

LiteBIRD

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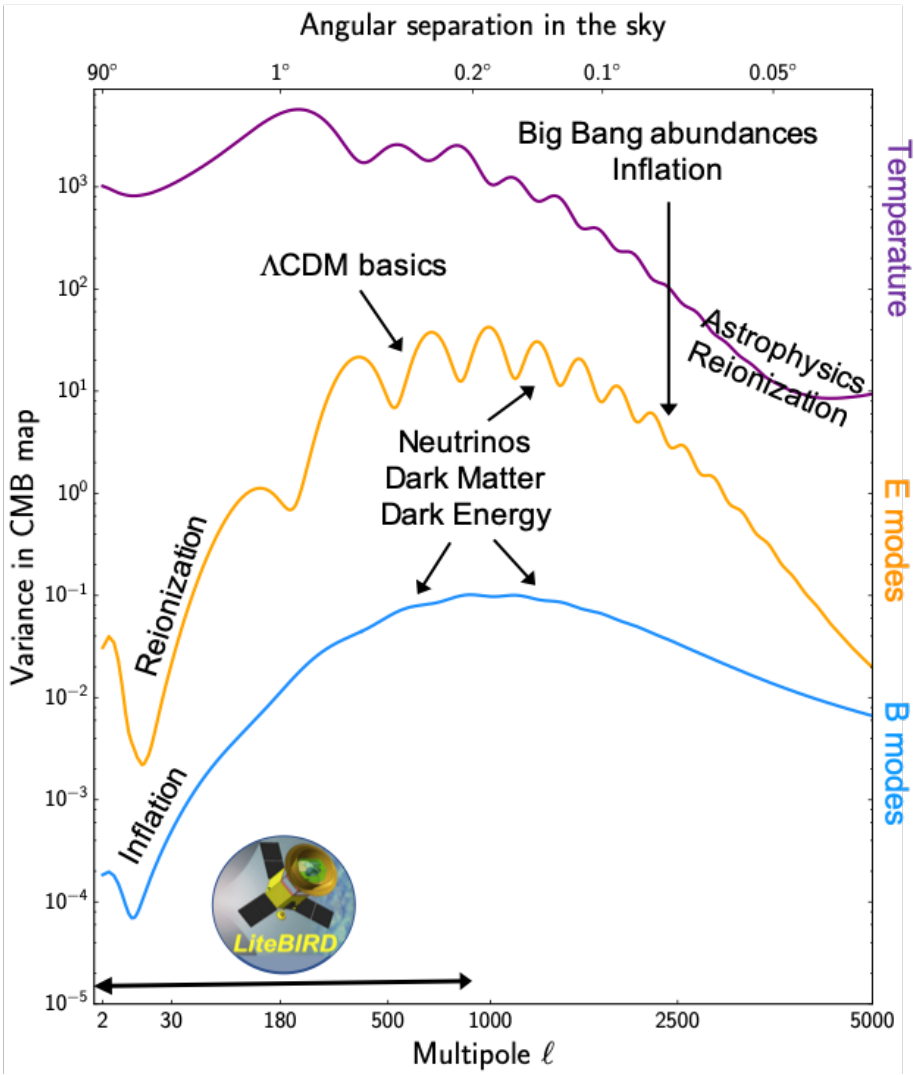
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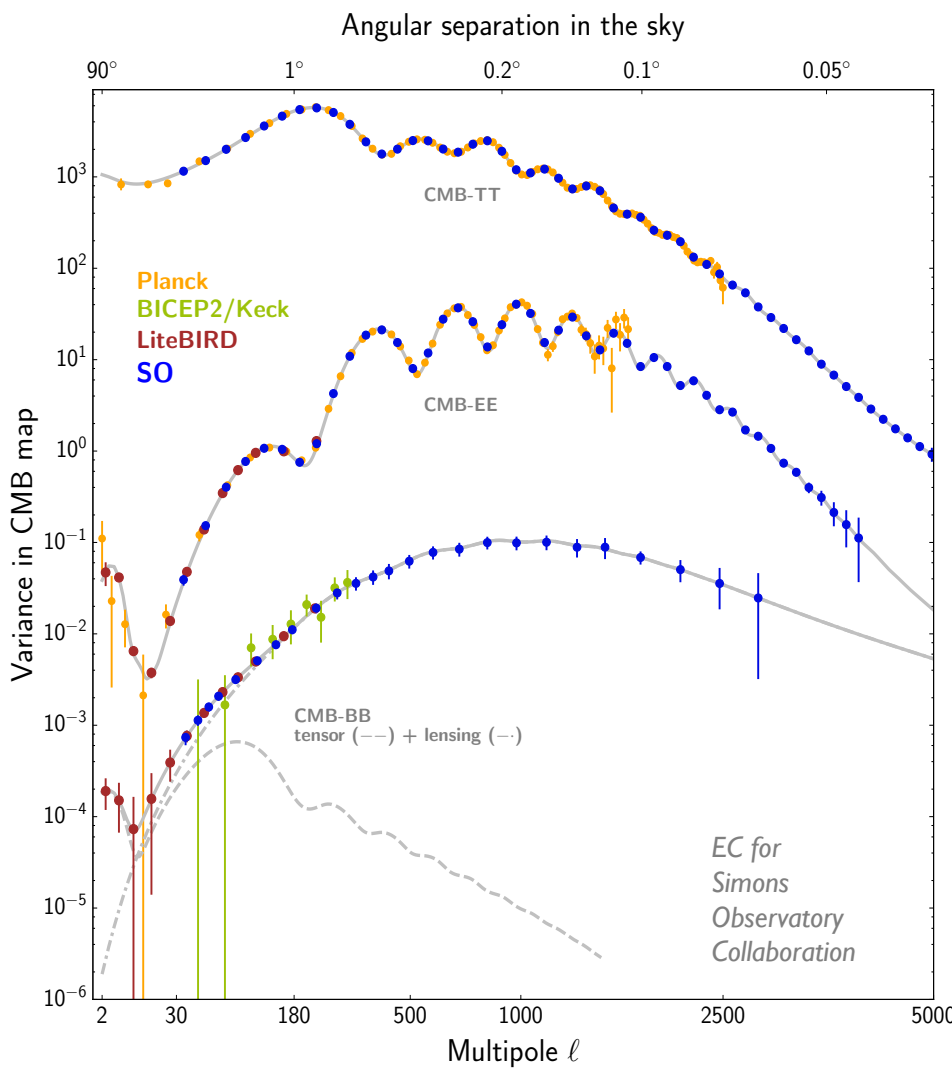
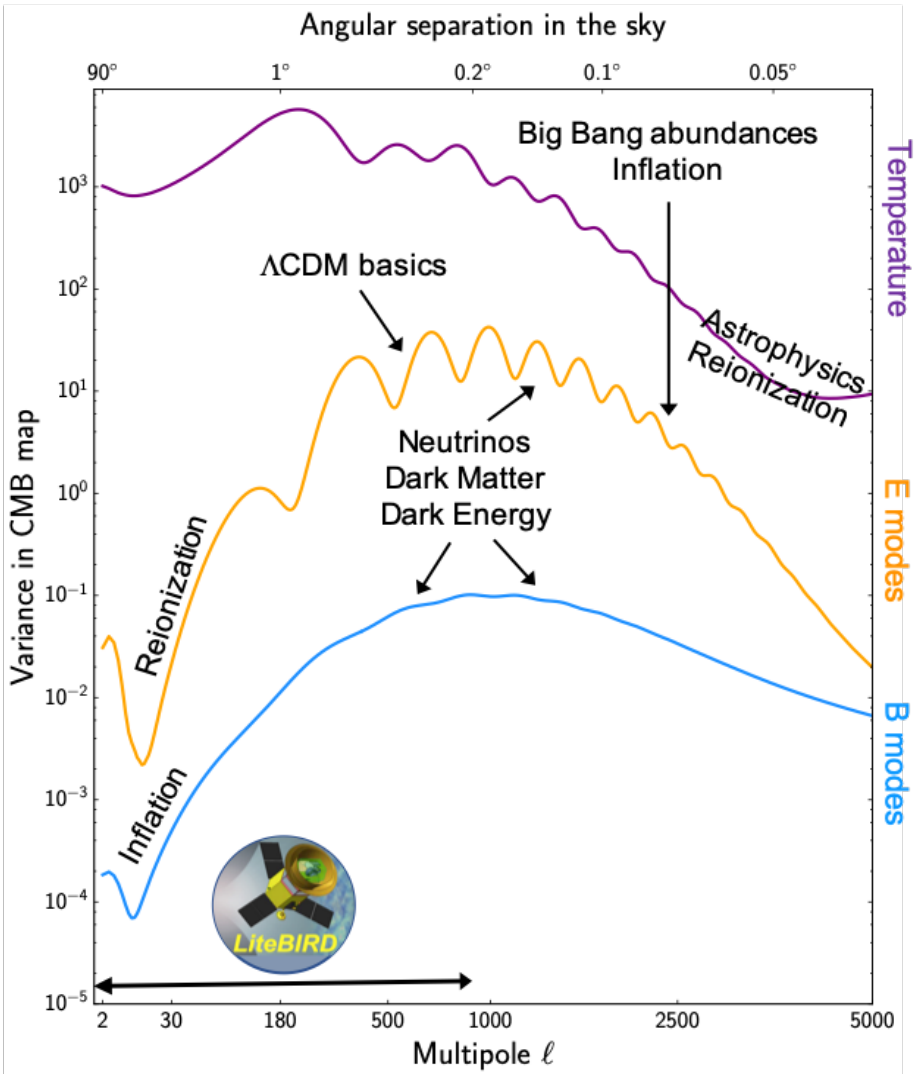


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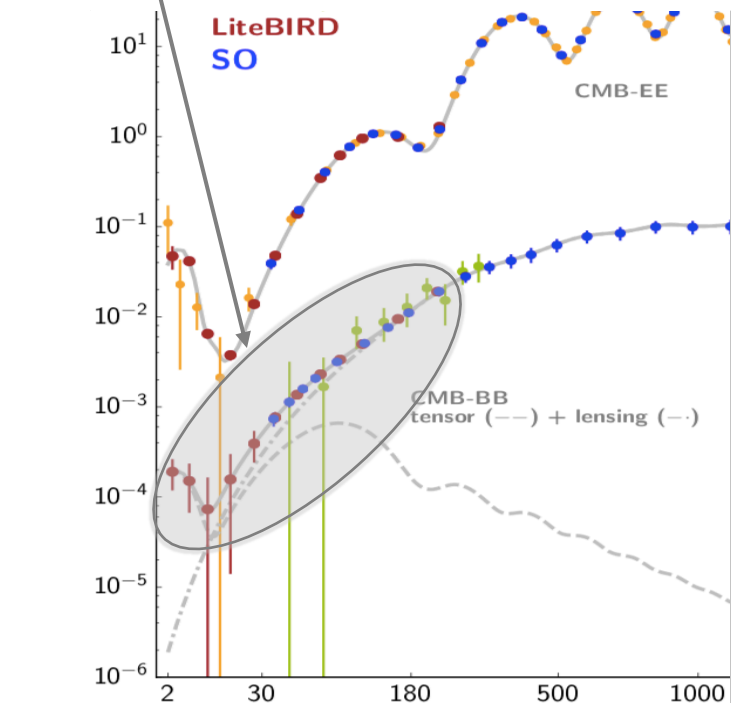
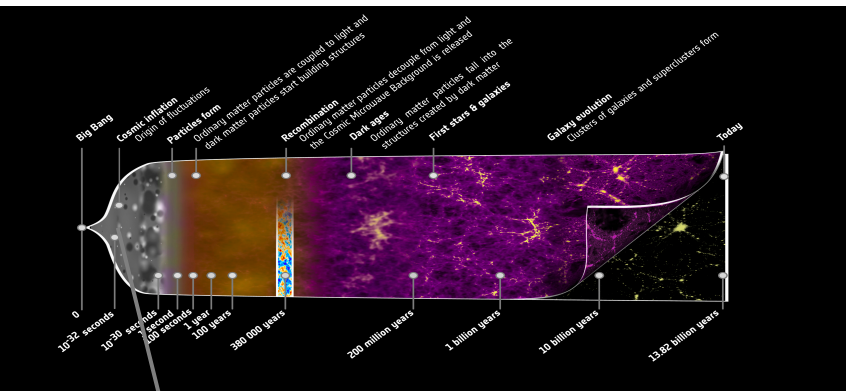
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How did the Universe begin?

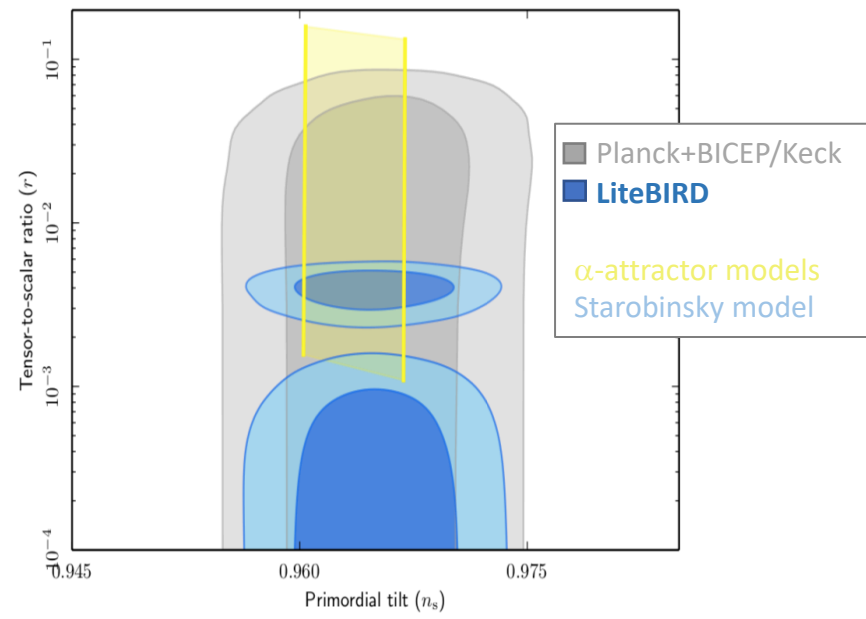


LiteBIRD primary goal

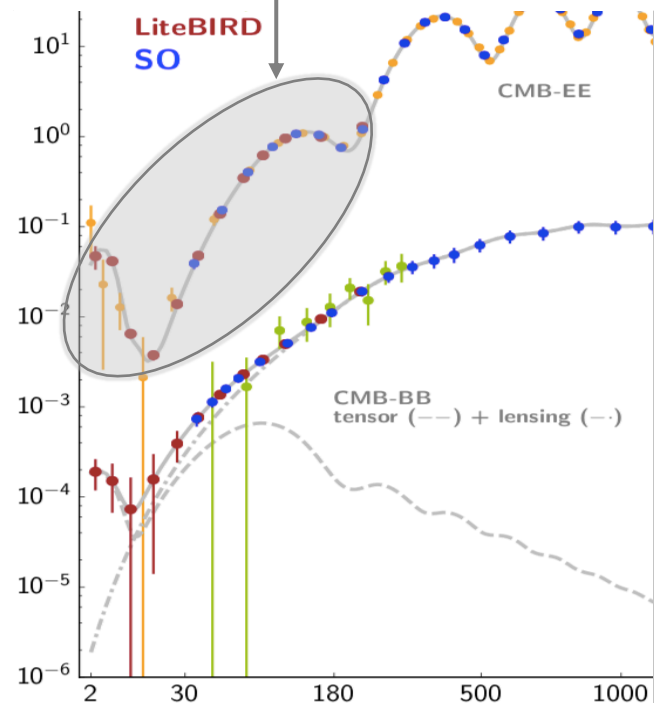
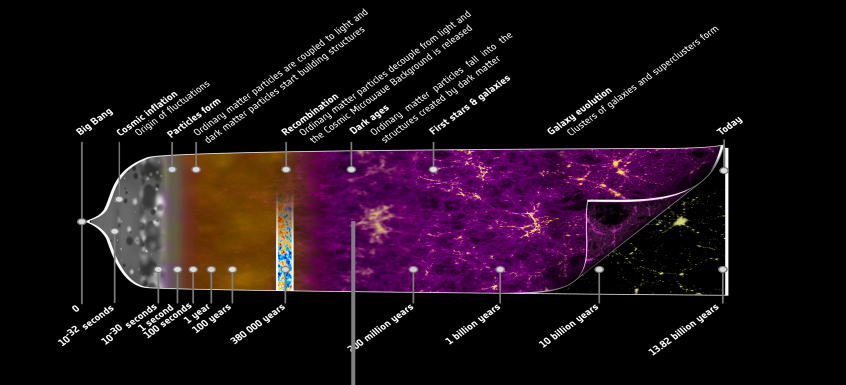
LiteBIRD full success

$\delta r < 10^{-3}$ if $r=0$
 $> 5\sigma$ if $r \geq 0.01$

- ❖ Reach Starobinsky-like inflation
- ❖ Rule out/in entire class of large field inflation models
- ❖ Robust measurement



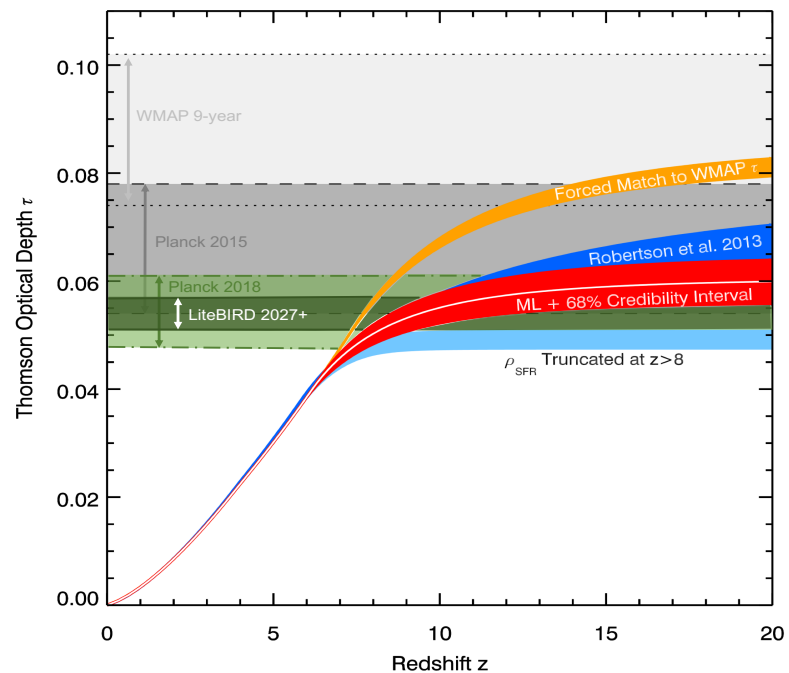
How did the Universe reionize?



Best possible measurement of optical depth to reionization

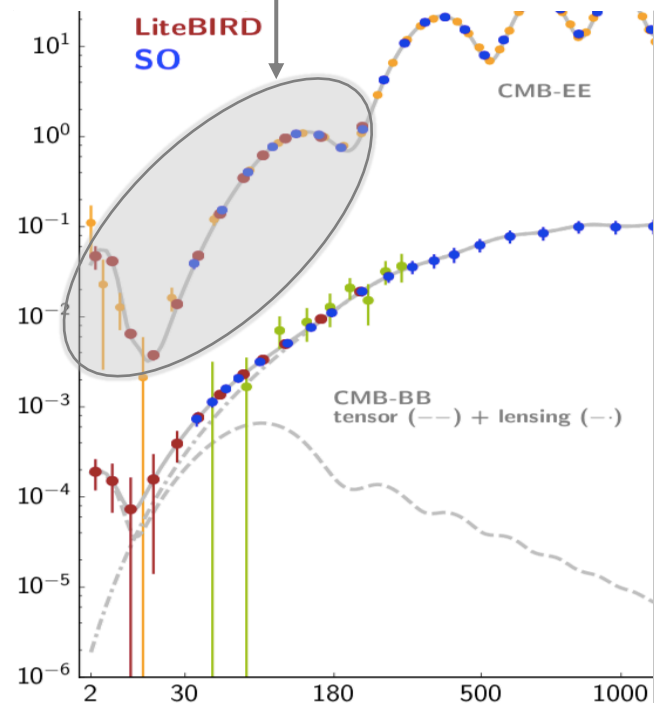
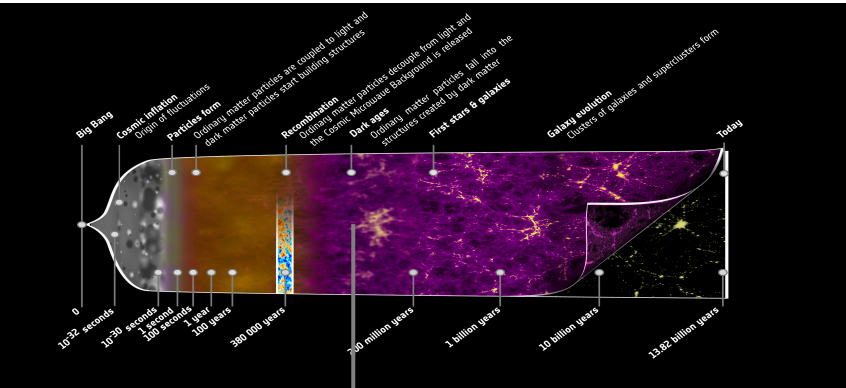
$\sigma(\tau)=0.002$

❖ Test different reionization histories

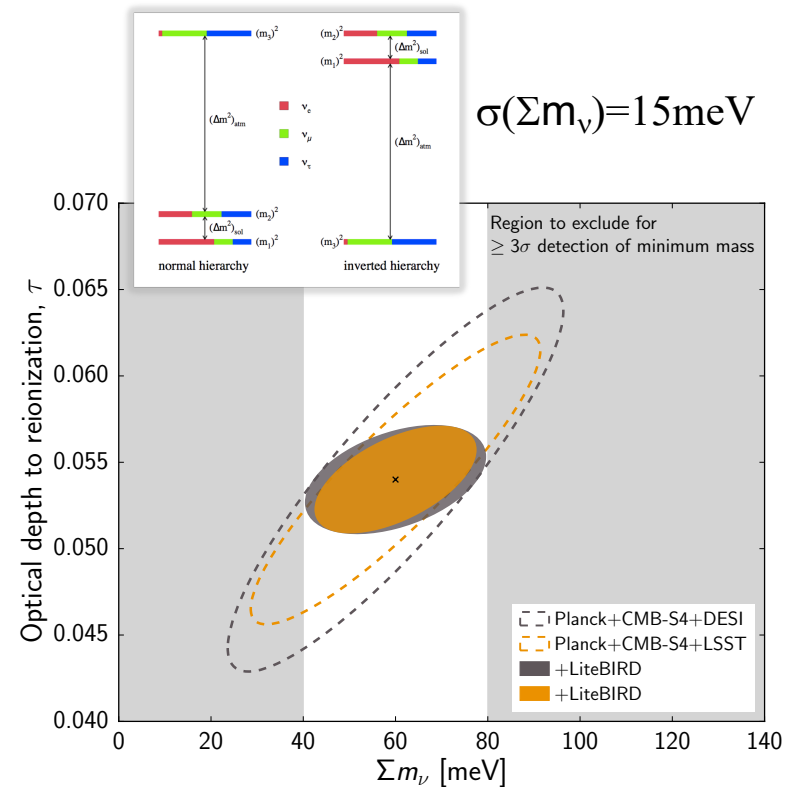


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What's the absolute mass of neutrino particles?

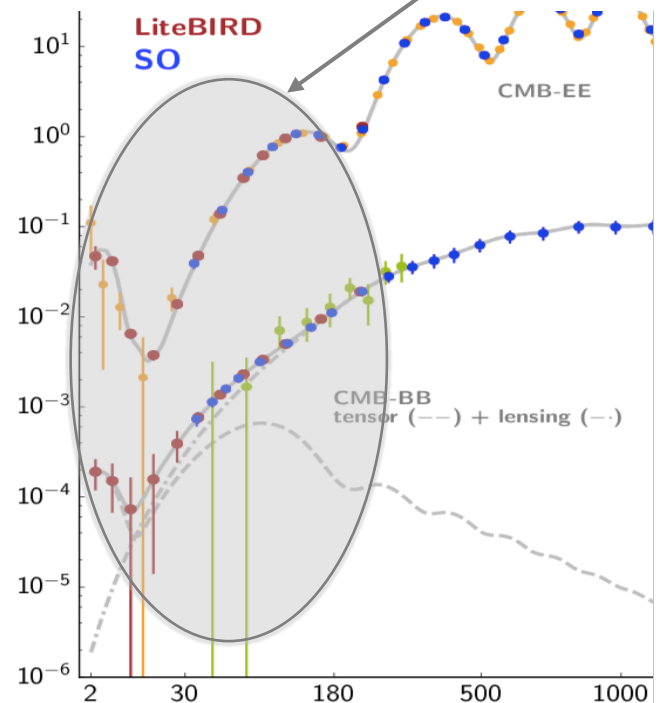
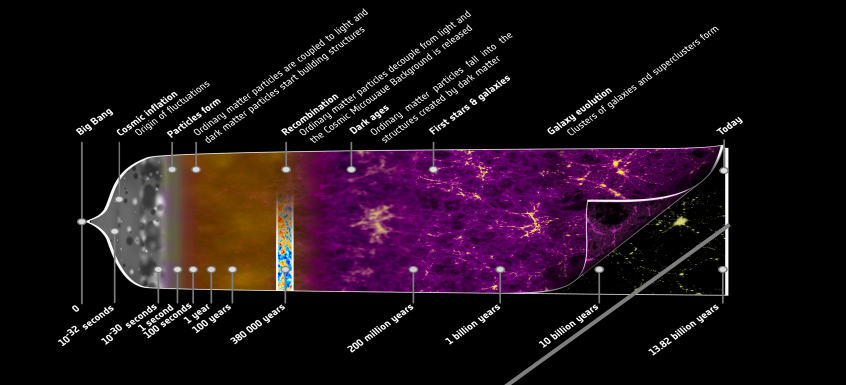


Best possible measurement of optical depth to reionization enabling discovery regime for neutrino mass



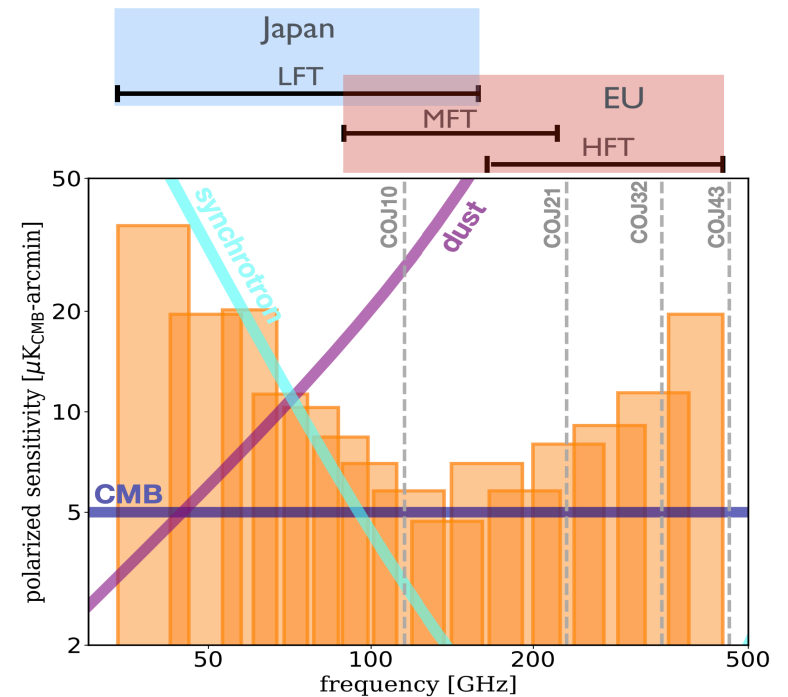
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Polarization in the Galaxy



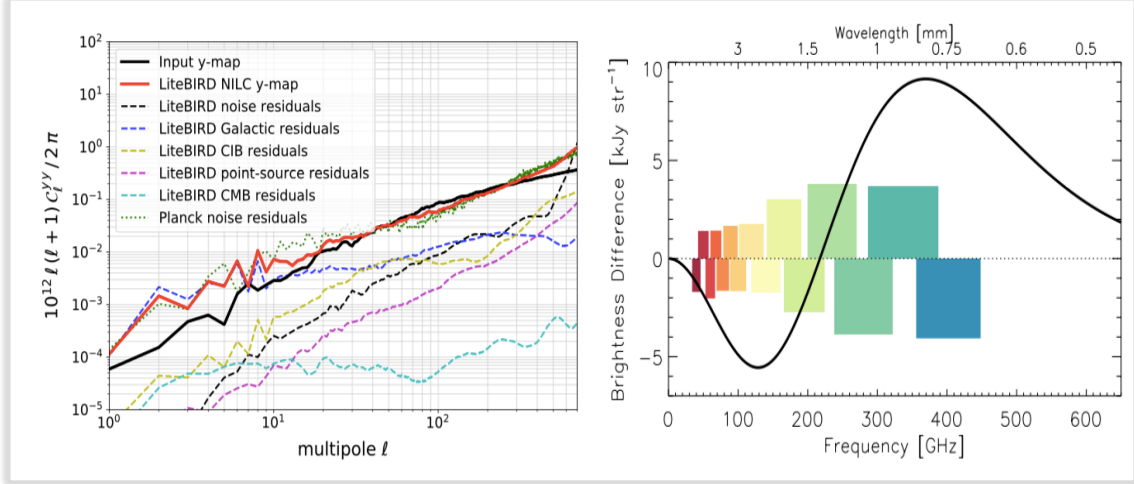
Wide and dense frequency coverage

- ❖ 402GHz map new reference for statistical analysis of magnetic fields
- ❖ Composition and physics of interstellar dust

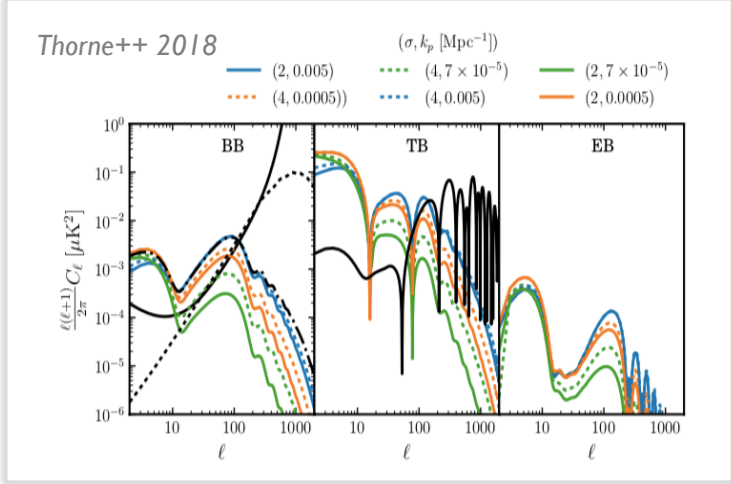


Additional outcomes

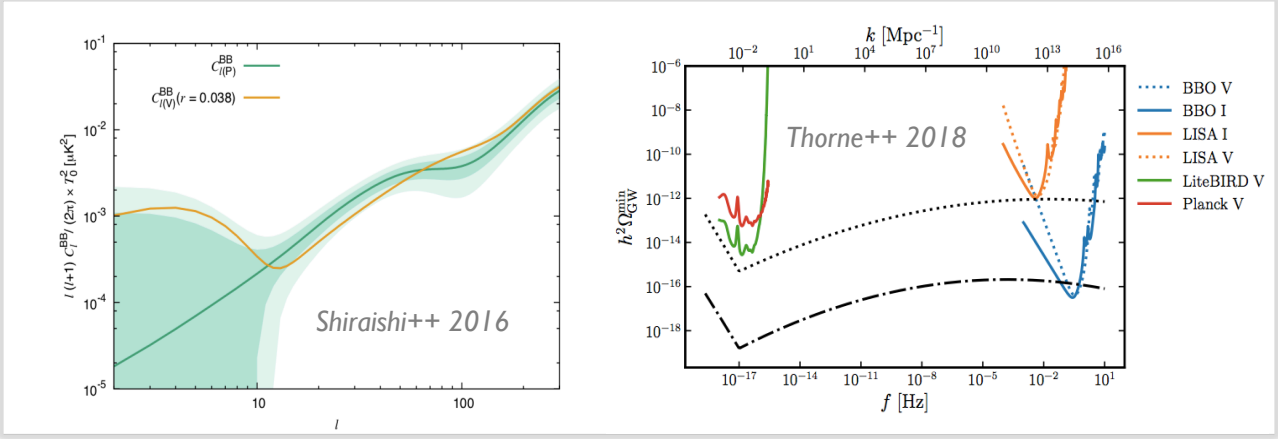
Mapping hot gas with SZ



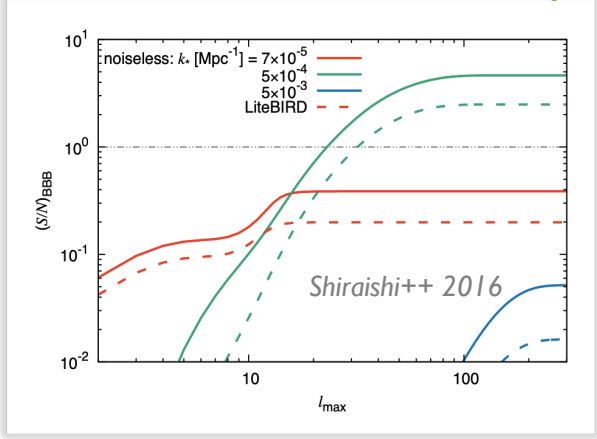
Primordial cosmic birefringence



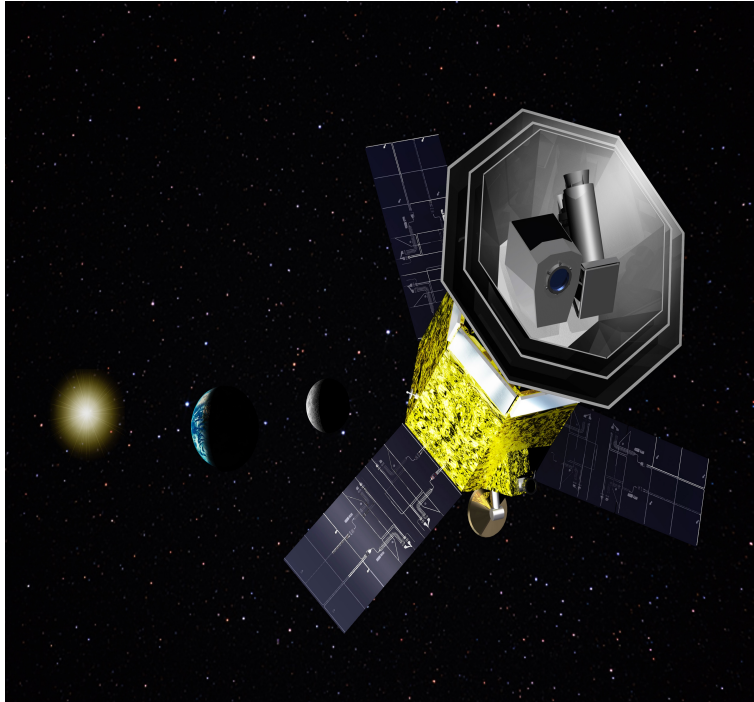
New source fields of GW/Origin of primordial GW



Primordial non-Gaussianity



Summary of LiteBIRD science reach



1. r and inflation – full success
2. Better r and inflation – extra success
3. Characterization of B-mode
(e.g scale-invariance, non-Gaussianity, and parity violation)
4. Large-scale E mode and its implications
for reionization history and the neutrino mass
5. Birefringence
6. Power spectrum features in polarization
7. SZ effect (thermal and relativistic correction)
8. Anomaly
9. Cross-correlation science
10. Galactic science