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## CONCERTO at APEX:

a new (sub-)millimeter spectrometer  
dedicated to line intensity mapping

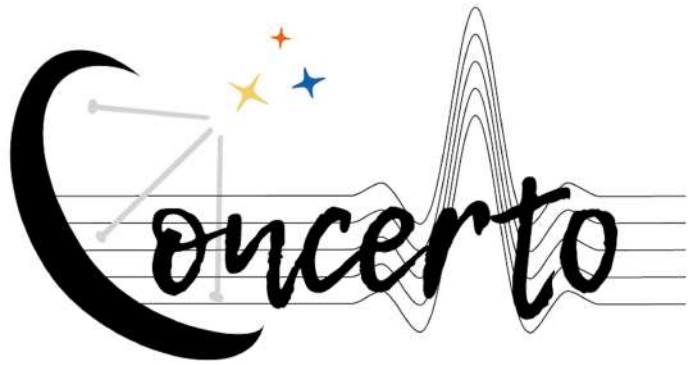
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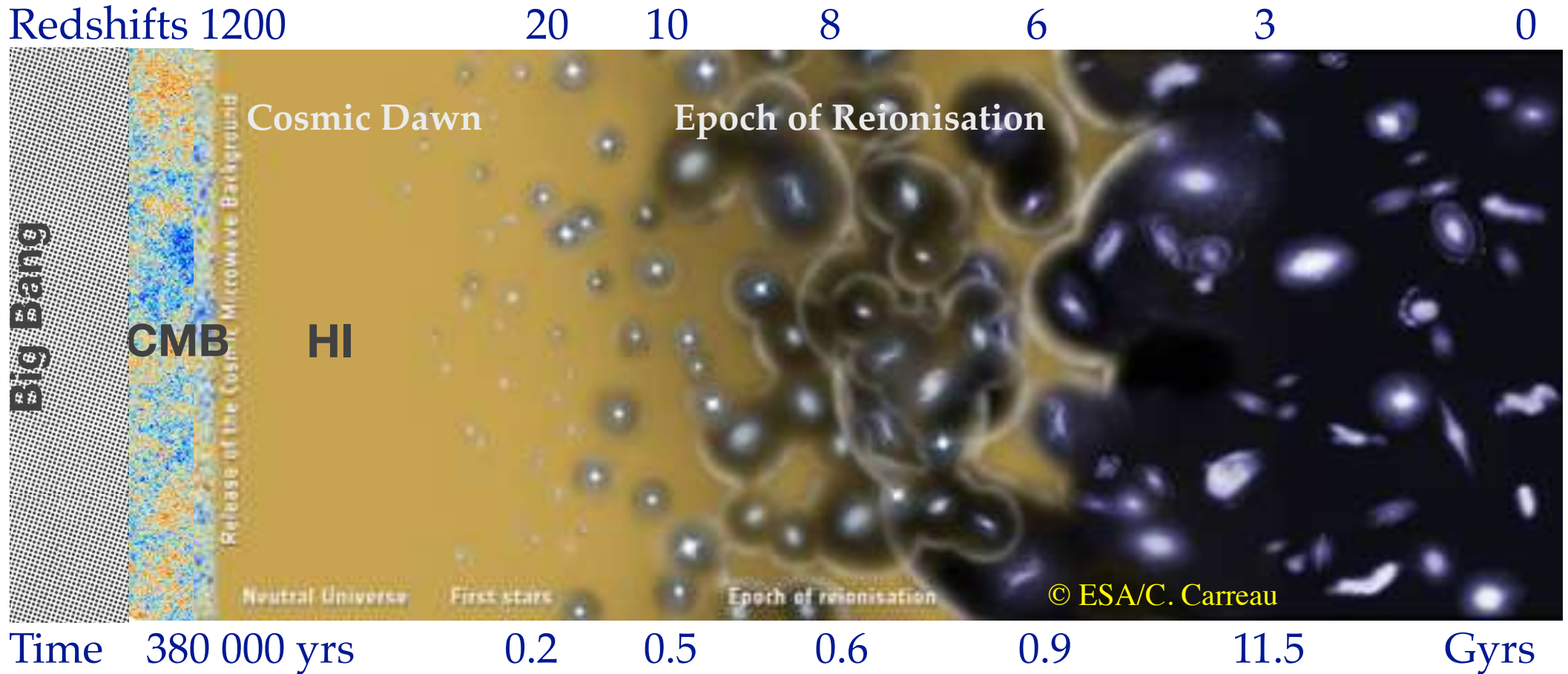
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# Why embark on the construction of a new instrument ?





From recombination to reionisation  
... a very brief history of the Universe

- ❖ The **Planck breakthrough** (Planck collaboration 2016, XLVI & XLVII; 2018 VI):
  - ❖ Scattering optical depth due to free electrons:

$$\tau(z) = \int_{t(z)}^{t_0} n_e \sigma_T c dt$$

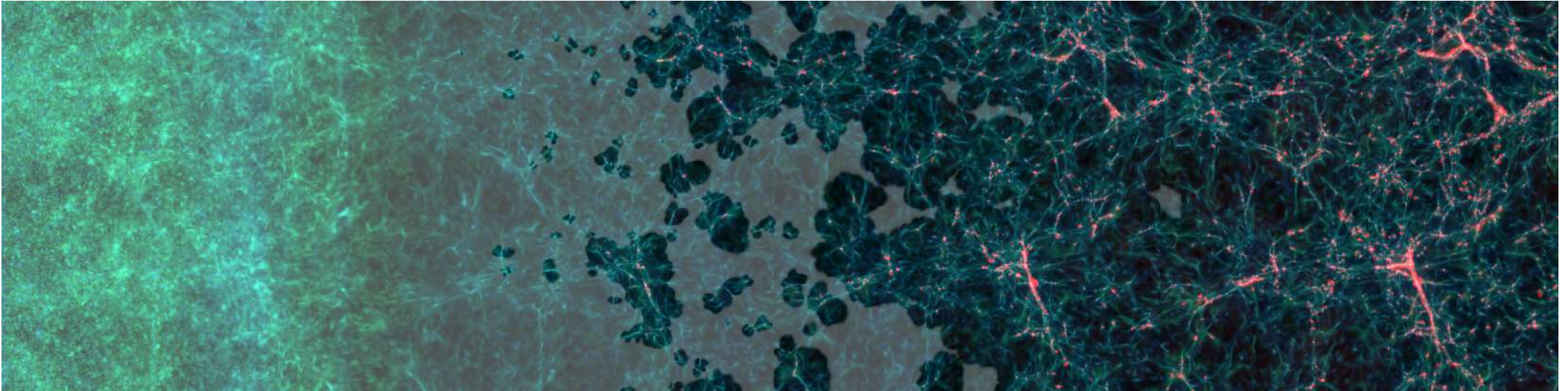
$n_e$  is the number density of free electrons  
 $\sigma_T$  is the Thomson scattering cross section

- ❖  $\tau = 0.054 \pm 0.007$  (Previously WMAP:  $0.089 \pm 0.014$ )
- ❖ Average redshift of reionization:  $z \sim 8$
- ❖ Universe is ionized at less than the 10% level at  $z > 10$ .
- ❖ From the **quasars** absorption along the LoS: reionization ends at  $z \sim 6$

**=> Reionization is extremely rapid and at our fingerprints!**

*We have now a reasonable handle of when....*





EMMA simulation, D. Aubert & N. Deparis

*... But what and how?..... we don't really know!*

Stellar populations vs black holes, IMF in first galaxies, role of supernovae and radiative feedback, metal pollution, efficiency of star formation, IGM structures, UVB evolution etc..

Galaxy candidates have been found out to  $z \sim 13$ . Are these the stellar populations responsible for the reionization?

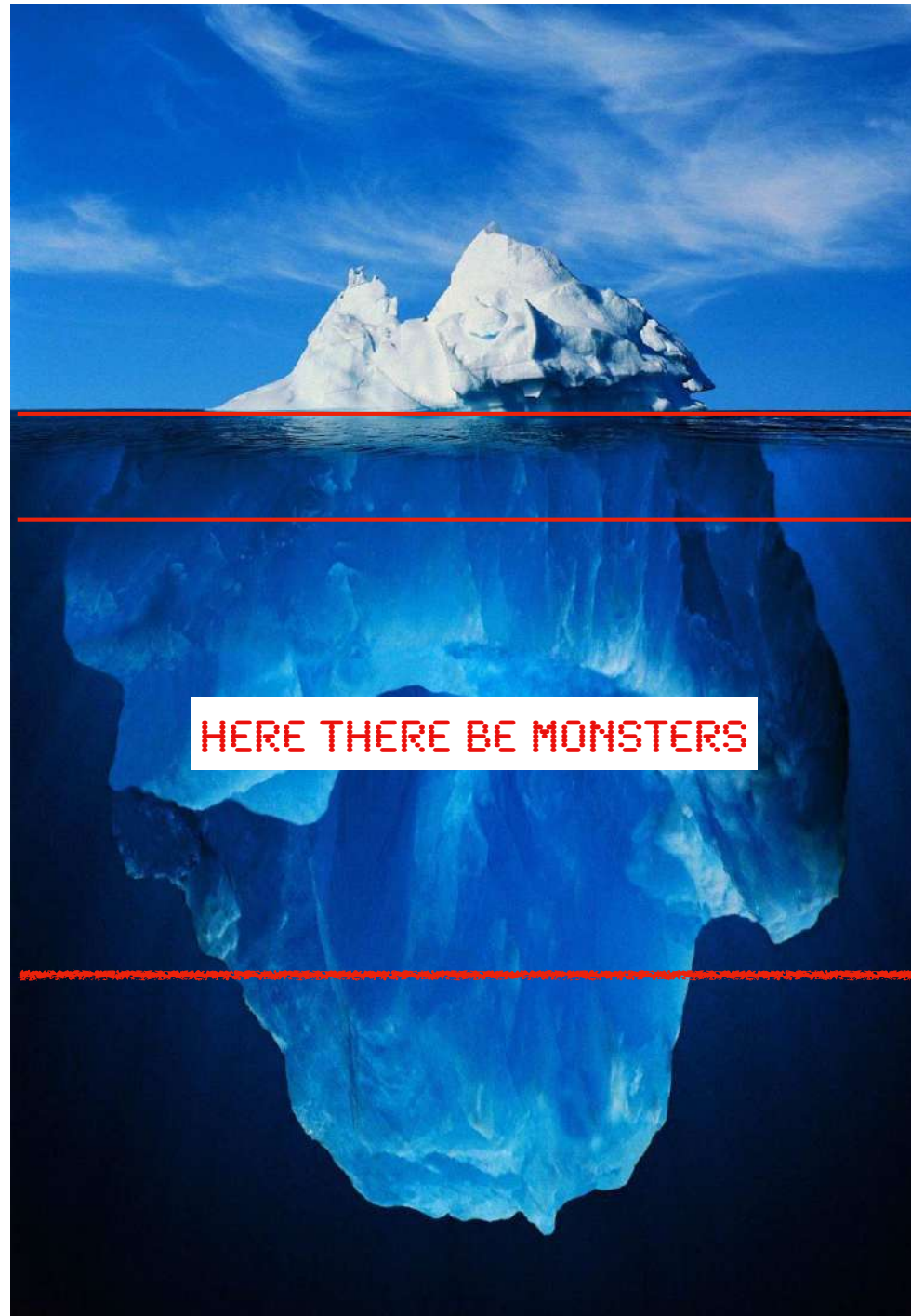
@  $z=8$

**Hubble limit**

**JWST limit**

Hidden population of  
faint and abundant  
galaxies?

**Complete reionisation**

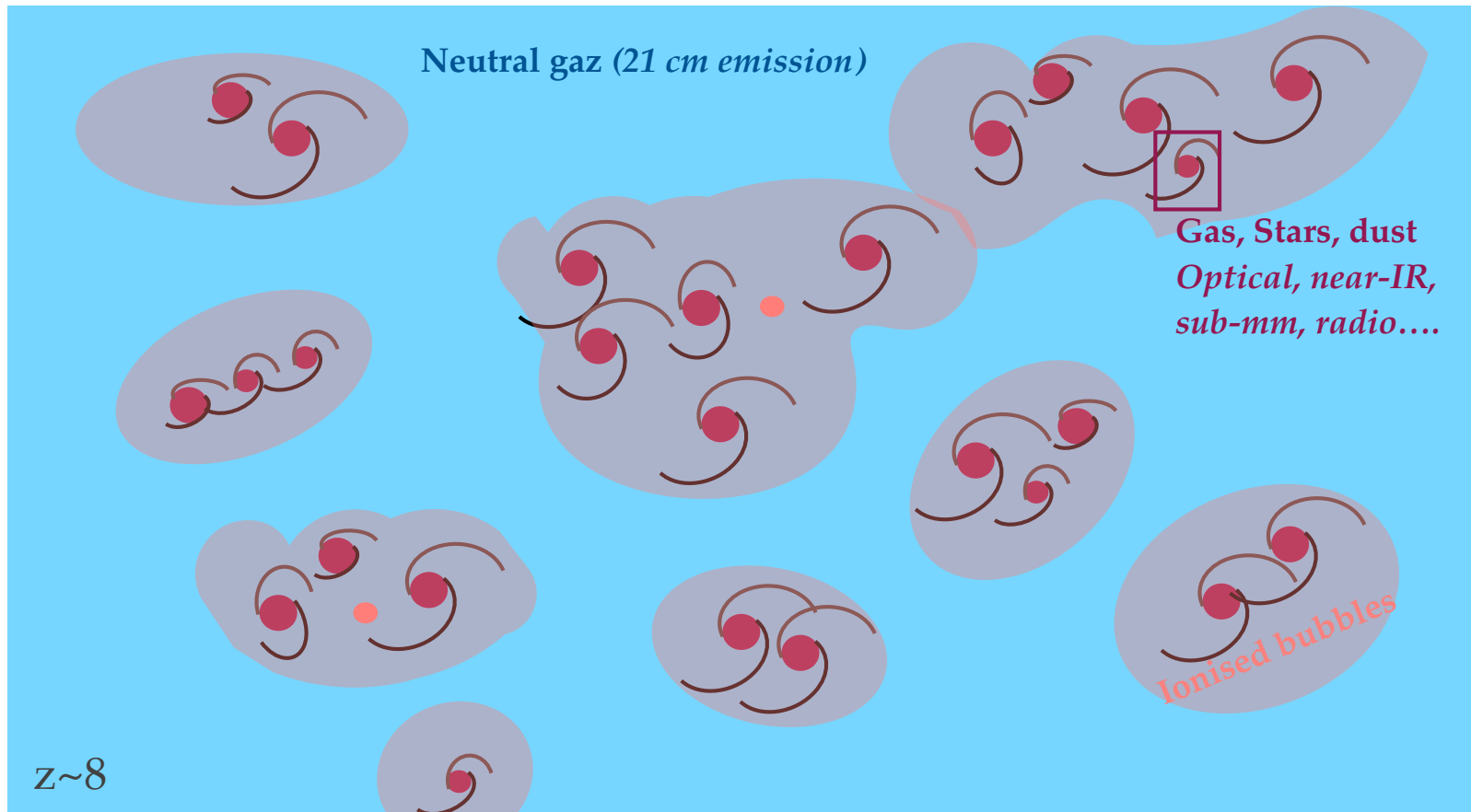


$M_{AB}=-22$

$M_{AB}=-18$

$M_{AB}=-14$

$M_{AB}=-10$



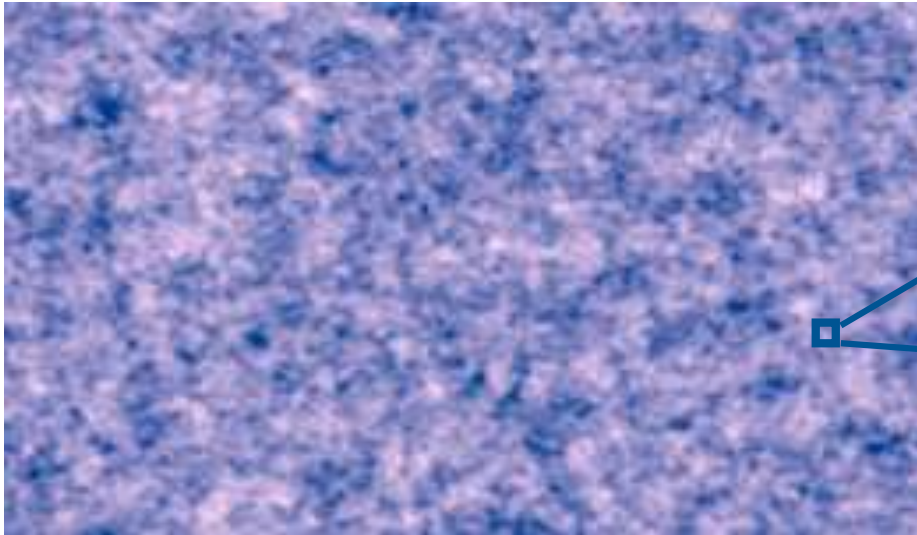


Measuring the large-scale fluctuations in the emission from a large number of unresolved sources

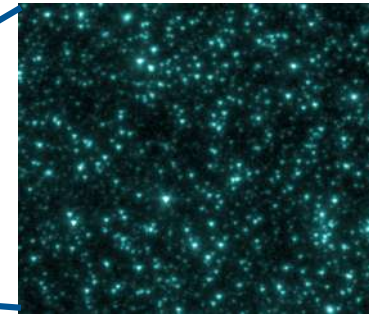


# Intensity mapping: basic idea

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Intensity mapping  
(confusion-limited surveys)

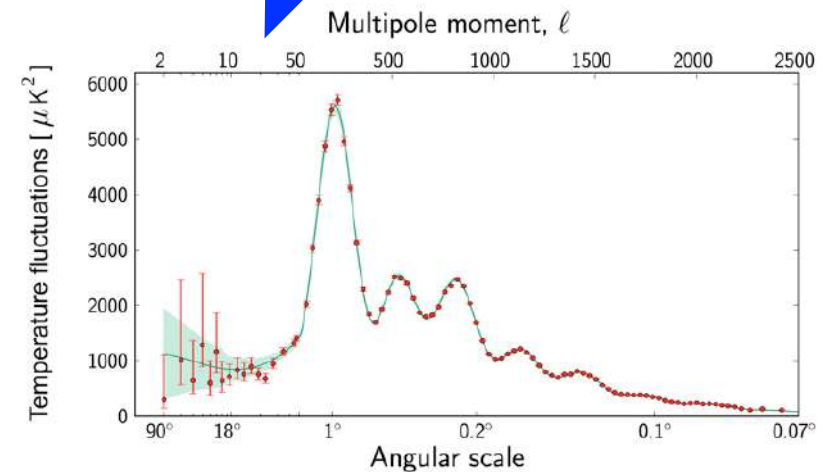
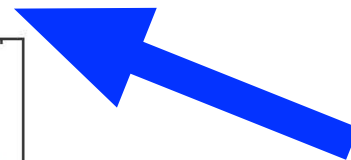
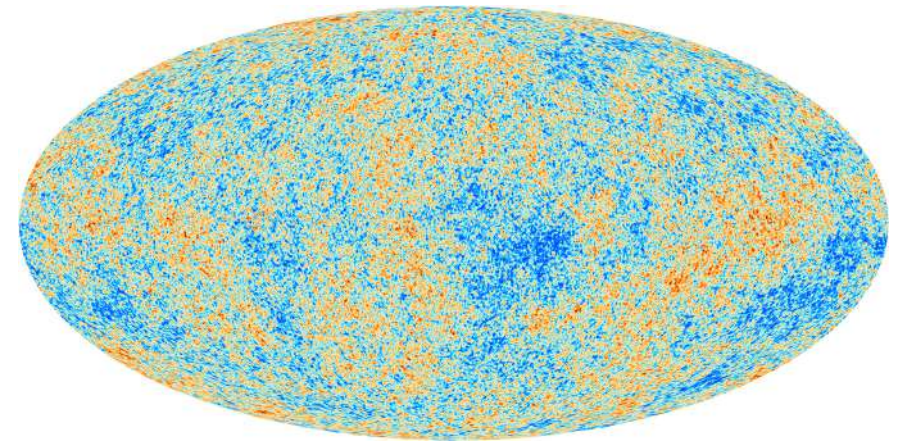
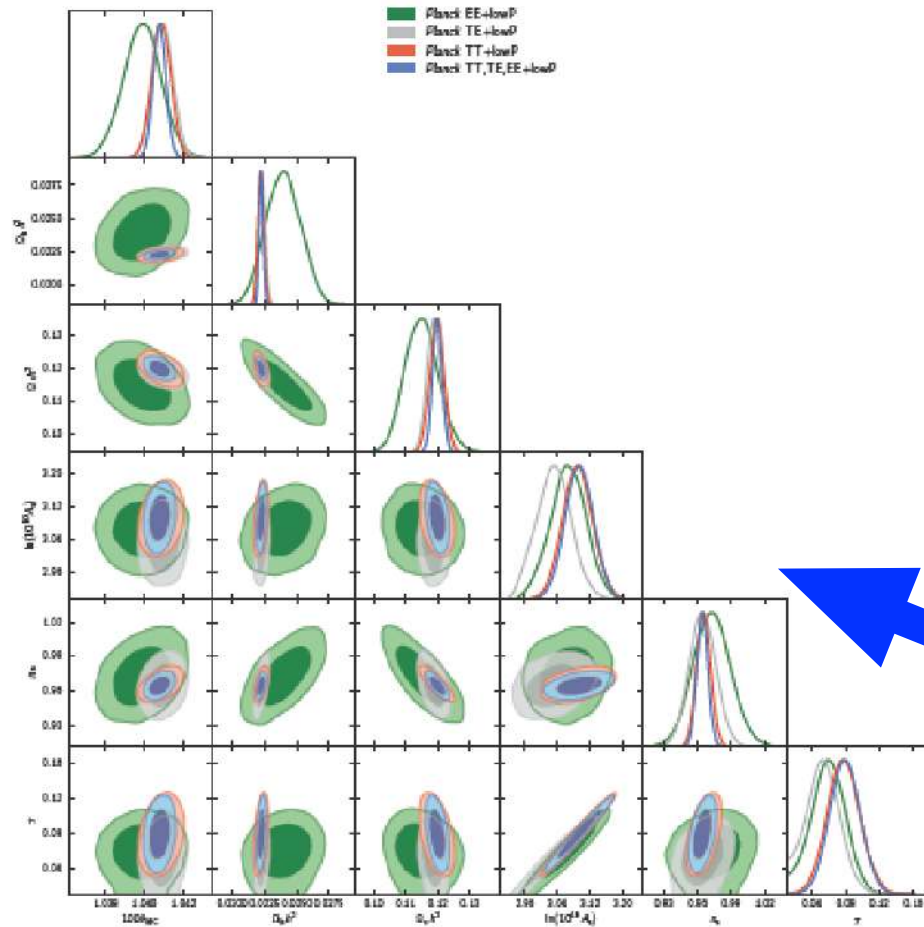


Galaxy surveys (HST,  
Spitzer, JWST, ALMA)

## Intensity mapping:

- measure angular fluctuations in the brightness of the sky at a particular frequency
- naturally sensitive to the radiation from faint sources and from the diffuse intergalactic medium
- basic tool : **angular power spectrum**; intensity fluctuations are used to reconstruct the power spectrum of matter fluctuations

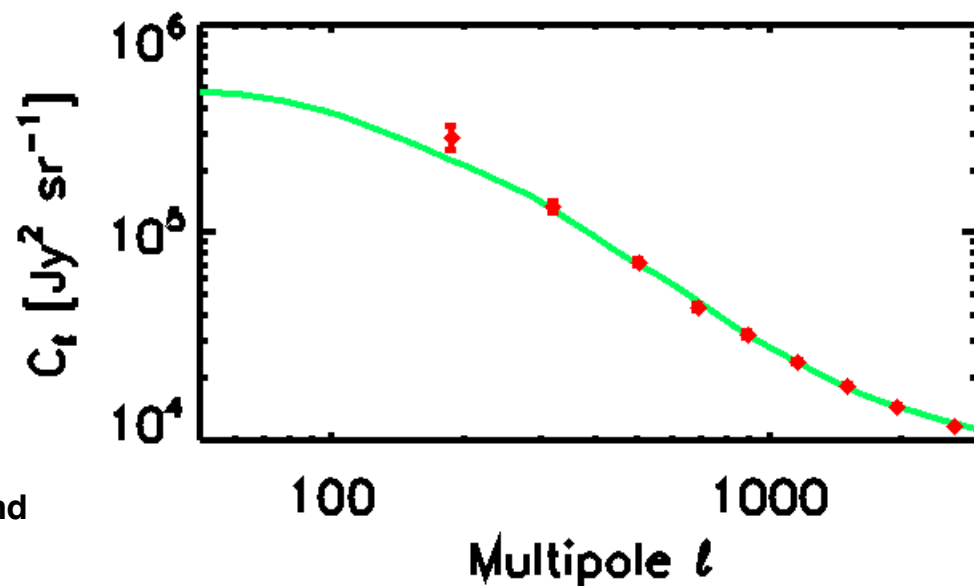
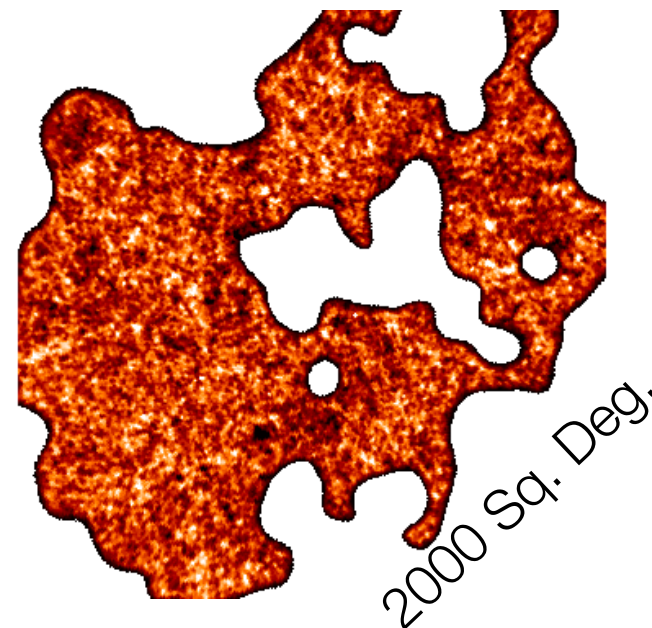
## Cosmic Microwave Background, $z=1100$



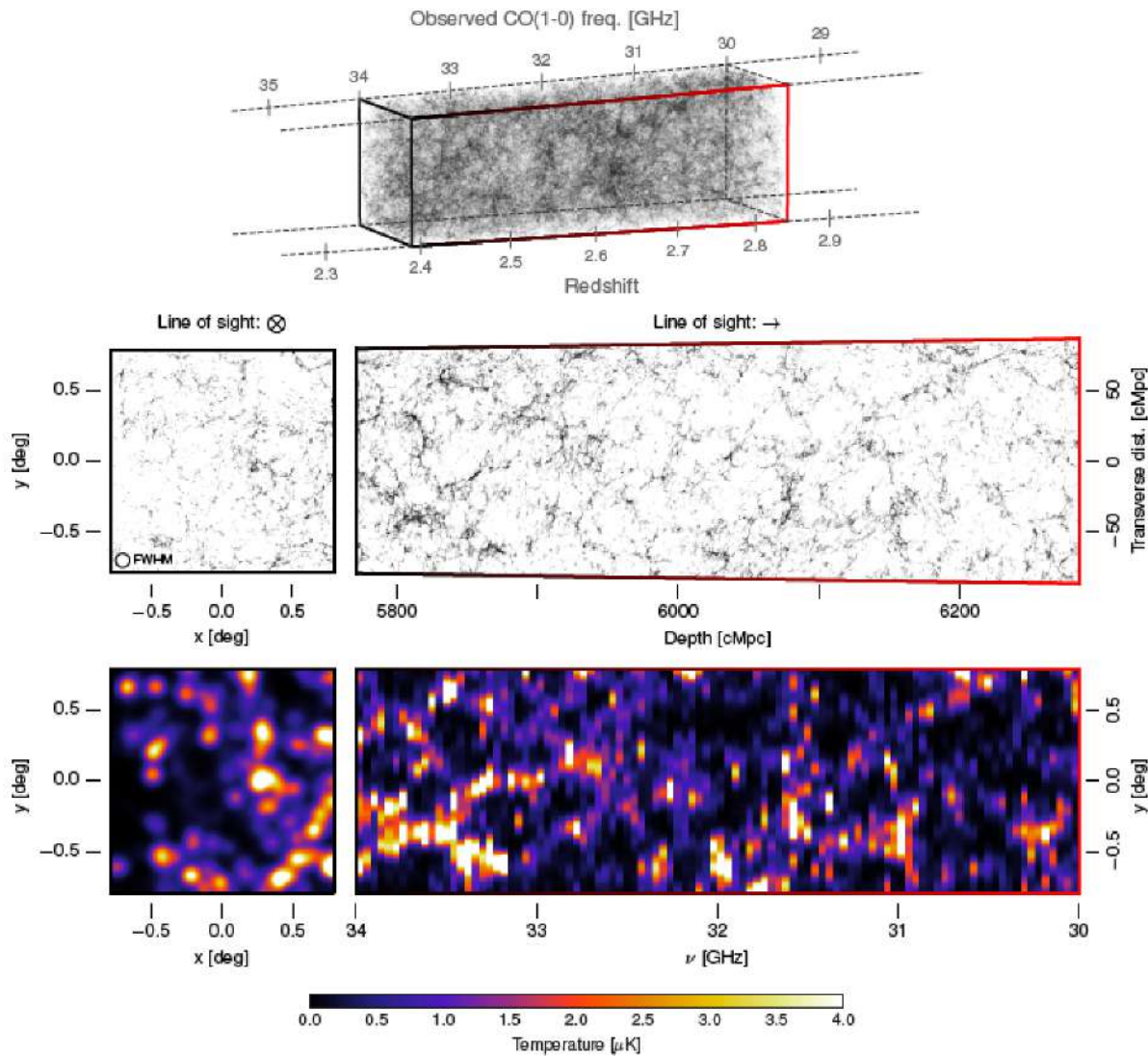
- Planck 2013 results. XVI. Cosmological parameters
- Planck 2015 results XIII. Cosmological parameters
- Planck 2015 results IX. Diffuse component separation: CMB maps
- Planck 2015 results XI. CMB power spectra, likelihoods, and robustness of parameters

Cosmic Infrared Background

Cumulative far-IR emission from all galaxies throughout cosmic history (all  $z$ )







- ❖ Brightness temperature fluctuations on the sky in 3D

- ❖ Retain redshift information

$\Rightarrow \delta\nu = 1.5 \text{ GHz}$   
 corresponds to  $\delta z = 0.05$   
 for [CII] at  $z=7$



- ❖ Lines:

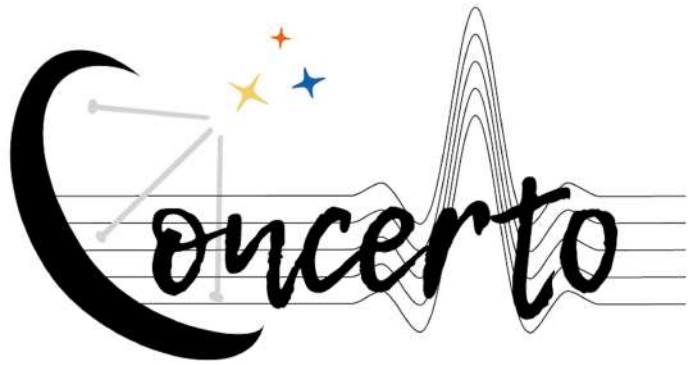
- ❖ CO, [CII], HI, Ly $\alpha$

- ❖ Epoch of Reionization

- ❖ Reasonable handle of when did reionization occur. But what and how?... we don't really know.
- ❖ Evolution of the ionisation structure in the intergalactic medium and reionization sources
- ❖ Ionized regions (bubbles) are large:  $>20$  Mpc,  $\sim 20'$  at  $z \sim 9$

- ❖ Mapping structures at lower redshift & galaxy evolution

- ❖ Density of cold gas versus cosmic time
- ❖ SFRD over cosmic time
- ❖ Star formation efficiency
- ❖ Galaxy assembly
- ❖ Constrain faint populations missing from traditional galaxy surveys



## CONCERTO\*

**A new spectrometer to map the intensity  
fluctuations of the [CII] line ( $z>5.2$ )**

LAM, Institut Néel, LPSC, IPAG  
And European/Chilean partners (science)

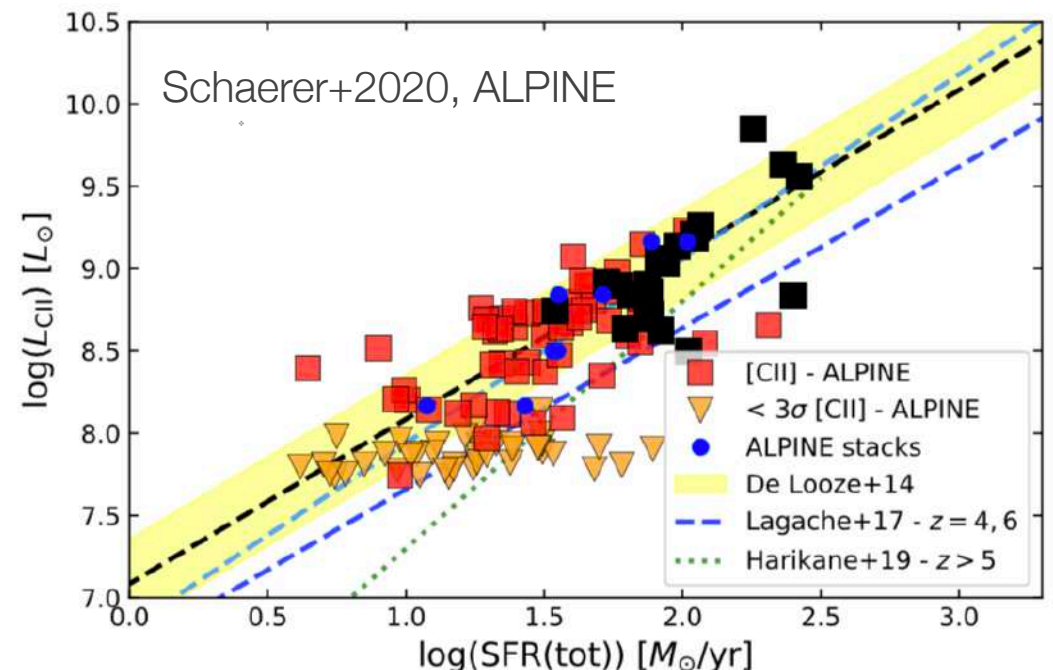
<https://mission.lam.fr/concerto/>

\*CarbON CII line in post-rEionisation and Reionisation epoch

- ❖ One of the brightest emission lines in the spectra of galaxies
- ❖ Redshifted into the sub-mm and mm atmospheric windows for  $4.5 < z < 9$ 
  - ❖ APEX/FLASH , ALMA, NOEMA, detect [CII] at very high redshift, pointing on known objects
- ❖ Extinction free tracer of star formation
- ❖ One of the most valuable tracers of dusty star formation at high redshift (e.g. Lagache, Cousin, Chatzikos, 2018)

## ALPINE/ALMA

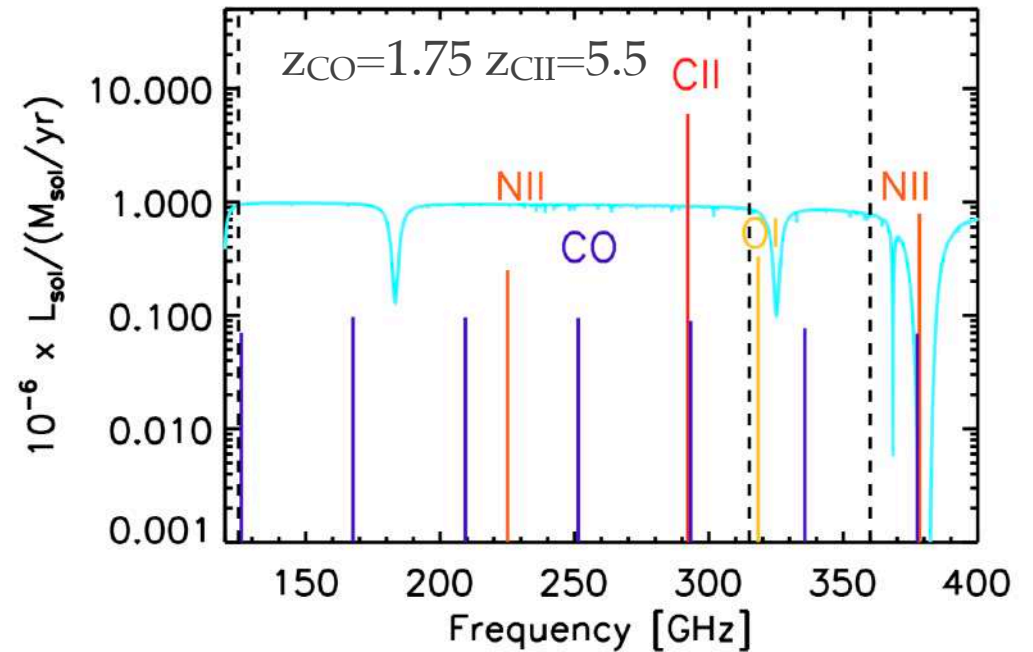
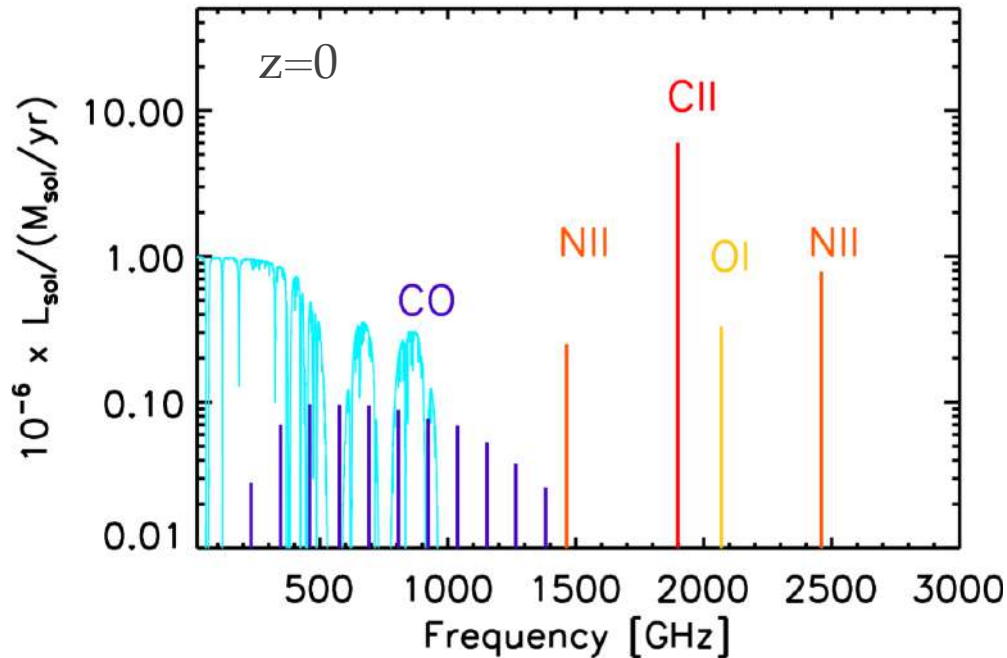
- 118 UV-selected star-forming galaxies at  $4.4 < z < 5.9$
- 75 detected in [CII]





# In the mm: [CII], CO, [CI] and dust continuum

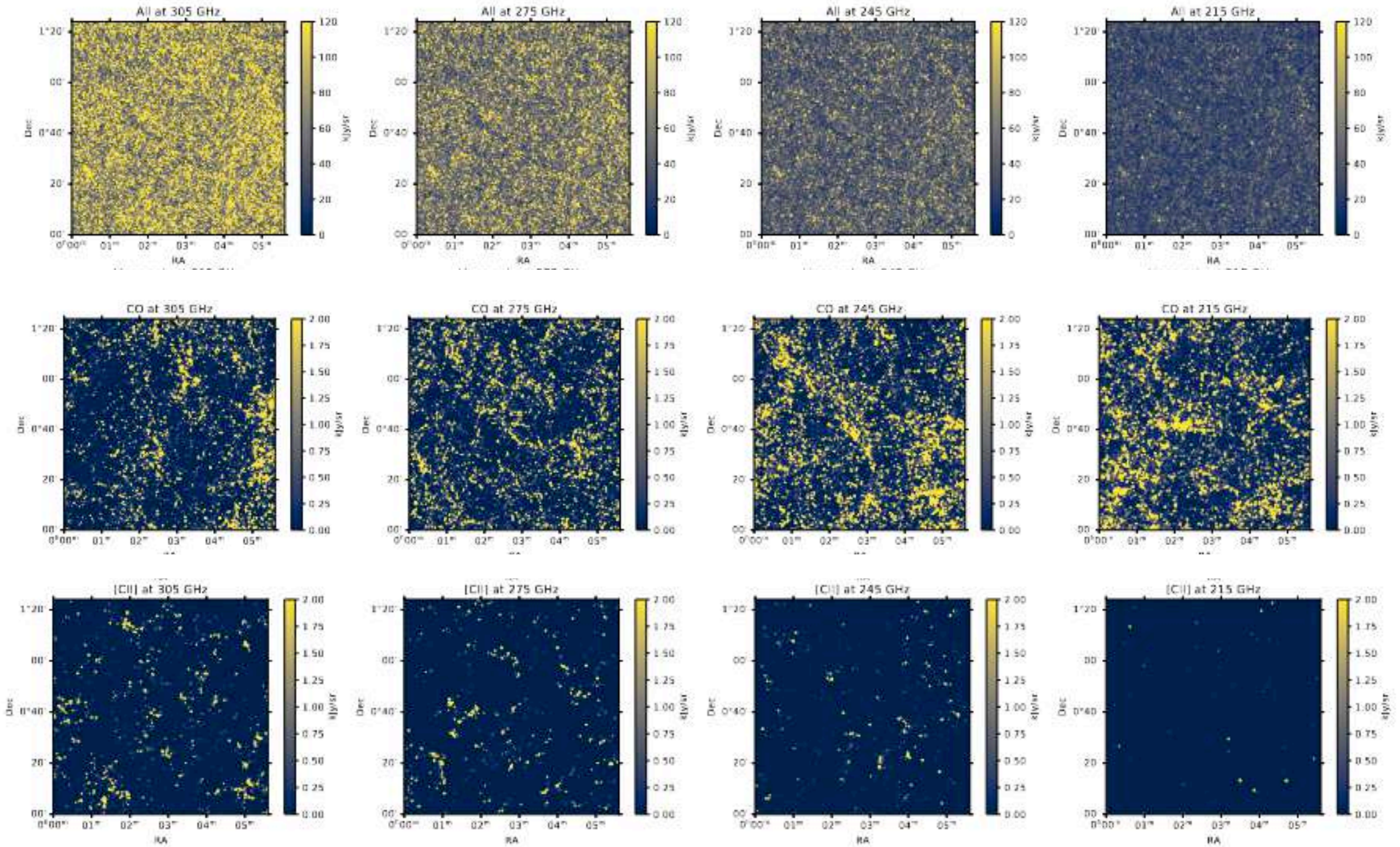
CONCERTO= 130 - 310 GHz (2307-958 microns)



Power spectrum of CO~[CII] at z~5-6

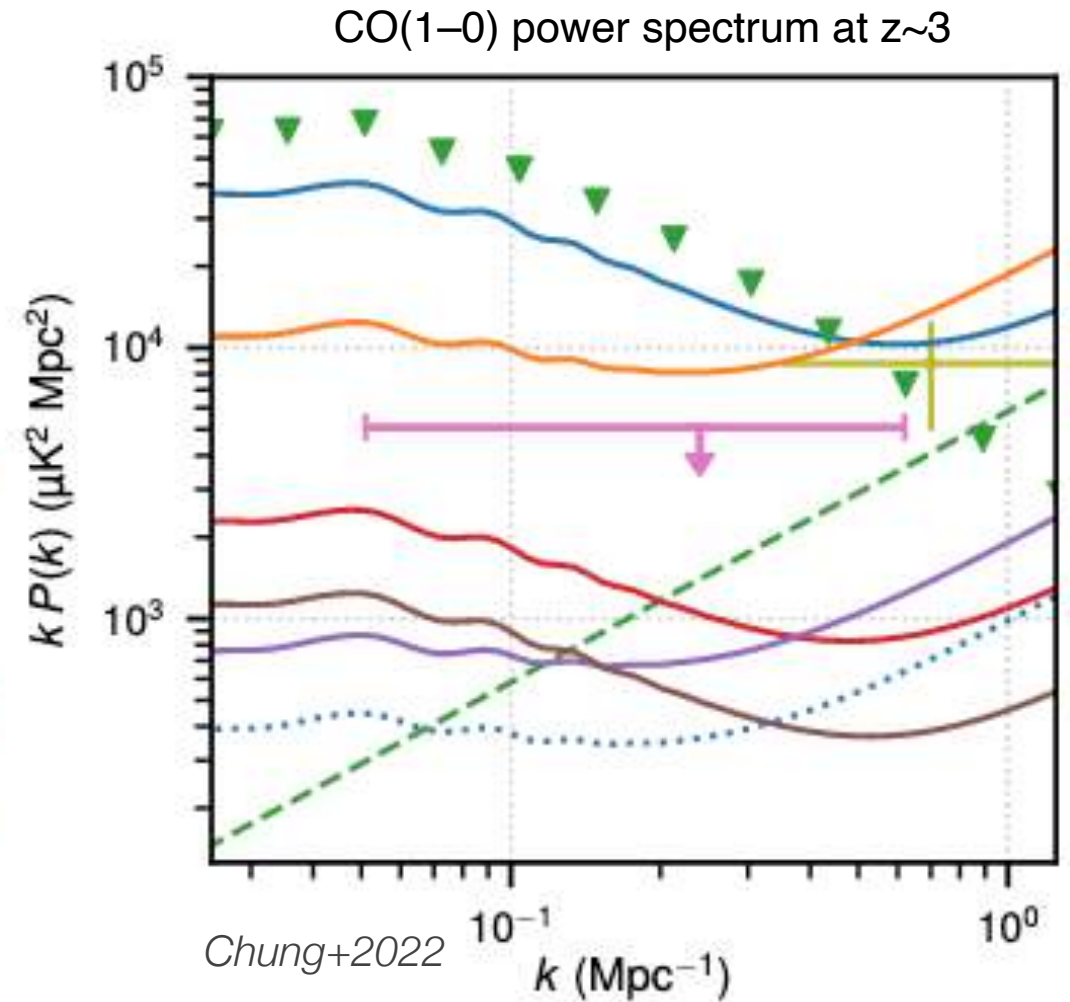
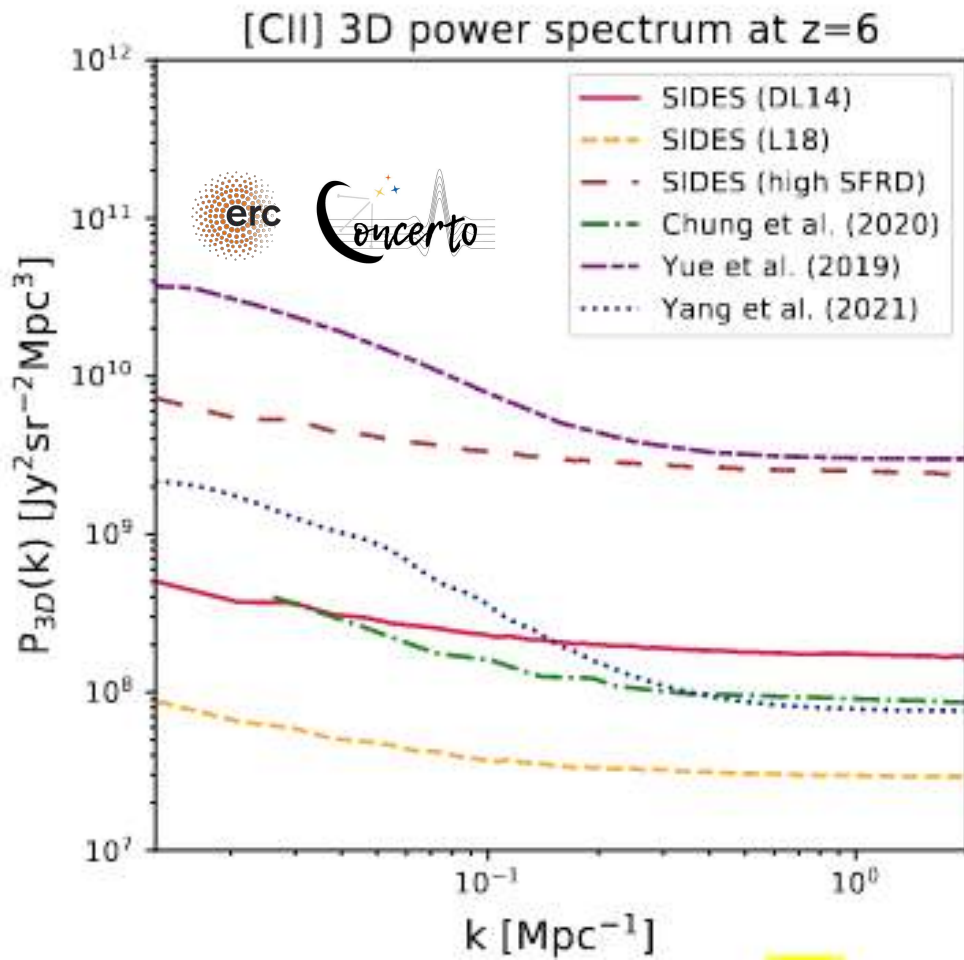
Power spectrum of CO>[CII] by factor 10 to 1000 at z>6



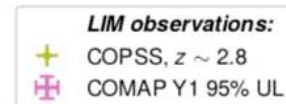
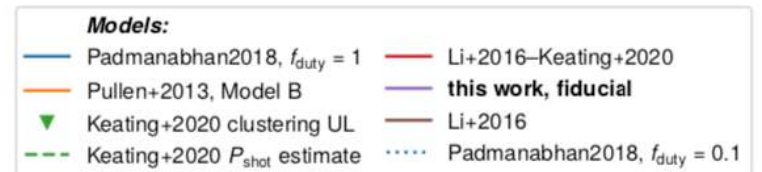


$z=5.2$

$z=7.8$



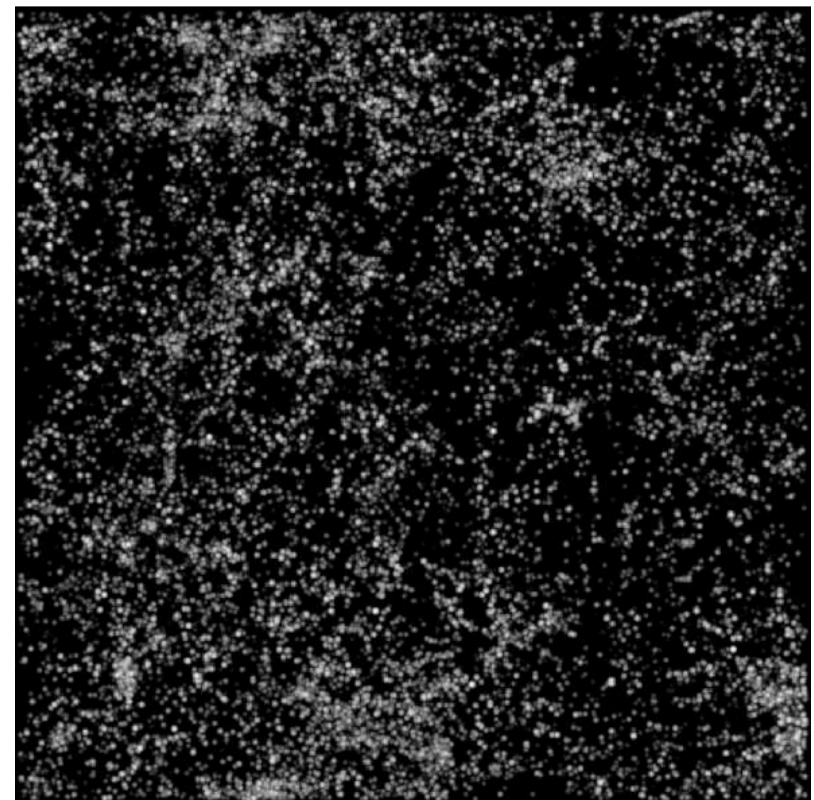
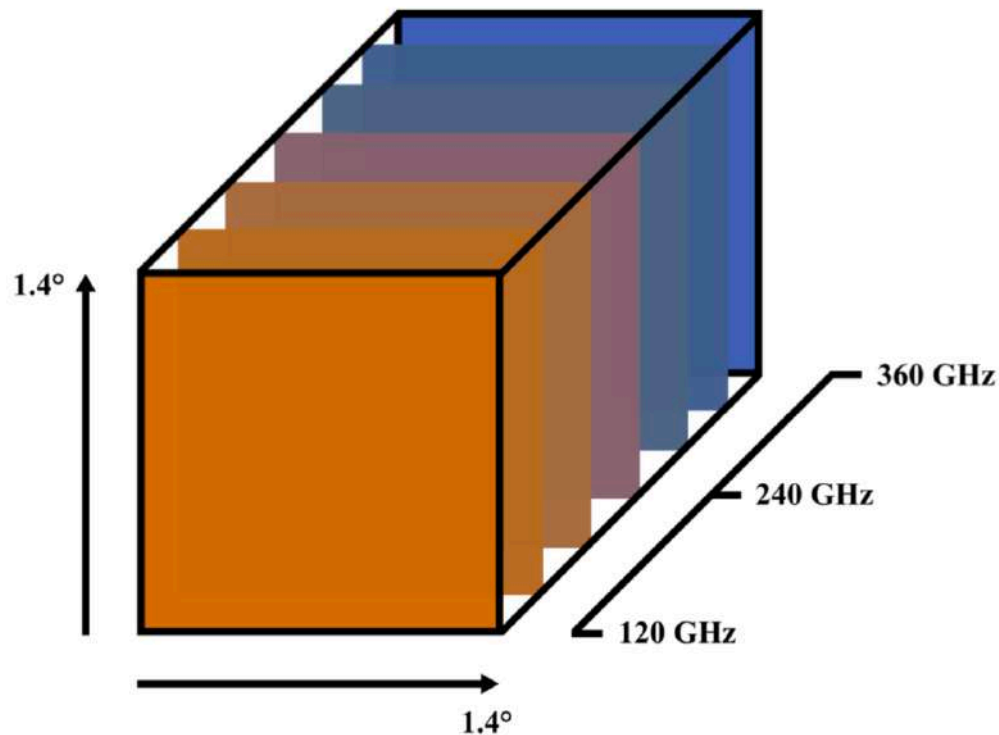
Béthermin+2022





- ❖ 1.4 Sq. Deg., ~900 hours, COSMOS field
- ❖ The survey will provide a spatial-spectral data cube in which intensity is mapped as a function of sky position and redshift.
- ❖ The 3-D fluctuations are then studied in Fourier space with the power spectrum.

300 GHz — CO+[CII]

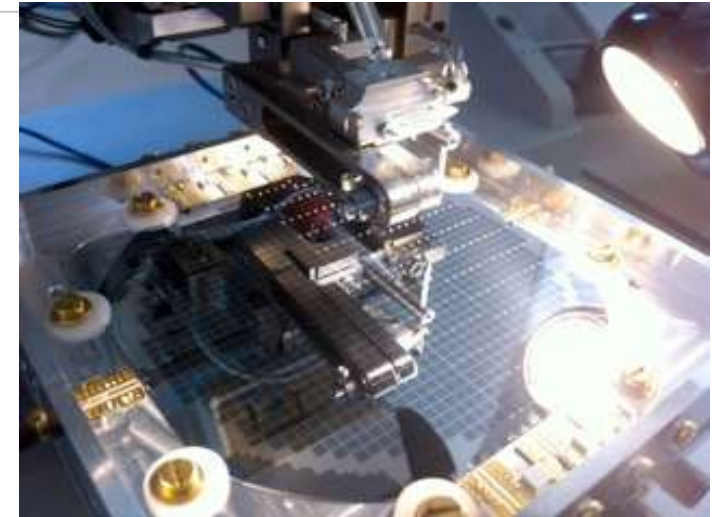


## ❖ Focal plane:

- ❖ Kinetic Inductance Detectors (KID)
- ❖ Success of the NIKA2 IRAM camera
- ❖ FOV  $D=18'6$ ,  $f\lambda$  sampling  $\Rightarrow$  arrays of 2,152 pixels

## ❖ Cryostat:

- ❖ Closed-circle  $3\text{He}-4\text{He}$  dilution - 100mK
- ❖ The 4K stage (required for initiating the  $3\text{He}-4\text{He}$  dilution) is achieved using a standard two-stages pulse-tube



## ❖ Martin-Puplet interferometer (like a Michelson interferometer but with a movable mirror)

- ❖ Outside the cryostat
- ❖ Spectral resolution ( $\nu/\delta\nu$ ):  $R=100$  to  $300$
- ❖ Perform continuously path interferograms at a frequency of few Hertz or more (2-5Hz)
  - ❖ Faster than most of the sky noise - only possible with KIDS
- ❖ “Nominal”: 4 interferograms for all pixels of the matrix every second

## ❖ A « sub-mm » antenna:

- ❖ APEX telescope, in a very dry area,  $\theta=23''$  at 305 GHz
- ❖ Frequency range: two arrays, 195-310 GHz for the HF and 130-270 GHz for LF



CONCERTO is installed here

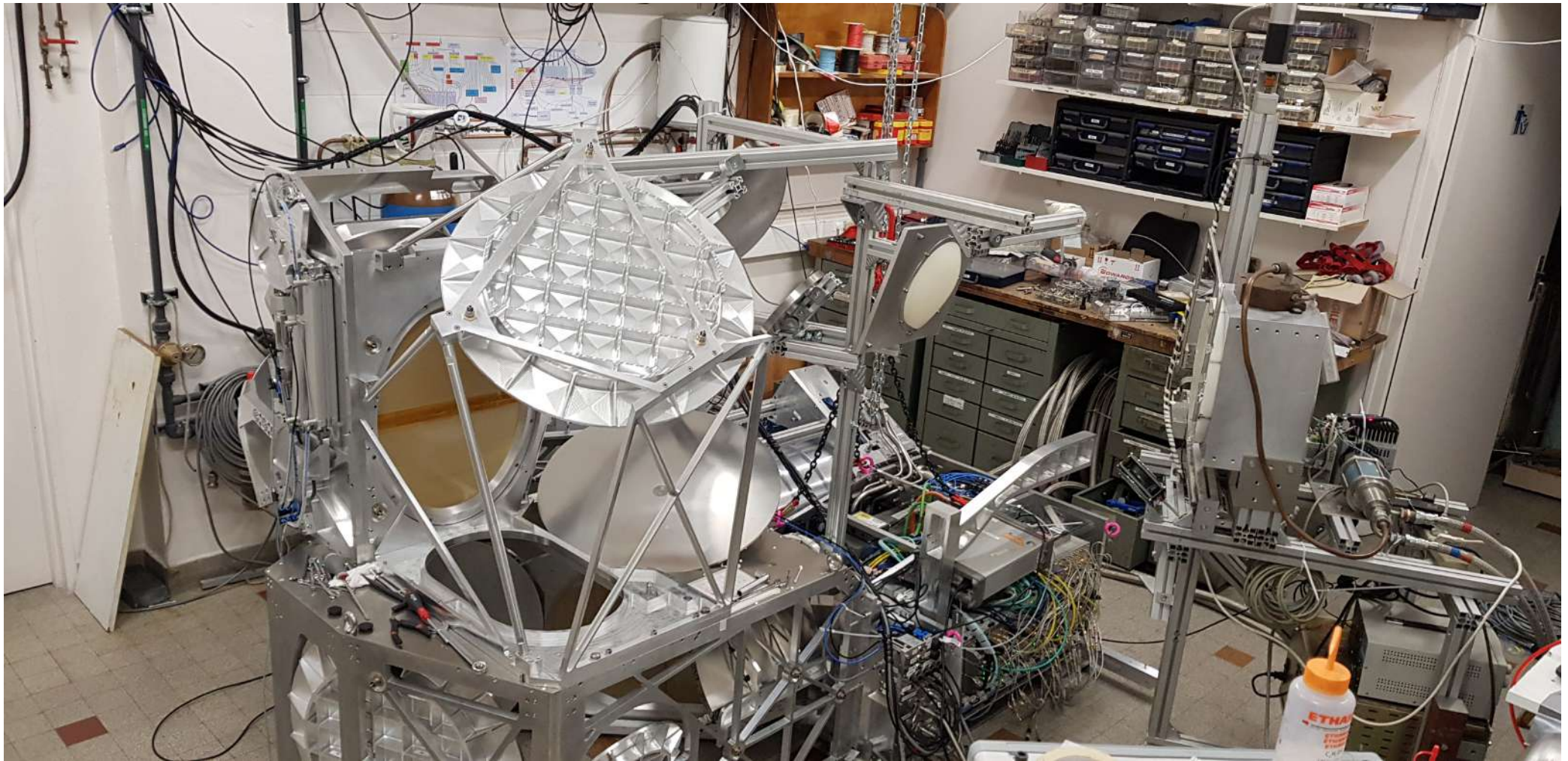


Very very dry, 5100 m above sea level....

- ❖ Funded by:
  - ❖ A\*MIDEX University Foundation (2018-2021)
  - ❖ ERC AdvGt LAM@Marseille and Institut Néel@Grenoble (2019-2024)
  - ❖ And support from our labs
- ❖ Visit in Chile in Apr 2018
- ❖ Preliminary Design Review (Feb. 2019)
- ❖ June 2019: the cryostat is being built
- ❖ Critical Design Review: Jan 2020 / Final Design Review: Feb 2020
- ❖ In Lab intense “observing” campaign: ~1rst/11/2020 - 20/02/2021
- ❖ 01/03/2021: CONCERTO left Grenoble
- ❖ Papers, papers and papers (mission, shipment, etc) - I recommend: <https://www.ulisse.cnrs.fr/concerto-apex-separes-de-12-000-km/> !
- ❖ Installation at APEX started on April, 2021, the 6th



ERC approval: Feb 2018 — PDR: Feb 2019 — FDR: Feb 2020 — Installation: April 2021

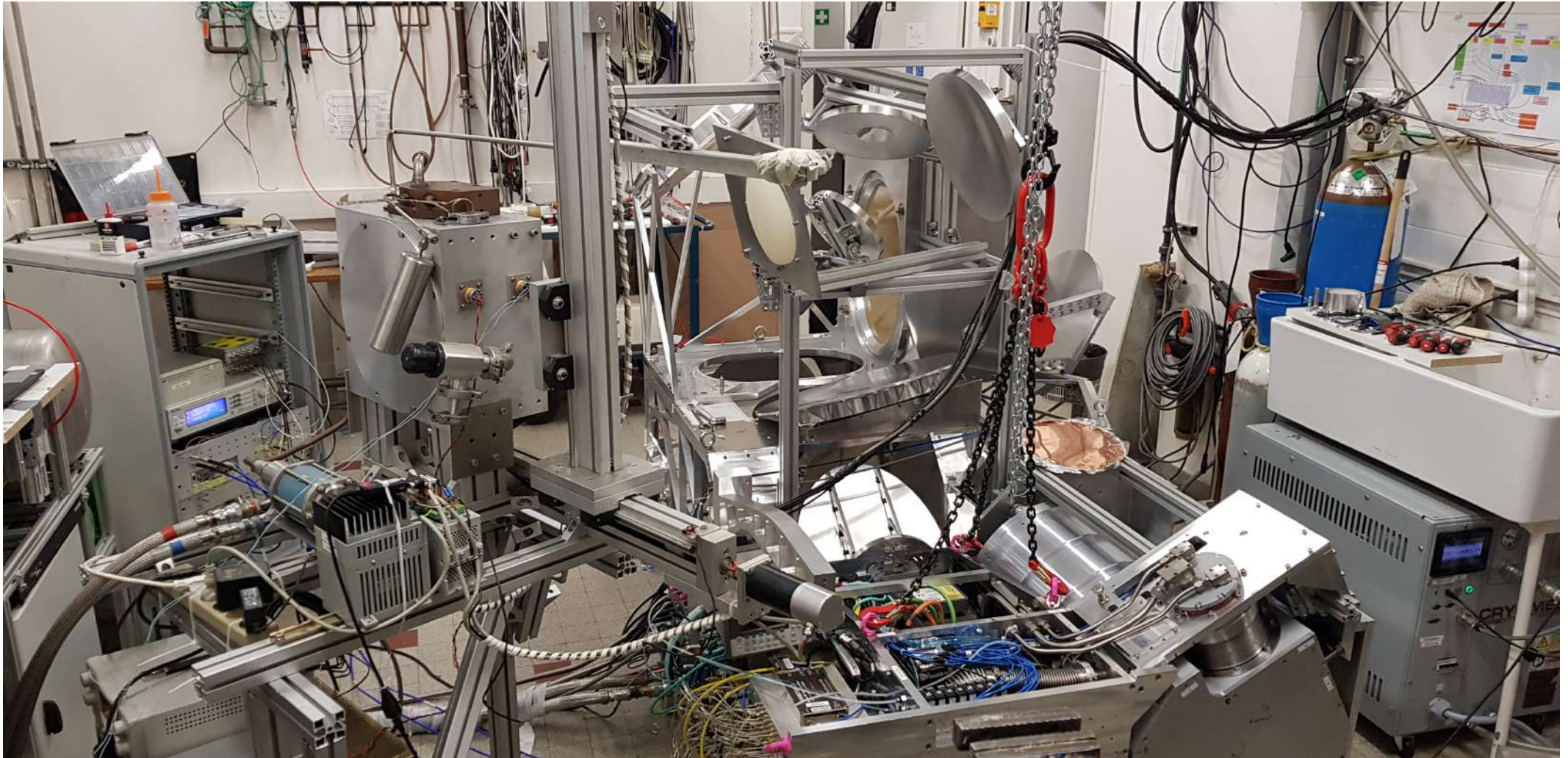


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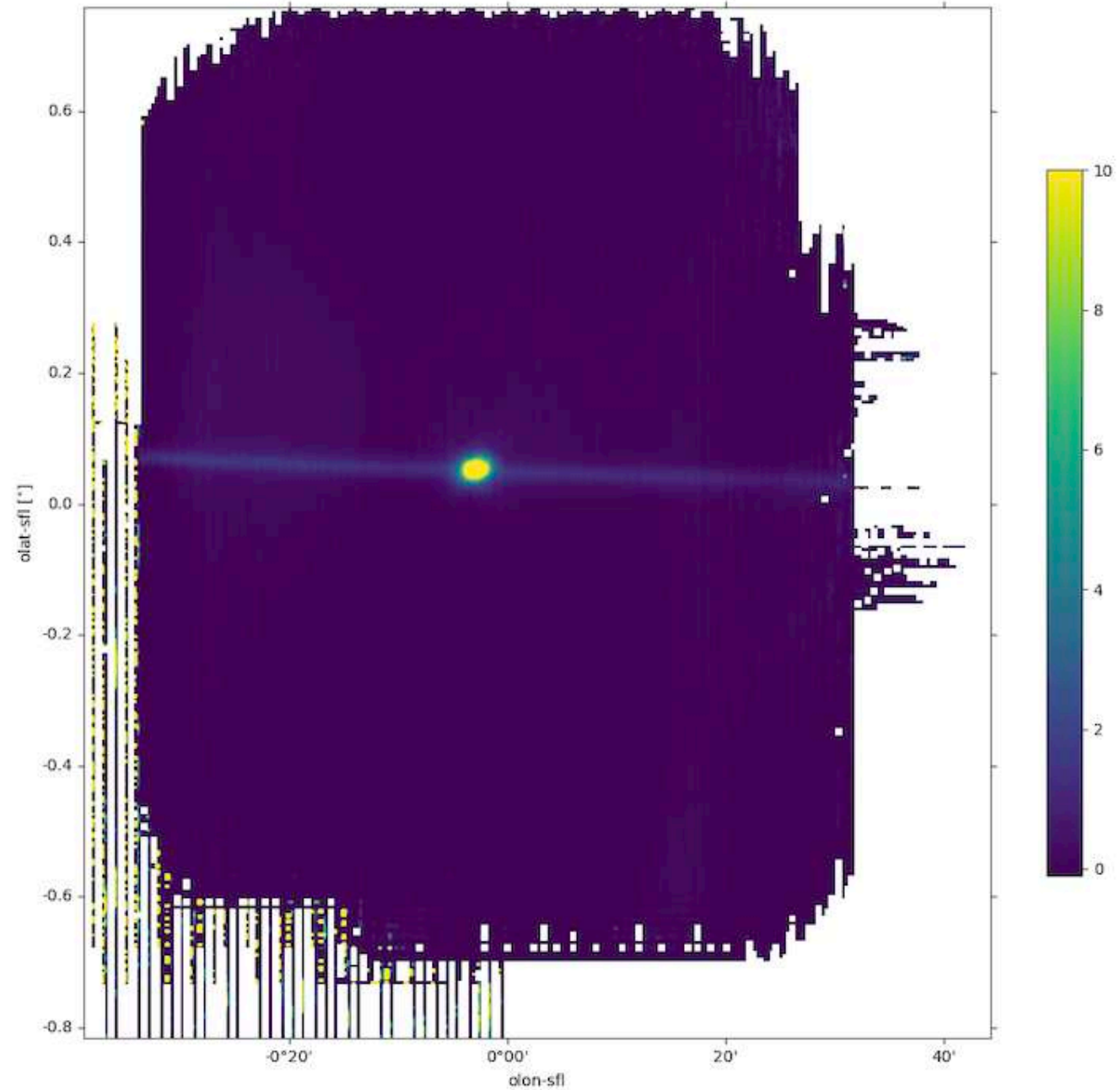


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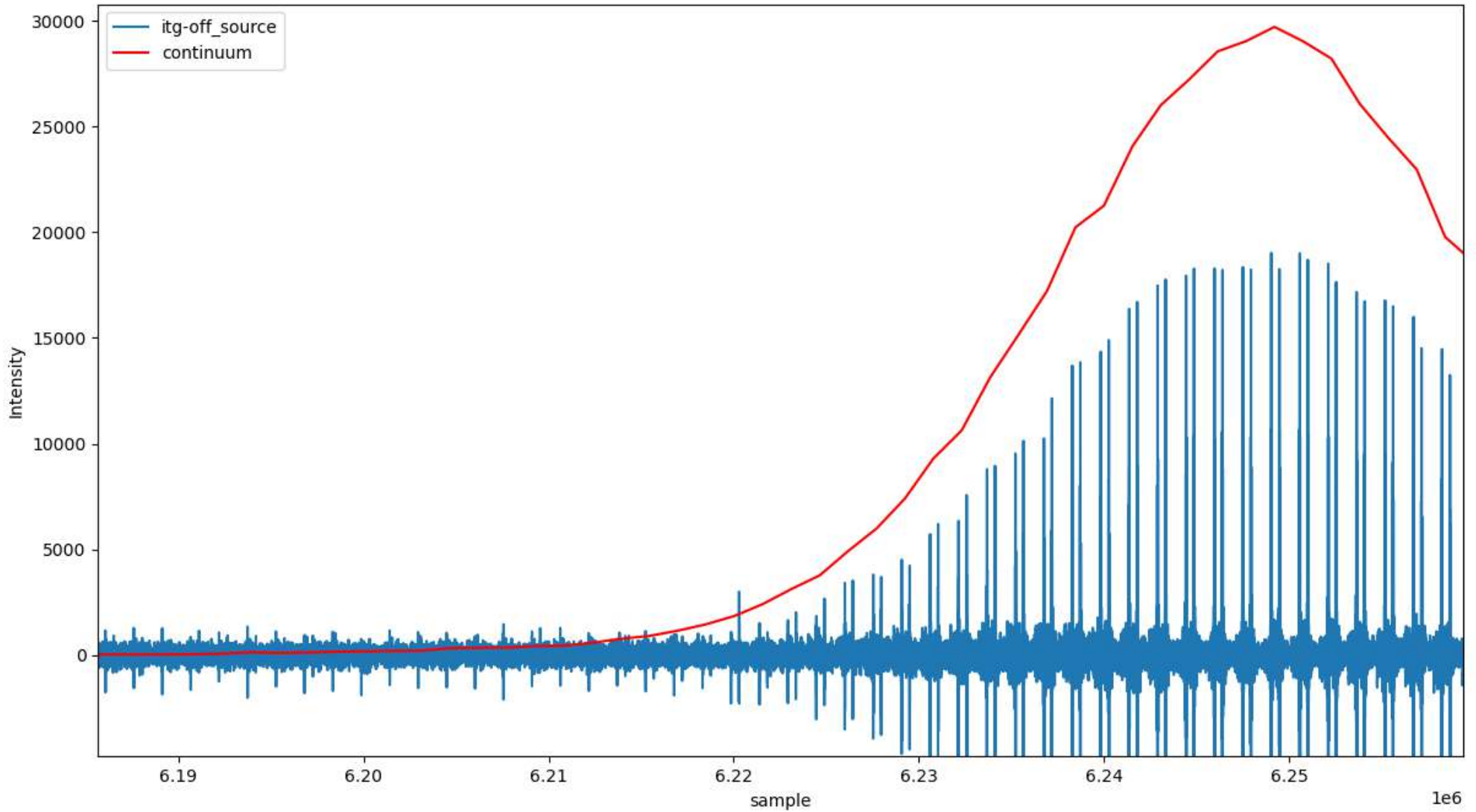
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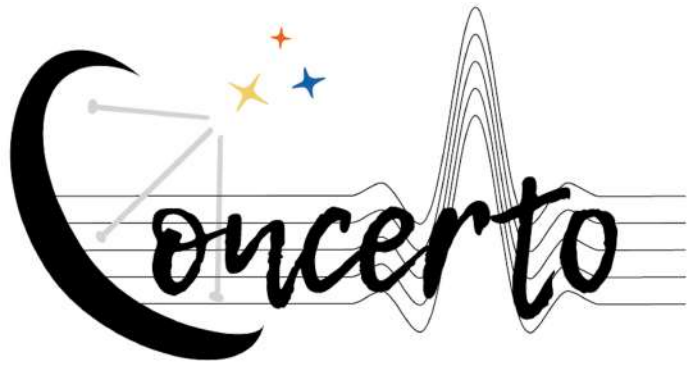
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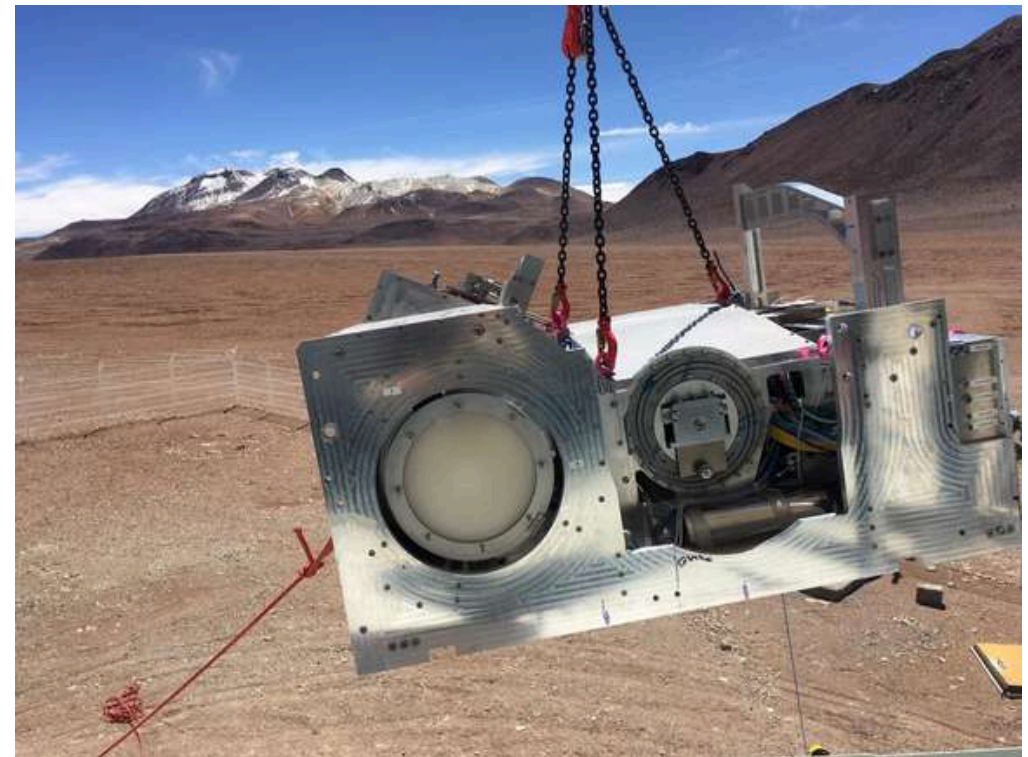
# Installation and commissioning

Shifts APEX « Feb 2020 », « O », « P », « Q » and « R »  
(Feb. 2020 plus 25/03/2021 to 06/05/2021)

*Slides (from A. Monfardini)*

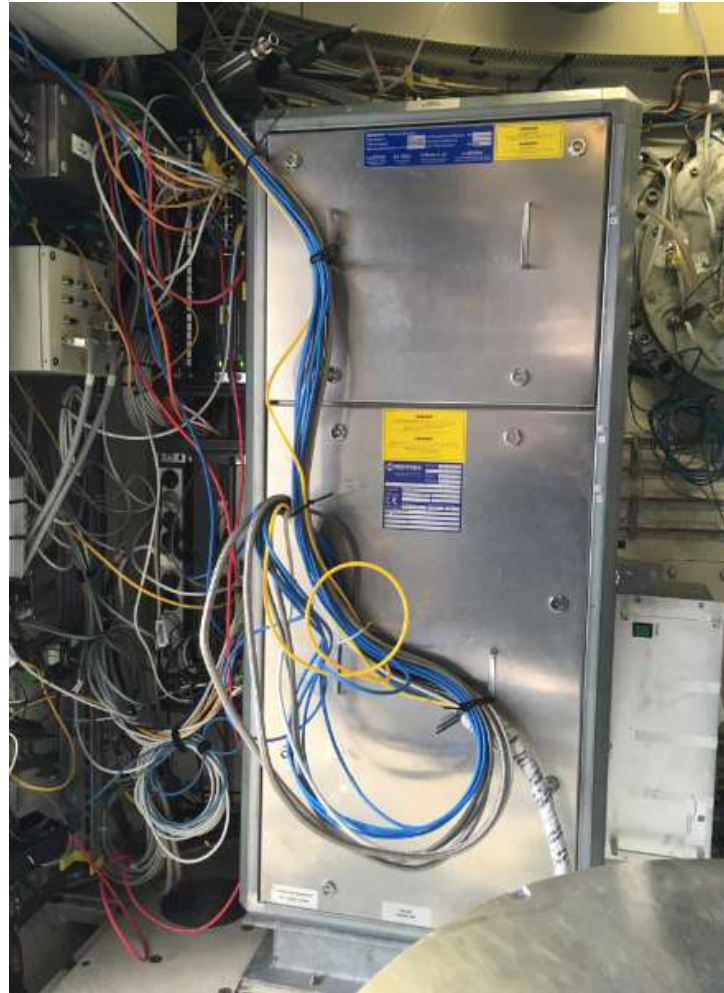
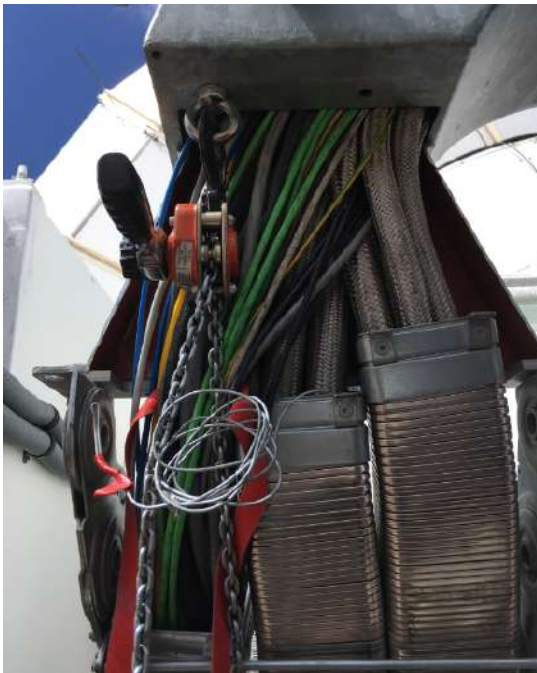
*presented at the APEX board on May the 6th*







# Pre-installation (February 2020)



Preparation of all the links (electrical, network, pneumatic, helium, vacuum..) in the telescope tower

# Shift « O » - 25/03/2021 to 04/04/2021



Boxes reception and storing —  
Opening boxes 4 AND 5 to extract  
compressor, gas handling system and  
bars

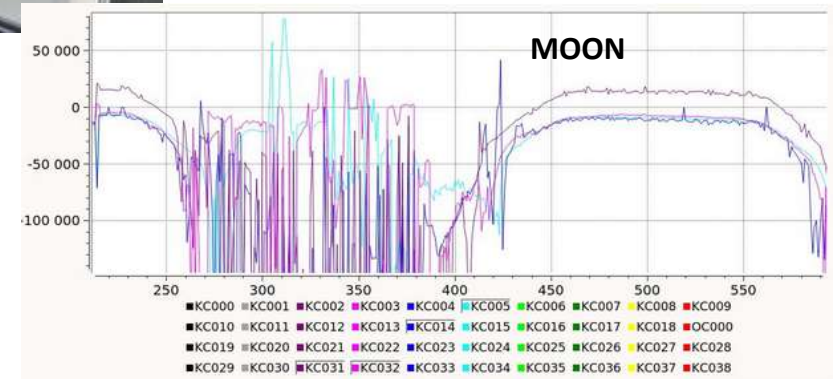
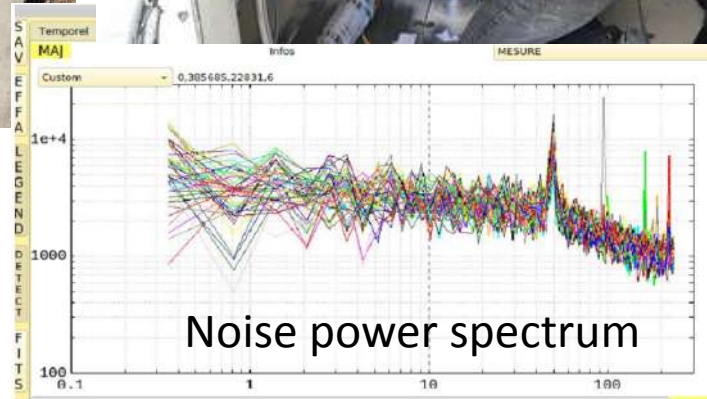
MORE: Preparation of plugs,  
rough test of bars, placing of the  
PT compressor and gas handling  
system in the compressors room  
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*Thanks to all the APEX engineers for their help!*



# Shift « P » - 06/04/2021 to 15/04/2021

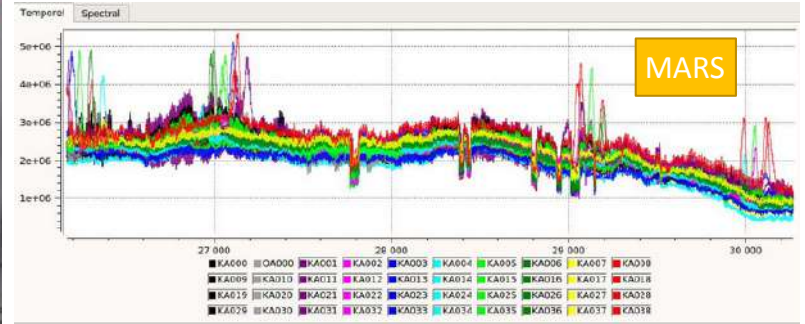
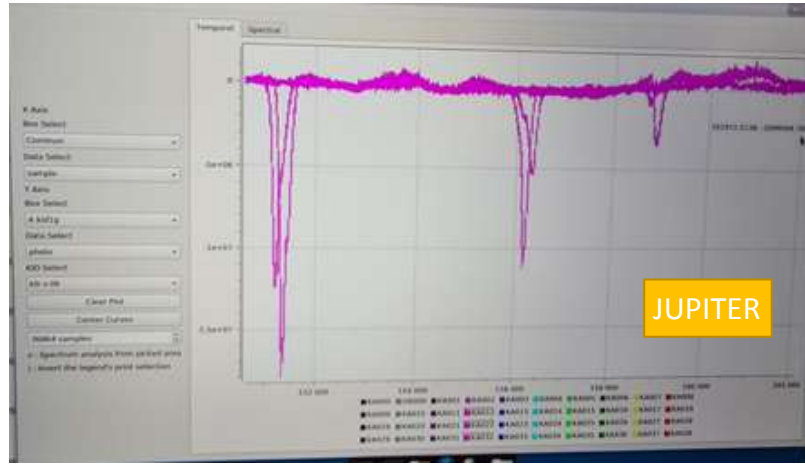


MOSTLY: Unpacking, installation in the C-cabin, instrumentations and compressors containers, connection, cooling-down, first technical light on Sky and Moon, running underground cables

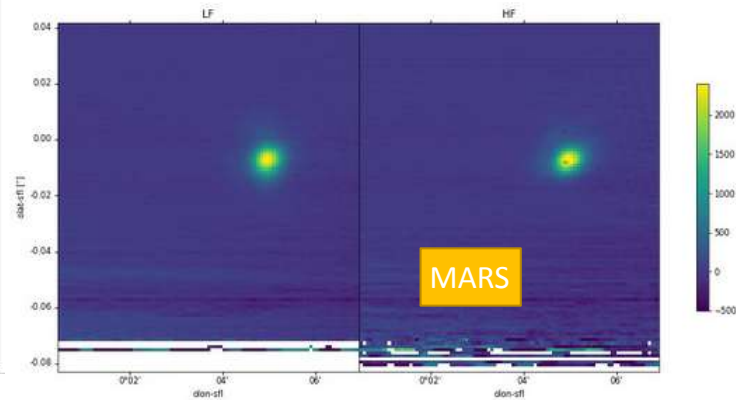
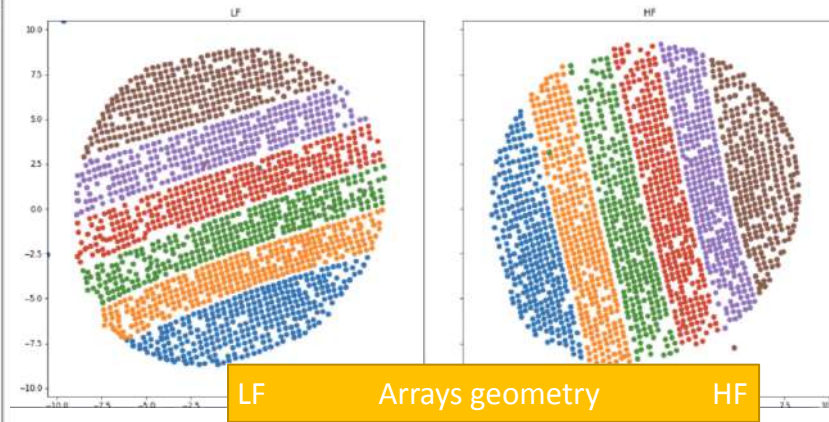
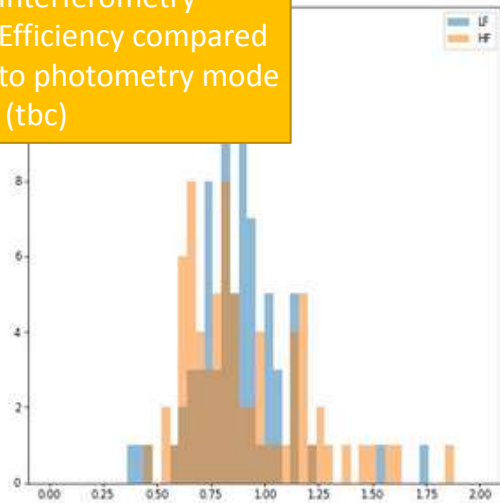
→Cryostat cold, resonances OK, noise floor OK, 50Hz noise observation (not present with cap), seen response from Skydip, observation of the Moon.

# Shift « Q » - 17/04/2021 to 25/04/2021

Electronics maintenance



Interferometry Efficiency compared to photometry mode (tbc)

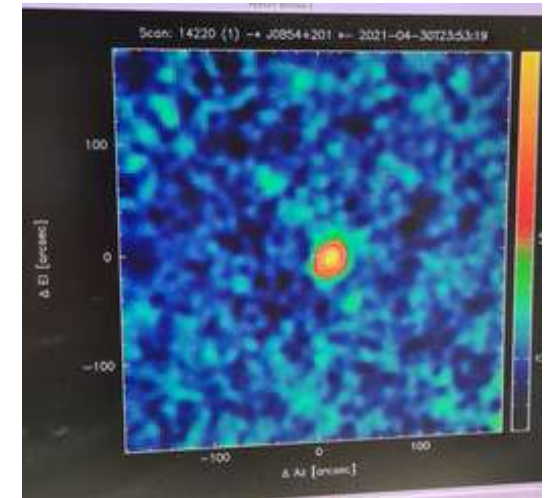
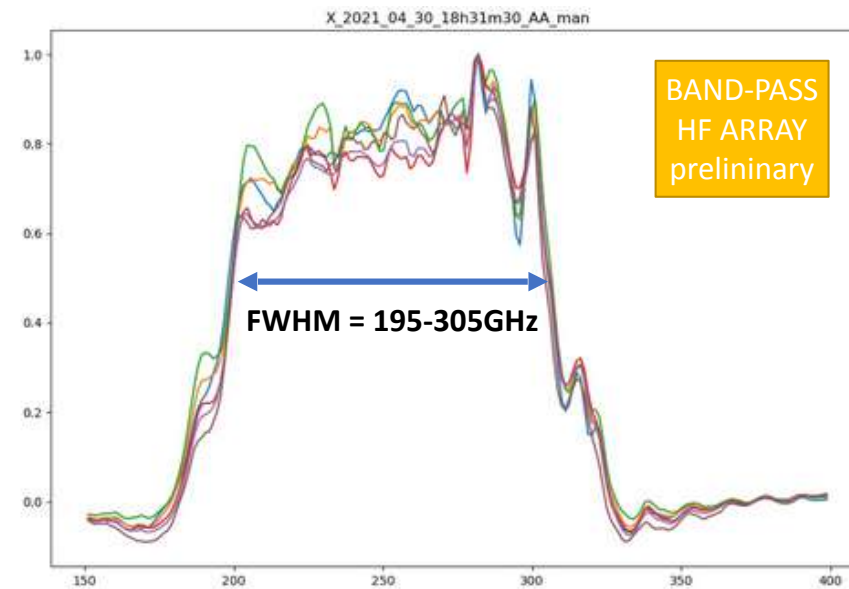
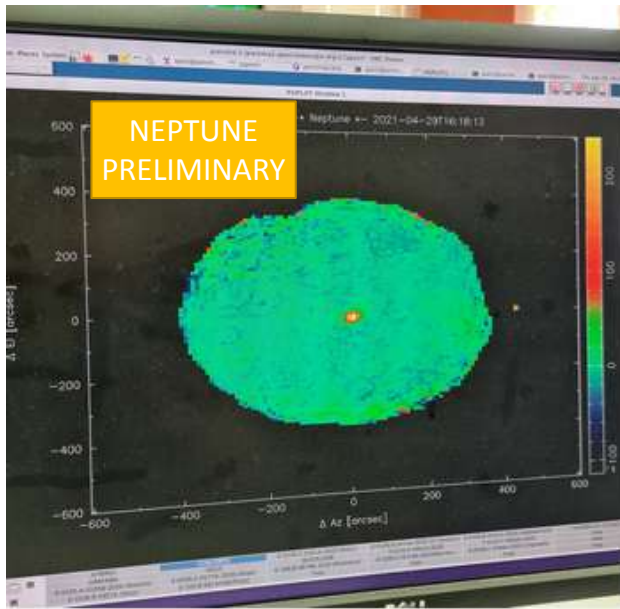


MOSTLY: installation in servers room, detectors settings, alignments, fixing various electronics problems, first focussed light, investigation of 50Hz noise, geometries, DAQ debug etc.

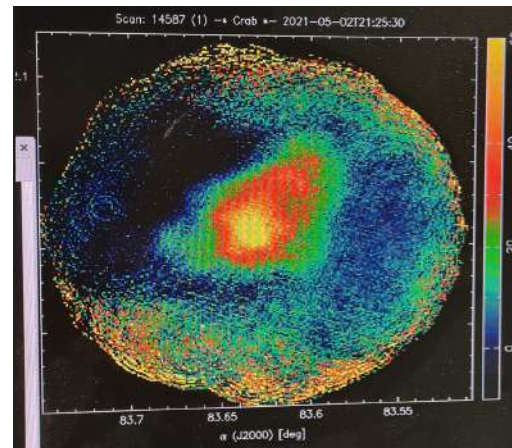
→ Identified the MENERGA origin for part of the 50Hz noise, seen Jupiter and Mars, detectors response OK, fixed problems on electronics, interferometry is good, geometries



# Shift « R » - 27/04/2021 to 06/05/2021



J0854+201 – 2.5Jy @233GHz  
Pointing scan 35 seconds  
(start of pointing run)

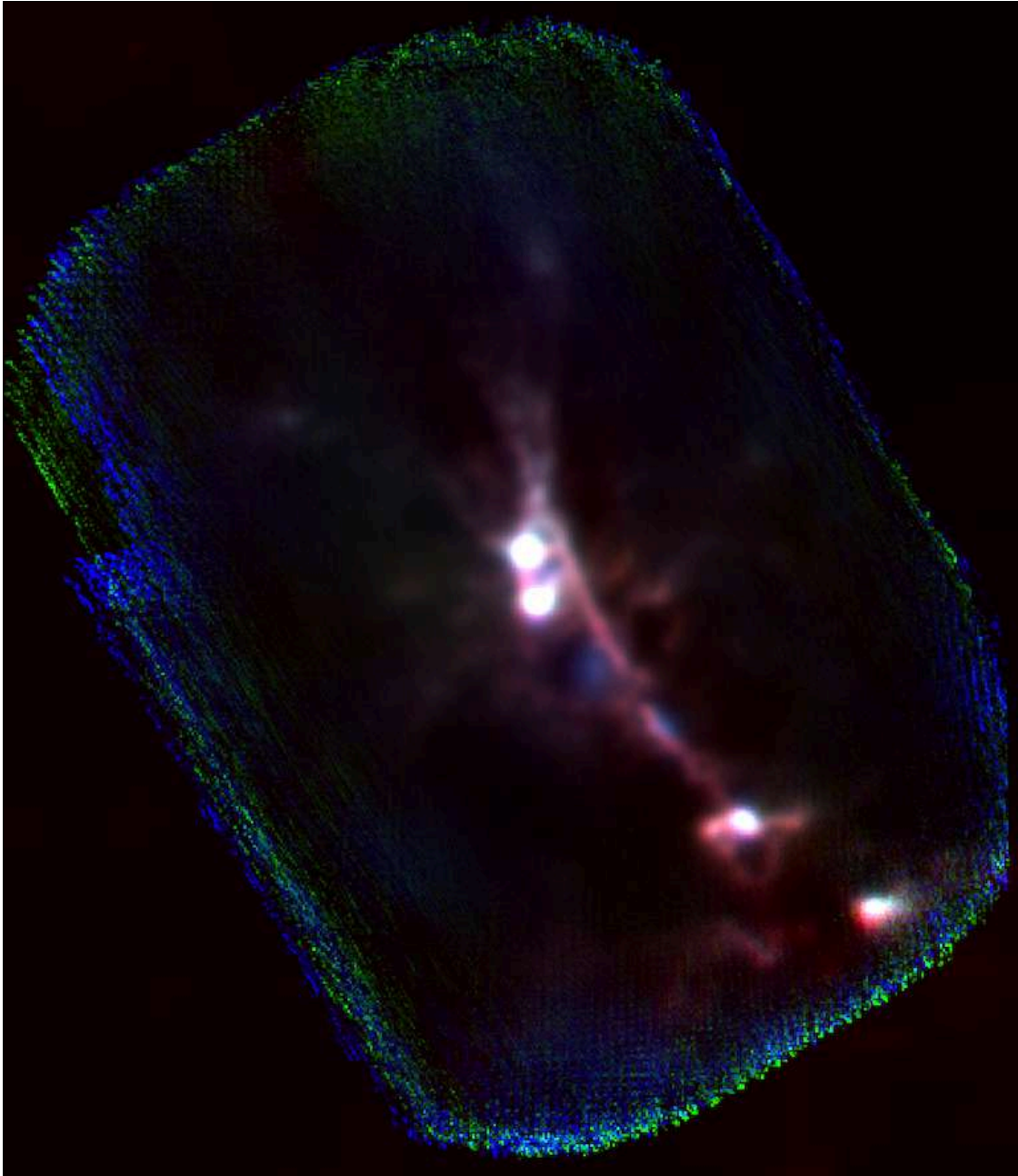


MOSTLY: observations, investigation of 50Hz noise, software, data analysis, pointing model

→ Observed some fainter and extended sources, focus, bandpass HF is OK, bandpass LF on-going, pointing model...

→ Demonstrating remote observations

# NGC6334 – Mapping demonstration (4 May)

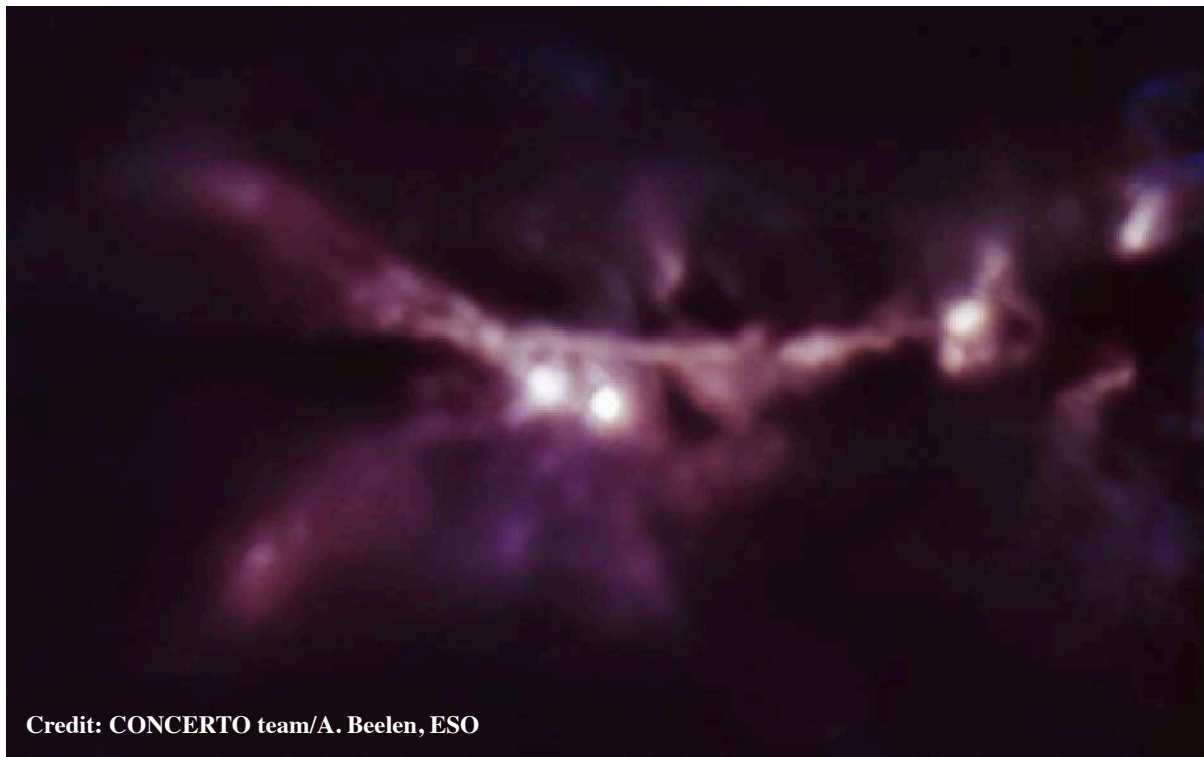


Telescope time: 16 minutes,  
37'x25'

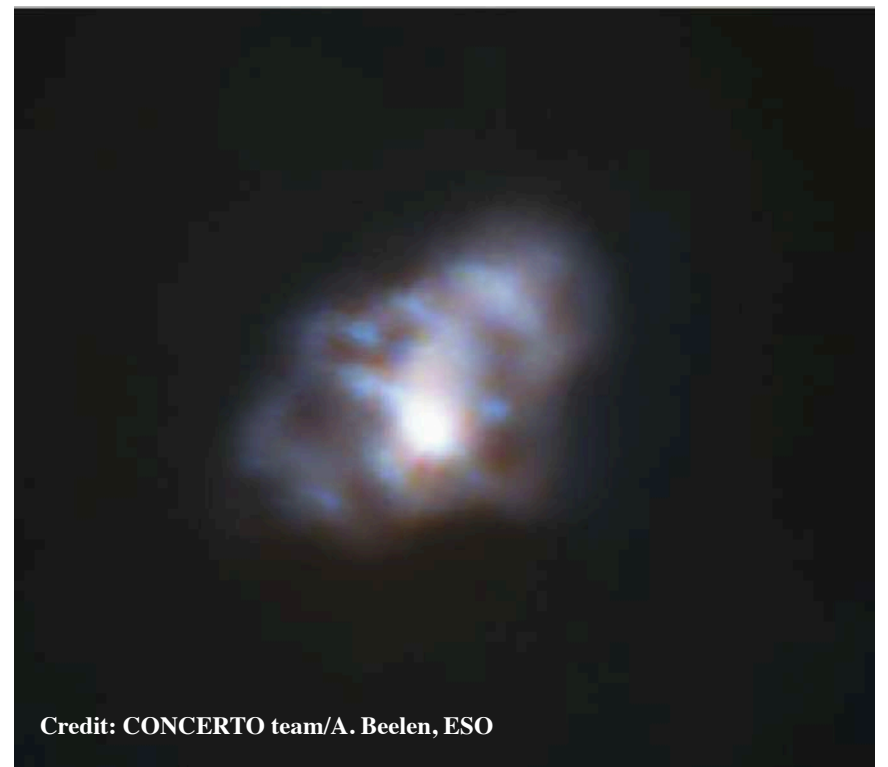
→ Quickly demonstrating the mapping potential in imaging. All the fainter structures in this map are confirmed by existing Artemis, Herschel, SCUBA observations

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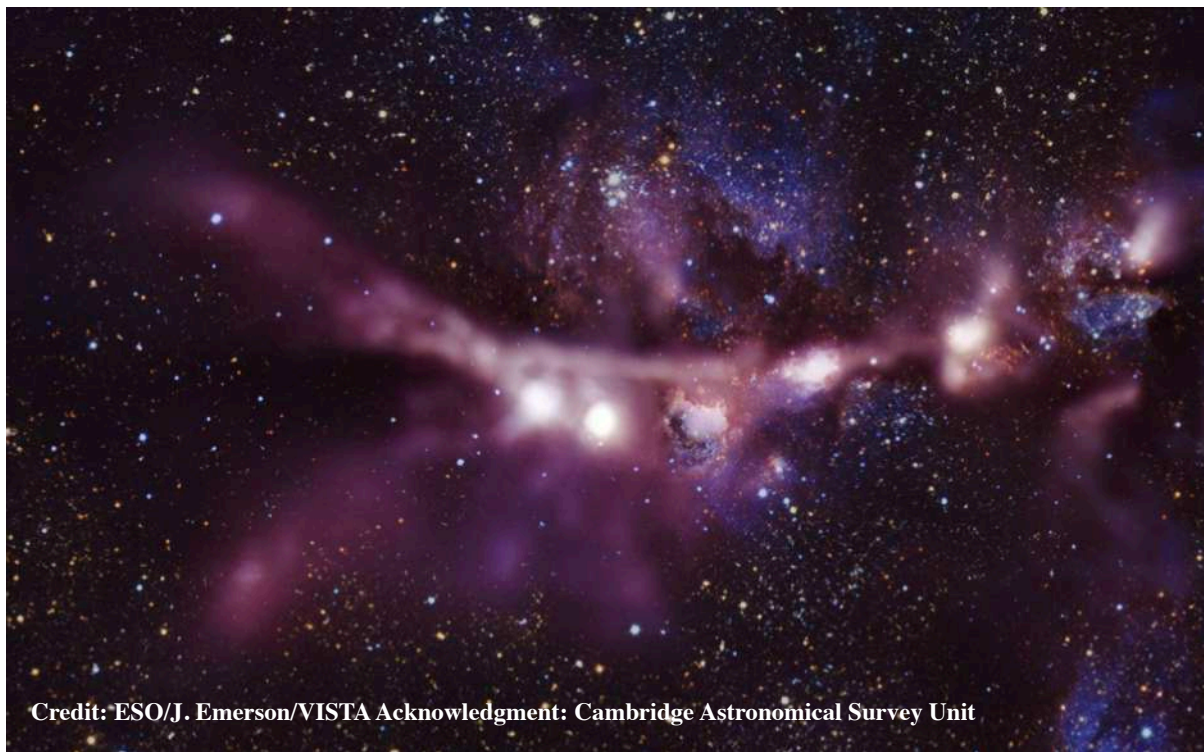




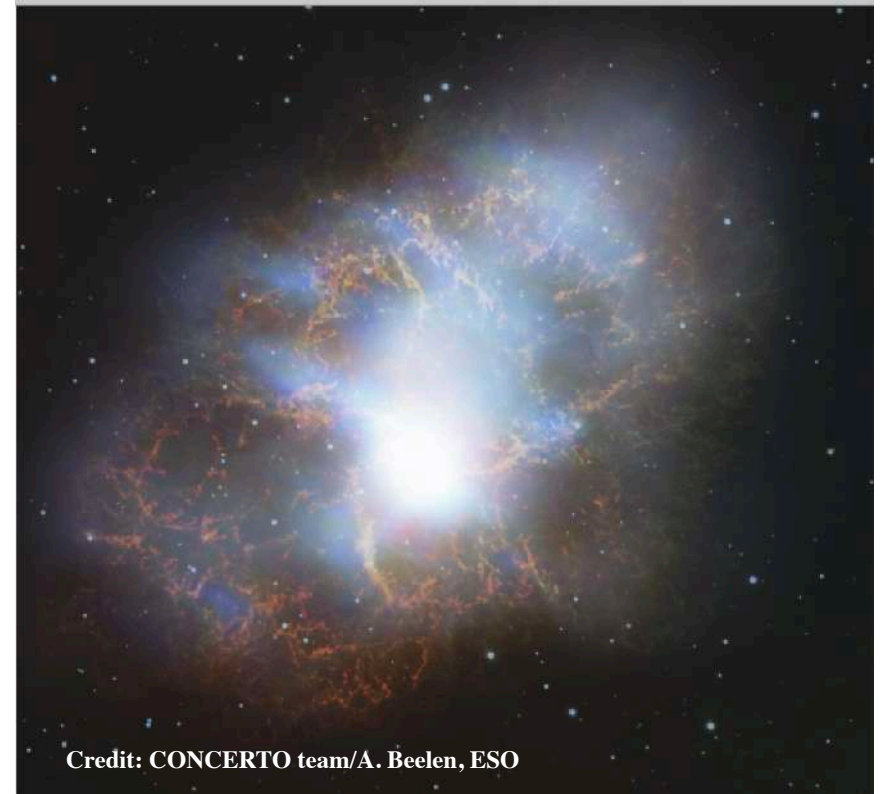
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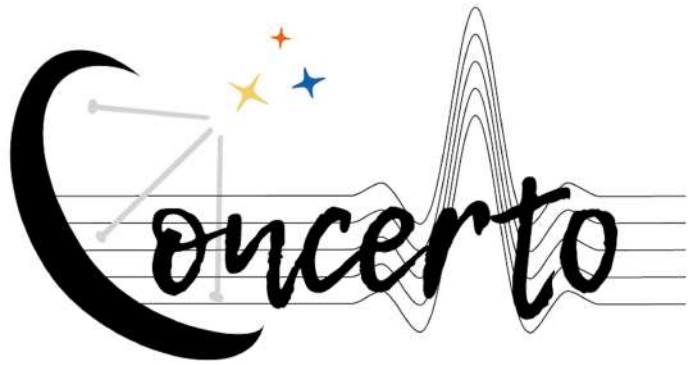


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**SUCCESS !! A human adventure....**  
**CONCERTO is a completely crazy project!**





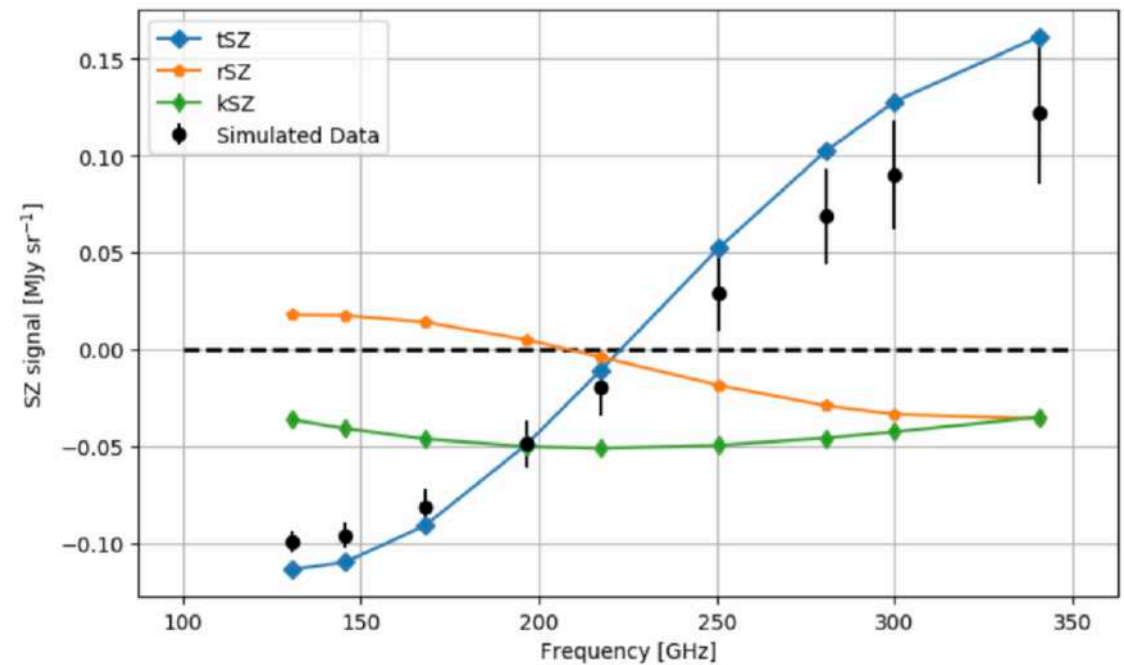
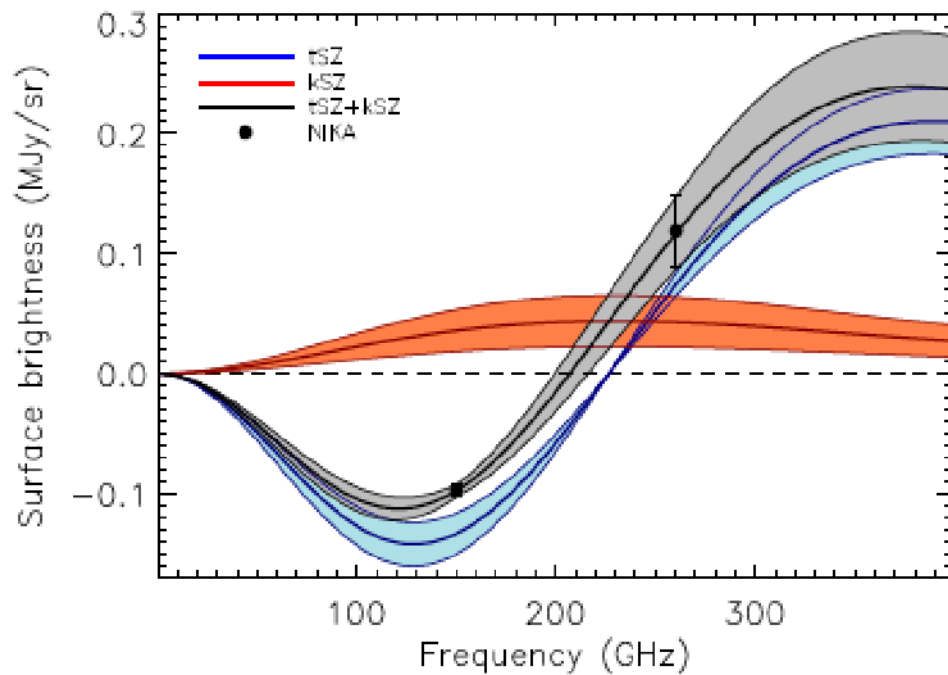
One and a half years later....



- ❖ CONCERTO is offering a generic access to a large FoV and low-frequency resolution spectroscopic instrument.
  
- ❖ After ground-based sub-mm experiments, Herschel and Planck: from broad-band photometry to spectroscopy
  - ❖ Very complementary to the high resolution mode of the SPIRE/Herschel FTS ( $\delta\nu=1.2$  GHz, 191-671 microns) but with a FoV >20 times larger.
  
- ❖ A Multi-purpose instrument:
  - ❖ Galaxy clusters: SZ and gravitationally lensed high-redshift galaxies
  - ❖ Local and high-redshift galaxy surveys
  - ❖ Star-forming regions and high-latitude cirrus clouds
  - ❖ Solar system planets
  
- ❖ Our main scientific interest: Intensity mapping of the [CII] line at  $z>5$



- ❖ CONCERTO enable an accurate separation of the tSZ, kSZ and relativistic corrections, as well as the extraction of the SZ signals from the other astrophysical components
- ❖ FOV well adapted for medium to high- $z$  clusters & angular resolution matters (sub-structures, mergers)



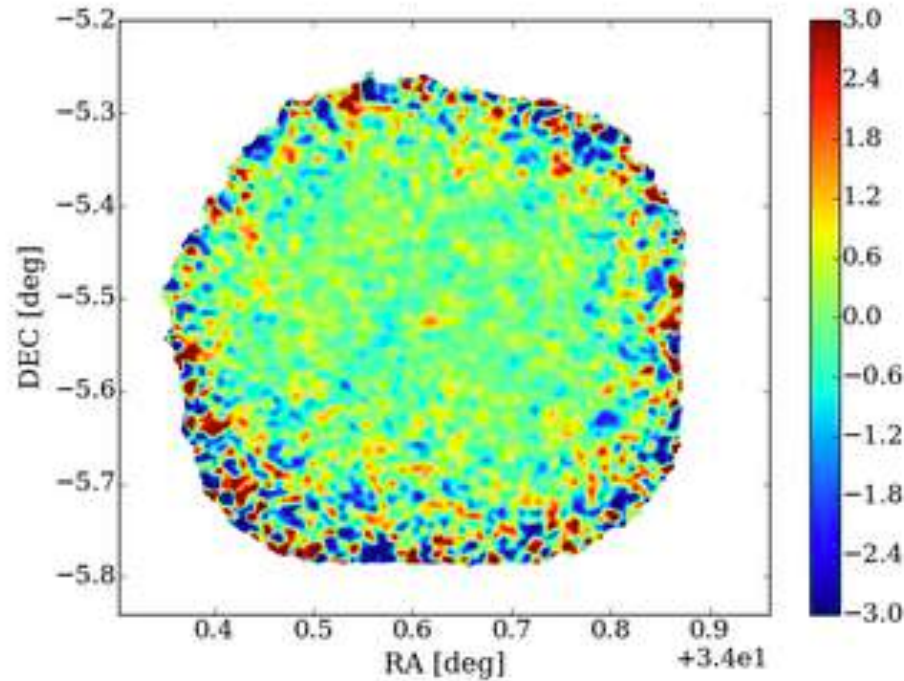
$z=0.5, M=10^{15} M_{\text{sol}}, 20 \text{ hours}$

Adam et al. 2016

NIKA1 observations of MACS J0717.5+3745

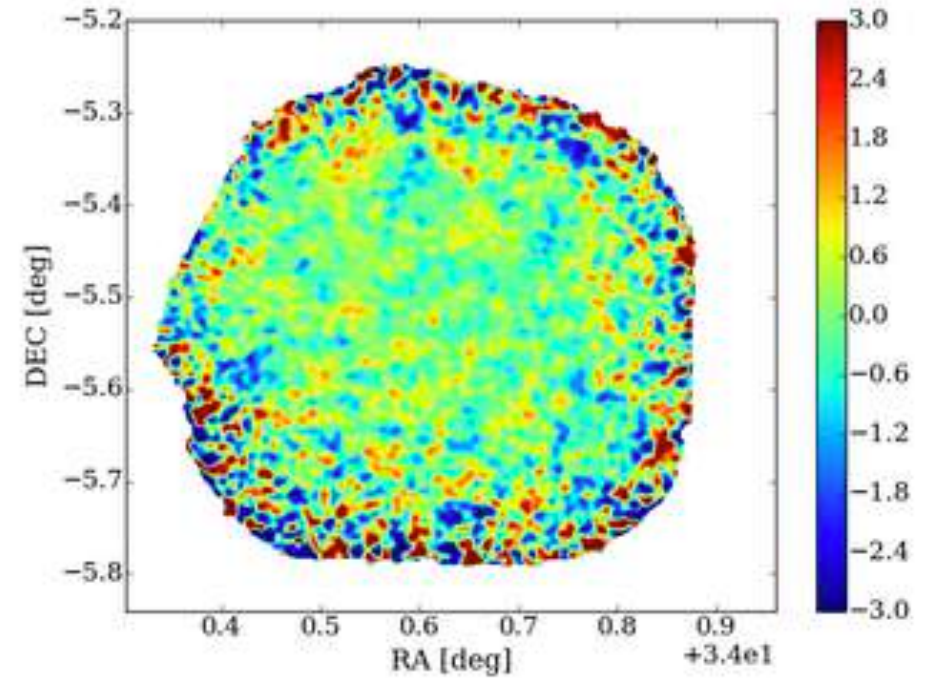
- ❖ First “astro” observations during commissioning: AS2UDS (24/06), RXCJ1206 (26/06)
- ❖ From July to December 2021: 5 remote observing runs and 1 on site. **Routine observations!**
- ❖ Start again on April 20, 2022: 7 observing runs + 5 remote
- ❖ 3 weeks in April 2023
  
- ❖ Simple procedures to start and prepare the instrument before starting the observations. Takes less than 15 minutes. Operating and monitoring the instrument is very smooth: APEX\_manager and interface with instrument setup (acquisition) and quick look (signal, PSD)
  
- ❖ P108: Observations of 2 galaxy clusters
  - ❖ RXJ1347: ESO Open time + Abell 2744: CL time
- ❖ P109: 7 proposals (ESO) + 1 (CL) submitted
  - ❖ 2 ESO were accepted (PIs: Annie Zavagno and Emmanuel Artis for 110.5 hours) + 1 CL
- ❖ P110: 6 proposals (ESO for 265 h) submitted
  - ❖ Clusters - Galactic - SMC: All accepted and already observed
- ❖ **+ COSMOS field (Large Program):**
  - ❖ Starting the OSO+CL+ESO LP on the COSMOS field on 15/07/2021
  - ❖ So far: 700/800 hours (ESO+OSO) + 65 hours (CL) = 765 hours

HF



SNR = 3.3 - 4.6

LF

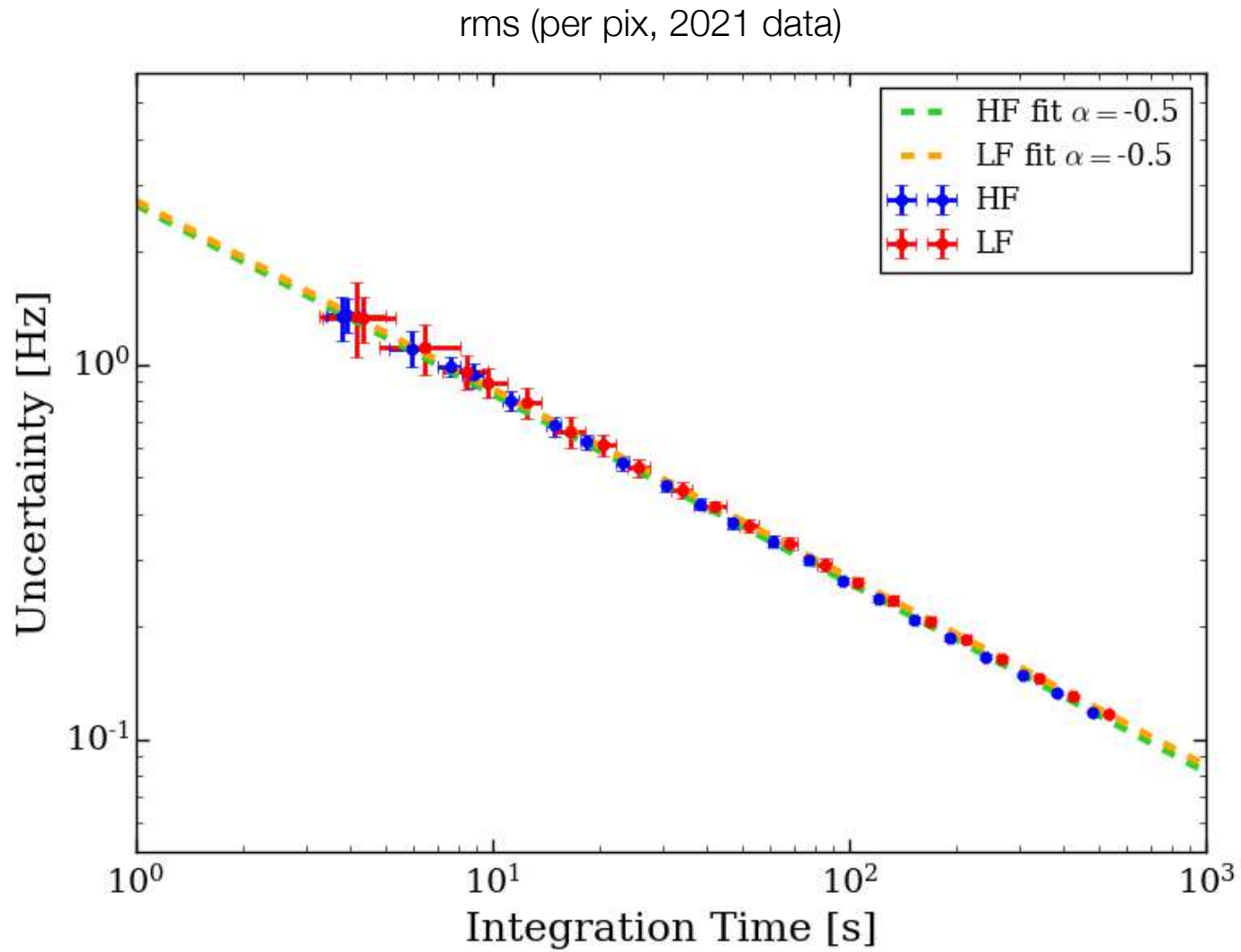


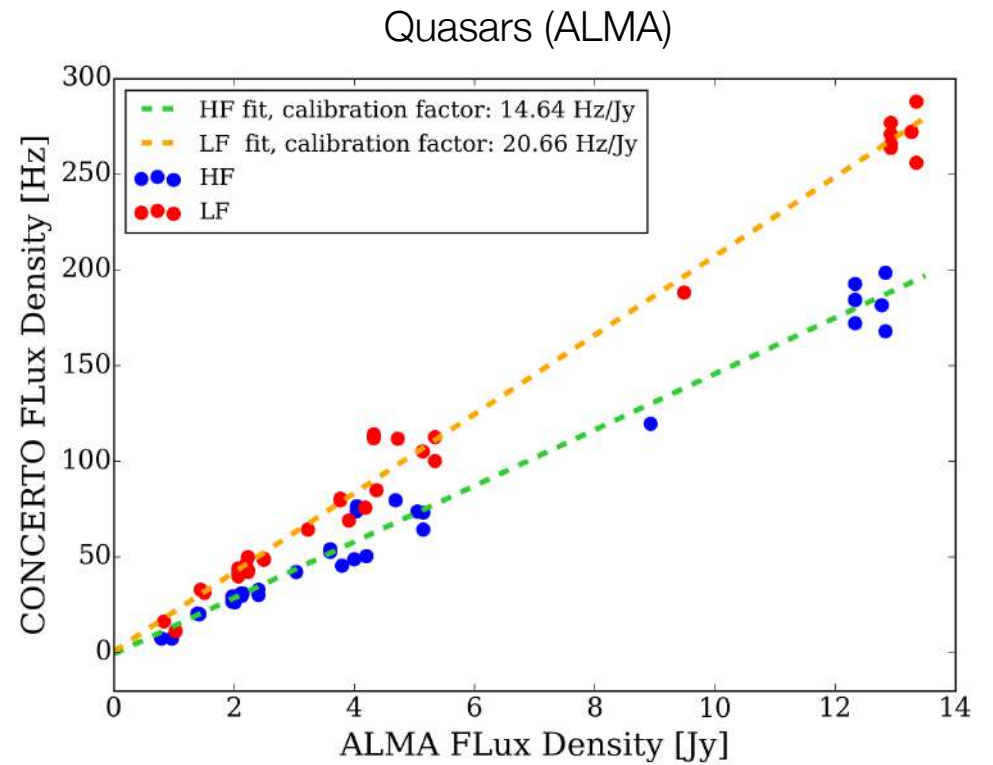
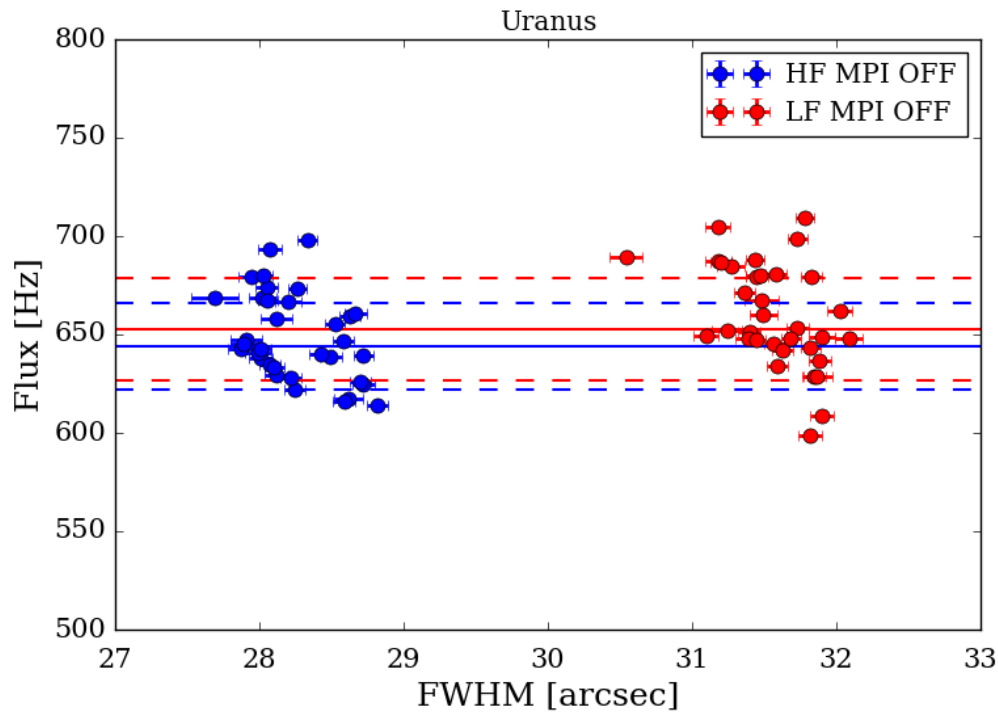
SNR = 2.9 - 3.7

Expected flux at 1.2mm (250 GHz): 13.6-15.2 mJy  
 => Should see the source at 3.3-3.7 sigma.

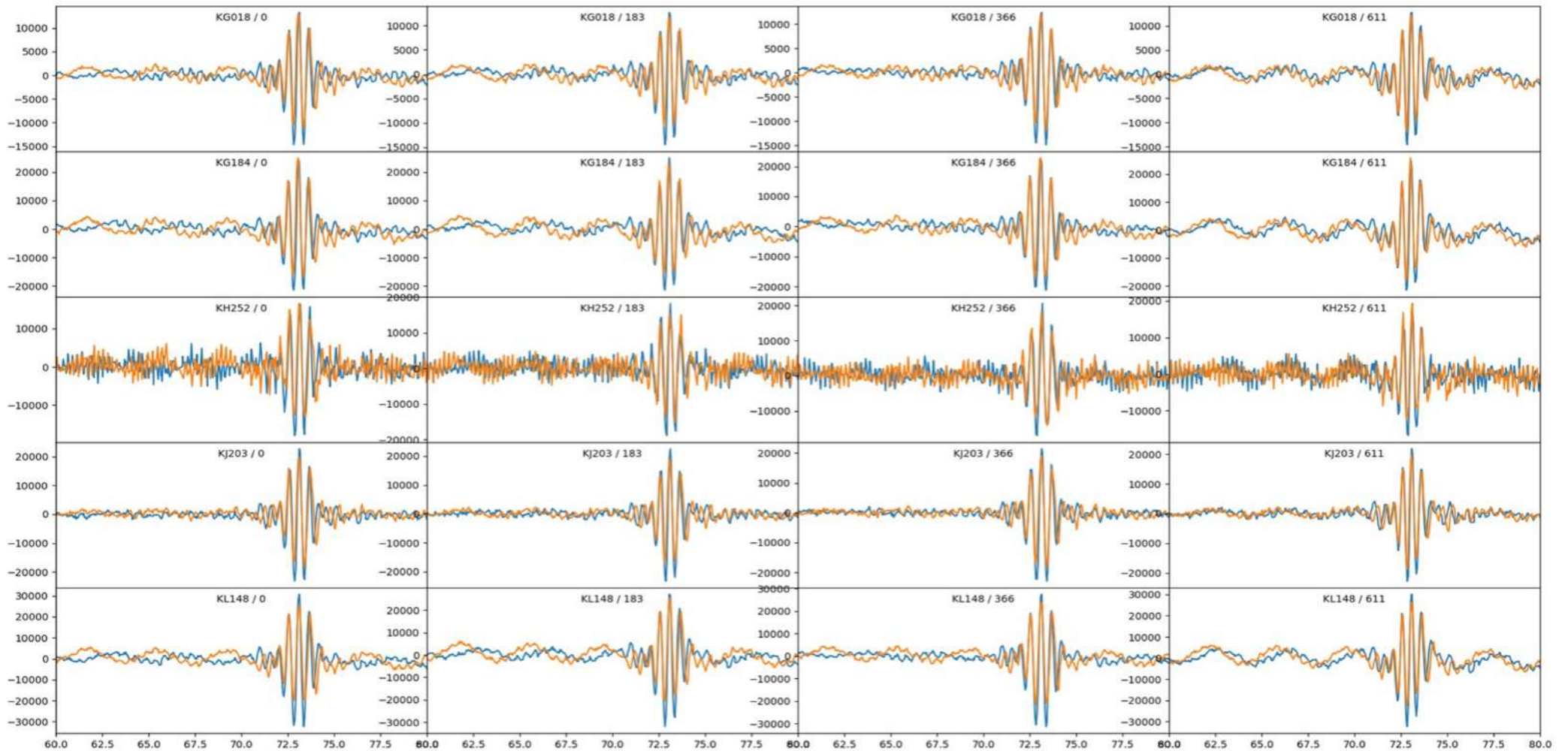
Sensitivity measured on sky (photometric mode) perfectly in line with expectations.







- ❖ KIDS timelines show strong 47ish Hz noise

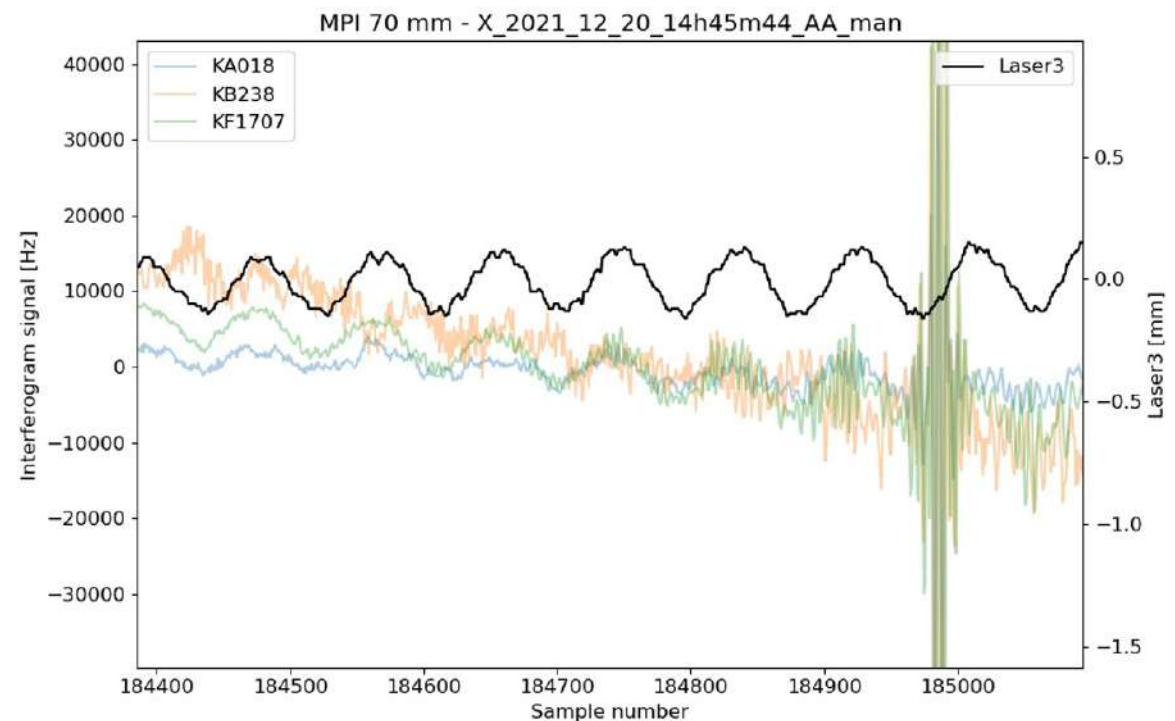




## Acoustic vibrations/deformation of the polariser could explain it all!

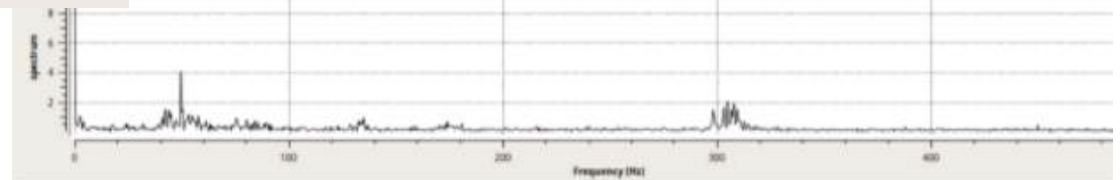
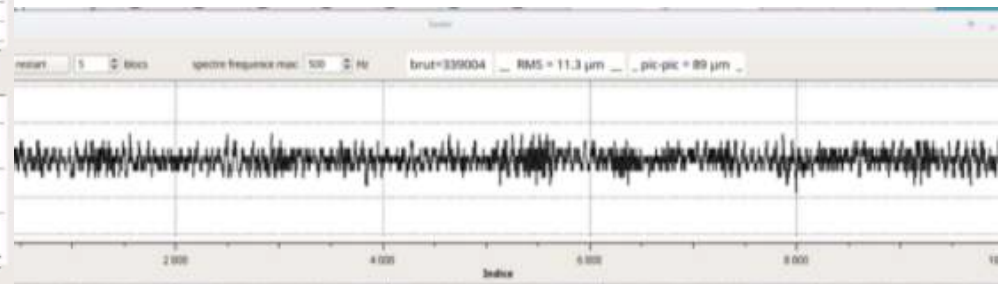
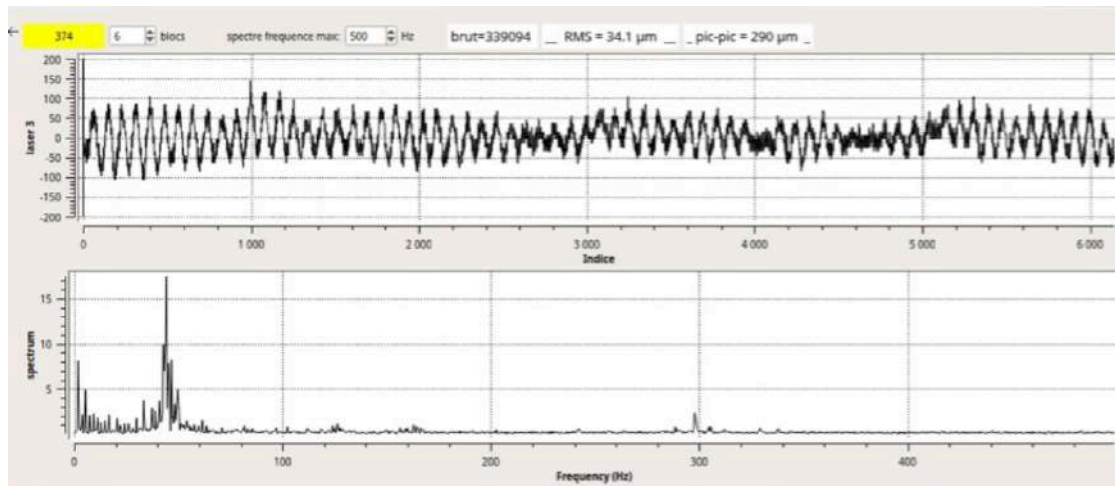
- ❖ The main laser is not measuring the actual optical difference
  - ❖ Problems to get the zero-path difference of the interferograms
- ❖ Additional noise in the KIDS timeline:
  - ❖ Suppression of the noise when MENERGA is off
  - ❖ Additional noise when MPI is on

**A new laser!  
(Dec 2021)**



## Installation of a speaker pointing towards the membrane (Jan 2022)

- ❖ Can excite the membrane
  - ❖ Allows us to derive KIDS response to membrane displacement
  - ❖ Allows us to derive effective correction to OPD
- ❖ Can be use in close-control loop to reduce membrane vibration
  - ❖ Decrease membrane rms by x3 (limited by the laser precision)



We got a hand on the first and **strongest systematic effect** impairing our ability to derive spectra with confidence.

With Laser3, sensitivity in spec already within a factor of 2.

Observing, observing, observing .... in hurry because of the end of CONCERTO in Dec 2022 (May 2023).

..... 180 To of data to analyse

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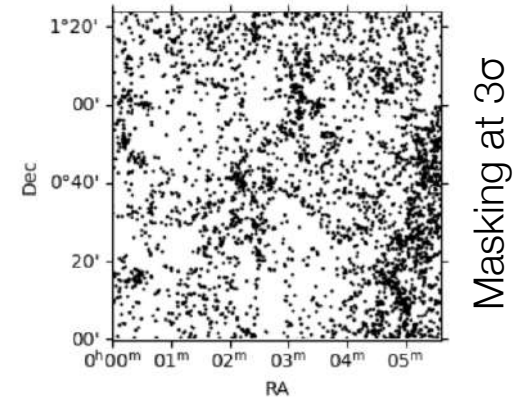




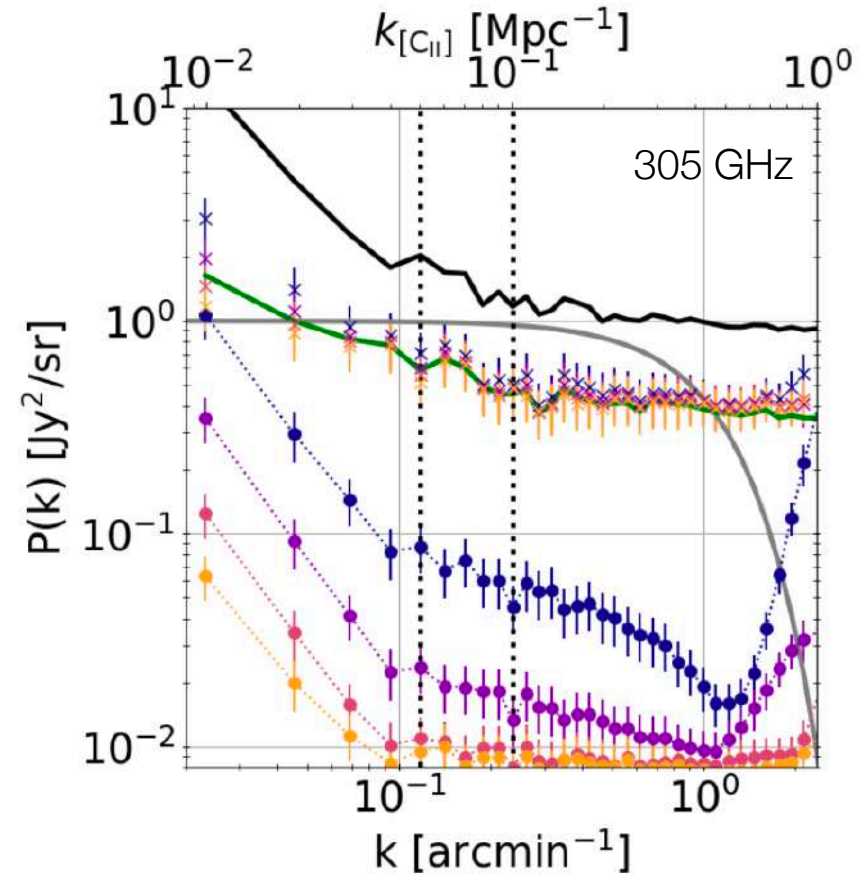
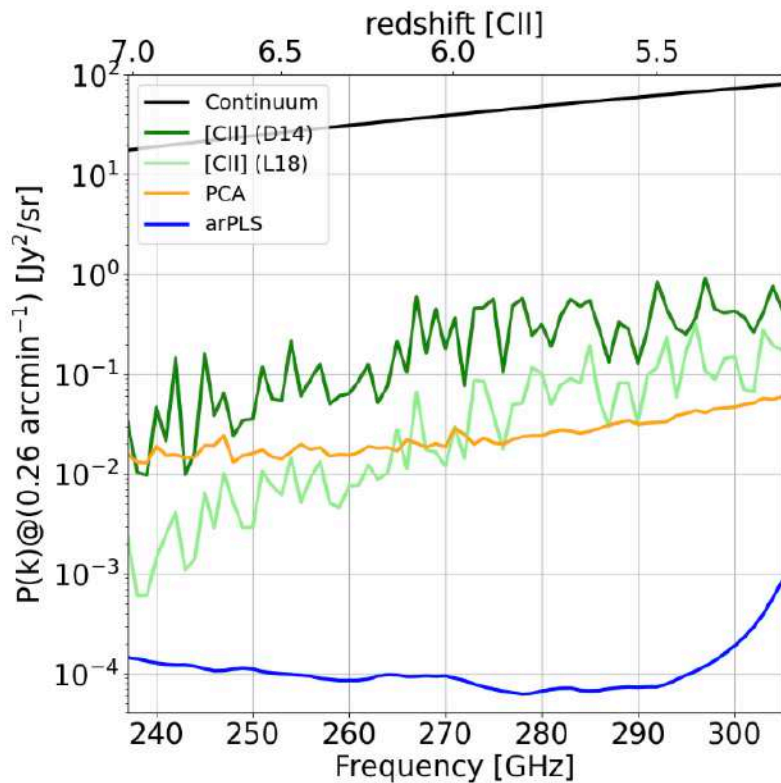
Preparing the interpretation of the [CII] LIM survey:

- Modelling the [CII] and CO power spectra
- Component separation

*Removing the CO contamination*



*Removing the continuum (CIB)*



- ❖ We have constructed and installed a low-resolution (up to  $\delta\nu = 1.5$  GHz) spectrometer operating between 130 and 305 GHz.
  
- ❖ Our main interest: map in 3D the specific intensity due to CII-line emission, a technique known as « Intensity Mapping »
  - ❖ With the CII-dedicated CONCERTO survey, we will map the star formation at  $z > 5.1$ , and in the end of epoch of reionisation
  
- ❖ CONCERTO @ APEX is (was) a unique combination to :
  - ❖ study galaxy cluster physics
  - ❖ probe the gas content of galaxies (CO, Cl, CII, NII, OI lines), the efficiency of star formation
  - ❖ measure the dust mass and emissivity
  - ❖ study the structure of molecular clouds

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