# Les bolomètres submillimétriques du CEA : imagerie, polarimétrie et spectroscopie.





# Submillimeter science for the coming decades

Common ESA and NASA Science themes for the future (not exhaustive) :

- Galaxy evolution, dust and heavy elements through history
- Star formation in the Milky Way and in nearby galaxies
- Formation of planetary disks, exoplanets, study of their chemical properties



## > Needs for a high sensitivity polarimeter camera in the submm 🖥

MonR2: ArTéMiS + Herschel N<sub>H2</sub> map (8" resolution)

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Offset (arcmin)

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Column Density [H<sub>2</sub> cm<sup>-2</sup>]

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The goal : large format high sensitivity detectors in the 50 – 200 µm range

CEA's choice : 16x16 Silicon array of bolometers working at 300 mK



Thermal Link





<sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> Wave Cavity

All Silicon » design
 Very High impedance (~ GOhm)

$$R = R_0 \exp\left(\sqrt{\frac{T_0}{T}}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{qL_{(T)}E}{kT}\right)$$

-**Very High Response** -> 2.10<sup>10</sup>V/W

- Cryogenic Multiplexing (MOS) : 16 to 1
- **NEP** ~ 2.10<sup>-16</sup> W/√Hz at 300 mK



Thermometer

## Herschel / PACS Legacy (2009–2013)



#### **PACS Photometer**

- 2560 pixels, 3 bands (70, 100, 160 μm) 30% of observing time, most used instrument
- (40 % if parallel mode included)





Cygnus X Herschel PACS & SPIRE Credits: ESA/PACS/SPIRE/Martin Hennemann & Frédérique Motte

## ArTéMiS on APEX : A Dual Band camera (350 & 450 µm) since 2013, still operating









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#### PILOT : Polarimetry with 1st generation bolometers



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## « Si Technology is not (completely) dead...! »

#### RESOLVE onboard the JAXA-NASA XRISM Mission



Launch in 2023



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## Why Silicon bolometers?

# Pushing the limits of this technology

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B-BOP's polarimetric bolometers



- Silicon is an amazing material : very high thermal resistance can be reached at low temperature => high sensitivity
- Si micro-machining enables to design complex pixel structures to build compact space instruments
- No Need of Magn. shielding
- High Sensitivity Imaging-Polarimetry inside the pixel is a direct application of these possibilities
- Also, « High impedance » is compatible with CMOS classical electronics that works at 50 mK (EU CESAR project).
- In 2016, we joined the SPICA mission with the B-BOP Instrument : a 3 bands imaging polarimeter (70, 200 and 350 μm)

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Science Case : Magnetic Field in the ISM

## The B-BOP Detectors



Absorber and thermometer

Pads

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## Electro-thermal scheme of the pixel

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#### H Dipoles

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Pads

## Electro-thermal scheme of the pixel

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V Dipoles

## Electro-thermal scheme of the pixel

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H+V Dipoles

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#### « ECLIPSE » : the 50 mK readout electronics

256 pixels with 6 readout units in each pixel=>1536 readout units

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With this Wheatstone bridge circuit, for each pixel we get :

- Differential polarization unbalance between H and V signals
- Differential amplitude signal

The ADC's are optimized to adapt to the **very different dynamic ranges.** 

## Testing the Arrays

Extreme challenge : the optical background is ~ fW/pixel

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30K Optical source, using concentric emitting rings

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- Main parameters have been measured at cold temperature
  - Very good results -> below SPICA BBOP Goal for NEP
  - Challenges : thermal issues (readout currents), full MUX demonstration

### B-BOP, the instrument on SPICA

« Simple & Compact Design » : No moving part, no rotating plate (except for calibrator unit), no Magn. Shield.
Big Advantage on the System Point of View

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- The Focal Plane Assembly contains 6 bolometer modules (1344 bolometers in total). It is a « 3 levels » system : 2K housing, 300mK and 50mK stage (structures suspended by Kevlar wires)
  - Mass ~ 25 kg (63 kg including warm electronics)
  - Power : 86 W (warm electronics)
  - Power dissipation @ 50 mK
     ~1 μW

## B-BOP on a 10m single dish in space (Case study for Millimetron)

- 6 broad spectral bands (R=2) centered at 70, 100, 160, 250, 350 and 500 μm
- No dichroic. At a given time, each band observe a different field of the sky
- Pixel size adjusted to be slightly below FWHM (except band 1)

#### **Camera optics:**

- 3 optical path for the 6 bands
- "offner"-like systems: 3 mirrors (spherical or ellipsoid) to make a focal plane with a good optical quality and appropriate plate scale
   Fits in the allocated volume

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The typical observing mode for such an instrument is OTF scanning. In a « large » map, the 6 Focal Plane Arrays will cover almost the same surface on sky.

# Adding (mid-R) Spectroscopy to the Array

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#### (1) A Compact Scanning Fabry-Perot

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(2) A Bayer Filter Array

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# Spectroscopy – Preliminary results (R ~ 200 / 300)

Adjustable cryogenic Fabry-Perot made of Si Bragg mirrors

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Adjustable cryogenic Fabry-Perot made of Si Bragg mirrors

Stationary array of Fabry-Perot made of microstructures Si.

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# What's Next?

• CO-PILOT (?)

(C+@158 μm)

• Artémis2– Future Large ground-based telescopes (atmospheric bands at 350 / 450 μm)

• Neostars : Very long duration flights with HAPS (High Altitude Pseudo-Satellites – up to 1 year @ ~ 25 km)

• Voyage 2050 / ASTRO2020 (ISM, CMB spectral distorsions, LIM)

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## Summary

- We push Silicon technology to its limits : high sensitivity & in-pixel functions
- The in-pixel polarimetry enables very compact and simple instrument (no moving part) – Optimization of the system
- Robust & High TRL : Herschel heritage, PhaseA study for SPICA
- Challenges on RO electronics / Detection layer on thermal aspects / MUX
- Opportunities toward Artemis2, balloon experiments

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## Fundings

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#### **B-BOP Polarization Sensitivity**

# Surface Brightness Sensitivity [MJy.sr<sup>-1</sup>] of BBOP for polarimetric imaging.

- total surface-brightness level required to detect polarization at  $7\sigma$  (p/ $\sigma$ =7)
- 5% fraction polarization
- NEP = 3.10<sup>-18</sup> WHz<sup>-1/2</sup>
- Background includes:
  - Zodiacal light, ISM, CIB, CMB at location typical of low-emission Galactic regions
  - Telescope
  - Instrument optics (transmission 50%)

#### 70 μm Band : 1024 pixels 200 μm Band: 256 pixels 350 μm Band : 64 pixels

Instrument	Diameter [m]	Telescope Temperature [K]
SPICA	1.8	8
Millimetron	10	45
SALTUS	14	45 & 30
APEX (4096 pixels)	12	270

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