

# CMB at the South Pole

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Python CMB Telescope

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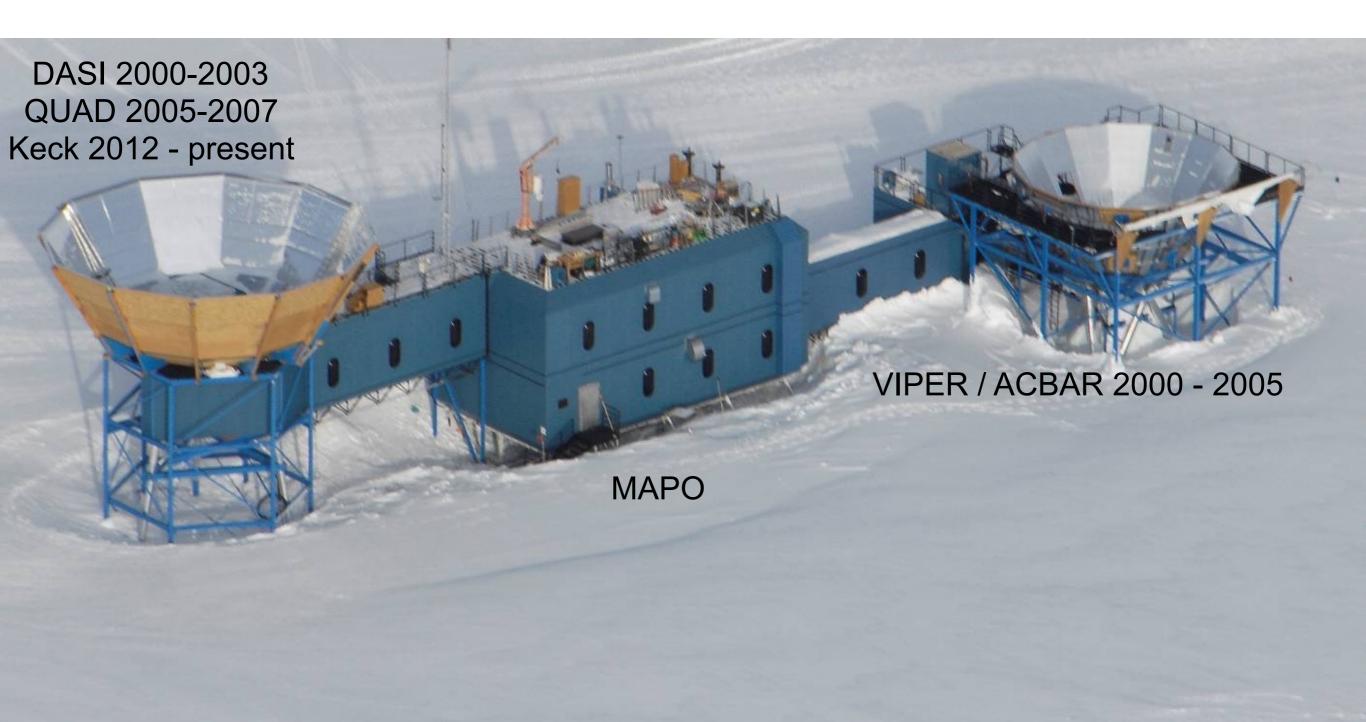
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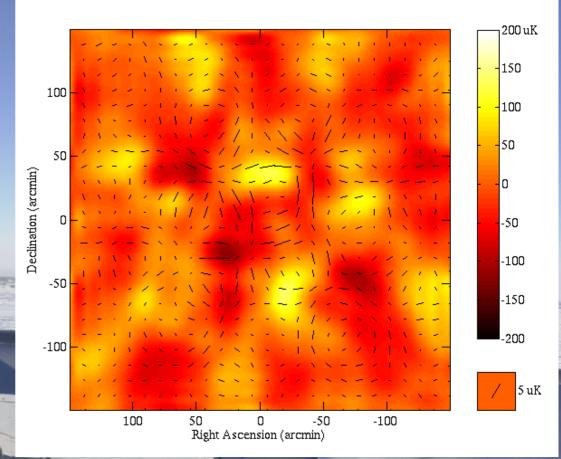
#### Many lessons learned

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## Martin A. Pomerantz Observatory (MAPO)



### CMB polarization first detected in 2002, at South Pole





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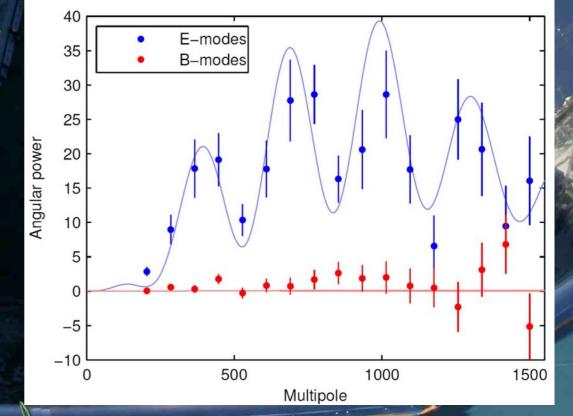
## Pattern in the cosmos

Polarization of the cosmic microwave background

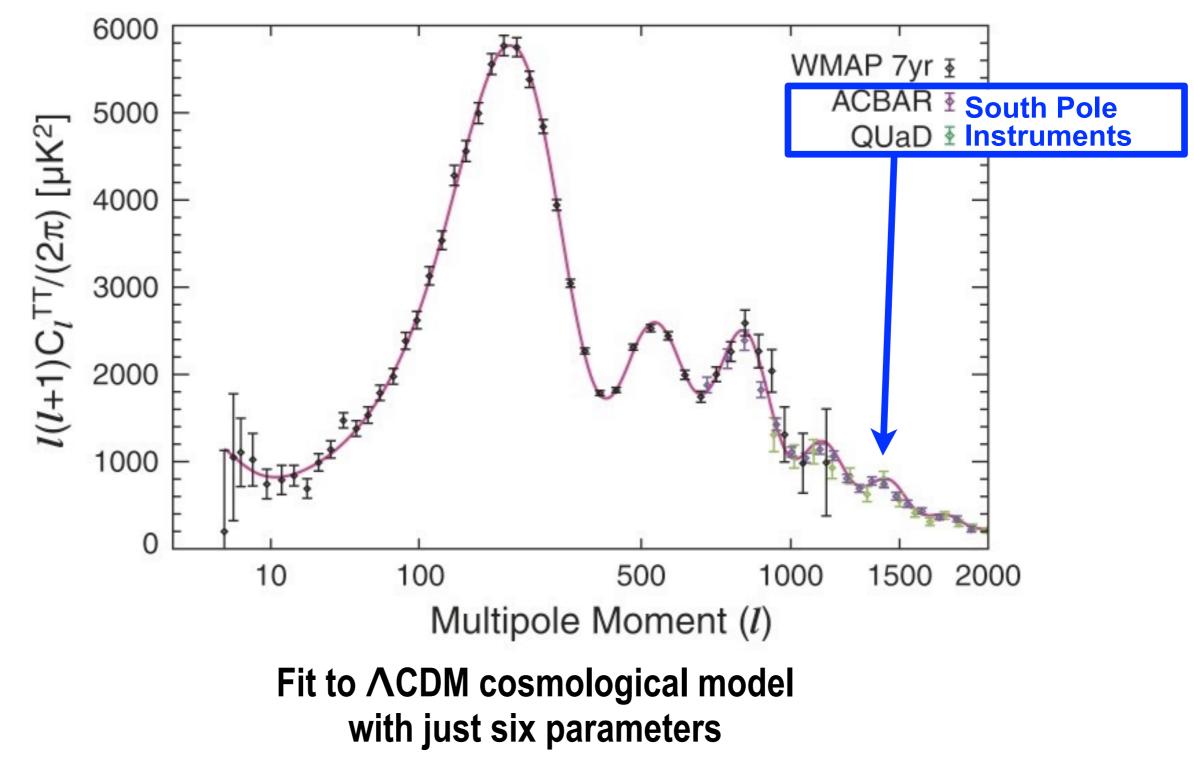


# QUaD - an example of a 50/50 split US-European Collaboration

**Polarimeter** 

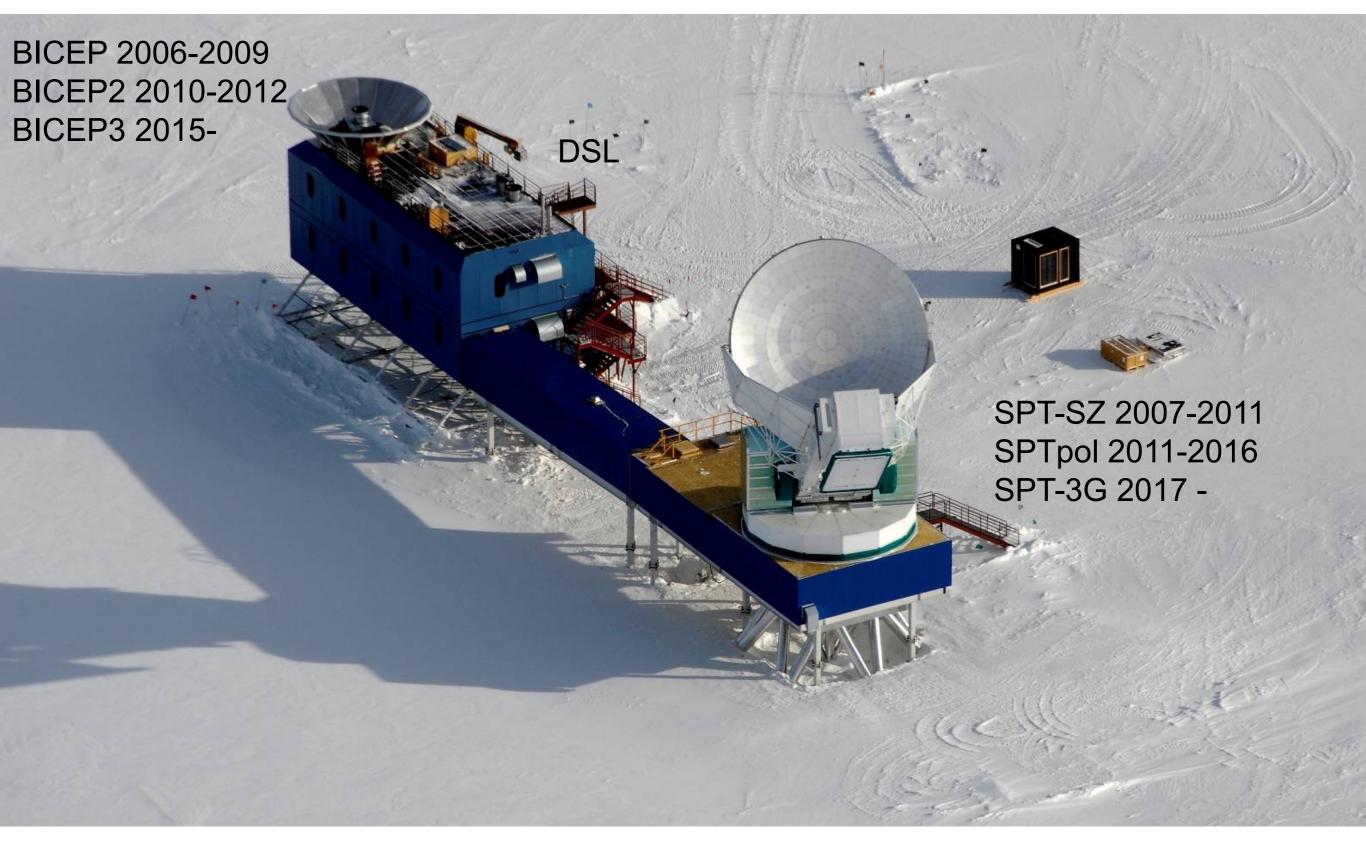


## WMAP ext



Komatsu et al., arXiv:1001:4538 Larson et al., arXiv:1001.4635

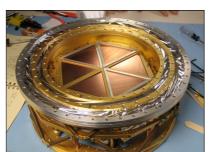
## Dark Sector Laboratory (DSL)



## The South Pole Telescope (SPT)

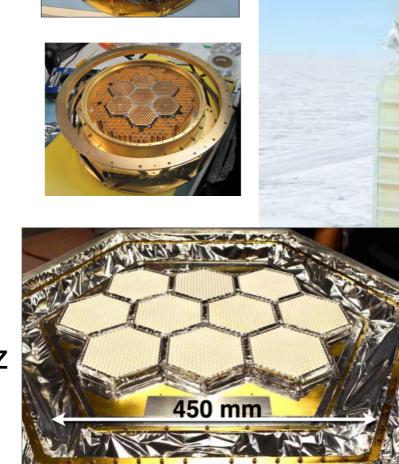
10-meter submm wave telescope 100 150 220 GHz and 1.6 1.2 1.0 arcmin resolution

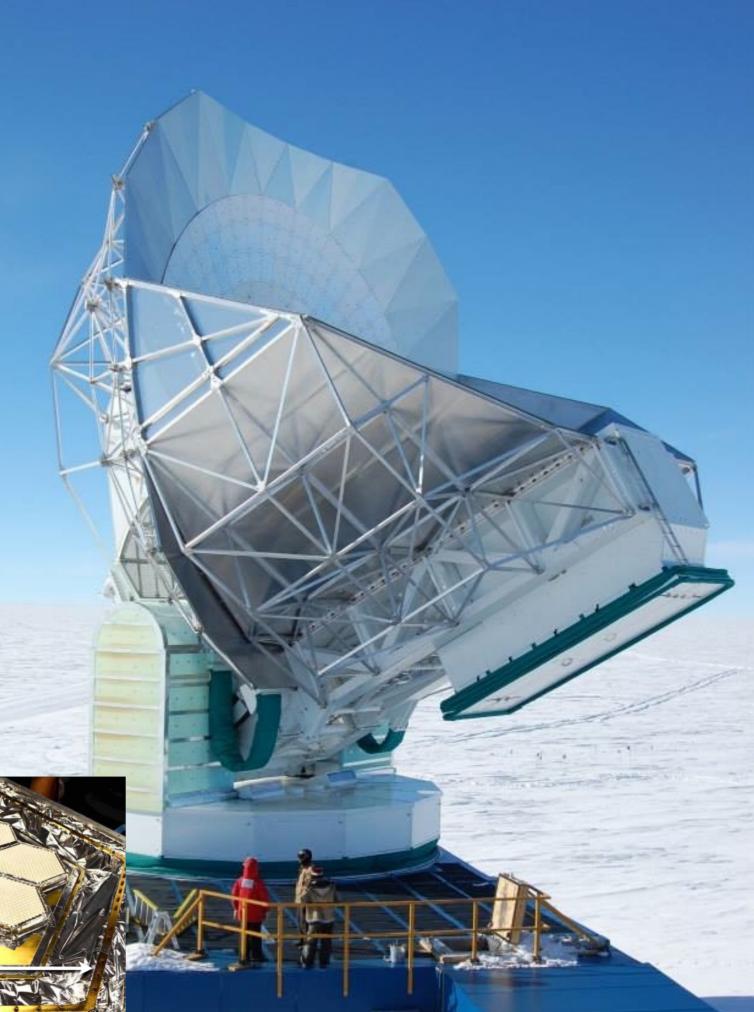
#### **2007: SPT-SZ** 960 detectors (UCB) 100,150,220 GHz



**2012: SPTpol** 1600 detectors 100,150 GHz *+Polarization* 

2016: SPT-3G 16,000 detectors 100,150, 220 GHz *+Polarization* 





## **The South Pole Telescope Collaboration**



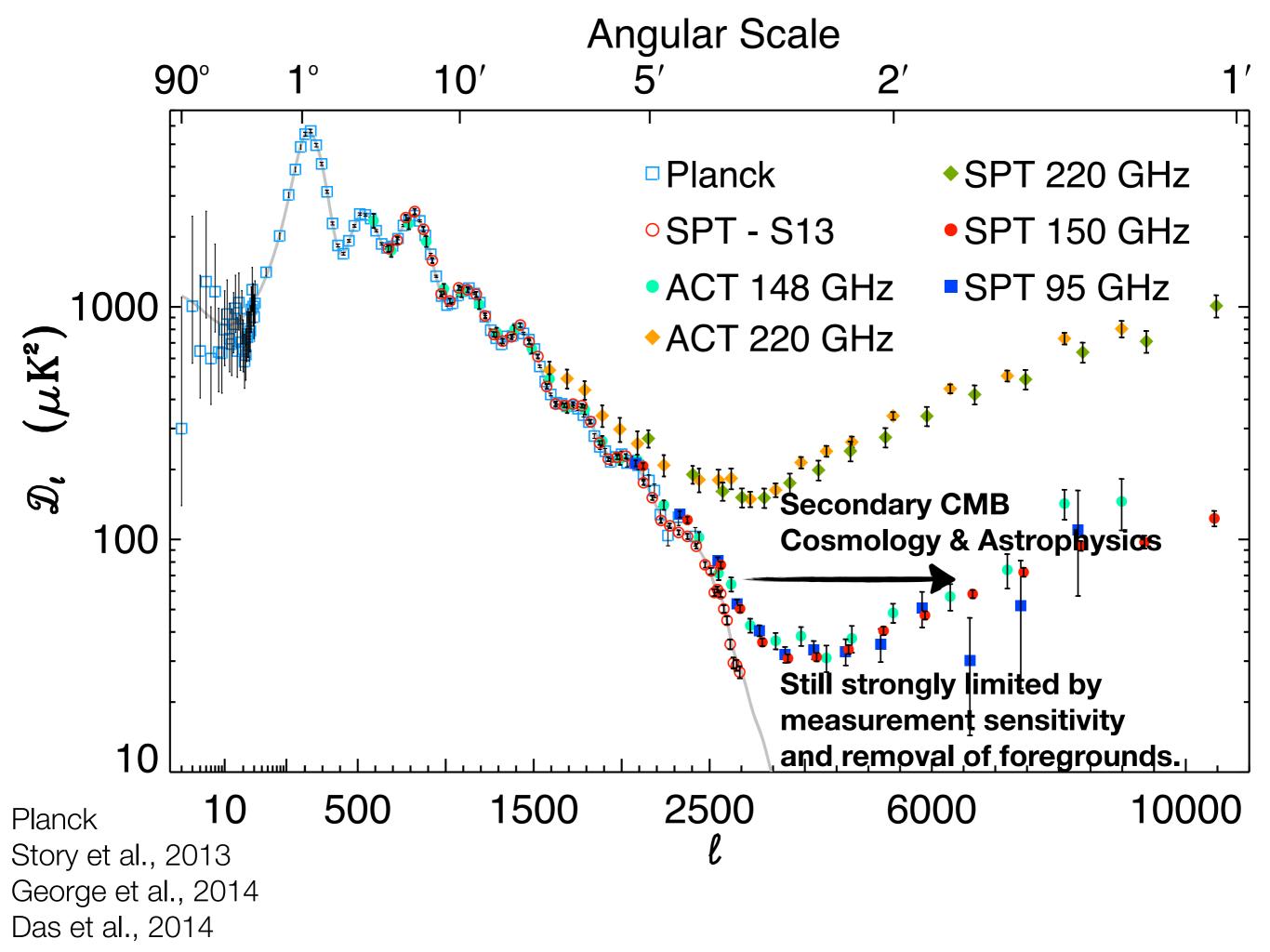
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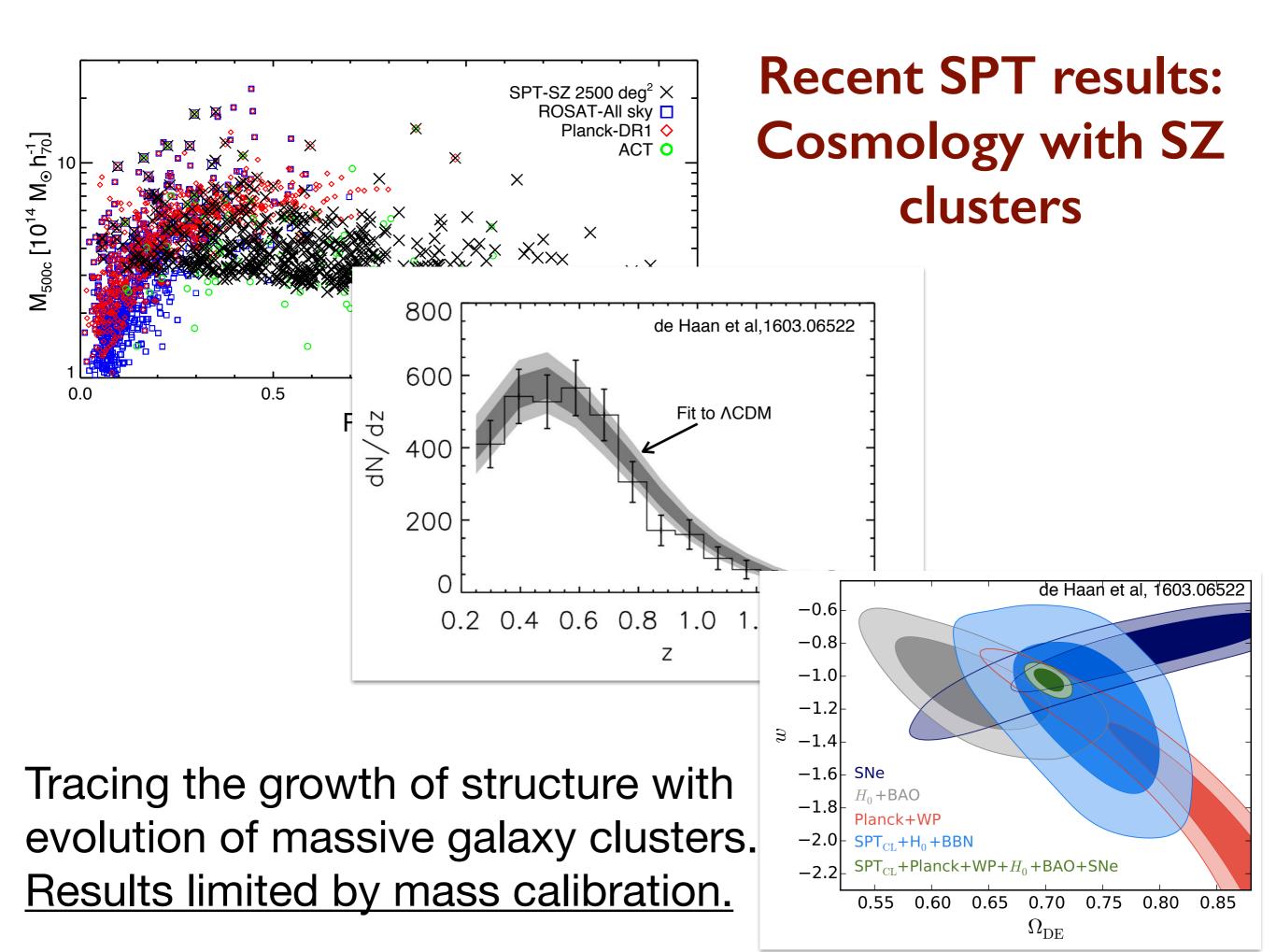
# **Overview of SPT results**

https://pole.uchicago.edu/public/publications.html

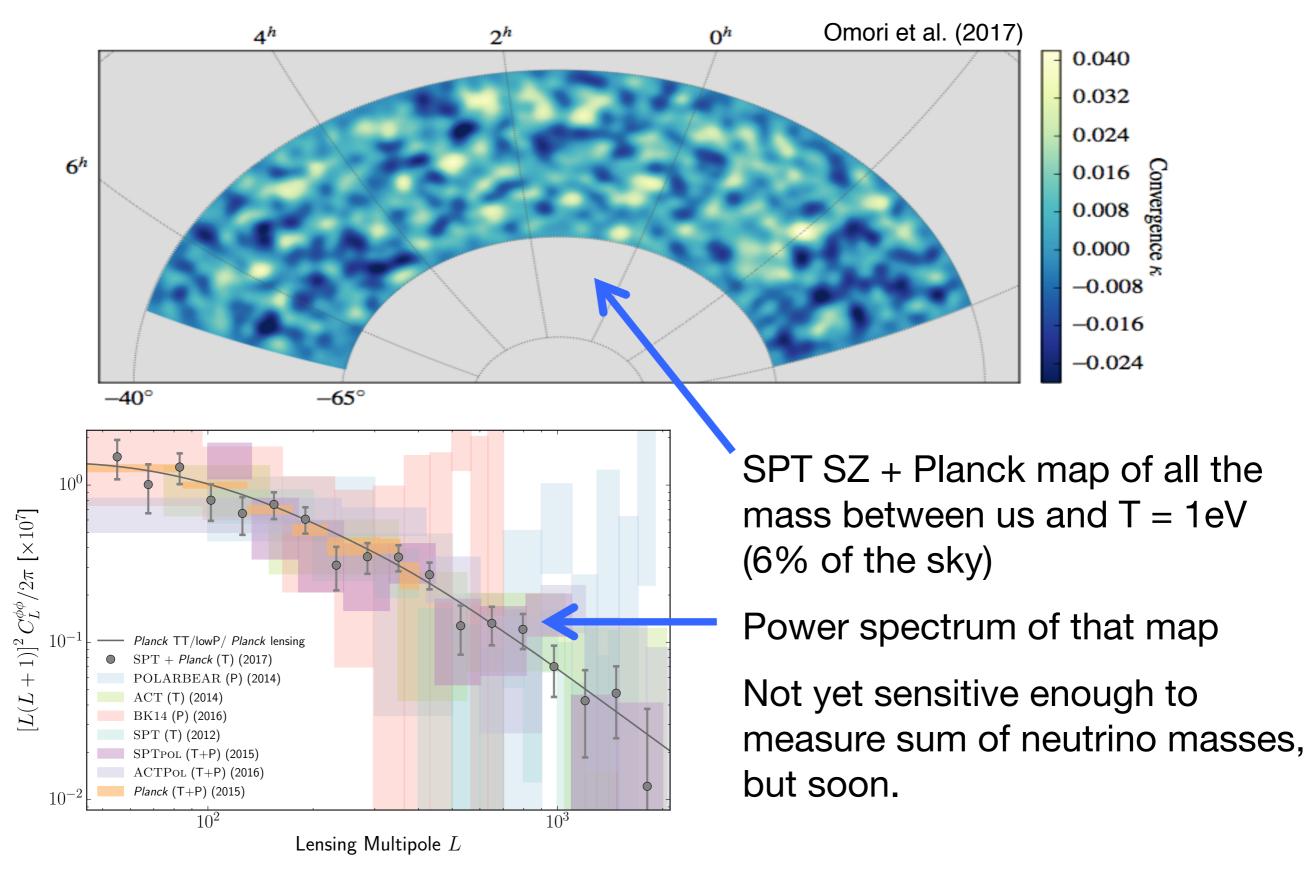
- Two primary surveys completed:
  - 2500 deg<sup>2</sup> SPT-SZ survey: Temperature only, three bands (90, 150, 220 GHz) at ≤ 18 μK-arcmin (additional shallower 2500 deg<sup>2</sup> for extended SZ cluster catalog)
  - 500 deg<sup>2</sup> SPTpol survey Temperature and polarization, two bands (90/150) at ≤ 6 μK-arcmin
- Results (~100 science publications)
  - Temperature and Polarization power spectra and cosmological parameters
  - First SZ discovery of Galaxy Clusters, SZ cluster catalog and cosmology
  - Diffuse kinematic and thermal SZ effect constraints
  - CMB lensing: power spectra and cross-correlations; Cluster lensing mass calibration
  - First detection of lensing B-mode polarization
  - many more...



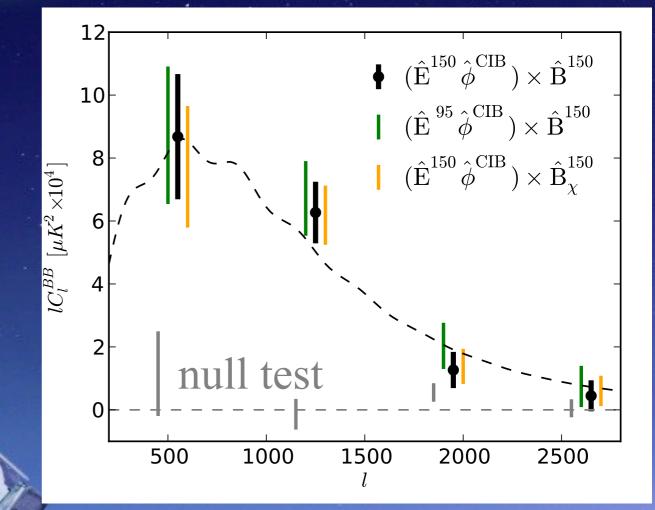




## **Recent SPT results: gravitational lensing**



## **CMB B-mode Polarization** first detected in 2013, at South Pole





#### Physics World Breakthrough of the Year 2013

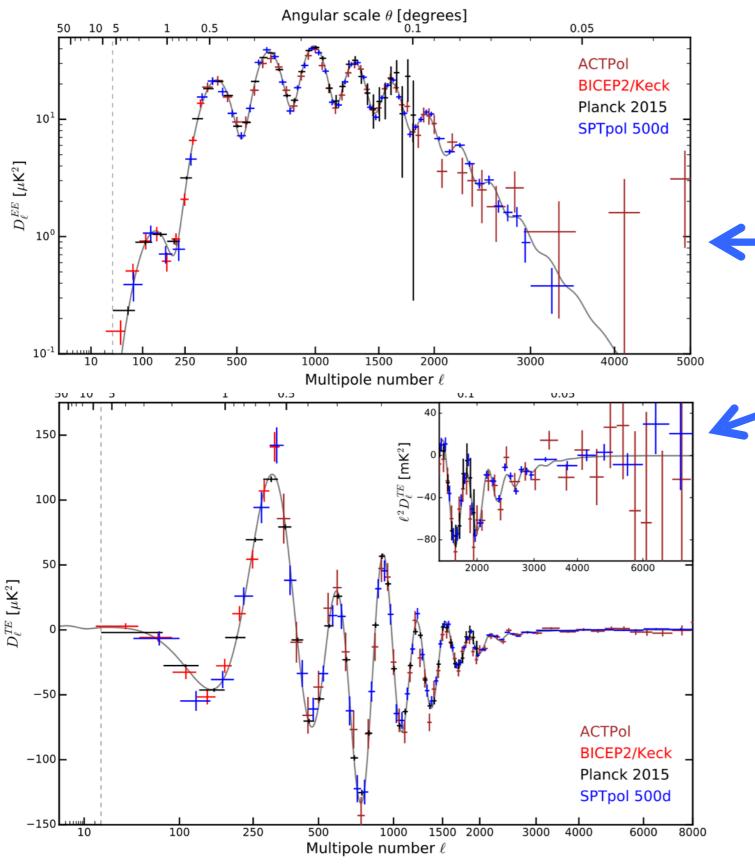
A Physics World Top 10 Breakthrough of the Year is awarded for physics research published in 2013 and the decision is based on the following criteria:

- Fundamental importance of research Significant advance in knowledge Strong connection between theory and experiment
- General interest to all physicists

This is to certify that a Physics World Top 10 Breakthrough The astronomers working on the South Pole Telescope of the Year has been given to

ing the first to measure B-mode polarization in the cosmic

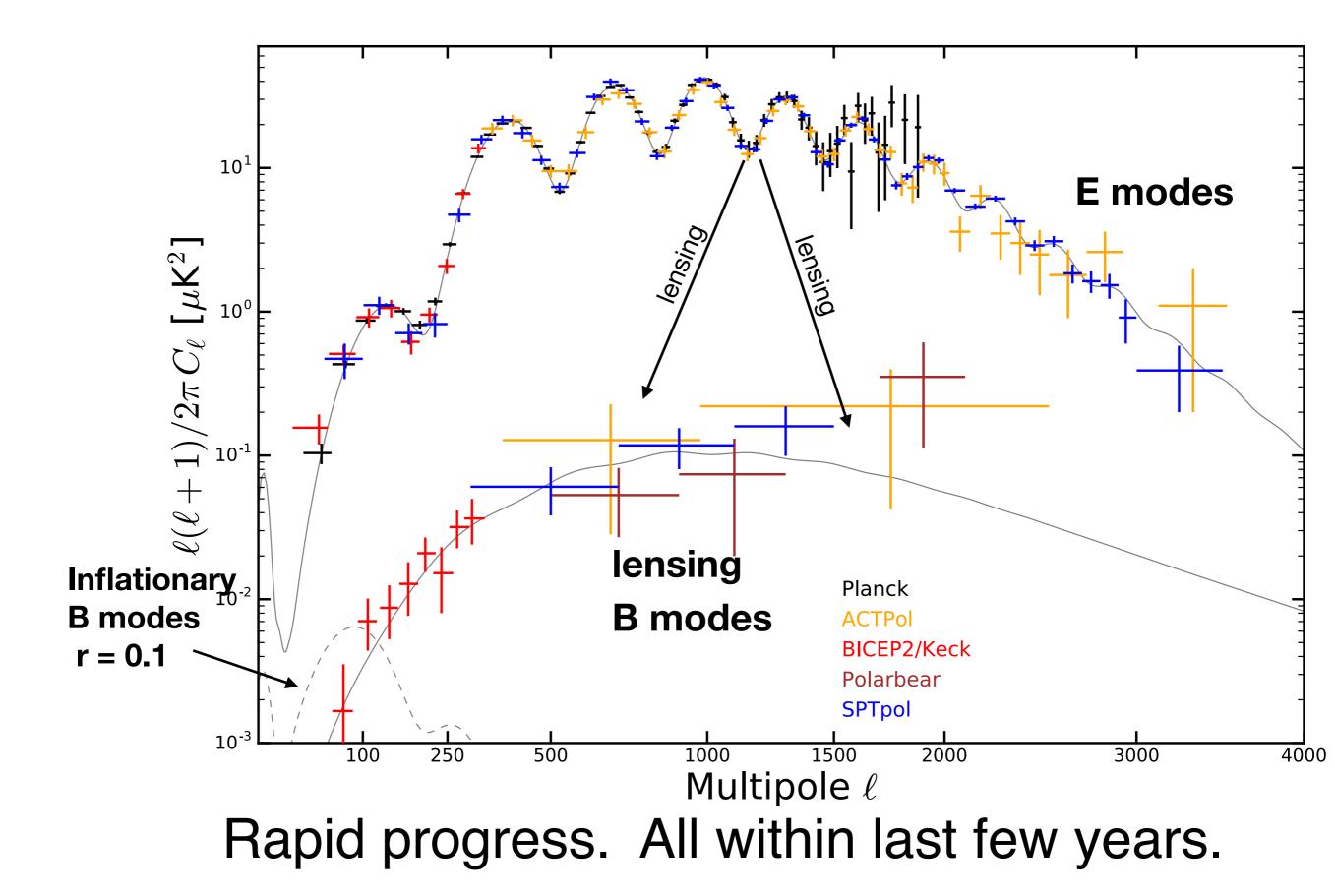
## **Recent SPT polarization results**



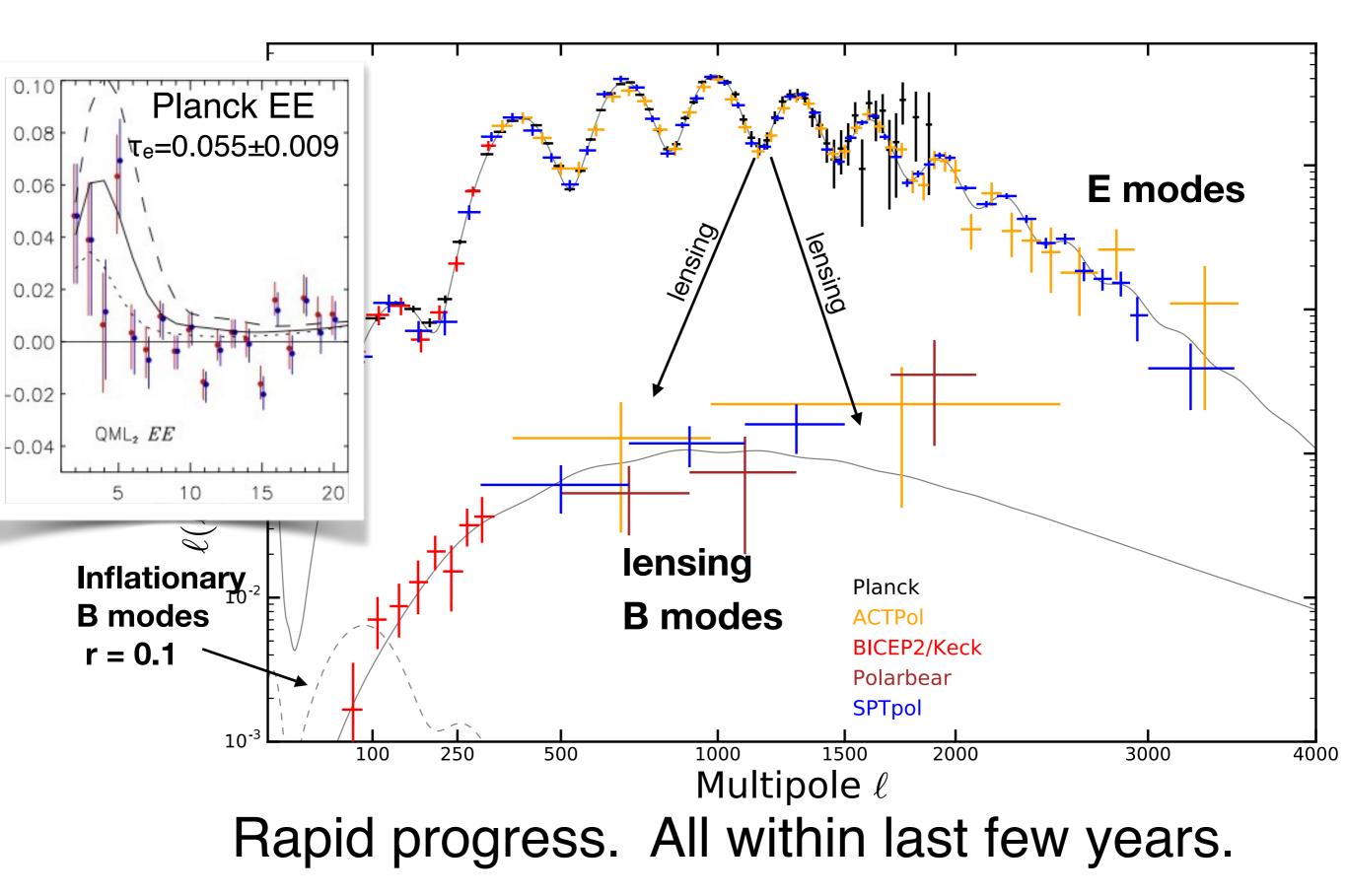
- Most sensitive
  - measurement of E-mode polarization power spectrum (EE) and temperature-E-mode correlation spectrum (TE) at multipoles I ≥ 1000.
  - 2.4x reduction in parameter volume for N<sub>eff</sub> & primordial Helium abundance.

Henning et al. arXiv:1707.09353

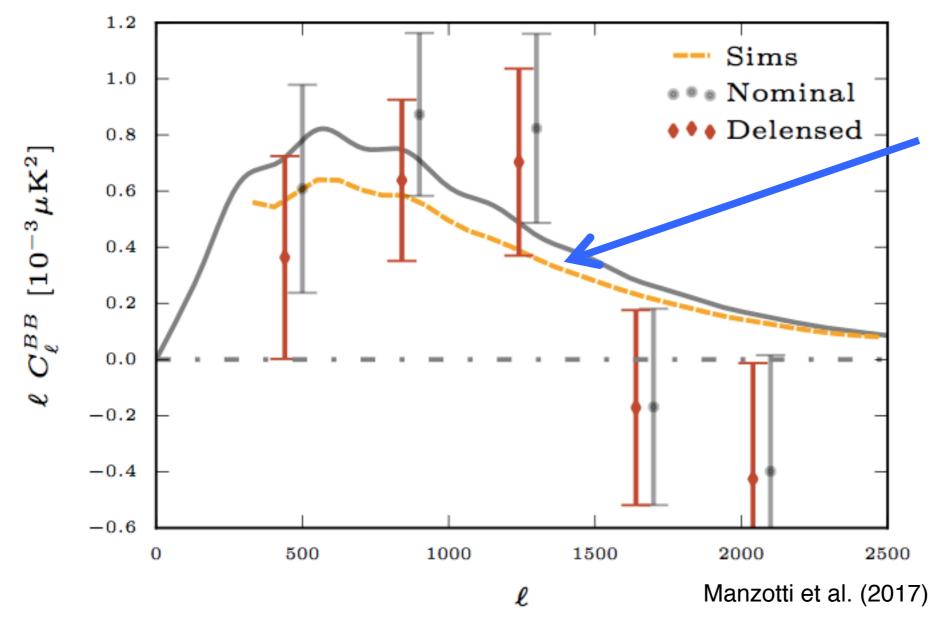
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## **Recent SPT results: de-lensing**



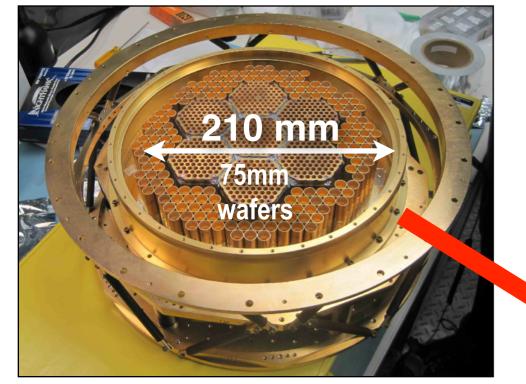
Demonstration of delensing on high-S/ N B-mode data.

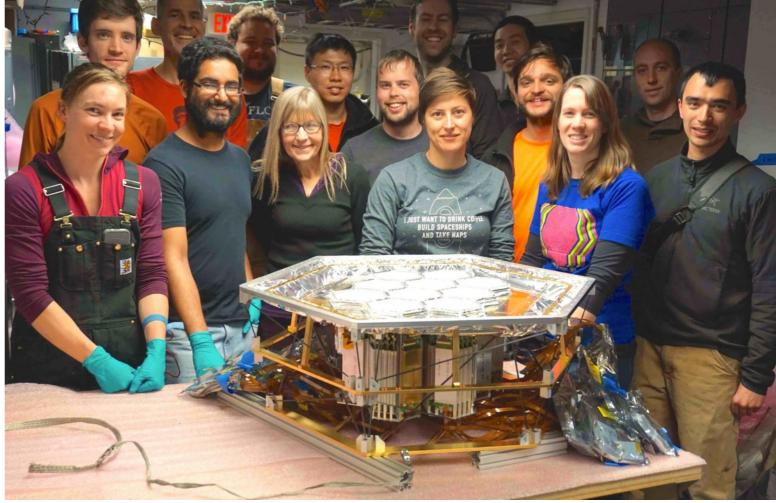
6.9σ proof of concept

- B modes from gravitationally lensed E modes: Largest foreground that can't be spectrally separated from IGW signal.
- Solution: use measured E modes and estimate of gravitational potential to create estimate of lensed B modes, subtract from IGW signal: "delensing"



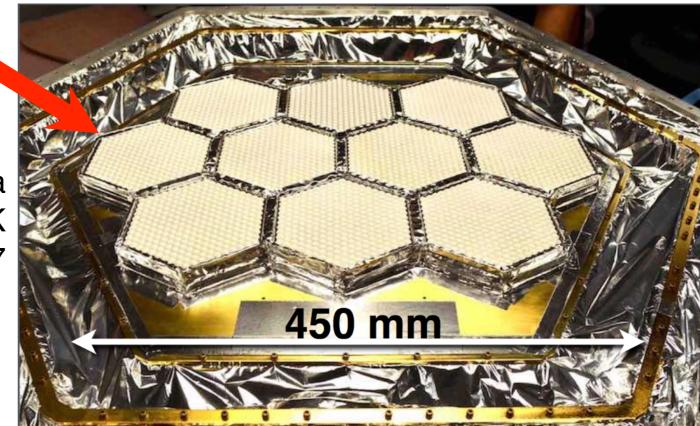
2012: SPTpol Stage 2 1600 detectors (ANL/NIST)





2017: SPT-3G Stage 3 4x larger area 16,000 detectors at T = 250mK First light January 2017







150 mm, 271 pixels

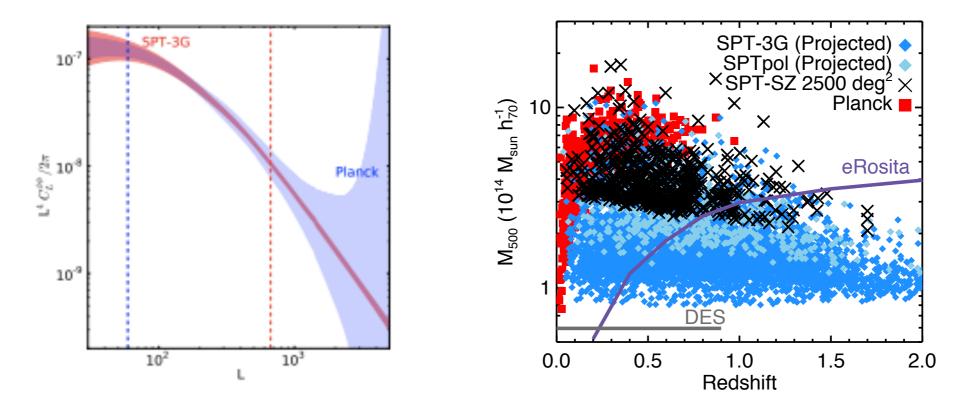
Based on UCB design O'Brient R et al 2013 Appl. Phys. Lett. 102 063506 & Suzuki et al 2014 J. Low Temp. Phys. 176 650

## SPT-3G will improve on all the above

Benson et al. (2014)

Dataset	Cosmological parameter constraints								
	$\sigma(\Omega_b h^2)$	$\sigma(\Omega_c h^2)$	$\sigma(A_s)$	$\sigma(n_s)$	$\sigma(h)$	$\sigma(\tau)$	$\sigma(N_{\rm eff})$	$\sigma(\Sigma m_{\nu})$	$\sigma(r)$
	$\times 10^{4}$	$\times 10^{3}$	$\times 10^{11}$	$\times 10^{3}$	$\times 10^{2}$	$\times 10^{3}$	$\times 10^{1}$	[meV]	$\times 10^2$
Planck	1.93	2.02	5.36	7.07	1.88	4.96	1.39	117	5.72
+ SPT-POL	1.64	1.71	4.92	6.19	1.58	4.95	1.17	96	2.75
+ SPT-3G	1.02	1.25	4.18	4.61	1.14	4.94	0.76	74	1.05
Planck + BOSS	1.34	1.21	4.01	4.54	1.21	4.92	0.74	88	5.72
+ SPT-3G	0.85	0.95	3.71	3.91	0.94	4.90	0.58	61	1.05

Table 2. Expected  $1 \sigma$  constraints on cosmological parameters using SPT-3G power spectrum and lensing reconstruction data, assuming a 9-parameter  $\Lambda CDM + N_{eff} + \Sigma m_{\nu} + \text{tensor model}$ . Parameters for which adding SPT-3G improves the constraint by at least a factor of 1.5 over the *Planck* or *Planck*+BOSS constraint are marked in **blue**, while those for which the constraints improve by at least a factor of 1.25 are marked in **orange**.

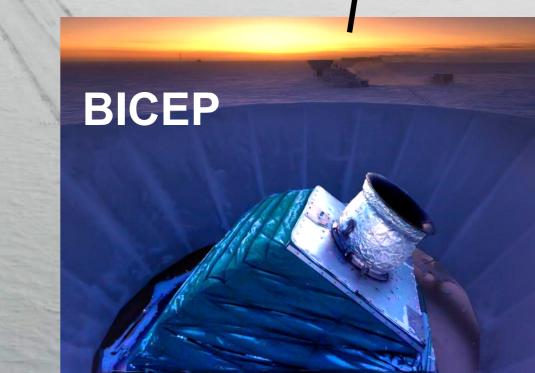


## and will de-lens B-modes from BICEP & SPT

#### **BICEP / Keck CMB Program**

**Keck Array** 

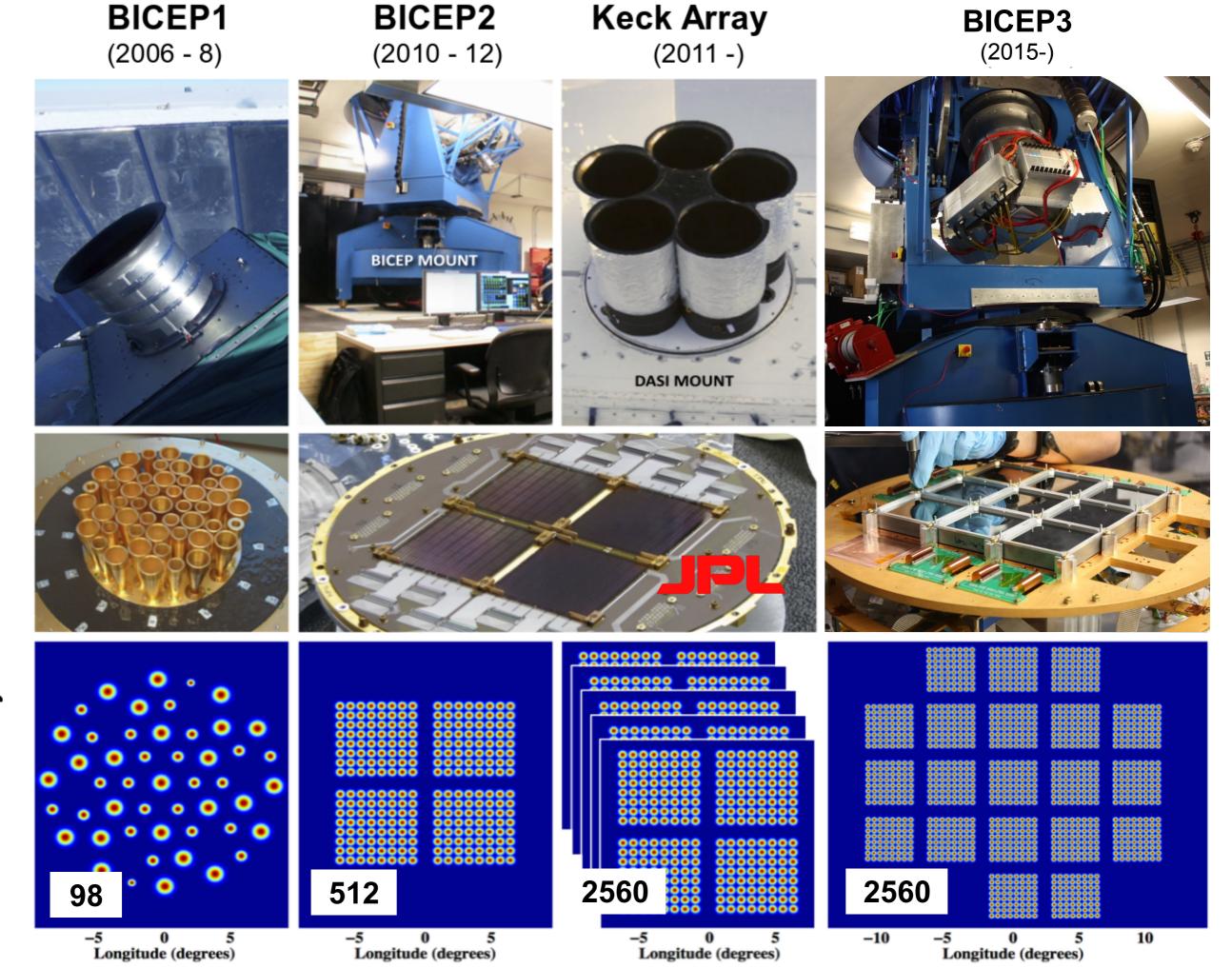
Using small refracting telescopes to control beam systematics. Modular frequency coverage for foregrounds mitigation.

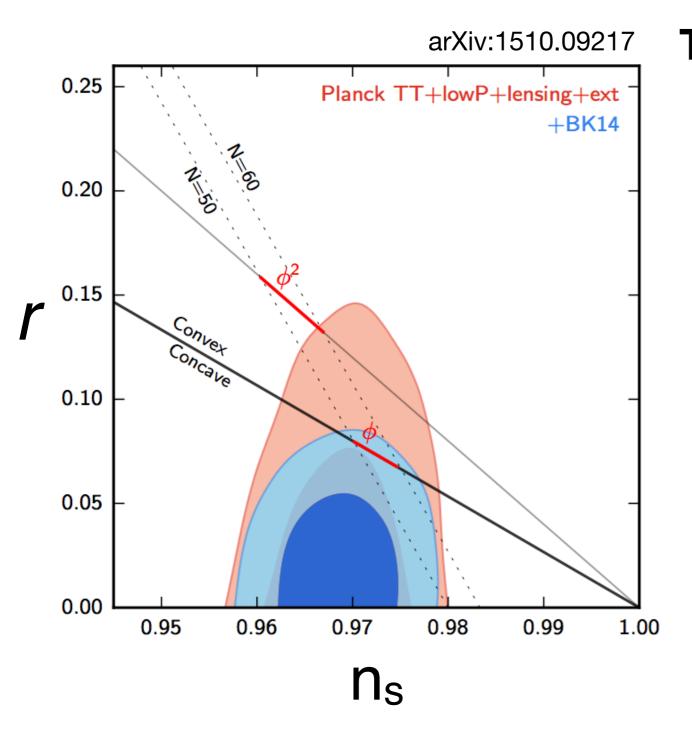




## The BICEP / Keck Collaboration







The tensor to scalar ratio, r, is now constrained by B-mode polarization measurements

BICEP/Keck & Planck result: r < 0.07 at 95% C.L.

#### Raw sensitivity $\sigma(\mathbf{r}) = 0.006$

→ limited by foreground component separation and soon by gravitational lensing distortions of the CMB

#### SPT + BICEP is prototype of the CMB-S4 concept to use small (degree resolution) and large (arc minute resolution) telescopes for B-mode + de-lensing

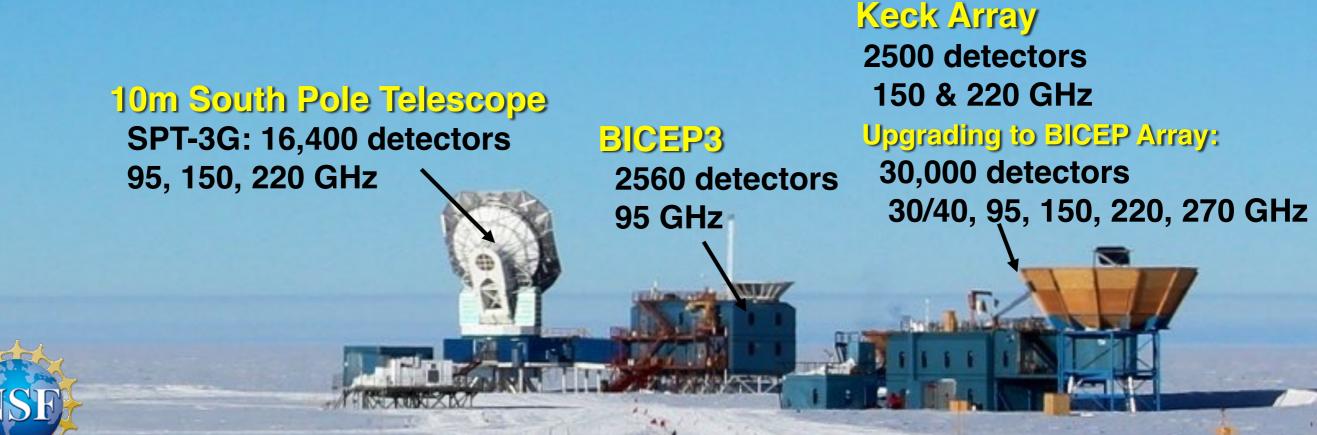


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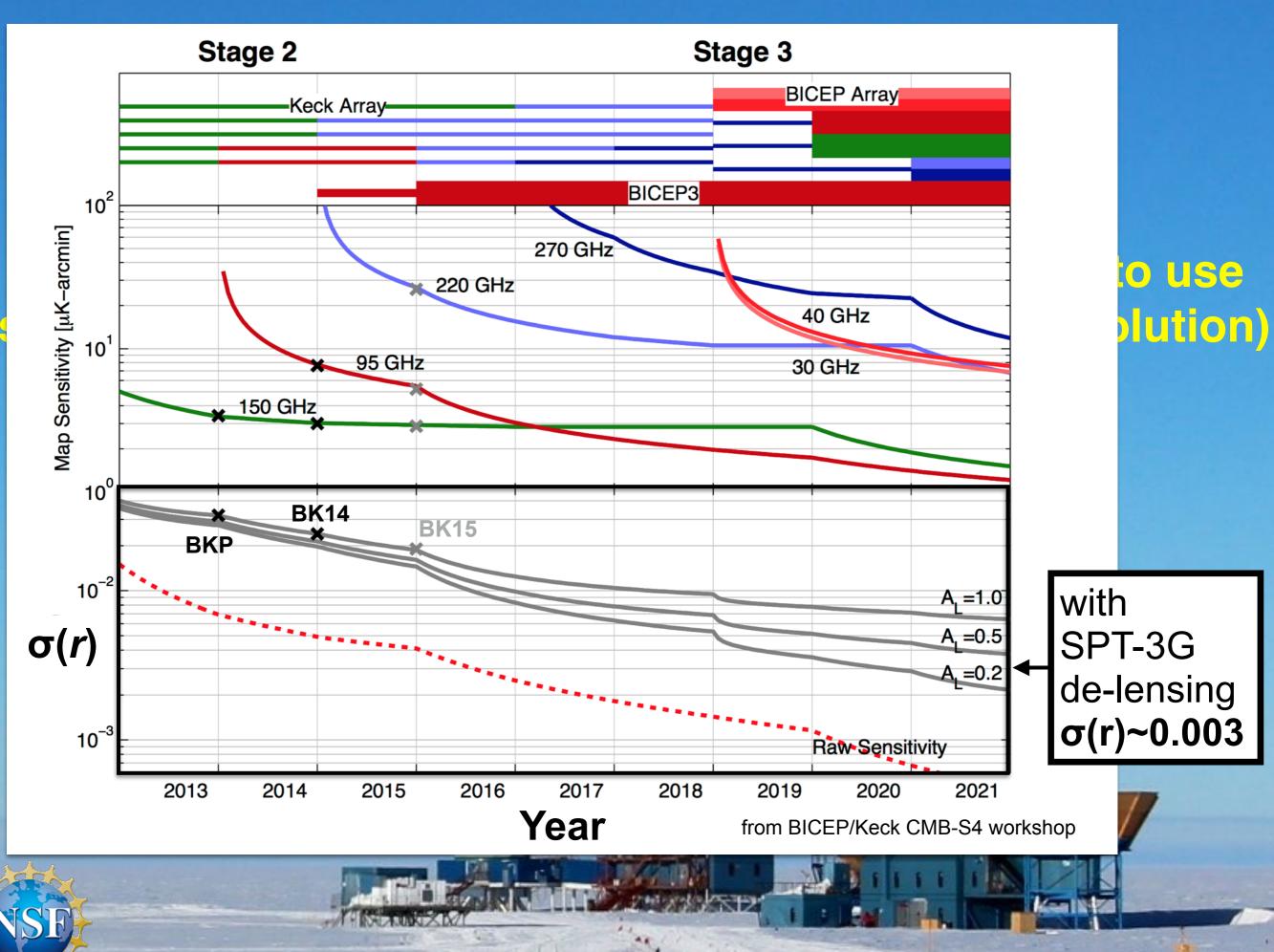


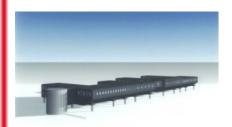
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# Why Does South Pole work so well for CMB?

- Extremely dry & stable<sup>1</sup> atmosphere.
- High altitude ~ 10,500 feet.
- Sun below horizon for 6 months.
- Unique geographical location: *Relentless observing* through low-foreground path of Galaxy 24/7, actually 24/7/52
- Excellent support from National Science Foundation research station
- Steady investment by NSF in South Pole CMB
   → Best developed ground based site for
   ultra-sensitive CMB measurements

<sup>1</sup>South Pole sky noise power at least 30x less than Atacama at mm-wavelengths. Bussmann et al. ApJ 622 1343 (2005); Lay & Halverson ApJ 543, 787 (2000)

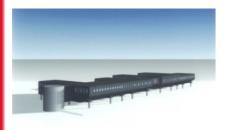


### Amundsen-Scott South Pole Research Station





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### **Station Features**



#### Kitchen



#### Communications



#### Berthing



#### **Dining Area**



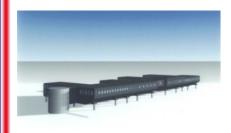


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#### 1 Megawatt Power Capacity





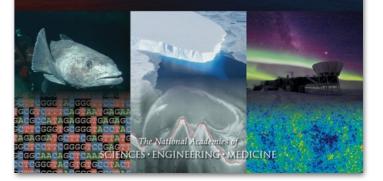
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# next steps for CMB from South Pole

- Strong program of CMB measurements with SPT-3G and BICEP Array through 2021
- SPT & BICEP collaborations working together on gravitational wave B-mode search with de-lensing, discussing broader science collaboration.
- SPT open to expanding science collaboration now
- Now is time to plan (start!) next phase at S. Pole
  - Start CMB-S4? Timing depends on many factors at the U.S. Agencies
  - Partner to install high throughput large telescope and/or more BICEP-like telescopes, to eventually be part of CMB-S4?
  - Establish South Pole CMB Observatory, with additional partners?
    With other stations → e.g., Antarctic CMB Consortium?



A Strategic Vision for NSF Investments in Antarctic and Southern Ocean Research



NAS/NRC report (2015) recommended CMB as one of 3 strategic priorities, specifically called out role of South Pole in CMB-S4.