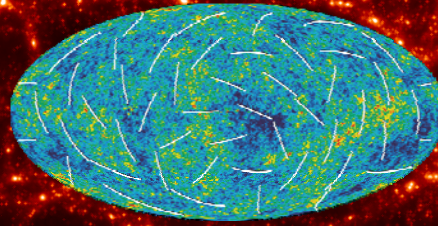
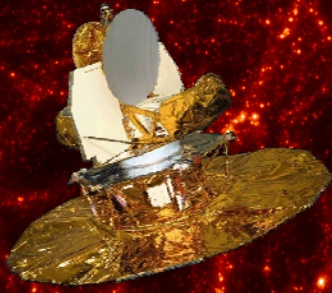
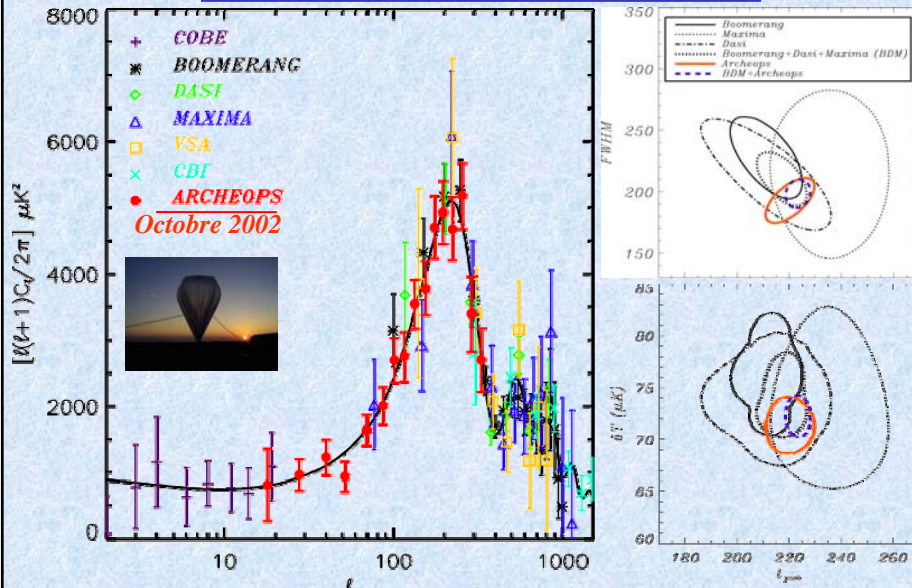


# CMB ANISOTROPIES: CURRENT STATUS & PERSPECTIVES

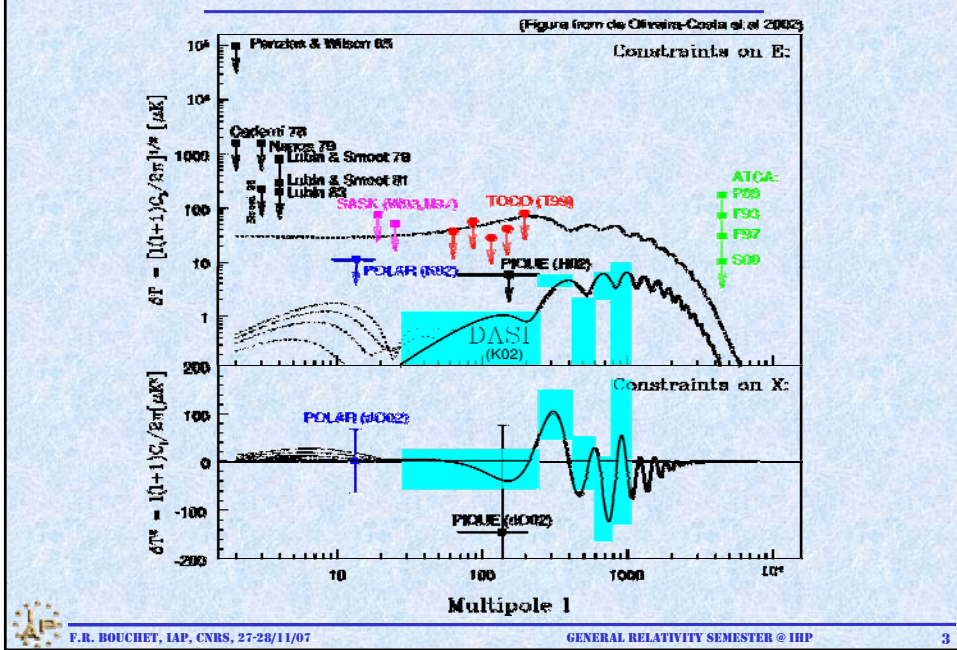


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## PRE-WMAP (END OF 2002) STATUS...

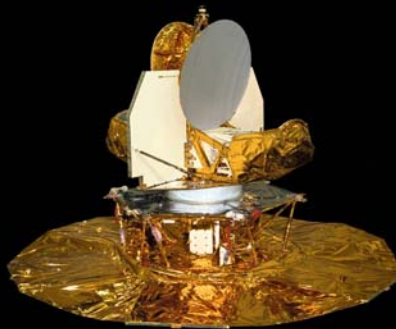


# PRE-WMAP POLARISATION KNOWLEDGE



# WMAP

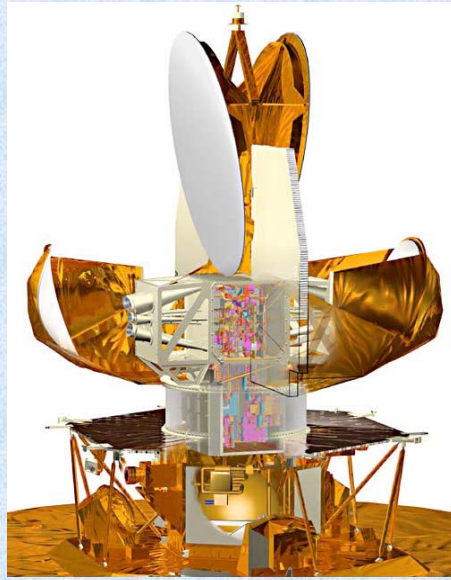
## WILKINSON MICROWAVE ANISOTROPY PROBE



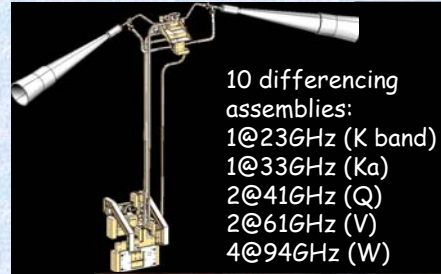
Launched on  
June 30, 2001



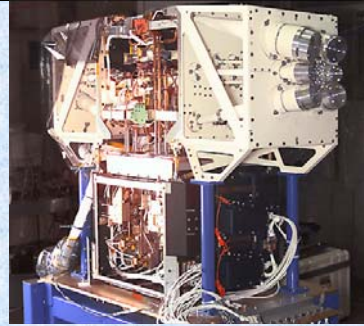
# HEMT BASED DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES



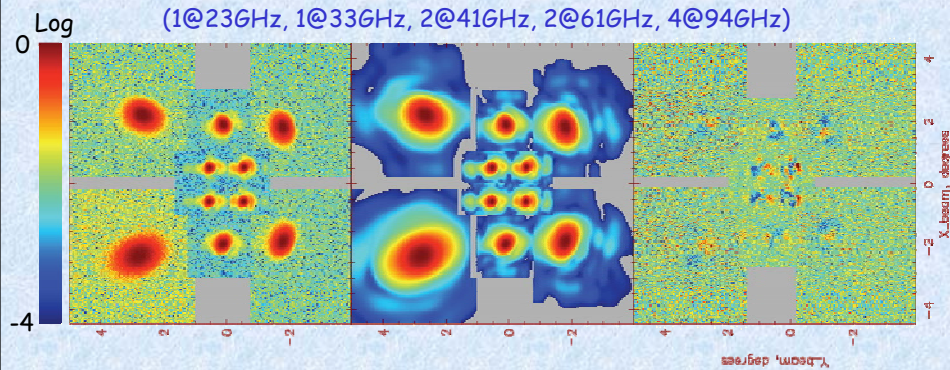
2 back-to-back telescopes



10 differencing assemblies:  
 1@23GHz (K band)  
 1@33GHz (Ka)  
 2@41GHz (Q)  
 2@61GHz (V)  
 4@94GHz (W)



# BEAMS, A-SIDE OPTICS



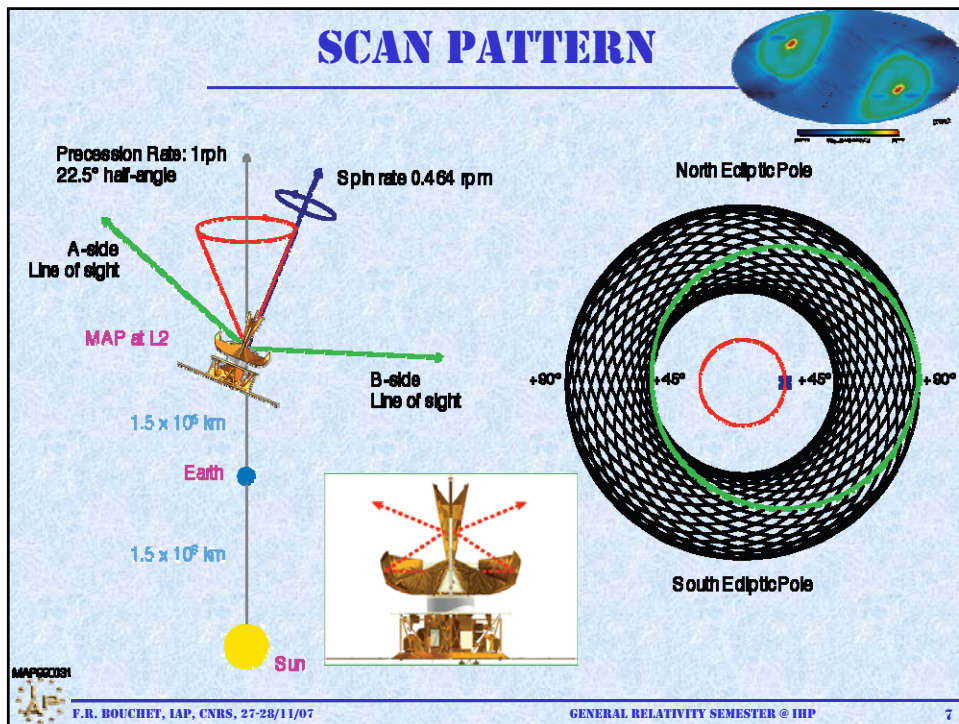
In-flight beam maps from Jupiter obs.

Model beam response

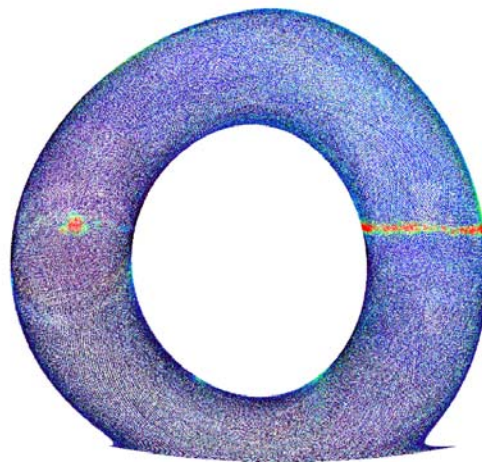
Residuals

(linear scales, 10%-2.5%, depending on DA)

Hybrid beam response constructed from Jupiter data (high S/N) and model (low S/N). Results in ~1% larger solid angle than first-year.



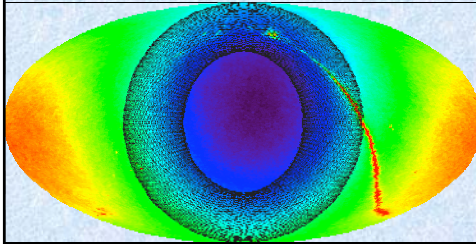
First map from WMAP, day 01186



From a Ned Wright talk



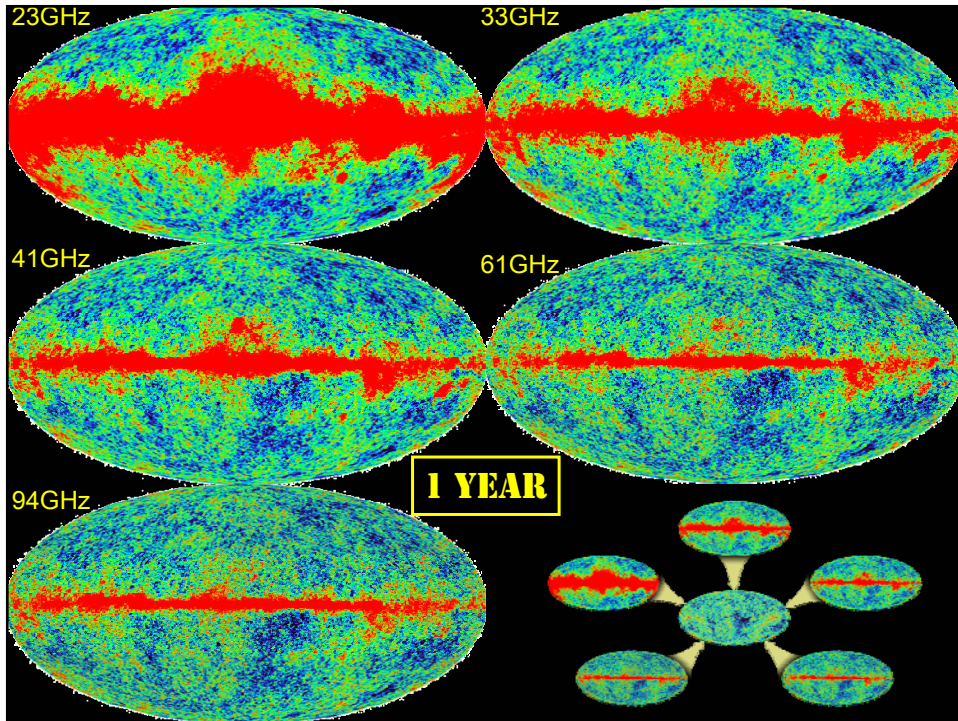
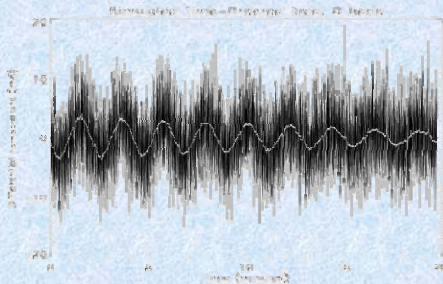
## CONTINUOUS CALIBRATION FROM DIPOLE



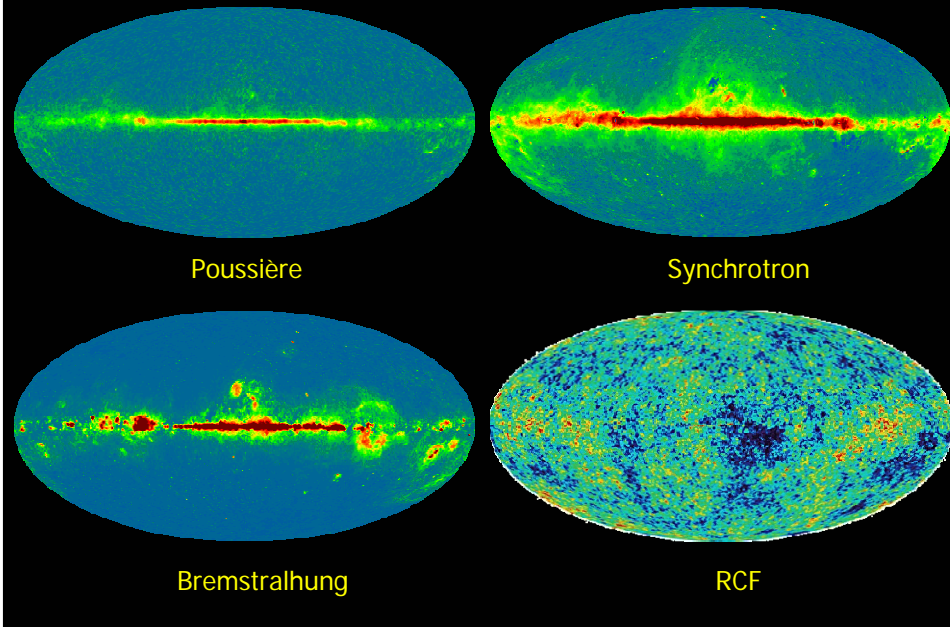
✚ Gain calibration based on known dipole modulation due to motion of WMAP around the Sun.

✚ CMB dipole provides short term transfer standard.

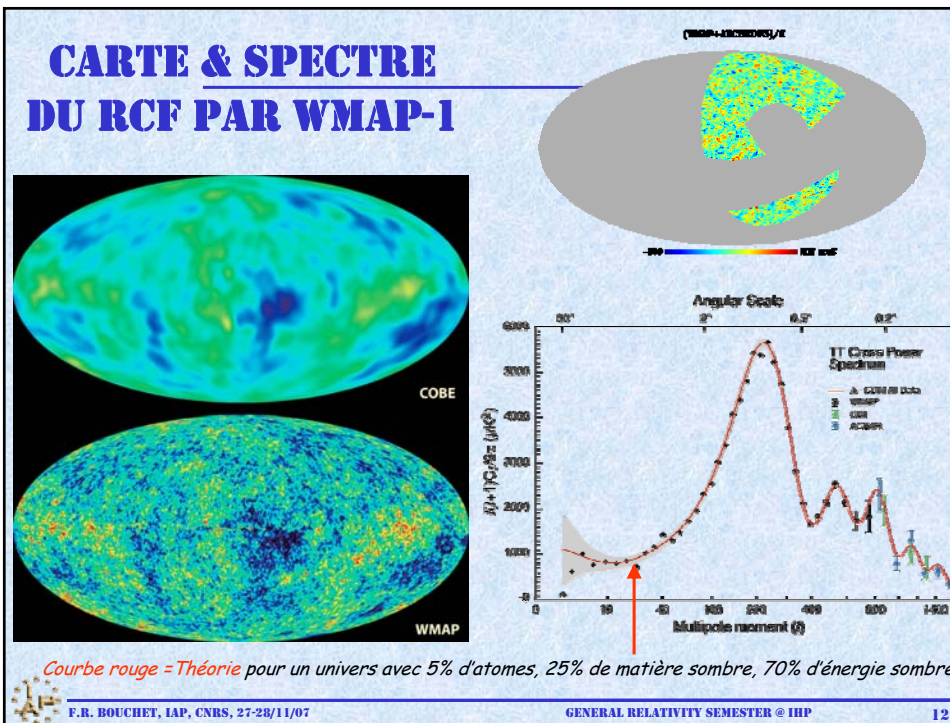
✚ Baseline (or offset) determination based on sky signal changing sign every half-spin.



# Cartes d'émission Déduites



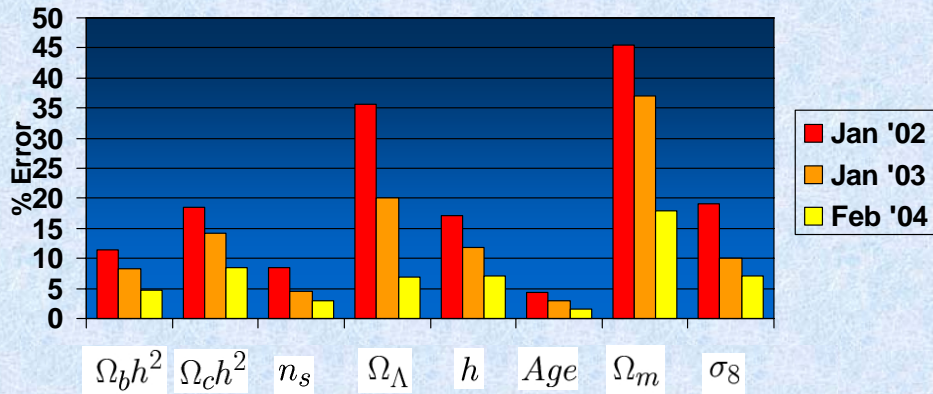
## CARTE & SPECTRE DU RCF PAR WMAP-1





## PRE-WMAP1 ↔ POST-WMAP1

Parameters very similar. Precision +



[Bond, Contaldi & Pogosyan astro-ph/0310735]



## WMAP & POLARISATION

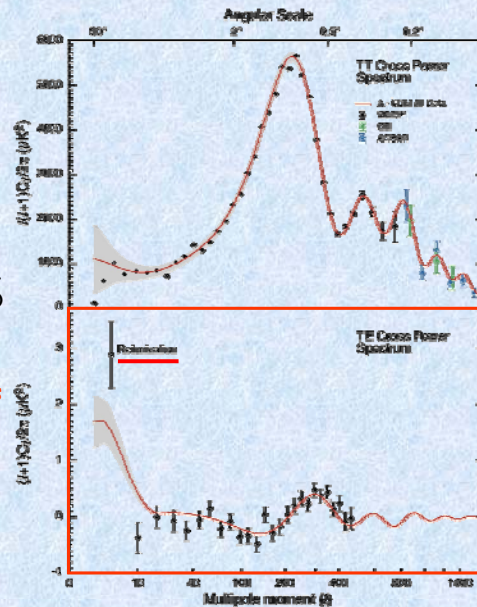
1st measure of polarisation spectrum (temperature correlated part, TE)

Oscillations/comparison with same theoretical model (red curve): additional **consolidation of paradigm**

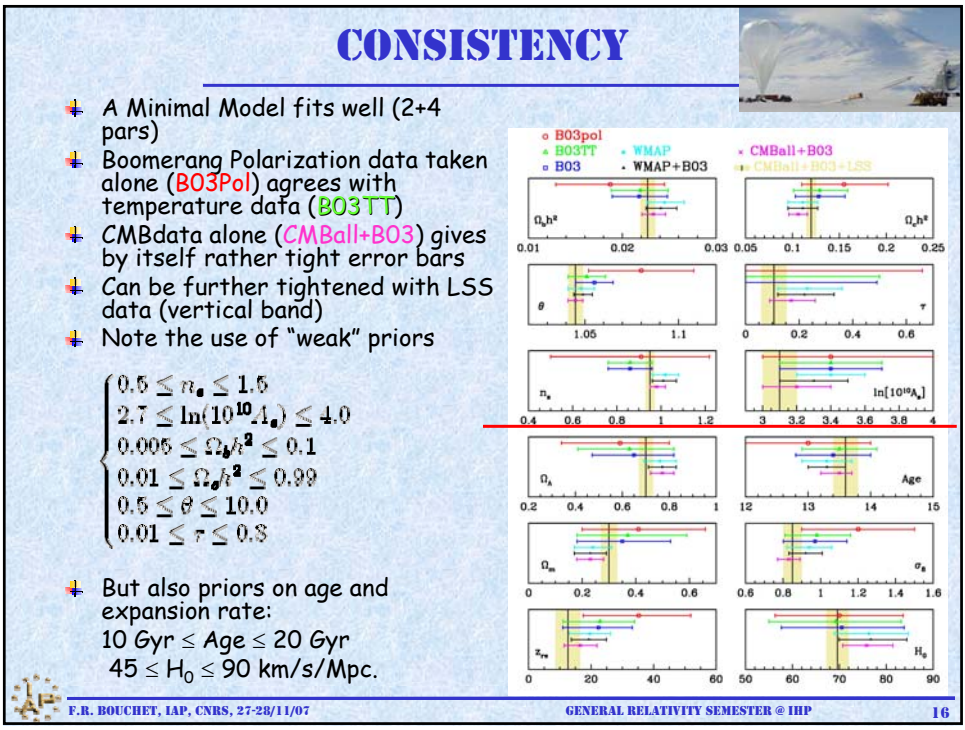
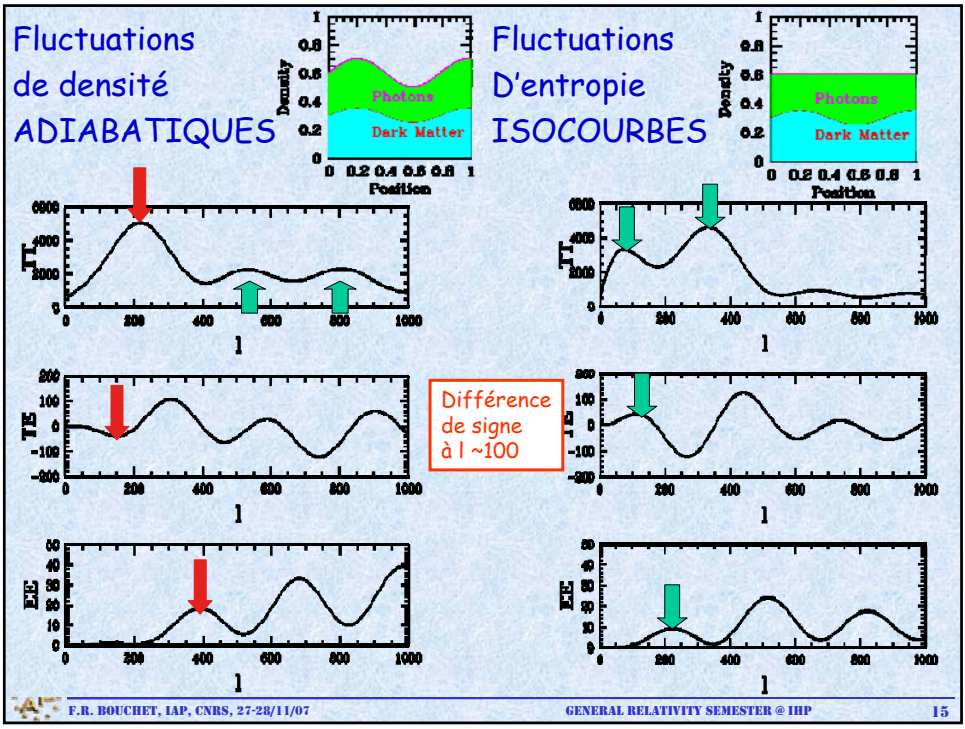
Peak at low  $l$  (large scales) is **very high**: **Reionisation earlier than anticipated**. Strong constraints on the end of the dark ages, IF CONFIRMED

Large scale TT vs TE anti-correlation:

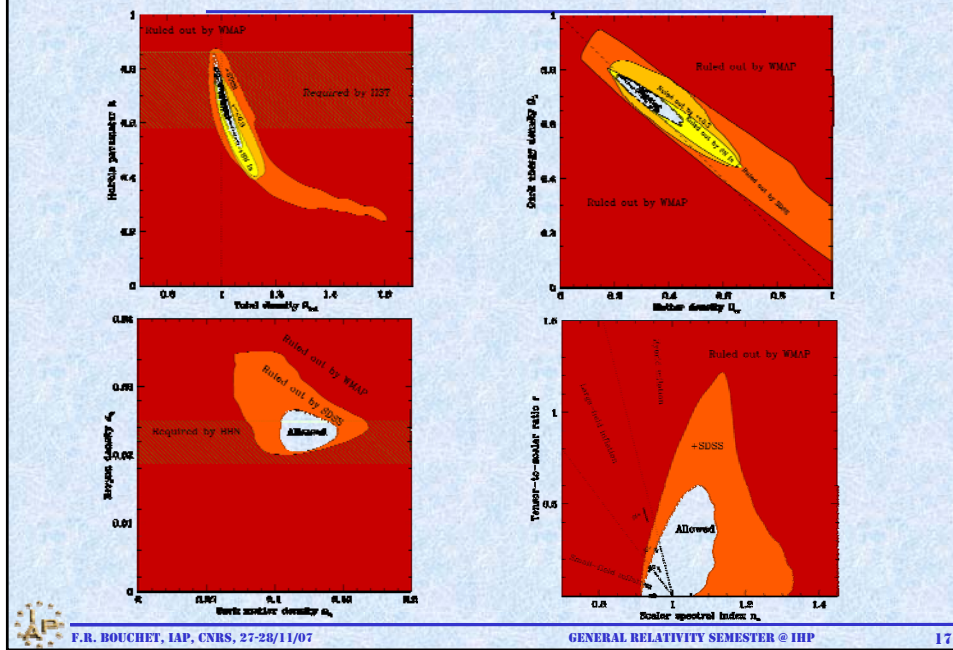
- Signature of **superhorizon fluctuations at decoupling** and
- **Adiabaticity** of primordial fluctuations (phases TT/TE)
- An indication of apparently acausal physics, calling for a period of accelerated expansion (Spergel & Zaldariga 97)



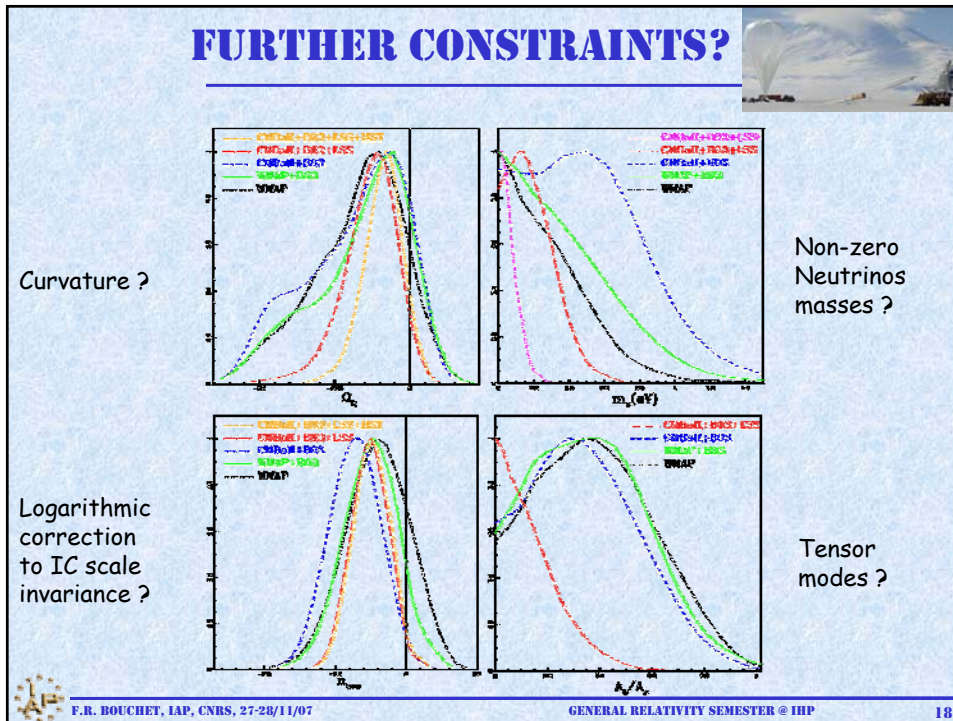




# CONSISTENCY / COMPLEMENTARITY

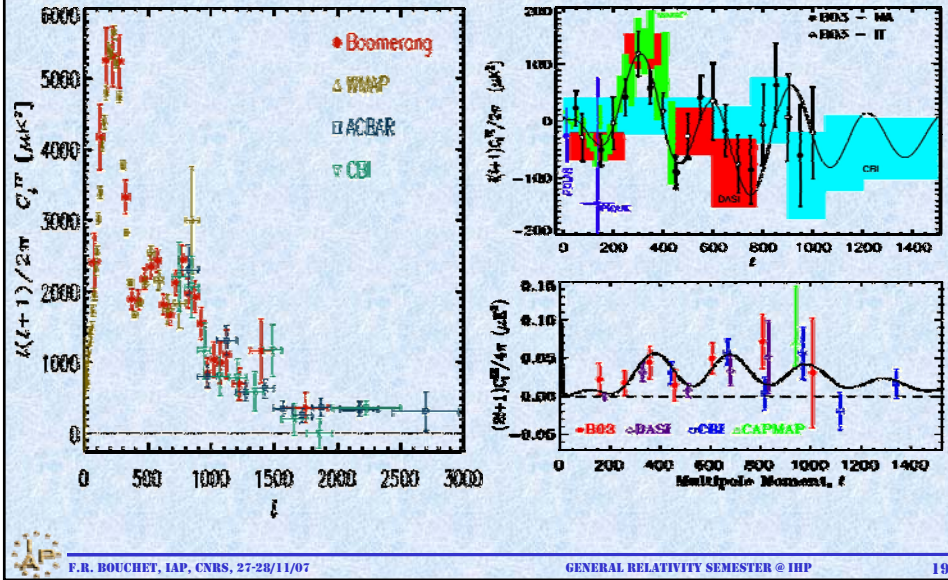
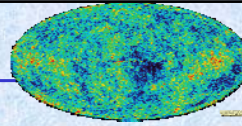


# FURTHER CONSTRAINTS?



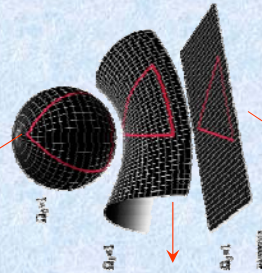


# PRE-WMAP3 STATUS

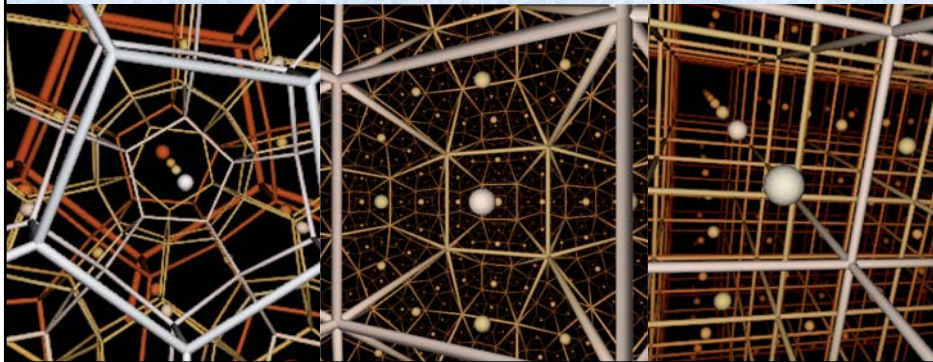


# RÉPLICATIONS DANS DIVERS ESPACES

NB1: il existe de multiples manières de paver un espace avec divers volume élémentaires et identifications



NB2: si réplication il y a, elle est à une distance inaccessible ( $V > V_{SSD}$ )

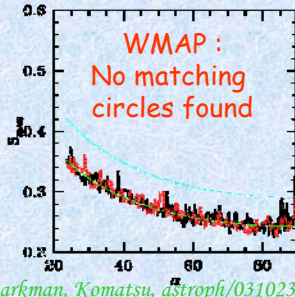
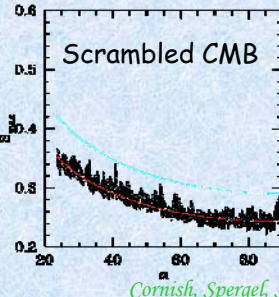
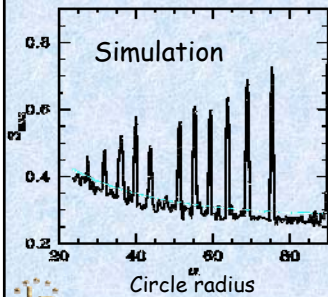
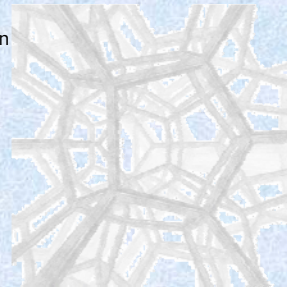




## NON-TRIVIAL TOPOLOGY ?



- Based on the WMAP confirmation of low low- $l$  power spectrum, it has been suggested that our space could be dodecahedral (shaped like a soccer ball)
- This model is slightly closed and positively curved,  $\Omega = 1.013$   
*Luminet et al. 2003.*



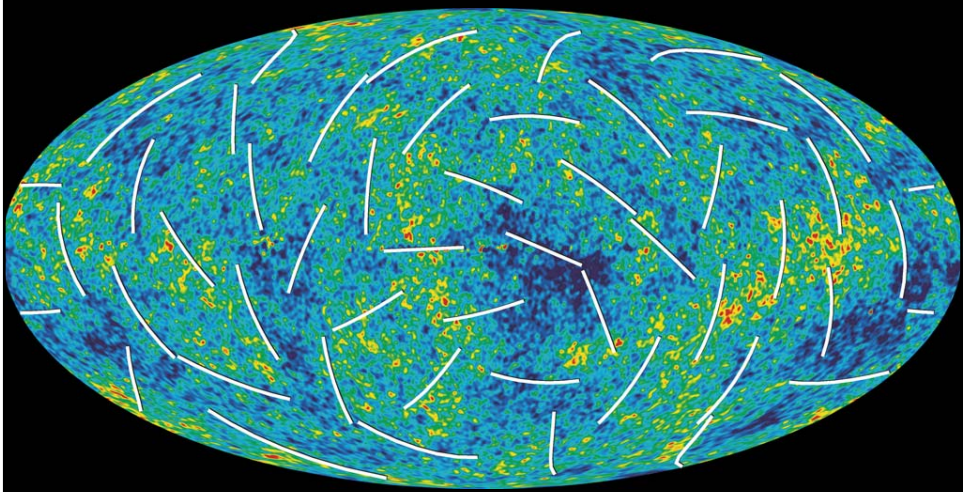
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*Cornish, Spergel, Starkman, Komatsu, astro-ph/0310233*

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## WMAP 3 YEARS



astro-ph/0603449 to astro-ph/0603452

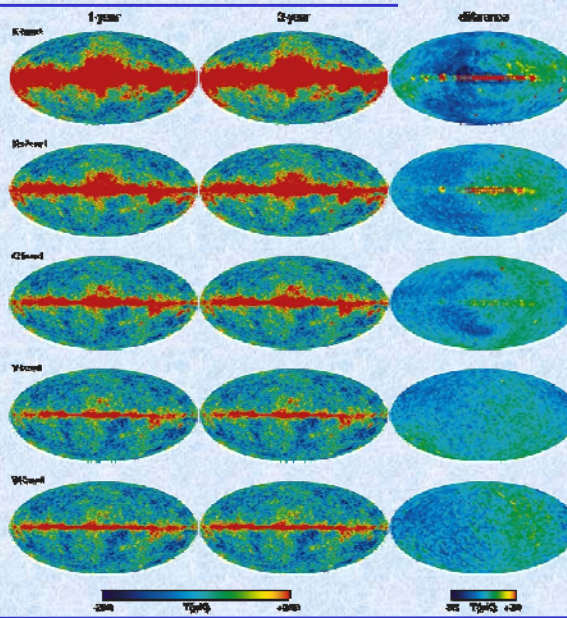
## HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Full sky polarisation measurements
  - Galactic foregrounds knowledge
  - Simple synchrotron emission model works well
- ✦ Minimal model - power-law CDM - with 6 parameters still fits well.
- ✦  $\chi^2_{\text{eff}} (\text{TT})/\text{dof} = 1.068 (1.09 \text{ yr}^{-1})$  &  $\chi^2_{\text{eff}} (\text{all})/\text{dof} = 1.04 (1.04 \text{ yr}^{-1})$
- ✦ Improvements in the constraints on parameters  $\{\Omega_b h^2, \Omega_m h^2, h, \tau, n_s, A_s\}$ 
  - lower  $\sigma_8$  and  $\Omega_m$  ( $\Rightarrow$  tension with lensing &  $\text{Ly}_\alpha$ ),
  - lower  $n_s$  and  $\tau$  ( $\Rightarrow$  hint on inflation, removes tension with Galaxy formation)
- ✦ Results from much more sophisticated data analysis



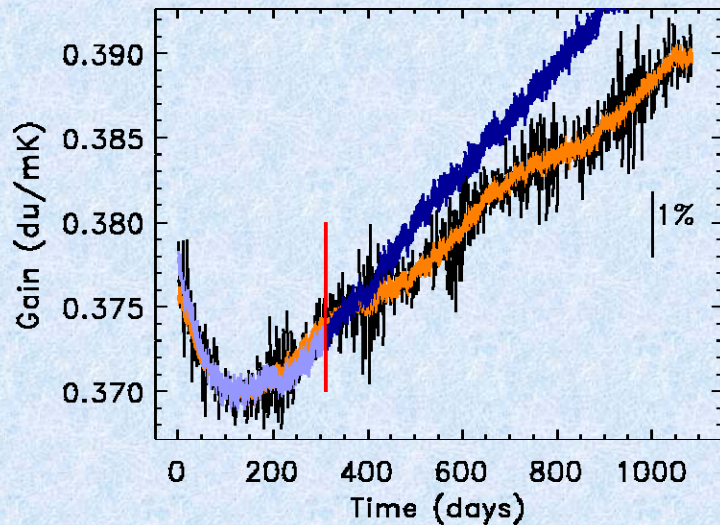
## 1 YEAR VERSUS 3 YEARS COMPARISON

- ✦ Data smoothed to  $1^\circ$  resolution, scaled to  $\pm 200 \mu\text{K}$
- ✦ The difference maps (right) degraded to pixel resolution 4 ( $\sim 3.7^\circ$ ) & scaled to  $\pm 20 \mu\text{K}$ .
- ✦ Small difference in low- $l$  power, mostly due to improvements in the gain model vs.  $\dagger$





# GAIN MODEL IMPROVEMENT



Black = hourly gain determinations (black) based on measurement of the CMB Dipole.  
 Blue = First year version of the radiometer gain model (light & extrapolation in dark).  
 Orange = new form gain model fit to all three years of data.  
 NB: difference between the models contains a component roughly linear in time.



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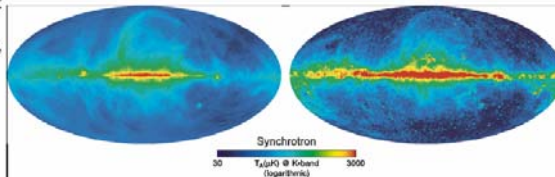
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# Temperature Foreground Analysis - MEM

Synchrotron prior:

Haslam 408 MHz,  
index:  $\beta_s = -2.9$

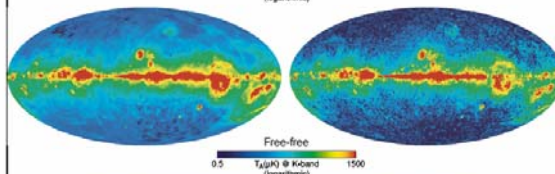


Synchrotron output:

Much brighter in  
outer plane.  
Anomalous dust  
emission?

Free-free prior:

Finkbeiner  
H $\alpha$  compilation\*,  
11.4  $\mu\text{K R}^{-1}$ .

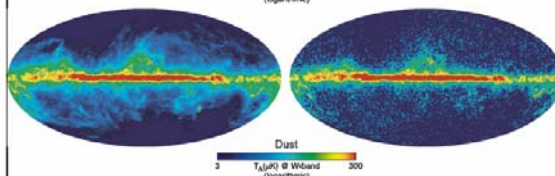


Free-free output:

Fainter than  
expected,  $\sim 8 \mu\text{K R}^{-1}$   
Needs study.

Dust prior:

FDS "Model 8",  
2-component  
fit to IRAS/COBE



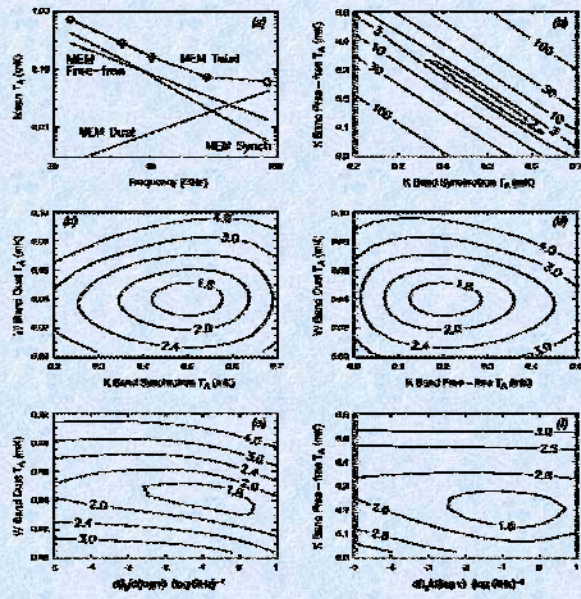
Dust output:

Excellent  
agreement with  
FDS "Model 8"  
prediction.

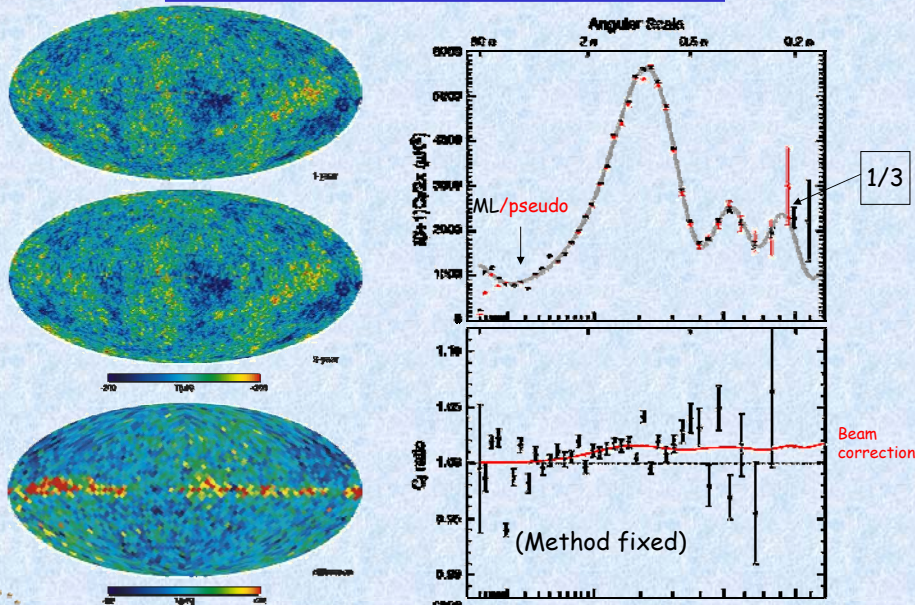
\*WMAP, VTS5  
SHASSA



# MEM FOREGROUND DEGENERACY ANALYSIS



# WMAP 1 > WMAP 3



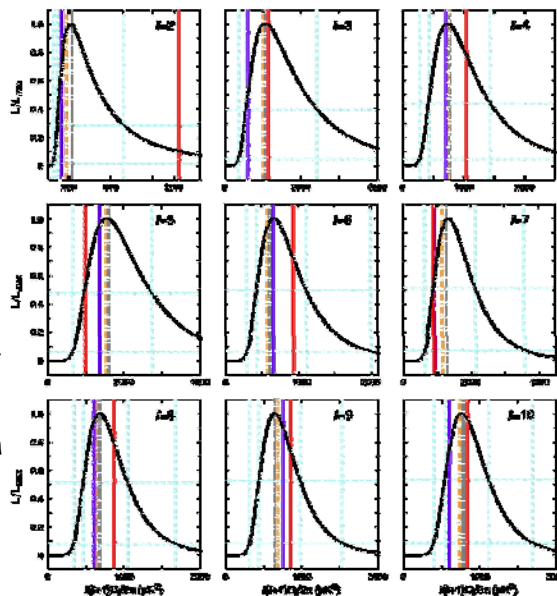
## LOW QUADRUPOLE POWER

- ✚ Expected (mean) values for selected best-fit LCDM models -
  - Pure power-law, WMAP+CBI+ACBAR: 1221 mK<sup>2\*</sup>
  - Running index, WMAP+CBI+ACBAR: 870 mK<sup>2</sup>
  - Power-law, CMB+2dF+Ly- $\alpha$ : 1107 mK<sup>2</sup>
- ✚ Measured value(s) of quadrupole -
  - Quadratic estimator, V+W band, galaxy template & cut: (Hinshaw, et al., ApJS, 148, 135, 2003) 123 mK<sup>2</sup>
  - Full-sky estimate, Galaxy-cleaned map: (Tegmark et al, astro-ph/0302496) 184 mK<sup>2</sup>
  - Full-sky estimate, Linear Combination map: Error based on spread of values by galaxy cut and frequency (Bennett, et al., ApJS, 148, 1, 2003) 154  $\pm$  70 mK<sup>2</sup>
  - Max. likelihood estimate, Galaxy-cleaned map(s): (Efstathiou, astro-ph/0310207) 176-250 mK<sup>2</sup>
  - Max. likelihood estimate, Galaxy template marginalization: < 300 mK<sup>2</sup>
  - (Bielewicz, astro-ph/0405007; Slosar & Seljak, astro-ph/04???)
- ✚ Likelihood of low quadrupole given power-law LCDM model - ~2% - 10%
- ✚ Fine print: estimates of significance depend on
  - 1) quadrupole estimation method,
  - 2) handling of foreground errors,
  - 3) handling of cosmic variance errors,
  - 4) handling of cosmological parameter errors.



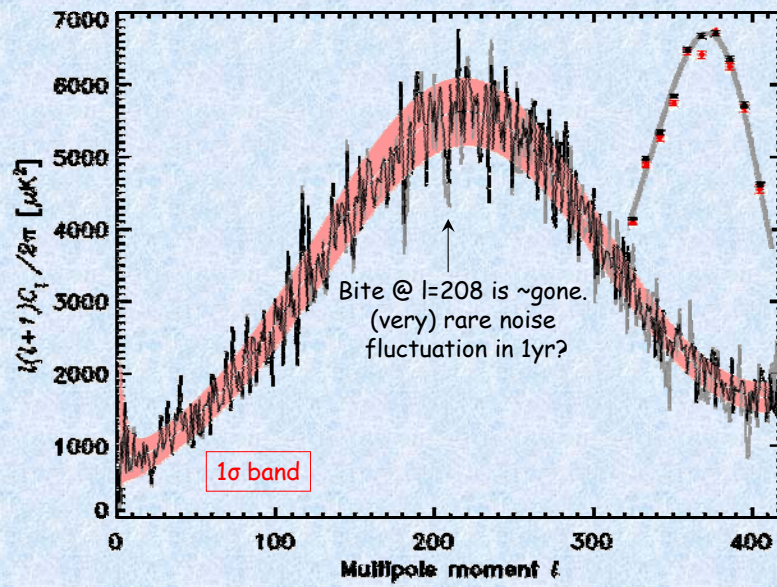
## LOW-L (NEW, ML) ANALYSIS

- ✚ Black= posterior distribution of  $l(l+1)C_l/2\pi$  from the ILC map outside the Kp2 sky cut
- ✚ Vertical red = Mean for best fit CDM to WMAP
- ✚ Purple=pseudo- $C(l)$  estimate, tend to be lower than peak at  $l = 2, 3, 7$
- ✚ *Quadrupole still rather low, but now the only one*
- ✚ NB: Vertical black dot-dash = maximum with no sky cut; orange - with Kp2 V-band only

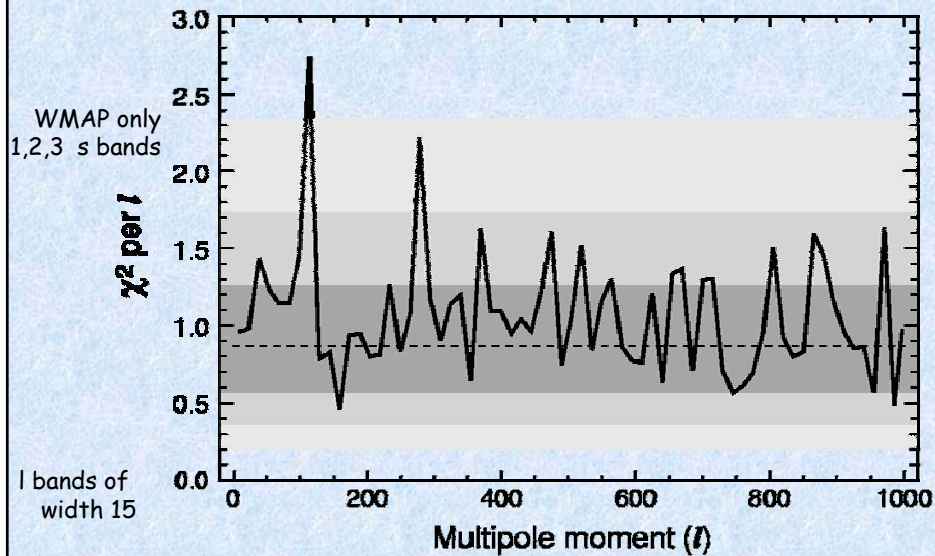




## “LOOKS” OK?



## $\chi^2$ VS. $l$ /BEST-FIT LCDM MODEL





## “FEATURES” IN THE DATA

- ✦ low power, especially in the quadrupole moment;
- ✦ various “ringing” features, “glitches”, and/or “bites” in the power spectrum.
  
- ✦ alignment of modes, particularly along an “axis of evil”;
- ✦ unequal fluctuation power in the northern and southern sky;
- ✦ a surprisingly low three-point correlation function in the northern sky;
- ✦ an unusually deep/large cold spot in the southern sky;
  
- ✦ Usual Problem of a posteriori analyses in the absence of a theory

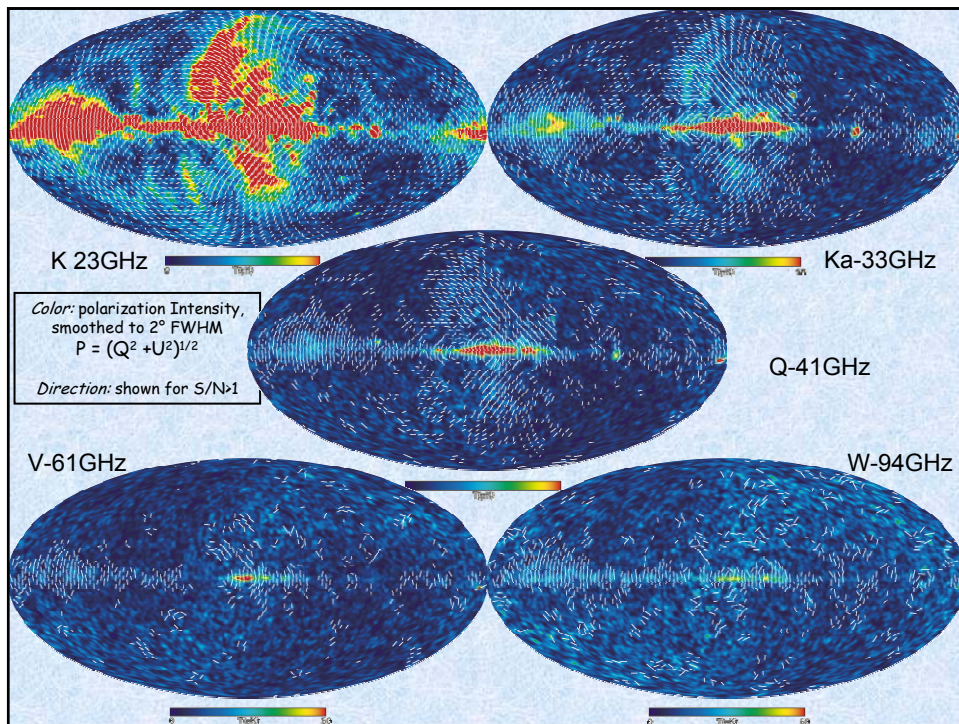


## SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS IN THE POLARIZATION ANALYSIS

- | First Year (TE)   | Three Years (TE,EE,BB)   |
|---|--|
| ✦ Foreground Removal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Done in harmonic space</li> </ul>   | ✦ Foreground Removal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Done in pixel space</li> </ul>   |
| ✦ Null Tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Only TB</li> </ul>  | ✦ Null Tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 1 Year Difference &amp; TB, EB, BB</li> </ul>  |
| ✦ Data Combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Ka, Q, V, W are used</li> </ul>   | ✦ Data Combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Only Q and V are used</li> </ul>   |
| ✦ Data Weighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Diagonal weighting</li> </ul>   | ✦ Data Weighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Optimal weighting (C-1)</li> </ul>   |
| ✦ Likelihood Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Gaussian for <math>C_l</math></li> <li>■ <math>C_l</math> estimated by MASTER</li> </ul> | ✦ Likelihood Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Gaussian for the pixel data</li> <li>■ <math>C_l</math> not used at <math>l &lt; 23</math></li> </ul> |

*These are improvements only in the analysis techniques: there are also various improvements in the polarization map-making algorithm. See Jarosik et al. (2006)*





## POLARISED FOREGROUNDS

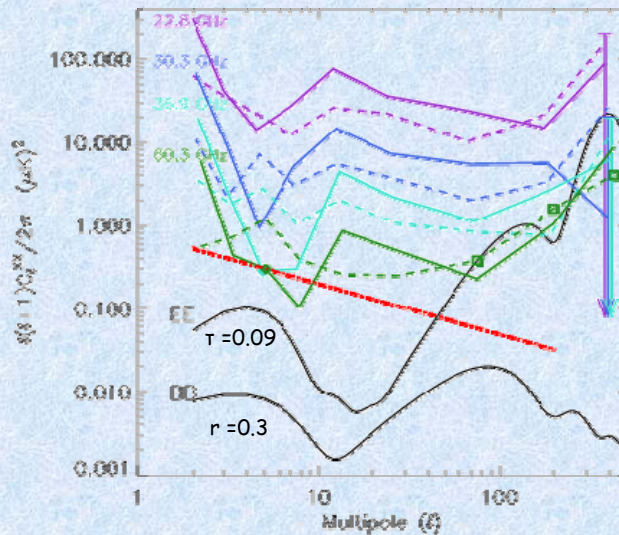
- + WMAP Polarization maps are foreground dominated at all frequencies.
- + Emission can be interpreted in terms of a simple model of Galactic magnetic field and interstellar electron density.
- + Improved foreground polarisation knowledge maybe the most important WMAP3 result for the future.





# POLARISED FOREGROUNDS (OUTSIDE P06)

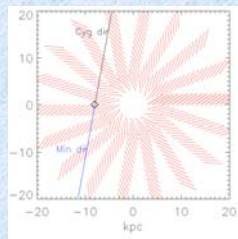
- ✚ EE Solid
- ✚ BB Dashed
- ✚ Frequency = geometric mean of data used for the spectra
- ✚ Red = estimate of FG level for BB at 60 GHz
- ✚ High-l rise <-> noise



**MUST BE CLEANED...**

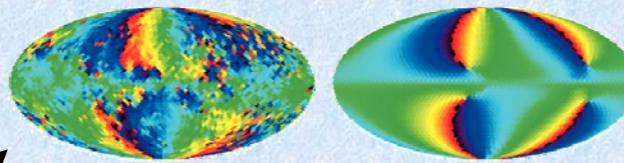


# SYNCHROTRON EMISSION



Bisymmetric Spiral Magnetic Field Model + electron distribution:  
 $n_e = n_0 \exp(-r/r_0) \sec h^2(z)$

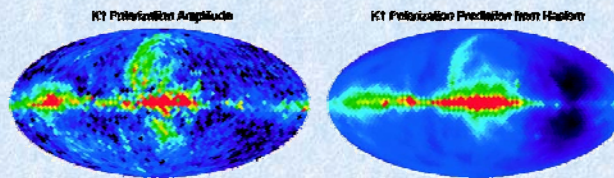
Rotation angle



B field from K band

B field from model

Polarisation amplitude

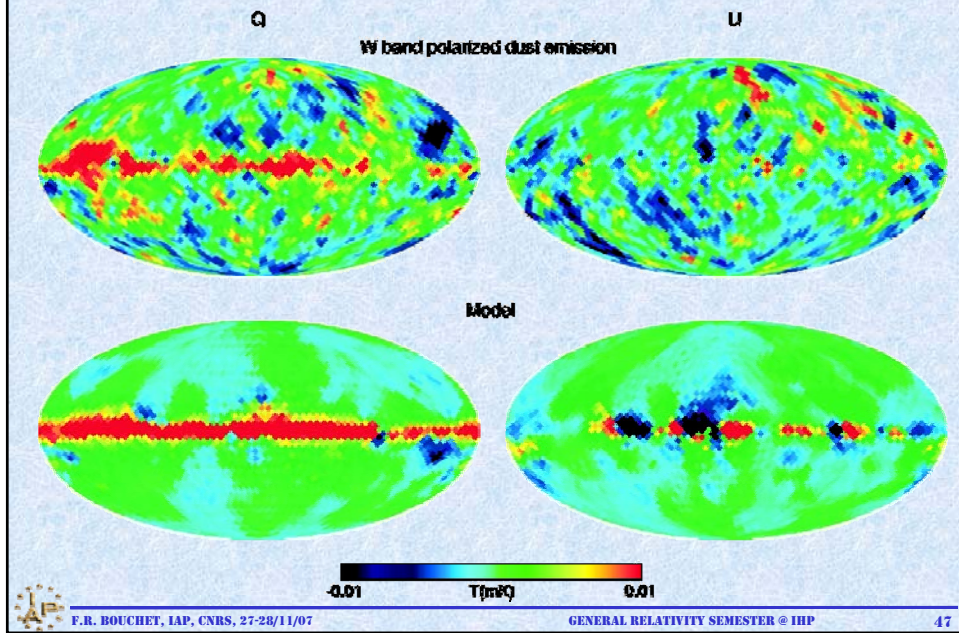


Observed P@23GHz

Predicted P@23GHz



# EXPECT PROGRESS IN DUST MODELLING

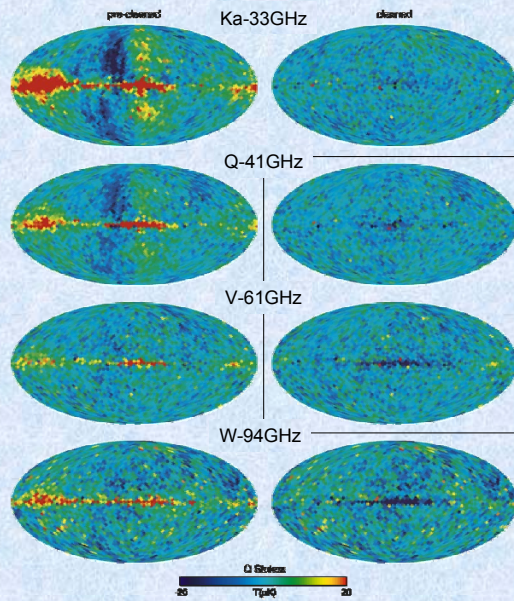


# POLARISED FOREGROUNDS SUBTRACTION

✚ Fit & subtract 2 spatial templates of Galactic emission (Q is shown)

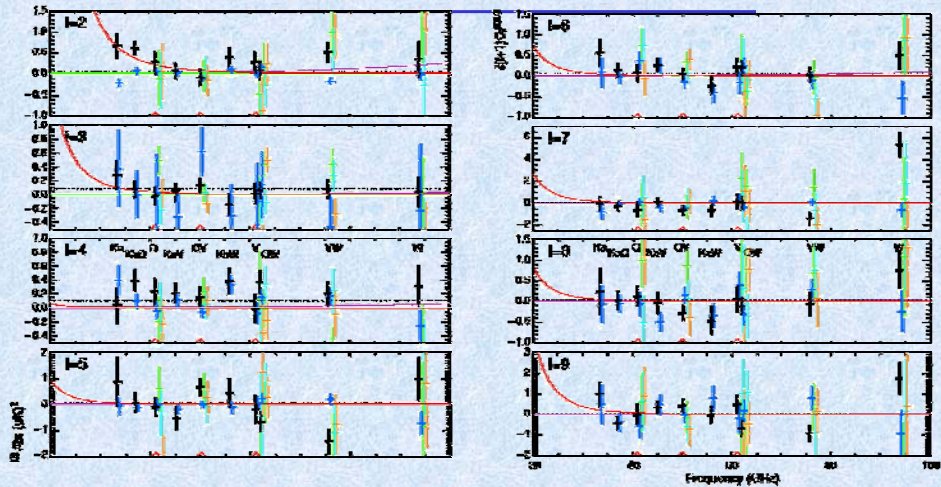
✚ Synchrotron: 23 GHz Q & U

✚ Dust: Intensity COBE/IRAS-FDS plus Sparse polarisation angle data from starlight absorption





# FREQUENCY DEPENDENCE OF (CLEANED) L-MODES



Black=EE, blue=BB; + null tests :green, cyan, and orange show the EE year\_i - year\_j spectra (the BB ones are similar).  
 Dotted black line = predicted EE for  $\tau = 0.09$ .

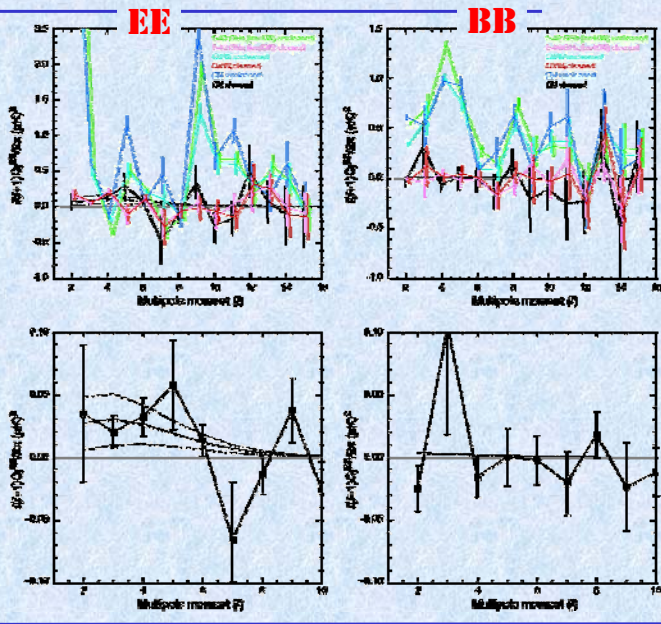
For cosmological analysis, only the QQ, QV, and VV frequency channels are used (red triangles on the bottom of each panel).  
 (red line = 15% of raw synchrotron @ Kband; brown line = 5% polarized dust).  
 Note: all frequency combinations above 40 GHz (excluding KW), BB is clearly consistent with zero.

# LOW-L POLARISATION SPECTRA

What the cleaning does...

About all reionisation information comes from that bump...

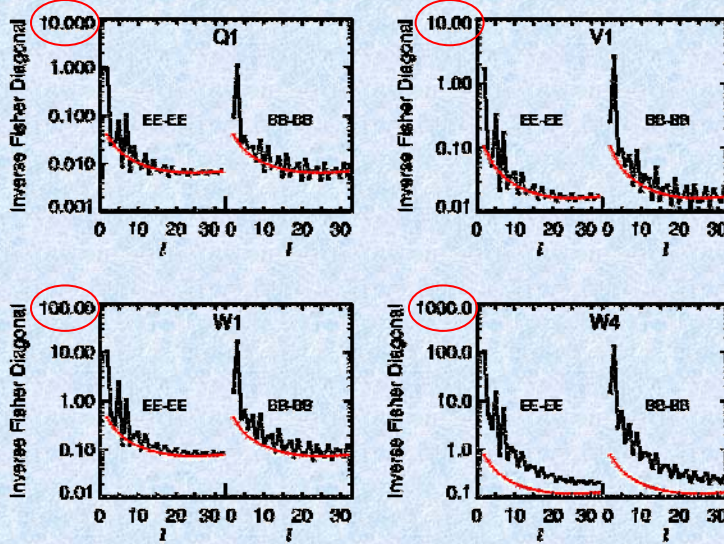
$$l^2 C_{E<2-6>} / 2\pi = 0.09 \pm 0.03 \mu K^2$$



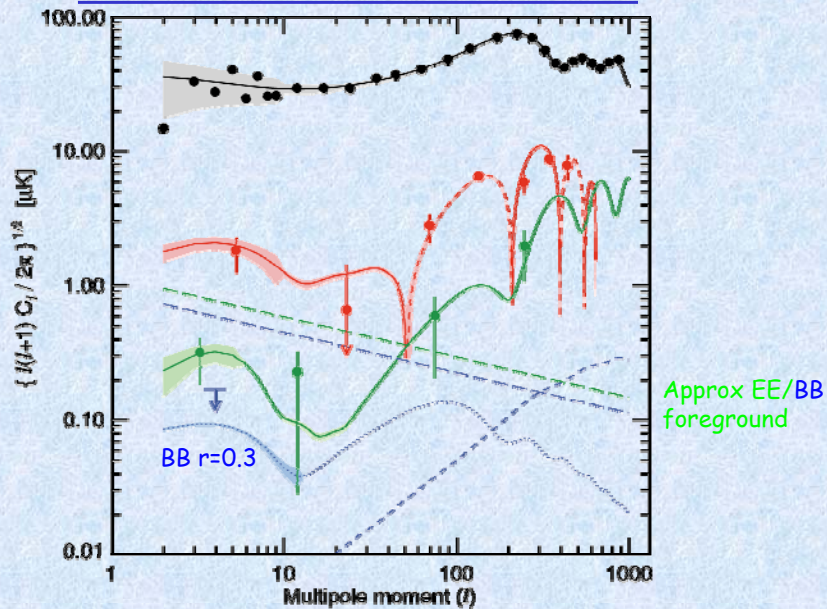
## PREDICTED C(L) ERRORS (IN $\mu\text{K}^4$ )

⊕ variations in the  $N^{-1}$  weighting are due to the scan pattern combined with the sky cut.

⊕ W data 3 years still not good enough at  $l=5,7!$

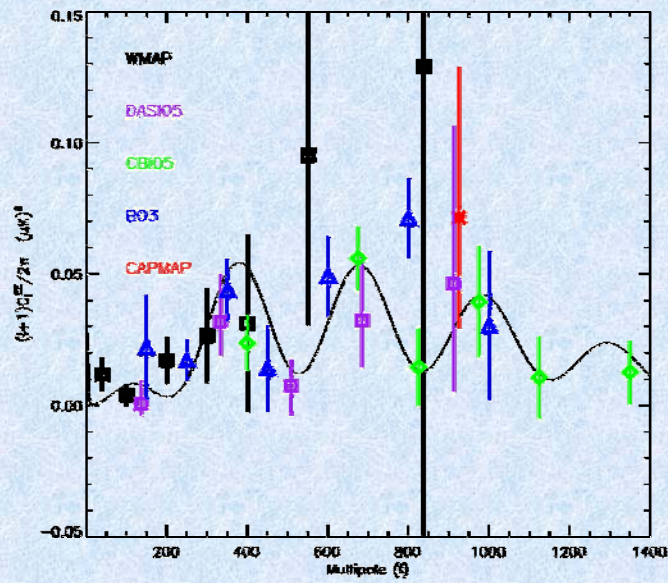


## WMAP3 SPECTRA





## EE SPECTRUM AT $\ell > 40$ (ALL TODAY)

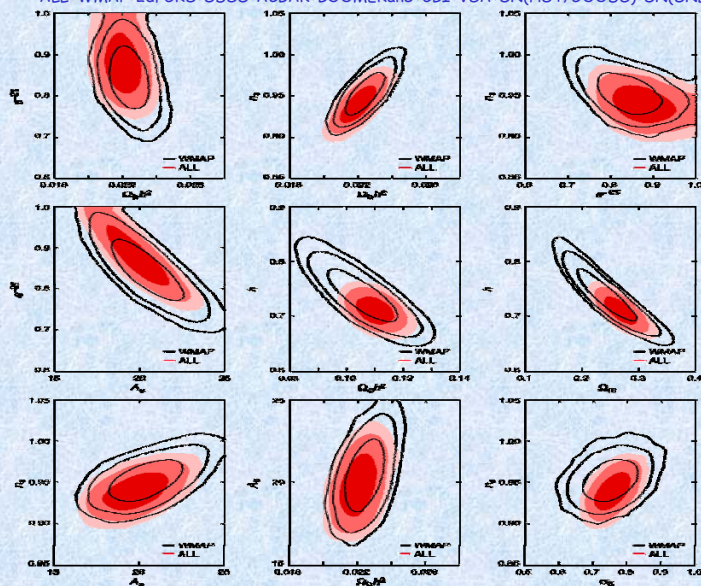


# 3 YEARS RESULTS



## WMAP3 ONLY/ALL

ALL=WMAP+2dFGRS+SDSS+ACBAR+BOOMERanG+CBI+VSA+SN(HST/GOODS)+SN(SNLS)



## CONSISTENCY WITH LSS

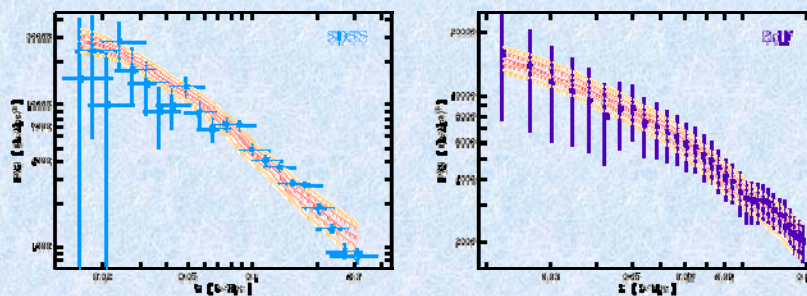
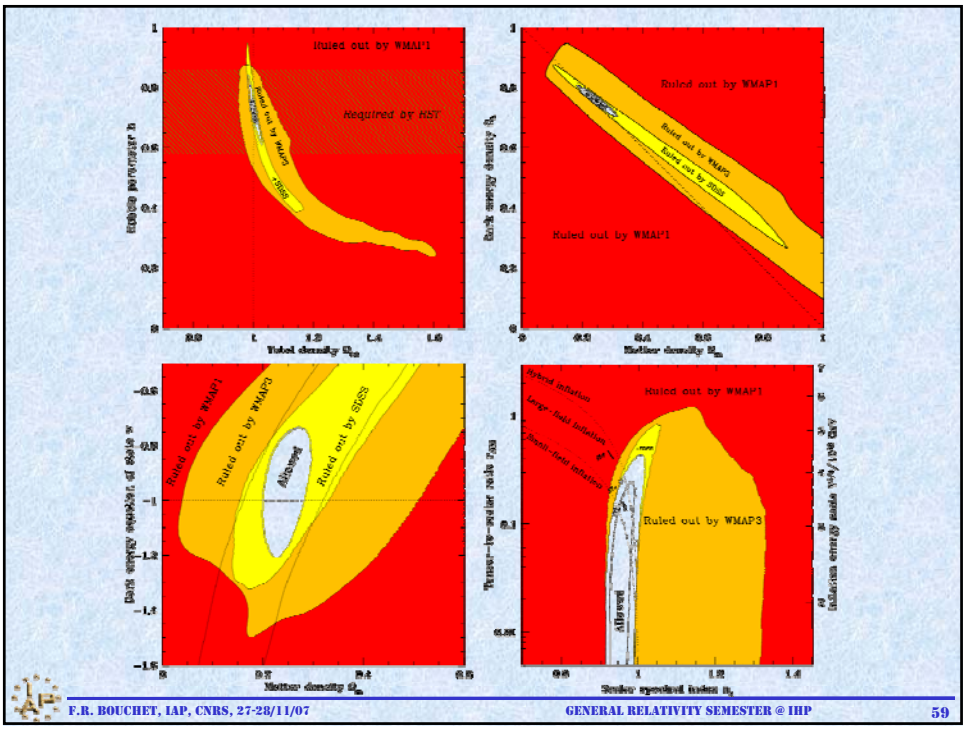
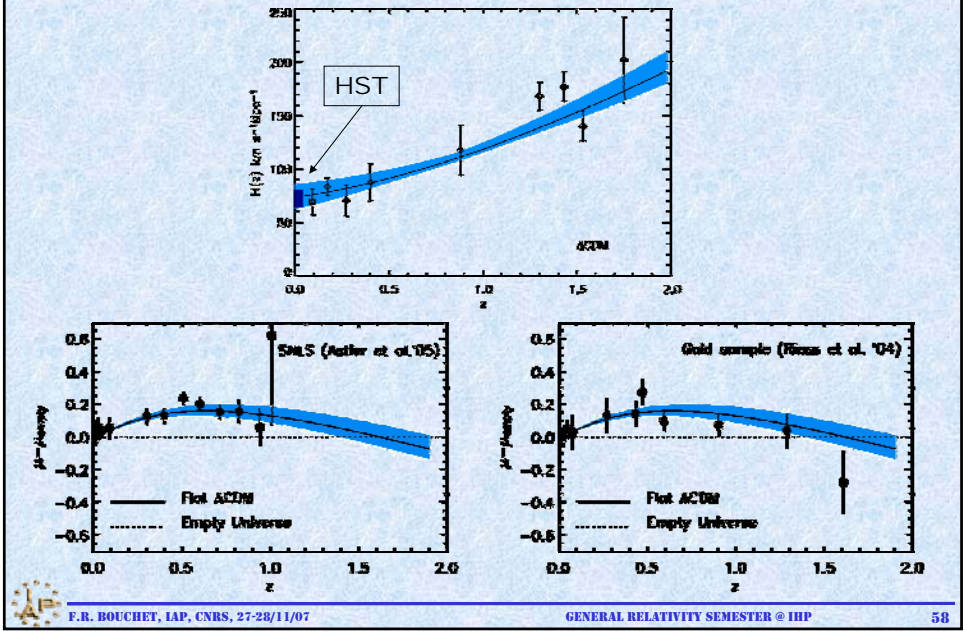


Fig. 9.— The prediction for the mass fluctuations measured by galaxy surveys from the  $\Lambda$ CDM model fit to the WMAP data only. (Left) The predicted power spectrum (based on the range of parameters consistent with the WMAP-only parameters) is compared to the mass power spectrum inferred from the SDSS galaxy power spectrum (Fegmark et al. 2004b) and normalized by weak lensing measurements (Seljak et al. 2005b). (Right) The predicted power spectrum is compared to the mass power spectrum inferred from the 2dFGRS galaxy power spectrum (Cole et al. 2005) with the best fit value for  $b_{2dFGRS}$  based on the fit to the WMAP model. Note that the data points shown are correlated.

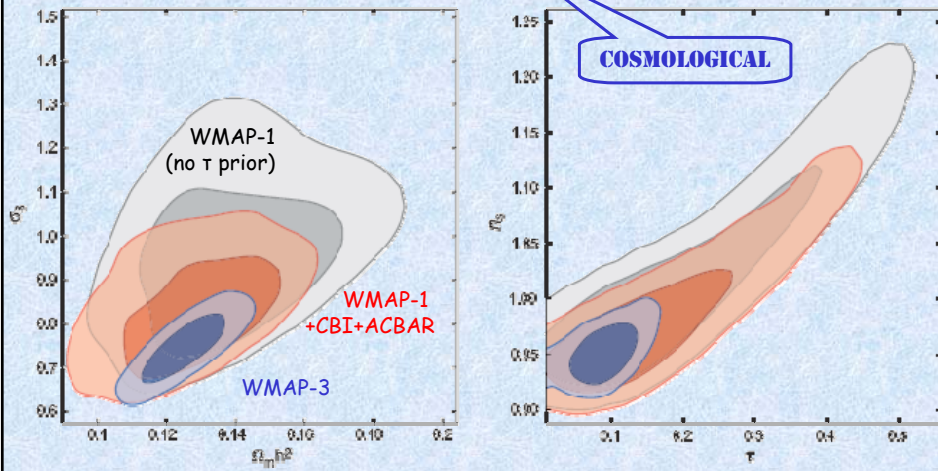




# FURTHER PREDICTIONS



# WMAP MAIN RESULTS



Improvement in parameter constraints for the power-law CDM model (6 pars).

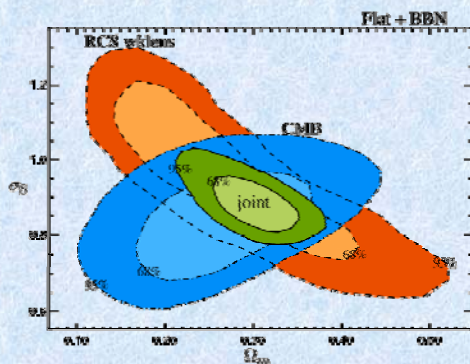
$$\{\Omega_b h^2, \Omega_m h^2, h, \tau, n_s, A_s\}$$

$\chi^2_{\text{eff}}(\text{TT})/\text{dof} = 1.068$  (1.09 yr 1) &  $\chi^2_{\text{eff}}(\text{all})/\text{dof} = 1.04$  (1.04 yr 1)

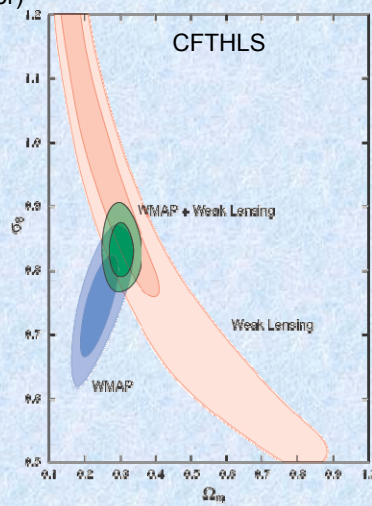


# $A_s - \Omega_M$

CMB (WMAP1ext) with galaxy lensing (+BBN prior)



Contaldi, Hoekstra, Lewis: astro-ph/0302435



Spiegel et al 2006

NB:  $\sigma_8$  and  $A_s$  are just different normalisation of the (scalar) power spectrum

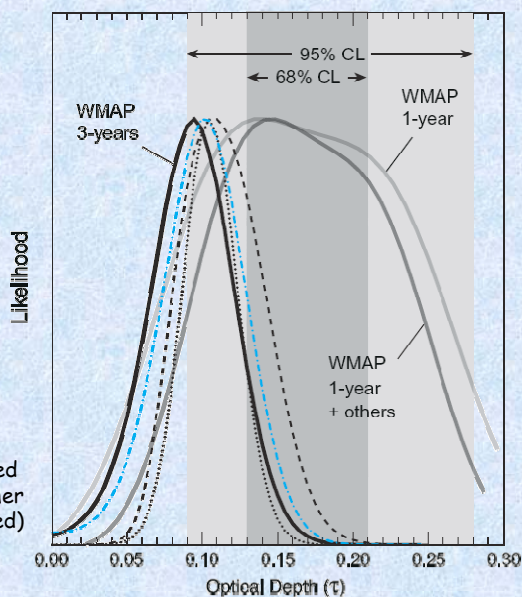




## OPTICAL DEPTH

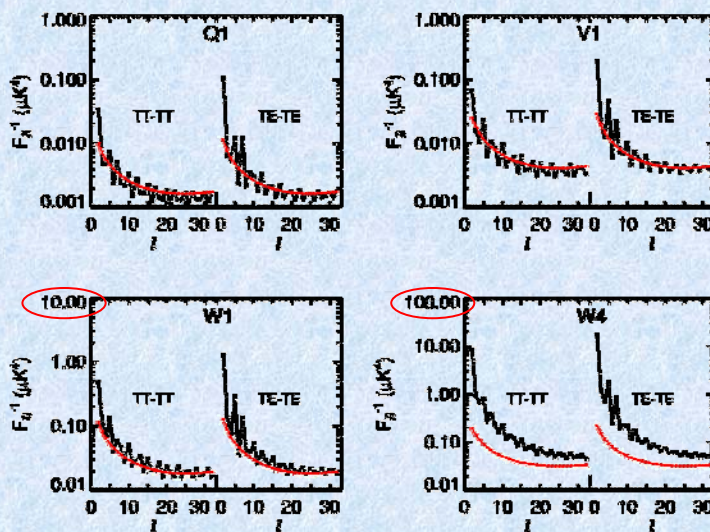
- ✚ TE-3 years contributes very little
- ✚ Alone would be an upper limit on tau
- ✚ New noise estimation is the reason
- ✚ tau from (EE-) 3yr is compatible at  $2\sigma$  level with 1 yr data

(likelihood plotted keeping all other parameters fixed)

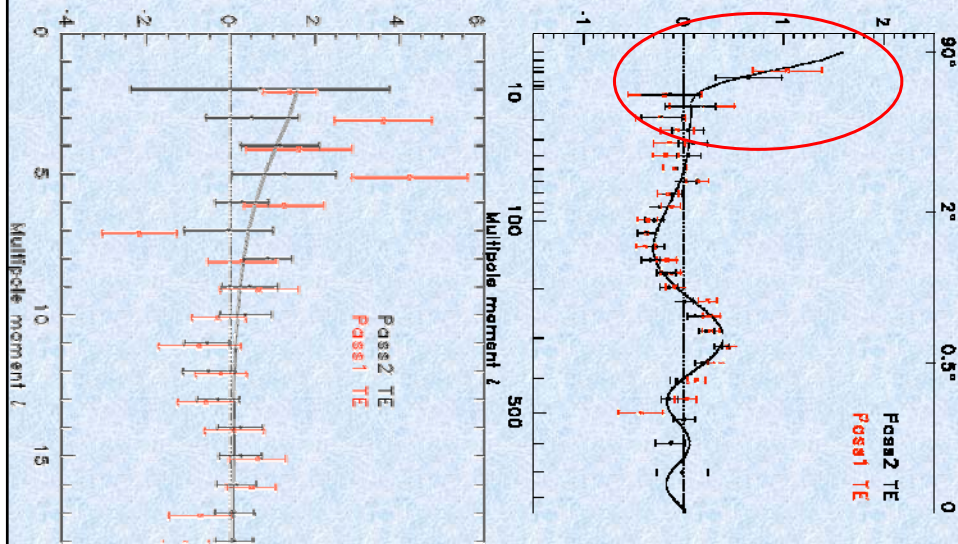


## PREDICTED CL UNCERTAINTY AT LOW L

- ✚ Black = inverse Fisher Matrix
- ✚ Red = pixel-pixel noise correlations (after map-making) are ignored
- ✚ Low- $l$  rise from  $1/f$  noise (in time)
- ✚ NB: Noise negligible / signal for TT, but TE analysis **must** take the structure into account



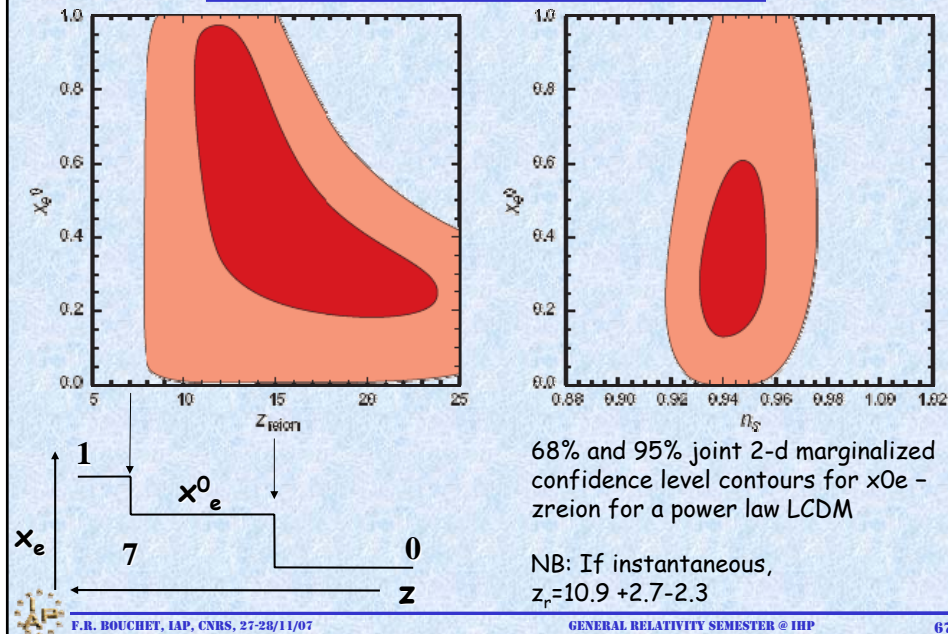
## TE COMPARISON 1 VS 3 YEARS



From Hinshaw @ Irvine Conference



## WMAP3 CONSTRAINTS ON REIONISATION





## WHAT'S NEEDED!

	Model	$-\Delta(2\ln\mathcal{L})$	$N_{\text{par}}$
M1	Scale Invariant Fluctuations ( $n_s = 1$ )	8	5
M2	No Reionization ( $\tau = 0$ )	8	5
M3	No Dark Matter ( $\Omega_c = 0, \Omega_\Lambda \neq 0$ )	248	6
M4	No Cosmological Constant ( $\Omega_c \neq 0, \Omega_\Lambda = 0$ )	0	6
M5	<b>Power Law <math>\Lambda</math>CDM</b>	0	6
M6	Quintessence ( $w \neq -1$ )	0	7
M7	Massive Neutrino ( $m_\nu > 0$ )	0	7
M8	Tensor Modes ( $r > 0$ )	0	7
M9	Running Spectral Index ( $dn_s/d\ln k \neq 0$ )	-3	7
M10	Non-flat Universe ( $\Omega_k \neq 0$ )	-6	7
M11	Running Spectral Index & Tensor Modes	-3	8
M12	Sharp cutoff	-1	7
M13	Binned $\Delta_R^2(k)$	-22	20

WMAP Collaboration (Spergel & al), 2006:



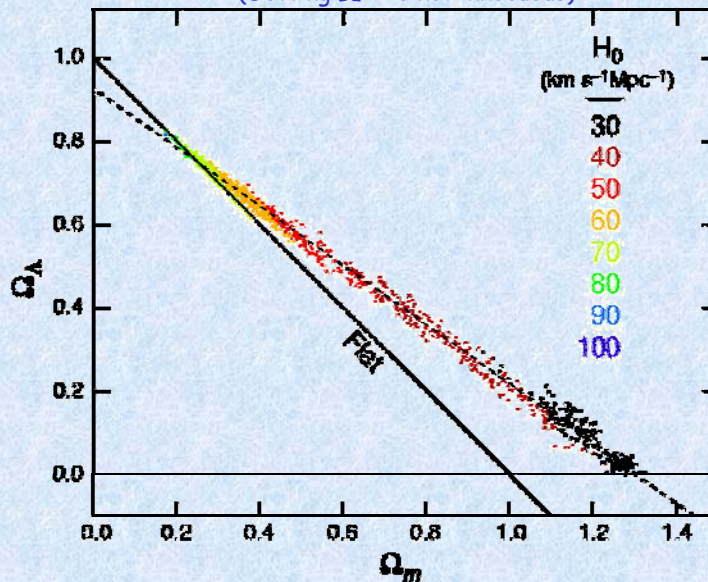
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## $\Omega_m/H$ DEGENERACY TRACK

(Setting  $\Omega=1$  is not innocuous)



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## CONSTRAINING IC

Epsilon, eta et ksi correspond to successive derivatives of the inflation potential

$$\begin{cases} r = 16\epsilon \\ n_s = 1 - 6\epsilon + 2\eta \\ dn_s / d \ln k = -2\xi + 16\epsilon\eta - 24\epsilon^2 \end{cases}$$

Measurement of the amplitude of tensor modes fixes Hubble parameter H during inflation when relevant scales are leaving horizon; alternatively, fixes scalar field potential and first derivative.

$$H \equiv \dot{a}/a \approx \frac{1}{M_{Pl}} \sqrt{\frac{V}{3}}$$

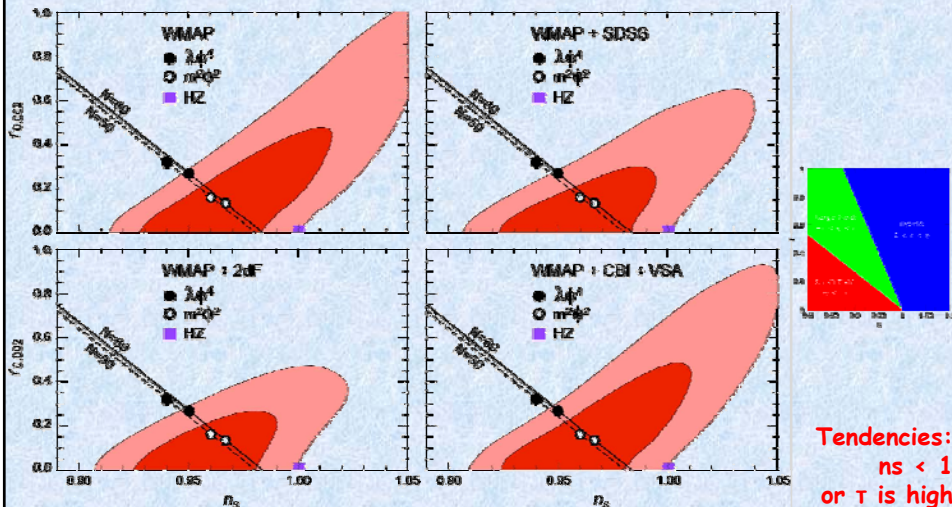
$$r = \frac{2V}{3\pi^2 M_{Pl}^4 \Delta_R^{-2}(k_0)} = 8M_{Pl}^2 \left(\frac{V'}{V}\right)^2$$

$$V^{1/4} \leq 3.3 \times 10^{16} r^{1/4} \text{ GeV}$$

e.g. Liddle & Lyth (1993), Copeland et al. (1993), Liddle (1994)



## IMPLICATIONS (FOR INFLATION)



$\lambda\phi^4$  is out, but a simple  $m^2\phi^2$  is still in...

**Tendencies:**  
 $n_s < 1$   
 or  $\tau$  is high  
 or there are tensors  
 or the model is wrong  
 or we are quite unlucky...

*NB: this is not the astroph plot*





# LIMITS ON TENSOR-TO-SCALAR RATIO

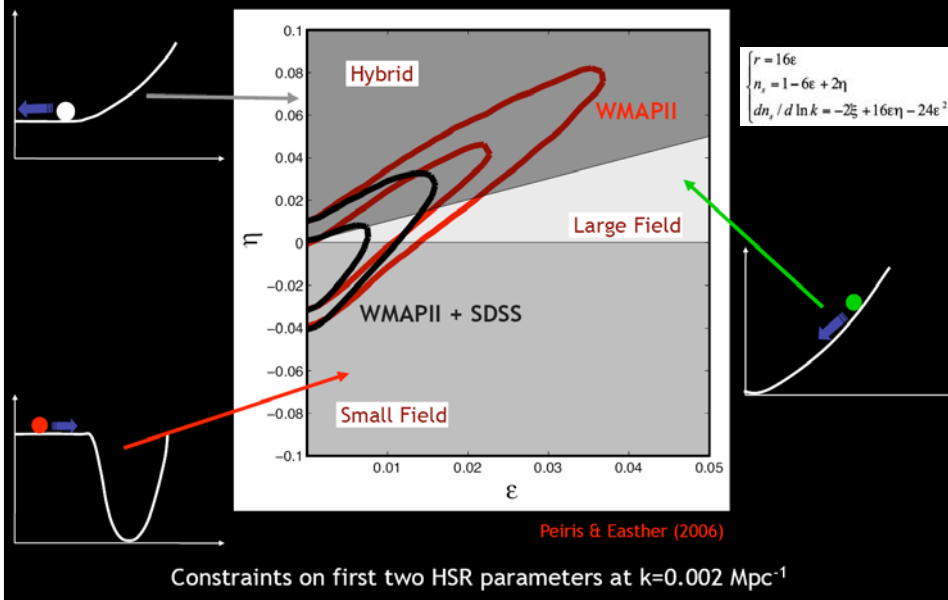
Table 8: Constraints on  $r$ , Ratio of Amplitude of Tensor Fluctuations to Scalar Fluctuations (at  $k = 0.002 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ )

Data Set	$r$ (no running)	$r$ (with running)
WMAP	0.55 (95% CL)	1.5 (95% CL)
WMAP+BOOM+ACBAR	0.63 (95% CL)	1.4 (95% CL)
WMAP+CBI+VSA	0.55 (95% CL)	1.1 (95% CL)
WMAP+2df	0.30 (95% CL)	1.0 (95% CL)
WMAP+SDSS	0.28 (95% CL)	0.67 (95% CL)

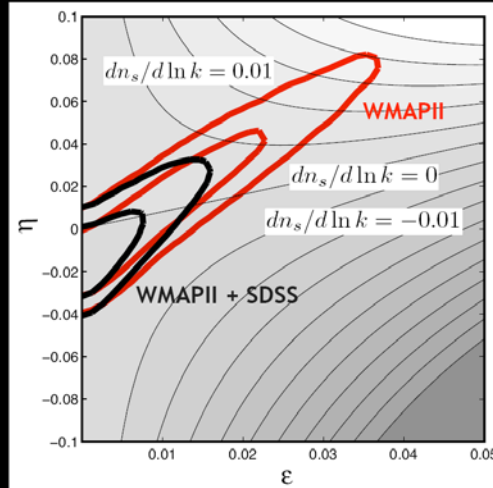
$$r < 0.55 \text{ @ } 95\% \text{ CL} \Rightarrow \Omega_{\text{gw}} h^2 < 1. \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ (@}95\% \text{ CL)}$$



## The Inflationary Zoo

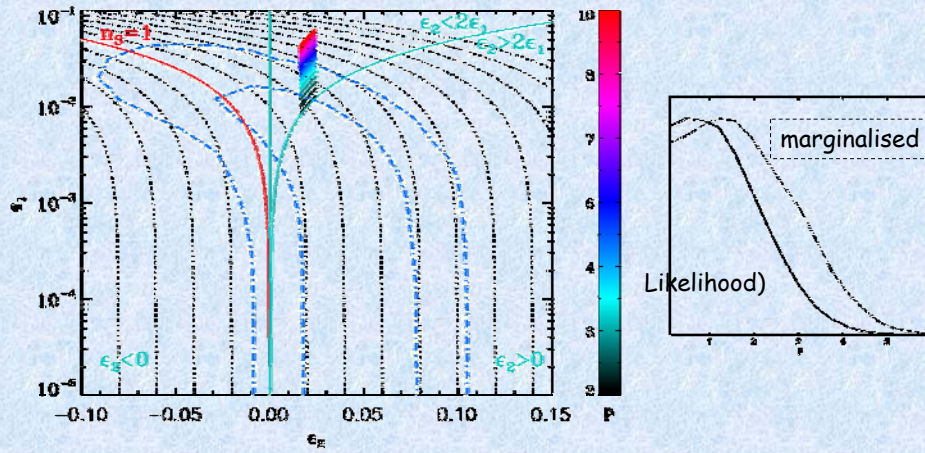


## Inflation and a running spectral index?



Peiris & Easter (2006)

## CONSTRAINTS ON LARGE-FIELD MODELS



- Models  $V \propto \Phi^p$
- Dotted = constant spectral index lines
- $p > 4$  are in trouble (one start constraining the potential shape)





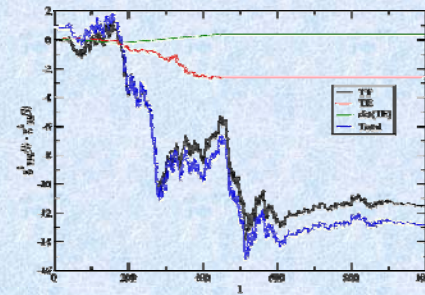
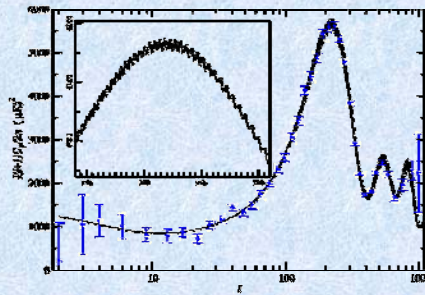
# A SIGN OF TRANS-PLANCKIAN PHYSICS?

✚ Probleme theorique trans-Planckien  
 J. Martin and R. Brandenberger,  
 PRD 63 123501, 2001 (hep-  
 h/0005209)

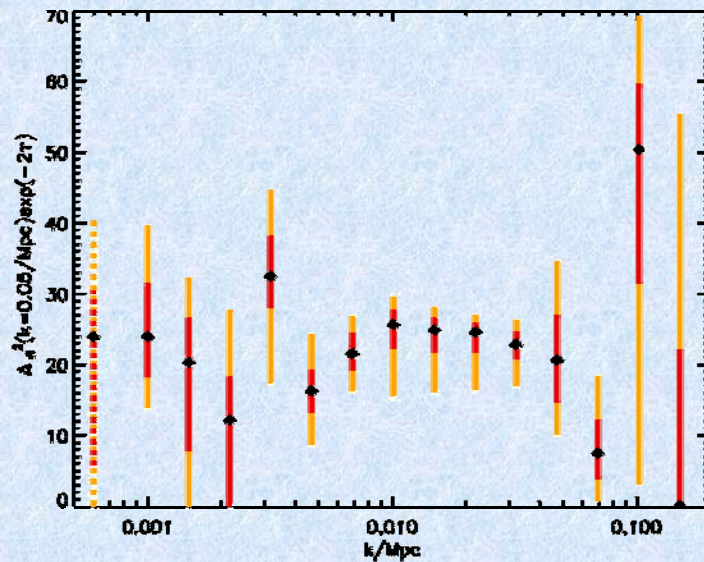
✚ WMAP et les oscillations :

- J. Martin & C. Ringeval, PRD 69 064406, 2004 (astro-ph/0310382);
- J. Martin & C. Ringeval, PRD 69 127303, 2004 (astro-ph/0402609);
- J. Martin & C. Ringeval, JCAP 0501 007, 2004 (astro-ph/0405249)

✚ Ongoing discussions with WMAP team, stay tuned...



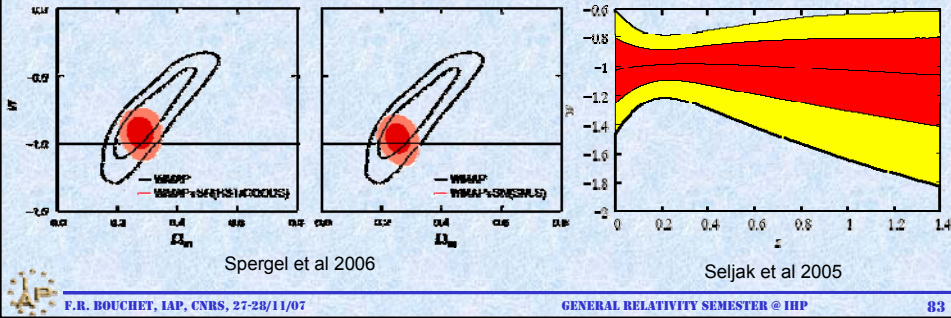
# RECONSTRUCTED SHAPE OF $P_s$



# INVESTIGATING DARK ENERGY

✦ The equation of state parameter  $w(z) = p/\rho$

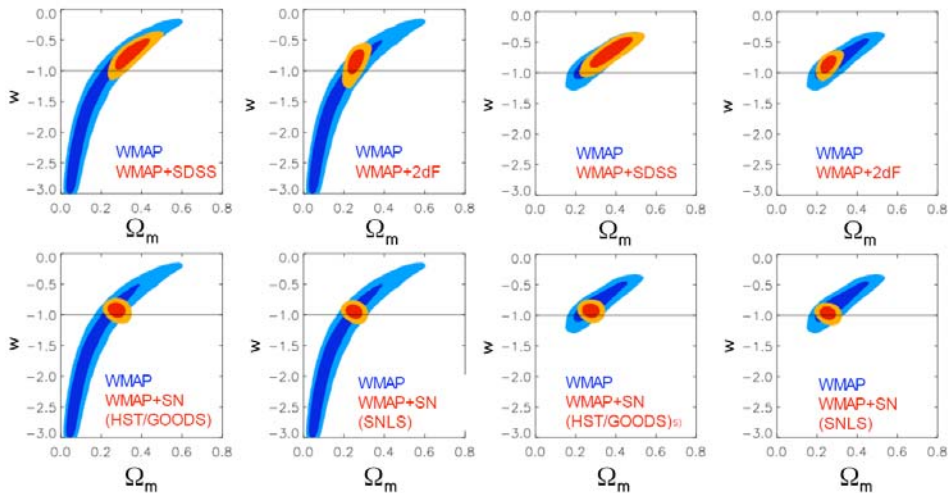
- $w = -1$
- $w = \text{const} \neq -1$
- $w(z)$



# DARK ENERGY

Clustering dark energy  $c_s^2=1$   $w \neq -1$

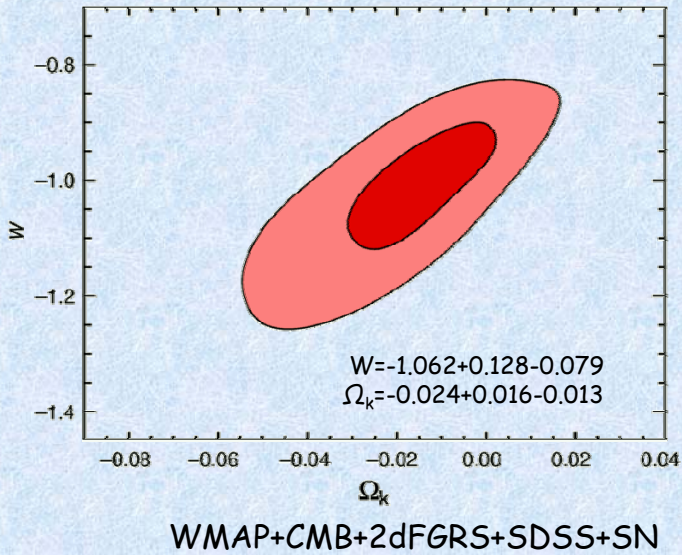
Ignoring fluctuations in DE





## EQUATION OF STATE & CURVATURE

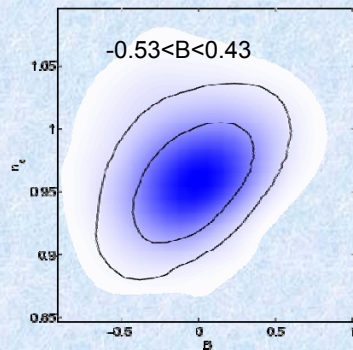
Interesting constraints are beginning to emerge



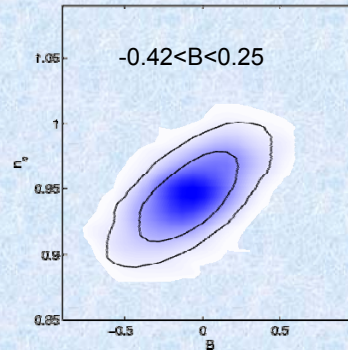
## MATTER ISOCURVATURE MODES

- ✚ Possible in two-field inflation models, e.g. 'curvaton' scenario
- ✚ Curvaton model gives adiabatic + correlated CDM or baryon isocurvature, no tensors
- ✚ CDM, baryon isocurvature indistinguishable - differ only by cancelling matter mode

Constrain B = ratio of matter isocurvature to adiabatic



WMAP1+2df+CMB+BBN+HST

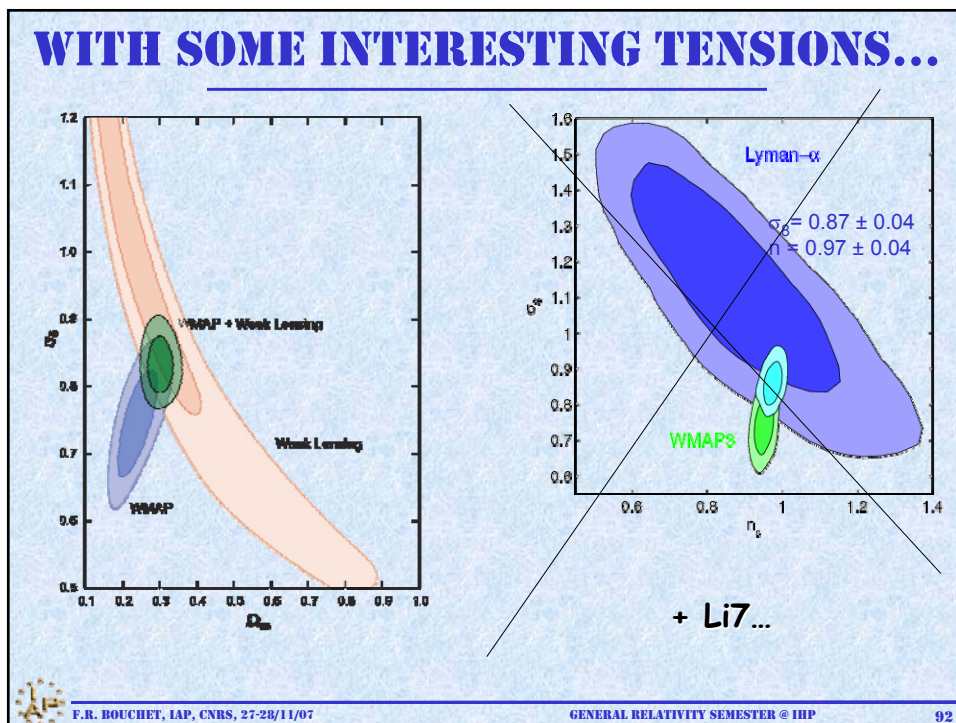
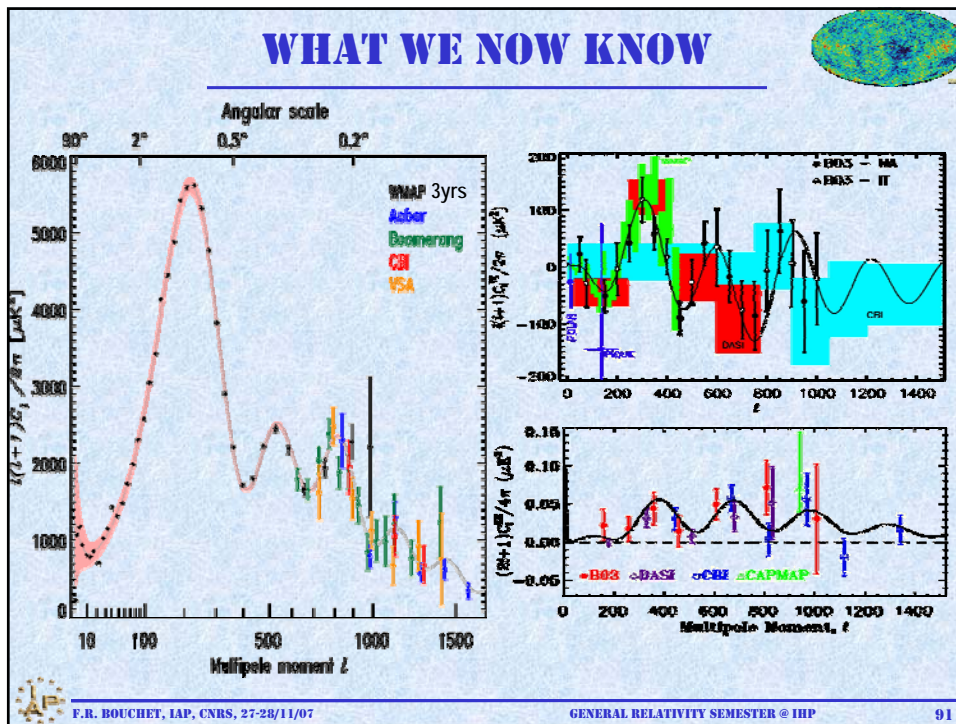


WMAP3+2df+CMB

Gordon, Lewis: astro-ph/0212248

Lewis @ Moriond-march06



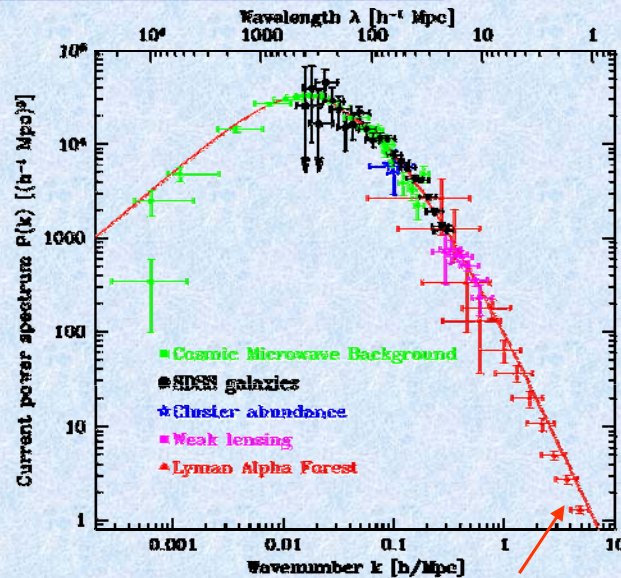




## LA COSMOLOGIE A UN MODÈLE COHÉRENT

RCF en accord avec :

- ✚ estimation BBN de la densité baryonique
- ✚ Mesures HST du taux d'expansion
- ✚ Mesures de distance par les Supernova
- ✚ Ages stellaires tirés de la théorie de l'évolution stellaire
- ✚ Estimations des fluctuations de densité
  - Déflexions Gravitationnelles
  - Amas
  - Grandes structures
  - Forêt Lyman  $\alpha$



Théorie pour un univers avec 5% d'atomes, 25% de matière sombre, 70% d'énergie sombre

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## NON-GAUSSIANITY IN WMAP?

- ✚ Initial analyses indicated that the WMAP results were consistent with Gaussianity:
  - 1) Three point tests are consistent up to known point source contribution (Komatsu et al., Gaztanaga & Wagg)
  - 2) Apparent non-Gaussianities in COBE bispectrum do not appear in WMAP (Magueijo & Madeiros)
  - 3) Topological tests (Minkowski functionals, genus) also consistent (Komatsu et al., Colley & Gott)
- ✚ Limits not sufficient yet to probe the levels predicted by inflation models
- ✚ But recent analyses point to possible inconsistencies:
  - 1) Evidence that north ecliptic hemisphere has less large scale power than southern (Eriksen et al.)
  - 2) A wavelet analysis shows evidence for non-Gaussianity in the southern Galactic hemisphere (Vielva et al.)
  - 3) Asymmetry between some genus statistics for north and south Galactic hemispheres (Park)
  - 4) Some strange alignments seen in the quadrupole and octupole moments (Tegmark et al.)
  - 5) Multipole vector analysis indicates unexpected alignments at low  $l$  (Copi et al.)
  - 6) Evidence for strange phase correlations at  $l=16$  (Coles et al.) and at very high  $l$  (Chiang et al.)
- ✚ Is it significant?
  - Most authors argue against foreground being responsible, but it is not impossible
  - Possibly a problem with *a posteriori* statistics, but many seem to be pointing to similar problems
  - Could it be similar to COBE problems, where some of the data was contaminated? This seems unlikely for the large scale problems.
- ✚ The jury is still out, and more investigation is needed!



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# MAPS OF POWER SPECTRUM MODES $l = 2 - 8$

