

Single-dish antenna at (sub)mm wavelengths

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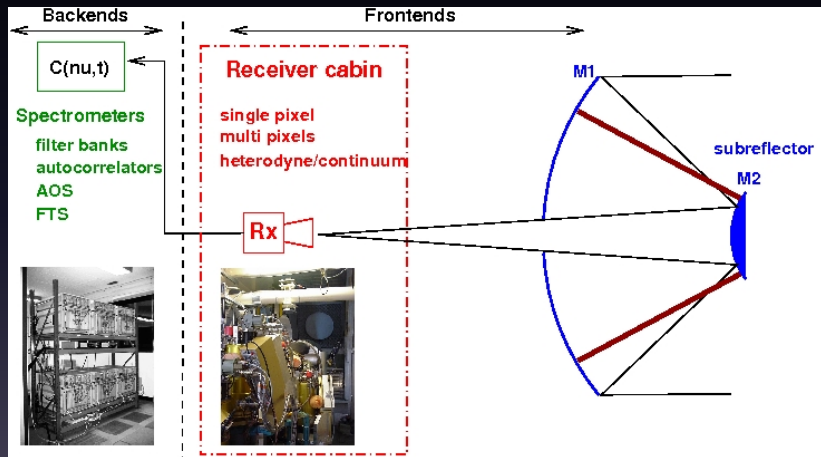
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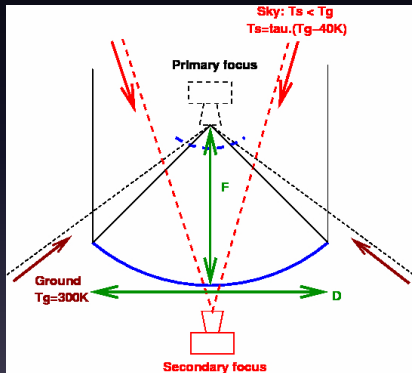
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A single-dish antenna



Why Cassegrain configuration ?

- $F/D \rightarrow F_e/D = m \times F/D$
IRAM-30m, $m = 27.8$
 $F/D = 0.35$, $F_e/D \approx 10$
- Rx alignment easier ;
focal plane arrays
- increase effective area (or
on-axis gain)
- decrease spillover
- *but* increase mechanical
load
- obstruction by subreflector
($\varnothing = 2$ m at 30-m) \Rightarrow wider
main-beam



Main single-dish antenna at λ mm

Large aperture: $f/D \lesssim 1$

Obs.	D (m)	ν (GHz)	λ (mm)	HPBW (")	Latitude
IRAM	30	70 – 345	0.7 – 4	7 – 35	+37°
JCMT	15	210 – 710	0.2 – 2	8 – 20	+20°
APEX	12	230 – 1200	0.3 – 1.3	6 – 30	-22°
CSO	10.4	230 – 810	0.4 – 1.3	10 – 30	+20°

Some terminology (1): receivers

- central frequency

$$\nu_0 = 80 - 2000 \text{ GHz}$$

- heterodyne receivers \approx monochromatic

$$\Delta\nu \sim 0.5 - 4 \text{ GHz} \ll \nu_0$$

- bolometers: not monochromatic

$$\Delta\nu \approx 50 \text{ GHz}$$

- one polarization (linear, circular)
- taper (apodization at the rim)

Some terminology (2): backends

- spectrometers:
 - filter banks (FB)
 - acousto-optic (AOS)
 - autocorrelators (AC)
 - Fast Fourier Transform Spectrometer (FFTS)
 - spectral resolution $\delta\nu \approx 3 - 2000$ kHz
- ⇒ largest resolution power
- $$R = \nu_0 / \delta\nu \approx 10^5 - 10^8$$

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Collected power from a source

What is the power received from an unpolarized (point) source of **flux density** S_ν ($\text{J s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2} \text{Hz}^{-1}$) ?

- S_ν measured in Jy: $1 \text{ Jy} = 10^{-26} \text{ J s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2} \text{Hz}^{-1}$
- Monochromatic (and monomode) power collected by an area A_e :

$$p_\nu = \frac{1}{2} A_e \cdot S_\nu \quad [\text{W Hz}^{-1}]$$

- Power in the bandwidth $\Delta\nu$: $p = \frac{1}{2} A_e \cdot S_\nu \cdot \Delta\nu \quad [\text{W}]$
- Effective area of the antenna: $A_e \leq A_{\text{geom}}$
- **Question:** $A_e = ?$
- **Answer:** $A_e = \eta_A A_{\text{geom}} = \eta_i \eta_s \dots A_{\text{geom}}$
- Determine $\eta_i, \eta_s \dots$

Emitted power by an antenna

- Diffraction theory (Huygens-Fresnel, Fraunhofer approx.):

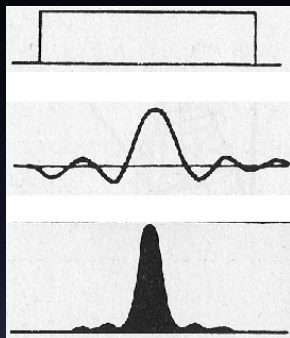
$$E_{f-f}(l, m) \propto \mathcal{F}[E_{\text{ant}}(x, y)]$$

- $E_{\text{ant}}(x, y)$ (grading): bounded on a finite domain Δr
 $\Rightarrow E_{f-f}(l, m)$ concentrated on a finite domain $\Delta\Omega$
($\Delta r \cdot \Delta\Omega \sim 1$)
- sharp cut of the antenna domain \Rightarrow oscillations (side-lobes)
- apodization or taper: decrease the level of the sidelobes, to the cost of increasing $\Delta\Omega$

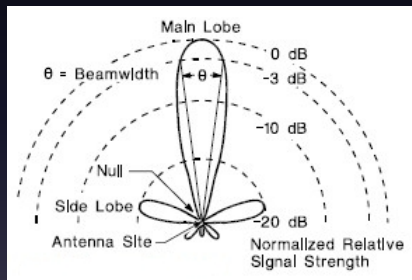
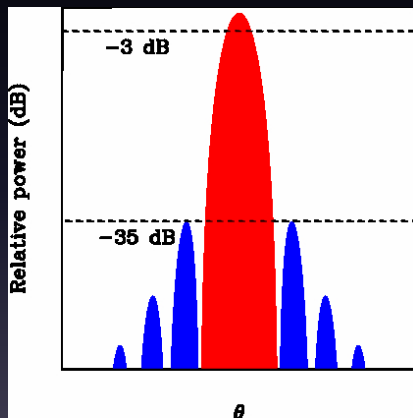
Antenna power pattern

- Reciprocity: antenna in emission
- Distribution of electric field on the dish: $E_{\text{ant}}(x, y)$
- Far-field radiated by the dish:
 $E_{f-f}(l, m) \propto \mathcal{F}[E_{\text{ant}}(x, y)]$
- Power emitted is a function of direction: $\propto |E_{f-f}(l, m)|^2$
- **Power pattern:** $\mathcal{P}(l, m) \propto |E_{f-f}(l, m)|^2$
- **Beam solid angle:** $\Omega_A = \int_{4\pi} \mathcal{P}(\Omega) d\Omega \leq 4\pi$
- **Effective area:** $A(l, m) = A_e \cdot \mathcal{P}(l, m) \leq A_e$
- Fundamental relation:

$$A_e \Omega_A = \lambda^2$$



Power pattern $\mathcal{P}(l, m)$



Power collected by an antenna (2)

Given a source of brightness $I_\nu(l, m) = I_\nu(\Omega)$

- Source flux density:

$$S_\nu = \int_{\Omega_S} I_\nu(\Omega) d\Omega$$

- Observed flux density:

$$S_{\text{obs}} = \int_{\Omega_S} \mathcal{P}(\Omega) I_\nu(\Omega) d\Omega < S_\nu$$

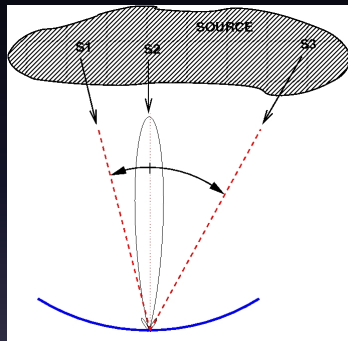
- Power received from $d\Omega_i$:

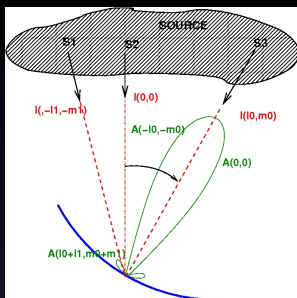
$$dp_\nu = \frac{1}{2} A(\Omega_i) I_\nu(\Omega_i) d\Omega_i$$

- Incoherent emission: add intensities

Pointing towards a fixed position of the source at a fixed position

$$p_\nu(l=0, m=0) = \frac{A_e}{2} \int_{\Omega_S} \mathcal{P}(\Omega) I_\nu(\Omega) d\Omega = \frac{1}{2} A_e S_{\text{obs}}$$





- antenna tilted towards $\Omega_0 = (l_0, m_0)$
- Power received from the direction Ω_i

$$dp_\nu(\Omega_i) = \frac{1}{2} A(\Omega_0 - \Omega_i) I_\nu(\Omega_i) d\Omega_i$$

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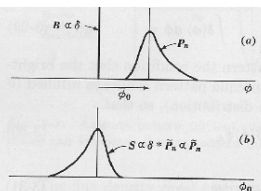
Scanning a source leads to a convolution

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{obs}}(\Omega_0) = \int_{\Omega_S} \mathcal{P}(\Omega - \Omega_0) I_\nu(\Omega) d\Omega$$

$$p_\nu(\Omega_0) = \frac{A_e}{2} \int_{\Omega_S} \mathcal{P}(\Omega_0 - \Omega) I_\nu(\Omega) d\Omega = \frac{1}{2} A_e \mathcal{S}_{\text{obs}}(\Omega_0)$$

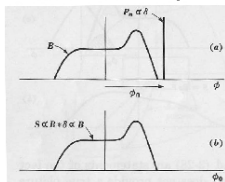
Convolution: consequences

Point source



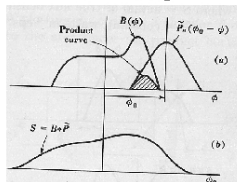
see the beam

Infinite telescope



see the source

Smoothing



smear the source

$$\theta_{\text{obs}} = \sqrt{\theta_{\text{mb}}^2 + \theta_{\text{sou}}^2}$$

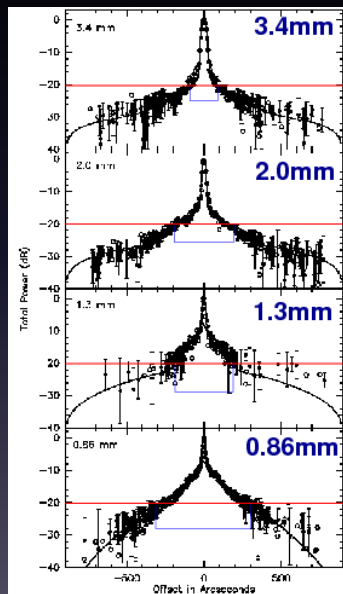
When quoting sizes from observations, must quote the deconvolved size (when needed)

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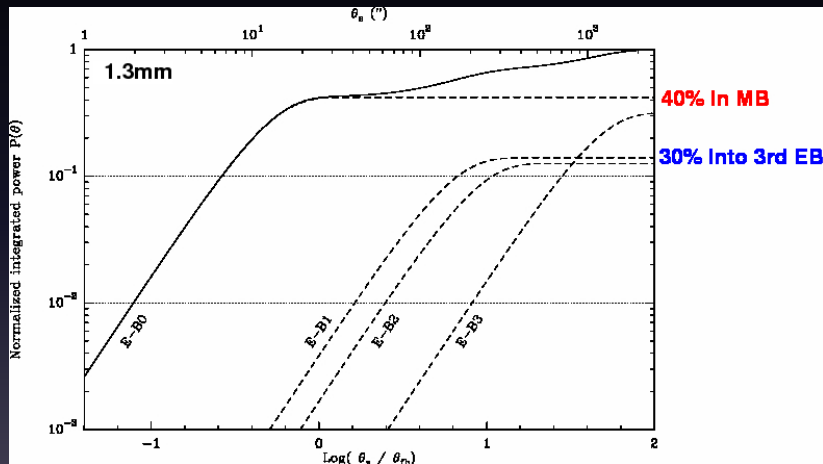
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Beam pattern

- secondary lobes (finite surface antenna)
- error lobes (surface irregularities)
- main-beam collects **less** power
- if correlation length ℓ
 \Rightarrow Gaussian error-beam
 $\Theta_{EB} \approx \lambda/\ell$
real beam = main-beam + error-beam(s)
- Questions:
 Power collected in each e-beam ?
 FWHMs of the e-beams ?



Error-Beams at IRAM-30m



Greve et al A&A 1998

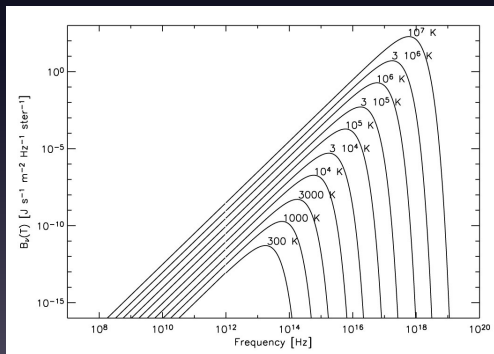
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Speaking in terms of temperatures

- Black-body radiation at temperature T

$$B_\nu(T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1} \quad [\text{J s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}]$$



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- Dimensions of a brightness
- Rayleigh-Jeans approximation: $h\nu \ll kT$

$$B_\nu(T) \approx \frac{2k}{\lambda^2} T \quad [\text{W m}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1}]$$

- Flux density of a black-body:

$$S_\nu = \int_S B_\nu(T, \Omega) d\Omega = 4\pi B_\nu(T)$$

Definitions

- *Brightness temperature* T_B of source brightness I_ν :

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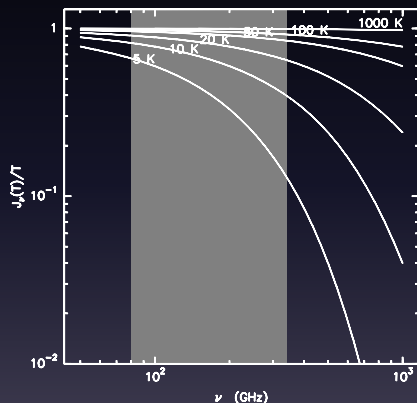
- *Radiation temperature*, T_R , in the Rayleigh-Jeans regime approximation

$$I_\nu(\Omega) = \frac{2k\nu^2}{c^2} T_R(\Omega) = \frac{2k}{\lambda^2} T_R \quad [\text{J s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}]$$

- Relationship between T_B and T_R :

$$T_R = J_\nu(T_B) = \frac{h\nu}{k} \frac{1}{\exp(h\nu/kT_B) - 1} = \frac{T_0}{\exp(T_0/T_B) - 1}$$

R-J approximation in the (sub)mm



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- In the following: $I_\nu(\Omega) \rightarrow T_R(\Omega)$

Consequences

- Monochromatic power received by the antenna:

$$p_\nu(\Omega_0) = \frac{kA_e}{\lambda^2} \int_S \mathcal{P}(\Omega) T_R(\Omega_0 - \Omega) d\Omega$$

- Observed flux density

$$S_{\text{obs}}(\Omega_0) = \frac{2k}{\lambda^2} \int_S \mathcal{P}(\Omega) T_R(\Omega_0 - \Omega) d\Omega$$

- Consider a source of finite angular extent (Ω_S) and flux density S_ν [$\text{J s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2} \text{Hz}^{-1}$]:

$$S_\nu = \frac{2k}{\lambda^2} \int_S T_B(\Omega) d\Omega$$

Antenna temperature

- Johnson noise in terms of an equivalent temperature: the average power transferred from a conductor (in thermal equilibrium) to a line within $\delta\nu$: $\delta p = k T \delta\nu$
- Antenna temperature defined by

$$p_\nu = kT_A \quad [\text{W} \cdot \text{Hz}^{-1}] = [\text{J}] = [\text{J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}][\text{K}]$$

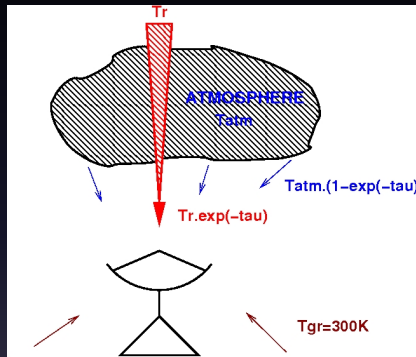
- On the other hand: $p_\nu = A_e/2 (\mathcal{P} * l_\nu) = kA_e/\lambda^2 (\mathcal{P} * T_R)$
- Hence, the antenna temperature reads

$$T_A(\Omega_0) = \frac{A_e}{\lambda^2} \int_S \mathcal{P}(\Omega) T_R(\Omega - \Omega_0) d\Omega$$

- Using $A_e \Omega_A = \lambda^2$, we may write:

$$T_A(\Omega_0) = \frac{1}{\Omega_A} \int_S \mathcal{P}(\Omega) T_R(\Omega - \Omega_0) d\Omega$$

Atmospheric emission/absorption



At frequency ν , Antenna temperature given by:

$$T_A = \eta_s \{ T_R e^{-\tau_\nu} + (1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) T_{atm} \} + (1 - \eta_s) T_{gr}$$

Correct for **atmospheric attenuation**:

$$T_A \rightarrow T'_A = T_A e^{\tau_\nu}$$

From T'_A to T_A^*

- Correct for rear-sidelobes: measure the monochromatic power received from the forward 2π sr. Hence,
 $\Omega_A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{2\pi} = \int_{2\pi} \mathcal{P}(\Omega) d\Omega$:

$$T_A^*(\Omega_0) = \frac{T'_A}{F_{\text{eff}}} = \frac{\int_S \mathcal{P}(\Omega) T_R(\Omega_0 - \Omega) d\Omega}{\mathcal{P}_{2\pi}}$$

- Forward efficiency: $F_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{P}_{2\pi} / \mathcal{P}_{4\pi}$
- $T_A = F_{\text{eff}} e^{-\tau_\nu} T_A^*$

From T'_A to T_{mb}

- Take into account main-beam and error-lobes
- Same as T_A^* but in Ω_{mb} instead of 2π . Hence,
 $\Omega_A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{mb} = \int_{mb} \mathcal{P}(\Omega) d\Omega$:

$$T_{mb}(\Omega_0) = \frac{T'_A}{B_{eff}} = \frac{\int_S \mathcal{P}(\Omega) T_R(\Omega_0 - \Omega) d\Omega}{\mathcal{P}_{mb}},$$

- Beam efficiency: $B_{eff} = \mathcal{P}_{mb}/\mathcal{P}_{4\pi}$
- Useful relation for a Gaussian beam:

$$\Omega_{mb} = \int_{mb} \mathcal{P}(\Omega) d\Omega = 1.133\theta_{mb}^2$$

Temperature scales

Definitions

$$\text{Forward efficiency: } F_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{2\pi}}{\mathcal{P}_{4\pi}}$$

$$\text{Beam efficiency: } B_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{mb}}}{\mathcal{P}_{4\pi}}$$

Consequences

$$T_{\text{mb}} = \frac{F_{\text{eff}}}{B_{\text{eff}}} T_{\text{A}}^* = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{2\pi}}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{mb}}} T_{\text{A}}^*$$

What you measure is T_{A}^* or T_{mb} (usually $\neq T_{\text{R}}$)

Limiting cases

- Small sources: $\Omega_S \ll \Omega_{mb}$
 - $T_{mb} \approx \frac{P(0)\Omega_S T_R}{\mathcal{P}_{mb}} = T_R \frac{\Omega_S}{\mathcal{P}_{mb}}$
 - Gaussian sources & beam:
 $\int_S \mathcal{P}(\Omega) T_R(\Omega_0 - \Omega) d\Omega = 1.133(\theta_{sou}^2 + \theta_{mb}^2)$ and
 $\mathcal{P}_{mb} = 1.133\theta_{mb}^2$ hence $T_R = T_{mb} \frac{\theta_{mb}^2}{\theta_{sou}^2 + \theta_{mb}^2}$: **beam dilution**
- Large sources: $\Omega_S \gg \mathcal{P}_{mb}$
 - $T_A^* \approx T_R \frac{\int_{2\pi} P(\Omega) d\Omega}{\mathcal{P}_{2\pi}} \approx T_R$
- Special case: $\Omega_S = \mathcal{P}_{mb}$
 - $T_{mb} = T_R \frac{\int_S P(\Omega) d\Omega}{\mathcal{P}_{mb}} = T_R$
 - Main-beam temperature gives the source brightness
- General (worse) case: $\Omega_S \sim \mathcal{P}_{mb}$
 - $T_A^* = \frac{T_R}{\mathcal{P}_{2\pi}} \int_S P(\Omega) d\Omega$
 - Main-beam temperature usually quoted
 - If source of uniform brightness and beam pattern known, feasible, but in real life... Which scale to use: T_A^* , T_{mb} ?

Which temperature scale ?

Source size

Temperature scales

$$\Omega_S = 2\pi$$

$$T_R = T_A^*$$

$$\Omega_S = \Omega_{mb}$$

$$T_R = T_{mb}$$

$$2\pi < \Omega_S$$

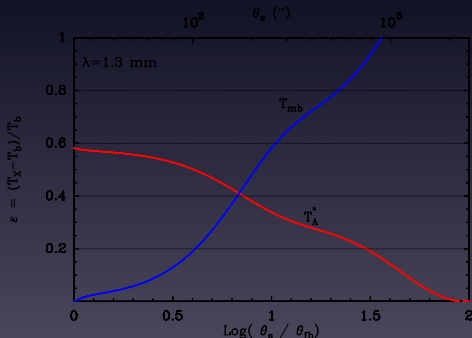
$$T_R < T_A^*$$

$$\Omega_{mb} < \Omega_S < 2\pi$$

$$T_A^* < T_R < T_{mb}$$

$$\Omega_{mb} > \Omega_S$$

$$T_{mb} < T_R$$



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Goals of the calibration

Overview

- Atmospheric calibration:
 - atmospheric emission/abs at frequency ν : radiative transfer
 - turbulence affects the intensity through phase shifts
- Full detection chain calibration (antenna, receiver,)
 - Antenna-sky coupling: F_{eff}
 - Receiver: gain, noise, stability
 - Cables, backends (*e.g.* dark currents)

Goals

- Input is an e-m field and output at backends are counts
- Question 1: how to convert from counts to power in physical units ?
- Question 2: how to correct for the atmospheric contribution ?

Notations

Telescope pointing at a source receives

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\text{sou}} &= \chi \{ T_{\text{rec}} + F_{\text{eff}} e^{-\tau_\nu} T_{\text{sou}} + T_{\text{sky}} \} \\ T_{\text{sky}} &= F_{\text{eff}} (1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) T_{\text{atm}} + (1 - F_{\text{eff}}) T_{\text{gr}} \end{aligned}$$

- T_{rec} : noise contribution from the **receiver**
- $F_{\text{eff}} e^{-\tau_\nu} T_{\text{sou}}$: signal from the **scientific target** after propagation through the atmosphere
- T_{sky} : signal emitted by the **atmosphere** (T_{atm}) and the **ground** (T_{gr})
- Orders of magnitude (IRAM-30m):
 - $T_{\text{atm}} \approx T_{\text{gr}} \approx 290$ K
 - $T_{\text{rec}} \approx 50 - 70$ K at 100 – 350 GHz at the IRAM-30m
 - $F_{\text{eff}}(\nu) \approx 90 - 80\%$, $B_{\text{eff}}(\nu) \approx 80 - 35\%$, $\nu_{\text{GHz}} = 100 - 350$
 - $T_{\text{sky}} \approx 30 - 100$ K at 100 – 230 GHz
 - Note: if $\tau_\nu \ll 1$ (good weather), $T_{\text{sky}} \approx F_{\text{eff}} \tau_\nu T_{\text{atm}}$

The “Chopper Wheel” method

Perform 3 + 1 measurements: hot, cold, empty sky, source

$$C_{\text{sou}} = \chi \{ T_{\text{rec}} + T_{\text{sky}} + F_{\text{eff}} e^{-\tau_\nu} T_{\text{sou}} \}$$

$$C_{\text{atm}} = \chi \{ T_{\text{rec}} + T_{\text{sky}} \}$$

$$C_{\text{hot}} = \chi \{ T_{\text{rec}} + T_{\text{hot}} \}$$

$$C_{\text{col}} = \chi \{ T_{\text{rec}} + T_{\text{col}} \}$$

Making differences:

$$\Delta C_{\text{sig}} = C_{\text{sou}} - C_{\text{atm}} = \chi F_{\text{eff}} e^{-\tau_\nu} T_{\text{sou}}$$

$$\Delta C_{\text{cal}} = C_{\text{hot}} - C_{\text{atm}} = \chi (T_{\text{hot}} - T_{\text{sky}})$$

$$T_{\text{sou}} = T_{\text{cal}} \frac{\Delta C_{\text{sig}}}{\Delta C_{\text{cal}}}$$

Definition of T_{cal} (correcting for atm contrib. and spillover)

$$T_{\text{cal}} = (T_{\text{hot}} - T_{\text{sky}}) \frac{e^{\tau_\nu}}{F_{\text{eff}}}$$

Calibration outputs (1): T_{cal}

Rewrite T_{sky} and ΔC_{cal} :

$$T_{\text{sky}} = T_{\text{gr}} + F_{\text{eff}}(T_{\text{atm}} - T_{\text{gr}}) - F_{\text{eff}}e^{-\tau_{\nu}}T_{\text{atm}}$$

$$\Delta C_{\text{cal}} = \chi \{ (T_{\text{hot}} - T_{\text{gr}}) + F_{\text{eff}}(T_{\text{gr}} - T_{\text{atm}}) + F_{\text{eff}}e^{-\tau_{\nu}}T_{\text{atm}} \}$$

- Assume $T_{\text{hot}} = T_{\text{atm}} = T_{\text{gr}} = T$. Then $T_{\text{cal}} = T$, no need to know $e^{-\tau_{\nu}}$ (Penzias & Burrus ARAA 1973):

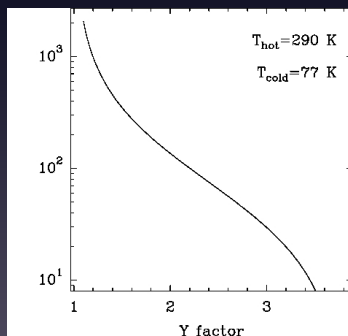
$$T_{\text{sou}} = T \frac{\Delta C_{\text{sig}}}{\Delta C_{\text{cal}}}, \quad T_{\text{cal}} = T_{\text{atm}} = T_{\text{gr}} = T_{\text{hot}}$$

- General case: different T_{atm} , T_{hot} and T_{gr}
 \Rightarrow must solve for $e^{-\tau_{\nu}}$. This is done using a model of the atmosphere trying to reproduce T_{sky} varying the amount of dominant species in the model (hence providing us with pwv).

Calibration outputs (2): T_{rec}

Using hot & cold loads measurements lead to T_{rec} :

$$T_{\text{rec}} = \frac{T_{\text{hot}} - Y T_{\text{col}}}{Y - 1}$$
$$Y = \frac{C_{\text{hot}}}{C_{\text{col}}} = \frac{T_{\text{rec}} + T_{\text{hot}}}{T_{\text{rec}} + T_{\text{col}}}$$



Calibration outputs (3): T_{sys}

System temperature: describes the noise including all sources from the sky down to the backends

- used to determine the total statistical noise. For heterodyne receivers, noise is given by the “radiometer formula”:

$$\sigma_T = \frac{\kappa \cdot T_{\text{sys}}}{\sqrt{\delta\nu \Delta t}}$$

- $\delta\nu$: spectral resolution
- Δt : total integration time
- κ depends on the observing mode:
- example: position switching

$$\text{ON-OFF} \Rightarrow \sqrt{2}$$

$$t_{\text{ON}} = t_{\text{OFF}} \Rightarrow \Delta t = 2t_{\text{ON}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \kappa = 2$$

From T_{mb} to S_ν , from Kelvin to Jansky

- flux density: $S_\nu = \int_S I_\nu(\Omega) d\Omega = \frac{2k}{\lambda^2} \int_S T_{\text{mb}} d\Omega$
- power received by the antenna: $kT'_A = k \frac{T_A^*}{F_{\text{eff}}} = \frac{1}{2} S_\nu A_e$

$$\frac{S_\nu}{T_A^*} = \frac{2k}{A} \frac{F_{\text{eff}}}{\eta_A} \quad \text{Jy/K}$$

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- How to convert the temperatures into $\text{J s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$?
 - $I_\nu(\Omega) = \frac{2k}{\lambda^2} T_R(\Omega)$

Introduction

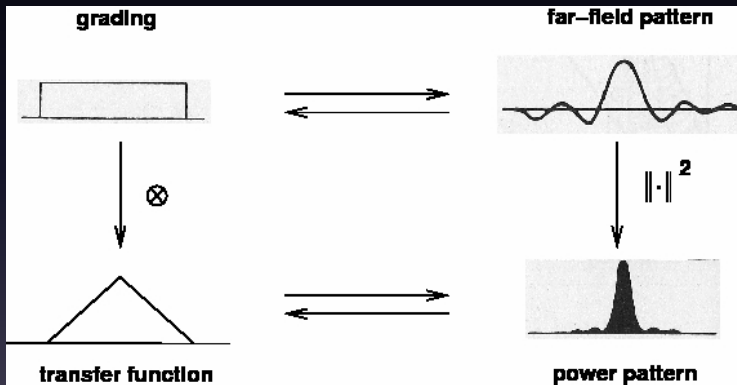
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Real antenna

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Image formation: total power telescope



- antenna scans the source
- image: convolution of I_0 by beam pattern $I'_\nu = \mathcal{P} * I_{0,\nu}$
- measure directly the brightness distribution I_0

Interferometer field of view

$$F = D * (\mathcal{P} \times I) + N$$

F = dirty map = FT of observed visibilities

D = dirty beam (\longrightarrow deconvolution)

\mathcal{P} = power pattern of single-dish (*primary beam B in the following*)

I = sky brightness distribution

N = noise distribution

- **An interferometer measures the product $\mathcal{P} \times I$**
- \mathcal{P} has a finite support \longrightarrow limits the size of the field of view

Summary

- full-aperture antenna: $\mathcal{P} * \mathbf{l}$
- interferometry sensitive to $\mathcal{P} \times \mathbf{l}$
- **amplitude calibration:**
 - converts counts into temperatures
 - corrects for atmospheric absorption
 - corrects for spillover
- **lobe = main-lobe + error-lobes** (e.g. as much as 50% in error-lobes at 230GHz for the 30m)
- Pay attention to the **temperature scale** to use (T_A^* , T_{mb} , ...)

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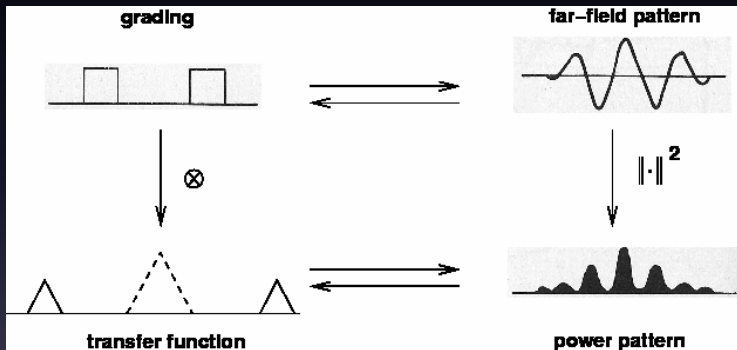
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- antennas **fixed w.r.t. the source**
- **correlation temperature: $\mathcal{T}(0,0)$ Fourier transform of $I_0 \times \mathcal{P}$**
- **measure the Fourier transform of the brightness distribution I_0**
- **image built afterwards**

Interferometer field of view

Measurement equation of an interferometric observation:

$$F = D * (B \times I) + N$$

F = dirty map = FT of observed visibilities

D = dirty beam (→ deconvolution)

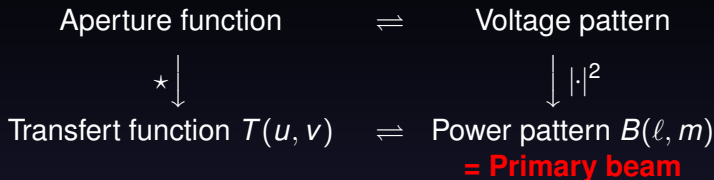
B = primary beam

I = sky brightness distribution

N = noise distribution

- **An interferometer measures the product $B \times I$**
- B has a finite support → limits the size of the field of view
- B is a Gaussian → primary beam correction possible (proper estimate of the fluxes) but strong increase of the noise

Primary beam width



Gaussian illumination \Rightarrow to a good approximation, B is a Gaussian of $1.2 \lambda/D$ FWHM

Plateau de Bure

$D = 15 \text{ m}$

Frequency	Wavelength	Field of View
85 GHz	3.5 mm	58''
100 GHz	3.0 mm	50''
115 GHz	2.6 mm	43''
215 GHz	1.4 mm	23''
230 GHz	1.3 mm	22''
245 GHz	1.2 mm	20''