



CCAT

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# CCAT Implementation

## Requirements:

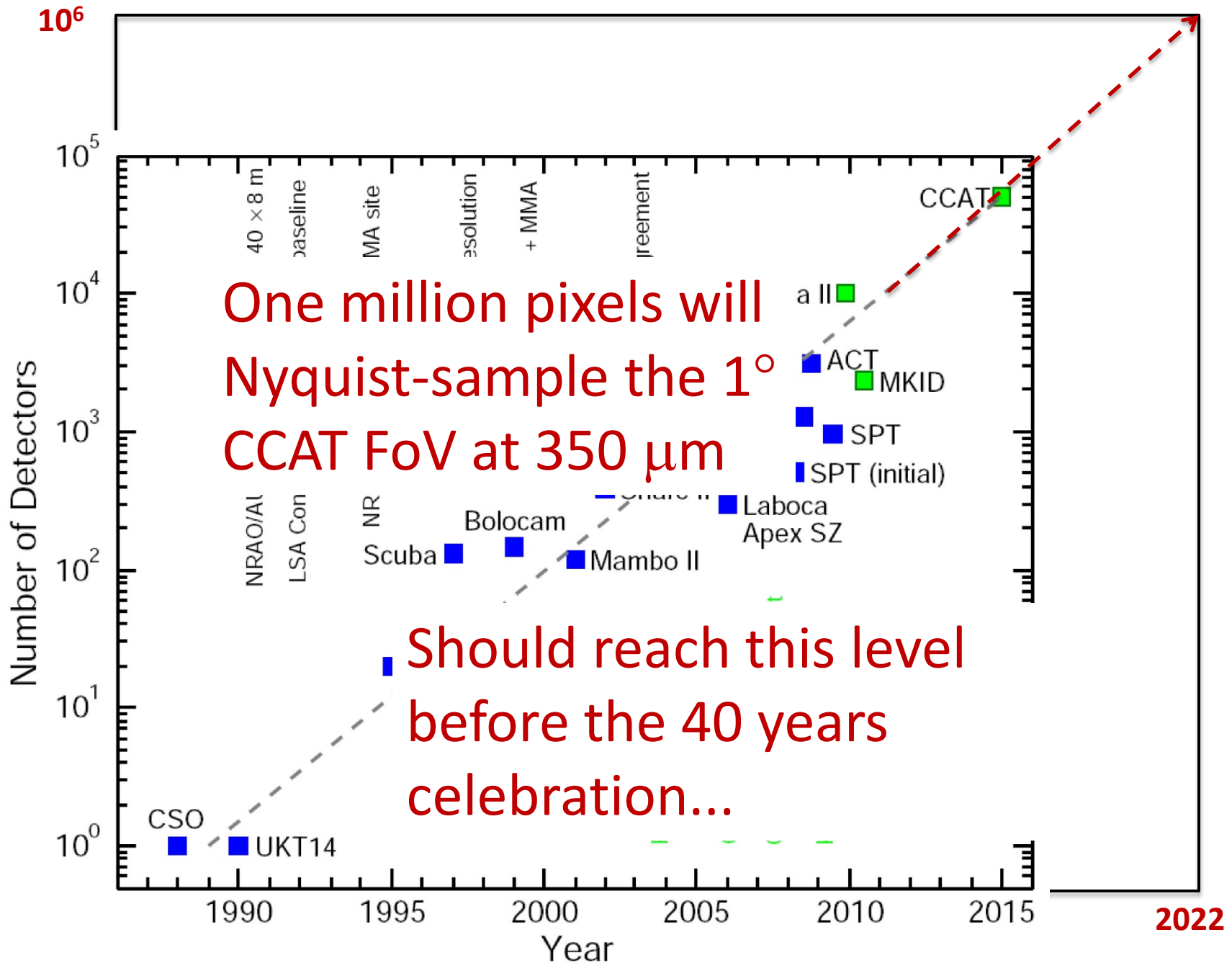
- 25 meter telescope
  - high surface accuracy (10  $\mu\text{m}$  RMS goal)
  - superb astronomical site: Cerro Chajnantor at 5617 m
- Resolves the CIRB
  - Beam  $\sim \lambda(\mu\text{m}/100)$  (")
  - Enables accurate astrometry for follow-up
  - Can reach the confusion limit at 350  $\mu\text{m}$  in a few hours
  - Point source sensitivity comparable to ALMA in short submm bands:  
*discovery and follow-up*



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- 25 meter telescope
  - high surface accuracy (10  $\mu\text{m}$  RMS goal)
  - superb astronomical site: Cerro Chajnantor at 5617 m
    - Highly accessible
  - Wide ( $1^\circ$ ) field of view
  - 20 year lifetime
- Takes advantage of technological innovations
  - Look towards future with growth of detector technology
  - Simultaneous mounting and use of instrumentation



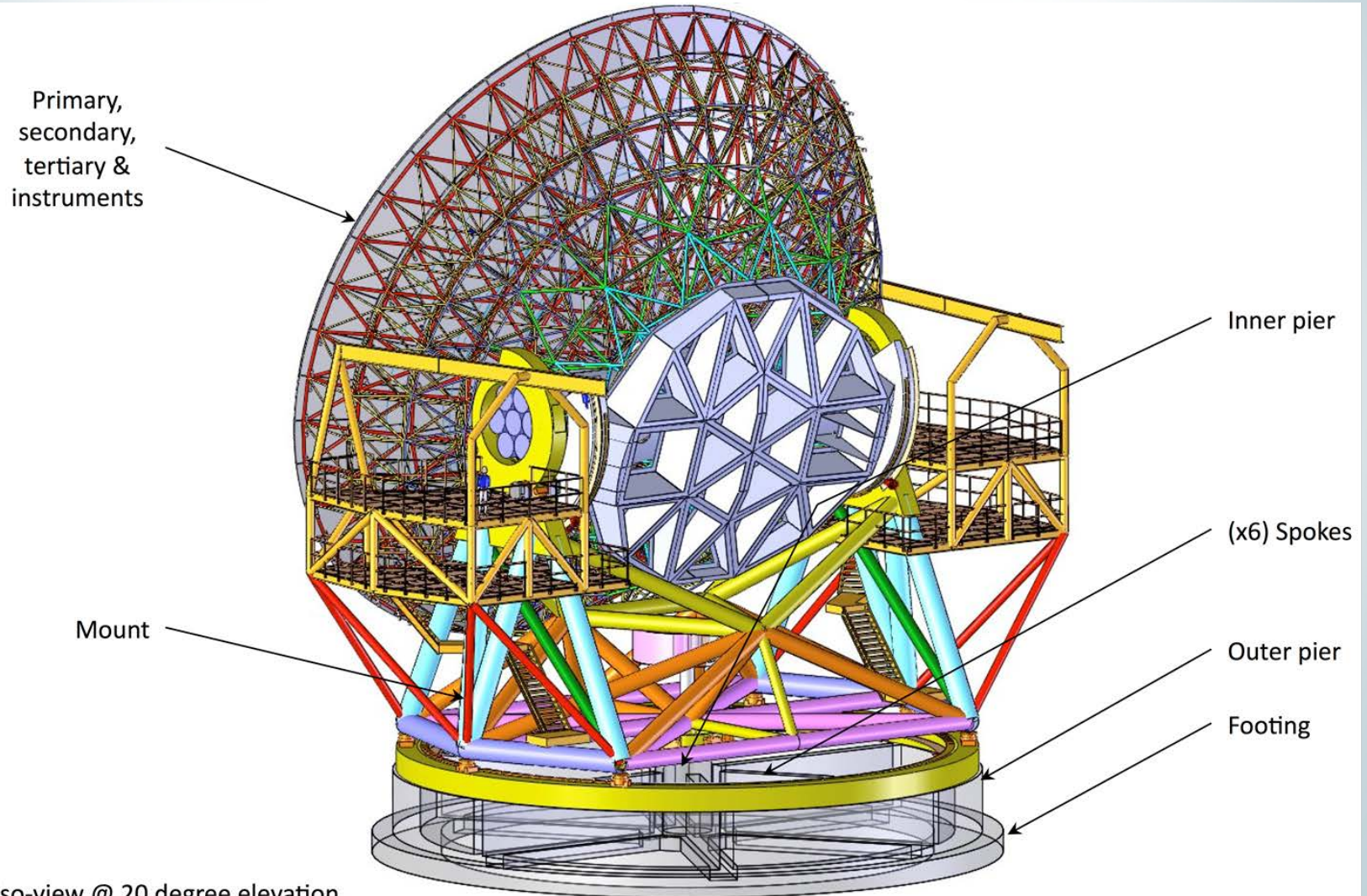




# Telescope Design

- Aperture **25 m**
- Wavelength **350  $\mu\text{m}$  – 3300  $\mu\text{m}$  (200  $\mu\text{m}$  goal)**
  - Beam size **3.5 arcsec @ 350  $\mu\text{m}$**
- Field of view **1° circular**
- Half Wave Front Error **< 12.5  $\mu\text{m}$  rms**
- Gregorian optics, Nasmyth instruments
- Active primary mirror
  - Al tiles on CFRP subframes, CFRP/invar truss
  - Open loop design, provision for closed loop
- Insulated steel Az/El mount, fast scan speed
- Enclosure: protection from wind, Sun

# CCAT Rear View



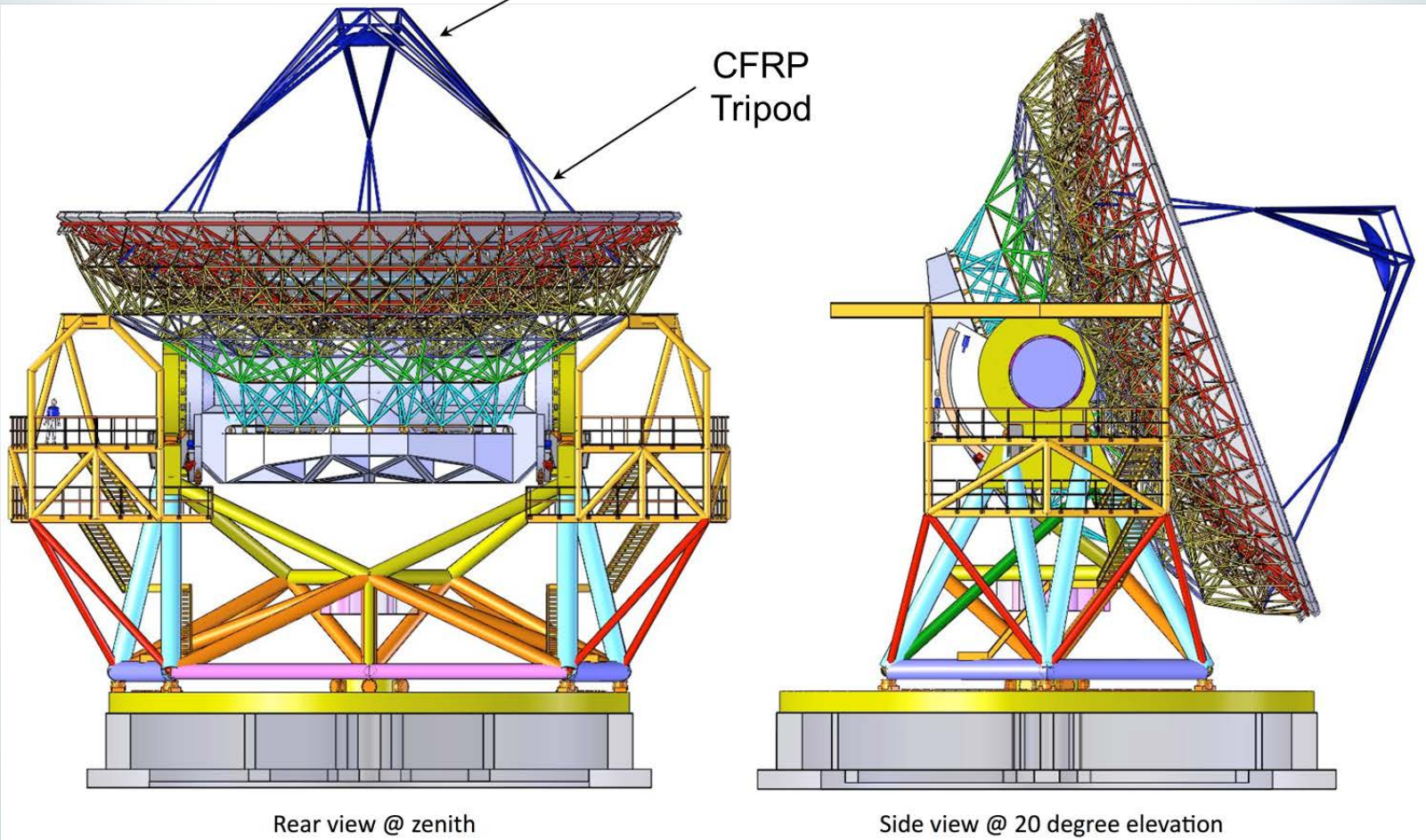
Rear iso-view @ 20 degree elevation



# CCAT Side Views

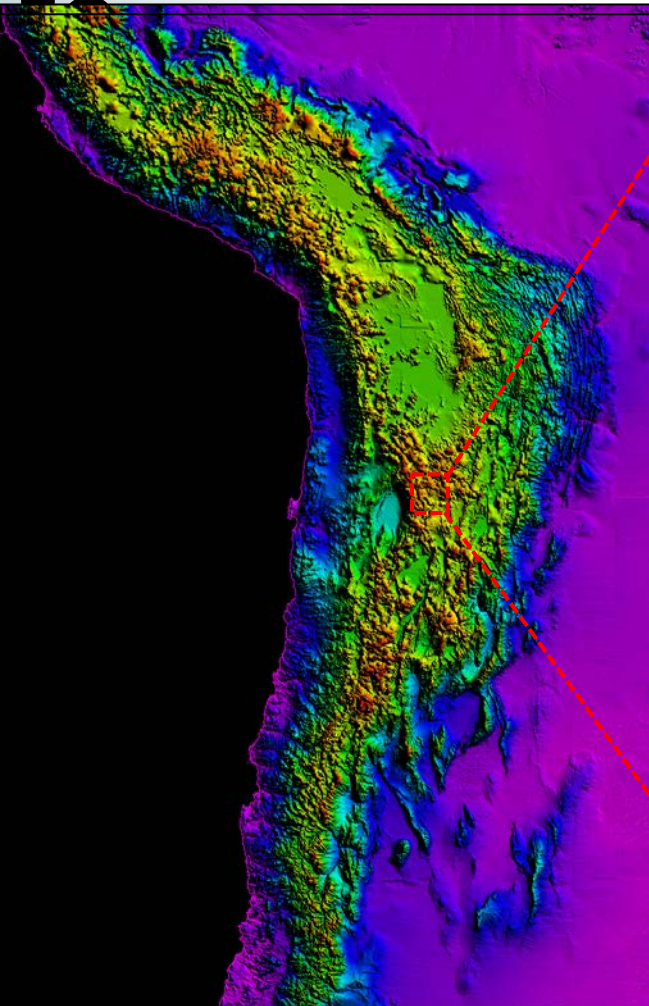
Aplanatic Gregorian

CFRP  
Tripod





# The Site: the driest, high altitude site to which one can drive a truck



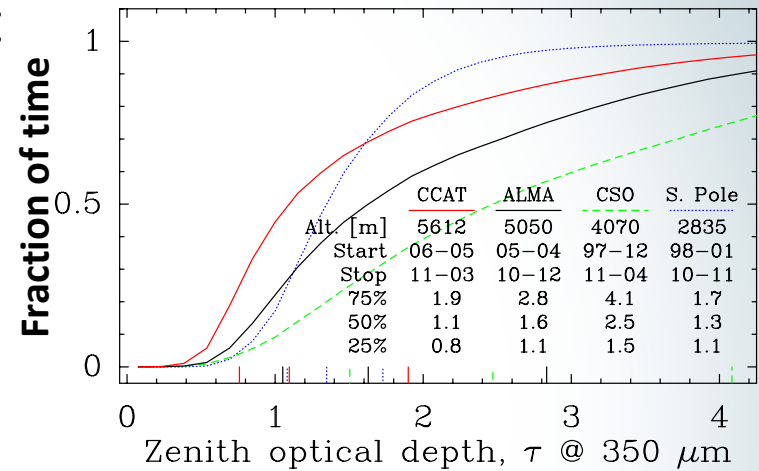
# Looking *Down* on the ALMA Site



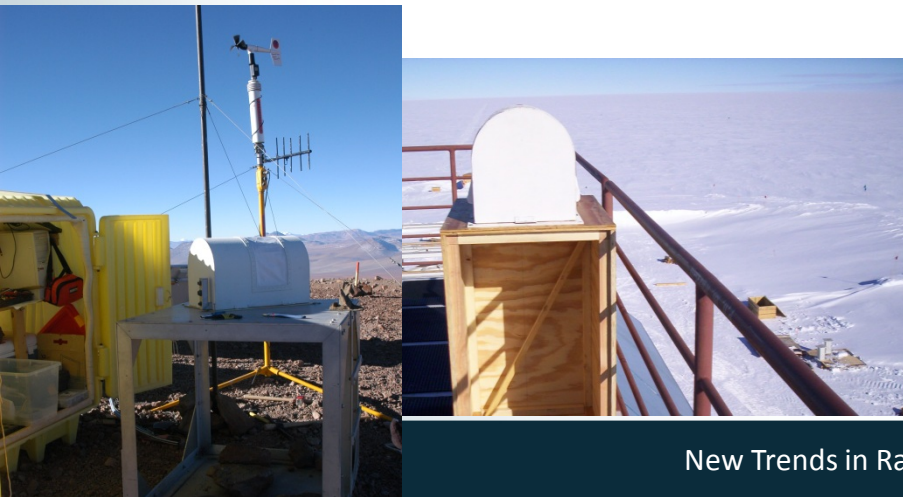
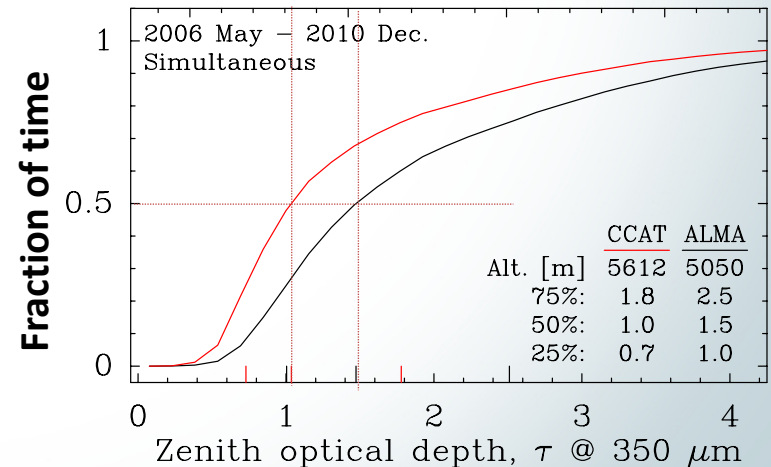


# Why the Extra 600 Meters?

- Submillimeter sensitivity is all about telluric transmission
- Simon Radford has been running tipping radiometers at primary sites for more than a decade –
- Simultaneous period for CCAT vs. ALMA site: median is 0.6 vs. 1.0 mm H<sub>2</sub>O ⇒ *factor of 1.4 in sensitivity*



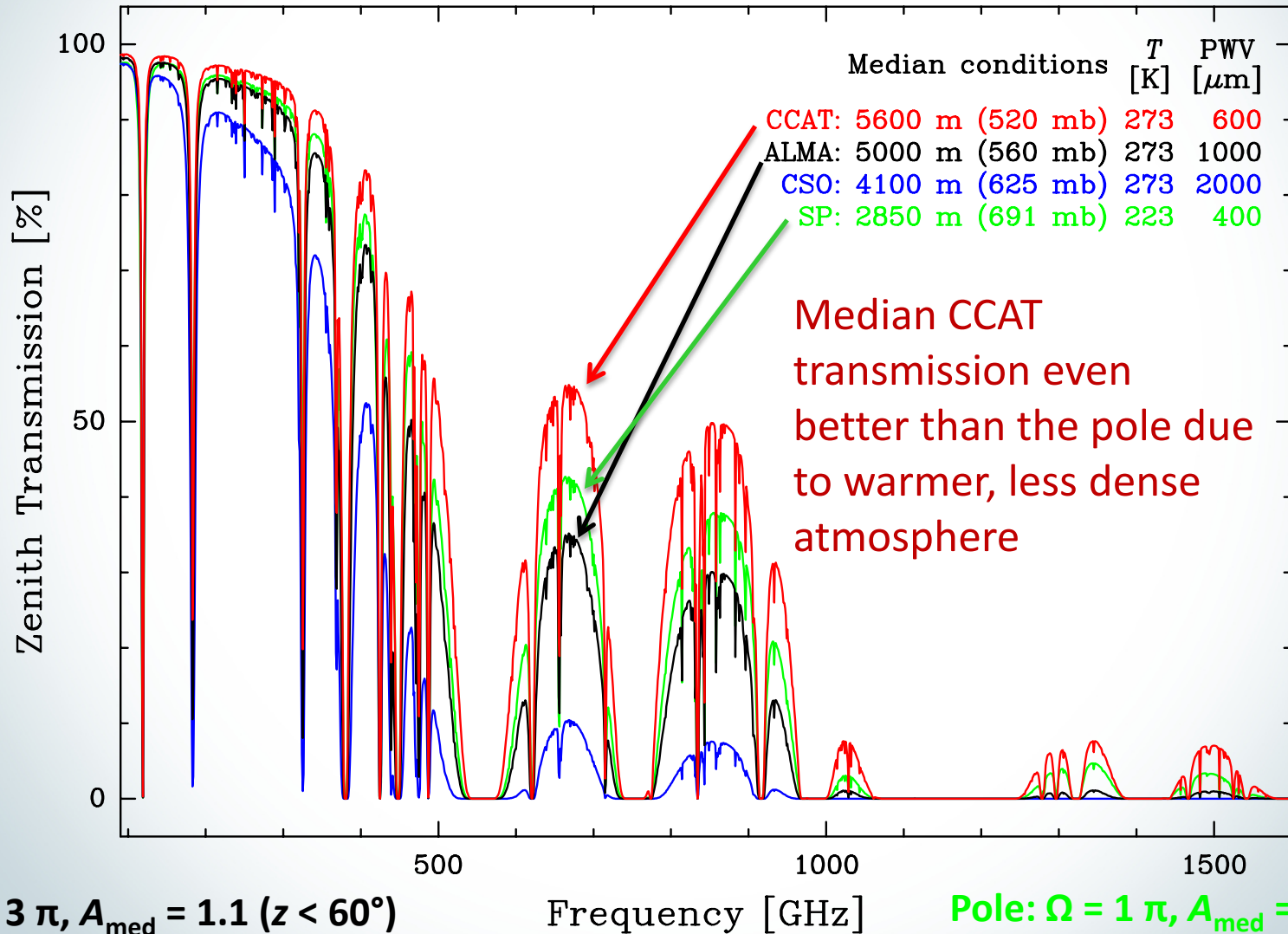
Precipitable Water Vapor [mm]  
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# Median Conditions

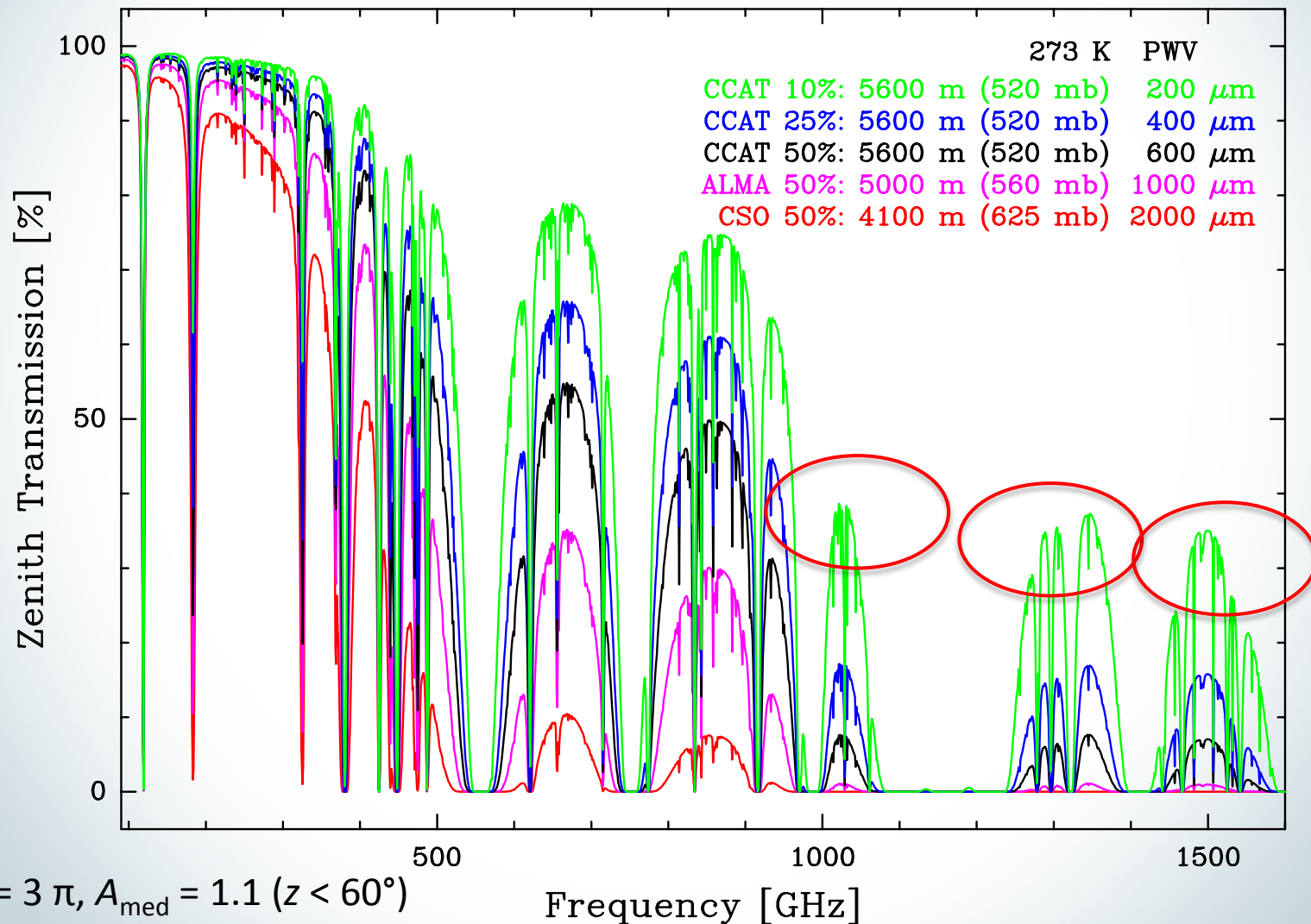
ATM 2002 Model (Pardo et al.)



# Top 10% Opens up THz Windows



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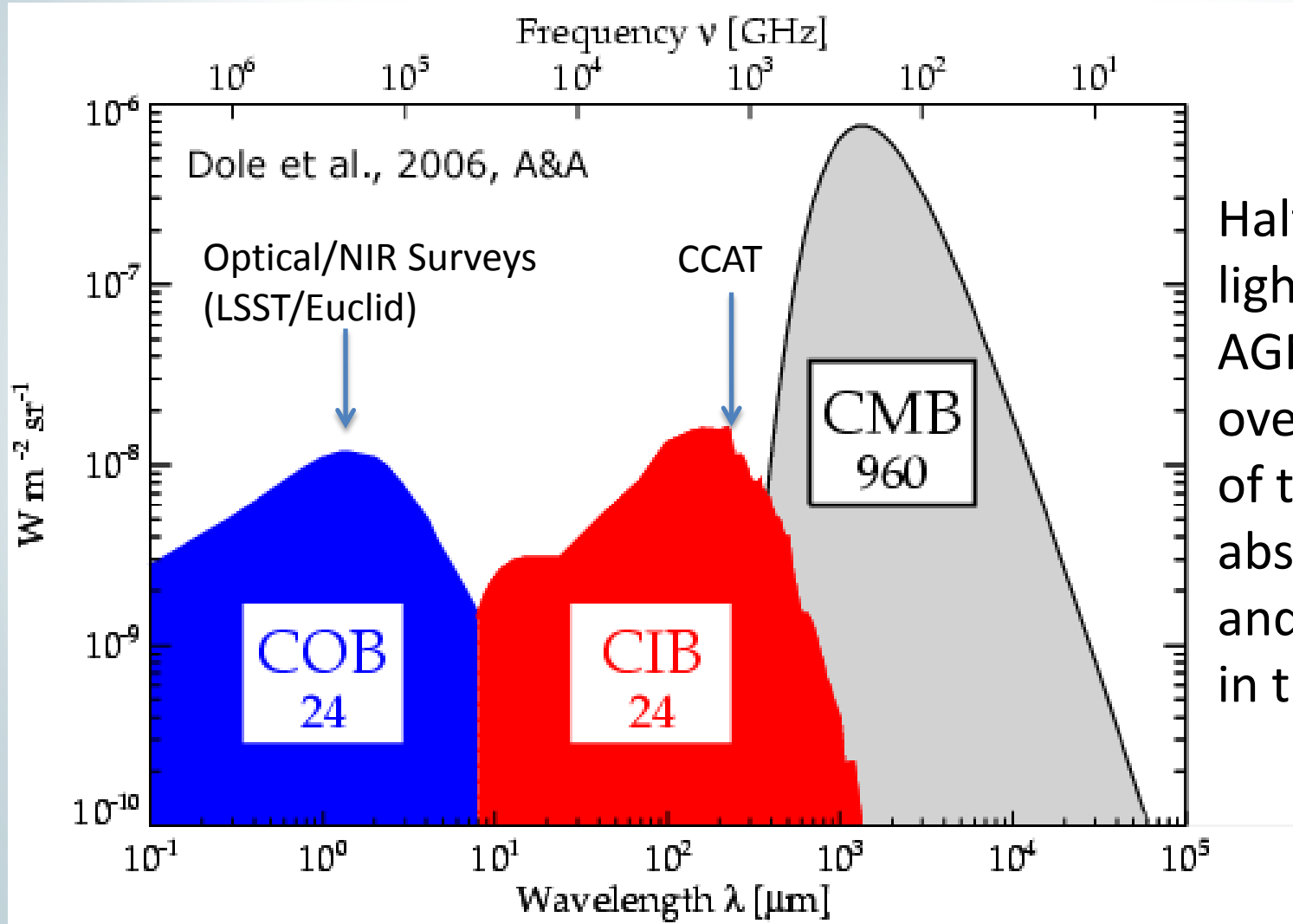


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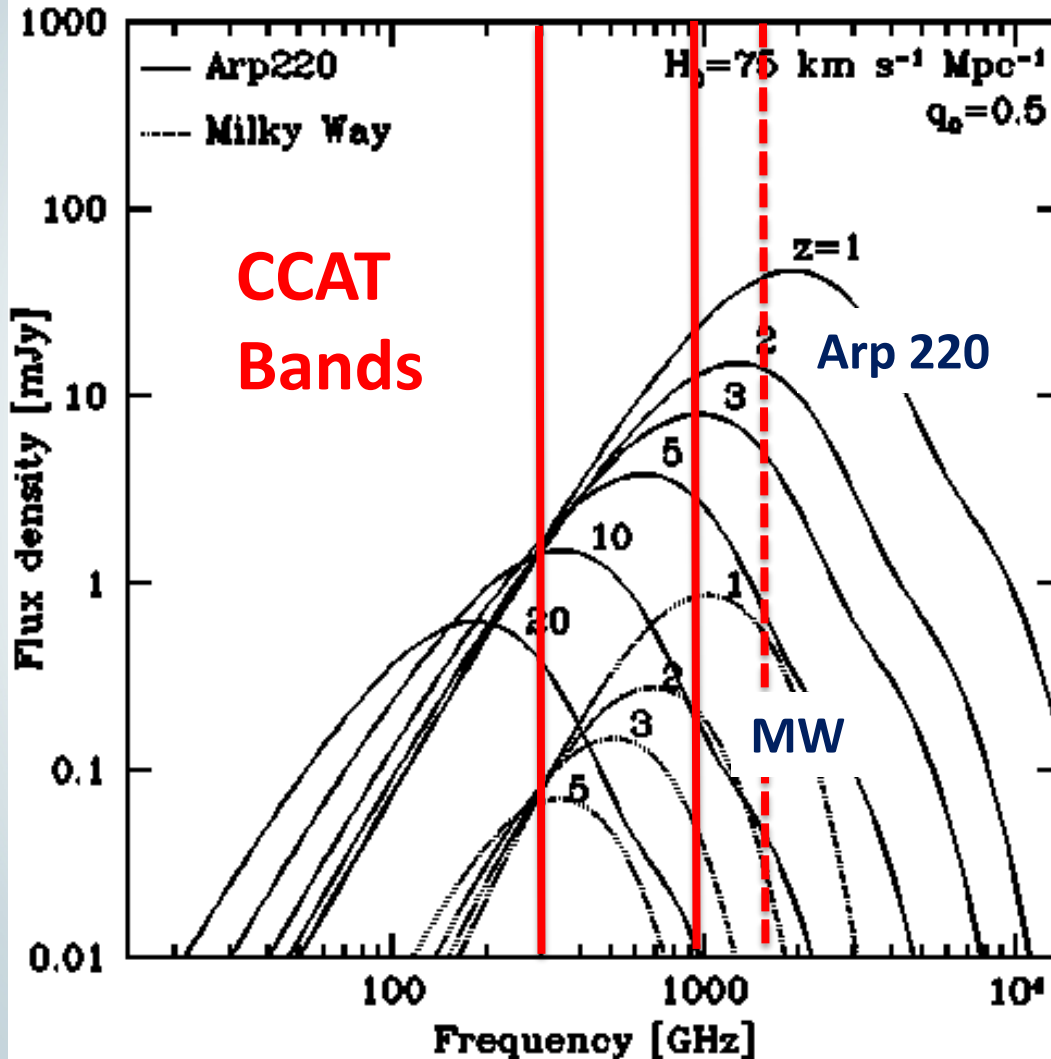


# Photon Energy Density of the Universe



Half the optical light of stars and AGN produced over the history of the Universe is absorbed by dust and re-radiated in the FIR band

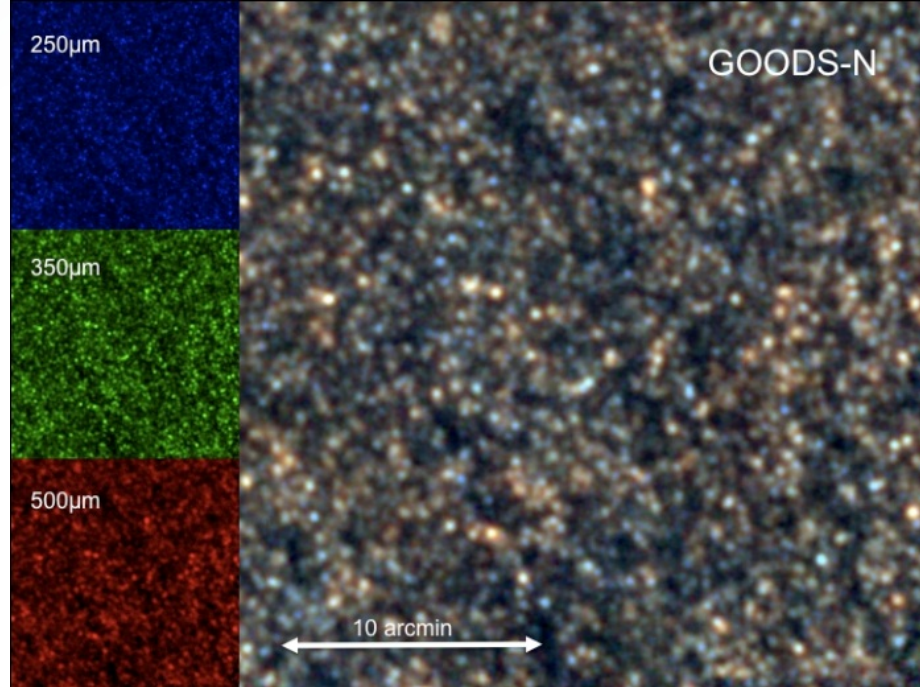
# CCAT Characterizes Luminosity




- CCAT measures the  $L_{\text{FIR}}$  for star forming galaxies at  $z > 1$
- For most cases this is:
  - Nearly the bolometric luminosity
  - Good estimate for star formation rates
  - Note that  $850 \mu\text{m}$  flux is insensitive to  $z$ , whilst  $350 \mu\text{m}$  flux is quite sensitive

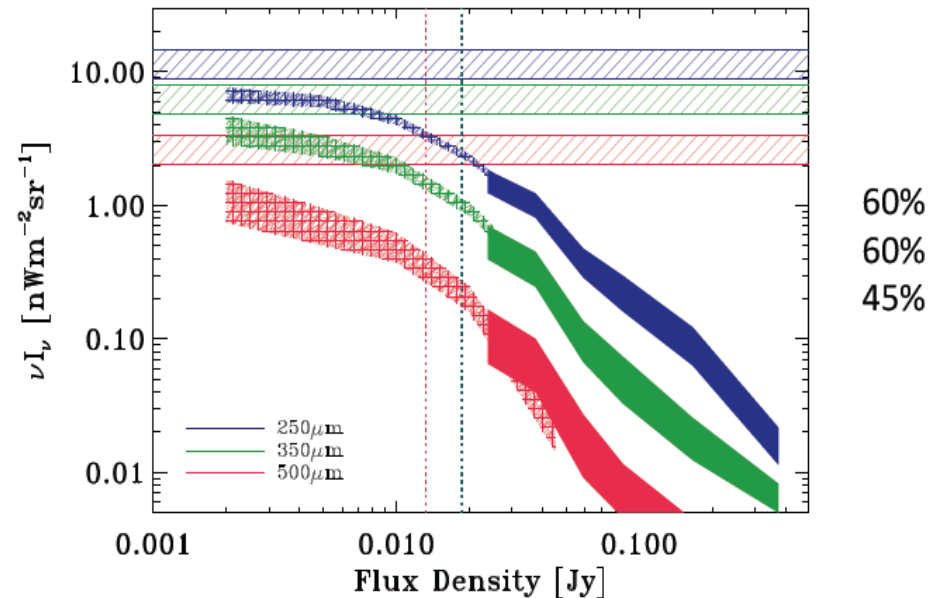
Red-shifted SEDs from Paul van der Werf's web-page

# Confusion



  
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 al. (2010,  
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See Patanchon et al. (2010), Glenn et al. (2011)



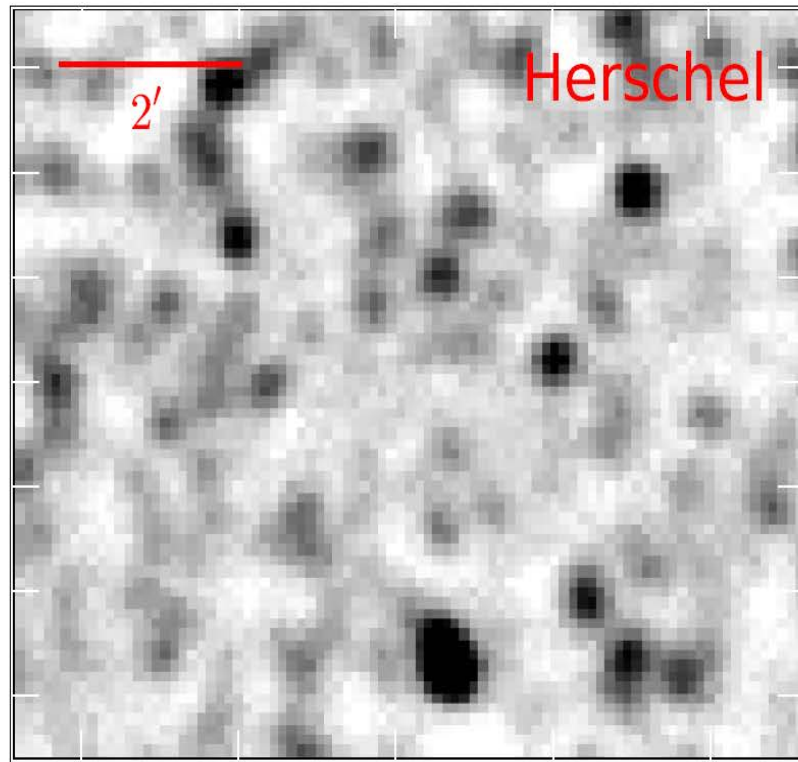
- The large CCAT aperture breaks the confusion limit
- Herschel surveys limited to  $\sim 25$  mJy confusion limit  $\Rightarrow$  resolve the CIRB at 10% level
- Statistically inferred at 50% level to 2 mJy/beam
- 25 m CCAT resolves directly sources at  $\sim 0.5$  to 1 mJy level in few hours at  $350 \mu\text{m}$
- $\rightarrow$  large  $(10-40^{(\circ)^2})/\text{yr}$  surveys into the most active epoch of assembly of galaxies and large scale structures in the Universe
- $\sim$  million sources/year



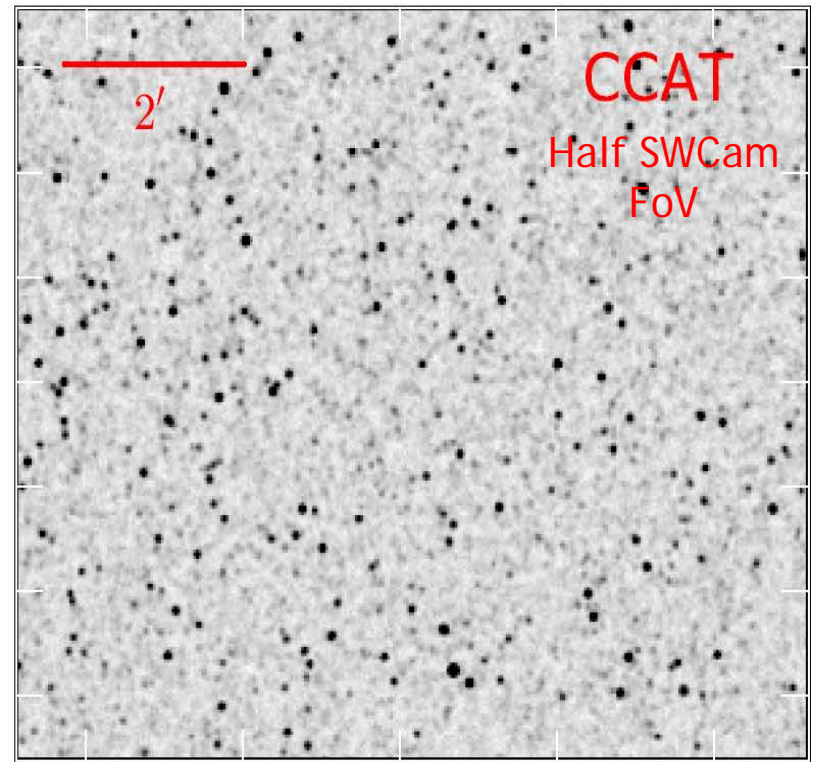
# Confusion: 25 m vs. 3.5 m telescopes



350  $\mu m$

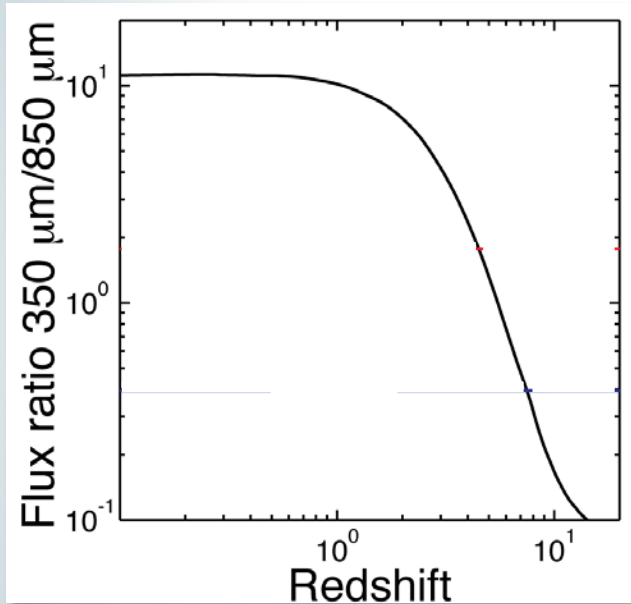


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Beam  
(3.5")

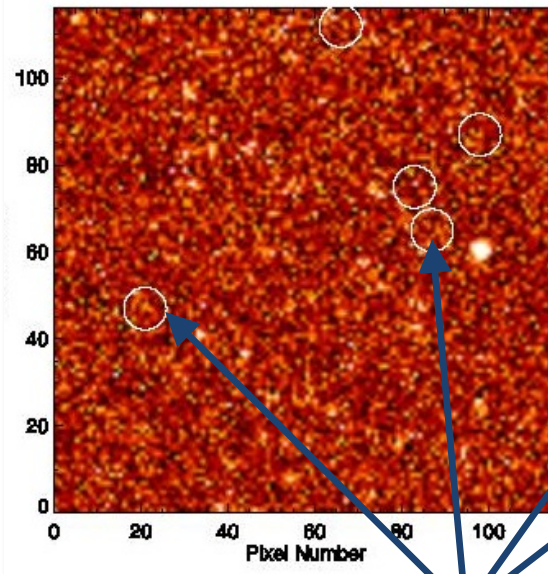


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(7")

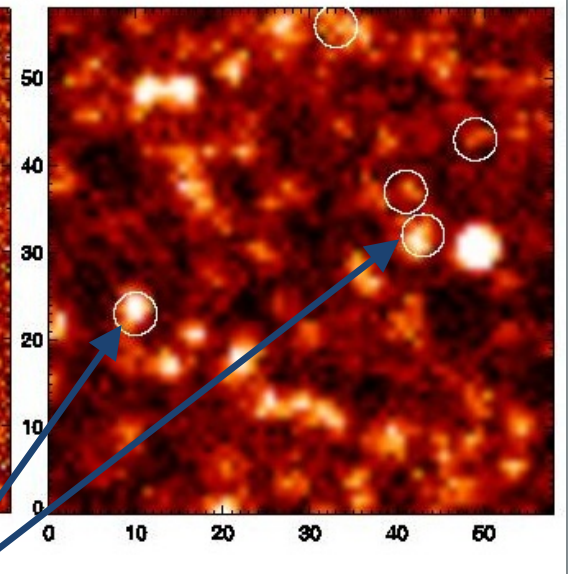
# Identifying the Highest Redshift Sources: 350 $\mu\text{m}$ Drop-outs



350  $\mu\text{m}$  Survey



850  $\mu\text{m}$  Survey



>5 $\sigma$  850  $\mu\text{m}$  detection, 350  $\mu\text{m}$  non-detections, or "drop-outs"



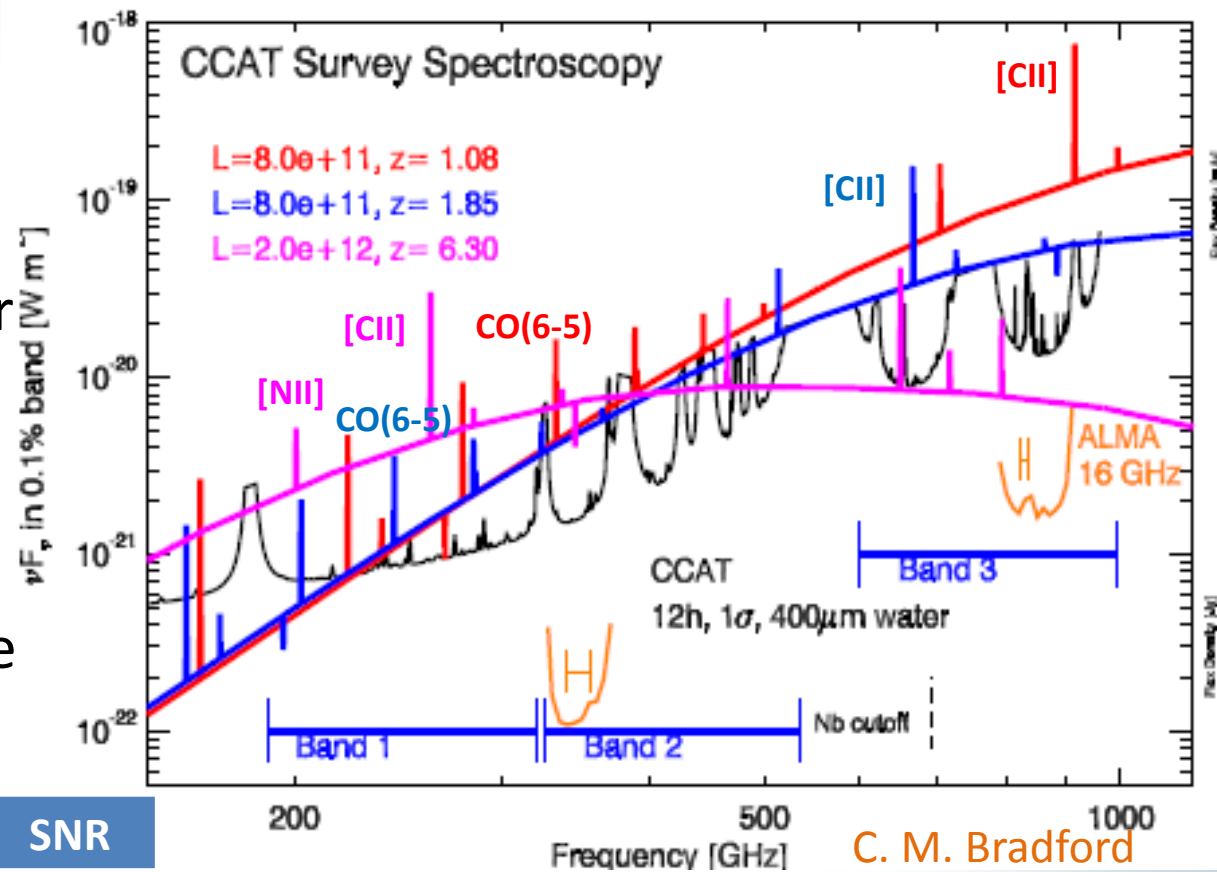
# Spectroscopic Redshifts

- Determined with multi-object, large bandwidth, direct detection spectrometers
  - Spacing of CO lines:  $115 \text{ GHz}/(1+z)$
  - FIR fine structure lines, especially [CII]
- Most sources detectable in the continuum are detectable in the [CII] line (if transmitted):
  - For  $L_{[\text{CII}]} / L_{\text{FIR}} = 10^{-3}$ ; [CII]/158  $\mu\text{m}$  continuum  $\sim 10:1$
  - Photometric BW/Spectroscopic BW  $\sim 1000/10$
  - $\Rightarrow$  sensitivity ratio  $\sim \sqrt{1000/10} = 10:1$
  - $\Rightarrow$  line is as detectable as the continuum
- CO lines roughly 5 times harder to detect, but the detection of multiple lines helps significantly



# Spectroscopy

- X-Spec: a very broad (50%) BW spectrometer
- [CII] much easier to detect...
- Multiple CO lines help, and uniquely determine the redshift



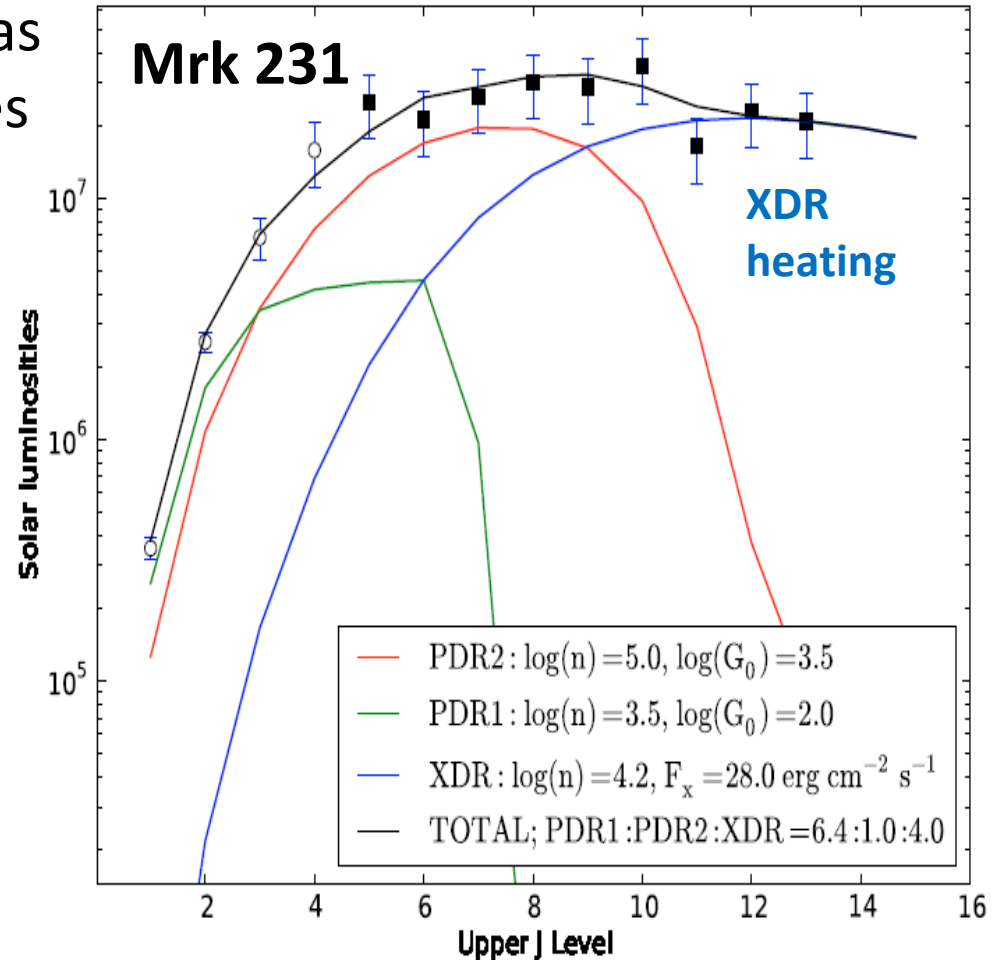
Redshift	L(FIR)	Line	SNR
1.15	$8 \times 10^{11}$	[CII]	75
		CO(6-5)	12
1.85	$8 \times 10^{11}$	[CII]	18
		CO(6-5)	4
6.3	$2 \times 10^{12}$	[CII]	30
		[NII] 205 $\mu$ m	6

ALMA 5 to 10 times more sensitive per spectral tuning, but:

- Several tunings necessary
- CCAT spectrometer is multi-object  
 $\Rightarrow$  *Can be more efficient with CCAT spectrometer*

# Physical Properties

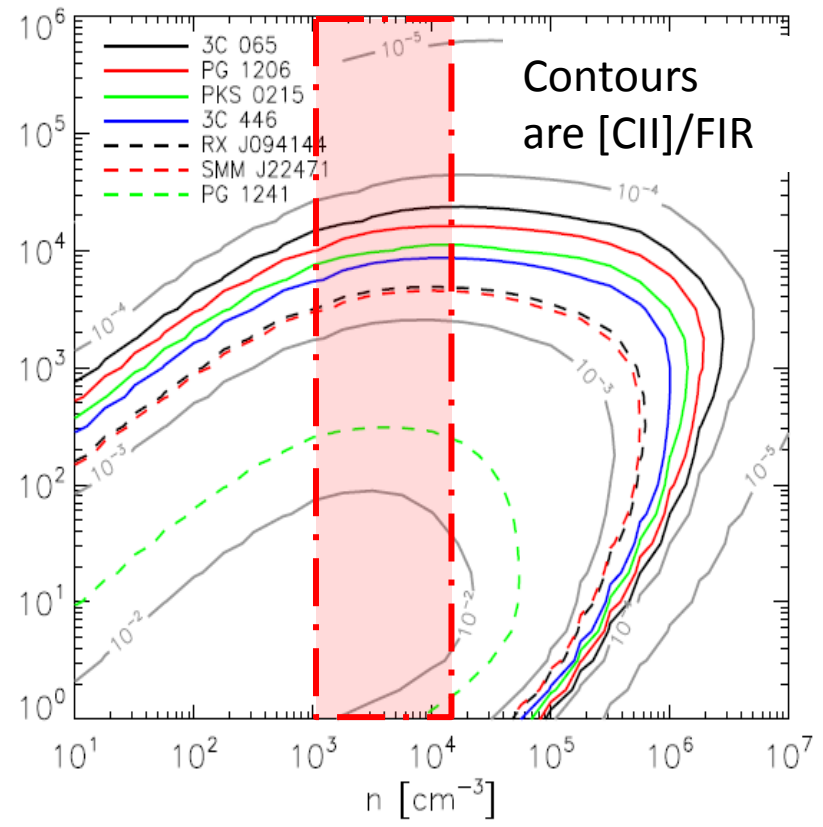
- CO SED constrain molecular gas mass reservoir and the sources of gas heating
  - PDR heating
  - Cosmic rays
  - Micro-turbulent shocks: **mid-J**
  - XDR heating: **high-J**
- FIR fine-structure lines constrain physical parameters of the gas and the stellar radiation fields



van der Werf et al. 2010

# Fine-Structure Line Science

- [CII] mostly arises in PDRs on neutral clouds exposed to stellar FUV
- [CII]/FIR yields the *intensity* of the ambient FUV radiation field,  $G_0$
- Observed FIR intensity is connected to the modeled  $G_0$  by the beam filling factor  $\Rightarrow$  the [CII]/FIR ratio indirectly yields the *size* of star formation regions
- Survey found star formation occurs on several kpc scales enveloping redshift 1-2 star forming galaxies



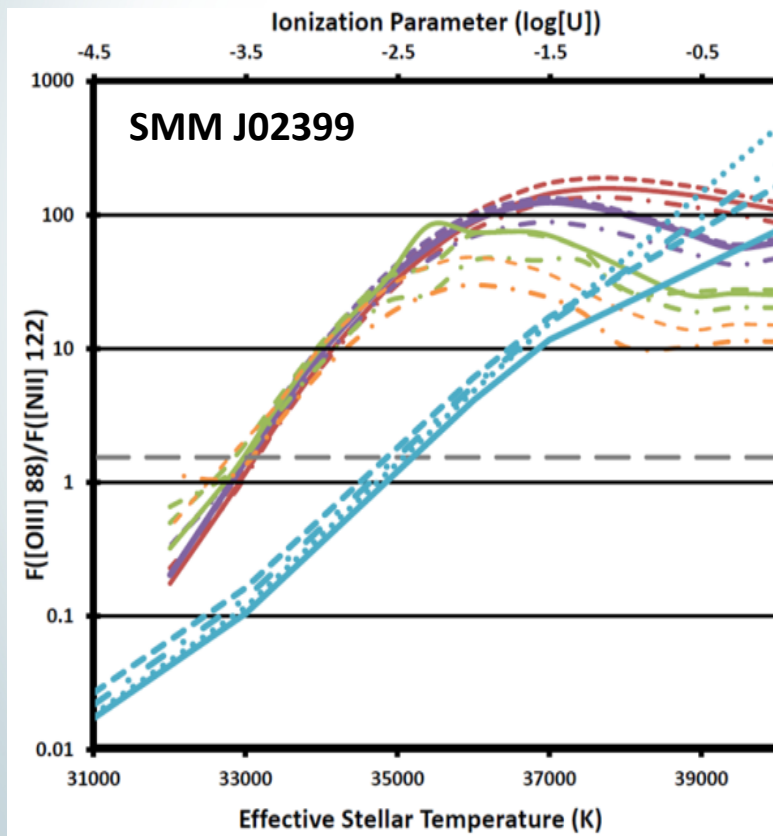
Hailey-Dunsheath et al. 2010,  
Stacey et al. 2010

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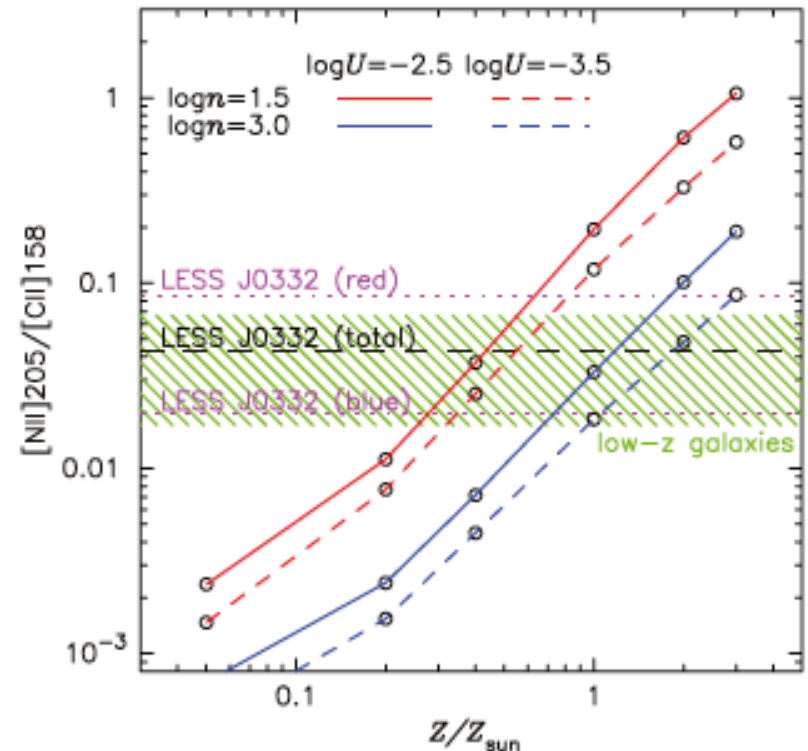


$[OIII]/[NII]$  yields hardness of the radiation field  $\Rightarrow$  Age of starburst

$[NII]/[CII]$  yields fraction of  $[CII]$  from HII regions (Oberst et al. 2006), or with other F-S lines and FIR, metallicity



Ferkinhoff et al. 2011



Nagao et al. 2012

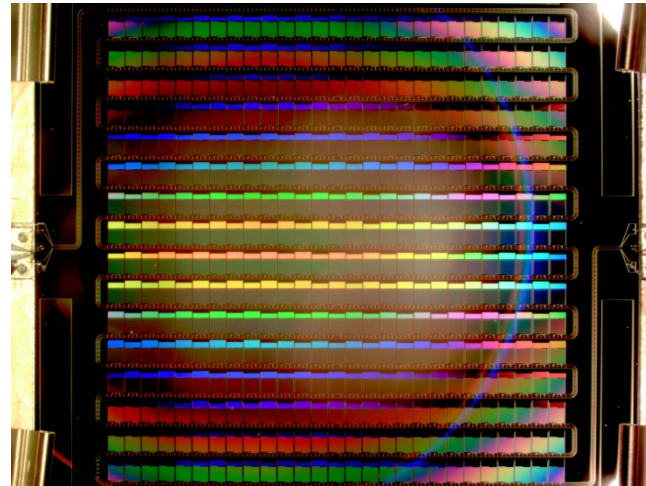


# Instrumentation Plans

Four instruments are in preliminary design phase, all multi-institutional :

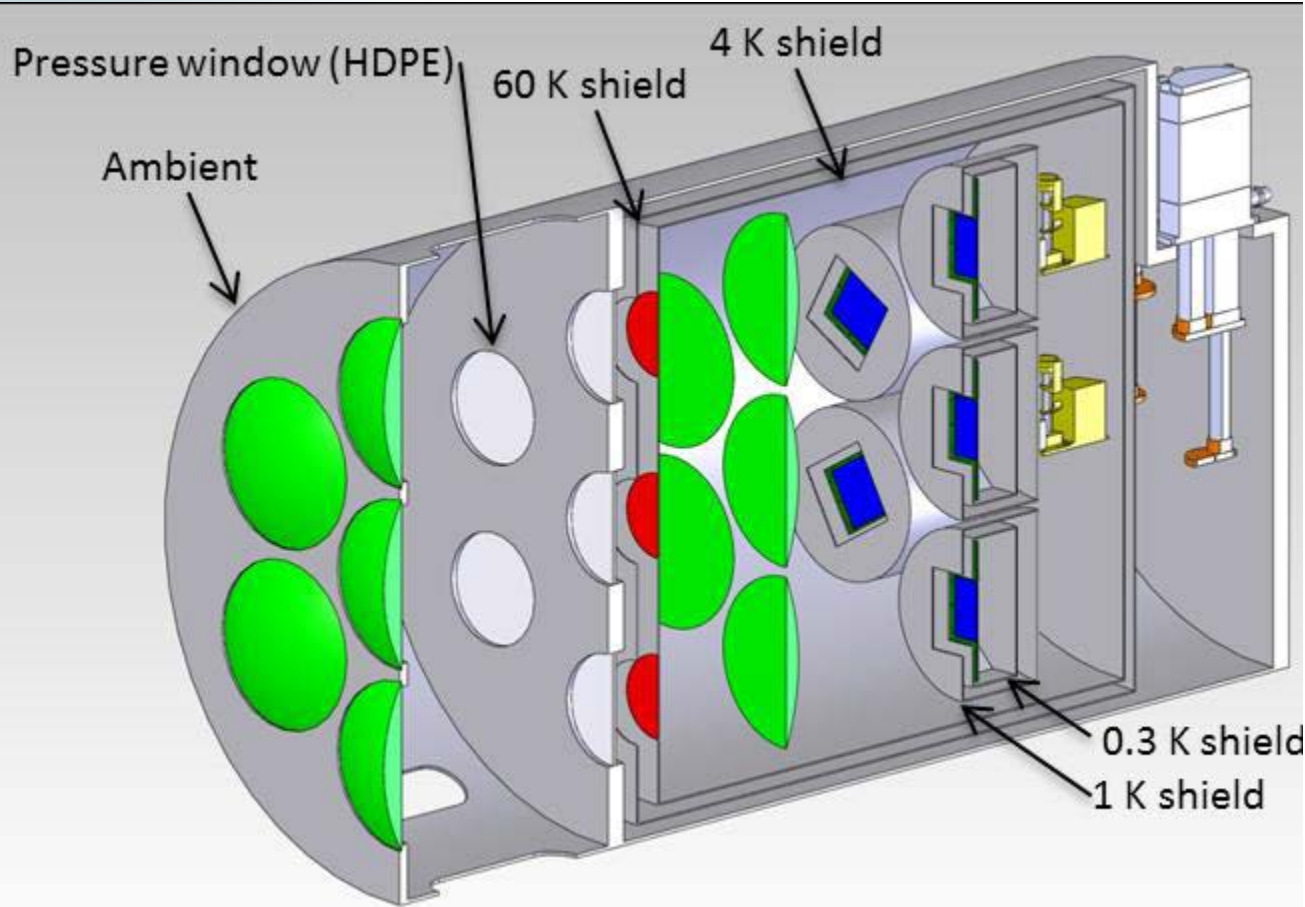
- Short Wavelength Camera (PI: G. Stacey, Cornell) (\*)
- Long Wavelength Camera (PI: S. Golwala, Caltech) (\*)
- Direct Detection MOS (PI: M. Bradford, JPL) (\*)
- Heterodyne Feed Array (PI: J. Stützki, Köln)

(\*) Direct detection instruments MKIDs are technology of choice: they are intrinsically multiplexable, and can be implemented into large format arrays with relatively simple readout electronics.



432 pixel TiN MKID array for MAKO/SWCam (Caltech/JPL)

# Short Wavelength Camera (SWCam)



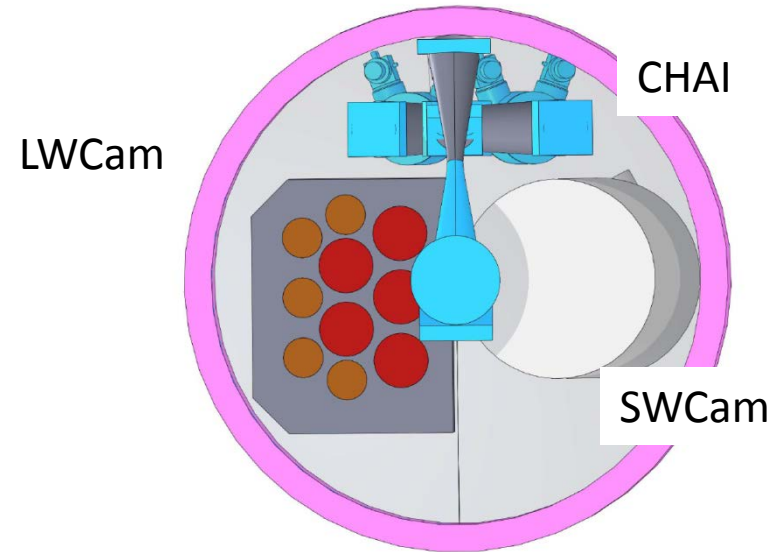
- 7 planar subarrays  $\sim 8000$  pixels each @ 2.9" p.s.  $\Rightarrow$  56,000 pixel submm camera w/ 13' FoV
- Primary band 350  $\mu\text{m}$ ; secondary access to 450, 200  $\mu\text{m}$  bands
- Meandering inductor coupled direct absorption MKID arrays



# Long-Wavelength Camera



CCAT Nasmyth Field

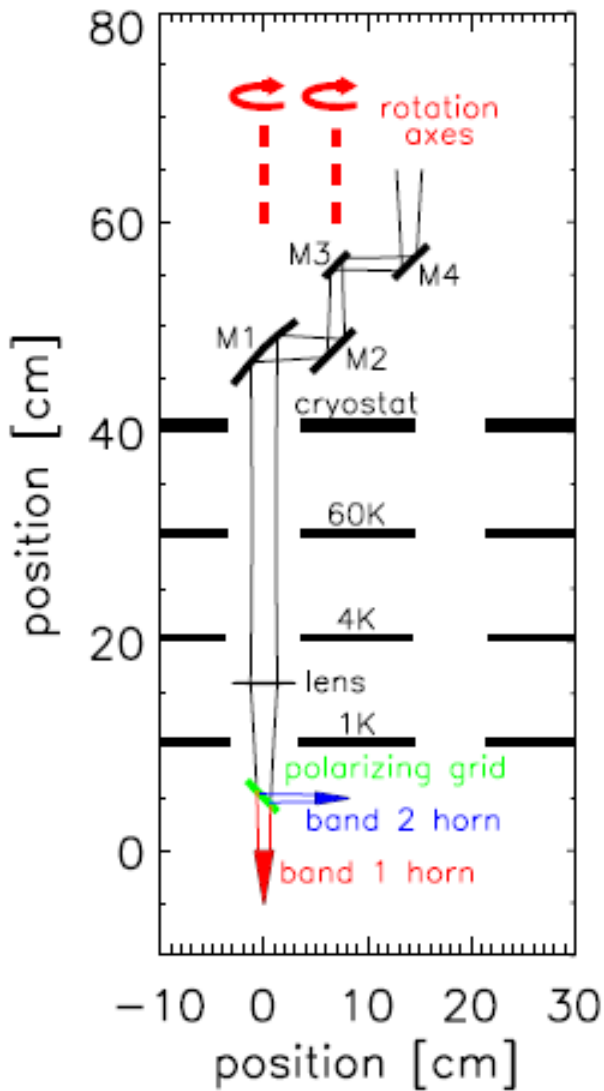


- PI: Sunil Golwala
- Primary Observing Bands
  - Between 750  $\mu\text{m}$  and 3.3 mm
  - 6 sub-arrays
  - 20' FoV
  - $\sim 40,000$  pixels
- Technology
  - Antenna coupled MKID detectors
  - TES/feed-horn coupled backup

$\lambda$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	$\nu$ [GHz]	$\Delta\nu$ [GHz]	Per-Pixel Sensitivity [ $\text{mJy s}^{1/2}$ ]	Number of Pixels
750	400	30	18	16384
850	350	34	10	16384
1100	275	95	2.4	4096
1300	230	62	2.2	4096
2000	150	47	2.3	1024
3300	90	35	2.7	1024

# X-S

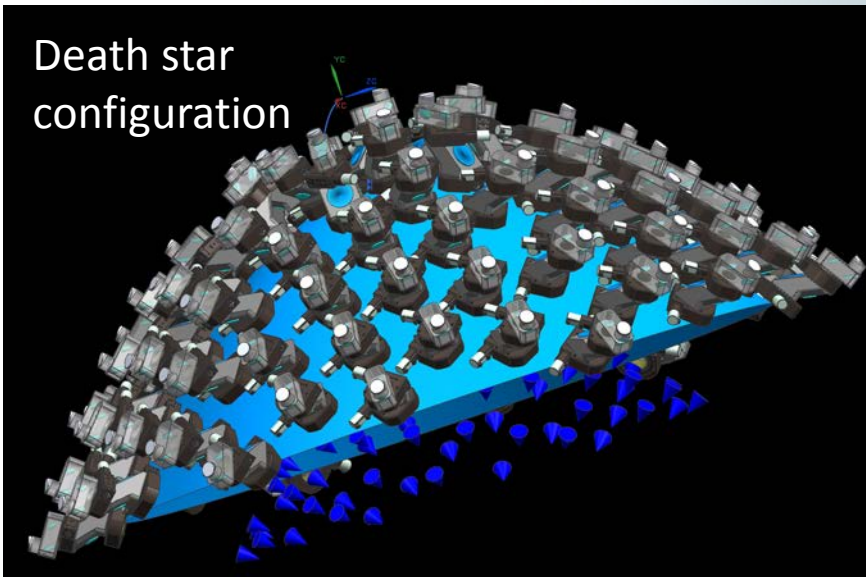
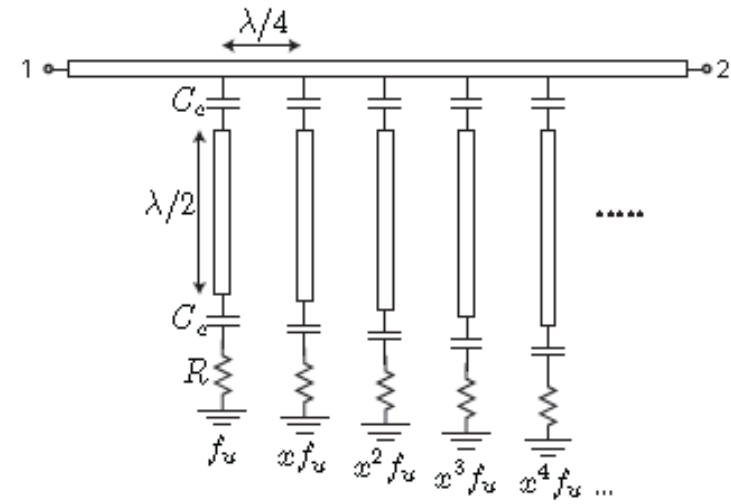
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# CHAI: CCAT Heterodyne Array Instrument



- PI: Jürgen Stutzki
- Heterodyne, dual frequency array
- Operating bands: 500 GHz (600  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and 850 GHz (350  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - 2'  $\times$  2', 14" spacing at 600  $\mu\text{m}$
  - 1'  $\times$  1', 8" spacing at 370  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Mid-J CO;  $^{13}\text{CO}$ , and [Cl] F-S lines in Galactic star formation regions and nearby galaxies
  - Comets in the HDO  $1_{10}-1_{01}$  509 GHz line
- 64 (baseline), 128 (goal) pixels in each band

# CCAT Consortium Members

- Cornell University (\*)
- California Institute of Technology(\*)/Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- University of Colorado(\*)
- University of Cologne(\*) + University of Bonn
- Canadian consortium(\*\*):
  - U. of Waterloo, U. of British Columbia, U. of Toronto, Dalhousie U., McGill U., of Western Ontario, McMaster U. and U. of Calgary
- Associated Universities, Inc.
- U.S. National Science Foundation



(\*) Signers of CCAT Consortium Agreement and members of CCAT Corp.

(\*\*) Members of Canada Corp., which is in process of joining CCAT Corp.

# Project Timeline

- October 2003: Partnership Workshop in Pasadena
- Feb 2004: MOU signed by Caltech, JPL and Cornell
- 2005: Project Office established
- 2006: Feasibility Study Review
- 2007-2010: Consortium consolidation, design development.  
Site selection completed

- 2010: First-ranked mid-scale project by Astro2010
- 2010 Nov: \$11M donation by F. Young

- 2011 Feb:
- 2011 Jun:

- 2011 Nov

- 2011-2012  
(\$12.7M)

- mid-2013
- 2013-2014



*Jason Koski/University Photography*

Provost Kent Fuchs, left, introduces benefactor Fred Young '64, who committed \$11 million to support the CCAT telescope, at a workshop for CCAT scientists.

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