

QUBIC experiment

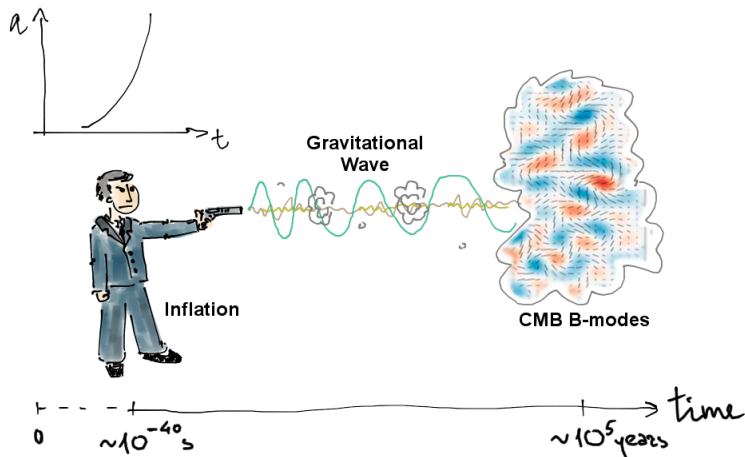
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Inflation and B-modes



What is QUBIC?

Q and U Bolometric Interferometer for Cosmology

QUBIC is a ground-based cryogenic experiment, in construction phase, dedicated to measure primordial B-modes of CMB.

- ▶ Background limited bolometric detectors for the focal planes
→ **High sensitivity: $r < 0.02$ @ 95% C.L. including foregrounds!**
- ▶ Interferometer with 400 elements → **Good systematics control.**
- ▶ Dual band → Two focal planes operating on 150 and 220 GHz. **Dust contamination control.**

Who is QUBIC?



- ▶ APC Paris, France
- ▶ Brown University, USA
- ▶ Cardiff University, UK
- ▶ CSNSM Orsay, France
- ▶ IAS Orsay, France
- ▶ IEF Orsay, France
- ▶ IRAP Toulouse, France
- ▶ LAL Orsay, France
- ▶ University of Manchester, UK
- ▶ Università di Milano-Bicocca, Italy
- ▶ Università degli studi di Milano, Italy
- ▶ Maynooth University, Ireland
- ▶ Richmond University, USA
- ▶ Università La Sapienza, Roma, Italy
- ▶ University of Wisconsin, USA

Qubic white paper: [arXiv:1010.0645v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/1010.0645v1)
[astro-ph.IM] 4 Oct 2010

Technical Design Report: coming soon on
arXiv!



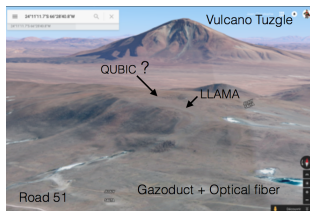
Where and when is QUBIC?

Antarctic, Concordia station:
baseline site

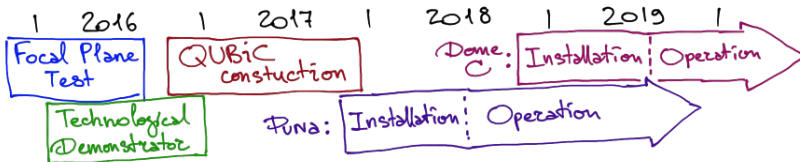


- ▶ Good atmospheric conditions for CMB observations.
- ▶ Hard logistics ($\sim +1$ year to the timeline).

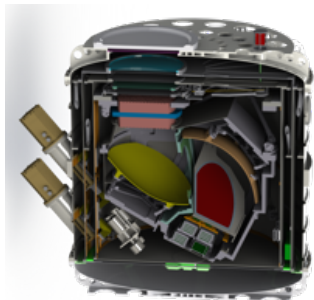
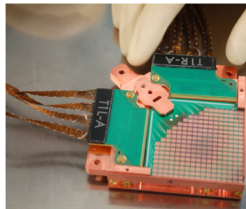
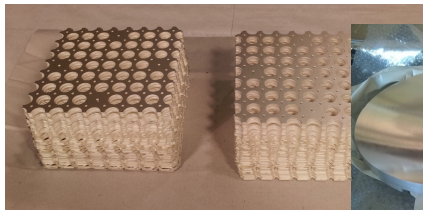
Argentina, Puna desert:
alternative site



- ▶ The atmospheric conditions are not as good (factor 2-3 higher emissivity than Dome C \rightarrow factor 1-3 on r sensitivity)
- ▶ But logistics is much easier.



Instrument fully designed



- ▶ 1.547m high
1.42m diameter
About 800 kg.
- ▶ 2 arrays of 992 NbSi TES
Measured NEP $\sim 4 \times 10^{-17} \text{ WHz}^{-1/2}$
128 multiplexing per ASIC.

QUBIC sketch

Half-Wave Plate

Polarizing Grid

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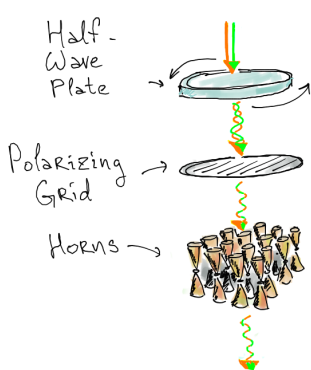
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$$\Downarrow$$

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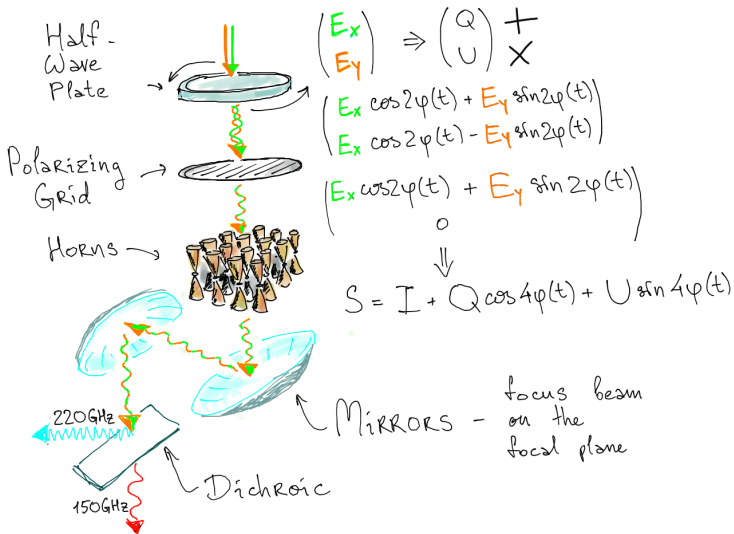
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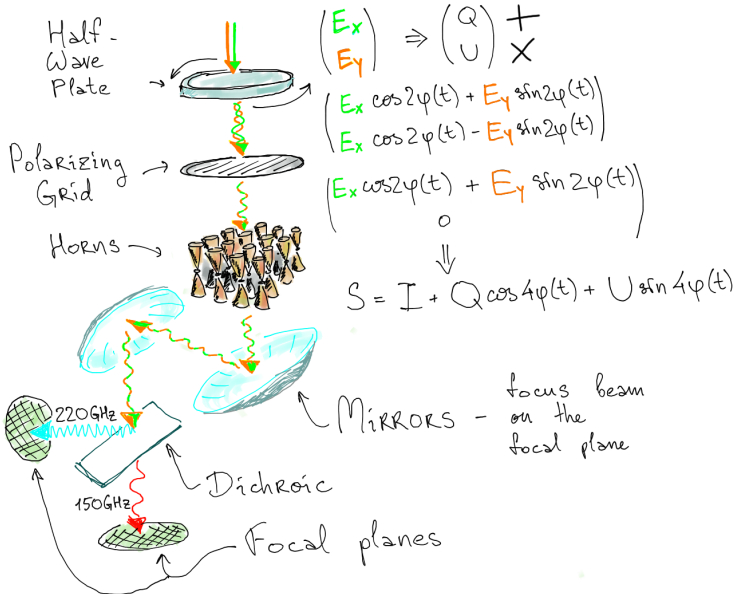
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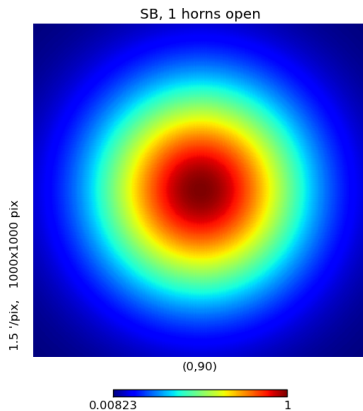
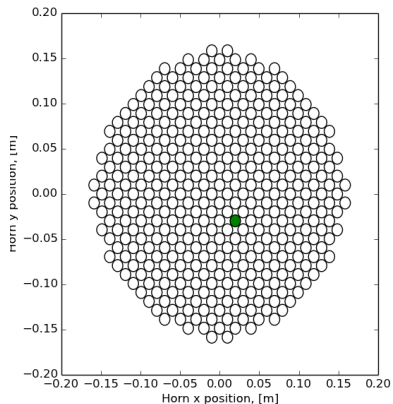
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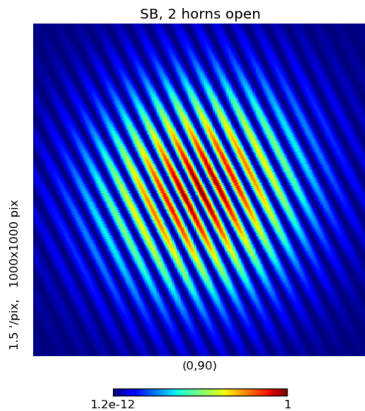
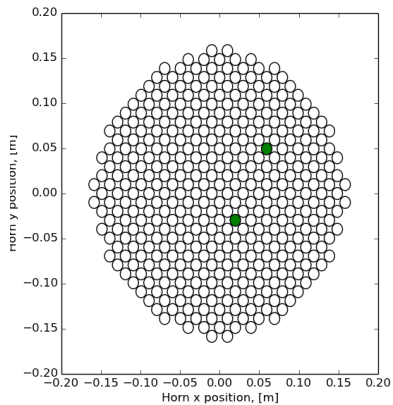


Synthesized beam

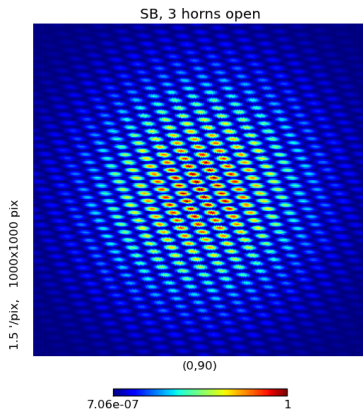
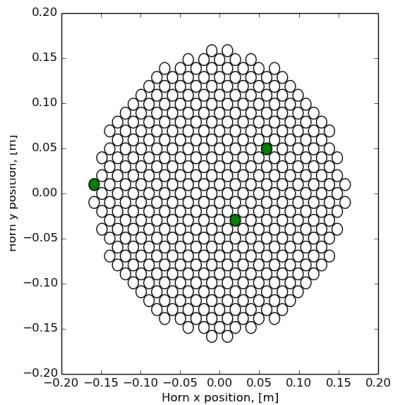


σ of the input beam is 13 deg

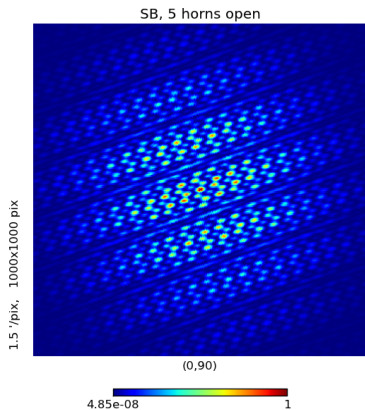
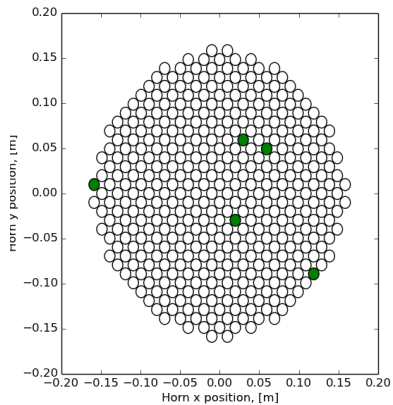
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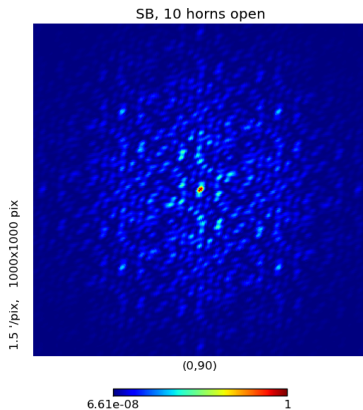
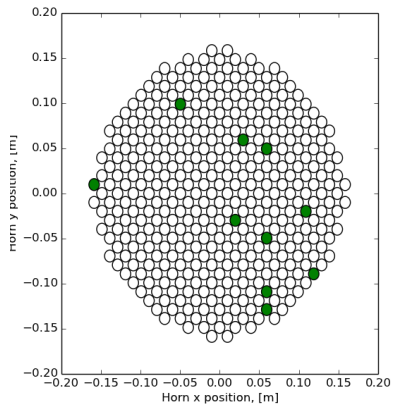
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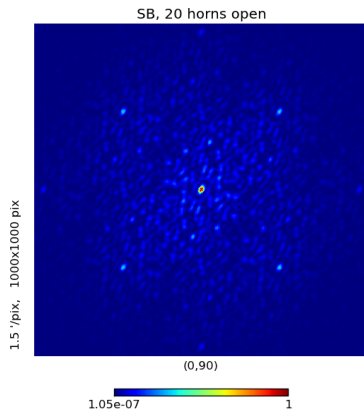
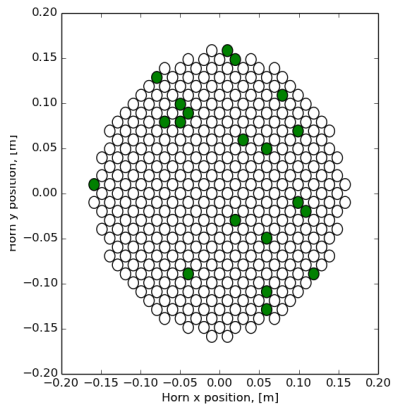
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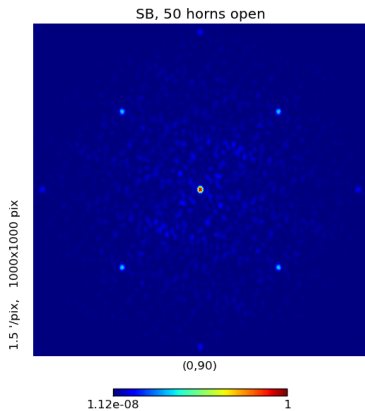
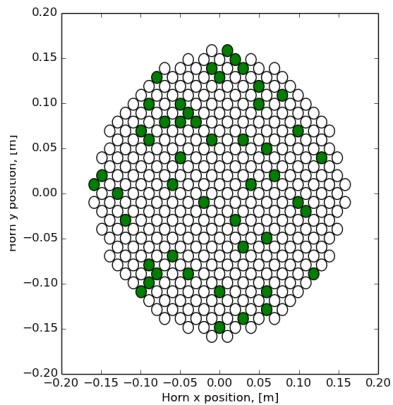
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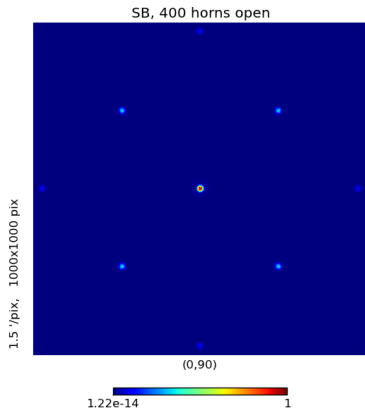
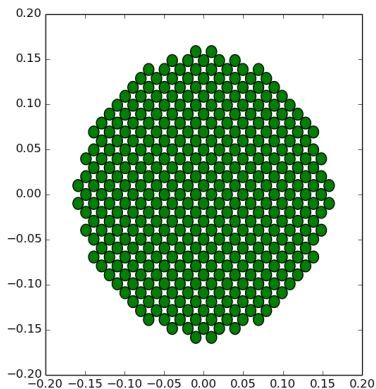
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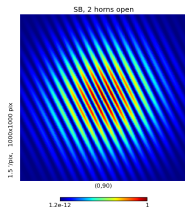
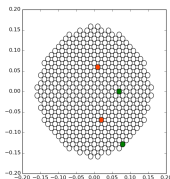
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FWHM of the primary peak is 23.5 arcmin.

Fraction of power on secondary peaks is around 70%

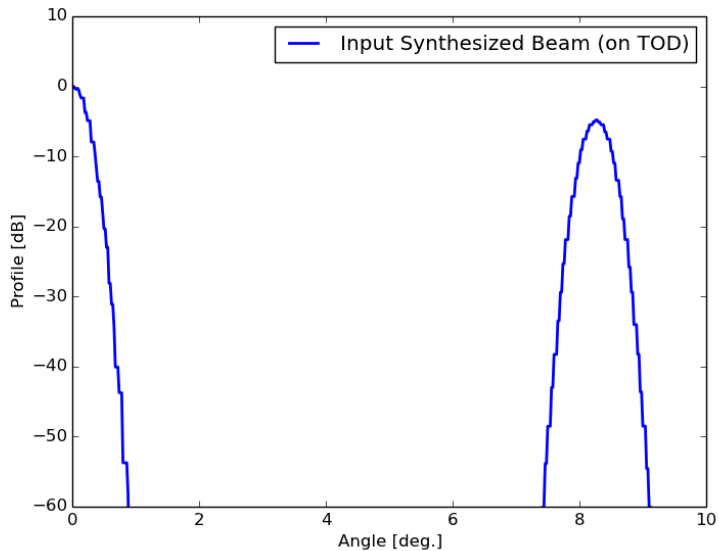
Self-calibration



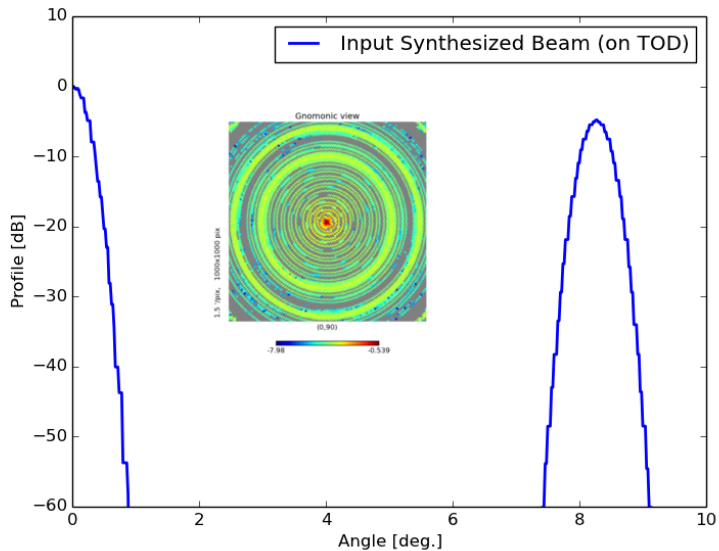
- ▶ For a perfect instrument all the redundant baselines should give the same interferometric pattern.
- ▶ If they don't, it tells us about systematics.
- ▶ Using an external point source we can run self-calibration and thus fit and control systematics effects.

parameter	No Self Cal.	1 day / year		100 days/year	
	$\sigma_{nominal - real}$	$\sigma_{real - recovered}$	ratio	$\sigma_{real - recovered}$	ratio
Horn location error	$100. \times 10^{-6}$	5.86×10^{-5}	17	2.27×10^{-8}	4402
Horn transmission	0.0001	1.36×10^{-6}	73	1.22×10^{-8}	8182
Horn cross-polarization	0.0001	1.09×10^{-6}	92	1.20×10^{-8}	8280
HWP transmission	0.01	1.18×10^{-4}	84	7.27×10^{-6}	1375
HWP cross-polarization	0.01	1.24×10^{-4}	80	5.81×10^{-6}	1722

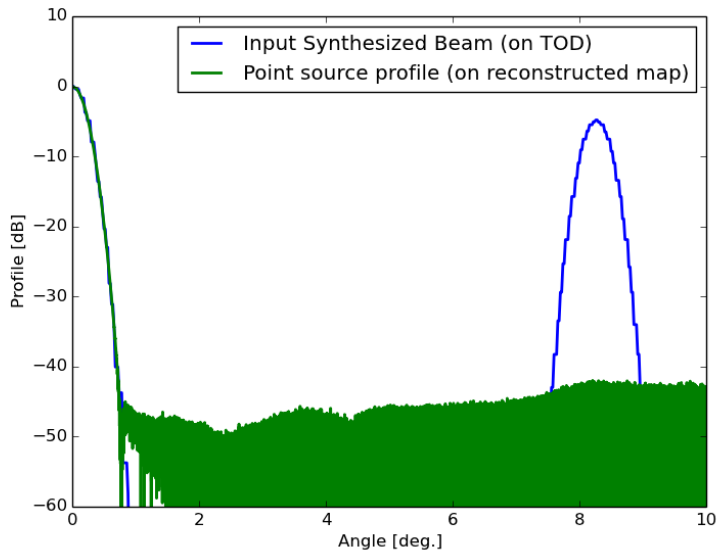
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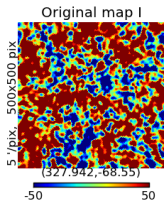
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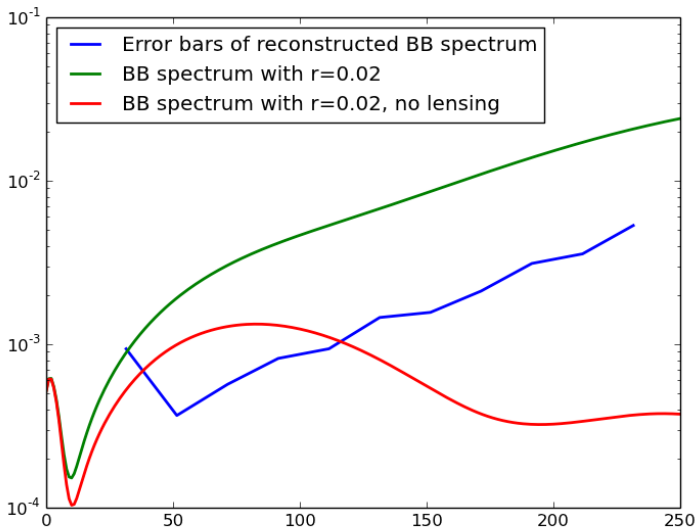
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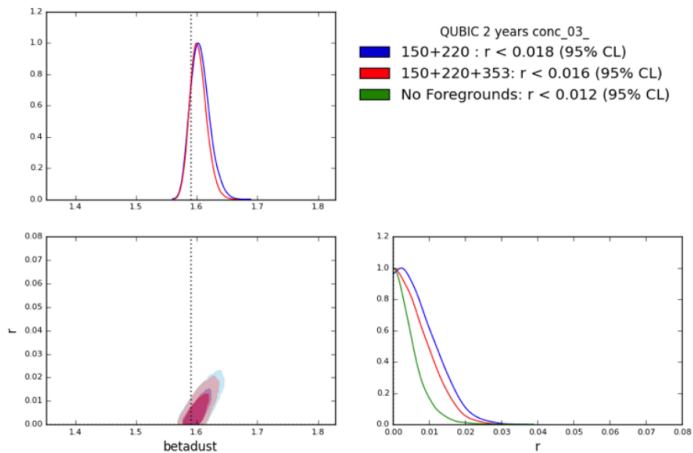
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QUBIC sensitivity



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Conclusions

- ▶ QUBIC is a ground-based experiment for CMB primordial B-modes using the novel bolometric-interferometer configuration.
- ▶ Depending on the site we expect to get the first light in 2018 (Argentina) or in 2019 (Antarctica).
- ▶ Currently the instrument is fully designed. Parts of the instrument are under construction.
- ▶ QUBIC will be able to measure B-modes with high precision, down to $r < 0.02$ @ 95% C.L. in two years of operation.

Thank you!