## **CMB Stage-4**

#### The next generation of ground based CMB experiments



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#### **Primordial gravitational waves**









# Source of the claim

	Planck	CMB S4
Number of detectors	~70	few 100 000
Number of telescopes	Ι	few tens
Mirror size	I.5 m	from 50 cm to 6m

Important on-going effort to consolidate these numbers

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#### Implication I



For I>1000 (angular scales <0.3 degrees), best measurement of EE power spectrum comes from ground based experiments

#### Implication II

The deepest polarisation map to date are obtained by BICEP2

**BICEP2** signal in polarisation



#### **BICEP2** noise in polarisation

Best constrain on primordial GW r< 0.07 (95% confidence)



#### However...

The atmosphere becomes a very serious problem at high frequency even for polarisation data

We need to complement ground based observations with high frequency channels coming from balloon or satellite

French/European proposal for high frequency telescope on the Litebird satellite

#### Skepticism II: Sky coverage and scan strategy Until now, polarisation from the ground only cover few % of the sky

Map of the sky in equatorial coordinates



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Given the telescope locations we can cover much more



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#### SHOW STOPPER? No !

but we will need to develop smarter statistical estimators to deal with noise inhomogeneities

## Take away

-The atmosphere makes CMB from the ground hard in temperature but ground measurements can complement Planck data on small scales

-CMB polarisation from the ground has been demonstrated to be much simpler and could improve even further with improved technology.

-Only few percent of the sky have been observed in polarisation from the ground, but current telescope look at much bigger sky fraction.

-There is no reason to believe that CMB-S4 will fail, although the exact numbers in the proposal are probably not extremely solid.

-The US is on the way of mapping all the CMB sky in the south hemisphere.



## **GREENLAND**:



-Put a telescope in the north
-Greenland has comparable atmospheric properties with Chile
-Already existing project/infrastructure (VLBI)





	elev (m)	<i>PWV</i> (mm)		dPWV (mm)			
	elev. (III)	25%	50%	75%	25%	50%	75%
Dome A	4,093	0.105	0.141	0.191	3.65E-03	6.56E-03	1.21E-02
South Pole	2,835	0.231	0.321	0.448	1.04E-02	1.77E-02	3.17E-02
Chajnantor (SO)	5,190	0.618	0.993	1.871	1.07E-01	2.20E-01	4.32E-01
<b>Cerro Chajnantor</b>	5,612	0.48	0.746	1.439	8.28E-02	1.71E-01	3.47E-01
Ali1	5,250	0.871	1.343	2.125	1.59E-01	2.66E-01	4.45E-01
Ali2	6,100	0.459	0.759	1.207	1.01E-01	1.81E-01	3.21E-01
Greenland	3,216	0.509	0.817	1.436	4.14E-02	7.89E-02	1.56E-01

The Greenland Telescope will be deployed at Apex Station, a new NSF operated Arctic research station to be constructed 5 miles north of the existing Summit Station at  $72^{\circ}$  35'N 38° 25'W and 3,210 m (10,530 ft) above mean sea level. The site is near the peak of the Greenland ice sheet, near the center of Greenland.

The NSF has operated Summit Station for the past 15 years, and weather data exist for almost all of this period. From 2010, twice daily radiosonde observations have been carried out alongside radiometer observations at 22, 60, 90 and 150 GHz as part of the ICECAPS program, while ASIAA has operated a 225 GHz radiometer from August 2011. The site is extremely dry during the Oct-May observing season, with a median PWV column of 0.75 mm and PWV below 0.25mm for approximately 10% of this time. Calculated atmospheric transmission is shown in Figure . The site is extremely flat and wind speeds are generally low. Winter temperatures reach -65C during the coldest and clearest conditions.

The site is manned all year round – currently there are 5 winter-over staff at Summit, working 10 week shifts, with 1 week overlap at each end. With the move to Apex Station, and deployment of the GLT, this will increase to 12 winter-over staff, including 5 dedicated to the GLT. Summer staffing levels are significantly higher with maintenance and traverse crew, and summer campaign science operations. Access to the site is via ski-equipped Air National Guard C130-LC and charter Twin Otter aircraft from Kangerlussuaq and Thule, and by an annual overland sled traverse from Thule. Twin Otter aircraft can reach site year round, but avoid the 2 month period of total darkness in Dec/Jan.

