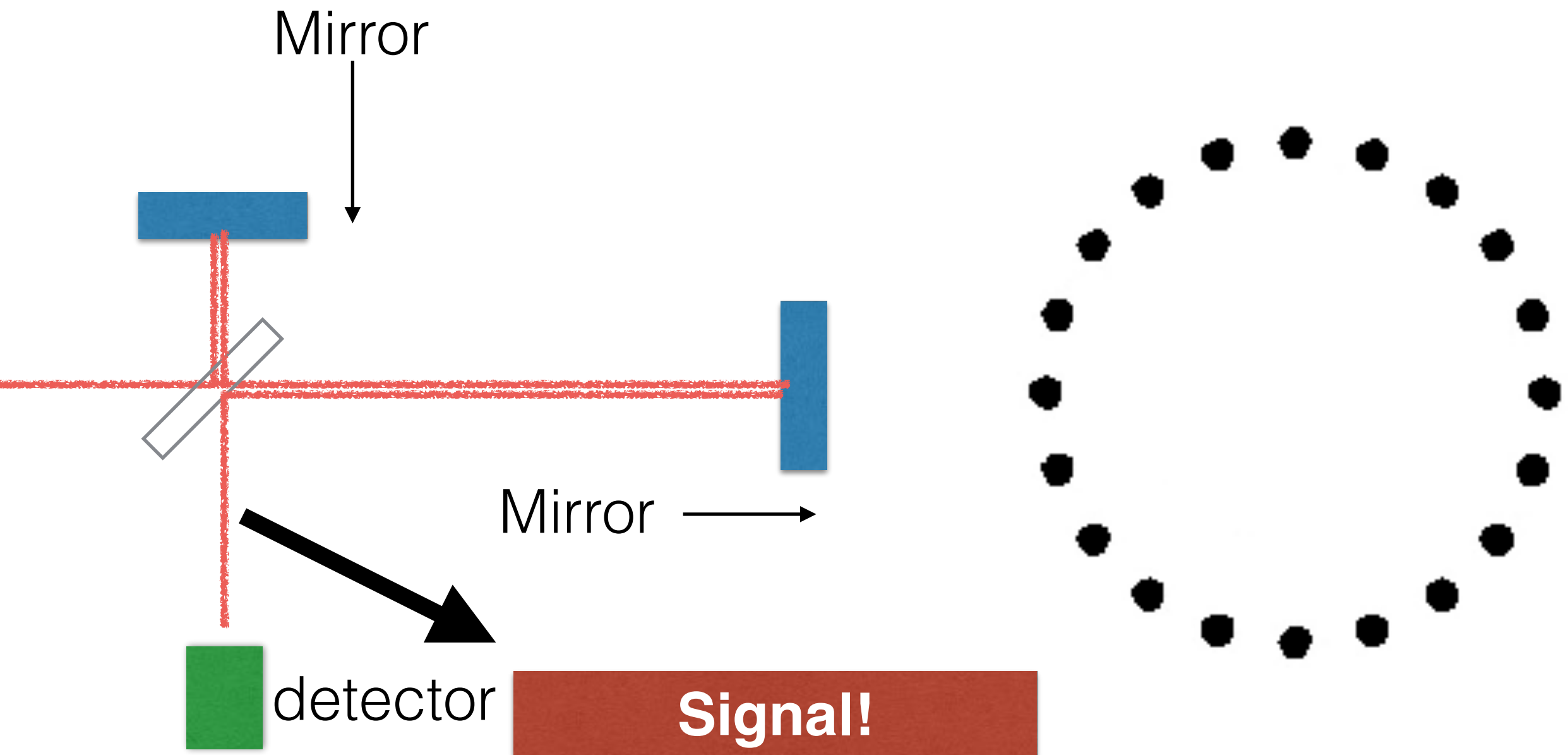




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LIGO detected GW from a binary blackholes, with the wavelength of thousands of kilometres

But, the primordial GW affecting the CMB has a wavelength of **billions of light-years!!** How do we find it?

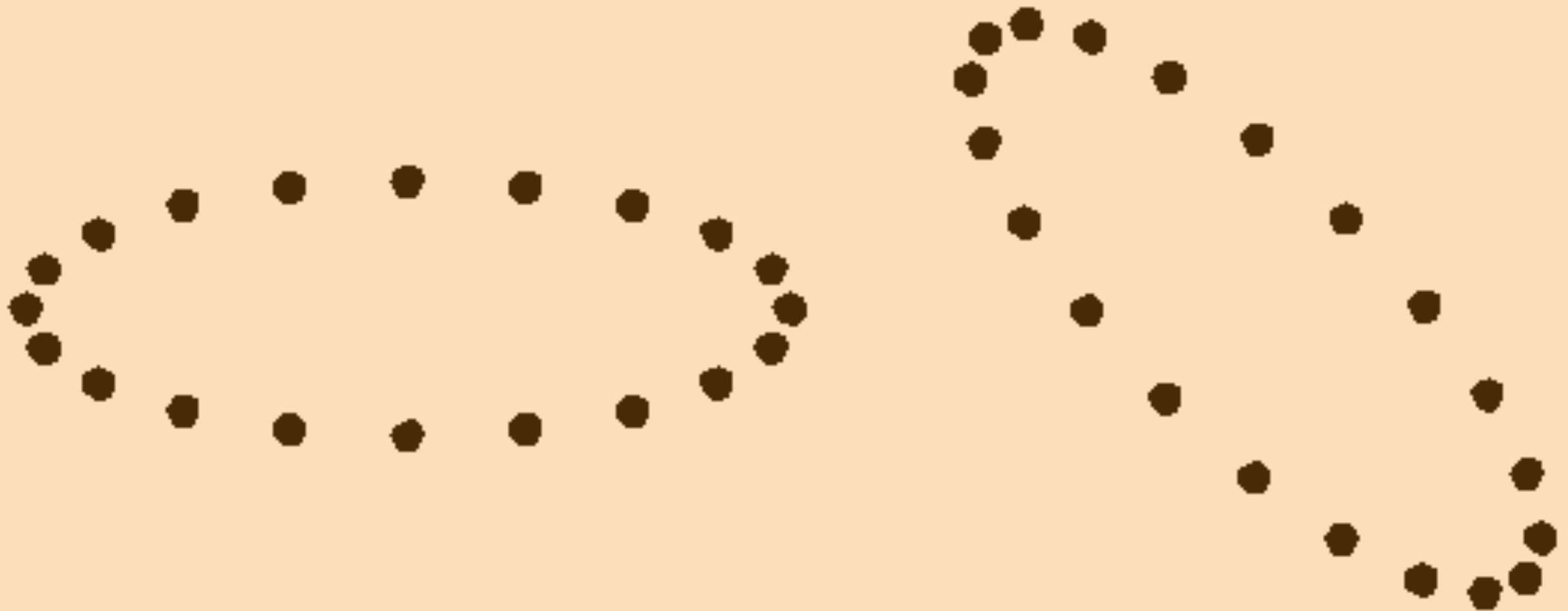


# Detecting GW by CMB

Isotropic electro-magnetic fields

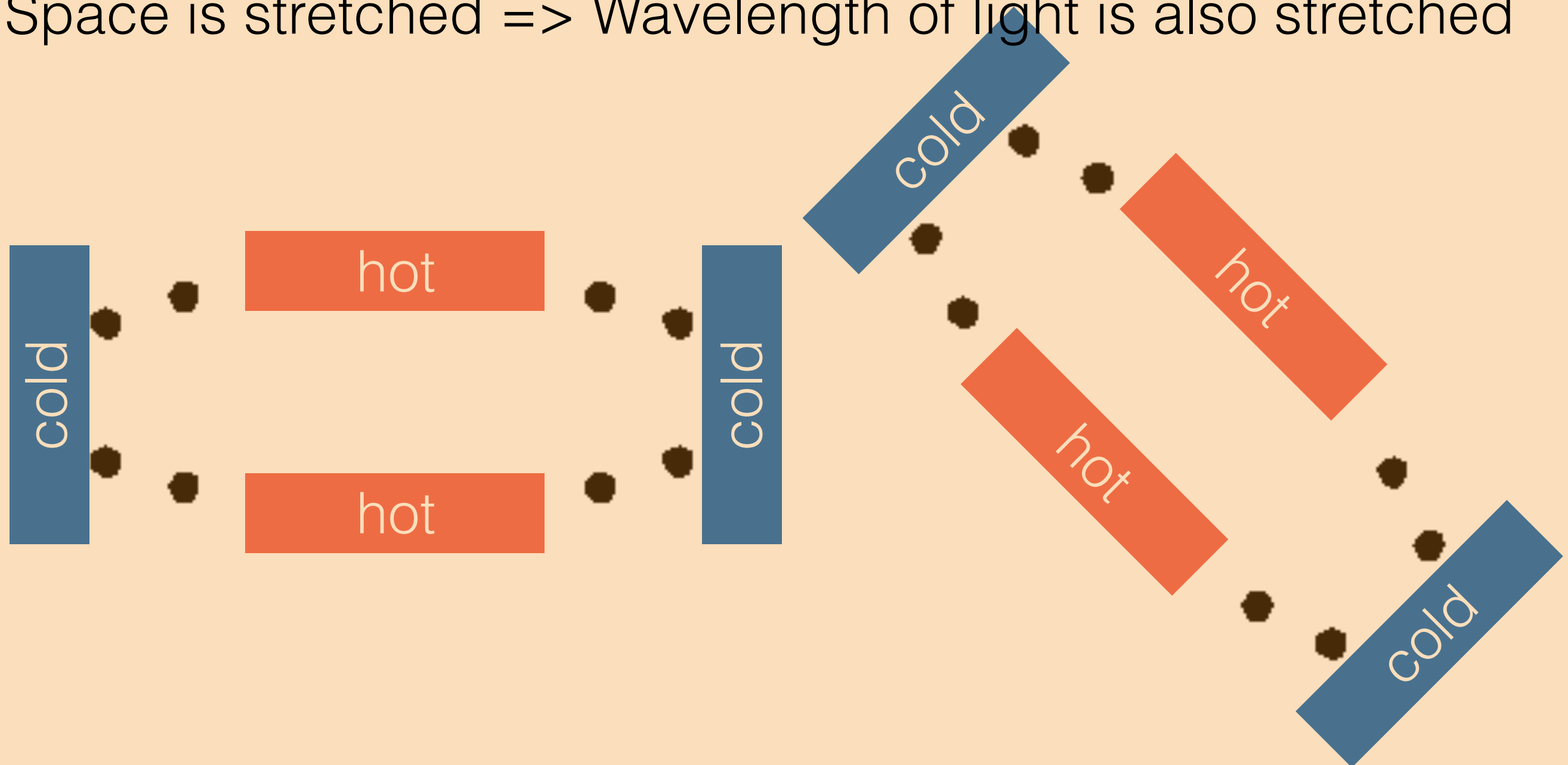
# Detecting GW by CMB

GW propagating in isotropic electro-magnetic fields



# Detecting GW by CMB

Space is stretched => Wavelength of light is also stretched



# Detecting GW by CMB

## Polarisation

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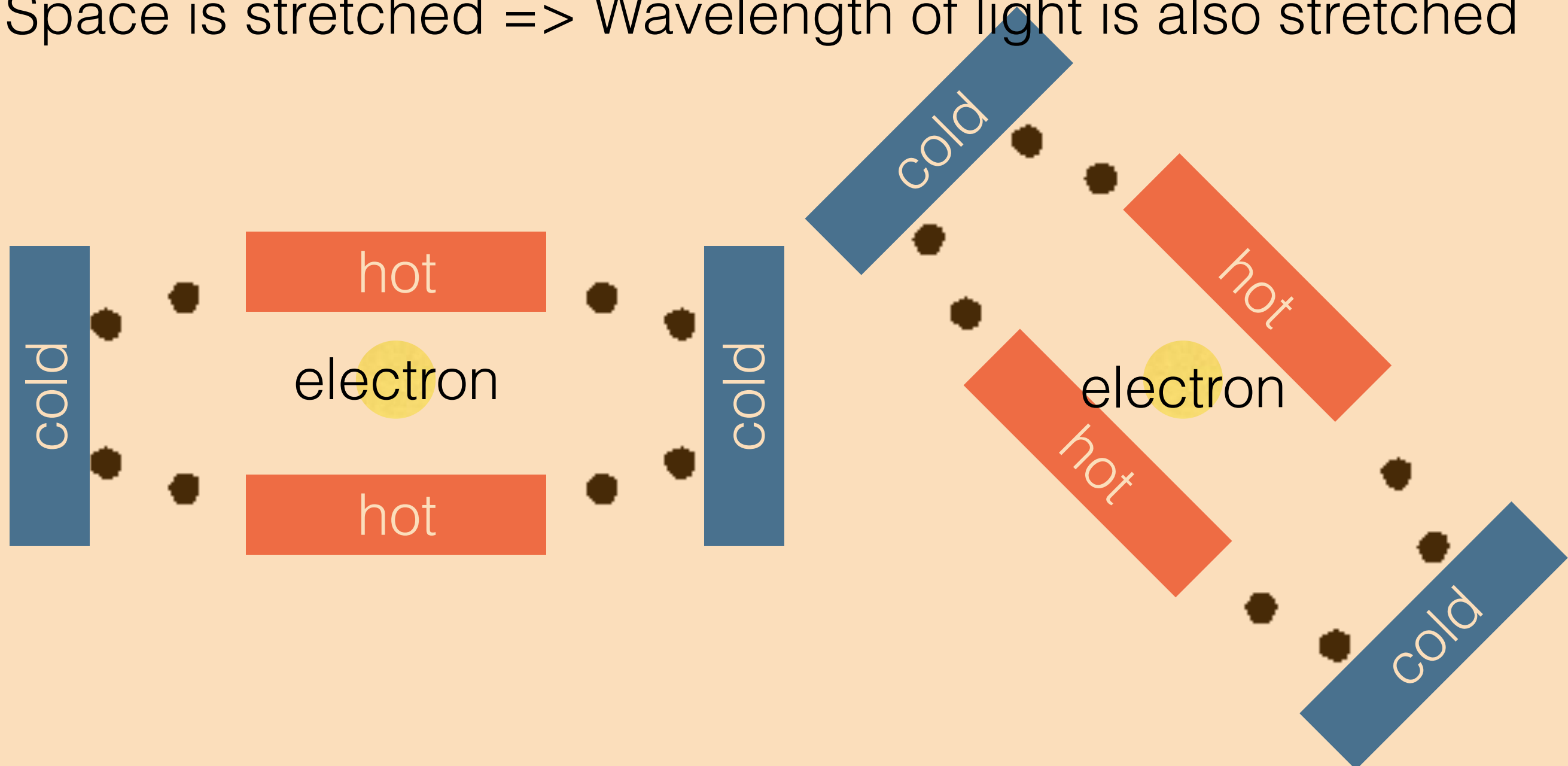




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horizontally polarised

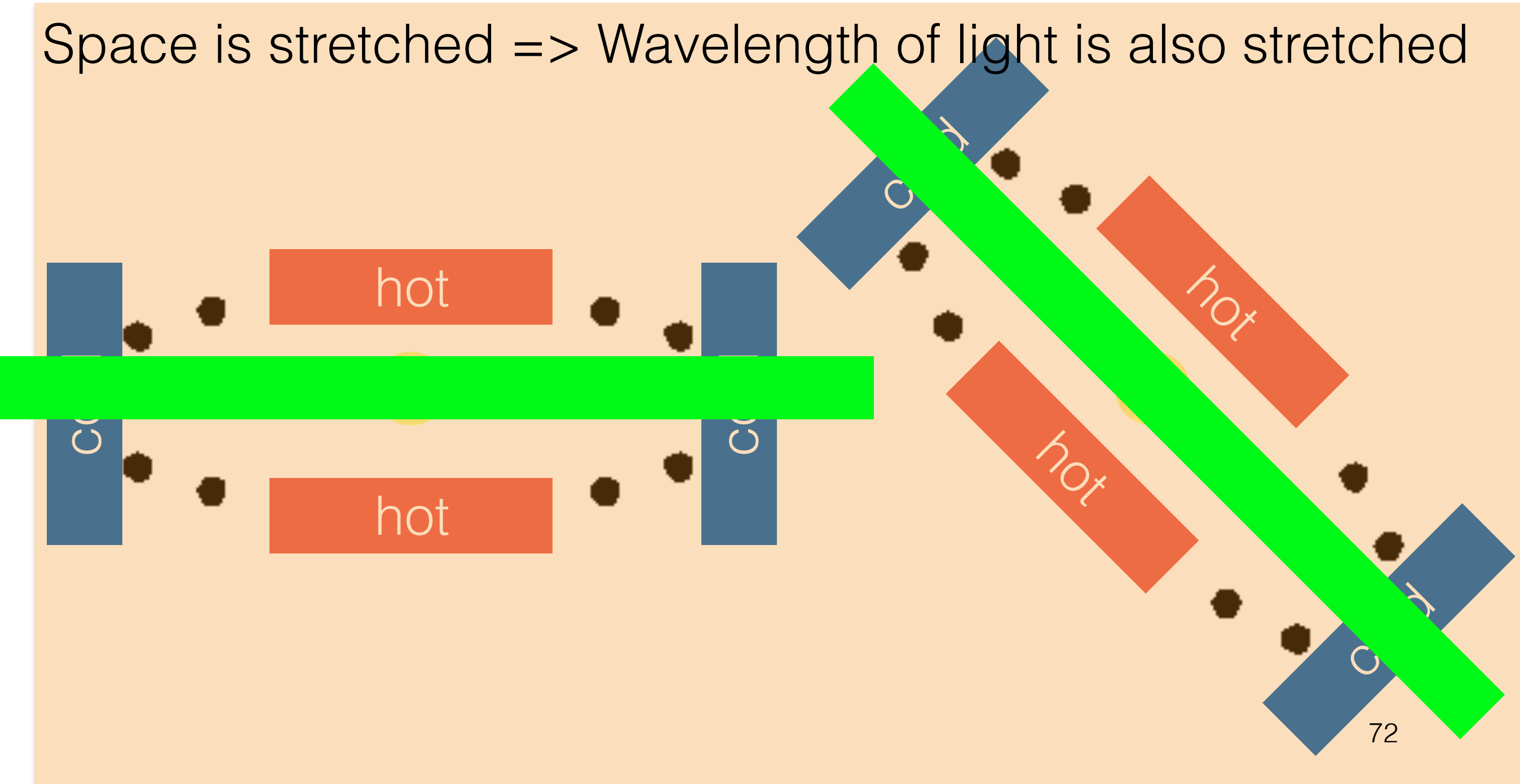


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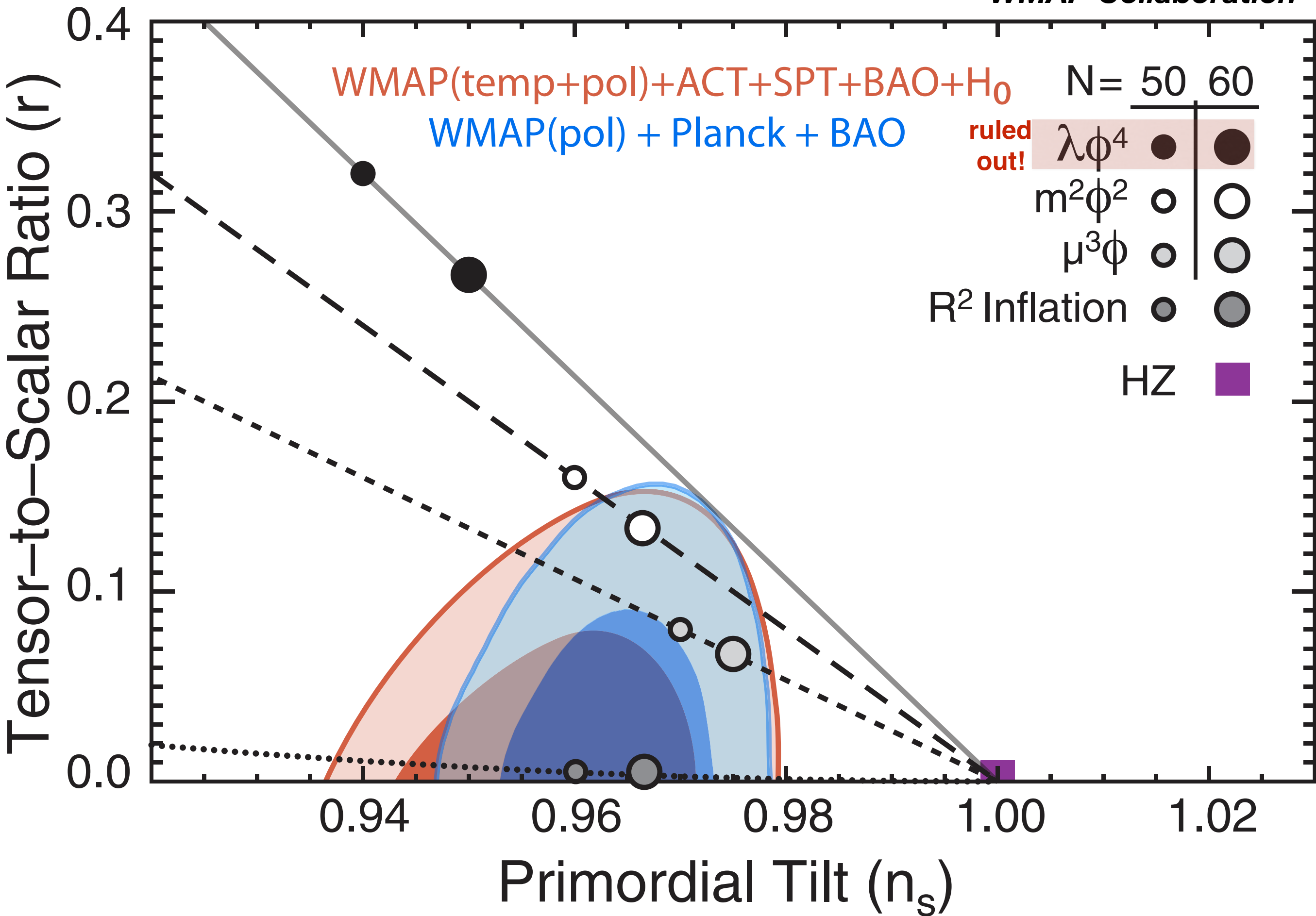
# Tensor-to-scalar Ratio

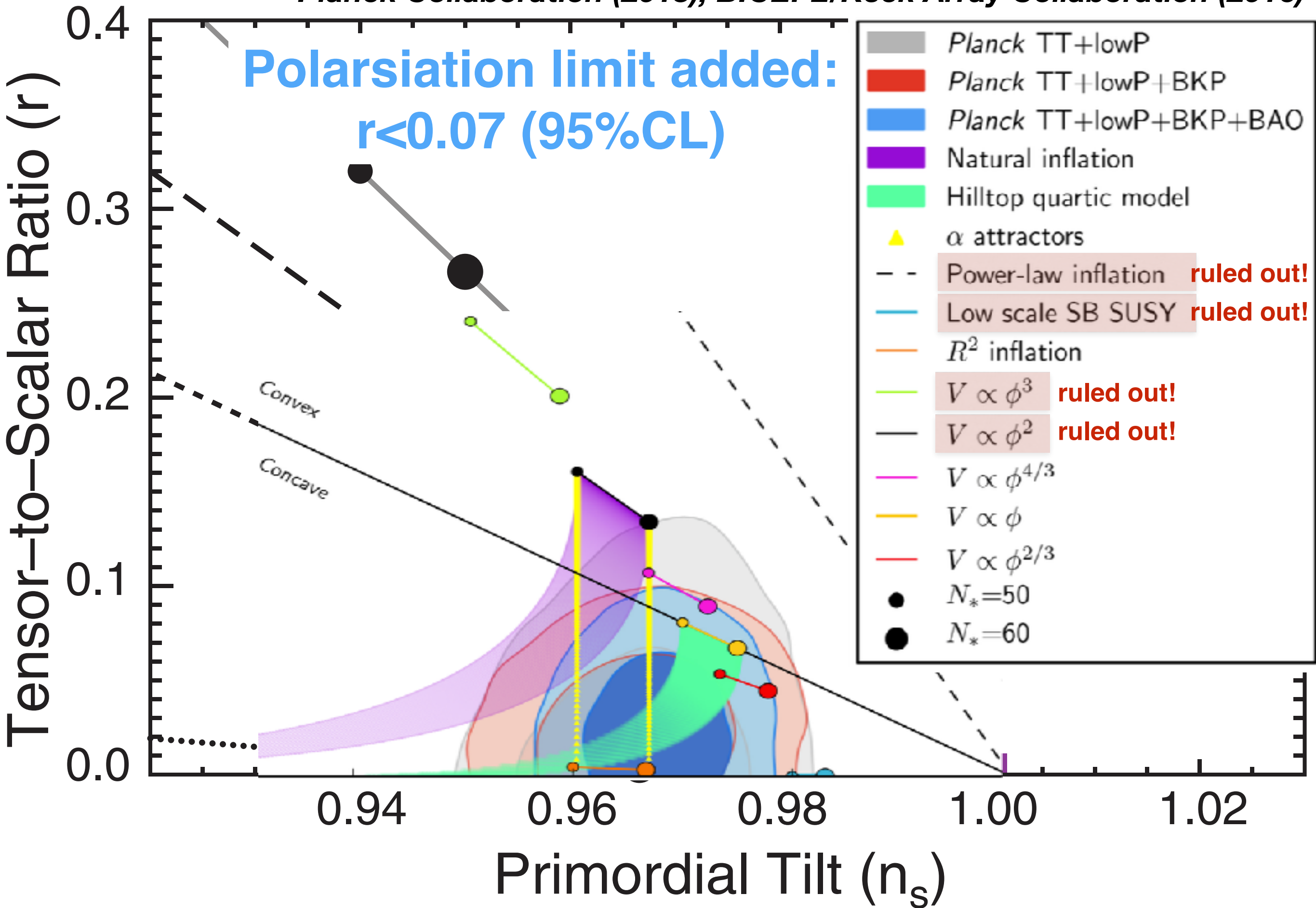
$$r \equiv \frac{\langle h_{ij} h^{ij} \rangle}{\langle \zeta^2 \rangle}$$

- We really want to find this! The current upper bound is  **$r < 0.07$**  (95%CL)

BICEP2/Keck Array Collaboration (2016)







**But, wait a minute...**

# Are GWs from vacuum fluctuation in spacetime, or from sources?

$$\square h_{ij} = -16\pi G \pi_{ij}$$

- **Homogeneous solution:** “GWs from vacuum fluctuation”
- **Inhomogeneous solution:** “GWs from sources”
  - Scalar and vector fields cannot source tensor fluctuations at linear order (possible at non-linear level)
  - SU(2) gauge field can!

Maleknejad & Sheikh-Jabbari (2013); Dimastrogiovanni & Peloso (2013);  
Adshead, Martinec & Wyman (2013); Obata & Soda (2016); ...



# Important Message

$$\square h_{ij} = -16\pi G \pi_{ij}$$

- Do not take it for granted if someone told you that detection of the primordial gravitational waves would be a signature of “quantum gravity”!
- Only the homogeneous solution corresponds to the vacuum tensor metric perturbation. **There is no *a priori* reason to neglect an inhomogeneous solution!**
- Contrary, we have several examples in which detectable B-modes are generated by **sources** [U(1) and SU(2)]

# Experimental Strategy

## Commonly Assumed So Far

1. Detect CMB polarisation in multiple frequencies, to make sure that it is from the CMB (i.e., Planck spectrum)
2. Check for scale invariance: Consistent with a scale invariant spectrum?
  - Yes => Announce discovery of the vacuum fluctuation in spacetime
  - No => WTF?

# New Experimental Strategy: New Standard!

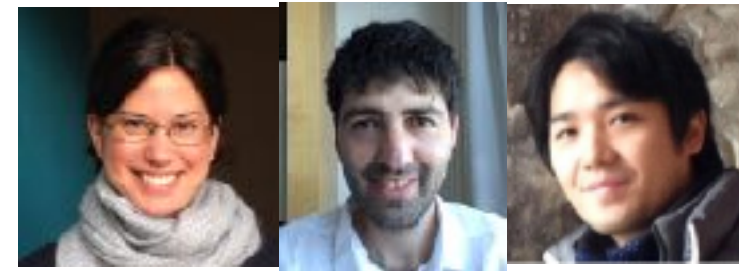
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  4. Consistent with Gaussianity?
- If, and **ONLY IF** Yes to **all** => Announce discovery of the vacuum fluctuation in spacetime

# If not, you may have just discovered new physics during inflation!

2. Consistent with a scale invariant spectrum?
  3. Parity violating correlations consistent with zero?
  4. Consistent with Gaussianity?
- If, and **ONLY IF** Yes to **all** => Announce discovery of the vacuum fluctuation in spacetime



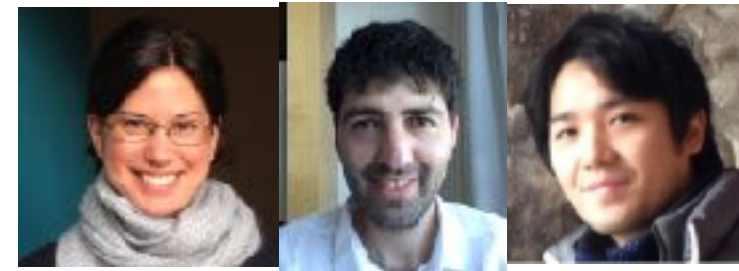
# GW from Axion-SU(2) Dynamics



$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{GR} + \mathcal{L}_\phi + \mathcal{L}_\chi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} + \frac{\lambda \chi}{4f} F_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{F}^{a\mu\nu}$$

- $\phi$ : inflaton field => Just provides quasi-de Sitter background
- $\chi$ : pseudo-scalar “axion” field. Spectator field (i.e., negligible energy density compared to the inflaton)
- Field strength of an SU(2) field  $A_\nu^a$ :

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - g\epsilon^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$



# Background and Perturbation

- In an inflating background, the SU(2) field has a background solution:

$$A_i^a = [\text{scale factor}] \times Q \times \delta_i^a$$

$$Q \equiv (-f \partial_\chi U / 3g\lambda H)^{1/3}$$

**U: axion potential**

- Perturbations contain a tensor mode (as well as S&V)

$$\delta A_i^a = t_{ai} + \dots$$

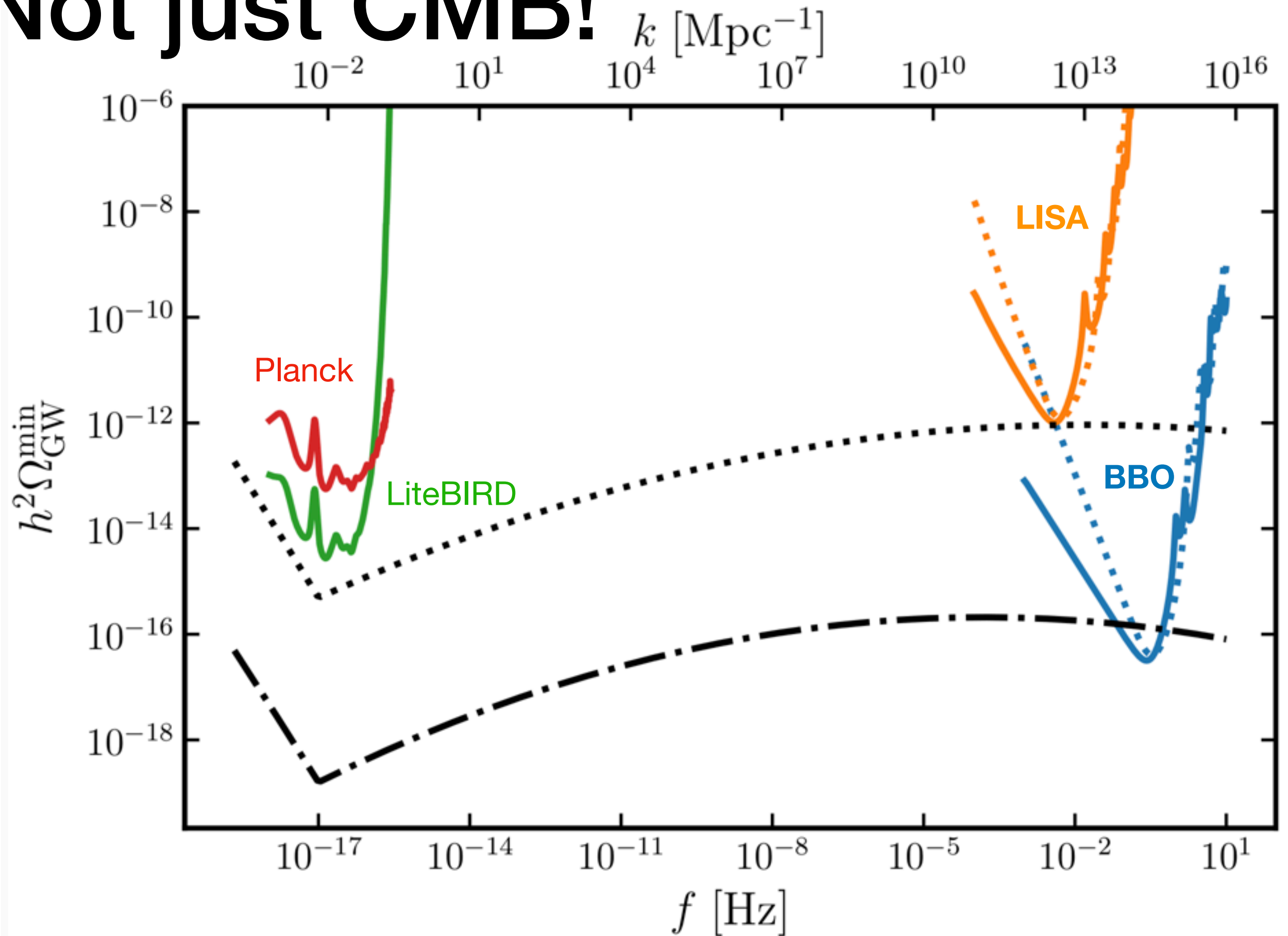
$$t_{ii} = \partial_a t_{ai} = \partial_i t_{ai} = 0$$

# Scenario

- The  $SU(2)$  field contains tensor, vector, and scalar components
- The tensor components are amplified strongly by a coupling to the axion field
  - But, only one helicity is amplified  $\Rightarrow$  GW is **chiral** (well-known result)
- Brand-new result: **GWs sourced by this mechanism are strongly non-Gaussian!**

*Agrawal, Fujita & EK (2017)*

# Not just CMB!





# JAXA

+ possible participations  
from USA, Canada,  
Europe

## LiteBIRD

2025– [proposed]



Target:  $\delta r < 0.001$



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**Polarisation satellite dedicated to  
measure CMB polarisation from  
primordial GW, with a few thousand  
super-conducting detectors in space**



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2025– [proposed]



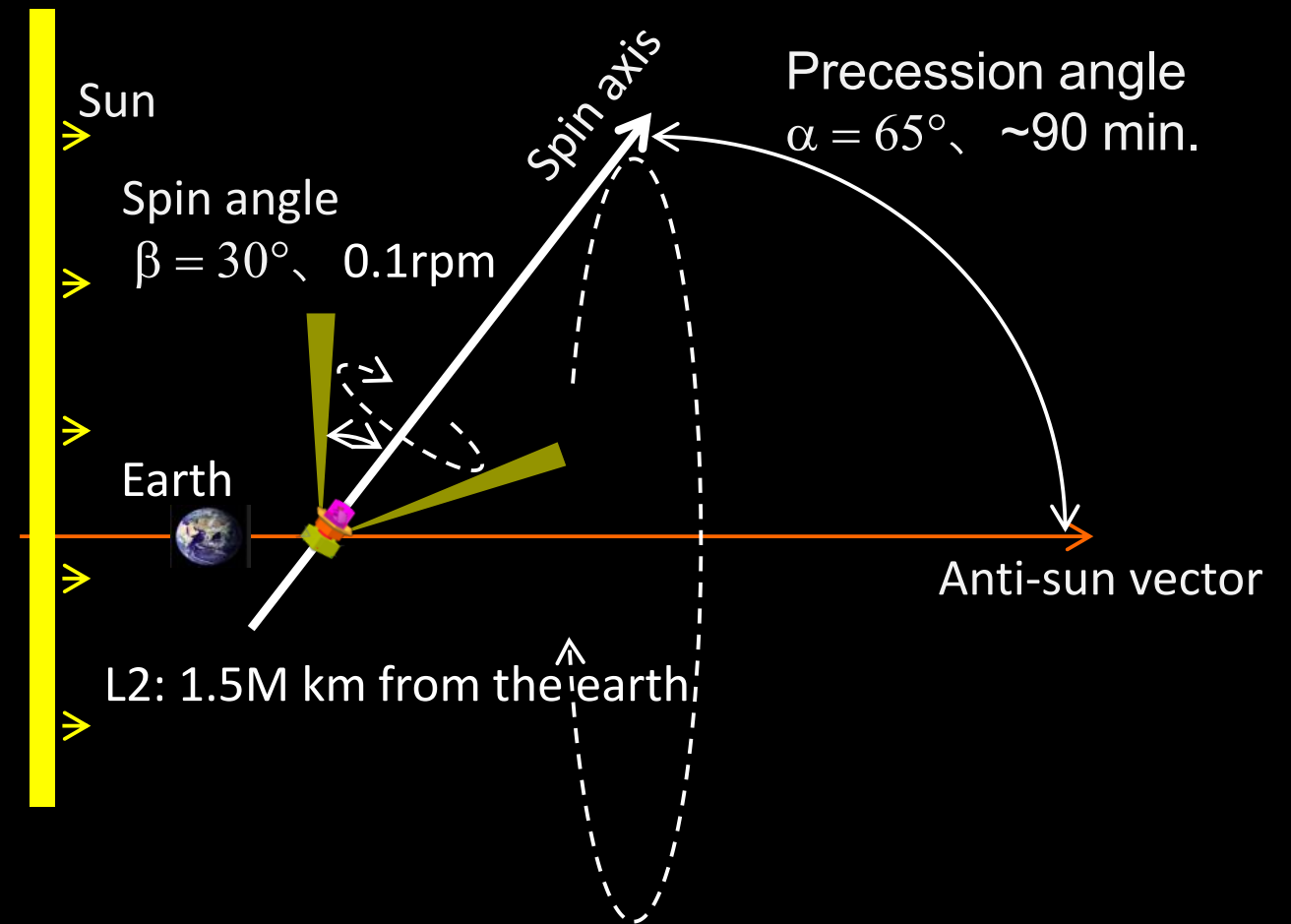
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# Observation Strategy



JAXA H3 Launch Vehicle (JAXA)

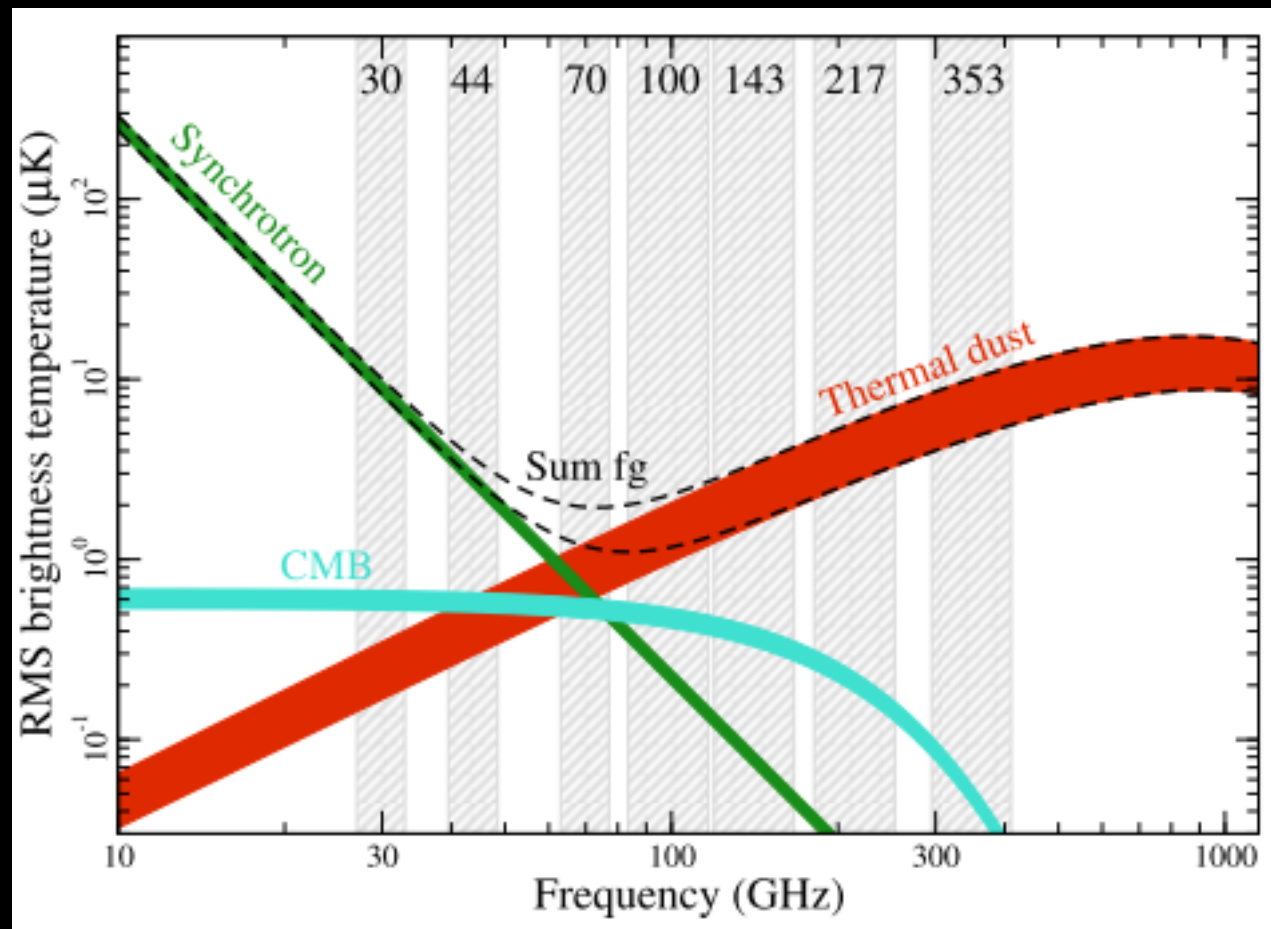


- Launch vehicle: **JAXA H3**
- Observation location: Second Lagrangian point (**L2**)
- Scan strategy: **Spin and precession, full sky**
- Observation duration: **3-years**
- Proposed launch date: **Mid 2020's**

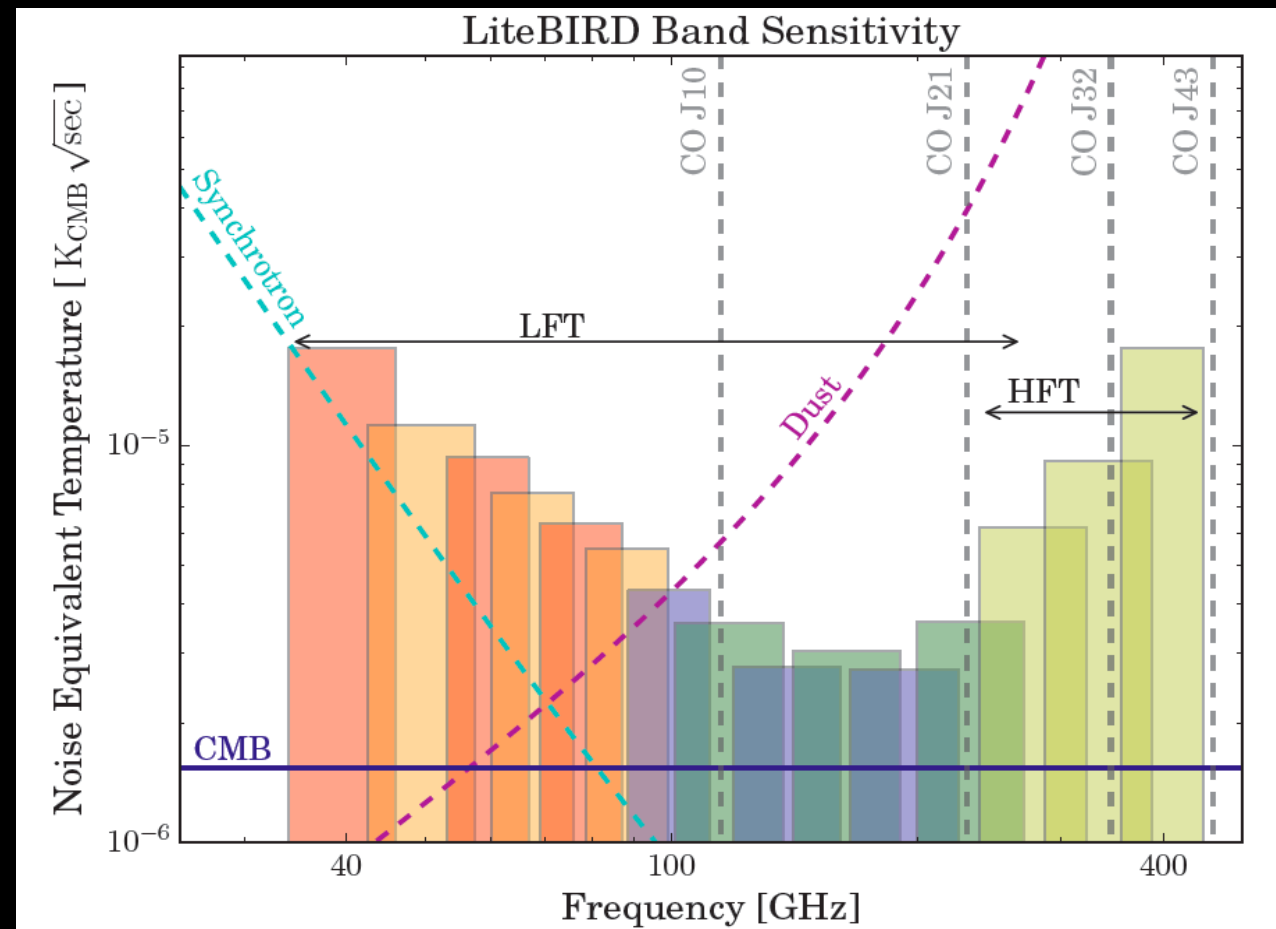
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# Foreground Removal



Polarized galactic emission (Planck X)



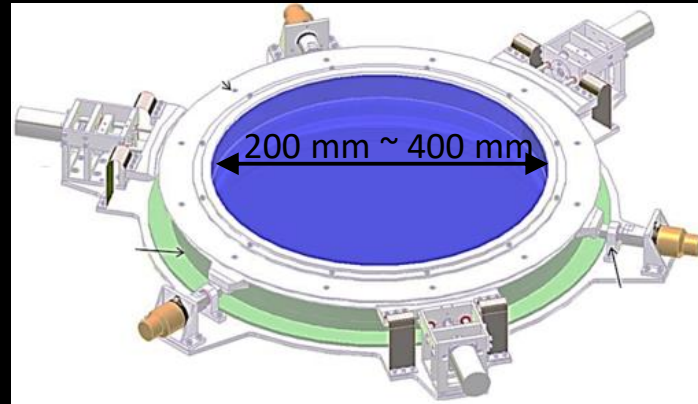
LiteBIRD: 15 frequency bands

- Polarized foregrounds
  - Synchrotron radiation and thermal emission from inter-galactic dust
  - Characterize and remove foregrounds
- 15 frequency bands between 40 GHz - 400 GHz
  - Split between Low Frequency Telescope (LFT) and High Frequency Telescope (HFT)
  - LFT: 40 GHz – 235 GHz
  - HFT: 280 GHz – 400 GHz

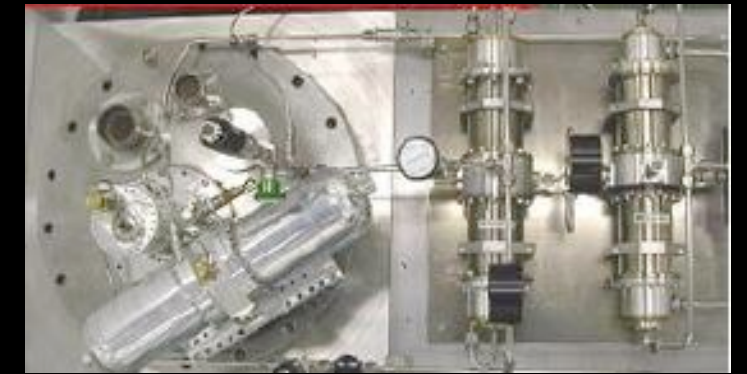
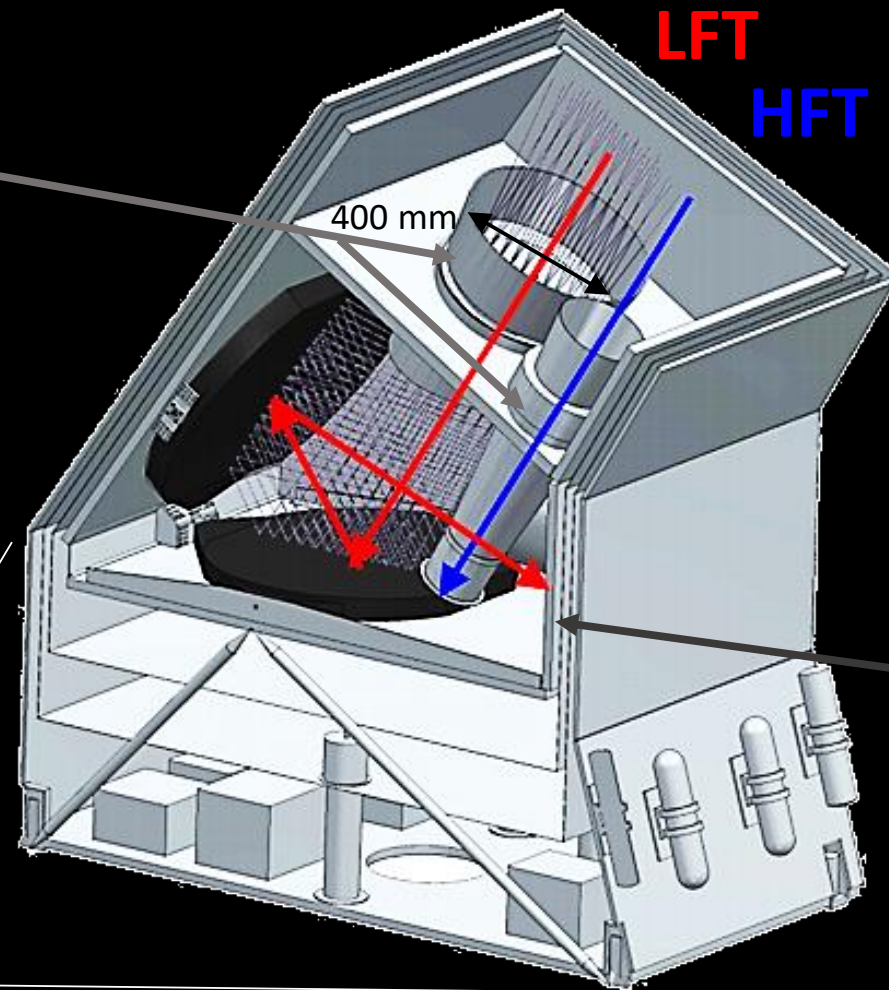
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# Instrument Overview

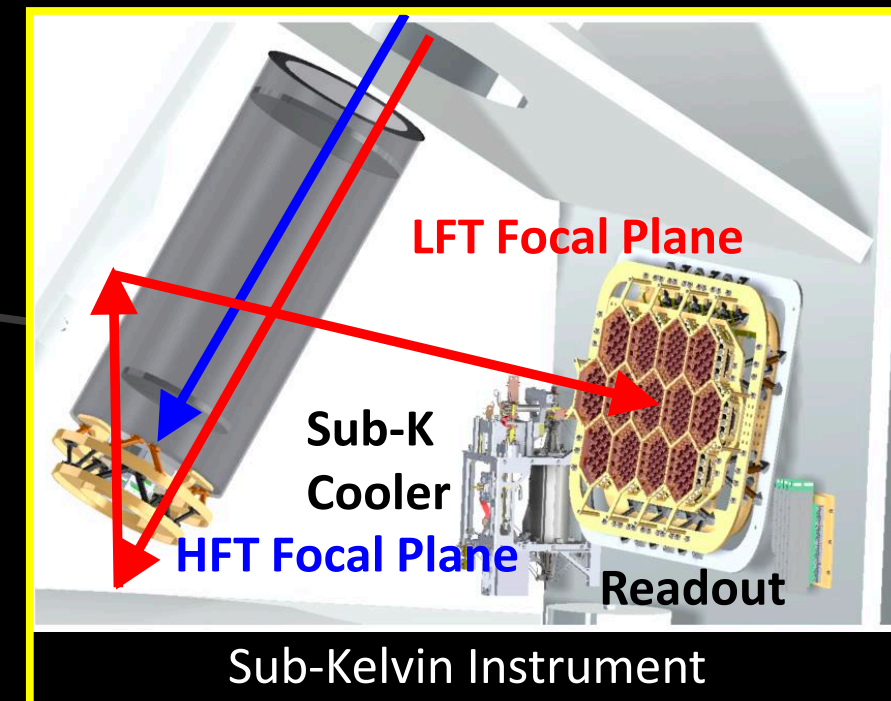
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Half-wave plate



Stirling & Joule Thomson Coolers



Sub-Kelvin Instrument

Cold Mission System

- Two telescopes
  - Crossed-Dragone (LFT) & on-axis refractor (HFT)
- Cryogenic rotating achromatic half-wave plate
  - Modulates polarization signal
- Stirling & Joule Thomson coolers
  - Provide cooling power above 2 Kelvin
- Sub-Kelvin Instrument
  - Detectors, readout electronics, and a sub-kelvin cooler



Mission BUS System

Solar Panel

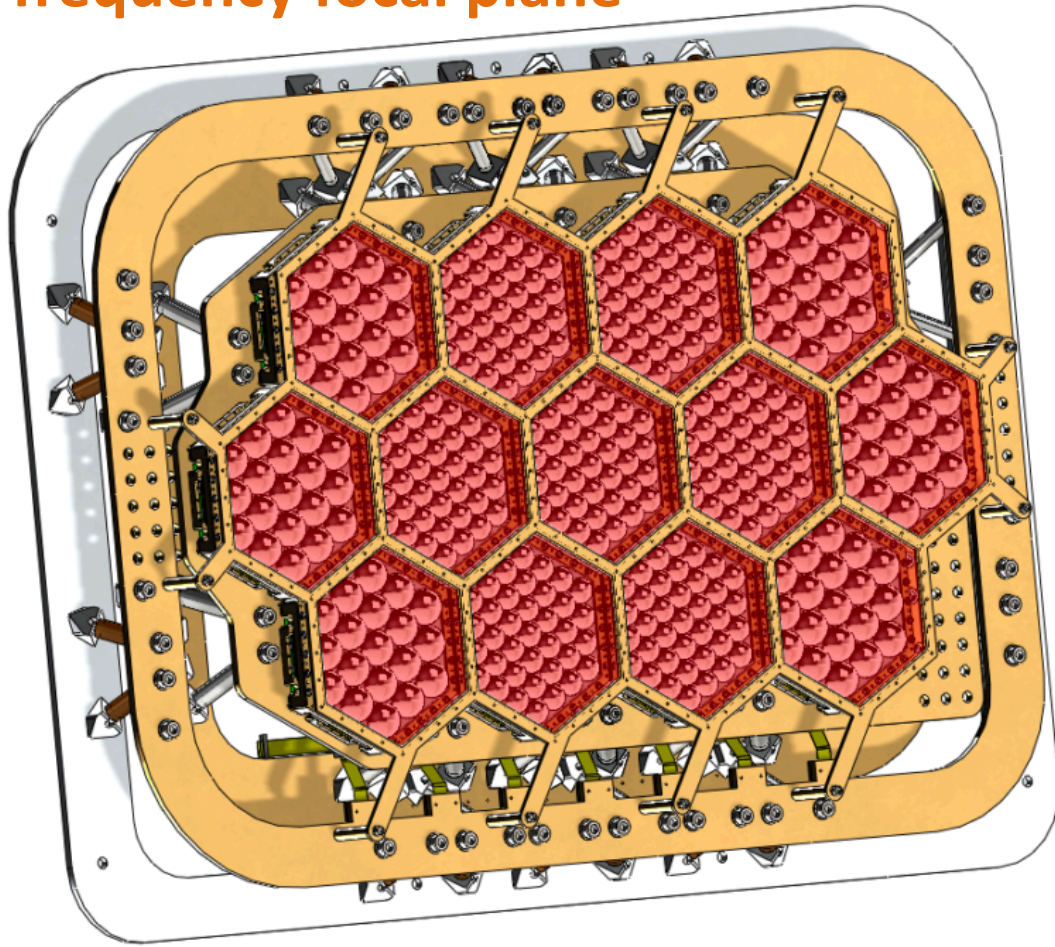


# Summary

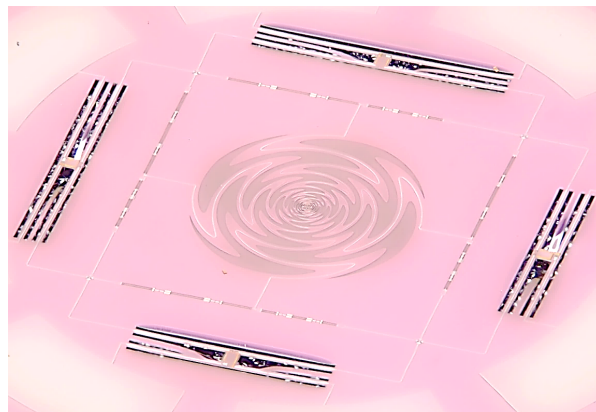
- Inflation looks good: all the CMB data support it
- **Next frontier**: Using CMB polarisation to find GWs from inflation. **Definitive evidence for inflation!**
- With LiteBIRD we plan to reach  $r \sim 10^{-3}$ , i.e., 100 times better than the current bound
- GW from vacuum or sources? An exciting window to new physics

# LFT and HFT focal plane units using TES

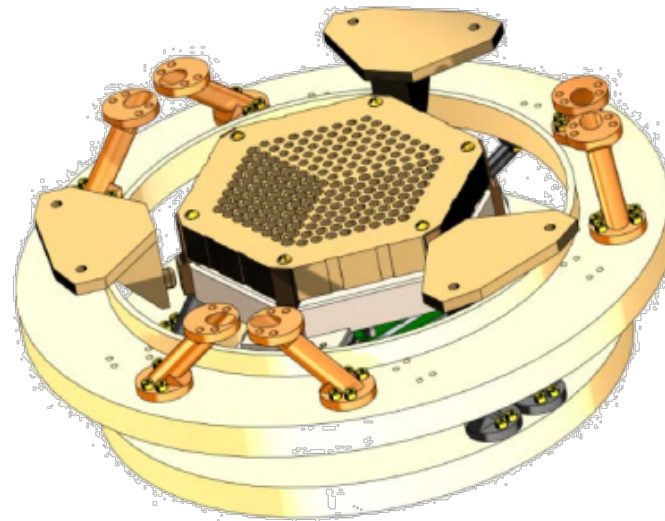
## Low frequency focal plane



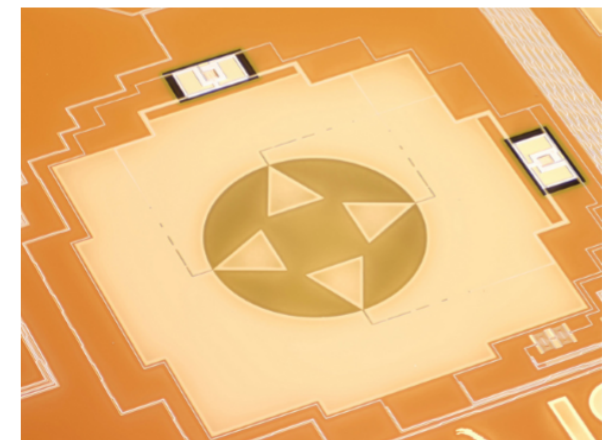
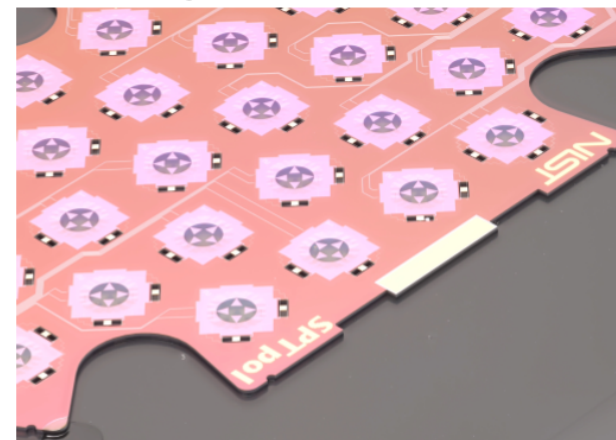
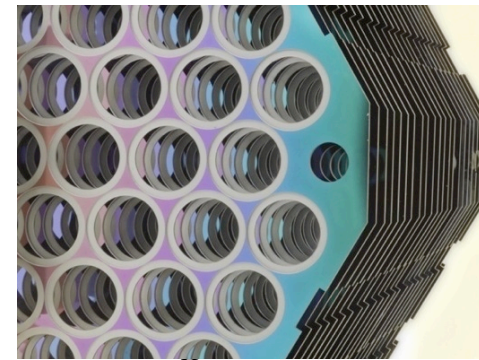
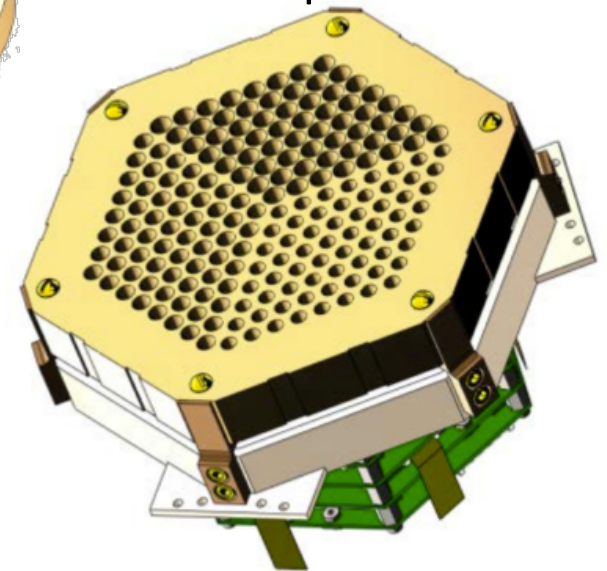
Three colors per pixel with a lenslet coupling.



## High frequency focal plane



Each color per feed, and three colors within one focal plane.



- The current baseline design uses a single ADR to cool the both focal planes.
- The LF focal plane has \*\* TESs and the HF focal plane has \*\* TESs.
- The TES is read by SQUID together with the readout electronics is based on the digital frequency multiplexing system.
- The effect of the cosmic ray is evaluated by building a model. The irradiation test is in plan.

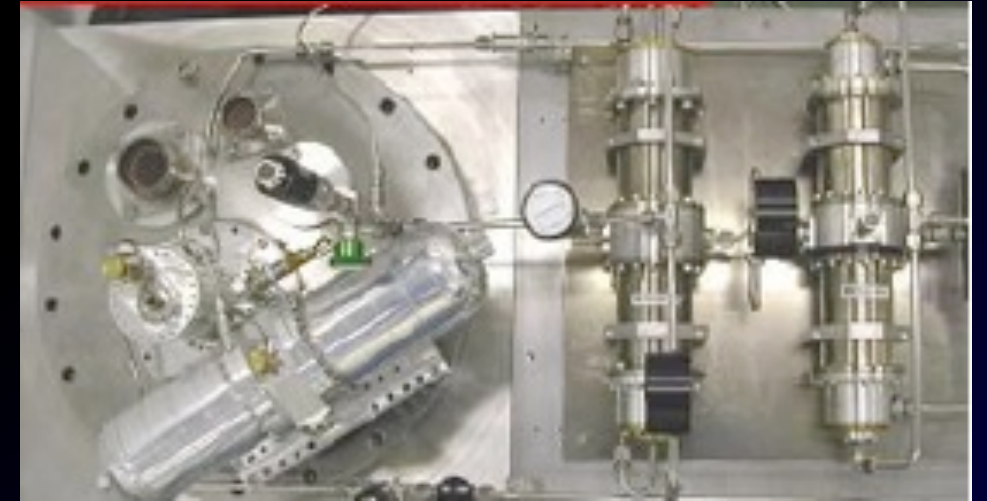
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# Cooling system

## Cryogenics

- Warm launch
- 3 years of observations
- 4 K for the mission instruments (optical system)
- 100 mK for the focal plane



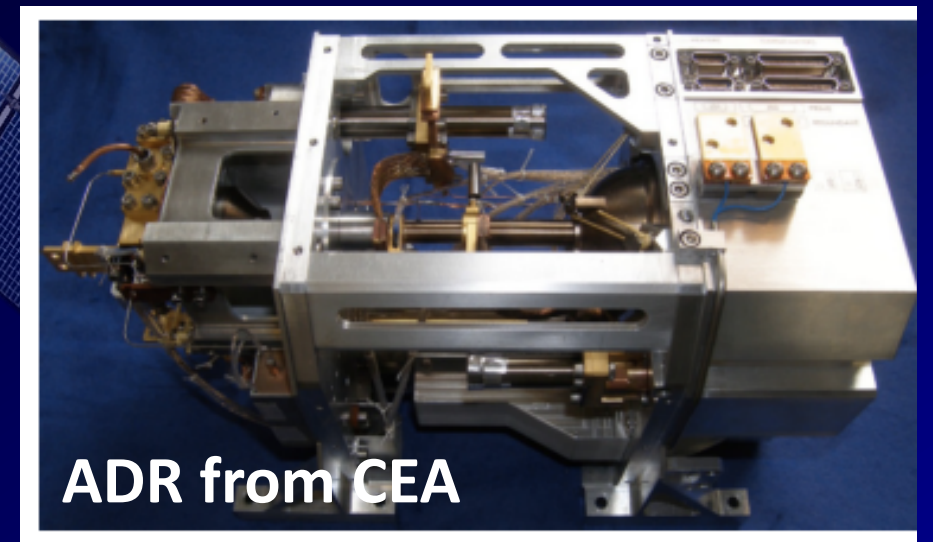
SHI/JAXA

## Mechanical cooler

- The 2-stage Stirling cooler and 4K-JT cooler from the heritage of the JAXA satellites, **Akari** (Astro-F), **JEM-SMILES** and **Astro-H**.
- The 1K-JT provides the 1.7 K interface to the sub-Kelvin stage.

## Sub-Kelvin cooler

- ADR has a high-TRL and extensive development toward **Astro-H**, **SPICA**, and **Athena**.
- Closed dilution with the Planck heritage is also under development.

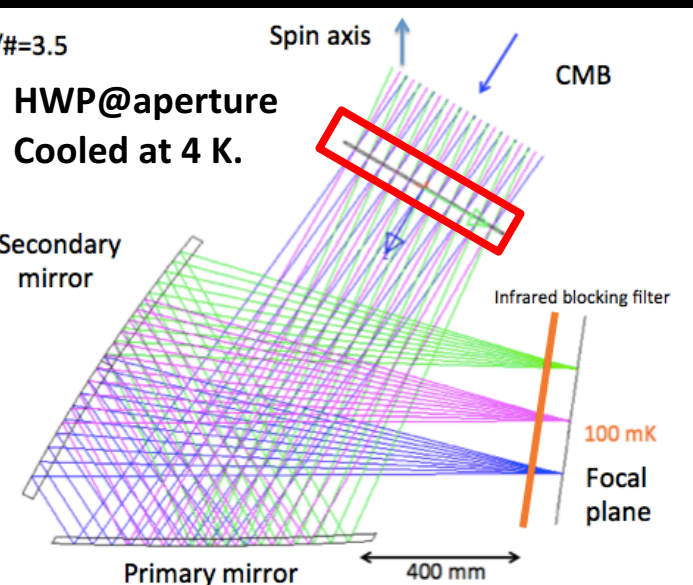


ADR from CEA

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# Polarization modulator



- Due to our focus on the primordial signal at low  $\ell$ , we employ the continuously rotating achromatic half-wave plate (HWP).
- The HWP modulator suffices mitigating the  $1/f$  noise and the differential systematics.

## Broadband coverage

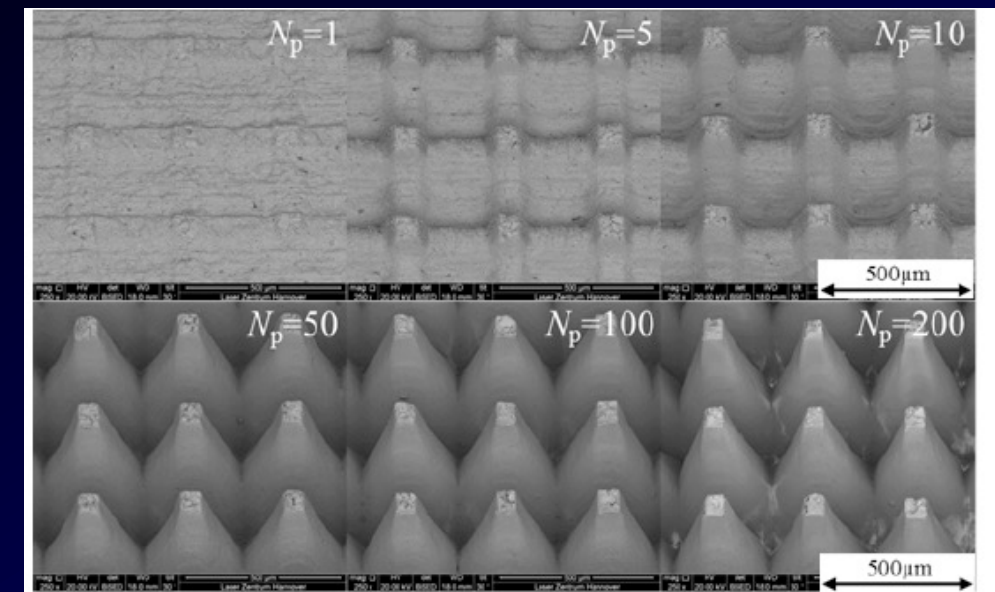
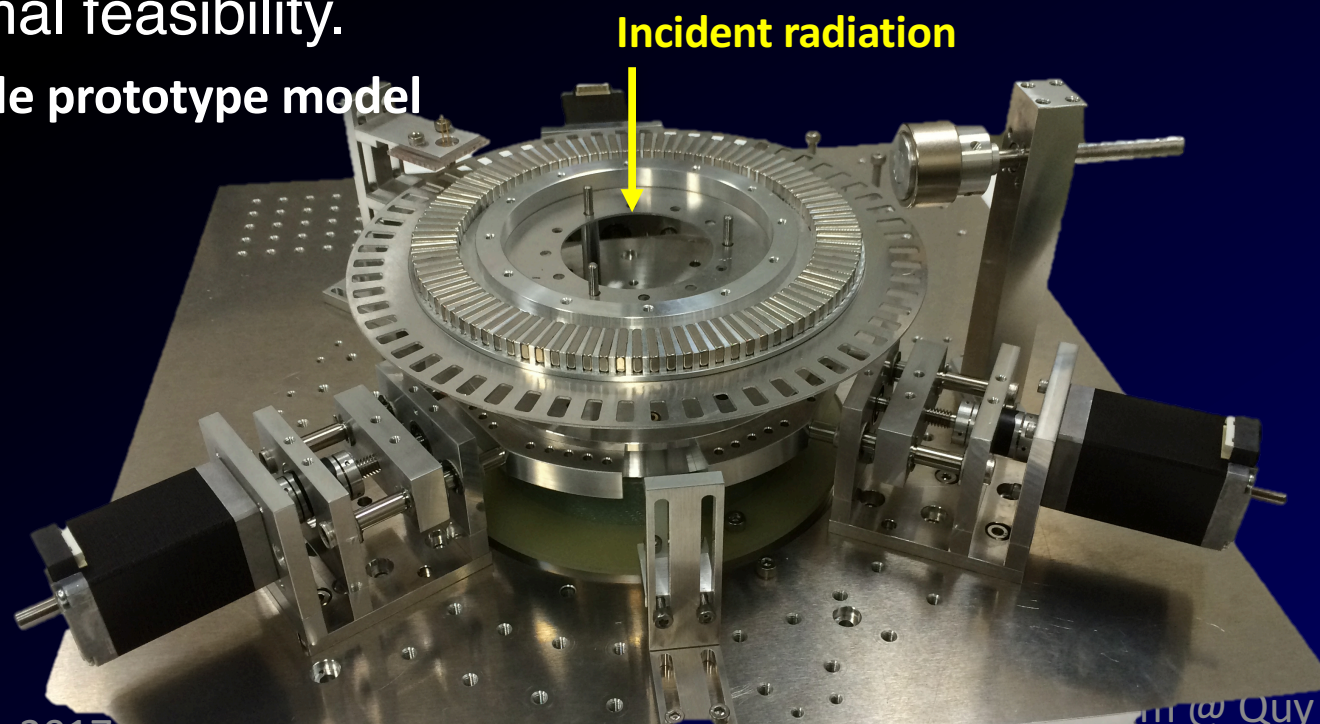
- The broadband coverage is done by the sub-wavelength anti-reflection structure.
- The broadband modulation efficiency is achieved by using 9-layer achromatic HWP.

ote: we also employ the polarization modulator for HFT.

## Rotational mechanism

The continuous rotation is achieved by employing the superconducting magnetic bearing. This system has a heritage from EBEX. The prototype system has built and test the kinetic and thermal feasibility.

The 1/9 scale prototype model



The proton irradiation test is conducted to key components, including sapphire, YBCO, and magnets. We have not found the no-go results. And the further test is in progress.

# Large bispectrum in GW from SU(2) fields



Aniket Agrawal  
(MPA)

$$\frac{B_h^{RRR}(k, k, k)}{P_h^2(k)} \approx \frac{25}{\Omega_A}$$



Tomo Fujita  
(Kyoto)

$$\langle \hat{h}_R(\mathbf{k}_1) \hat{h}_R(\mathbf{k}_2) \hat{h}_R(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 \mathbf{k}_i \right) B_h^{RRR}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

- $\Omega_A \ll 1$  is the energy density fraction of the gauge field
- **$B_h/P_h^2$  is of order unity for the vacuum contribution**  
[Maldacena (2003); Maldacena & Pimentel (2011)]
- ***Gaussianity offers a powerful test of whether the detected GW comes from the vacuum or sources***



# NG generated at the tree level

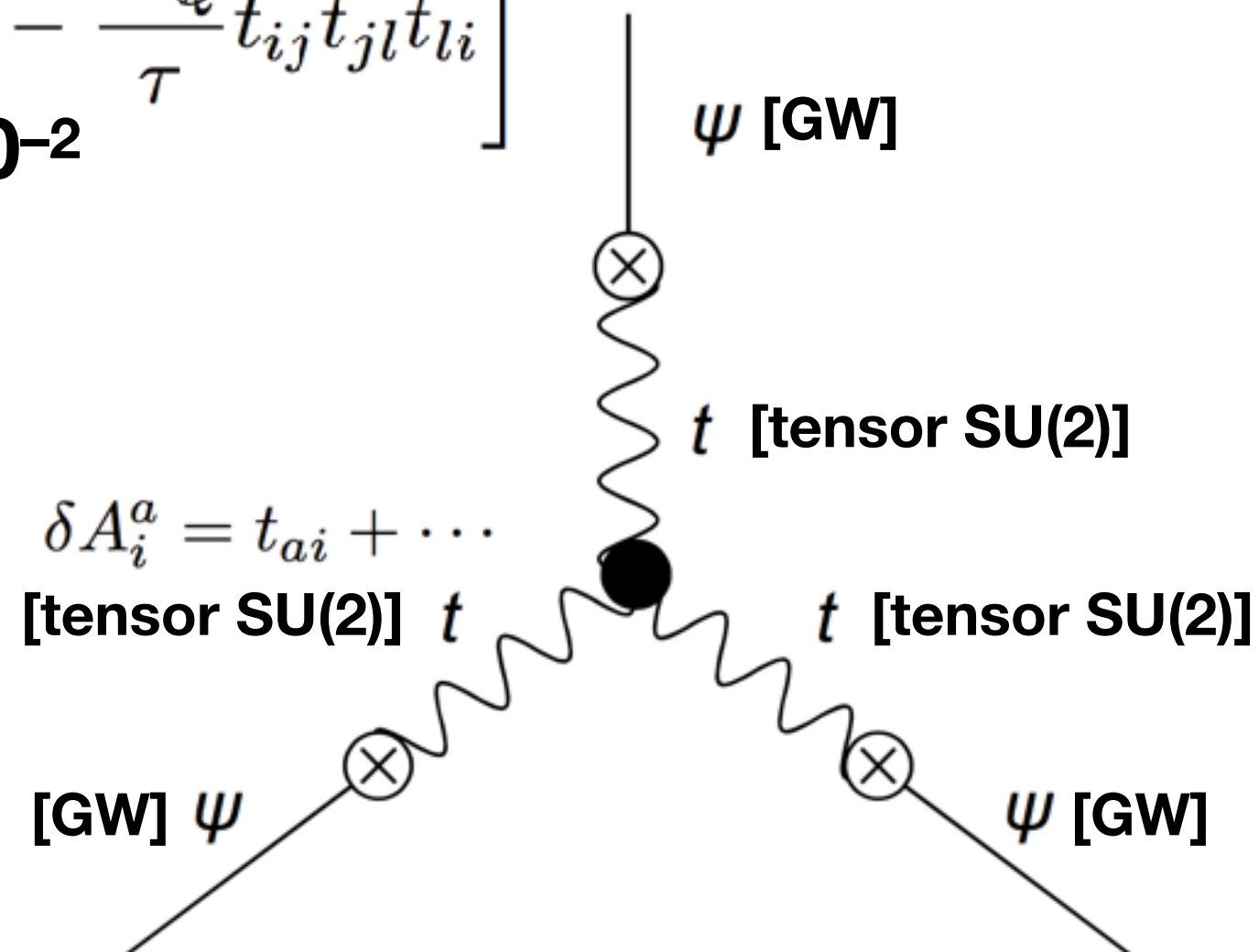
$$L_3^{(i)} = c^{(i)} \left[ \epsilon^{abc} t_{ai} t_{bj} \left( \partial_i t_{cj} - \frac{m_Q^2 + 1}{3m_Q \tau} \epsilon^{ijk} t_{ck} \right) \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{m_Q}{\tau} t_{ij} t_{jl} t_{li} \right] \\ c^{(i)} = g = m_Q^2 H / \sqrt{\epsilon_B} M_{\text{Pl}} \sim \mathbf{10^{-2}}$$

$$\epsilon_B \equiv \frac{g^2 Q^4}{H^2 M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \simeq \frac{2\Omega_A}{1 + m_Q^{-2}} \ll 1$$

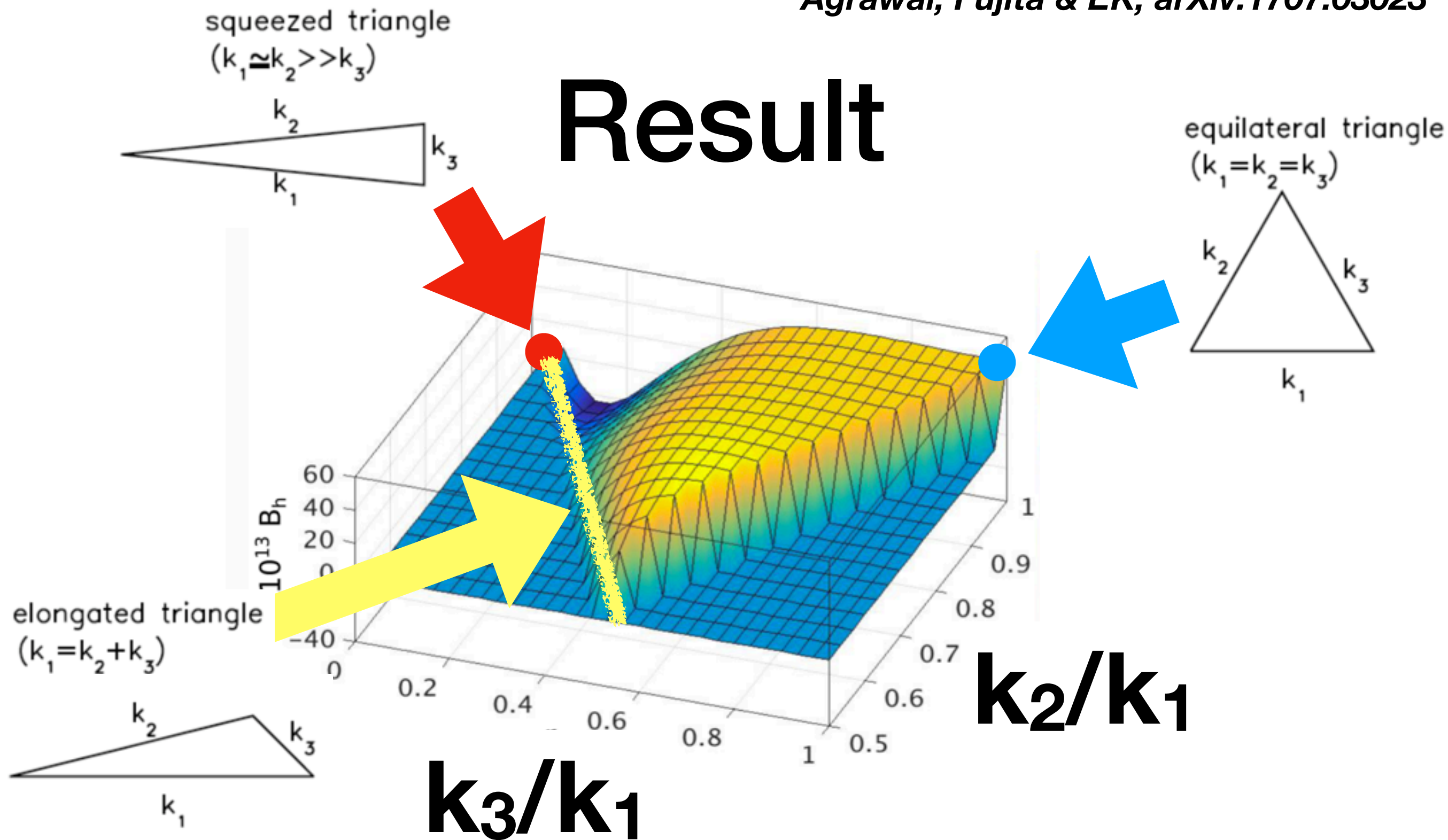
$$m_Q \equiv gQ/H \quad [\mathbf{m_Q \sim a\ few}]$$

- This diagram generates second-order equation of motion for GW





# Result



- This shape is similar to, but not exactly the same as, what was used by the Planck team to look for tensor bispectrum

# Current Limit on Tensor NG

- The Planck team reported a limit on the tensor bispectrum in the following form:

$$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{tens}} \equiv \frac{B_h^{+++}(k, k, k)}{F_{\text{scalar}}^{\text{equil.}}(k, k, k)}$$

- The denominator is the **scalar** equilateral bispectrum template, giving  $F_{\text{scalar}}^{\text{equil.}}(k, k, k) = (18/5)P_{\text{scalar}}^2(k)$
- The current 68%CL constraint is  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{tens}} = 400 \pm 1500$

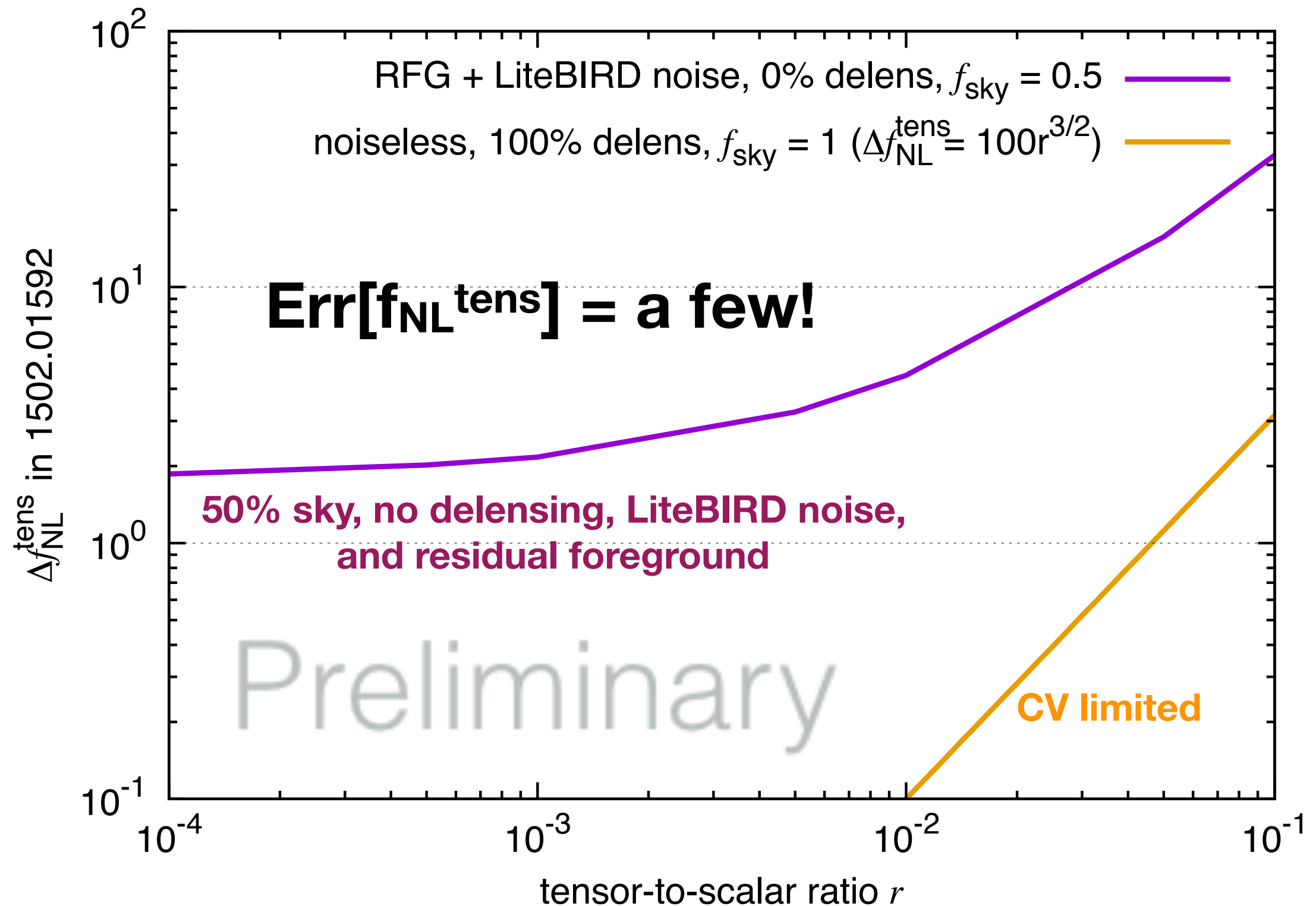
# SU(2), confronted

- The SU(2) model of Dimastrogiovanni et al. predicts:

$$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{tens}} \approx \frac{125}{18\sqrt{2}} \frac{r^2}{\epsilon_B} \approx 2.5 \frac{r^2}{\Omega_A}$$

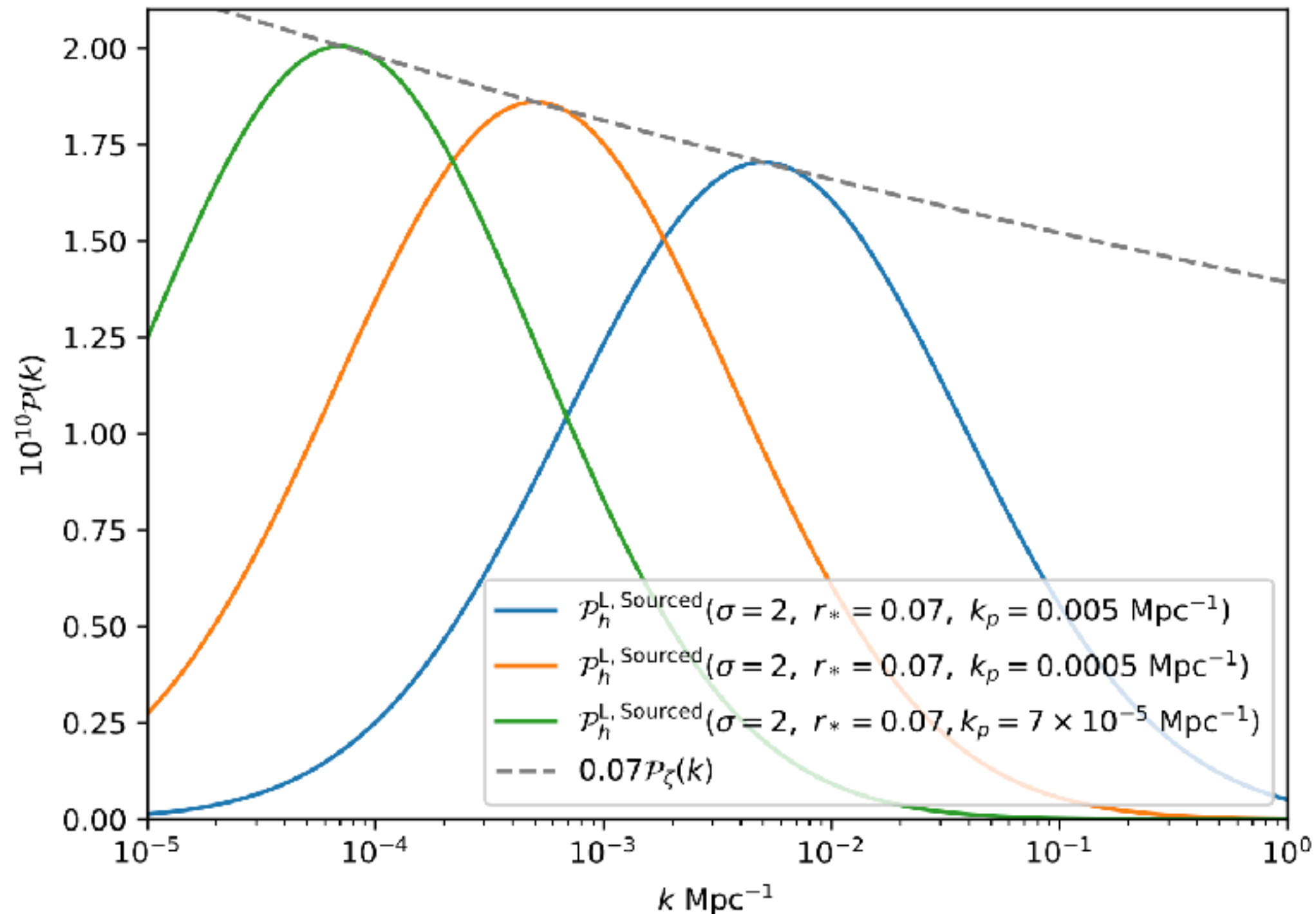
- The current 68%CL constraint is  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{tens}} = 400 \pm 1500$ 
  - This is already constraining!

# LiteBIRD would nail it!



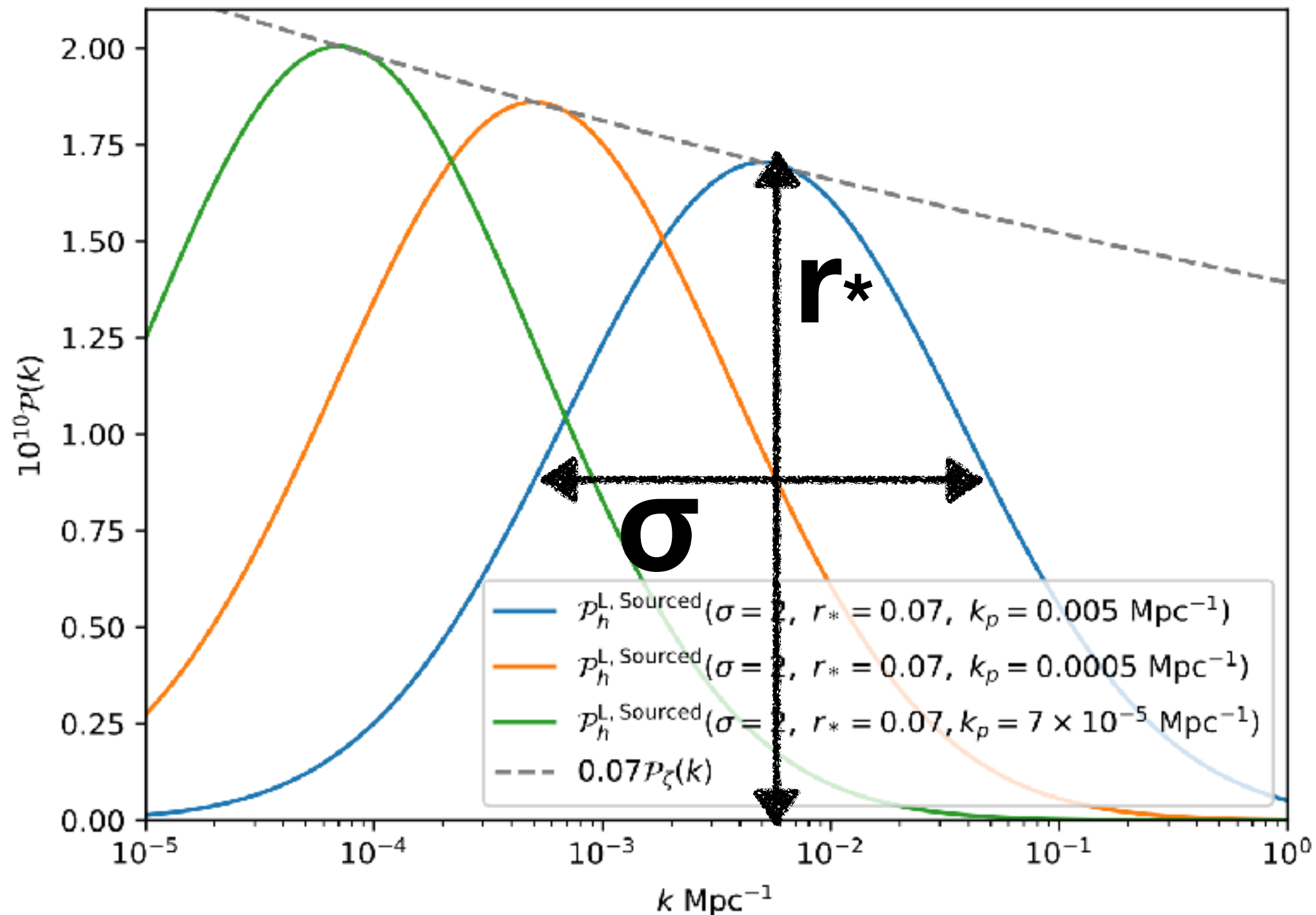


# Example Tensor Spectra



- Sourced tensor spectrum can be close to scale invariant, but can also be bumpy

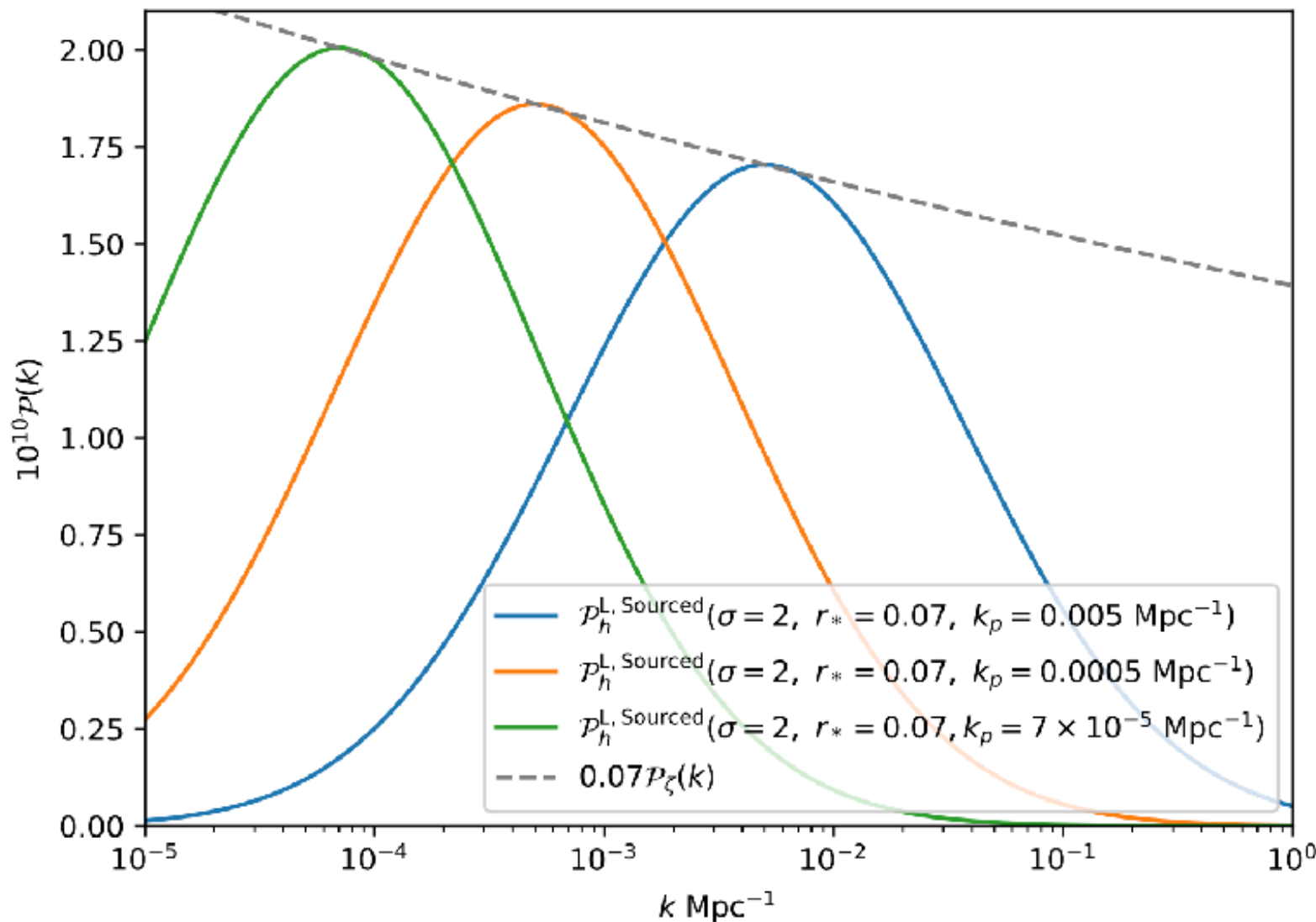
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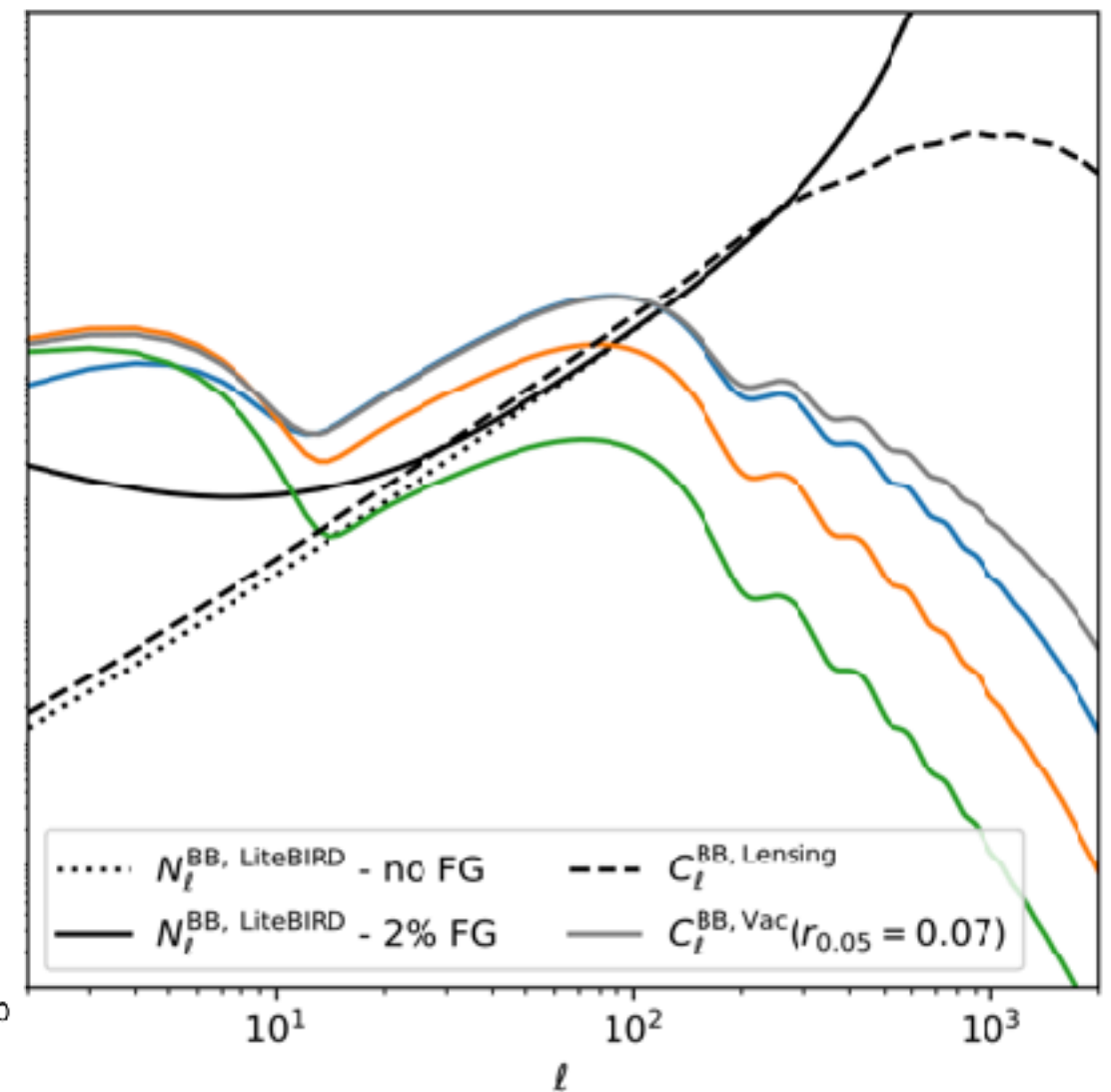
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# Example Tensor Spectra

Tensor Power Spectrum,  $P(k)$



B-mode CMB spectrum,  $C_l^{\text{BB}}$



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