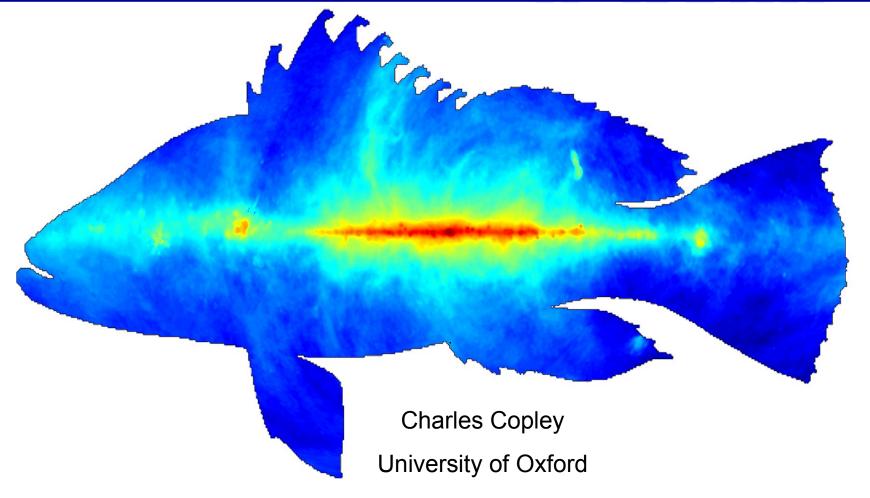


# The C-Band All-Sky Survey (C-BASS) Southern Station and Digital Backend















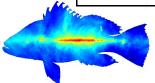




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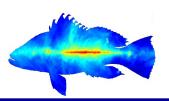


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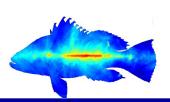
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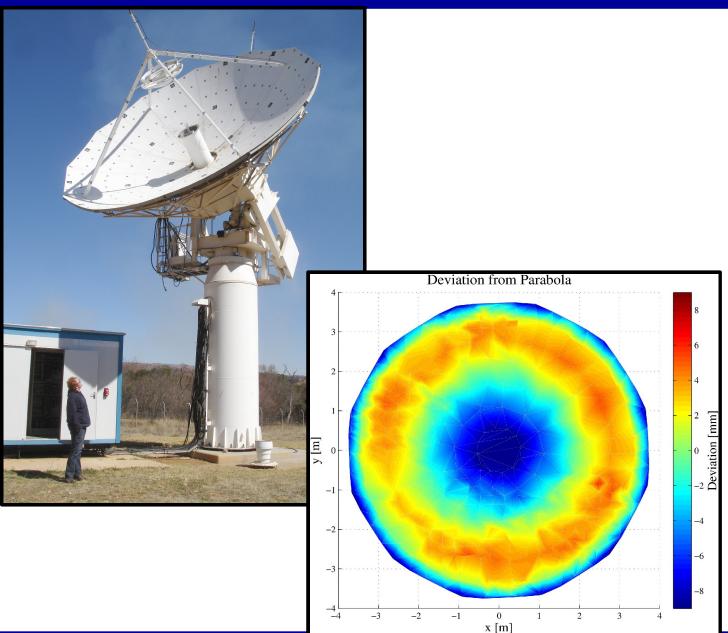






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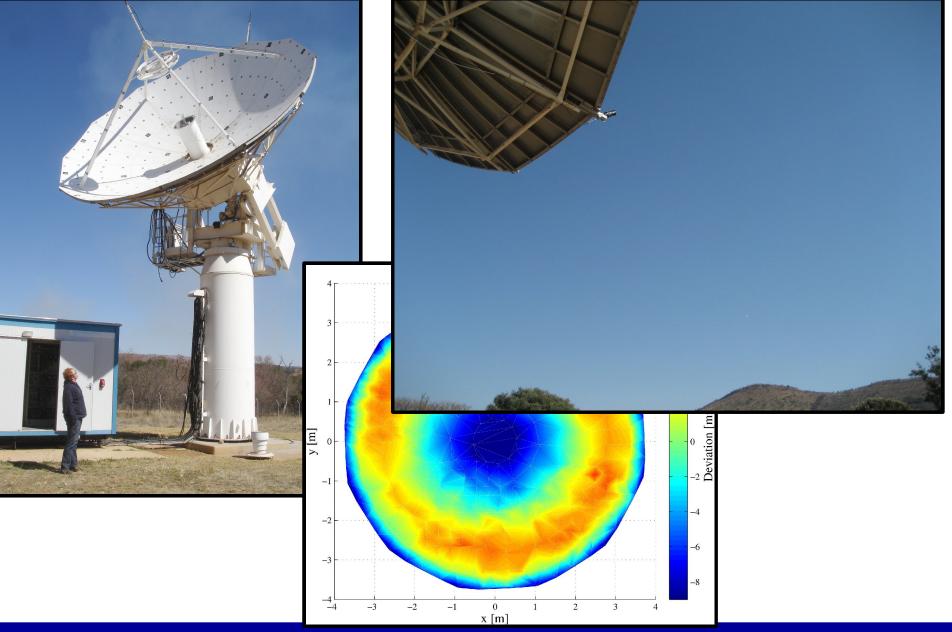






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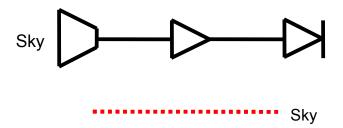








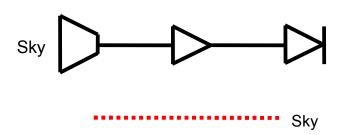
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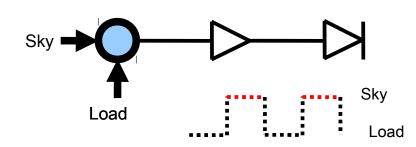


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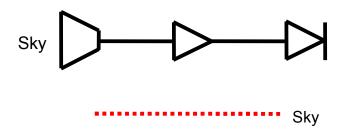
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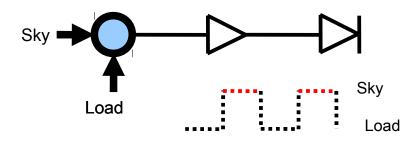


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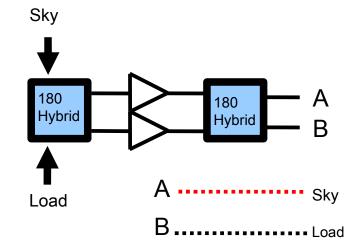


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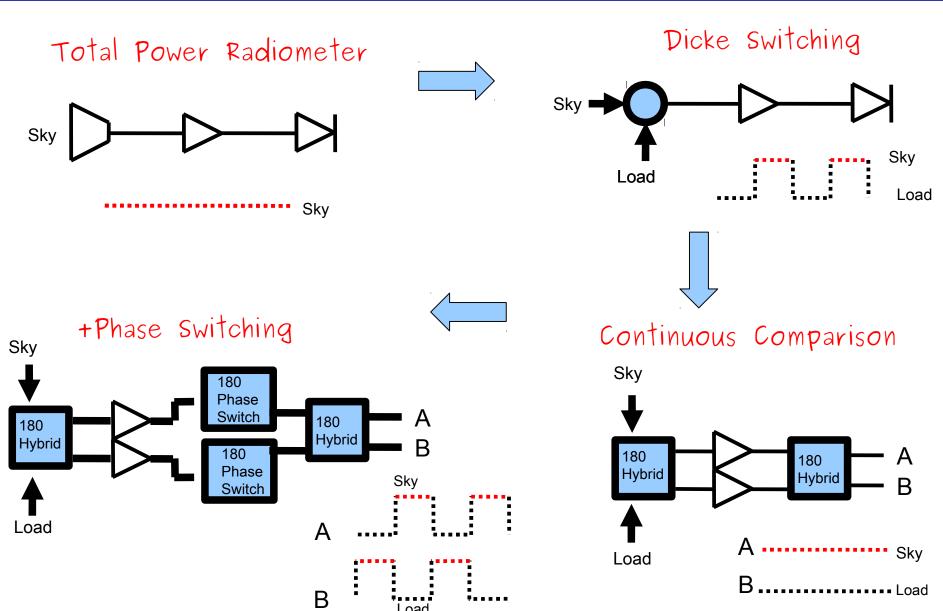


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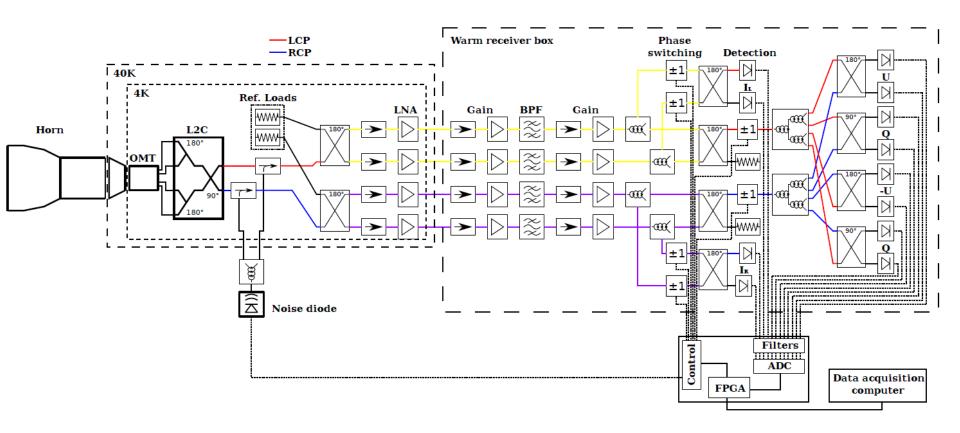






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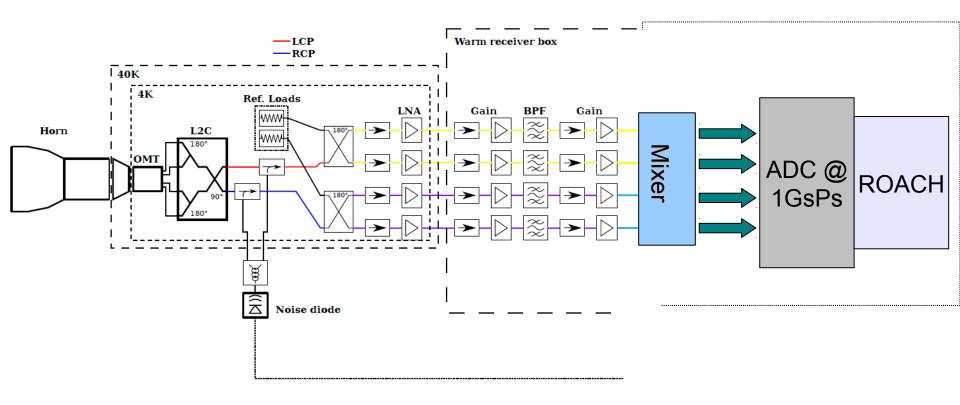






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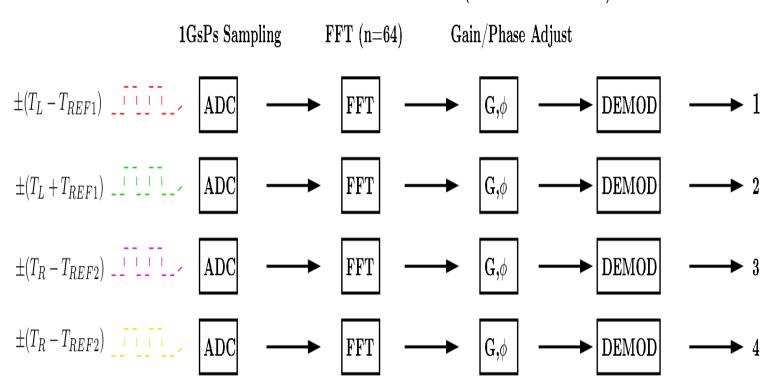




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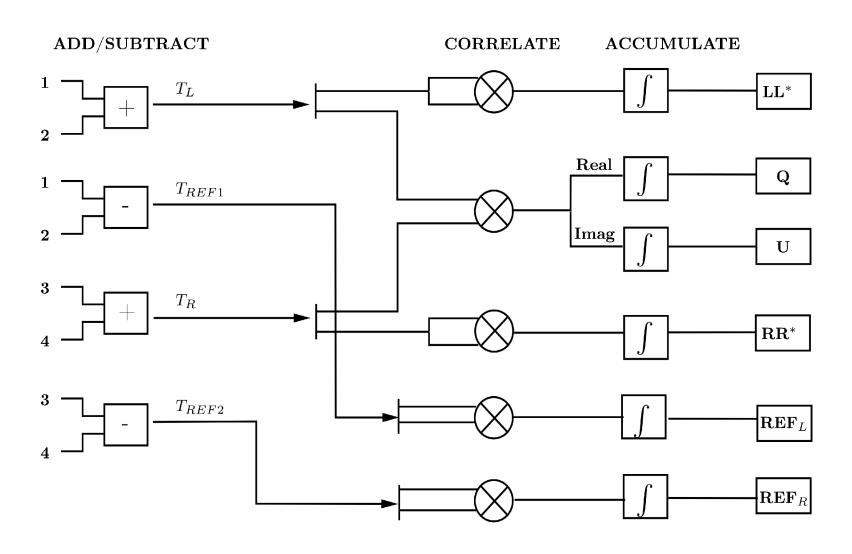




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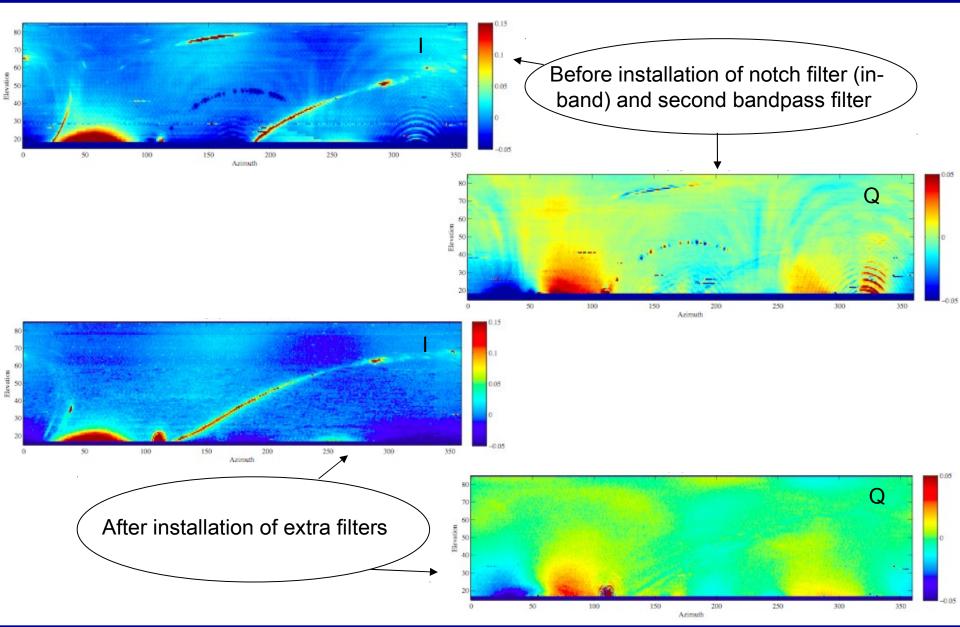
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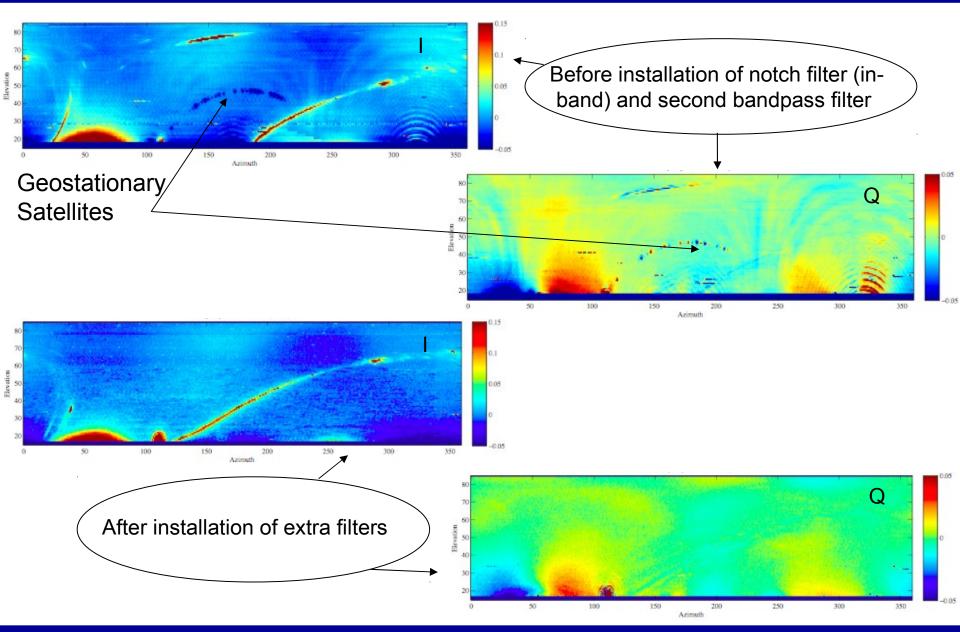






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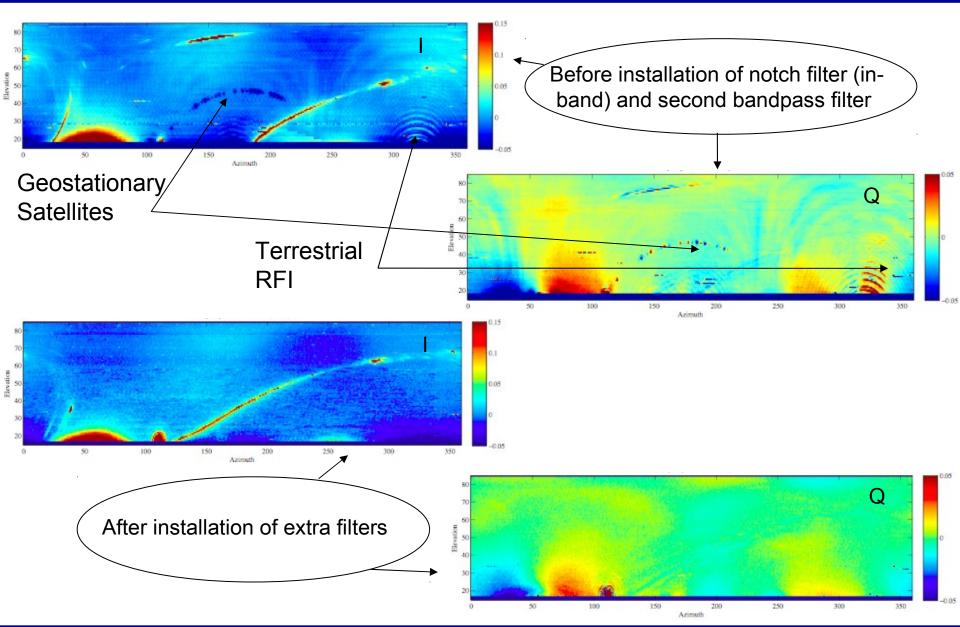






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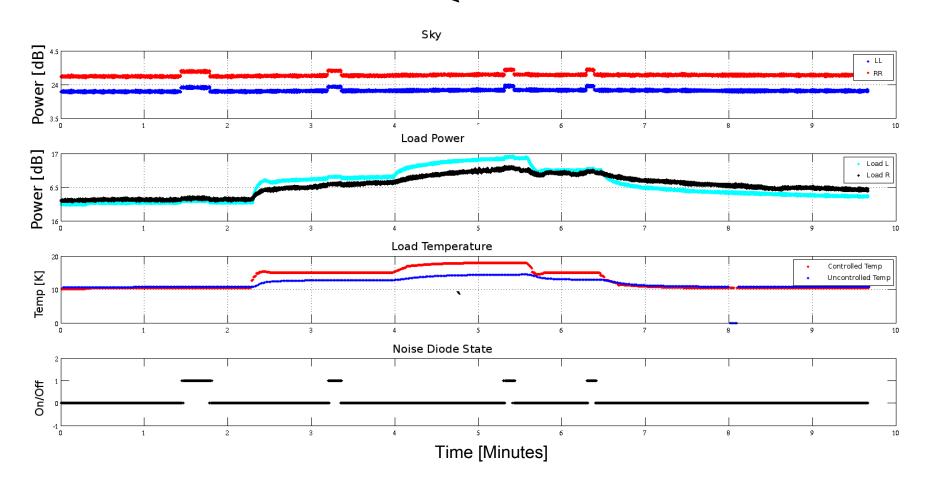
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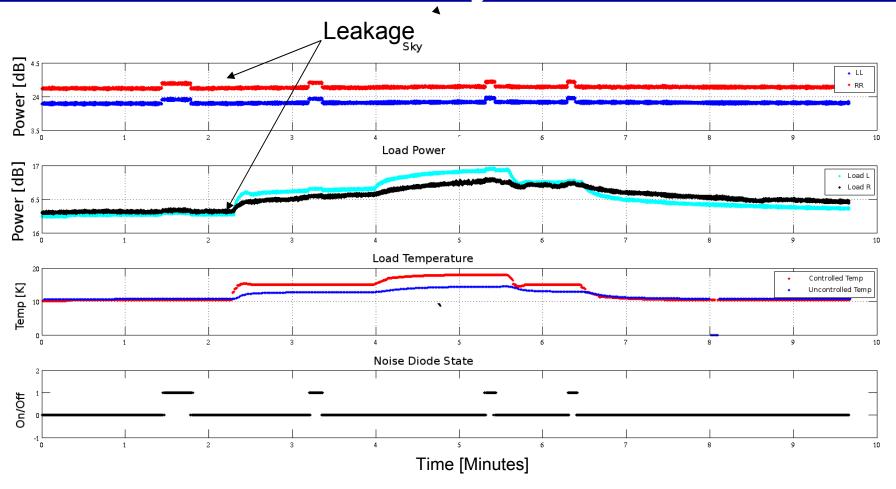






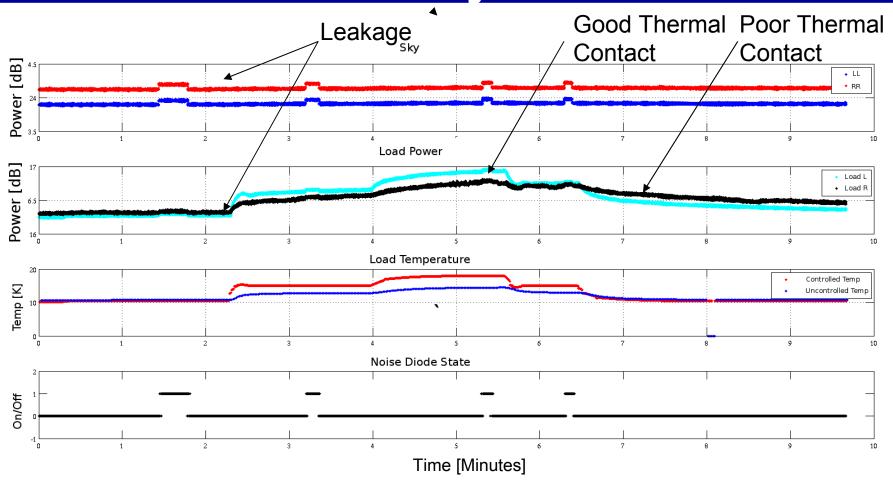






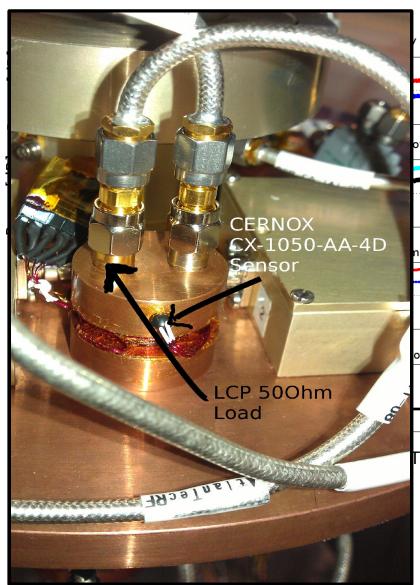


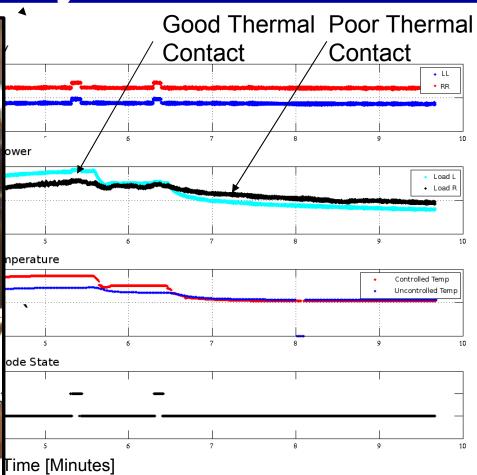














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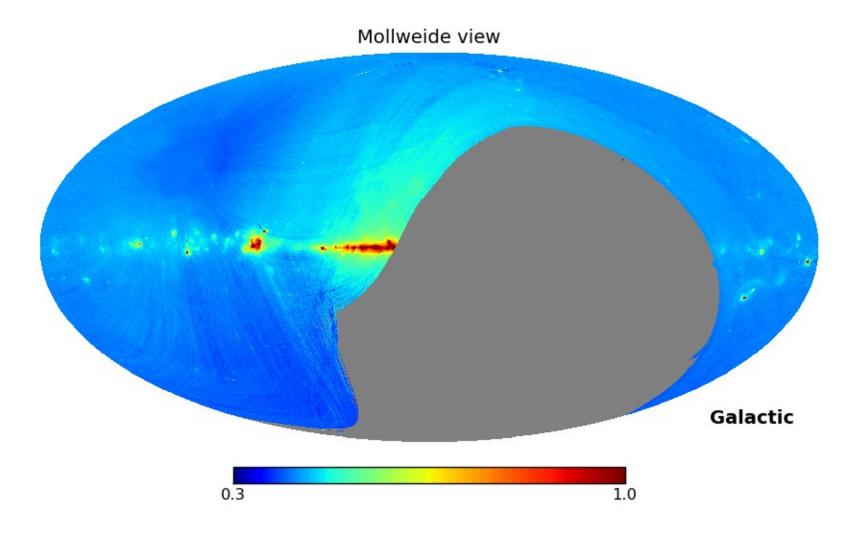


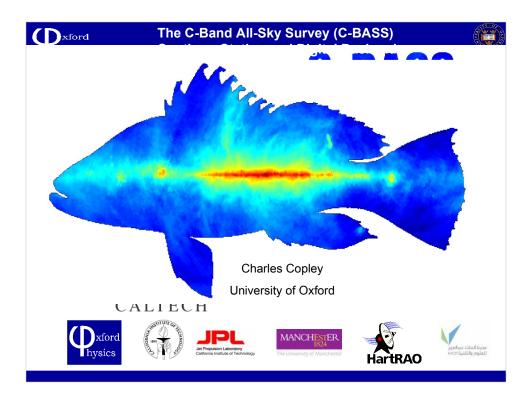
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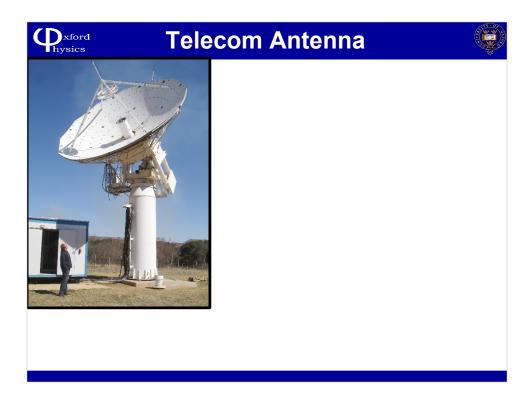
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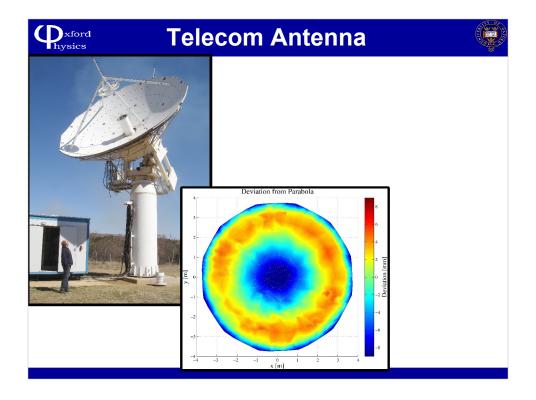
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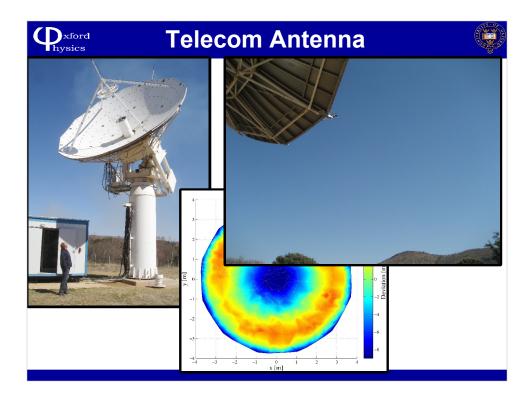


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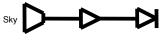




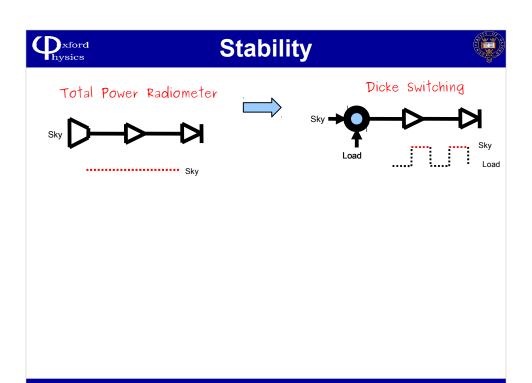


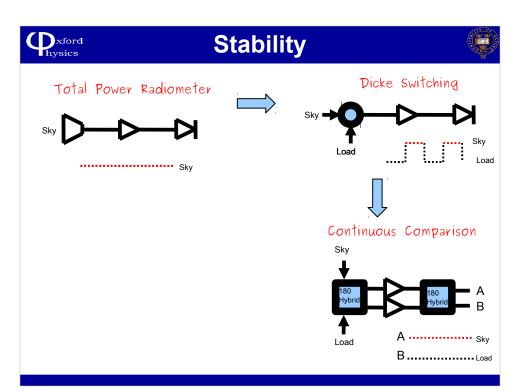


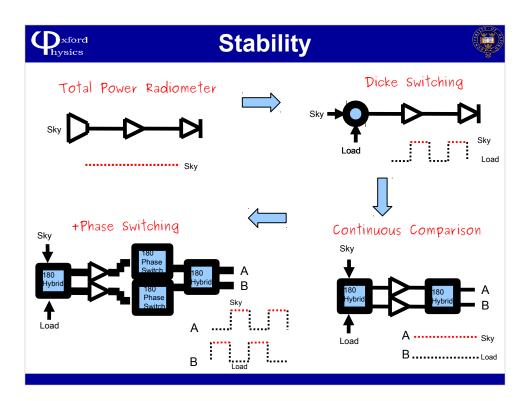
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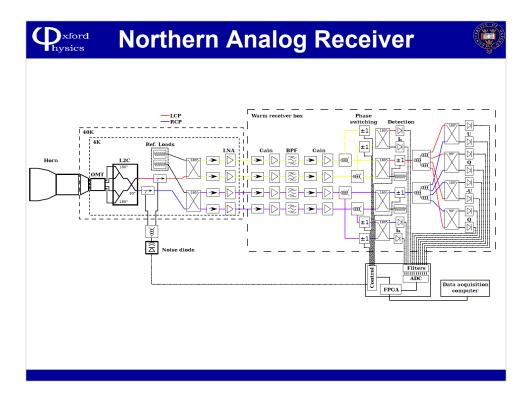


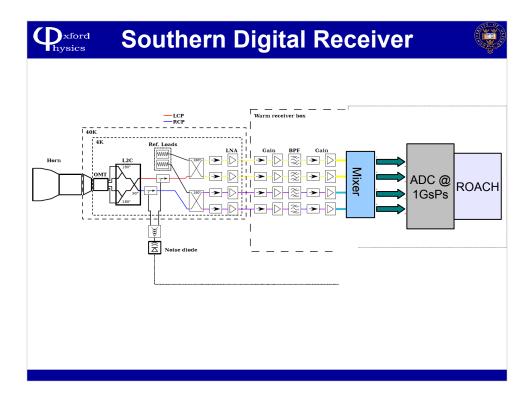
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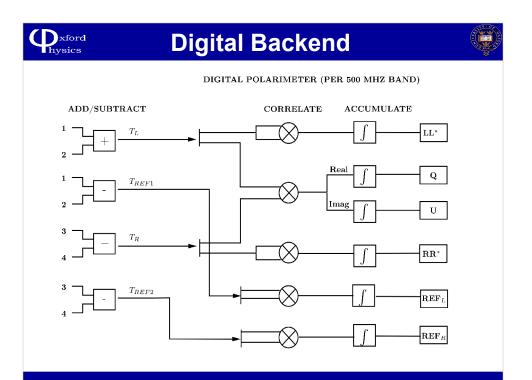


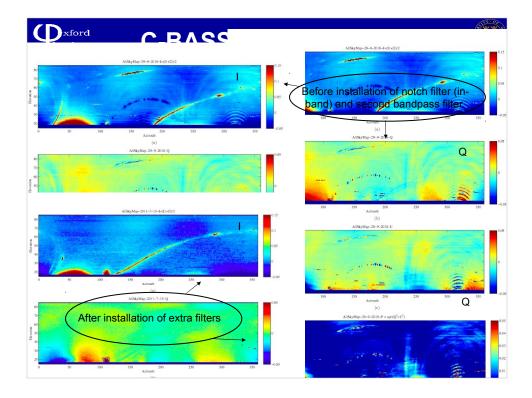
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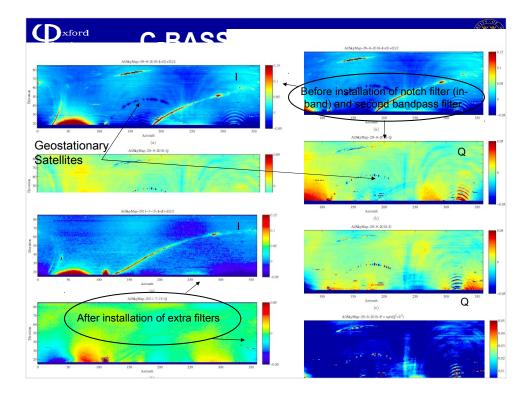
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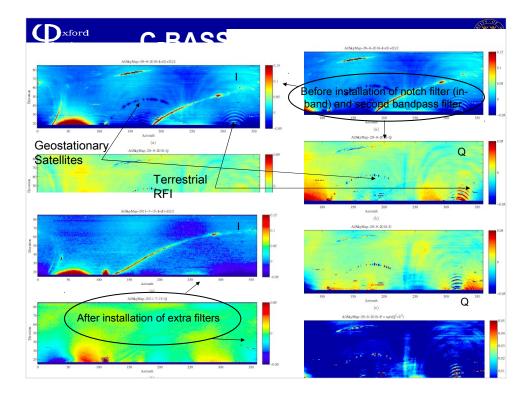
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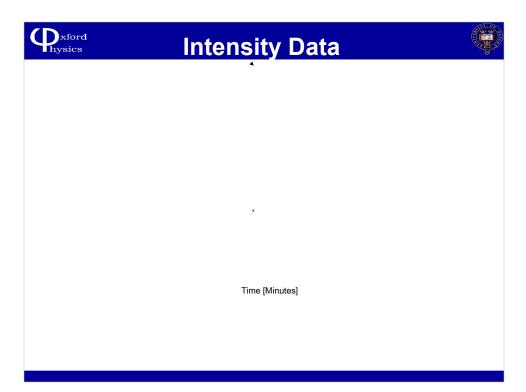


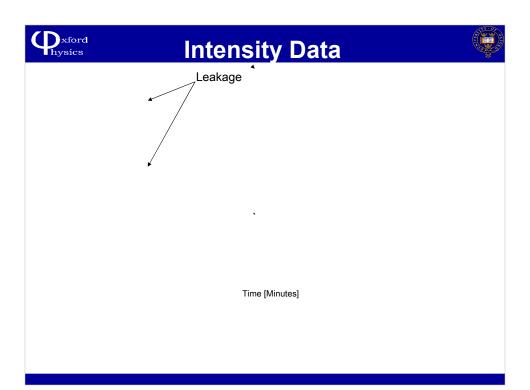
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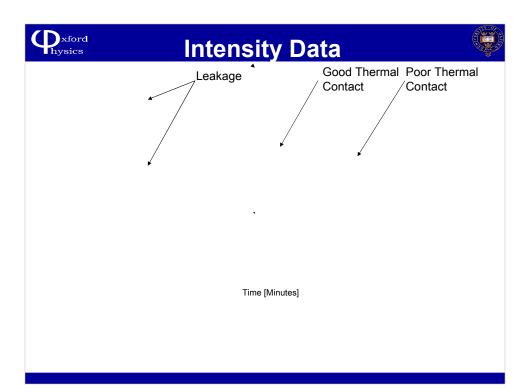
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