

CMB detectors

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Neutrino physics from CMB measurements

[Presentation from Yuuki Omori and Jessie Muir](#)

[CMB-S4 Science Book](#)

- Effective number of neutrino species (N_{eff})
 - Sensitive to sterile neutrinos and other light particles

- Sum of neutrino masses

→ Large sky areas at CMB-dominated frequencies ($\sim 70\text{-}240$ GHz) with \sim arcmin resolution → large-aperture (5-10 m) telescopes **with lots of detectors**

Optical depth τ from scattering during reionization

- Changes overall normalization of CMB anisotropies

→ Measure large-scale ($\ell < 20$, few-degree resolution) polarization → small-aperture (25-75 cm) telescopes **with lots of detectors**

CMB experiments for dummies

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Telescope



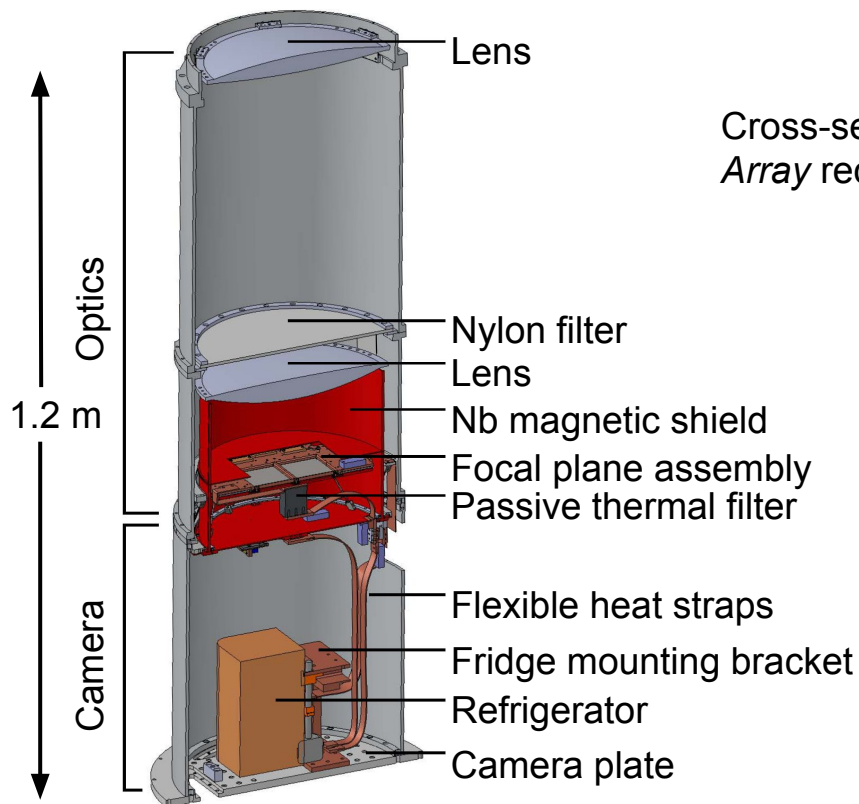
South Pole Telescope (SPT)

BICEP3

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Telescope

Receiver



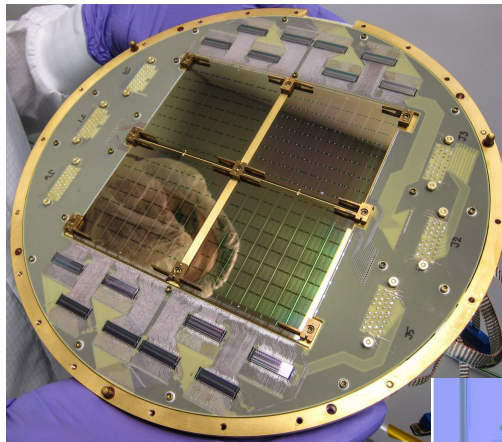
Cross-section CAD of *Keck Array* receiver

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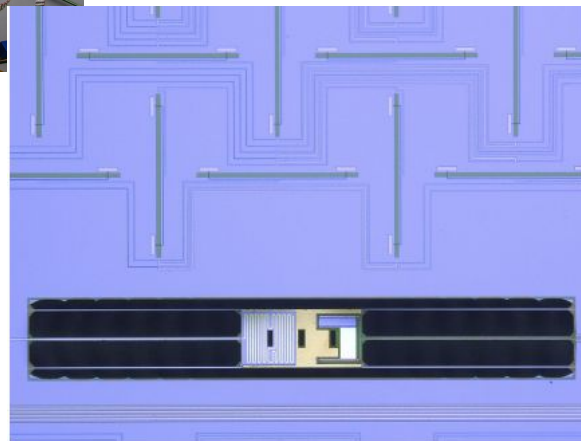
Receiver

Focal plane



Keck focal plane
(250 mK)

Slot antennas +
transition-edge
sensors (TESs)



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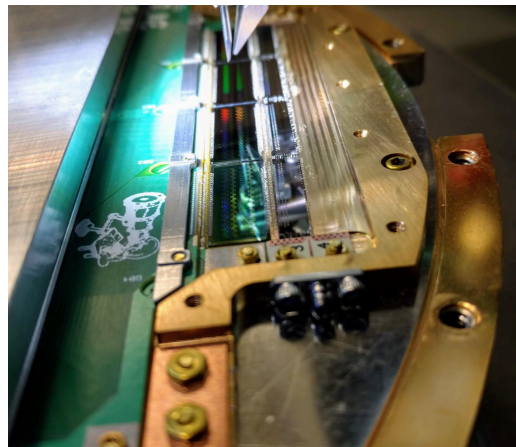
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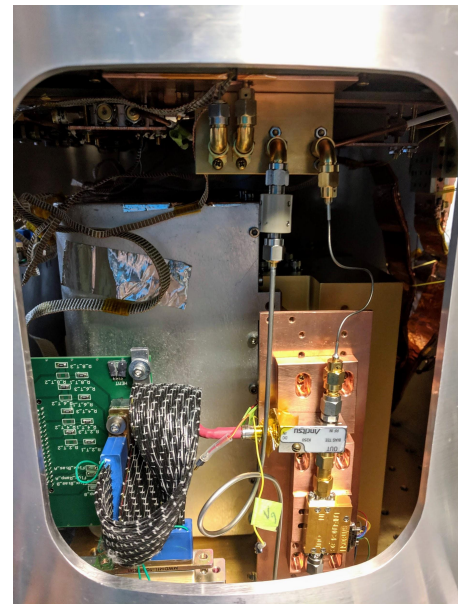
Readout



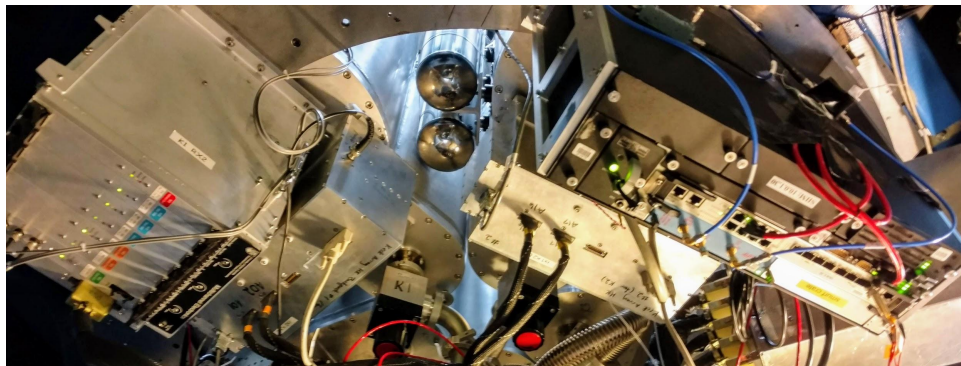
Cryogenic
multiplexing
components
(250 mK)



Intermediate-temperature (4-50 K)
amplifiers, leads, etc.



Room-temperature
electronics



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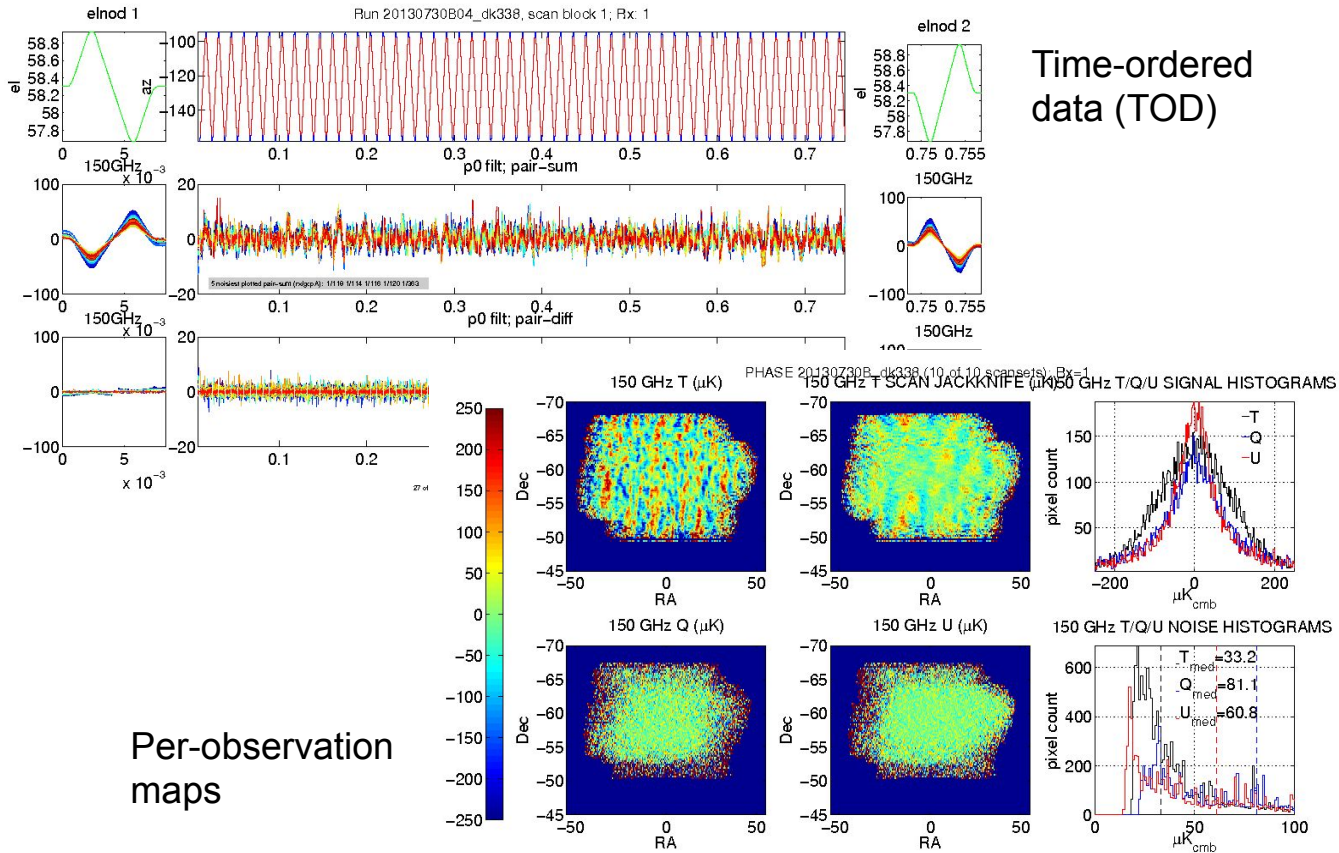
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Data 



Time-ordered data (TOD)

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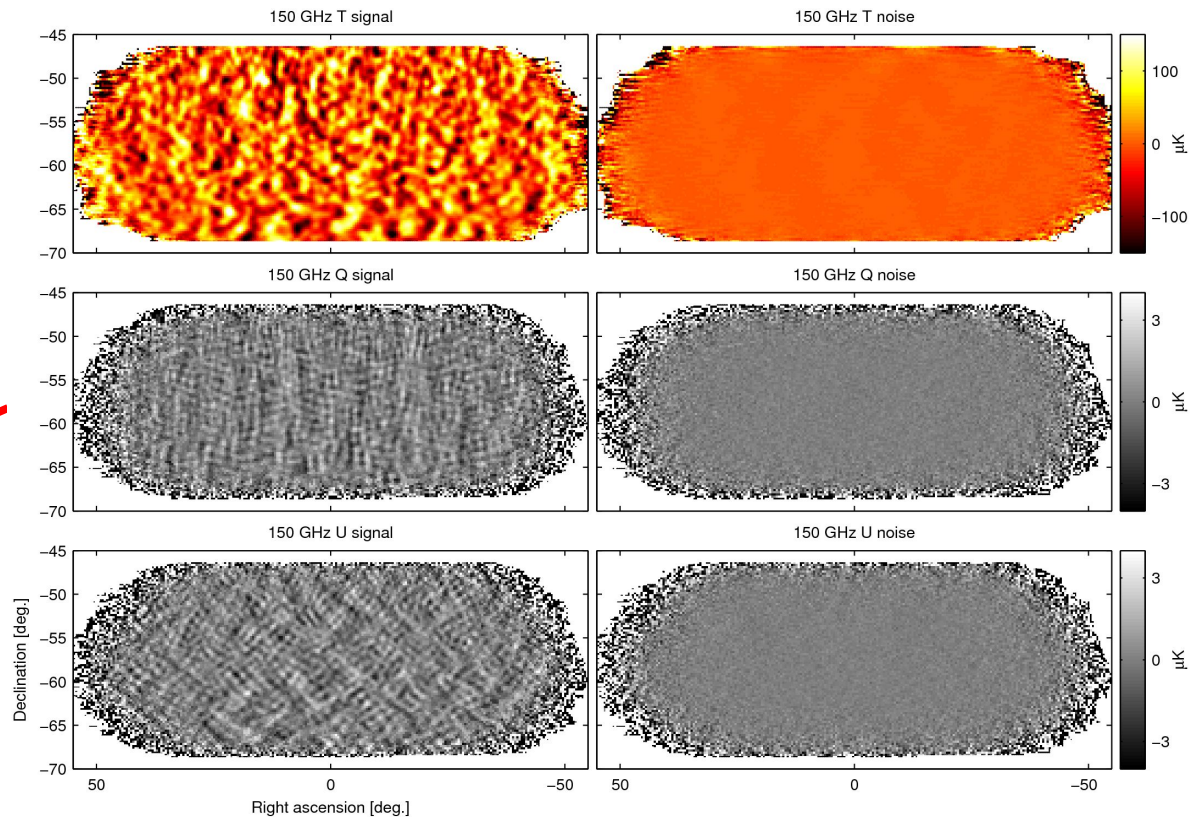
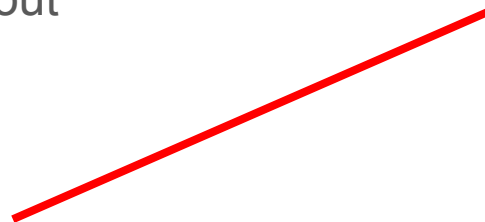
Receiver

Focal plane

Readout

Data

Maps



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The fun doesn't stop there, but I will.

- Simulations
- Foreground cleaning
- Power spectrum
- Non-Gaussian statistics
- Cosmological parameter estimation
- Cross correlation

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CMB photons



Telescope optics couple radiation to focal plane



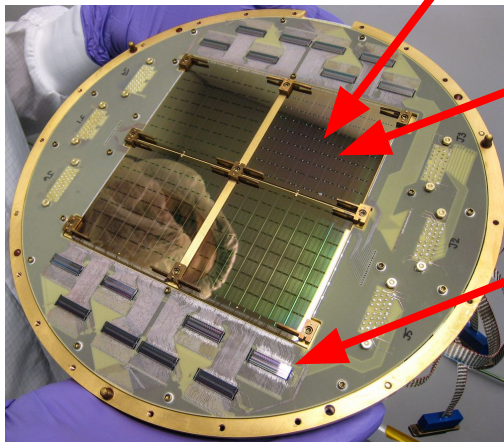
Antenna couples radiation to transmission line



Bolometer (detector) converts radiation to heat



Readout circuit converts temperature to current



Keck Array focal plane

[CMB-S4 Technology Book](#)

Detector fabrication

Class-100 clean rooms

~10-layer process

UV photolithography

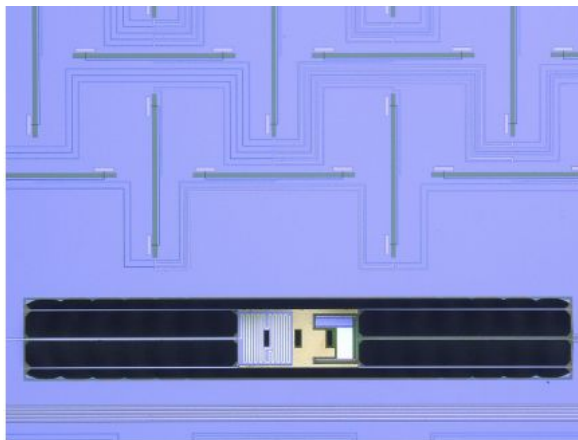
- Smallest features are $\sim 0.5 \mu\text{m}$

CMB fabrication sites have been Berkeley,
NIST (Boulder), JPL, Argonne

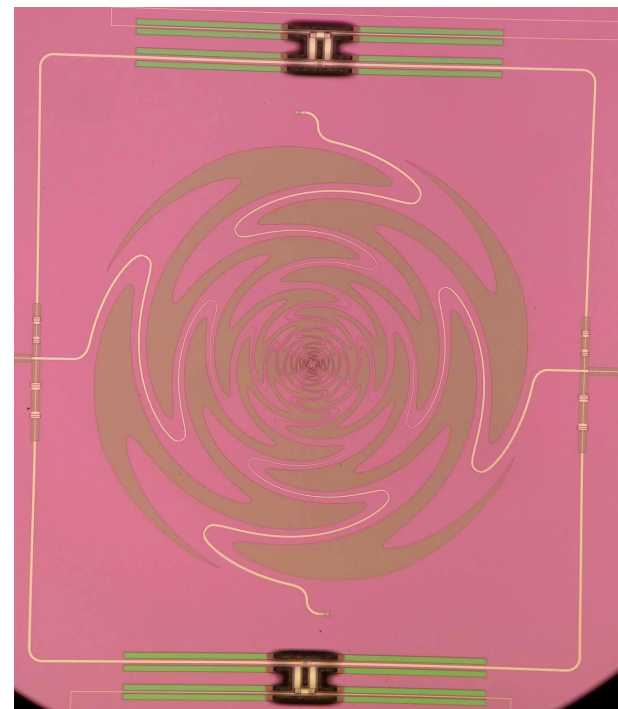


Portrait of the artist as a
third-year graduate student

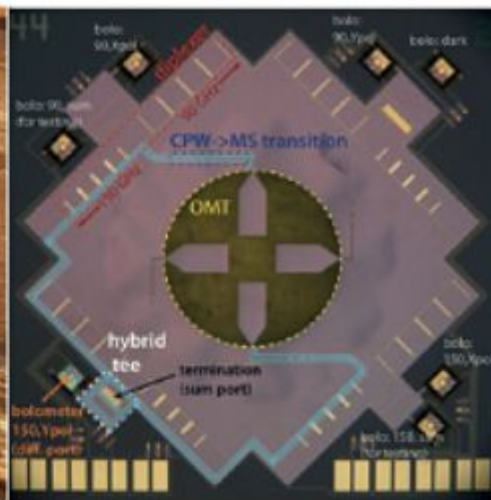
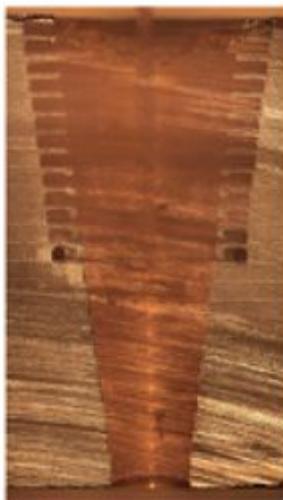
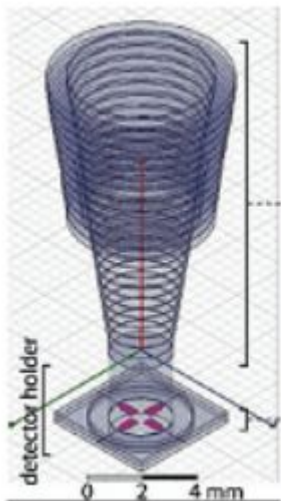
Antennas



Slot-dipole phased array



Sinuous antenna



Feedhorn coupled to orthomode transducer

Bolometers

*Oh, Langley devised the **bolometer**.*

It's really a kind of thermometer

That can measure the heat

From a polar bear's feet

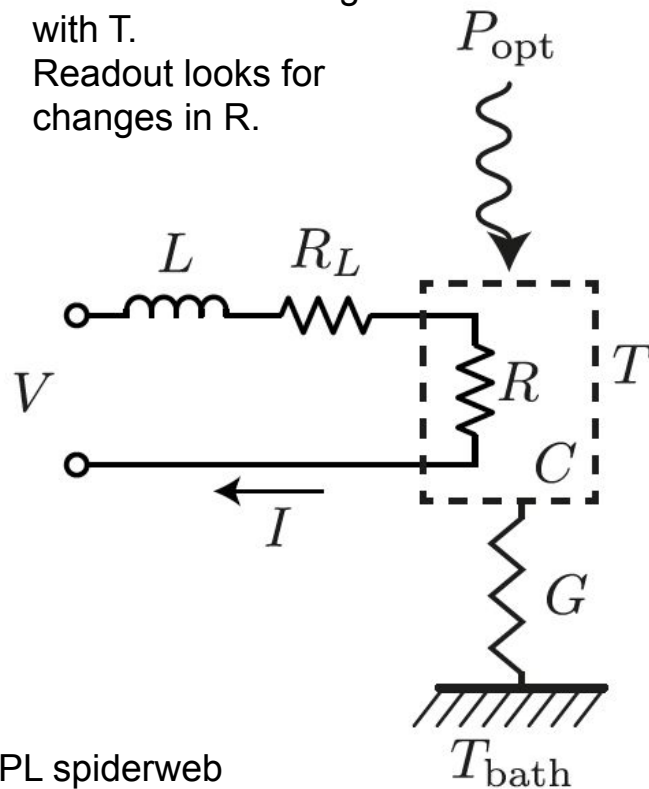
At a distance of half a kilometer.



Samuel P. Langley (1834-1907)



Thermistor R changes with T .
Readout looks for changes in R .

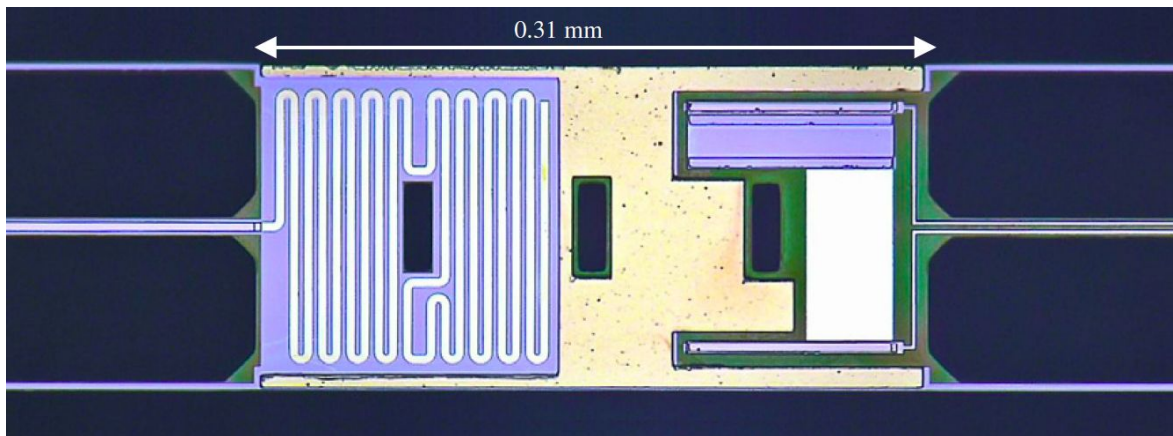
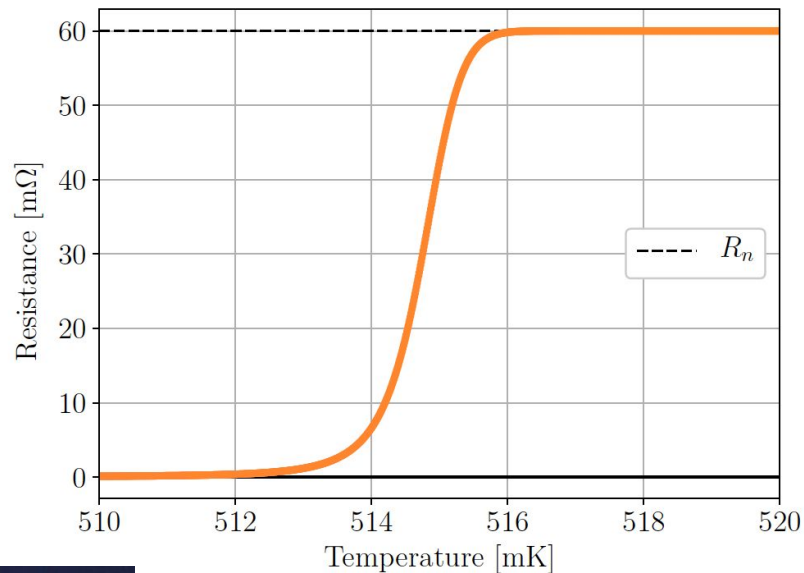


JPL spiderweb bolometer

Transition-edge sensor (TES)

[Irwin, Hilton, 2005](#)

Steep temperature dependence near superconducting transition

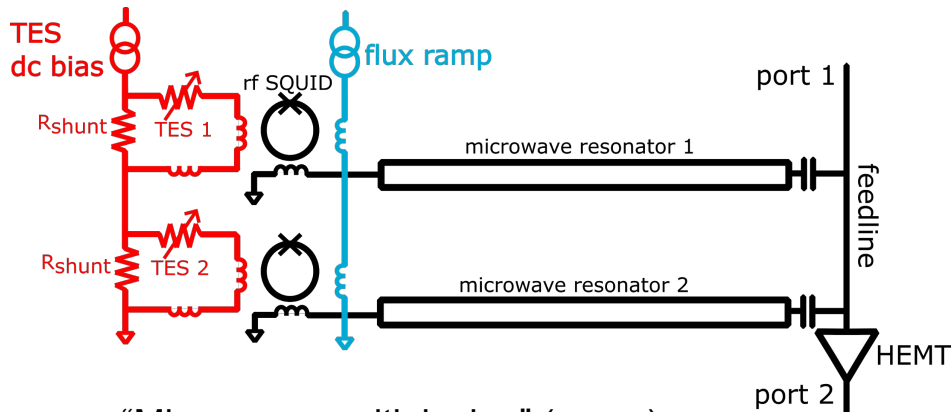


BICEP TES

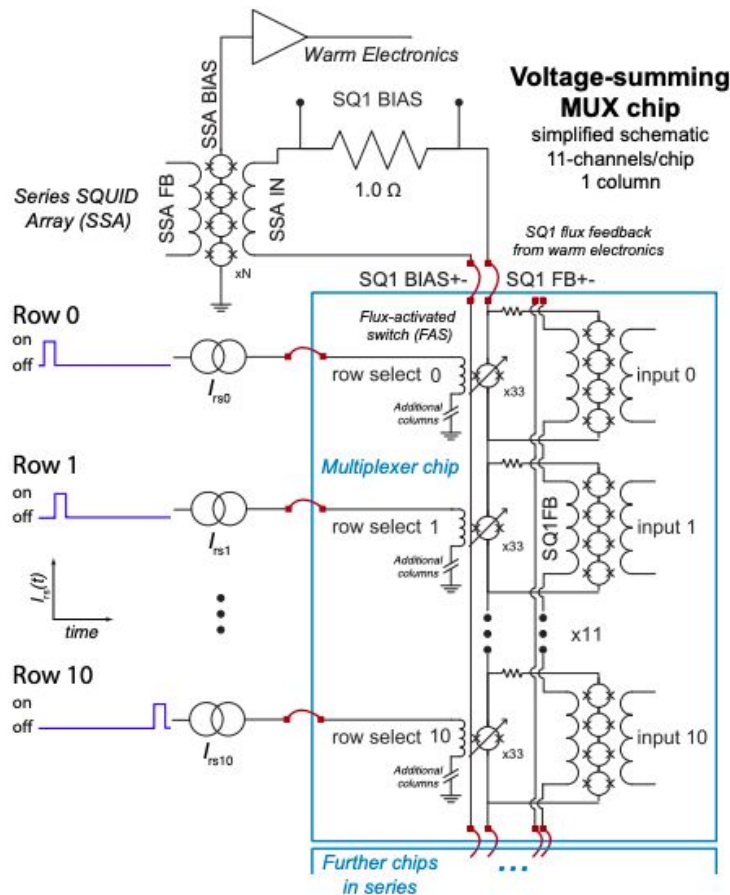
Readout multiplexing

Address multiple (50-2000) detectors with a single cable

→ Simplification + thermal insulation



“Microwave multiplexing” (μ mux)



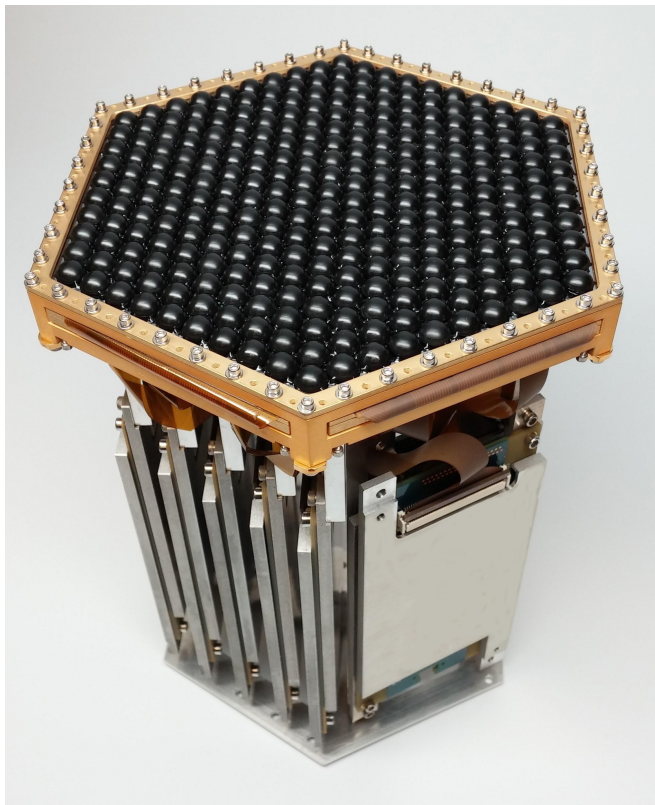
Time-division multiplexing (TDM)

Detector arrays

O(1000) TESs per wafer

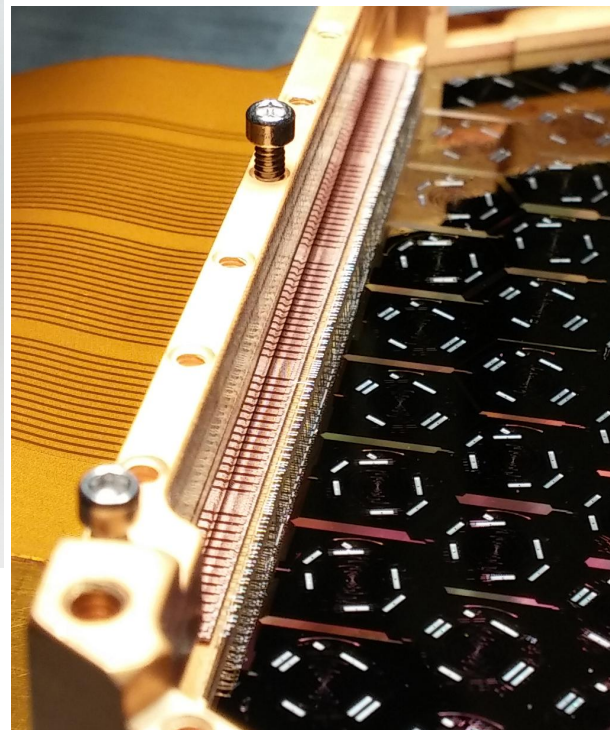
6" wafer fabrication

“Detector module”
integrates detectors with
cryogenic readout
components



POLARBEAR-2 detector module

Lots of wire bonds bring TES
leads off wafer



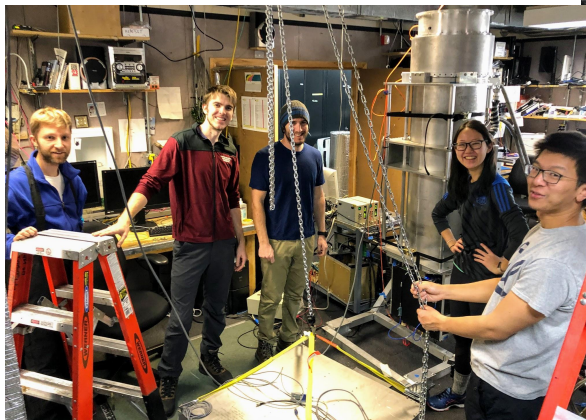
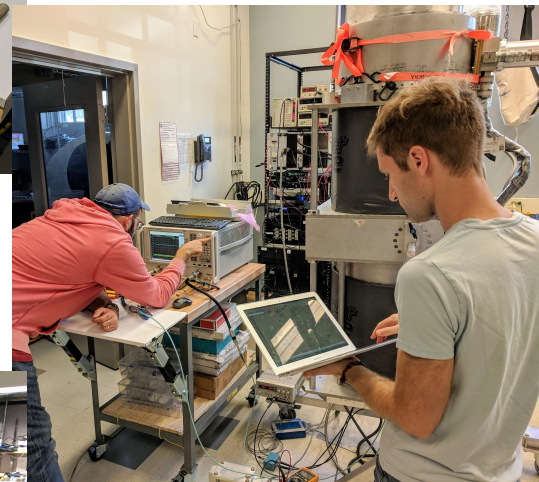
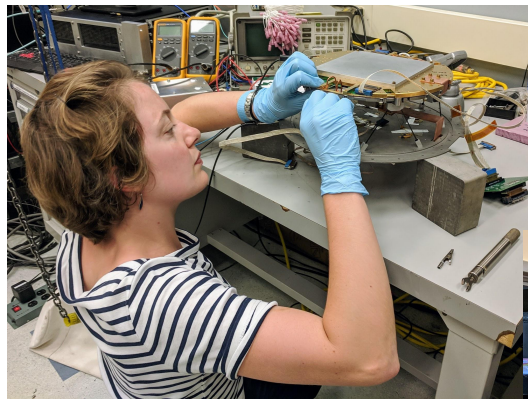
Integration and testing

Install detectors and readout in cryostat

Cool to $O(100 \text{ mK})$

- Takes days/weeks

Test TESs, readout, data handling, control software, antennas, microwave circuitry, cryogenics, etc.



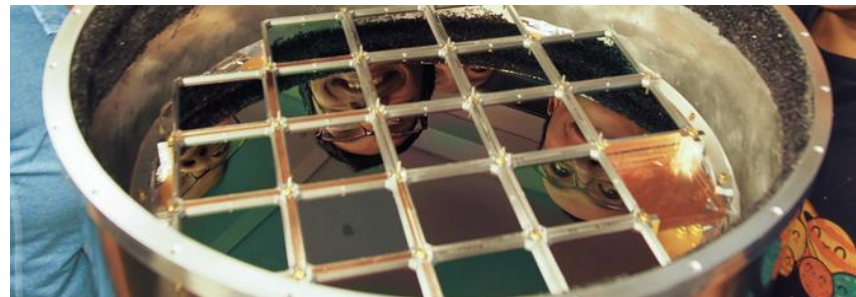
SLAC/Stanford

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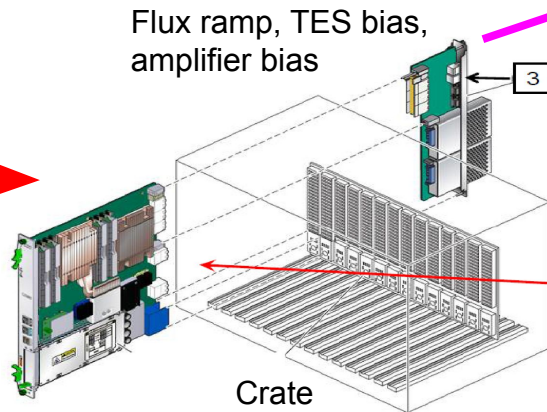
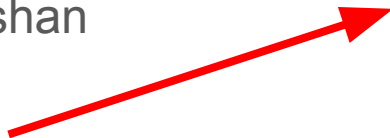
- Chao-Lin Kuo, Zeeshan Ahmed
- BICEP3 integration
- BICEP, SPT testing and technology development

Microwave multiplexing (umux)

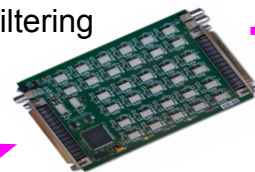
- Kent Irwin, Zeeshan Ahmed, Joe Frisch
- SMuRF electronics
- Testing
- Development



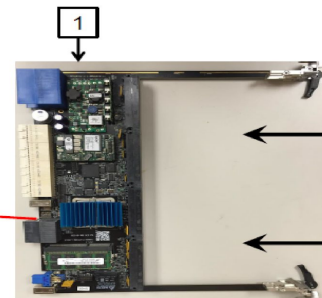
BICEP3 focal plane



Filtering

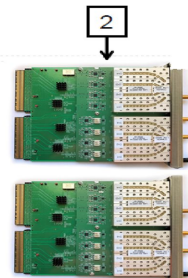


Cryostat



FPGA carrier

uwave tone generation



Cosmic neutrino background

Cosmic neutrino background (CνB)

Neutrinos decouple at $t \sim 1$ s ($T \sim 1$ MeV)

- Freestreaming neutrinos form CνB
- Cosmic neutrinos dominate at $T \sim$ meV today

Tritium endpoint

- Distinguish beta decay from neutrino capture
- Look for electrons beyond the tritium beta-decay endpoint
- Must resolve the endpoint (similar to neutrino mass experiments)

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- ~ 100 g tritium \rightarrow $O(10)$ events per year