

Far-infrared intensity interferometry for future space mission

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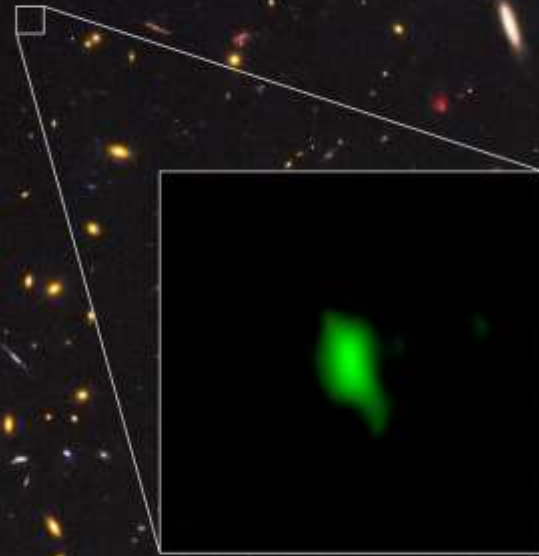
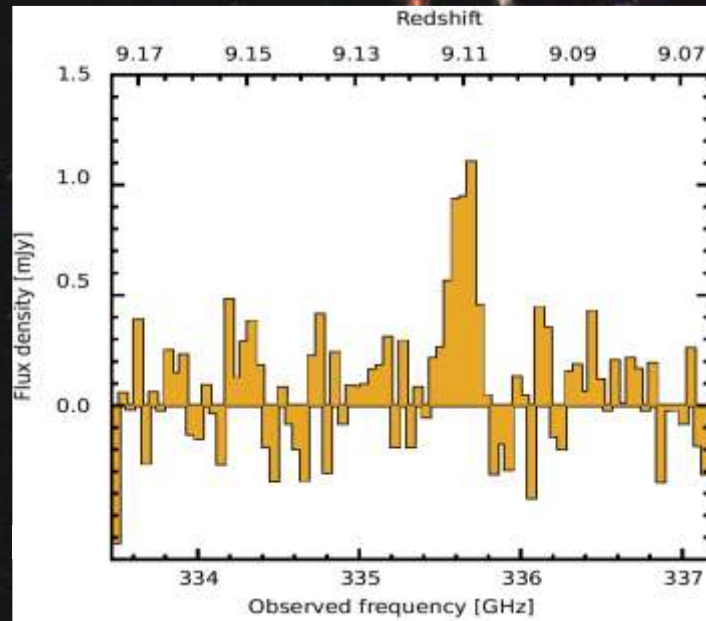
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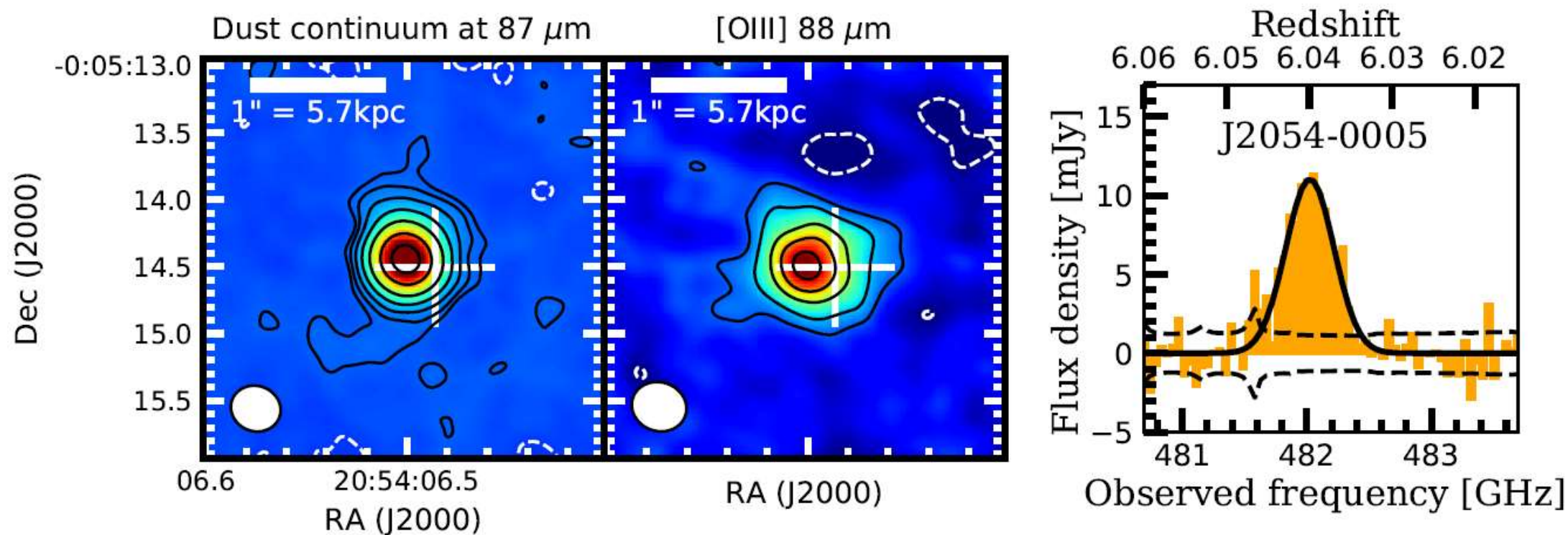
Contents

- High angular resolution Far-IR observations
- HBT intensity interferometry
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- Merit of direct detectors
- Possible future programs

MACS1149-JD1
 $z=9.11$ by [OIII] $88 \mu\text{m}$ (3.4 THz)

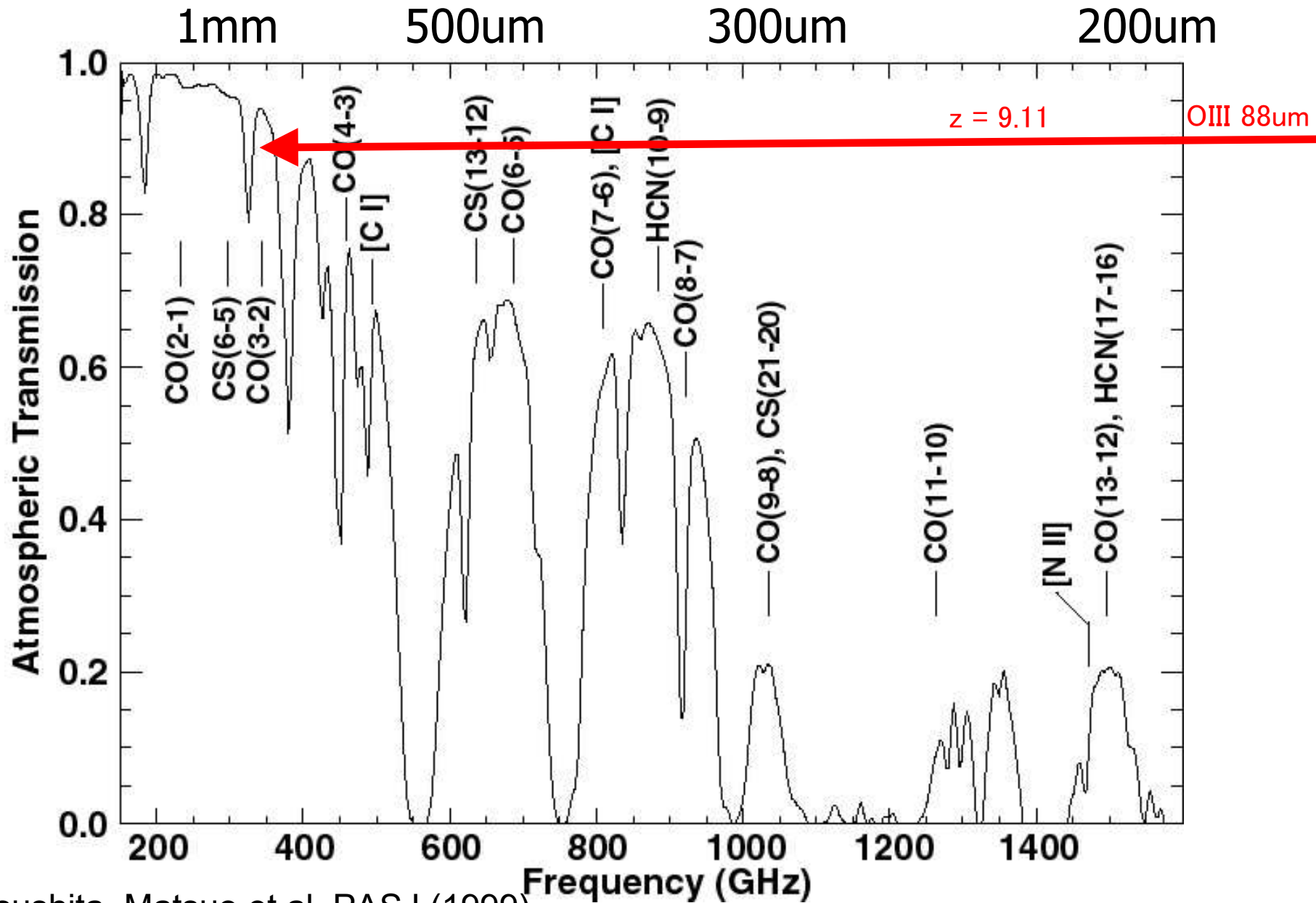


Strong [OIII]88um from a Quasar (z=6.04)

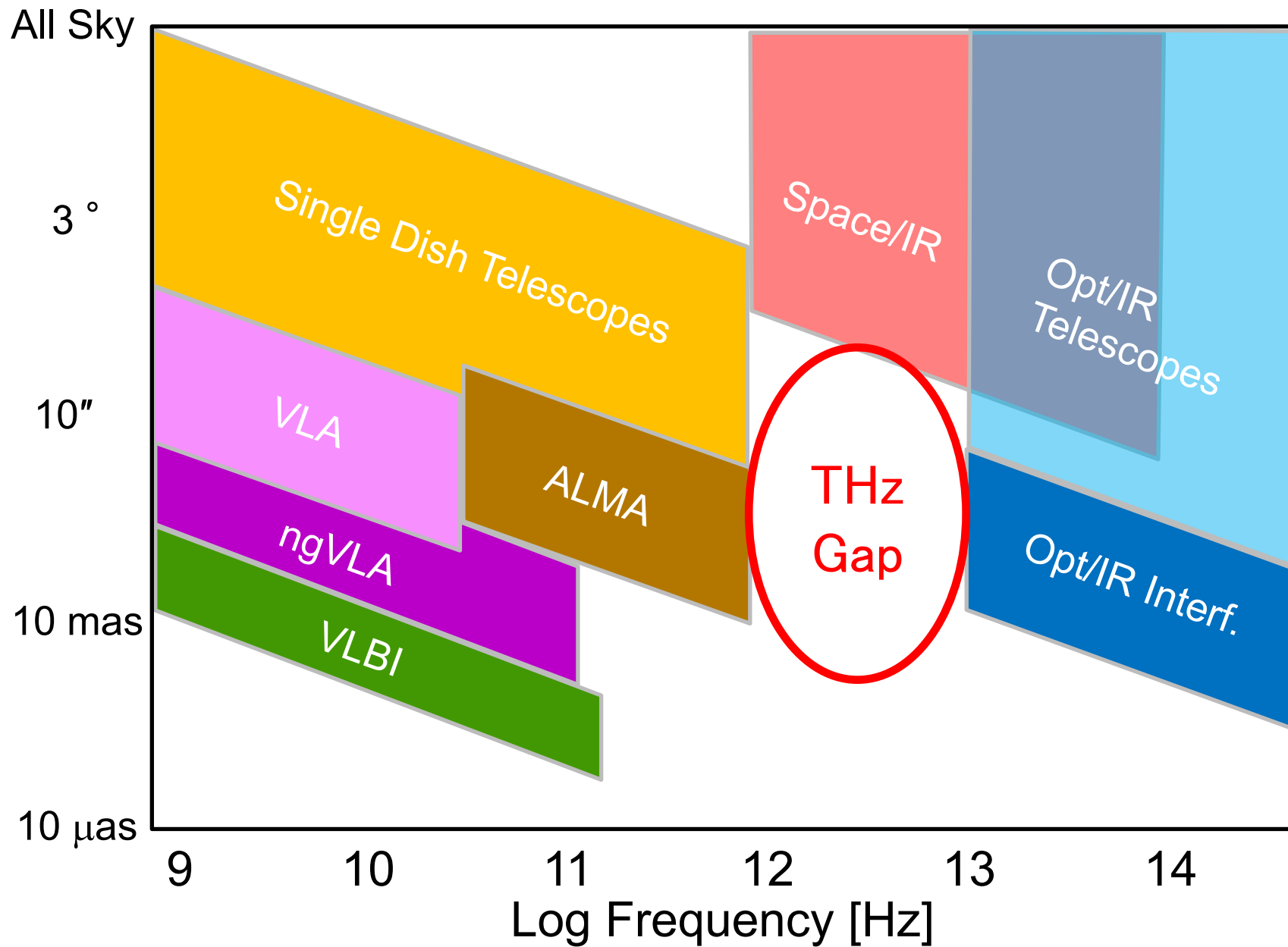


Hashimoto et al. PASJ (2019)

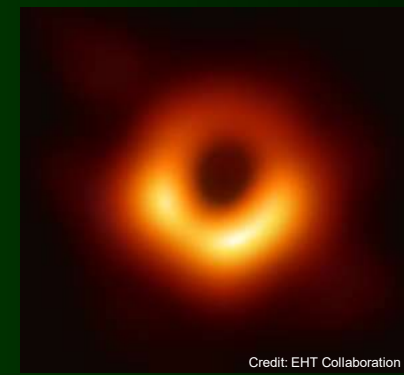
Atmospheric Windows from Atacama (alt. 4800m)



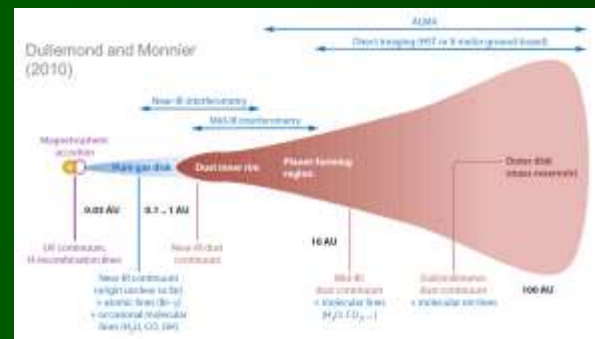
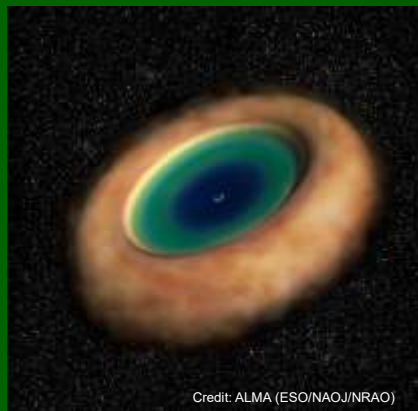
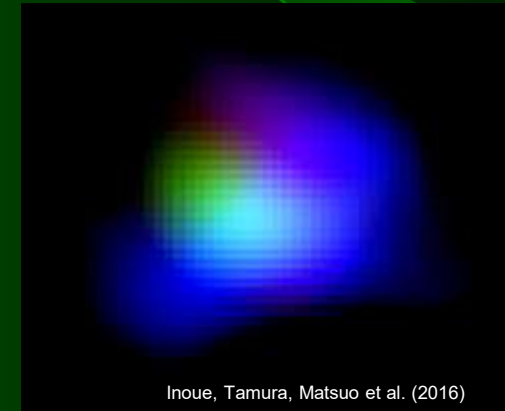
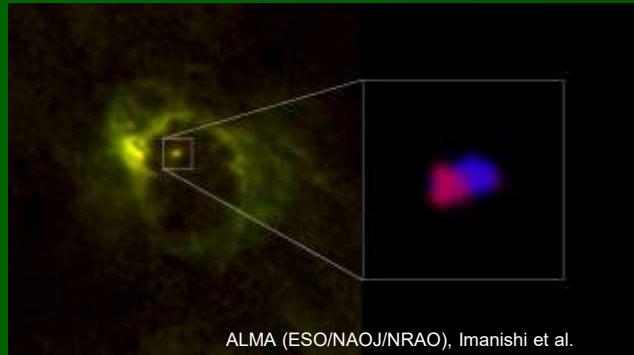
Angular Scale of Observation



Far-Infrared Intensity Interferometry



- Closer to the central activities !



Narrabri Stellar Intensity Interferometer

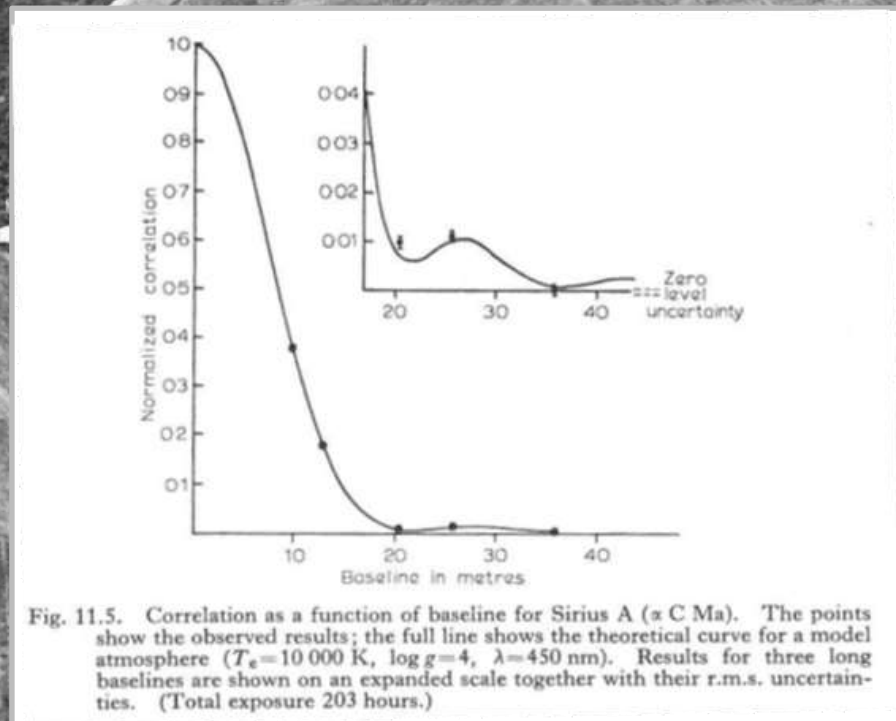


Fig. 11.5. Correlation as a function of baseline for Sirius A (\approx C Ma). The points show the observed results; the full line shows the theoretical curve for a model atmosphere ($T_e=10\,000$ K, $\log g=4$, $\lambda=450$ nm). Results for three long baselines are shown on an expanded scale together with their r.m.s. uncertainties. (Total exposure 203 hours.)

Hanbury-Brown and Twiss Experiment (1956)

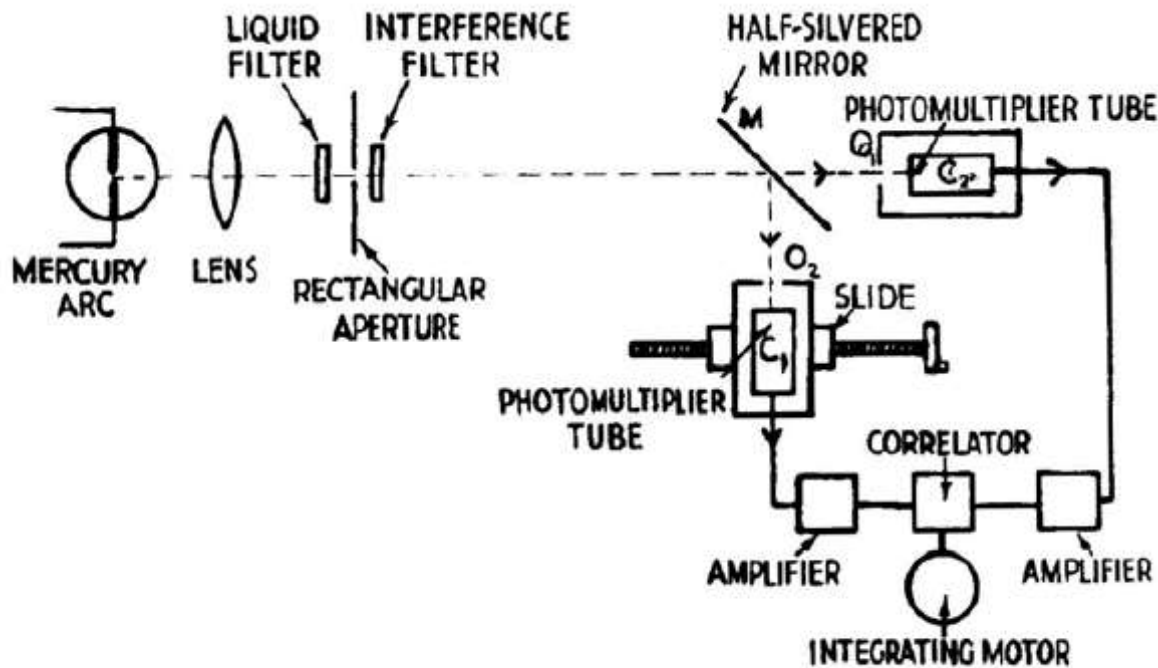


Fig. 2. Simplified diagram of the apparatus

Table 1. COMPARISON BETWEEN THE THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL VALUES OF THE CORRELATION

Cathodes superimposed
($d = 0$)

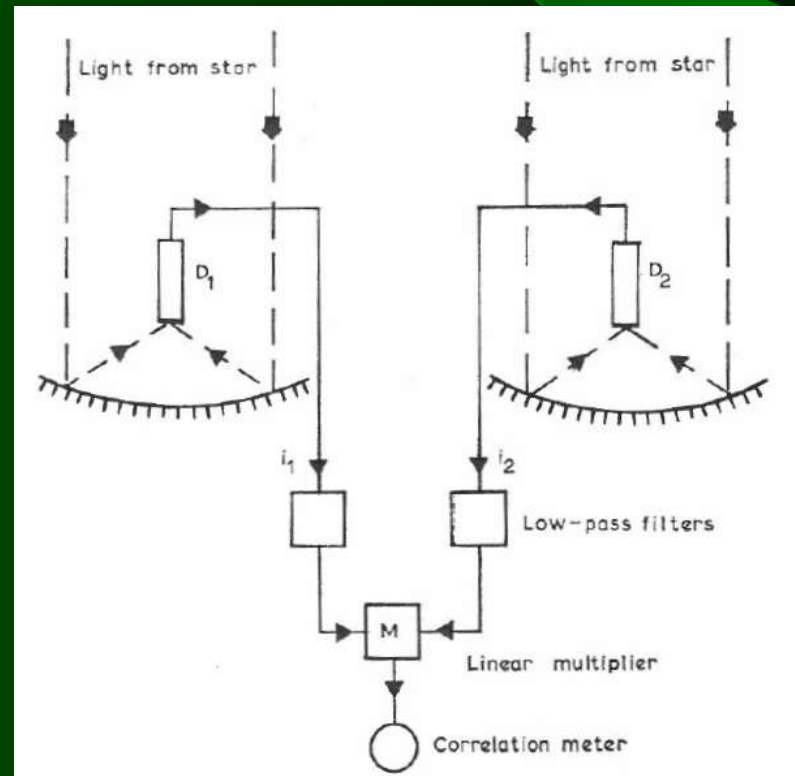
Cathodes separated
($d = 2\alpha = 1.8\text{cm}$)

	Experimental ratio of correlation to r.m.s. deviation $S_e(0)/N_e$	Theoretical ratio of correlation to r.m.s. deviation $S(0)/N$	Experimental ratio of correlation to r.m.s. deviation $S_e(d)/N_e$	Theoretical ratio of correlation to r.m.s. deviation $S(d)/N$
1	+ 7.4	+8.4	-0.4	~ 0
2	+ 6.6	+8.0	+0.5	~ 0
3	+ 7.6	+8.4	+1.7	~ 0
4	+ 4.2	+5.2	-0.3	~ 0

HBT Intensity Interferometry

- Correlate “Intensities”
from two individual telescopes
- Radio intensity interferometer at 125 MHz
 - Hanbury-Brown et al. (1952)
- Optical interferometer
 - Hanbury-Brown and Twiss (1956)

from Hanbury-Brown (1974)
“The Intensity Interferometer”



Limitation of intensity interferometers

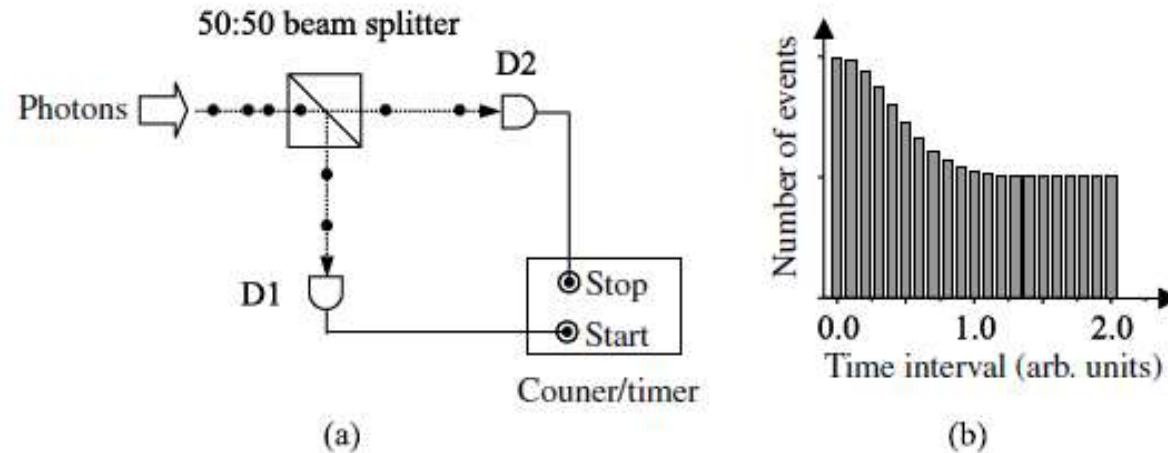
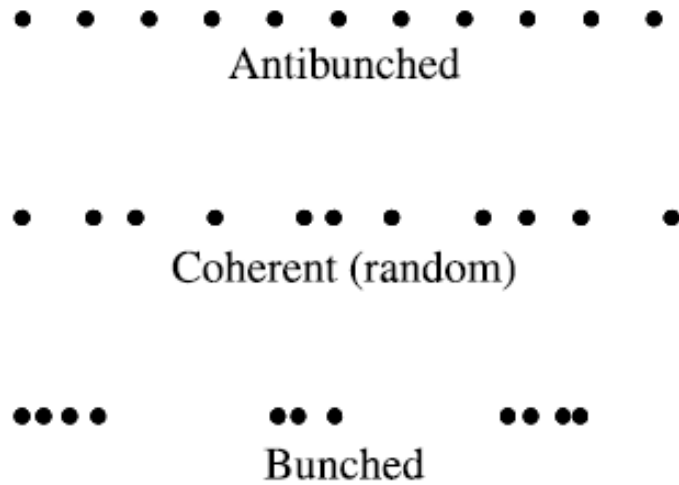
- **High Dynamic Range** is required
 - Intensity correlation \propto (Amplitude correlation)²
- **Low efficiency** for optical observations
 - Observation of very early type stars only
- **Phase information is missing**
 - Measurement of stellar diameters only

Photon Bunching, Anti-bunching

2nd order correlation function

$$g^{(2)}(\tau) = \frac{\langle \mathcal{E}^*(t)\mathcal{E}^*(t+\tau)\mathcal{E}(t+\tau)\mathcal{E}(t) \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{E}^*(t)\mathcal{E}(t) \rangle \langle \mathcal{E}^*(t+\tau)\mathcal{E}(t+\tau) \rangle} = \frac{\langle I(t)I(t+\tau) \rangle}{\langle I(t) \rangle \langle I(t+\tau) \rangle},$$

- bunched light: $g^{(2)}(0) > 1$,
- coherent light: $g^{(2)}(0) = 1$,
- antibunched light: $g^{(2)}(0) < 1$.



From M. Fox
Quantum Optics (2006)

Fluctuation of thermal radiation

$$\Delta n = \sqrt{n + n^2}, \quad \text{where } n = \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1}$$

n : photon occupation number

$$A\Omega = \lambda^2$$

$$\text{NEP} = \sqrt{2P \cdot (h\nu + kT_B)} \quad [\text{W}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}]$$

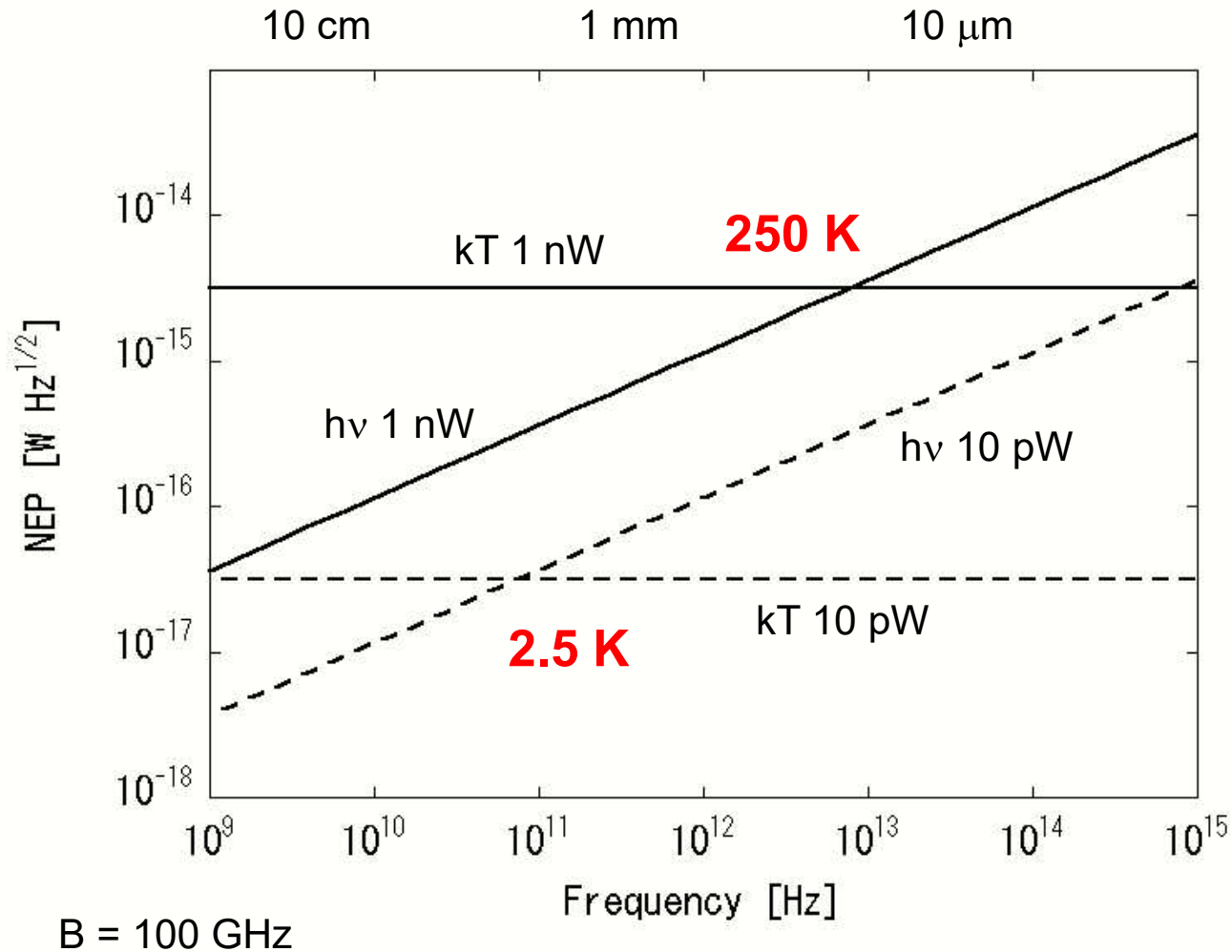
References

A. Einstein (1909)
J. Mather (1984)
J.M. Lamarre (1986)
J. Zmuidzinas (2003)

$$\Delta T = T_B / \sqrt{B\tau}$$

Photon bunching

THz photon fluctuation

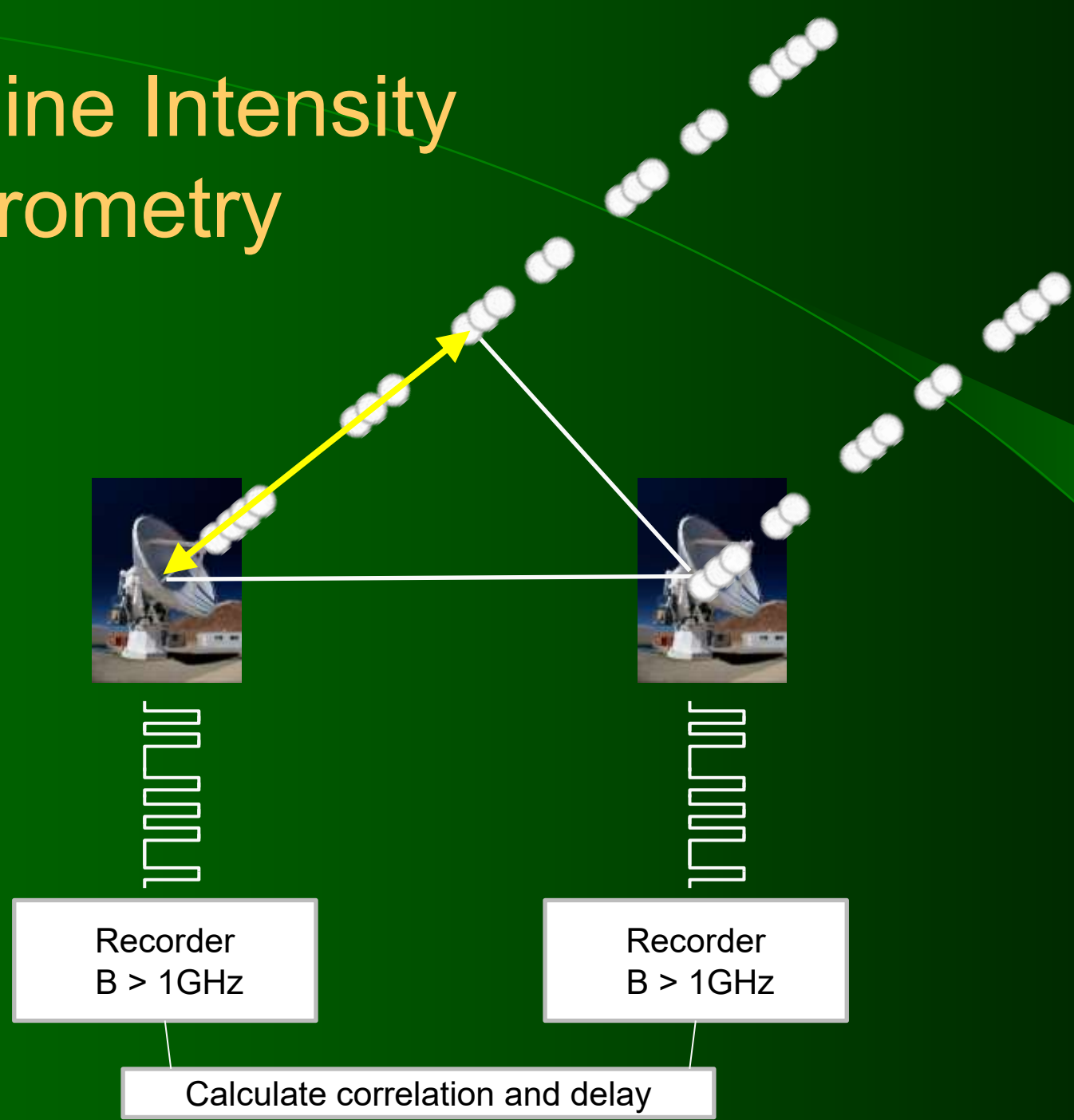


$$\text{NEP} = \sqrt{2P \cdot (h\nu + kT_B)} \text{ [W}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}]$$

$$T_B = \left(\frac{\text{NEP}^2}{2P} - h\nu \right) \times \frac{1}{k} \text{ [K]}$$

de Bernardis and Masi (1982)

Long Baseline Intensity Interferometry



Photon Bunches for delay time measurements

- Photon bunch can be a measure of delay time.
 - Complex visibility can be obtained.
- Large number of THz photon is expected.

100 M photons/sec from Stars and AGNs

1 Jy at 1 THz (B=100 GHz), using ϕ 10 m telescope

$\Delta t = 10^{-13}$ sec in 100 sec is expected.

$$\Delta t = \frac{1}{N\sqrt{N \cdot \tau}}$$



THz Photons are bunched !

N : photon rate
 τ : integration time

Nobeyama Radioheliograph (NoRH)

- Interferometer exclusively observing the Sun
- 84 antennas of 80 cm diameter
- 17 GHz R+L / 34 GHz
- Fundamental Spacing 1.528 m

NRO 45 m



Date: April 14, 2014

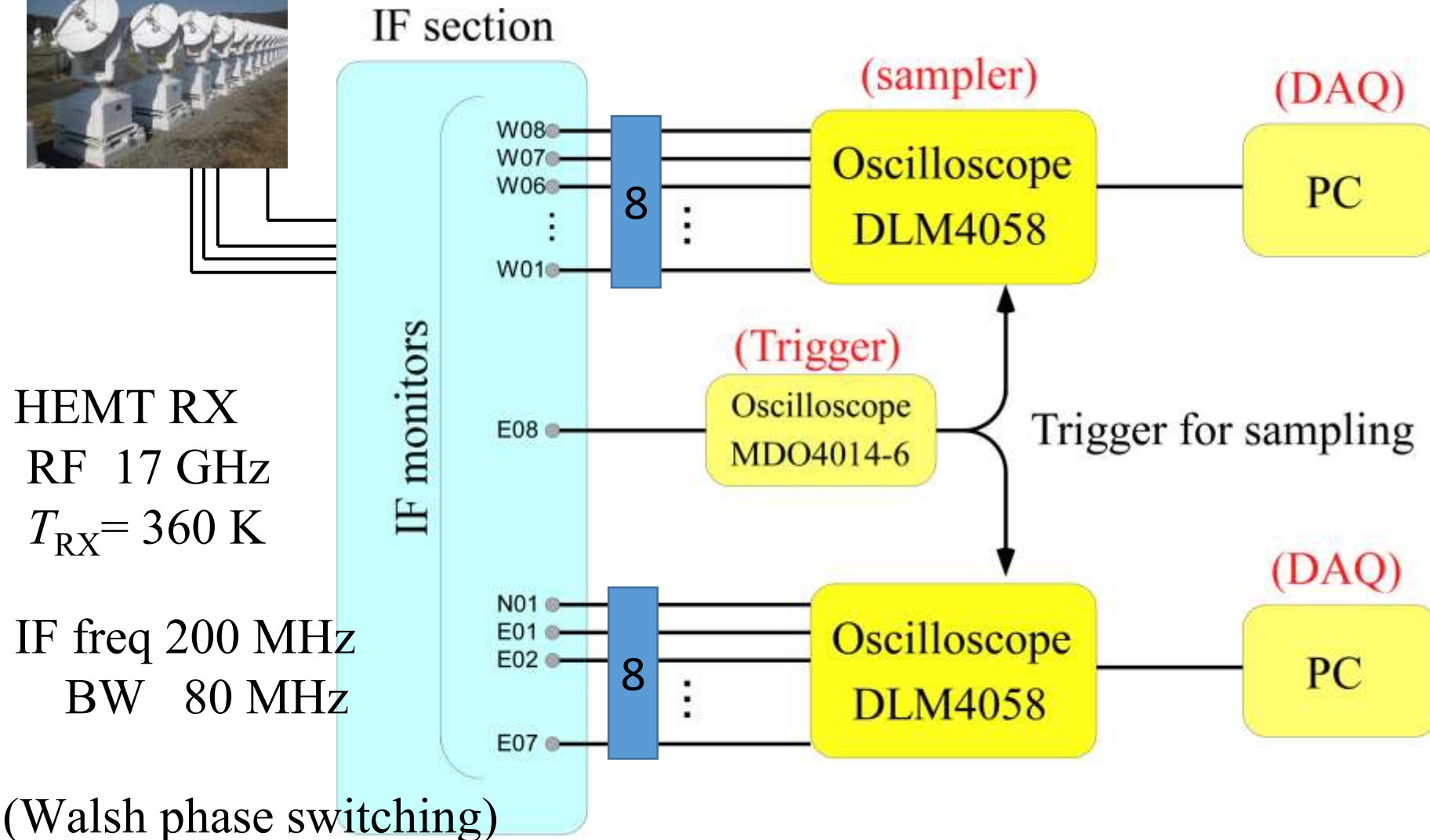
Utilized:

17 GHz (17 mTHz) R+L

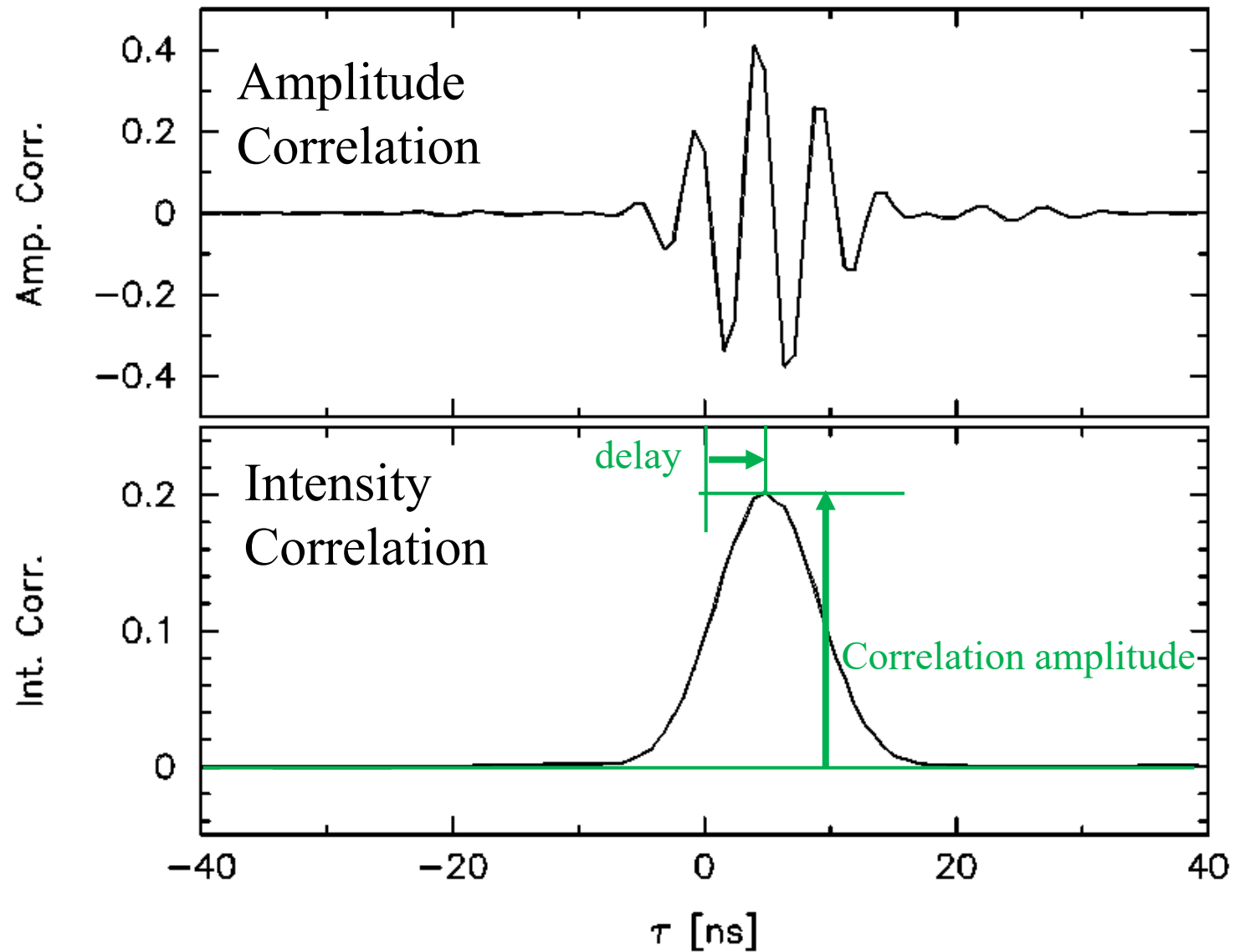
Central 16 elements aligned East-West

Experiment Setup

Yokogawa DLM4058
8 CH 1.25 GS/s, BW 500 MHz
Simultaneous sampling



Nobeyema Radioheliograph at 17 GHz



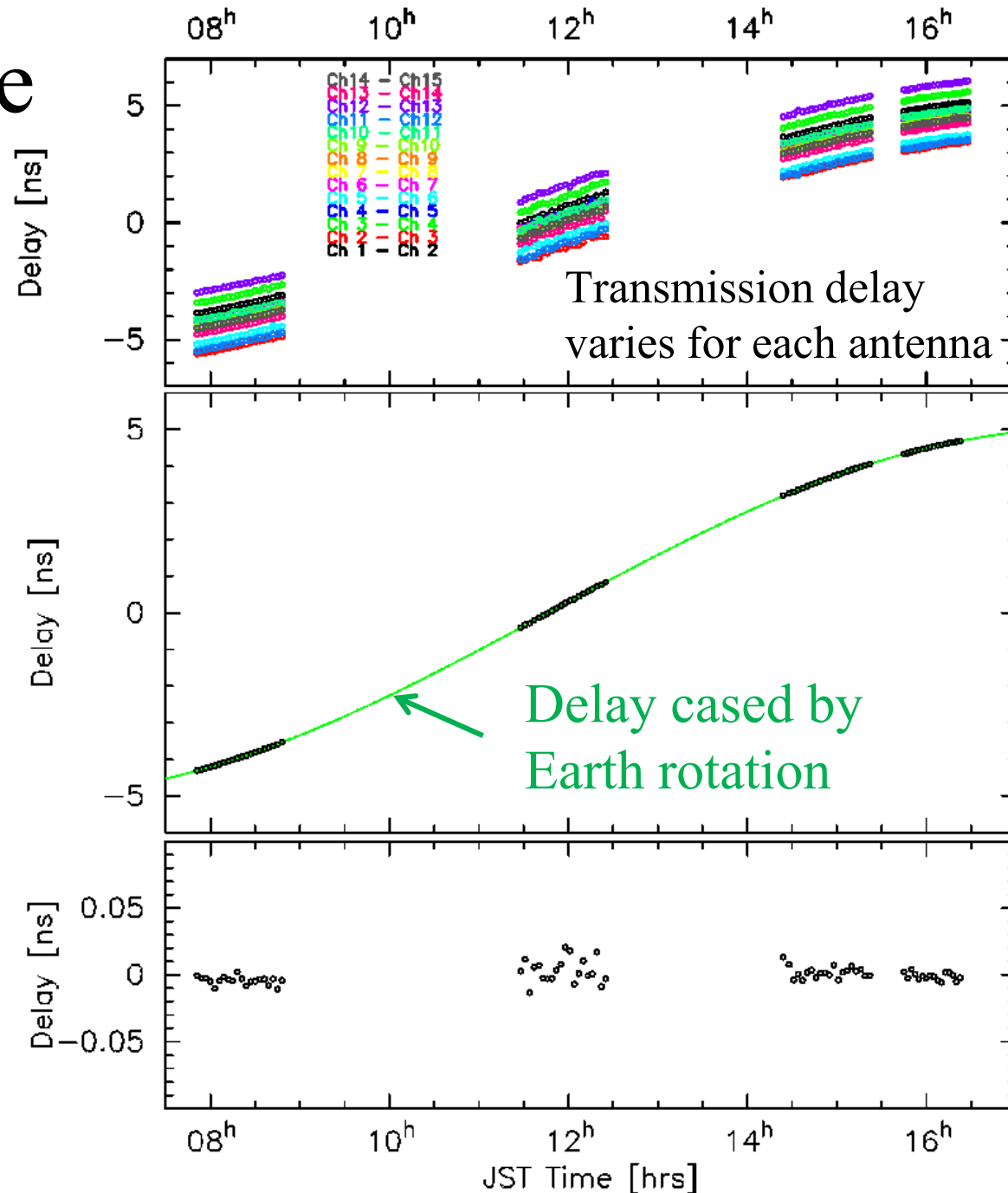
Delay vs Time

Derive the **delay** for each Neighboring antenna pairs

Correct for transmission delay and average over antennas

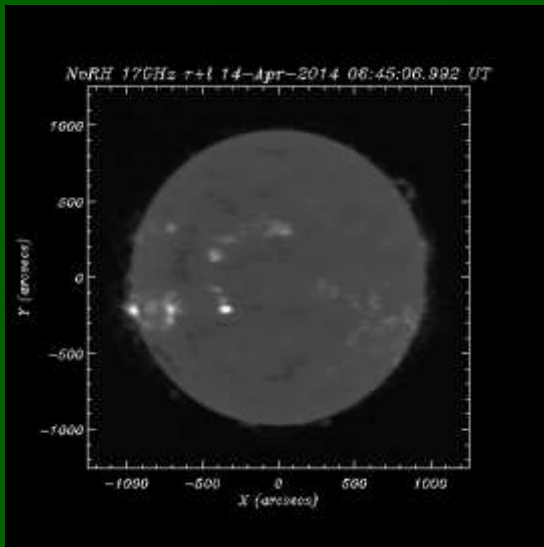
Data fits to the delay calculated from Earth rotation

Delay time accuracy
 $\sigma < 5-10$ ps

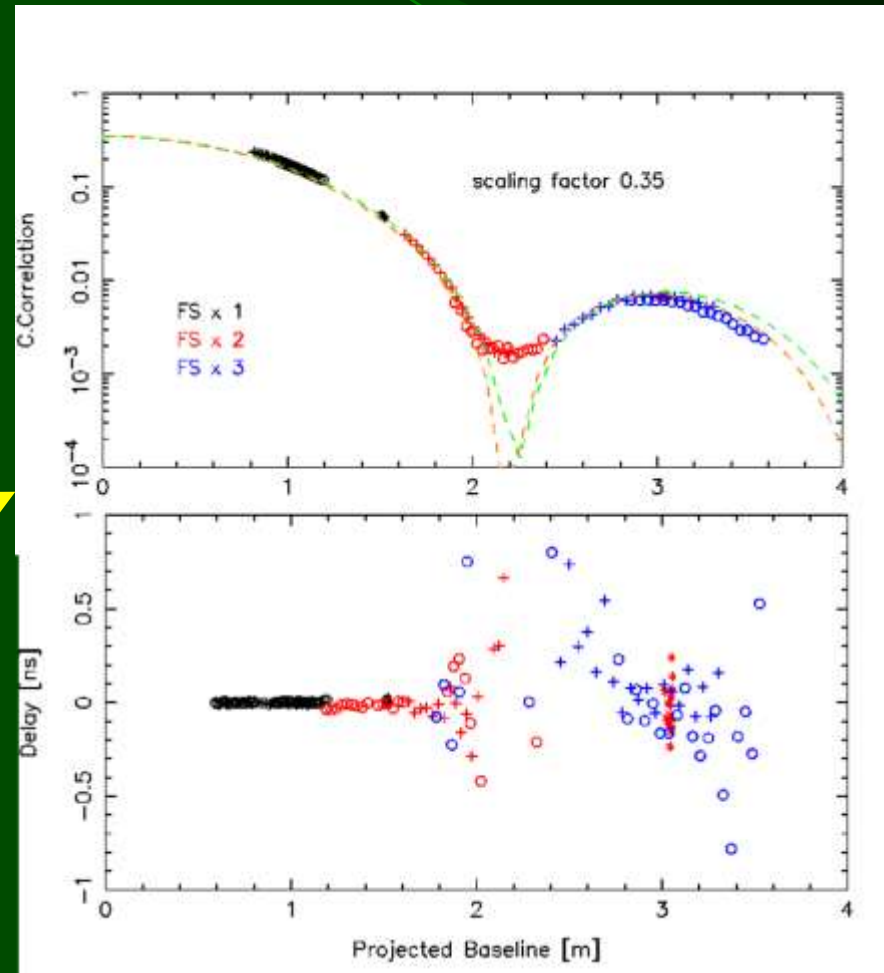


Experiment at 17 GHz with Nobeyama Radioheliograph

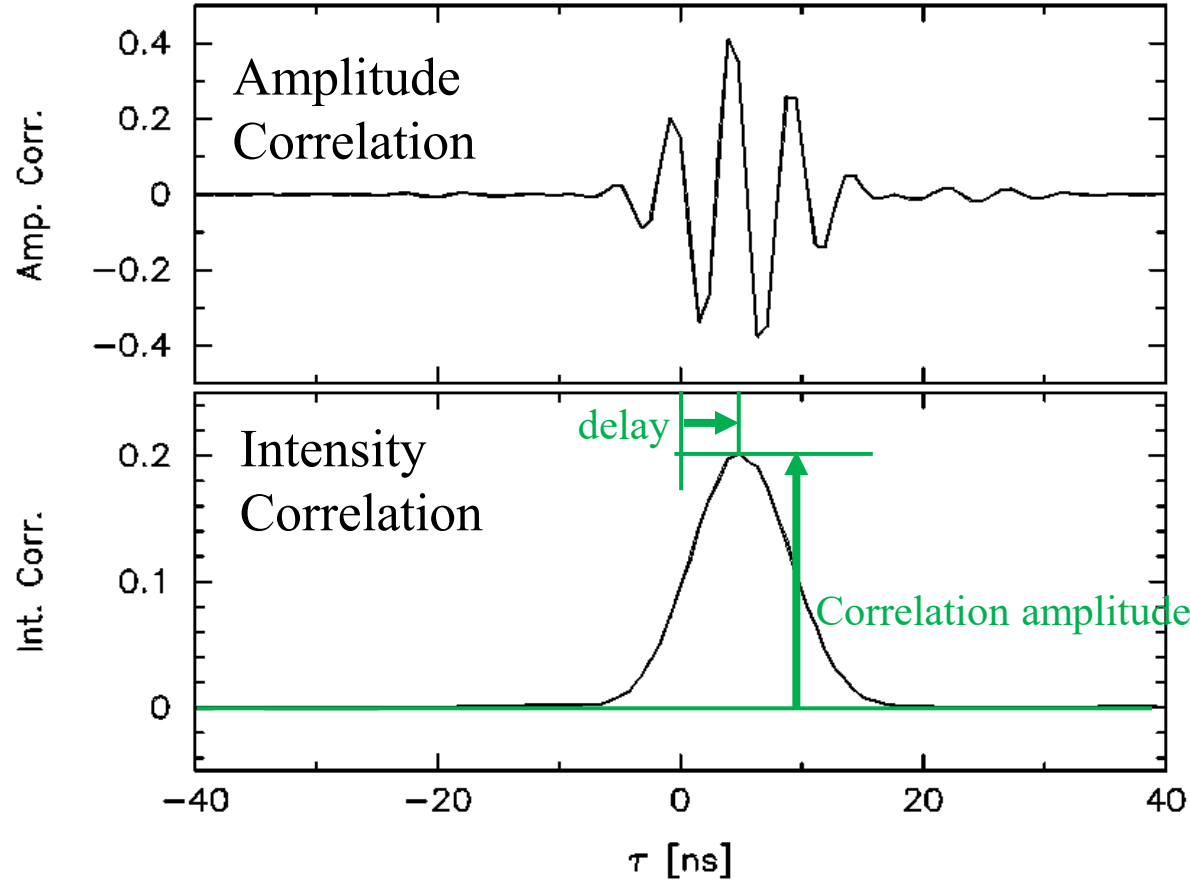
- Real Part of Visibility
 - (Intensity Correlation)^{0.5}
- Imaginary Part
 - $\Delta\phi = 2\pi\nu\Delta t$



Van Cittert
Zernike



Nobeyema Radioheliograph at 17 GHz



Antenna Temperature T_A^* [K]

System Temperature T_{sys} [K]

Frequency ν [Hz]

Bandwidth $\Delta\nu$ [Hz]

$$\Delta t = \frac{T_{\text{sys}}}{T_A^*} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta\nu \cdot \tau}} \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta\nu} \text{ [s]}$$

$$\Delta\phi = 2\pi\nu\Delta t \text{ [rad]}$$

$\Delta t \sim 5\text{ps}$ in 50 ms integration

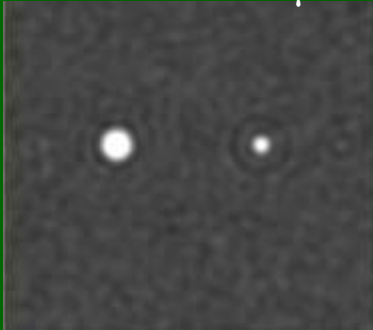
Amplitude vs. Intensity Interferometry

contribution of receiver noise and phase error

Amplitude

$\Delta\nu = 10$ GHz, $t=60$ sec

Phase error $50 \mu\text{m}$



Intensity

$\Delta\nu = 100$ GHz, $t=600$ sec

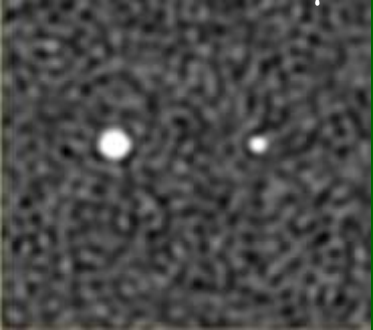
Phase error $50 \mu\text{m}$



Amplitude

$\Delta\nu = 10$ GHz, $t=60$ sec

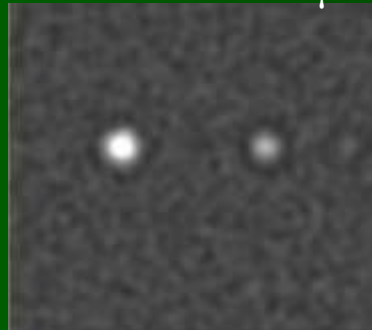
Phase error $100 \mu\text{m}$



Intensity

$\Delta\nu = 100$ GHz, $t=600$ sec

Phase error $100 \mu\text{m}$



- Betelgeuse like star with a companion.

$$T_A^* = 0.13 \text{ K}, T_{\text{sys}} = 500 \text{ K},$$

$$\nu = 1 \text{ THz}$$

using 10-m dish with 6-km baseline

- Longer integration time for intensity interferometry
- Intensity correlation is stable against large phase error.

~2000 visibility points (uniform weight) for image reconstruction

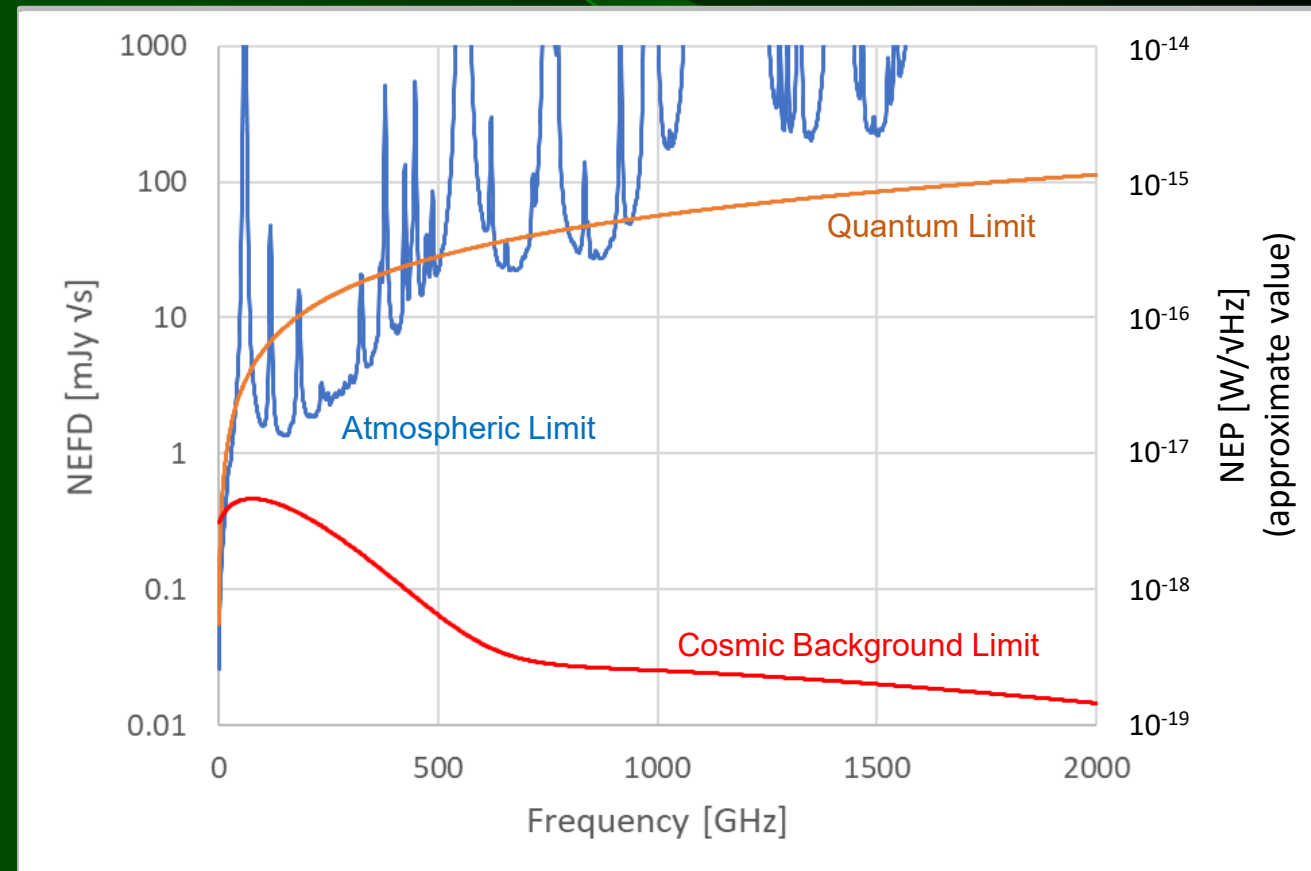
Background limited observation with Space Far-IR Intensity Interferometry

- Quantum noise of heterodyne receivers

- $T_{QL} = hv/k$ [K] = 150 K @ 3THz
- $n = kT_{QL}B/hv = B$ [photons/s]

- Background limit of direct detectors

- $NEP = 10^{-19}$ W/Hz^{0.5}, $B = 100$ GHz
- $T_{RX} = NEP / (2k B^{0.5}) = 10$ mK
- Background vs. Quantum limit
~ 4 orders



Intensity Interferometry

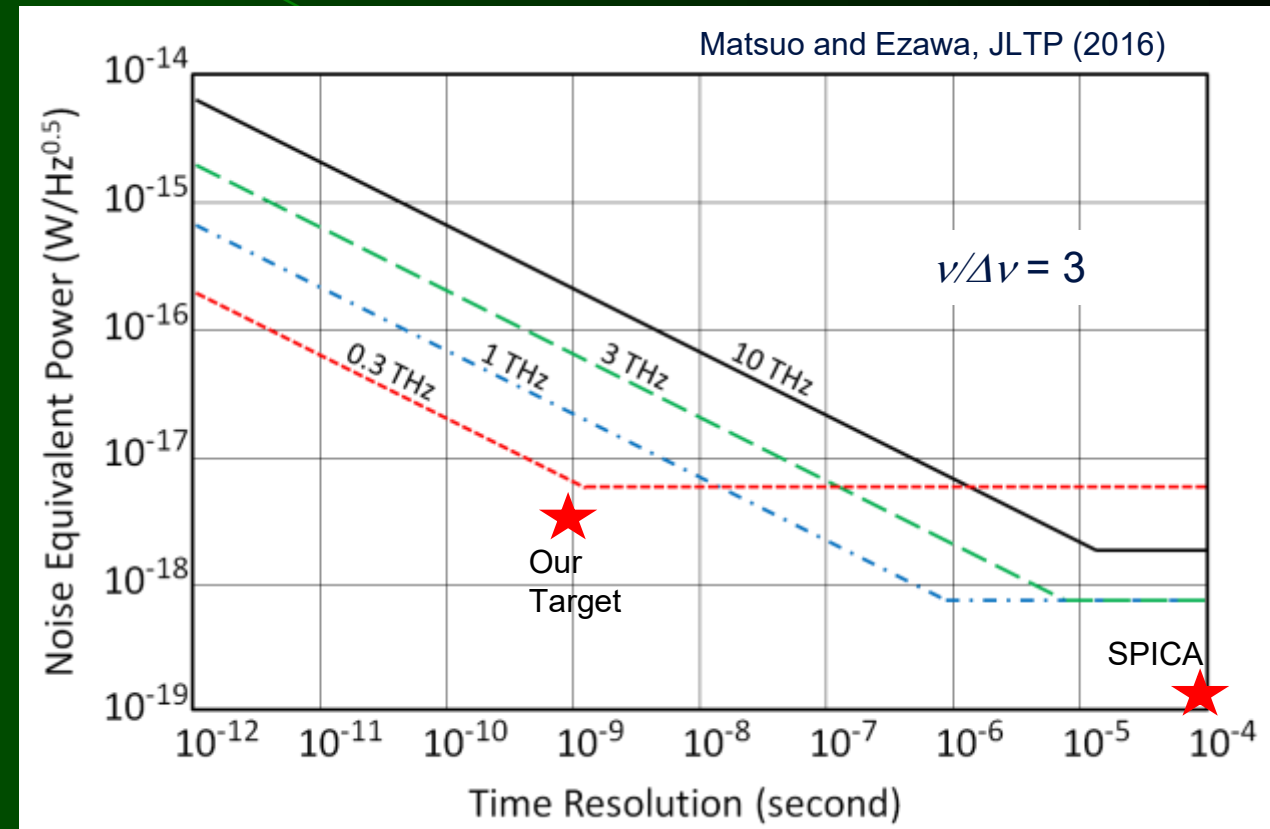
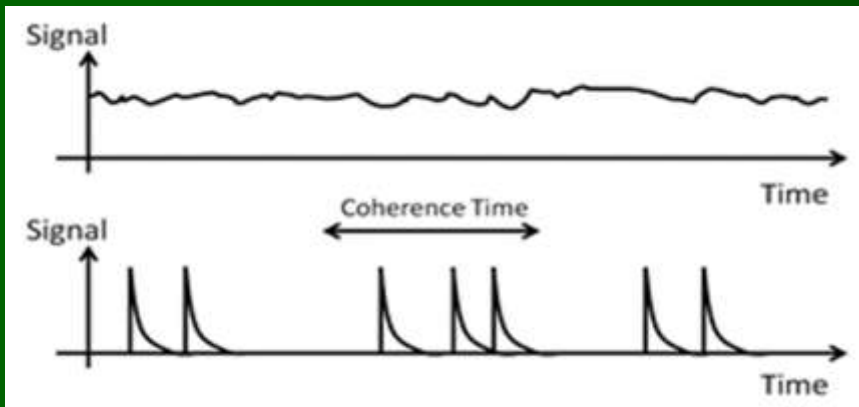
- Cross correlation of Intensity (E^2)
 - Missing phase information
- Stable against phase fluctuation
 - Coherence lengths \gg Wavelengths
- Photon counting detector can be used
 - High sensitivity, no receiver quantum limit
- High correlation efficiency in infrared
- Photon bunches enable delay measurements

Terahertz Photon Rates

- Atmospheric emission (100 pW)
 - 100 G photon/s
- Cosmic Microwave Background
 - 100 M photon/s ($\nu=300$ GHz, $B=100$ GHz)
- Cosmic Terahertz Background (10^{-16} W)
 - 100 k photon/s
- 1 Jy sources ($=10^{-26}$ W/m²/Hz)
 - 100 M photon/s ($B=100$ GHz, $\phi=10$ m)
- Receiver Quantum Limit
 - $P = h\nu B \rightarrow 100$ G photon/s

Requirements to Detectors

- Sensitive to THz photons
 - Photon energy $\sim 10^{-21}$ Joule
- Fast response
 - $B = 1$ GHz for 100 M photons/s
- NEP(Noise Equivalent Power)
 - $= 10^{-21} \times (1 \text{ GHz})^{0.5}$
 - $\sim 10^{-17} \text{ W/Hz}^{0.5}$



SIS Photon Detectors

$$S = \eta \cdot \frac{e}{h\nu} \quad [\text{A/W}]$$

$$N = \sqrt{2eI_0} \quad [\text{A}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}]$$

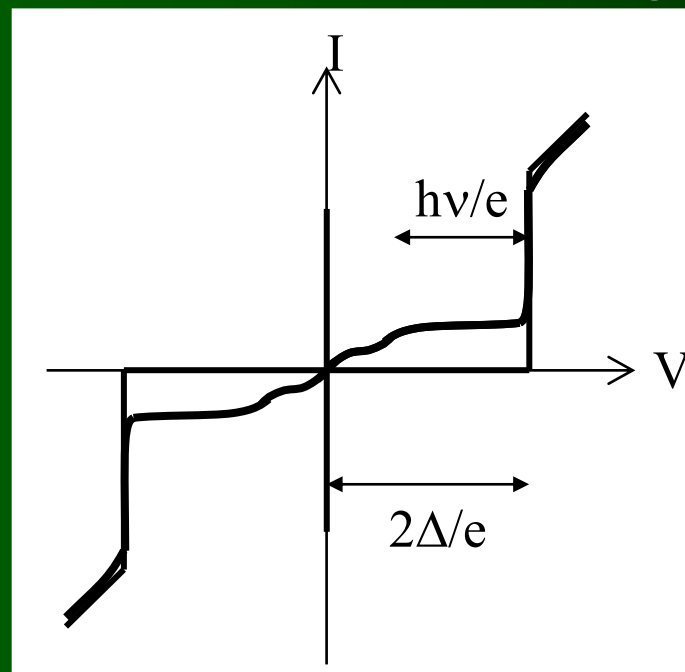
$$NEP = \frac{h\nu}{\eta} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2I_0}{e}} \quad [\text{W}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}]$$

$$NEP \approx 3 \times 10^{-18} \text{ W}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

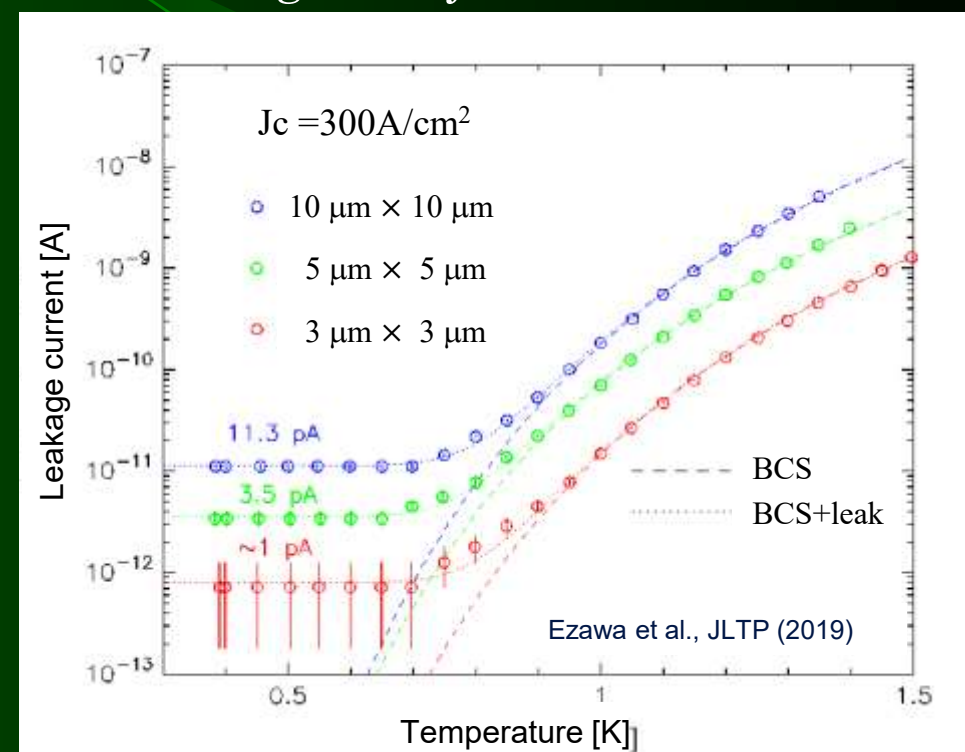
for $I_0 = 1 \text{ pA}$ $\eta = 0.5$

at 650 GHz

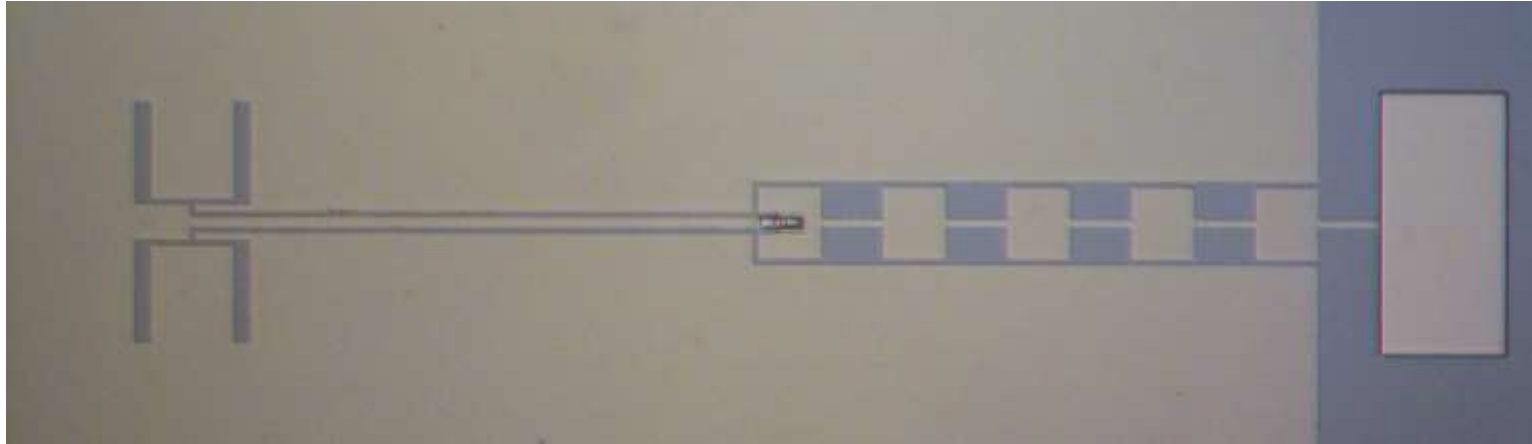
Photon Assisted Tunneling



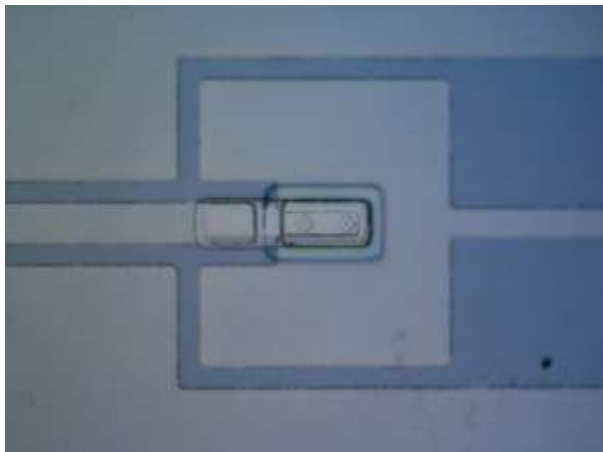
Low leakage SIS junctions



Superconducting detectors in THz frequencies

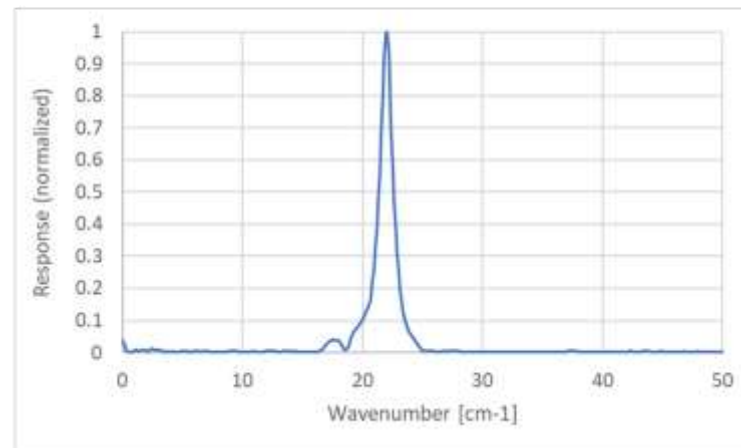


An antenna-coupled Nb-SIS photon detector at 650 GHz fabricated in CRAVITY

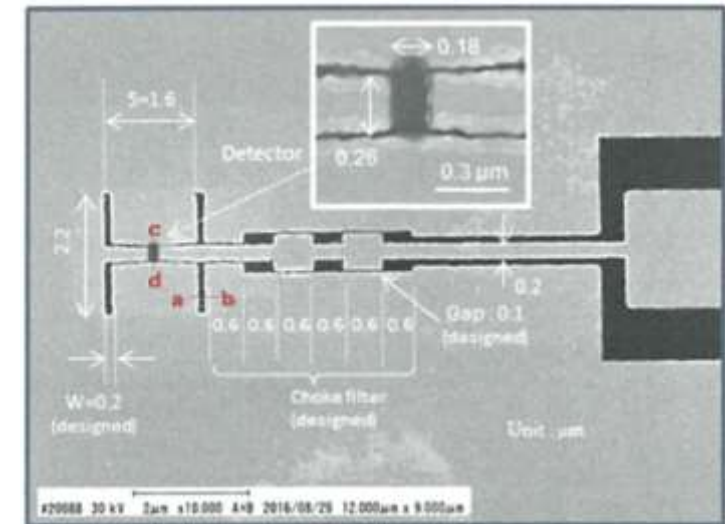


Ezawa et al. (2020) JLTP

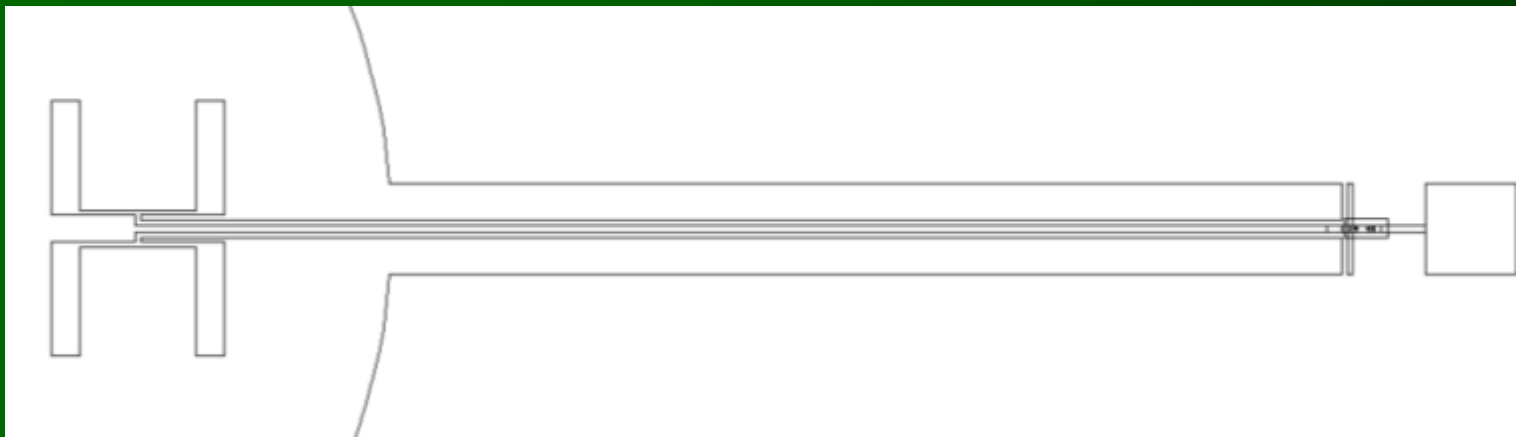
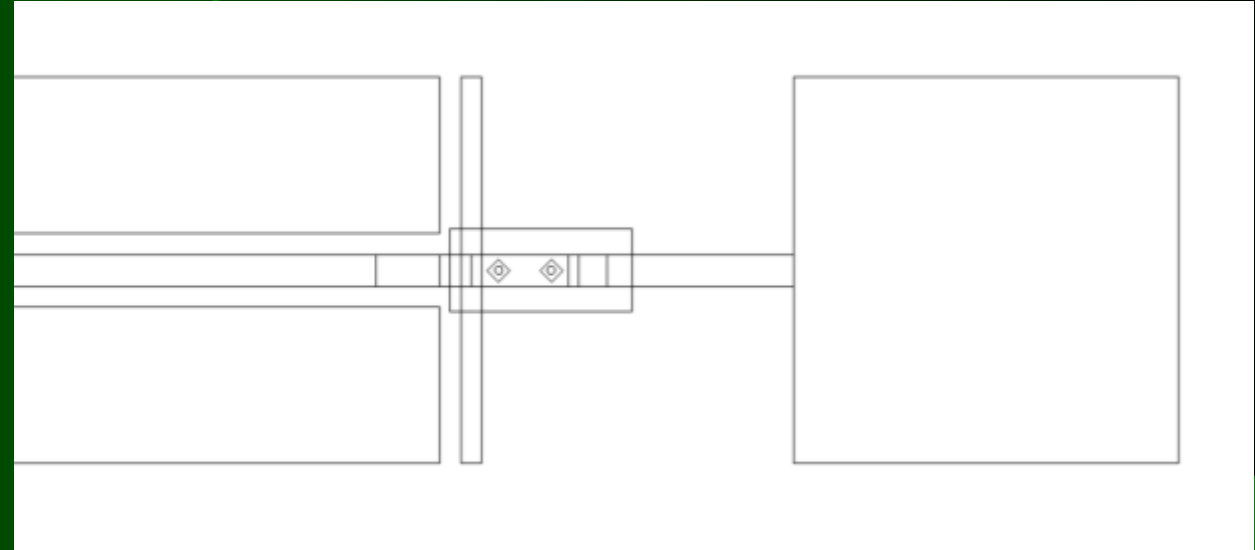
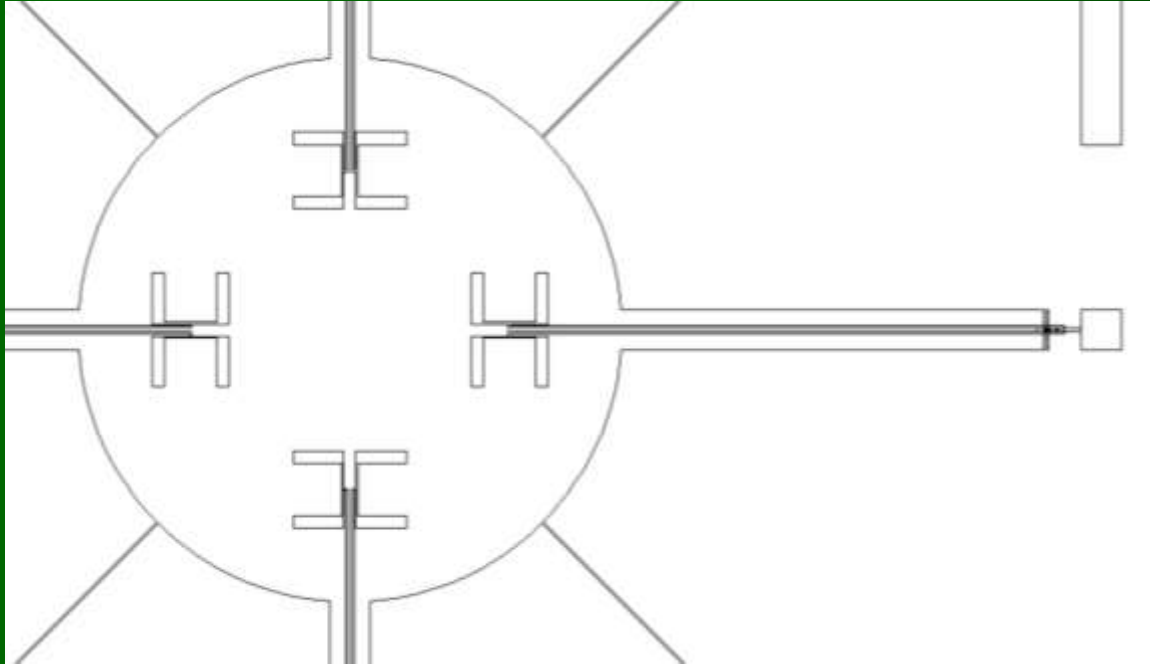
Spectral Response
 $\nu=660\text{ GHz}$ $\Delta\nu=35\text{GHz}$



An example of superconducting detector at 10 μm (30THz)
Kawakami et al. (2019)



New Detector Design



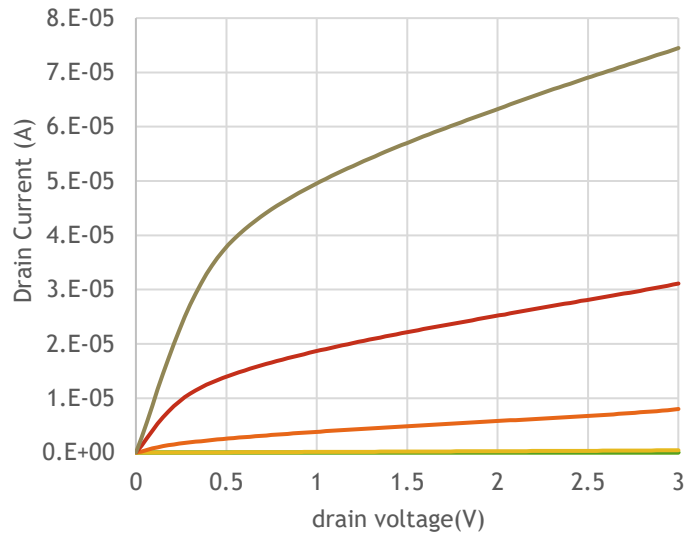
- Low readout capacitance
~ 10 fF
- Low loss CPW

Readout Electronics

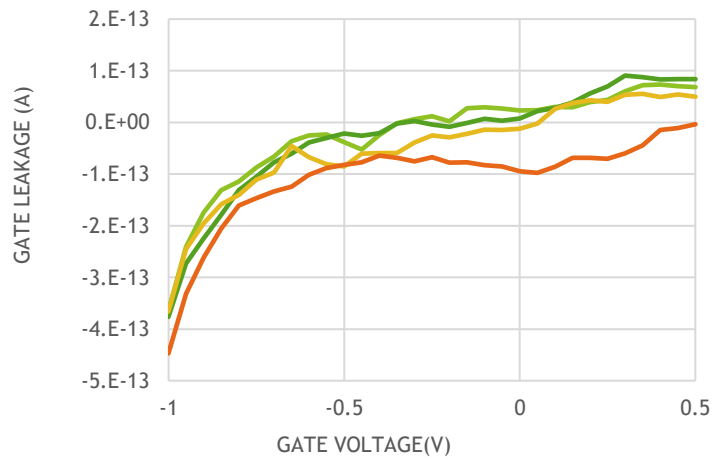
- Low Gate Leakage
 - Less than 1 pA
- Low Gate Capacitance
 - Less than 10 fF
- Low Power Dissipation
 - Less than 100 μ W @0.8K
 - Less than 10 mW @4K
 - GaAs-JFET or Junction-pHEMT ?

I-V characteristics

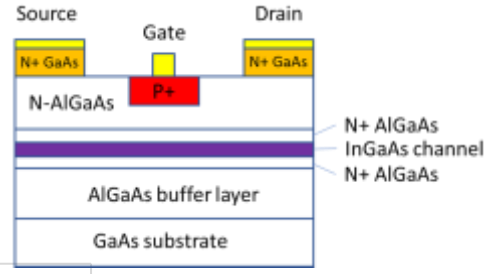
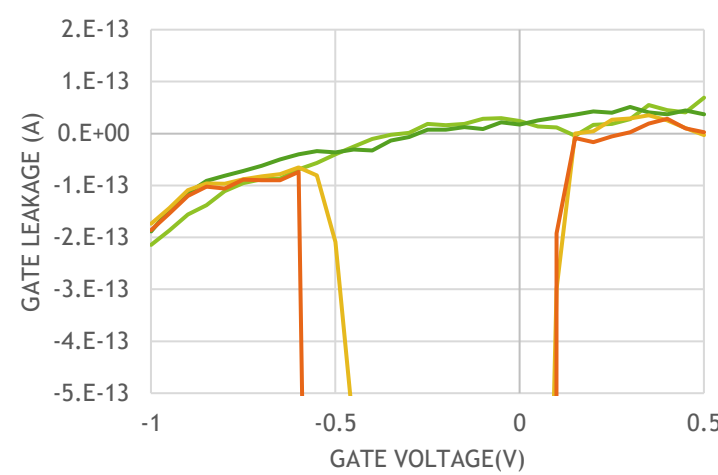
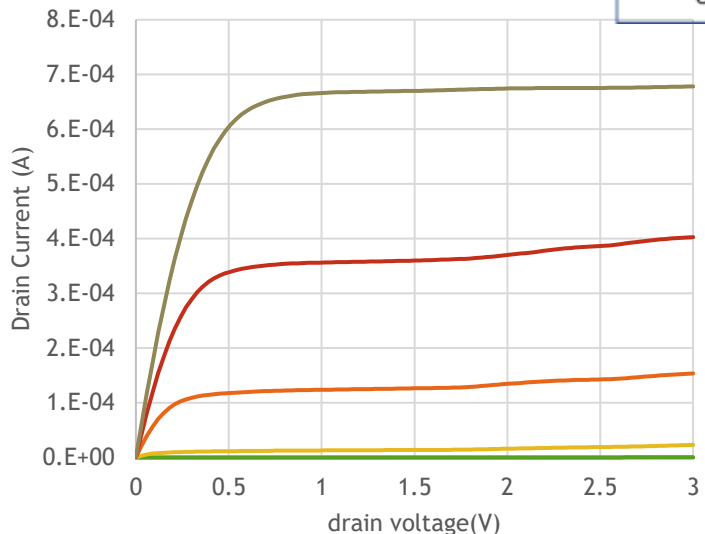
GaAs-JFET



Gate Leakage current



Junction-pHEMT



Readout Electronics

SIS photon detector signal

One electron/photon with a bandwidth of 1 GHz.

Assuming,

Capacitance = 10 fF

$$V_s = \frac{e}{C} = 16 \mu\text{V}$$

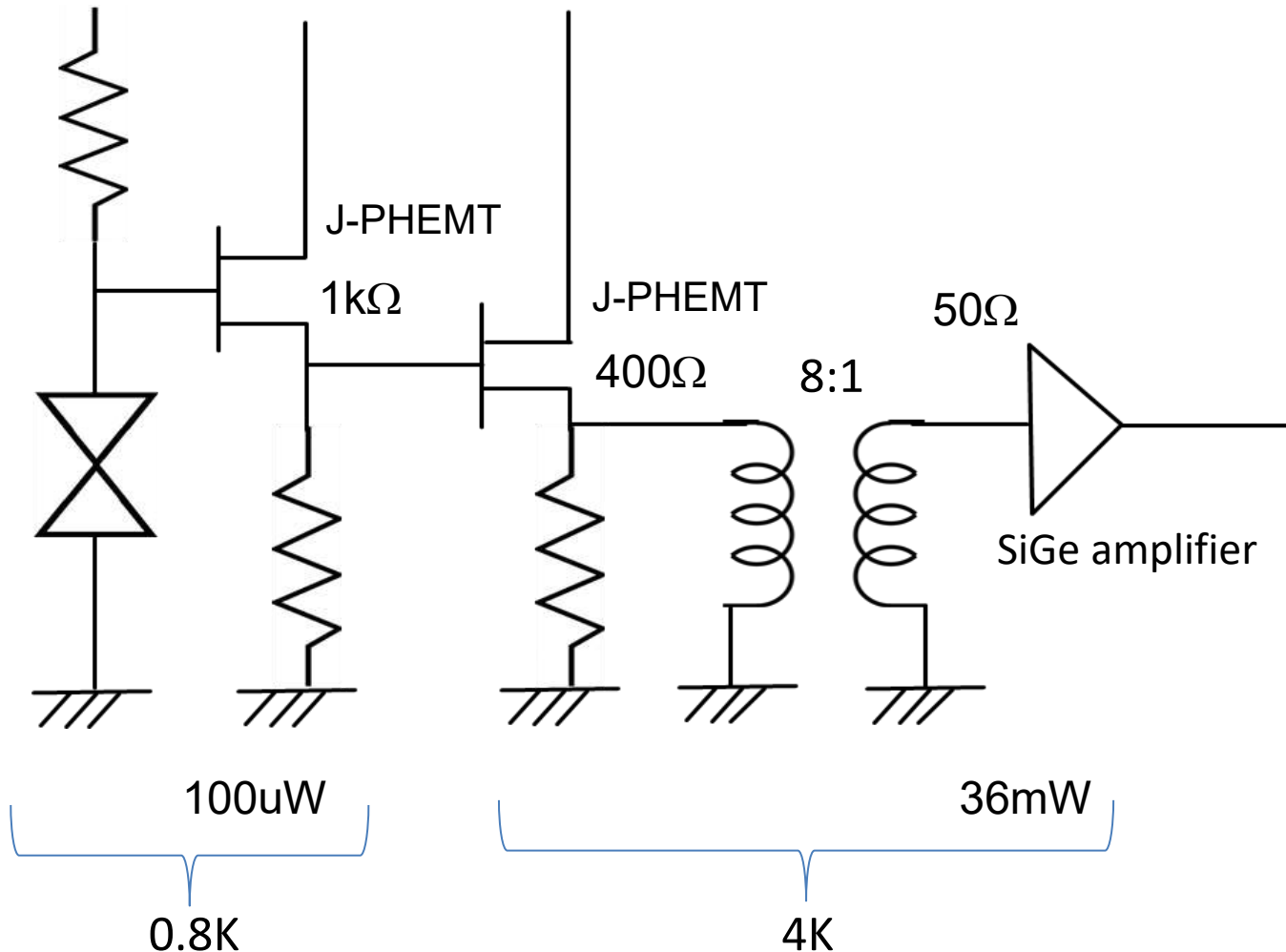
FET thermal noise at 0.8K

$$v_n = \sqrt{4k_B T R_D} = 0.2 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

$$R_D = \frac{1}{g_m} = \frac{dV_g}{dI_d} = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$$

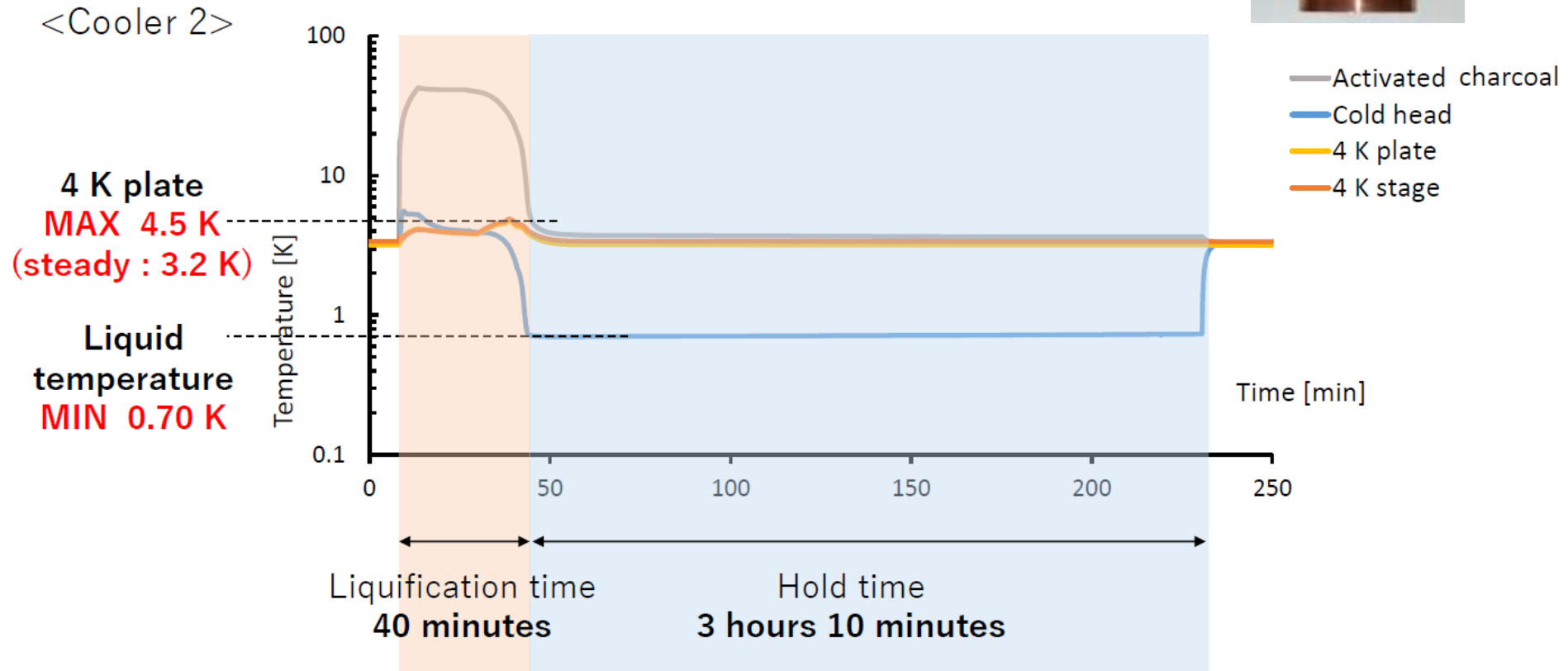
With a bandwidth of 1 GHz,

$$V_n = v_n \times \sqrt{B} = 6 \mu\text{V}_{\text{rms}}$$



Development of 0.8K He4 sorption coolers

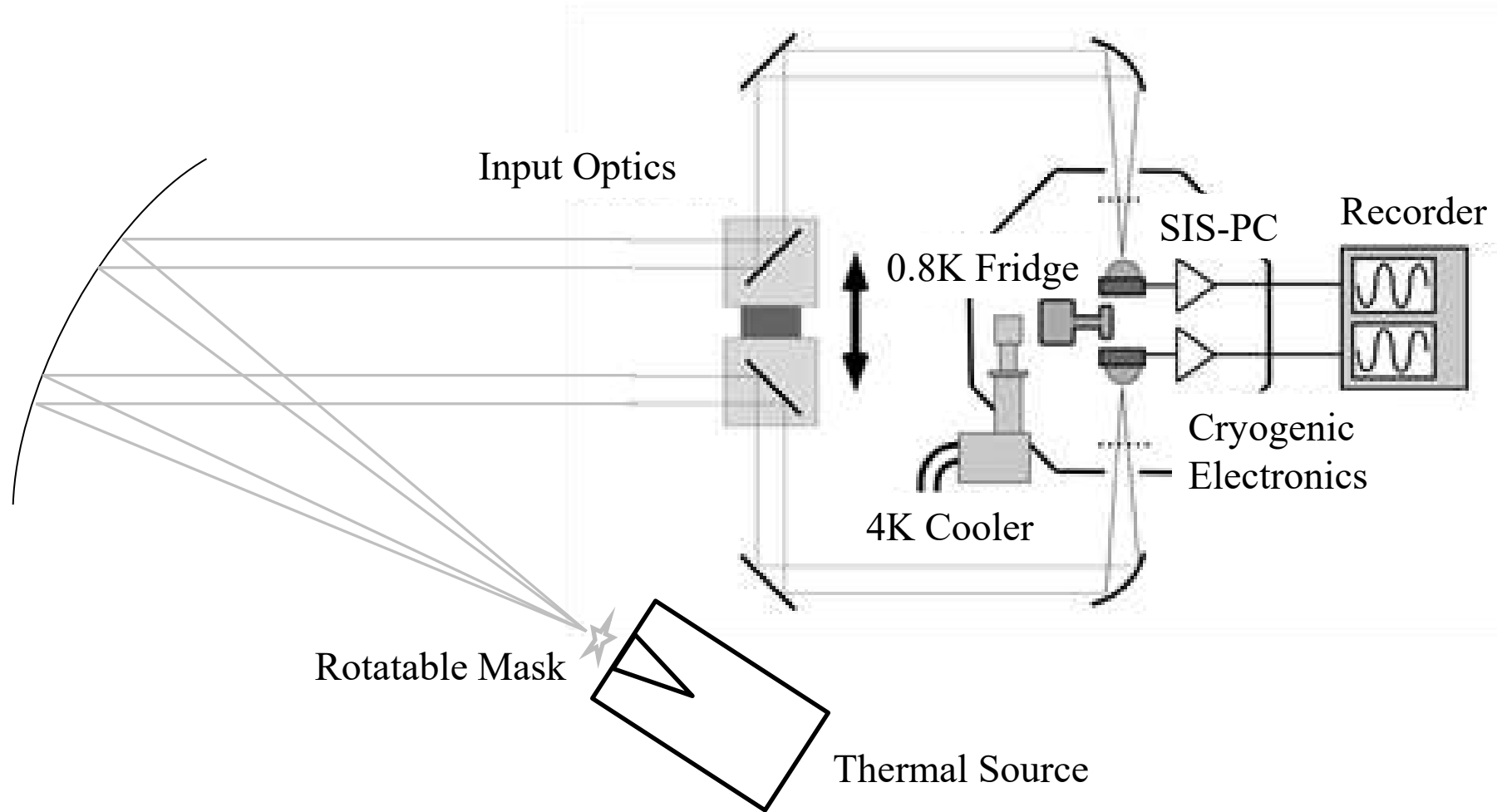
Operational Temperature: 0.8K
Cooling Capacity: larger than 200 μ W
Compact: height less than 900 mm
Heat Load to 4K: less than 100 mW



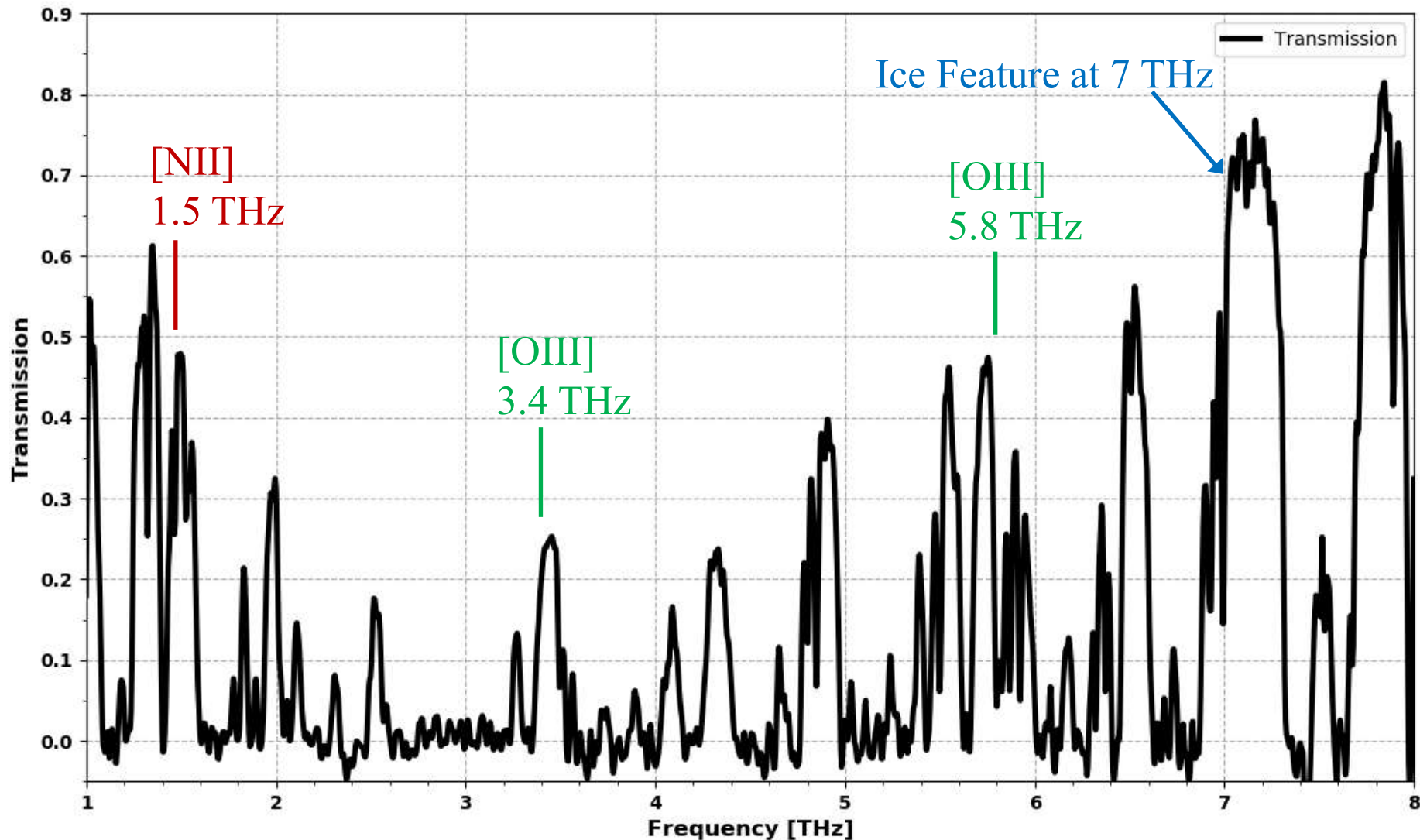
A Cryostat for THz Photon Statistics



Experimental Setup for Intensity Interferometry



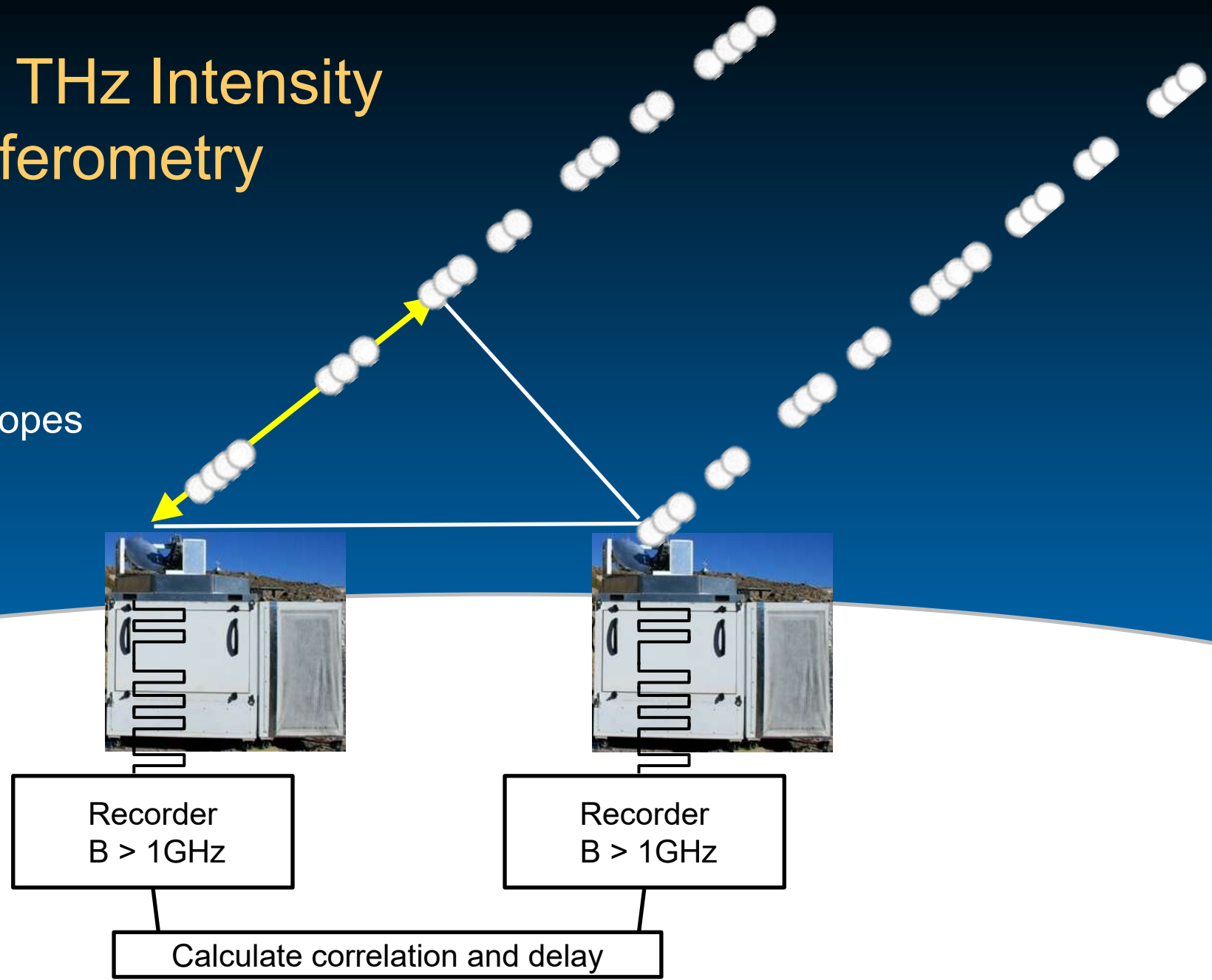
The Most Transparent Atmosphere from Dome A



August 9th 12–18h UTC, 2010

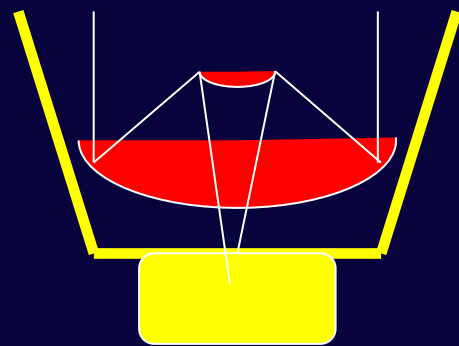
Antarctic THz Intensity Interferometry

Two 30-cm THz telescopes



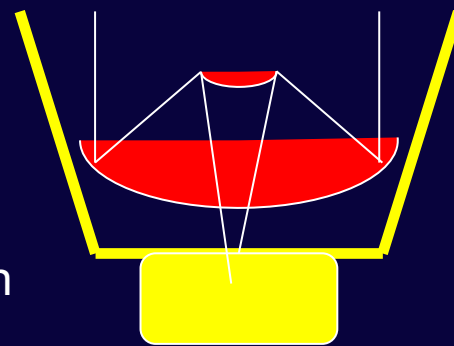
Technologies for Space Far-IR Interferometry

- Cryogenics - AKARI, SPICA, Astro-H
- VLBI technology - HALCA, Astro-G
- Superconducting detectors - SMILES



Photon Counters
Atomic clock
Recorder

Formation
Flight

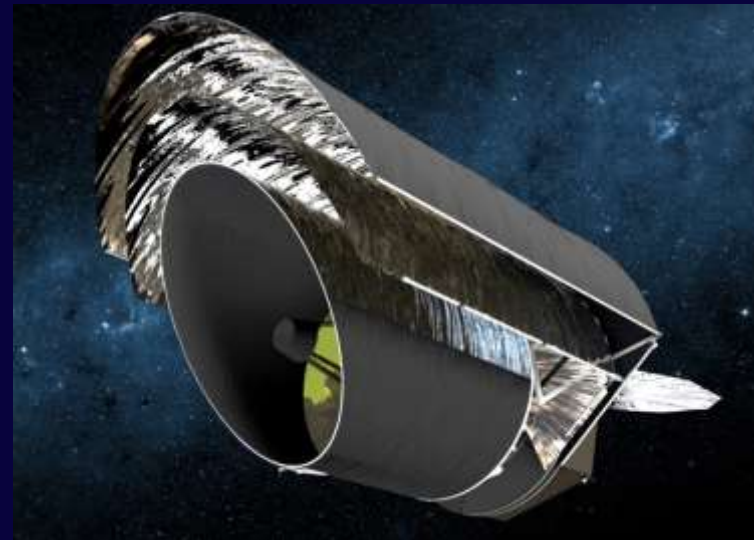


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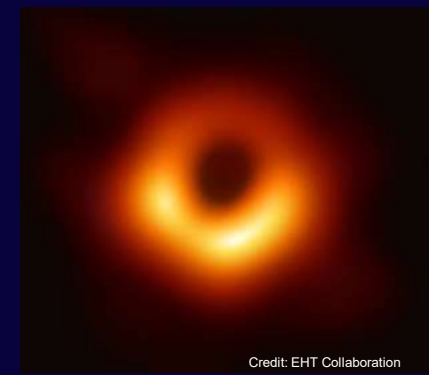


Combination of OST and MSO

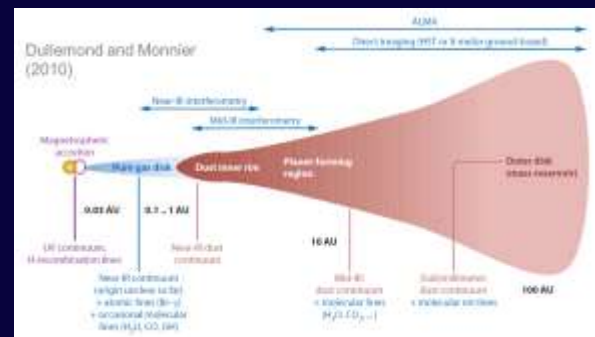
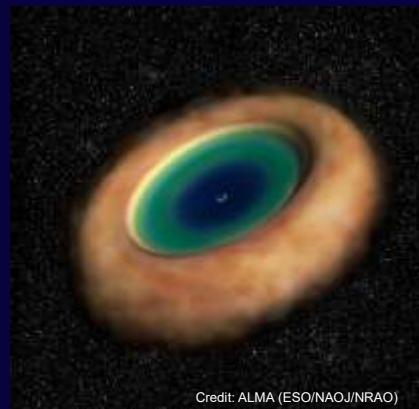
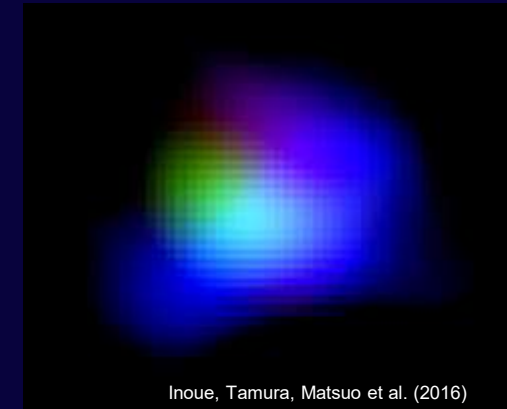
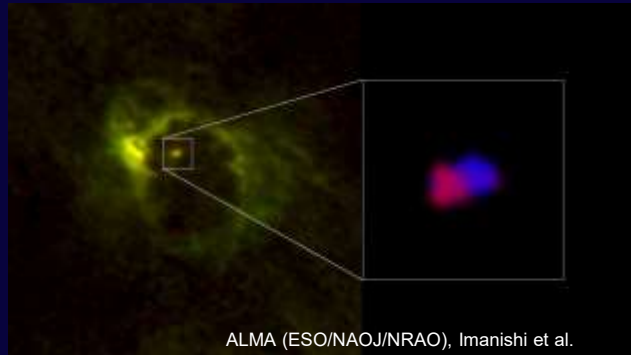
- Large Cryogenic Telescopes in THz
- Direct detectors will be installed.
- Both will situate around S-E L2



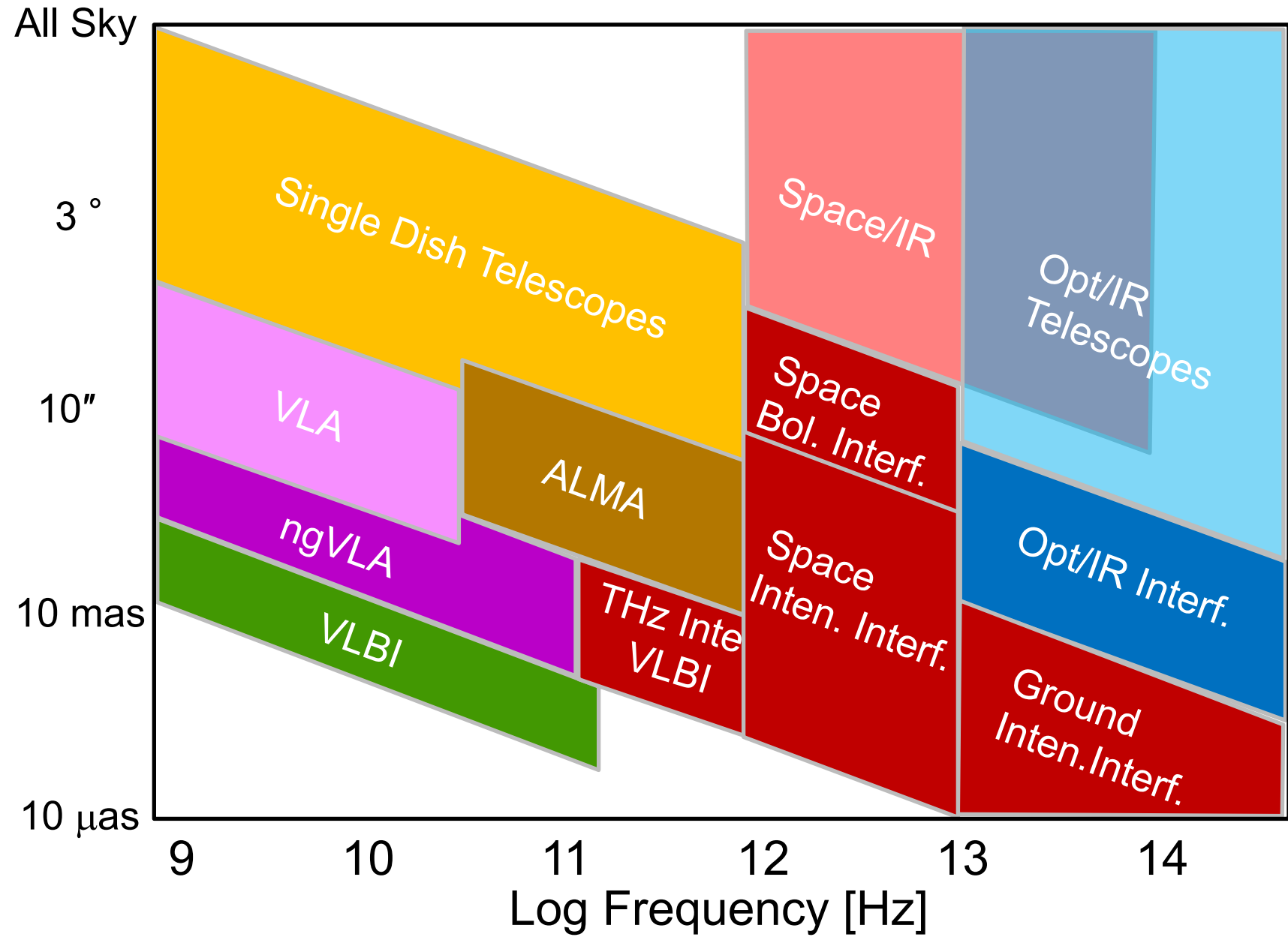
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- Closer to the central activities !



Angular Scale of Observation



Problems to be solved

- Time scale of the project
 - Ground-based demonstration
- Wavelengths of interests
 - Is delay calibration possible in infrared ?
- Fast photon counting technologies
 - Superconducting detectors
- Precision satellite orbit determination
 - Formation flights
- Fast data rates

Summary

- High angular resolution Far-IR observations
- HBT intensity interferometry
- Imaging technique
- Merit of direct detectors
- Combination of OST and Millimetron
- Ground-based demonstrators