

C-BASS

The C-Band All Sky Survey



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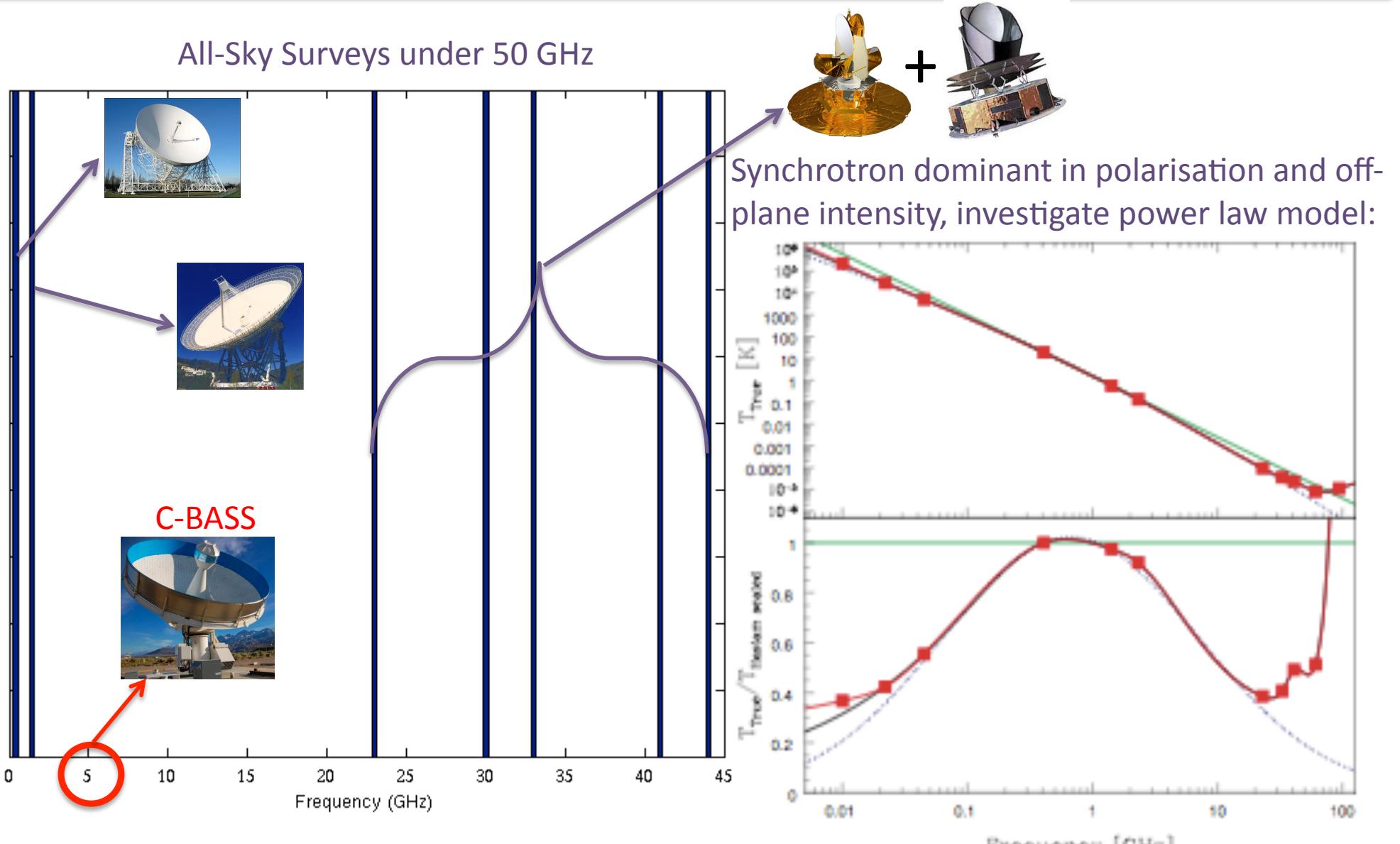


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WHY 5 GHz?



SCIENCE MOTIVATION

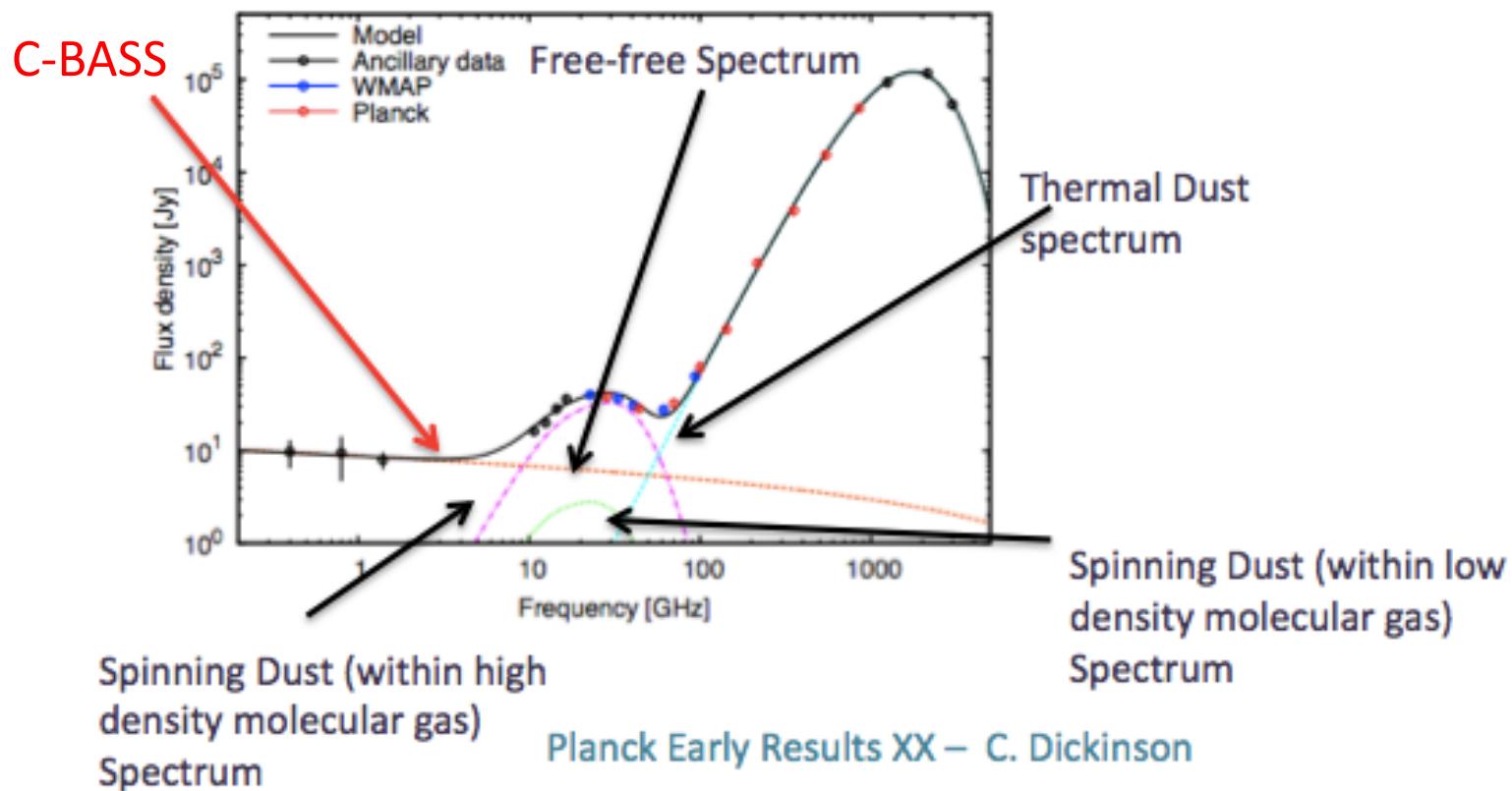


Polarised emission measurement for CMB foreground removal

However ...

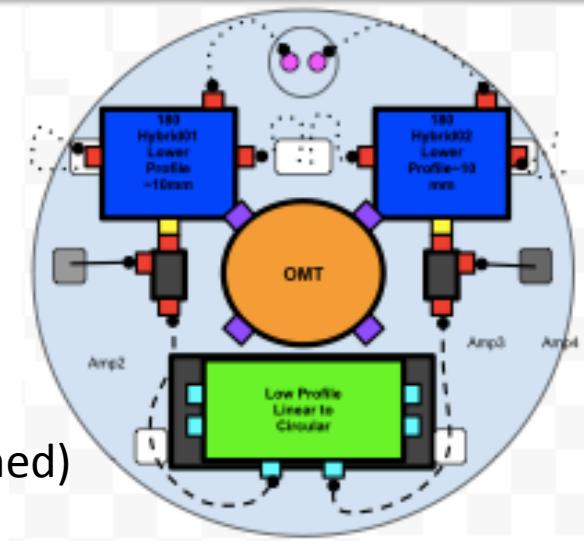
Wide range of galactic science possible including anomalous emission research:

- Placing lower limit constraints on anomalous emission frequency range.

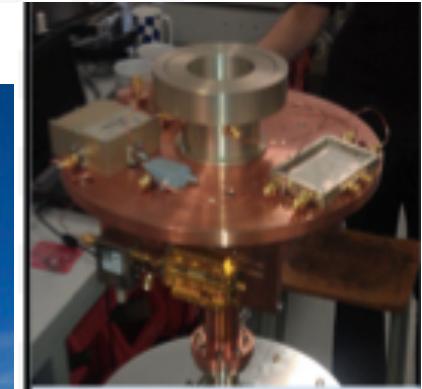


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- ✧ 5 GHz (6 cm) all-sky survey
- ✧ Intensity and Linear Polarisation
- ✧ Northern 6.1 m dish, OVRO, California (taking survey data)
- ✧ Southern 7.6 m dish South Africa (soon to have receiver attached)
- ✧ FWHM resolution 44 arcmin
- ✧ Target Sensitivity 0.1 mK /beam rms
- ✧ Target System temp ~ 25 K

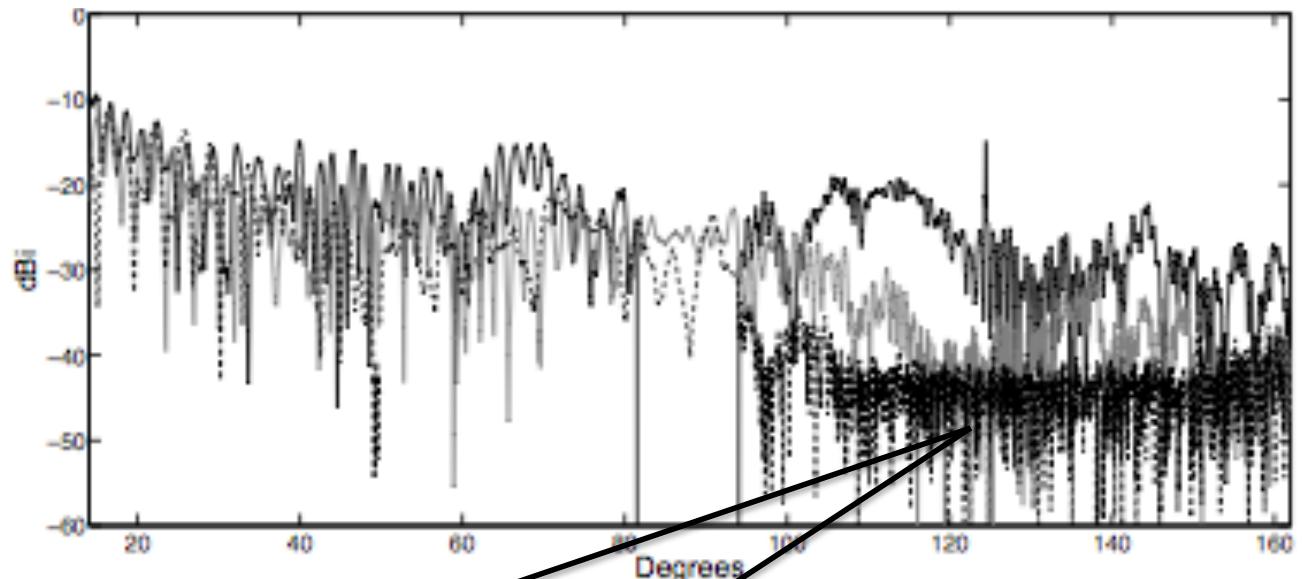


Right: Northern C-BASS



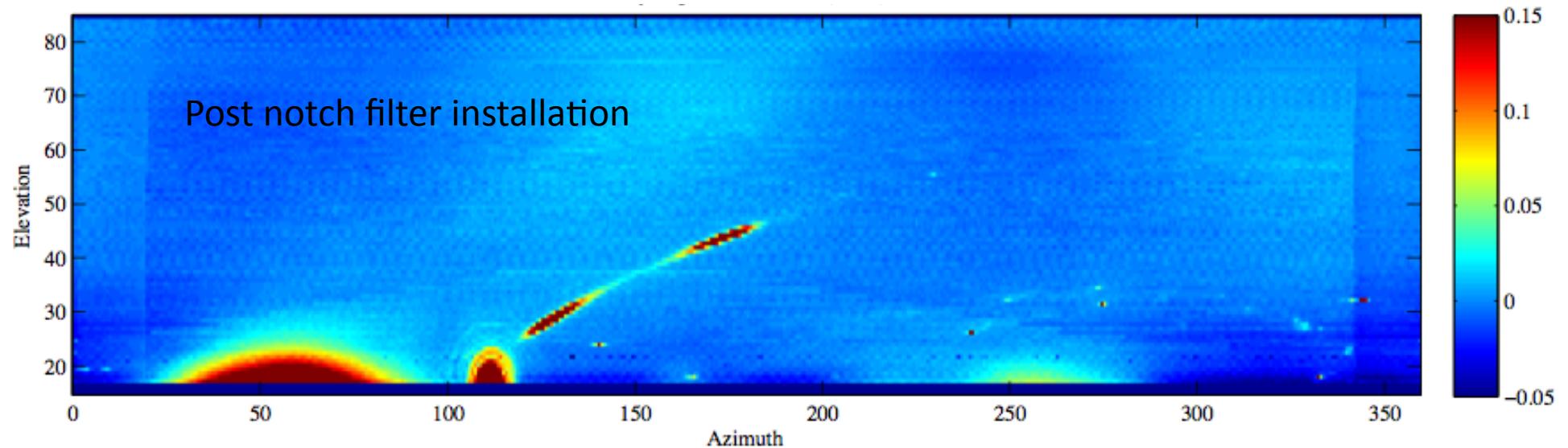
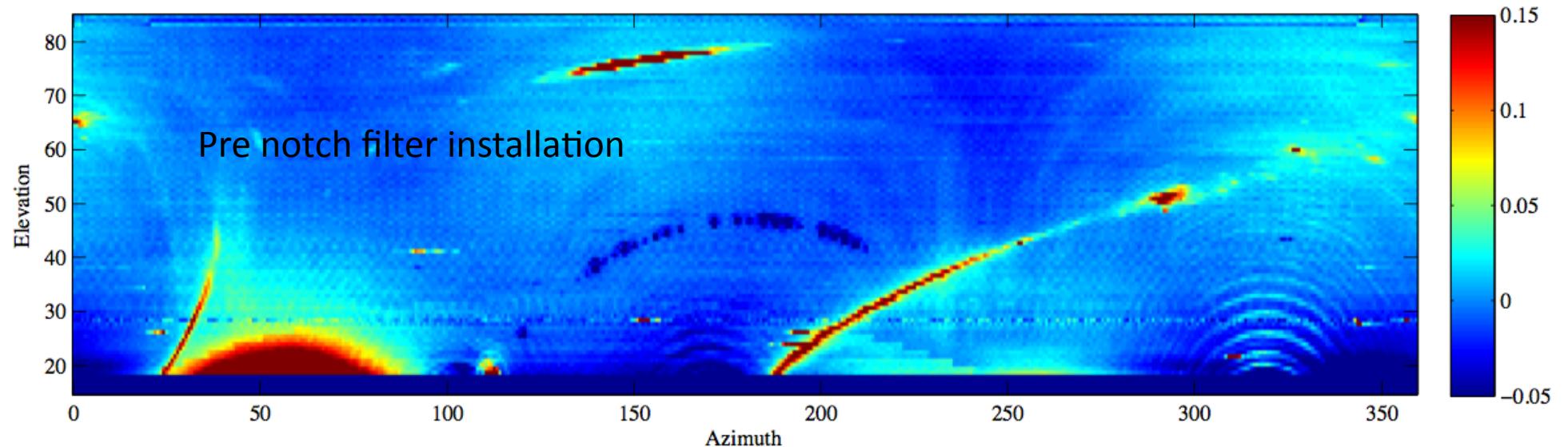
Above: Southern C-BASS receiver

NORTHERN OPTICS

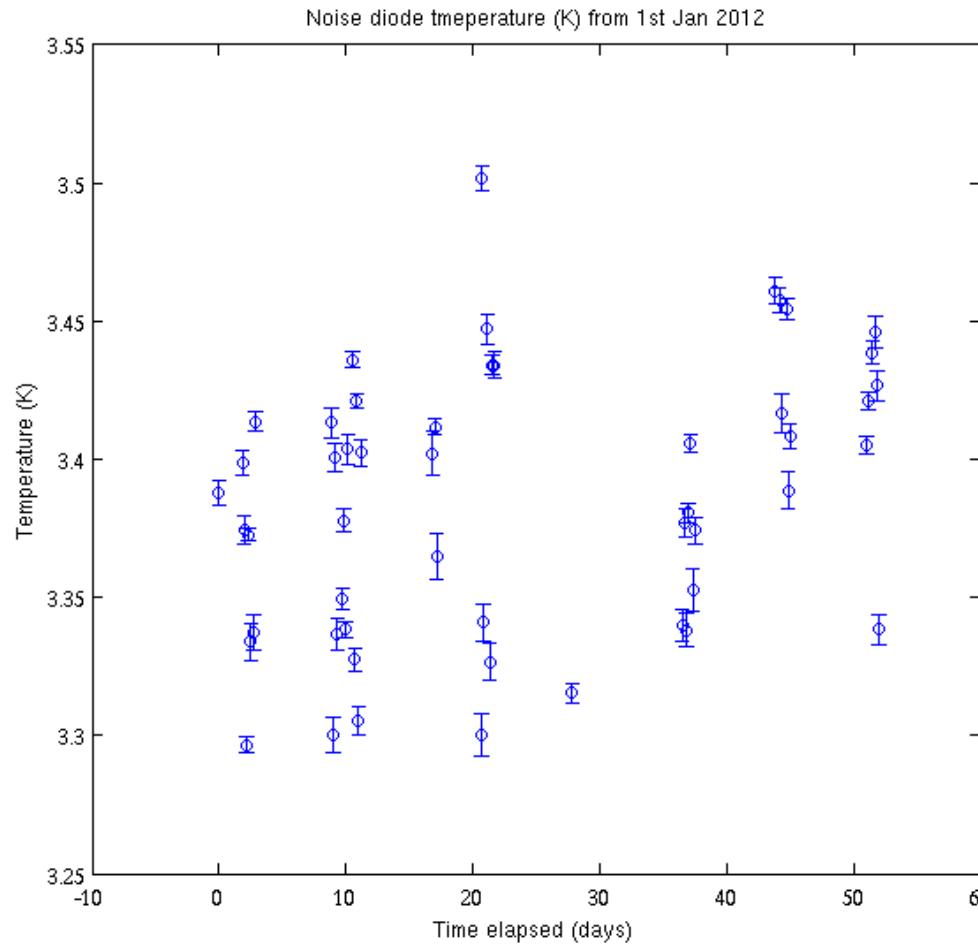


arXiv:1111.2702v1 Holler et al, 2011

NORTHERN RFI



NORTHERN CALIBRATION



Noise Diode temperature = $3.38 \pm (0.048 + 0.292)$ K

Noise Diode
Uncertainties

Astronomical
Uncertainties

Absolute calibration not required for spectral index (TT-plots):

$$T(\nu) = A \nu^{-\beta}$$

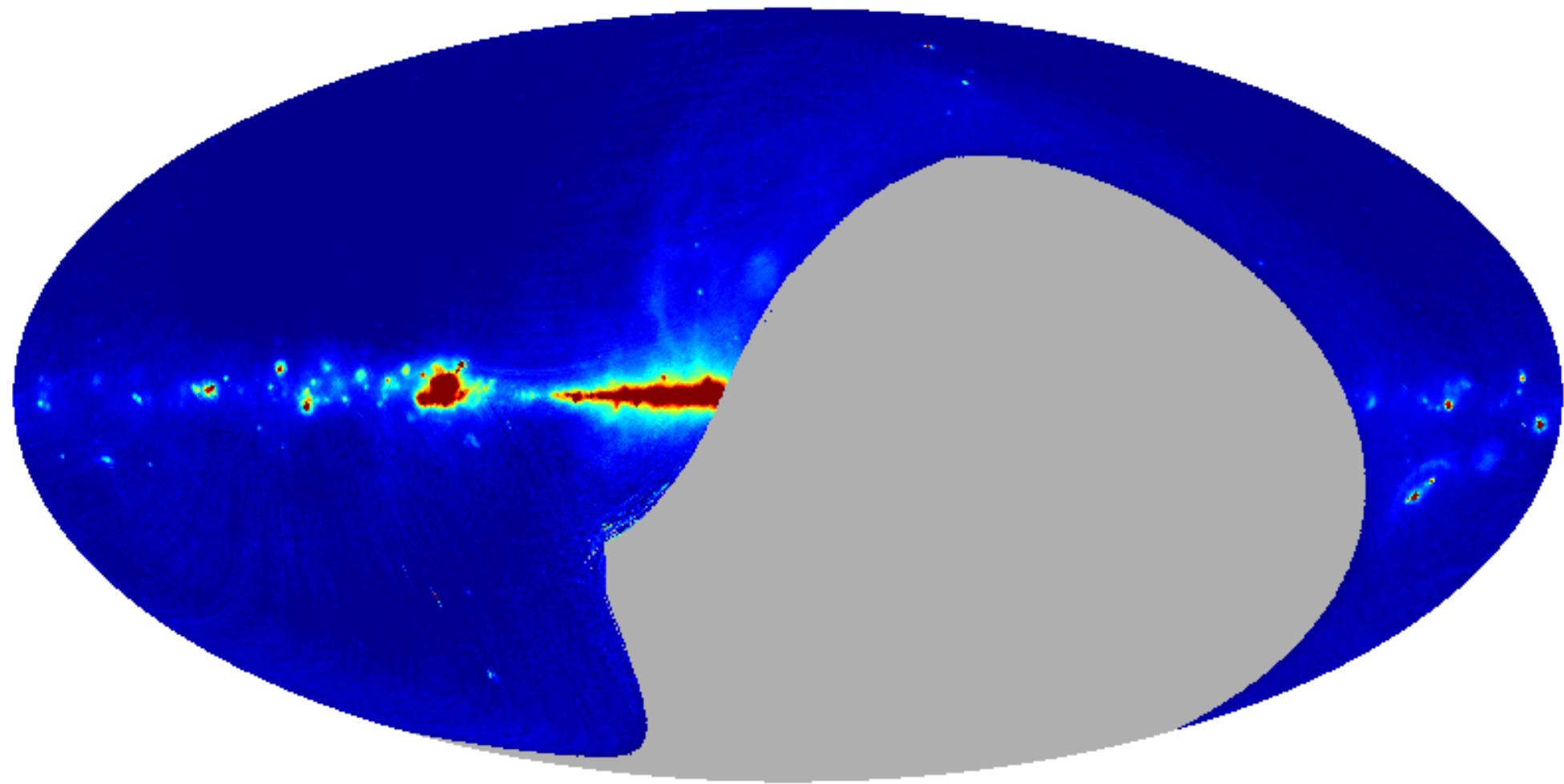
$$T(\nu_1) = \left(\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\right)^{-\beta} T(\nu_2) + \text{temperature offsets}$$

Noise Diode calibration done using Cas A antenna temp (T_A) to convert units into K:

$$\text{Flux Density (Jy)} = \frac{2 T_A k_B \times 10^{26}}{\eta \pi (\text{dish radius})^2}$$

Known to around 1 and 10 % respectively

PRELIMINARY INTENSITY



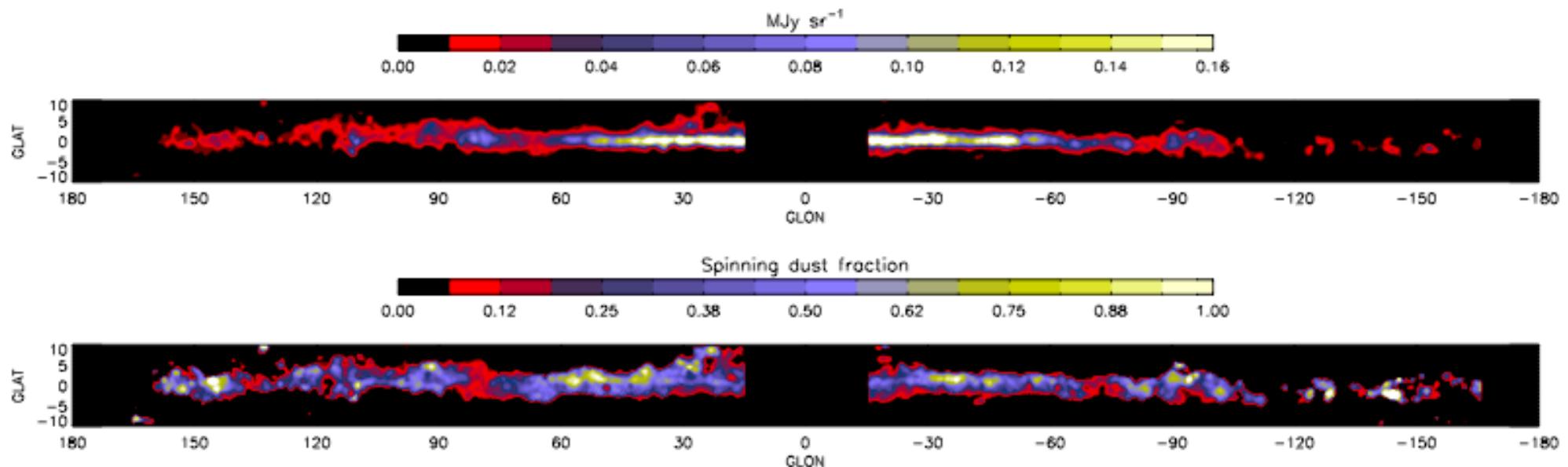
EARLY SCIENCE

We have the SN ratio within the galactic plane in intensity to begin looking at AME areas of interest such as:

Cygnus – LDN 944 and LDN 1103: possible anomalous emission detection in the Cygnus rift

Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc. 400, 1394-1412(2009), Scaife + AMI collaboration

The Galactic Plane - Planck Early Results XXI, A&A 536 2011 Marshall & Planck collaboration



BARNARD'S LOOP

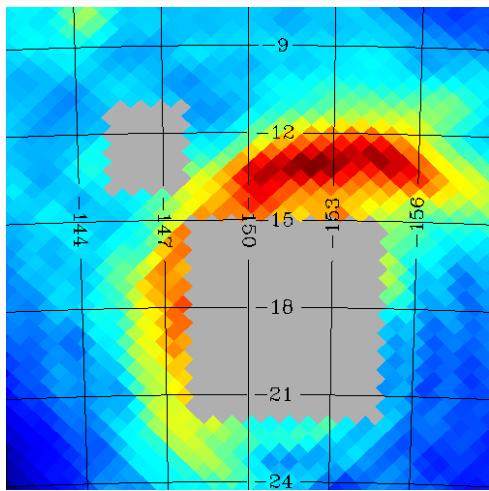
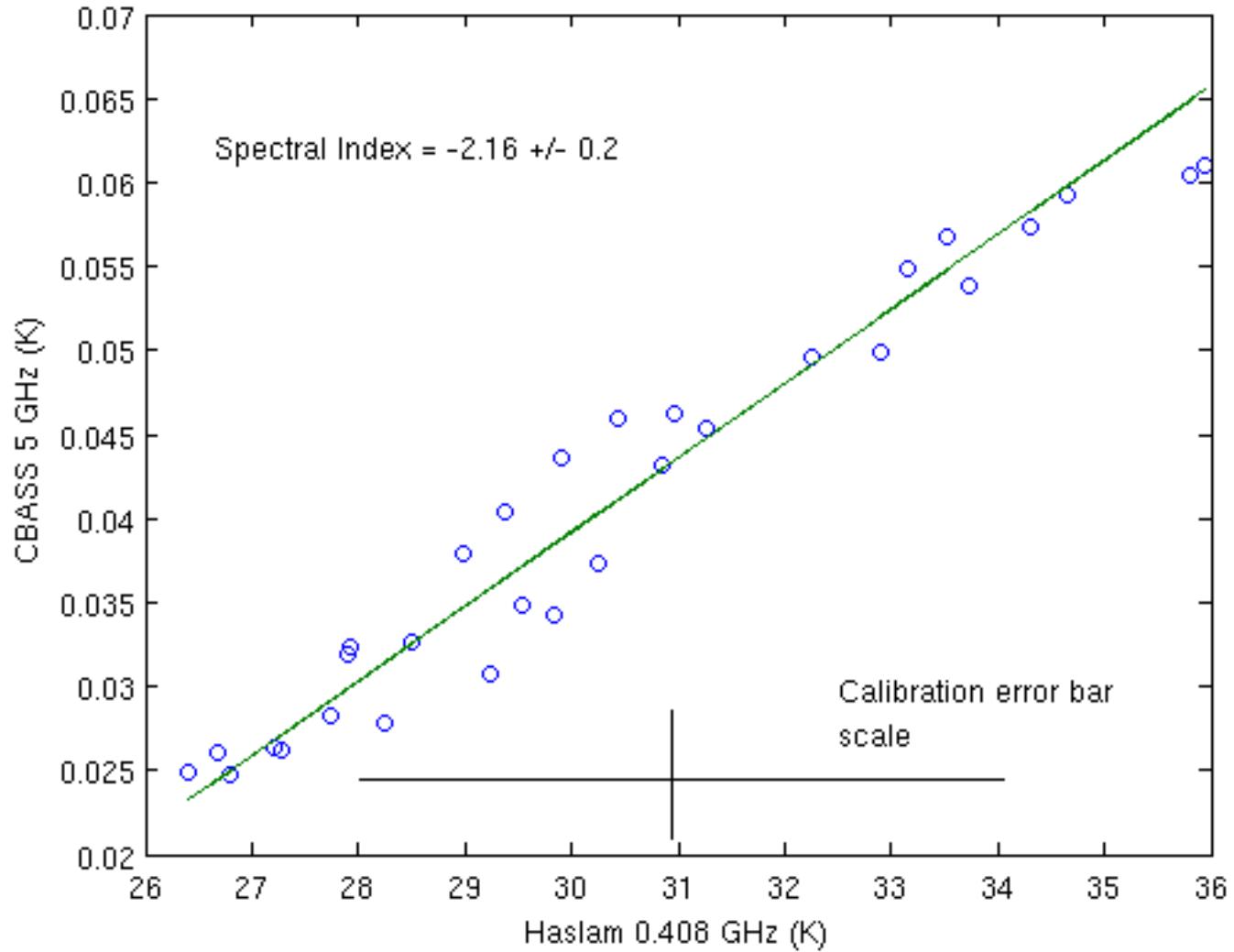


Figure above: Loop region at 5 GHz with point sources removed

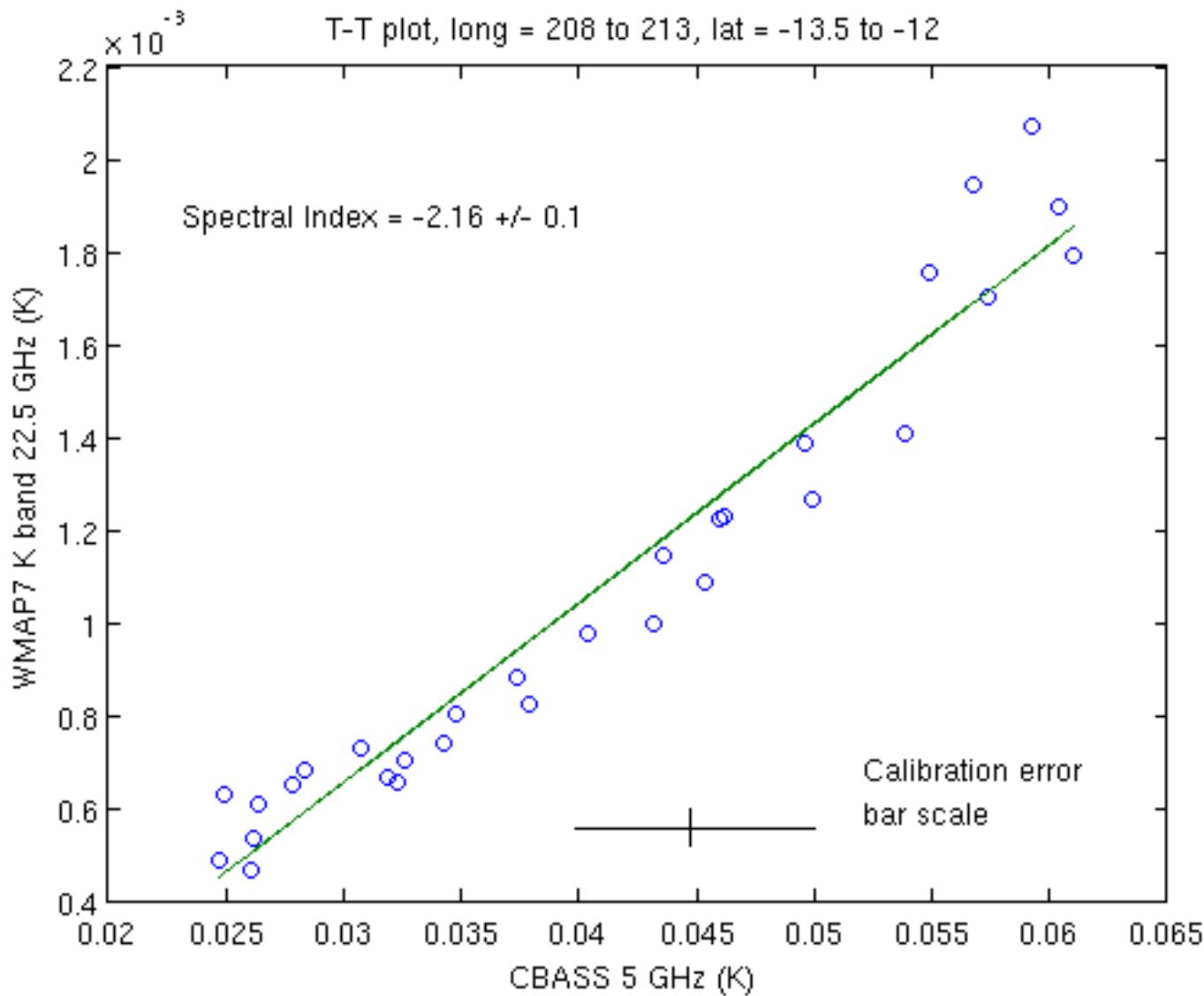
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T-T plot, long = 208 to 213, lat = -13.5 to -12



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CYGNUS X

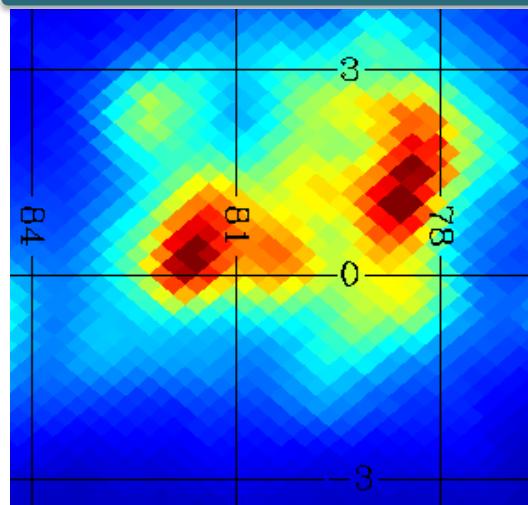
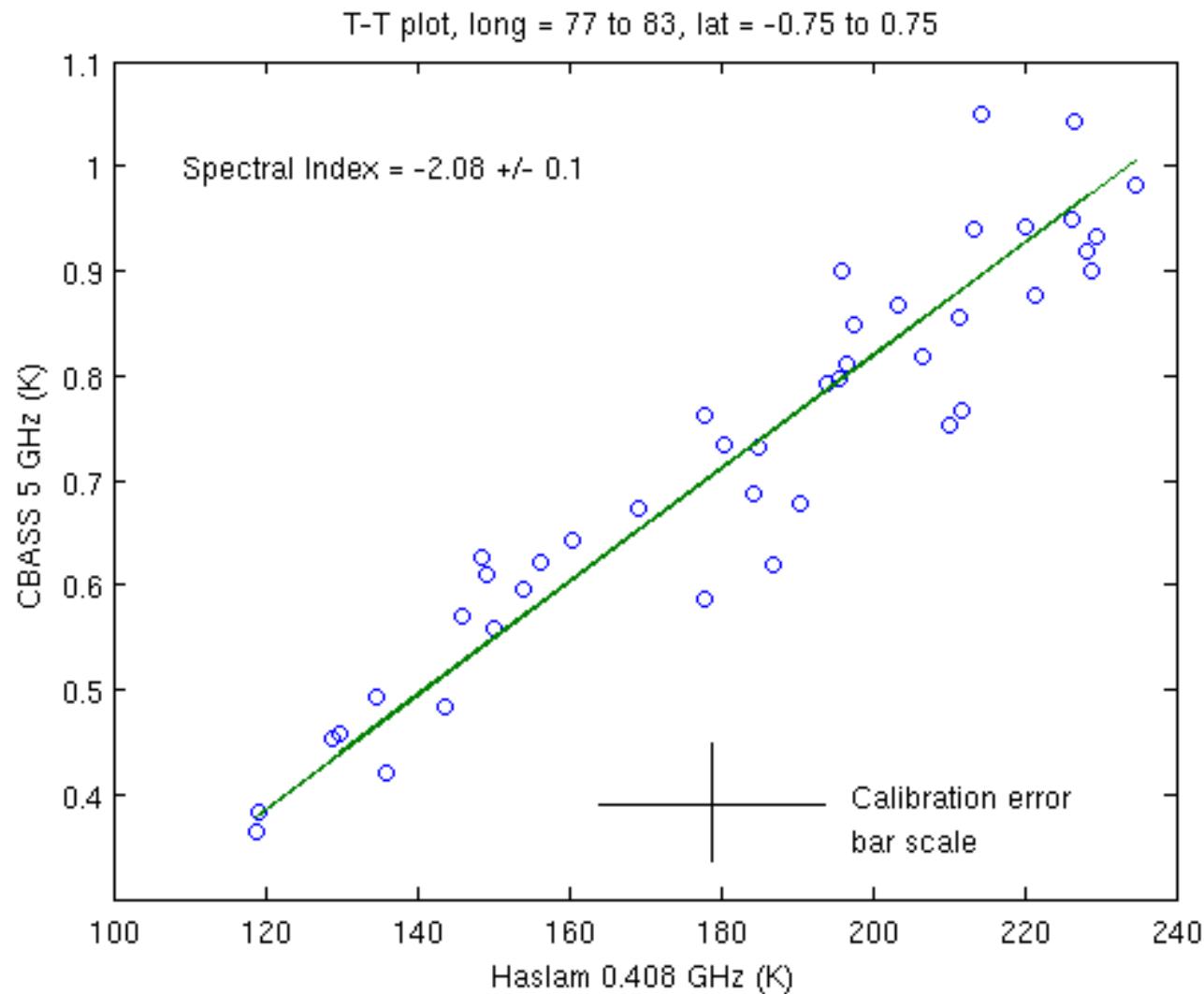


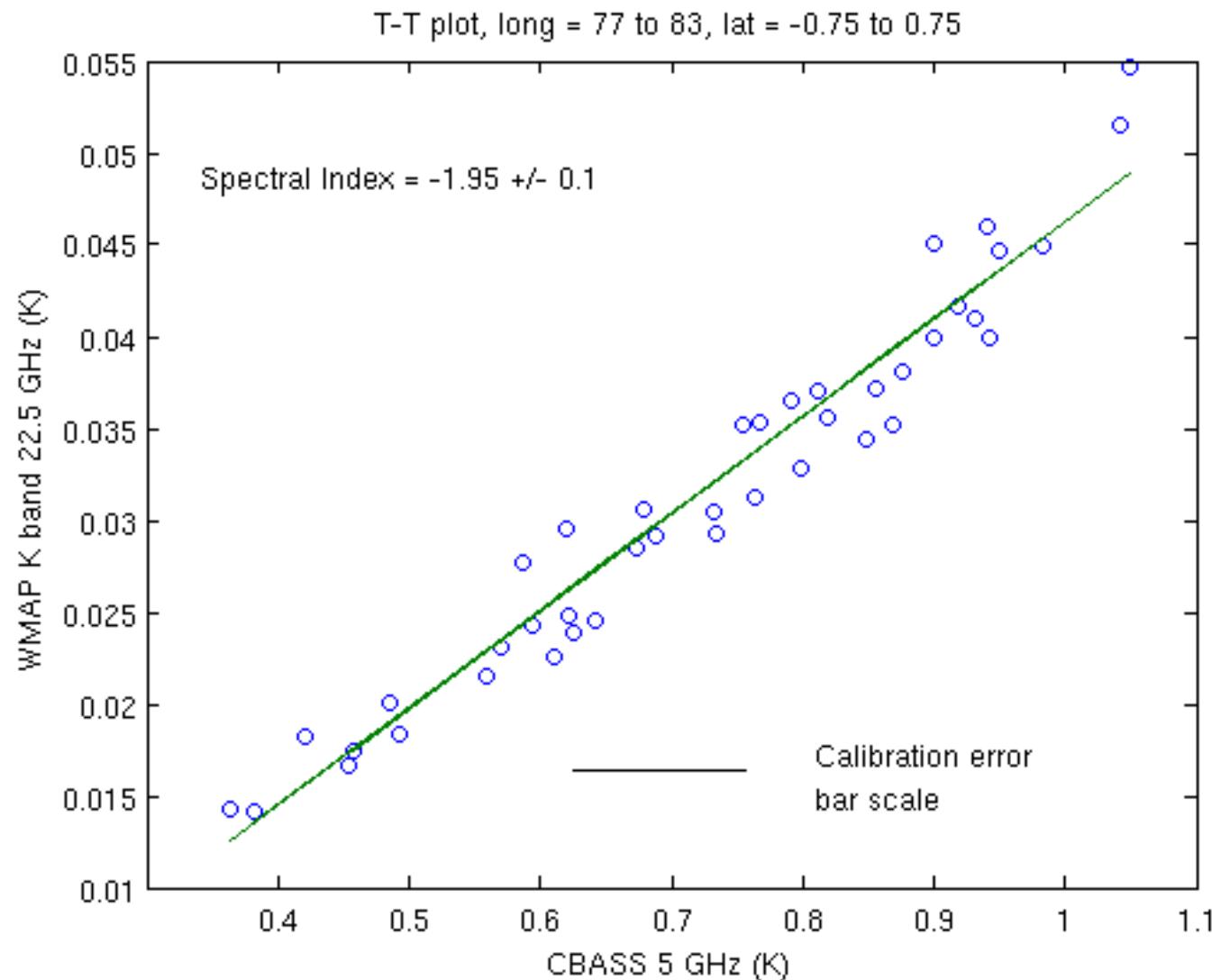
Figure above: Cygnus region at 5 GHz

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THE GALACTIC PLANE

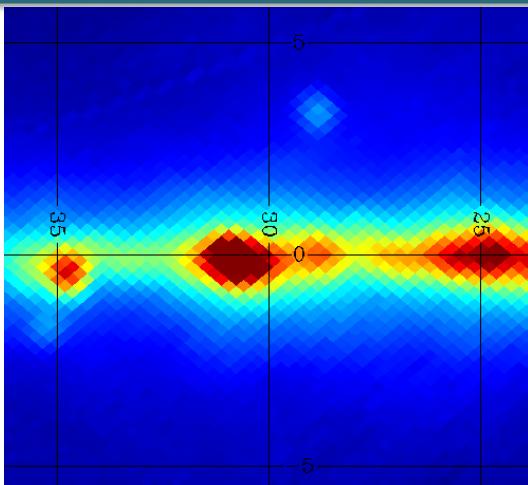
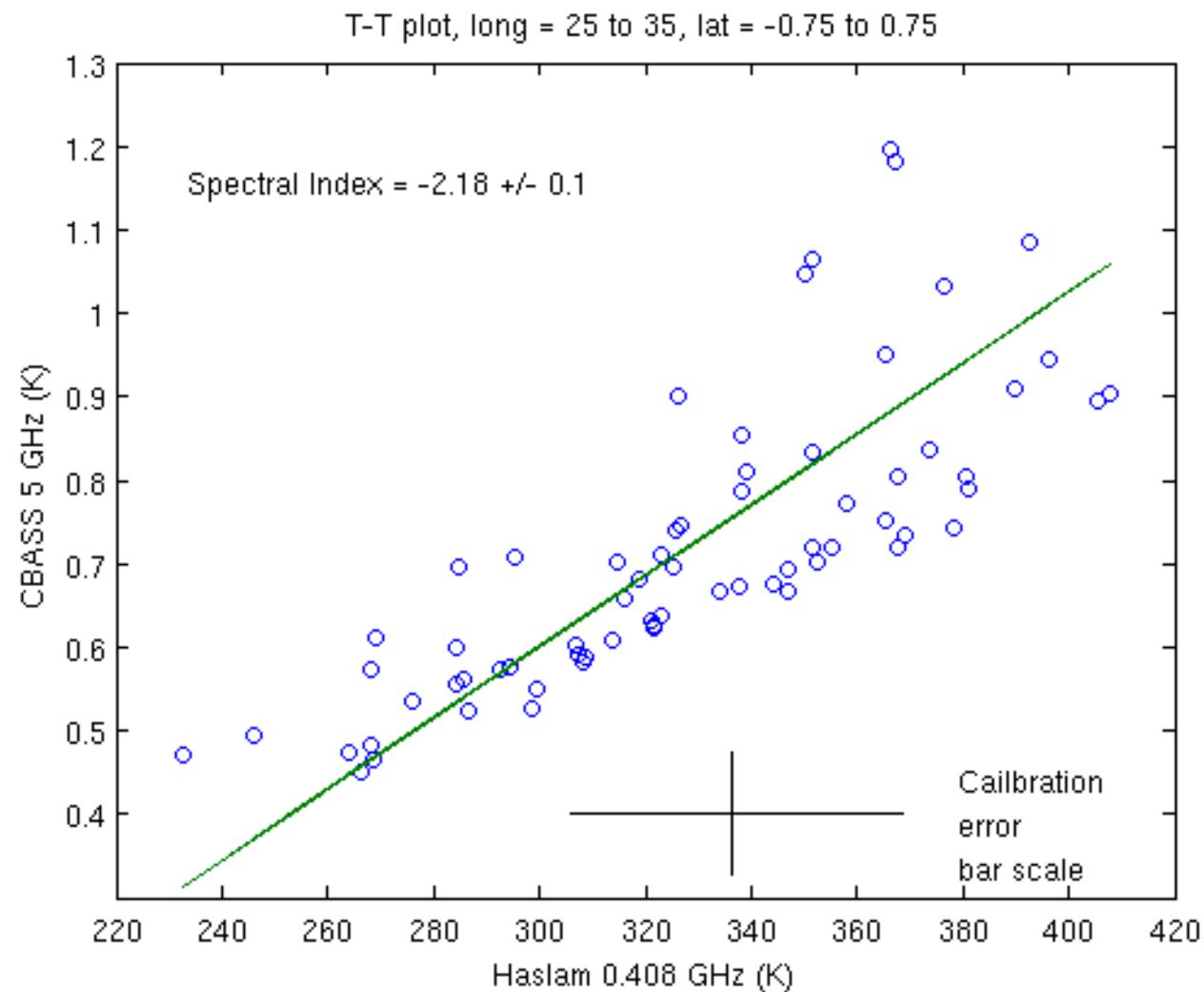


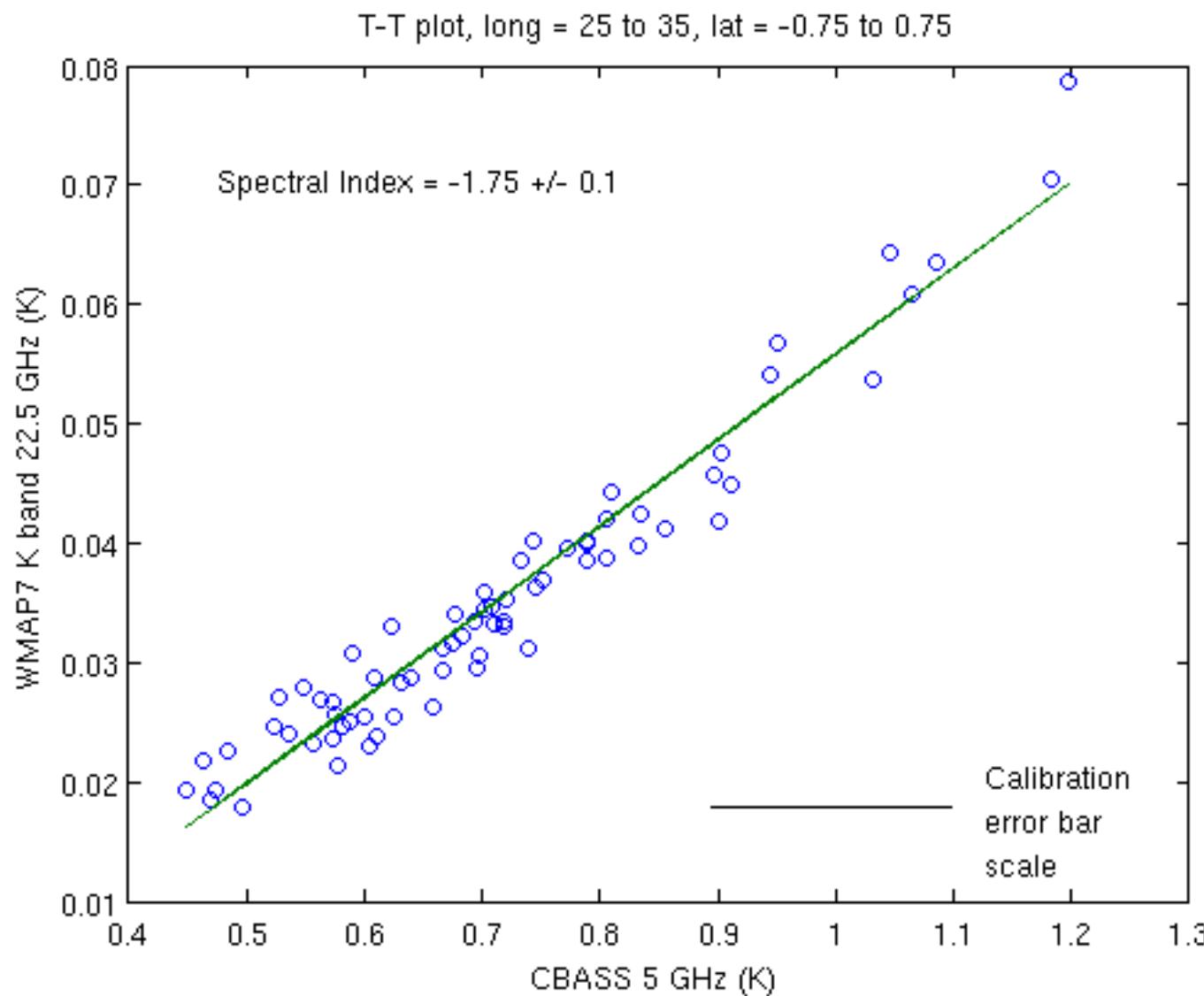
Figure above: Galactic plane between 25 and 35 ° longitude.

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CONCLUSIONS

- C-BASS has already produced intensity maps of the galactic plane from the Northern hemisphere with a high enough SN ratio to begin AME investigations.
- Haslam 0.408 GHz comparison: spectral indices consistent with free-free emission ($\beta \approx -2.1$) for the Galactic Plane, Cygnus X and Bernard's Arc regions.
- Comparison with WMAP7 K-band (22.5 GHz) present indications of anomalous emission ($\beta \approx -1.7$) within the Galactic Plane. Assuming no synchrotron emission, $AME = 70 \pm 25\%$ of plane.

	Haslam Comparison	WMAP7 K-band comparison
Bernard's Arc	-2.16 ± 0.2	-2.16 ± 0.1
Cygnus X	-2.08 ± 0.1	-1.95 ± 0.1
Galactic Plane	-2.18 ± 0.1	-1.75 ± 0.1

- Work for the imminent future: a more vigorous error analysis as well as astronomical calibration improvements.