



LSPE: a large-scale (Hito Azione Order) polarization survey of the CMB

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LSPE in a nutshell



- The Large-Scale Polarization Explorer is an experiment to measure the polarization of the CMB at large angular scales.
- Science drivers / targets :
 - The B-modes from inflation are mainly at large scales (r)
 - Polarization signatures from reionization (τ) are mainly at large scales
 - Rotation of the polarization angles (related to new physics)
 - Sensitive polarized dust survey at f close to the CMB ones
 - Sensitive polarized synchrotron survey at *f* close to the CMB ones
- Instrumental approach :
 - Frequency coverage: 40 250 GHz (5 bands)
 - 2 instruments covering the same northern sky
 - STRIP is a ground-based instrument working at 43 and 90 GHz
 - SWIPE works from near-space (balloon) at 145, 210, 240 GHz







LSPE-STRIP in a nutshell

- Survey TeneRIfe Polarimeter
- **Target: Polarized Synchrotron**
- Two arrays of coherent polarimeters: 49 @44 GHz (QUIET) plus 7 @ 90 GHz.
- The measured response of the corrugated feedhorns confirms the expected performance down to -55 dB
- 1.5 m telescope (Clover)
- PLM, Bersanelli UNIMI

STRIP Instrument Site Tenerife Freq (GHz) 43 Bandwidth 17% Angular resolution FWHM (arcmin) 20HEMT Detectors technology Number of detectors N_{det} 49 Detector NET ($\mu K_{CMB} \sqrt{s}$) 515 Mission duration 2 years Duty cycle 50% 37% Sky coverage $f_{\rm sky}$ Map sensitivity $\sigma_{O,U}$ ($\mu K_{CMB} \cdot arcmin$) 102 Noise power spectrum $(\mathcal{N}_{\ell}^{E,B})^{1/2}$ ($\mu K_{CMB} \cdot \operatorname{arcmin}$) 171





Tenerife site





LSPE-STRIP in a nutshell





Receiver under test. Telescope being finalized.

SPE LSPE-SWIPE in a nutshell

- SWIPE is a multiband (145, 210, 220 GHz) array of Stokes polarimeters (163).
- Is flown on a stratospheric balloon, to avoid atmospheric noise at high *f*, including polarized radiation from ice crystals in tropospheric clouds (e.g. Takakura et al. 2018). 38% of the sky covered in a 15d flight.
- SWIPE uses 326 **multimoded detectors** to improve the sensitivity wrt to Planck-HFI. The focal planes collect 8800 radiation modes. The resolution of each multimoded beam is 1.4° FWHM.
- Combined sensitivity: **10 μK arcmin per flight**
- SWIPE uses an HWP-based polarization modulator as the first optically active element, to solve several issues important at large scales (beam asymmetry leakage, bandpass mismatch, 1/f noise ... etc.)
- SWIPE uses a single large polarizer, common to the entire focal plane, to define the main axis of the polarimeter with high precision (< 0.1°): accurate absolute reconstruction of the pol. directions.
- PI P. de Bernardis (Sapienza)



Instrument	SWIPE		
Site	balloon		
Freq (GHz)	145	210	240
Bandwidth	30%	20%	10%
Angular resolution FWHM (arcmin)		85	
Detectors technology	TES multimoded		
Number of detectors N_{det}	162	82	82
Detector NET ($\mu K_{CMB} \sqrt{s}$)	12.7	15.7	30.9
Mission duration	8 - 15 days		
Duty cycle		90%	
Sky coverage f_{sky}		38%	
Map sensitivity $\sigma_{Q,U}$ ($\mu K_{CMB} \cdot arcmin$)	10	17	34
Noise power spectrum $(\mathcal{N}_{\ell}^{E,B})^{1/2}$ ($\mu K_{CMB} \cdot arcmin$)	16	28	55





LSPE/SWIPE: noise estimates



Background power on each detector :

 $W = \int f_{\nu} \alpha A \Omega I_{\nu} d\nu$

Optical throughput :

$$A\Omega = n_{\rm modes}\lambda^2$$

Photon noise :

$$\mathrm{NEP}_{\mathrm{ph}}^{2} = 2 \int f_{\nu} \alpha A \Omega I_{\nu} h \nu \left(1 + \frac{f_{\nu} \alpha c^{2} I_{\nu}}{h \nu^{3}} \right) d\nu.$$

Detector noise :

$$\text{NEP}_{\text{detector}} = \sqrt{4k_B T_c^2 GF}$$

The power of multimoded bolometers ...

Ideal noise performance estimate

band (GHz)	145	210	240
bandwidth	30%	20%	10%
<i>n</i> _{modes}	[10,17]	[23,32]	[32,39]
$A\Omega$ (m ² sr)		$n_{ m modes}\lambda^2$	
efficiency α	0.3	0.3	0.3
Power on cryostat entrance			
$W_{\rm CMB}$ (pW)	9.1	7.9	3.9
$W_{\text{atm}}(\mathbf{pW}) \dots$	0.9	1.9	9.8
W_{window} (pW)	6.9	21.4	18.4
$W_{\text{total}}(\mathbf{pW})$	16.9	31.2	32.1
Power on detector			
$W_{\text{total-detector}}(\mathbf{pW})\dots\dots\dots$	5.1	9.4	9.6
Noise on detector			
$NEP_{ph-CMB} (aW/\sqrt{Hz}) \dots$	23.5	25.9	19.3
$NEP_{ph-atm} (aW / \sqrt{Hz}) \dots$	8.4	13.7	38.5
$NEP_{ph-window} (aW/\sqrt{Hz}) \dots$	20.6	43.3	42.8
$NEP_{ph-total} (aW/\sqrt{Hz}) \dots$	32.3	52.3	60.8
Thermal cond. $G(pW/K)$	86.2	158.9	163.5
$NEP_{detector} (aW / \sqrt{Hz}) \dots$	37.9	51.5	52.3
$NEP_{total} (aW / \sqrt{Hz}) \dots$	49.8	73.4	80.1
Optical noise			
$NEP_{optical-total}(aW/\sqrt{Hz})$	166	245	267
NET $(\mu K_{CMB} \sqrt{s}) \dots \dots \dots \dots$	12.7	15.7	30.9

LSPE: ideal performance forecast

- TOD simulations > Components separation > Power spectra > Parameters (r, τ)
- Forthcoming LSPE paper. Preview of Results:

Table 7. Component separation wieghts for each component in each channel for the minimal case: Planck + LSPE (STRIP, SWIPE).

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f (GHz)	Probes	WCMB	W _{Dust}	WSynch
30	Р	-1.5 ×10 ⁻²	2.7×10^{-3}	8.7 ×10 ⁻¹
43	ST	-2.6 ×10 ⁻³	-4.5×10^{-4}	3.9×10^{-1}
145	SW	1.4	-4.1×10^{-1}	-1.6
210	SW	-1.9 ×10 ⁻¹	2.4×10^{-1}	2.8×10^{-2}
240	SW	-2.02×10^{-1}	1.6×10^{-1}	3.4×10^{-1}











Ideal vs nonideal Stokes Polarimeter



• Ideal operation: staring at a given sky pixel with polarization vector (I_s, Q_s, U_s, V_s) , the signal W measured by the detectors (sensitive to horizontal or vertical polarization) is

$$\Rightarrow \qquad W_H = \frac{1}{2} \left[I_s + Q_s \cos(4\gamma + 2\theta) + U_s \sin(4\gamma + 2\theta) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad W_V = \frac{1}{2} \left[I_s - Q_s \cos(4\gamma + 2\theta) - U_s \sin(4\gamma + 2\theta) \right]$$

 γ = angle of the fast HWP axis wrt the instrument vertical (gemetrical, mechanical) θ = angle of the instrument vertical wrt the meridian

- So, the measured signal should be at $f_{HWP,opt}=4f_{HWP,mech}$
- However, real HWPs are nonideal ...
- and optical systems are also not ideal.
- Real-world nonidealities produce spurious optical signals at f_{HWP} , $2f_{HWP}$, $3f_{HWP}$, $4f_{HWP}$, $5f_{HWP}$, $6f_{HWP}$...
- Moreover, the sky scan modulates the input signal, encoding the sky polarization signal in *two narrow sidebands* of 4*f*. These must be free from spurious signals.
- We have adjusted f_{HWP} and f_{scan} to approximate this condition.



Bolometer time constant effects



- Bolometric detectors are slow (expecially the large area ones used for multimode detectors, with τ ~ 30 ms)
- So $4f_{HWP}$ should be low enough that a 30 ms delay in the response of the bolometer is nearly irrelevant, or can be corrected precisely.
- Otherwise, such a delay would mimick a systematic offset Δγ in the knowledge of the rotation angle γ of the HWP: this would result in a leakage of E-modes in B-modes (see e.g. Pagano et al. 2009):

$$C_\ell^{BB,L} = C_\ell^{EE} sin^2 (2\Delta\gamma)$$

- In order to target $\sigma_r = 0.01$, the rotation angle must be known better than $\Delta \gamma = 10$ arcmin.
- The delay due to the time constant of the bolometer can be compensated deconvolving the bolometer transfer function in the analysis pipeline. This procedure, however, requires a precise knowledge of the time constant.
- In our case, if τ =30ms and f_{HWP} =0.5 Hz, it is required σ_{τ} <1ms, a reasonable target for both ground-based and in-flight calibration.
- This drives us to select *f*_{HWP}=0.5Hz (0.5 rps, *T*_{HWP}=2s), with an optical signal around 2Hz.
- The payload spin in azimuth (scan frequency f_{scan}) is adjusted so that most of the signal of interest is well within the $[3f_{HWP} 5f_{HWP}]$ interval. In this way it is not cut by the notch filters used to remove synchronous systematics.

Signal-only simulations of SWIPE signals for different HWP & scan strategies:







- The signal of interest (black line) is encoded in the peaks at $4f_{HWP}+f_{scan}+2f_{scan}+3f_{scan}+...$. The intermediate frequencies contain only noise, and can be filtered out using custom notch filters (for example removing the interval $[4f_{HWP}-f_{scan}...4f_{HWP}+f_{scan}]$).
- The noise from both the detector (magenta) and the speed instability (green) are for 1s of integration and are reduced when increasing the integration time, while the signals (black, blue, red, orange) will remain where they are.
- Detector noise (magenta) will also decrease including data from more than 1 detector.



Reduction of the amplitudes of HWP-synchronous systematic effects



-FPA

In a real Stokes polarimeter, the optical devices produce polarized emission, which can be in part modulated by the rotation of the HWP (e.g. Salatino & de Bernardis 2010, Columbro et al. 2019)

- Polarized emission/transmission of the lens, stop, field optics: mitigated using the HWP as the first optical element skywise.
- The HWP can have slightly different efficiencies for the fast and slow axes. This results in polarized emission & transmission of the HWP, modulated by the polarizer, i.e. a 2f_{HWP} signal (5 mK !). Mitigated by filtering the output signal (bandpass around 4f_{HWP})
- The polarizer emission can be reflected by the HWP and modulated: this results in a small 4*f*_{HWP} signal. Mitigated by reducing the temperature of the polarizer (here 1.6K, so few µK). Can be removed by a dedicated pipeline (e.g. Ritacco & 2017).
- The polarized emission of the HWP can be reflected by the polarizer and by the HWP. This is a small 4f_{HWP} signal. In our case is very small, since the polarizer is tilted 45° wrt the HWP.



Reduction of the amplitudes of HWP-synchronous systematic effects



- There are other subtle systematic effects, an additional ones will be discovered.
- One of the main reasons of interest for this experiment is that we have the opportunity to study experimentally the performance of a Stokes polarimeter with cryogenic spinning HWP, a configuration which will be used in several ultresensitive experiments, including LiteBIRD.
- Real experimental tests are badly needed, in addition to simulations, to validate a very difficult meaurement !





LSPE: HW implementation & status



- Long integration time (8 days minimum, 15 days goal)
- Night flight (to cover a large sky fraction with a telescope spinning in azimuth)

LSPE/SWIPE : polar night flight

- Uses the winter stratospheric polar vortex
- Less stable than the summer vortex used in Antarctica
- Reliable forecast tools needed

16/Dec/2019: polar vortex

Credit: earth.nullschool.net

16/Dec/2019: flight forecast: 14 days



Credit: Piacentini

LSPE/SWIPE : night polar flight

- Flight managed by ASI, scheduled for end of 2021
- Longyearbyen Svalbard or Kiruna Sweden
- Several test flights already carried out

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SWIPE: solar illumination issues



- With a careful choice of the launch date and launch site the length of the illuminated portions of the flight can be minimized
- We do not plan to carry out science measurements during these periods, but the instrument should be prepared to survive short solar illumination periods.







Rendering without ground/sun shields LSPE/SWIPE

- Gondola design certified.
- Gondola parts being machined.



SWIPE: Simple ACS



- Large Scale Polarization Explorer
- ACS based on the successfull pivot flown on BOOMERanG and OLIMPO.
- Azimuth spin of the entire payload up to 3 rpm (with 3A current for a 1600kg load).
- Attitude determination from the same gyros and star sensors flown on Archeops (Nati et al. A fast star sensor for spinning balloon payloads Review of Scientific Instruments, 74, 4169-4175, (2003))







Azimuth Pivot (Boscaleri, IFAC). Same as OLIMPO. Test @ 6 rpm



SWIPE - receiver



- A Stokes (HWP + polarizer + power detector) polarimeter, panoramic
- Simple implementation
- Two large focal planes (8800 modes), at 0.3K, in a large cryostat, cooling also the lens (490mm diam. and a 460 mm diam. cold stop) and the polarization modulator (HWP at about 10-15 K).
- FOV: 20° split by a 500mm diam., 45° tilted wire grid into 2 Focal Planes 300 mm diam (f/1.75)
- Most components being machined, some ready



- Is a cold (2K), large (50 cm useful dia.), wide-band meta-materials HWP, placed immediately behind the window and thermal filters stack.
- HWP characteristics for the ordinary and extraordinary rays are well matched: (T_o-T_e)/T_o < 0.001, X_{pol}<0.01, over the 100-300 GHz band.
- Simulations show that continuous rotation has advantages in terms of 1/f noise mitigation and angles coverage.
- A custom superconductive rotator has been developed.



SWIPE – HWP



Pisano et al., Proc. SPIE, Vol. 9153, id. 915317 (2014)



SWIPE – HWP rotator





~670mm

Permanent magnet ring



High Temperature Superconductors

Pros

- NO stick-slip friction
- NO extra-effort to cool HTSs
- Passive stable levitation
- Low Coefficient of friction
- Continuous rotation (0-10Hz)

Cons

- Variable magnetic field
- Clamp mechanism at 4K

S. Hanany et al., IEEE Trans.Appl.Supercond. 13 (2003) 2128-2133 T. Matsumura et al., IEEE Trans.Appl.Supercond. 26 (2016)



SWIPE – HWP rotator - General layout

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1T field strength in the gap. Total mass 9 kg.





SWIPE – HWP rotator – parts procured





Stator with YBCO bulks

Groove ring





permanent magnets

> smaller diameter Prototype arXiv:1706.05963v3











Fabio Columbro, Paolo de Bernardis, and Silvia Masi A clamp and release system for superconducting magnetic bearings Review of Scientific Instruments 89, 125004 (2018)

Cryogenic PMU rotator – Control Electronics

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Custom brushless synchronous motor & control electronics:

- 8 phases
- 64 equalized coils (stator)
- 8 magnets (rotor)
- Smooth phased currents to minimize EMI & induced eddy currents
- 64-slits optical encoder
- High accuracy optical fibers readout (Δt=50µs)





Room-T testbed for motor & control: OK Working for :

- Optimization of start
- Optimization of feedback algorithm (frequency, phase and amplitude)
- Minimization of driving currents
- FPGA board for precision time stamping
- Thermal/vac test



Credit: Fabio Columbro

SWIPE: Cryogenic Testbed

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Single lens 490mm in dia: plano-convex lens curved focal plane



Dimensions:

HDPE Lens (L1) diameter = 480 mm Aperture Stop (AS) = 440 mm Entrance Pupil = 450 mm FOV = 20 deg f/1.88 Curved Focal plane (CFP_T o CFP_R) diameter = 300 mm Lens thickness = 65 mm HDPE lens with AR by porous PTFE

Constraints:

Thermal filters max c.a. diameter = 500 mm Wire Grid (WG @45 deg tilt) max c.a. diameter = 500 mm HWP max c.a. diameter = 500 mm

> M. De Petris - LSPE SWIPE 17 maggio 2012 LSPE SWIPE 17 maggio 2012

Single lens 490mm in dia: plano-convex lens curved focal plane



Corrected focal plane vs bands



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SWIPE: Simple Optical Design



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BP+FC		SCH		MSWG	STT	ABS+B	S	
Nominal freq (GHz) Ba	ndwidth	Min fr	eq (GHz)	Max freq	(GHz)		
140	30	%	119		161			
220	5%	,)	214.5		225.5			
240	5%	,)	234		246			
Table 1 – main	features of the	SWIPE <mark>bandpa</mark> s	sses (source: C.	Tucker, Cardiff L	Jniv.)			
Channel	ν _{min} (GHz)	$N_{modes}(v_{min})$	ν _{max} (GHz)	$N_{modes}(v_{max})$	ν _{eff} (GHz)	N _{modes} (v	_{eff})	
140	119	10	161	17	140	12		
220	214	28	226	31	220	30		
240	234	32	246	35	240	34		
Table 2 – number of coupled modes N_{modes} at the center and at the edges of each SWIPE band. The total								

optical throughput at frequency v is $N_{modes}c^2/v^2$.

SWIPE: Horn beam



Angle (deg)

Angle (deg)

-50

Lamagna et al., Proc. 36° ESA Antenna Workshop, manuscript 110138 (2015)

Angle (deg)



Measurements of pixel assembly beam



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- Not an easy task. Custom cold absorber needed to limit radiative background
- Beam vignetted by test cryostat window. However, multimode regime demonstrated.
- Will be redone with the large flight cryostat.



Columbro et al. LTD18

SWIPE focal planes : 50% 140 GHz, 25% 220 GHz, 25% 240 GHz Total 330 detectors, with $A\Omega = 10\lambda^2$, $21\lambda^2$, $23\lambda^2$ @140,220,240





Reflected focal plane

Transmitted focal plane

Scan direction

SWIPE: Focal Planes real estate



 The distribution of colors in the pixels has been optimized with a simplified scheme for foregrounds (dust) removal.

SPF

- This distribution provides sufficient precision to
 extrapolate the dust
 signal from high frequency down to 150
 GHz
- This configuration totalizes 4400 radiation modes for each focal plane (transmitted and reflected).





LSPE/SWIPE: telescope



- Whole system multimode
- Full EM simulation described in: Legg, Lamagna, Coppi, de Bernardis, Giuliani, Gualtieri, Marchetti, Masi, Pisano, Maffei, Development of the multi-mode horn-lens configuration for the LSPE-SWIPE B-mode experiment Proc. SPIE 9914, Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy VIII, 991414 doi:10.1117/12.2232400
- Resulting beam approximately top-hat. 1.5° FWHM.
- Good polarization properties.

L. Lamagna. M. De Petris



Coupling analysis – small angle beams



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LSPE horns & bolo holders

Large Throughput multimode detectors: 8800 modes collected by 330 sensors

Focal plane detector flanges (gold plated Al6061, 40 cm side).



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SWIPE - multimode absorbers & TES



- The absorbers are large Si₃N₄ spider-webs (8 mm diameter, multimode)
- Sensors are Ti-Au TES
- Photon noise limited
- τ = 10-30 ms







SWIPE - multimode absorbers & TES



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- IV curves acquired with SQUID VTT J3, with M=36 μ A/ ϕ
- Voltage bias generated onto a shunt resistor of 7.34 m $\!\Omega$
- The analysis allows to calculate the effective thermal conductance G and the NEP, including the electro-thermal feedback





SWIPE - multimode absorbers & TES



- Very large spider-web absorbers: long time constant, even with large electrothermal feedback
- Minimize heat capacity by using Bi metalization of the spider-web
- Optimization of resistance per square versus heat capacity
- Expected around 10-30 ms





Cosmic Rays



- In the stratosphere: abundant primaries, and secondaries from both atmospheric and instrument interactions.
- Very rough estimate:
 - In BOOMERanG LDB in Antarctica: typical 8 mHz rate, for a spider web with 2.6 mm diameter and 5% filling factor (Masi et al. 2006, 2010).
 - Scaling from here, for a 8 mm diameter and 6% filling factor absorber with similar thickness, we expect a 90 mHz rate.
- Forecast basically confirmed by physics simulations carried out by the Pisa group (G. Signorelli et al. : 250 mHz).
- With a time constant of τ =30 ms, and flagging data for 6 τ s for each event, this rate would result in a loss of < 5% of the data.

SWIPE - TES readout (mux)



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SWIPE - TES readout (mux)

- 14 Si chips, 2 Nb 15μ H inductors each, 5 open-circuited
- 28 SMD capacitors, ranging from 220 pF to 100 nF
- SMD resistors with $R=1~\Omega,\,R_{_{shunt}}=100~m\Omega$ •
- Readout with SQUID in FLL ٠





SWIPE - TES readout (mux)

- Altera Cyclone V SoC
 - FPGA with 110'000 logic elements
 - 925 MHz dual-core micro-controller
- Mezzanine plug-ins for DAC and ADCs
 - 2 LTC1668 DACs (low noise, low power consumption)
 - 1 LTM9001-GA ADCs (16-bit, 25 MSPS)
- Gbit interface for data communication
- CAN & I2C interfaces to control low noise amps



FDM board tested and working

First comb generation algorithm

G. Signorelli



LSPE/SWIPE: cryogenic system

LSPE-SWIPE

- Aluminum cryostat
- Large cold volume (1m³)
- 2 vapor cooled shields
- Fiberglass support system
- 270L of superfluid ⁴He @ 1.6K
- > 15 days hold time
- ³He refrigerator 0.28K (Coppi et al. 2016SPIE.9912E..65C)



LSPE/SWIPE: cryogenic system

Expected performance versus gas exchange efficiency (30 s.i. shields)

T _{ext} (K)	Efficiency	T _{shield1} (K)	T _{shield2} (K)	Hold time (days)
290	0.7	106	270	13
290	0.8	100	255	15
290	0.9	93	250	16
220	0.7	76	194	22
220	0.8	71	190	25
220	0.9	67	187	27

Heat loads and heat lifts









Cryostat development parts being machined







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Main Cryogenic System



Outer shell assembled and vacuum tested to 10⁻¹⁰ mbar I s Inner shell being welded. Delivery in February 2020.

- Detectors harness defined
- Manufacturing started.
- Finalized in-synch with cryostat.





Calibration Plans



SWIPE Calibration Plan



- τ calibration / ground
- Beam calibration/ ground
 - Gunn sources (G1: 145, G2: 210-240) in the far field (200-350 m), on a drone. High S/N
- Polarimetry calibration / ground
 - Full beam calibrator (+ NDF) see below
- Responsivity calibration / ground
 - Full beam chopper + NDF) + calibration lamp for calibration transfer
- Noise calibration / ground
 - Data acquisition with closed window, NDF, subsystems on/off

145	GHz	210	GHz	240	GHz
205	m	296	m	339	m
0.02	W	0.01	W	0.01	w
11.7	deg	12.1	deg	12.1	deg
5.89E-07	w	1.31E-07	w	1.00E-07	w





Absolute orientation accuracy







array of discrete elements. $\Delta \theta = O(1^\circ)$

> large polarizer (50 cm) in front of a discrete array $\Delta \theta$ = o(0.01°)

This accuracy promise should be validated with a custom precision measurement



Full-beam Calibrator







Full-beam Calibrator





Modulated polarized power expected on multimode detector (220 GHz band + 1% NDF, based on accurate measurements of 125 μ m mylar sheet): 4x10⁻¹⁴ W : >> NEP We expect to measure the direction of the polarimeter axis with 1' accuracy.



In-flight Calibration



- Correlation with Planck T for gain calibration
- Crab nebula (culmination at 31°) to check the polarimetry calibration
- the Moon edges (if moon visible, culmination around 25°) can be used to check beam and polarimetry in the high-end of the dynamic range
- Edge polarization convoluted with main beam detected during the scan, needs modelling to recover both beam and polarization characteristics.







Summary



- LSPE (STRIP and SWIPE) will provide:
 - good internal foregrounds removal capabilities
 - good control of systematic errors
 - accurate calibration
- Sensitive polarization maps for CMB, synchrotron and dust, with high orientation accuracy
- Target r = 0.01 looks feasible and robust.
- Best way to learn how Stokes polarimeters with cryogenic spinning HWP work in the field.
- Commissioning in Tenerife for STRIP: end 2020
- Launch of SWIPE: end 2021
- Full data-set in hands: 2022