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SCIENCE MOTIVATIONS: EXAMPLES



Clusters of galaxies are the largest g-bound objects in the Universe. We expect to perform a (spatial) mapping of the shape of the SZ spectrum for clusters at z = 0.2-0.8

 \rightarrow HIERARCHICAL LARGE SCALE **STRUCTURE**

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OTHER OPTIONS FOR LOW-R/WIDE FIELD: FABRY-PEROT, FILTERS .. ADVANTAGES/DRAWBACKS WRT INTERFEROMETERS



CONCERTO DATASHEET



Table 1. Main characteristics of CONCERTO.CONCERTO coll., Astronomy & Astrophysics 642, A60 (2020)A. Monfardini et al., arxiv 2106.14028, proc. LTD19 (2021)









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A CONCERTO 2152-LEKID-pixels Six feedlines, microstrip coupling



Cat's Paw nebula (**NGC6334**) size on top of a CONCERTO array (18.6arc-min)

<u>CPW (NIKA1, KISS) versus Microstrip (NIKA2, CONCERTO)</u>



For CONCERTO bands, we have used ad-hoc substrates of 105 μ m (HF) and 125 μ m (LF).

Thin Al (20nm) on the front, Al-Au on the back (RF and thermalisation)

- → **High array yield** (no more limited by litho but wafer manipulation)
- \rightarrow Typically around 90% identified resonances
- \rightarrow Made a number of arrays to select the "flight" ones



THE CONCERTO CRYOSTAT



The polarisation is projected with near 100% efficiency by a 45 degrees polarizer without sacrificing the compactness.





THE CONCERTO WARM OPTICS



M3 to M11 (!) PLUS TWO POLARIZERS AND TWO MORE MIRRORS FOR THE MPI REFERENCE FOLLOW THE RAYS IF YOU ARE BRAVE





SOME TECHNOLOGY IN CONCERTO



(100% useful duty cycle)



"Chassis" Tilting. The cryostat is designed to work up to 85 deg inclination \rightarrow <u>IT DOES</u>



- 80cm POLARIZERS (Grenoble)
- Filters, e.g. notch (Cardiff)





THE TRIP TO CHILE (03/2021)



Chile at the highest of the pandemic, France almost ..

 \rightarrow AN EPIC EXPERIENCE

Two small (three of us each) but highly trained teams. NOT OVERLAPPING !!



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CHASSIS

& OPTICS

CRYOSTAT GAS HANDLING SYSTEM

PULSE-TUBE COMPRESSOR To RTA & DISKS

THE CONCERTO INSTALLATION

- 6th April, STARTING UNPACKING THE BOXES
- 10th April, START COOLDOWN
- 12th April, BASE TEMPERATURE \rightarrow 60mK
- THEN TECHNICAL COMMISSIONING. 4th of May \rightarrow CRAB
- END OF MAY ALREADY THE FIRST OBSERVATIONS IN REMOTE !!





OBSERVING THE SCIENCE FIELDS SINCE JULY 100% REMOTELY







- All the (12) readout lines are connected, more than 90% of the 4,304 pixels exhibit a resonance
- The internal quality factor on APEX Sky are perfectly in line with expectations $Q_c \approx Q_i \approx 15k$







PRELIMINARY RESULTS: ON SKY



- Around 90% of the designed pixels exhibit a beam
- Capable of mapping sub-Jy structures over hundreds of arc-min² in less than one minute telescope time
- Elliptical beams on a portion of the arrays \rightarrow OPTICS problem ?





PRELIMINARY RESULTS: ON SKY



CAT's PAW NEBULA (17 minutes integration)

CRAB NEBULA (3 minutes integration)





PRELIMINARY RESULTS: ON SKY

CONCERTO LF (single scan 17 min)

HERSCHEL 250um (adapted resolution)



AN EMPTY CRYOSTAT AND MANY HOPES





CONCLUSIONS AND PLANS



- A NEW OBSERVATIONAL WINDOW IS OPEN ON THE MILLIMETRE SKY ... BUT WAITING FOR ASTRONOMERS CONFIRMATION
- THE **SCIENCE COMMISSIONING** IS ON-GOING (QUITE LIMITED BY TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS)
- WE ARE PREPARING AN INTERVENTION DURING THE CHILEAN SUMMER 2022 TO IMPROVE THE COLD REFERENCE PERFORMANCE AND MAINTENANCE
- AN UNIDENTIFIED MONOCHROMATIC (OPTICAL) NOISE COMING FROM THE C-CABIN IS BEING INVESTIGATED AT TELESCOPE AND IN LAB. ACOUSTIC ? (yesterday) \rightarrow ACOUSTIC ! (today)
- RIGHT NOW 100% REMOTELY AND THAT "COULD BE A PROBLEM IN CASE OF PROBLEMS"



THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION !!



NICE MAPS ACQUIRED ALSO IN SPECTROSCOPIC MODE DURING THE COMMISSIONING

 \rightarrow TO BE TURNED INTO SPECTRA ... NOT TRIVIAL

