

**LEDA**  
LARGE-APERTURE EXPERIMENT  
TO DETECT THE DARK AGES

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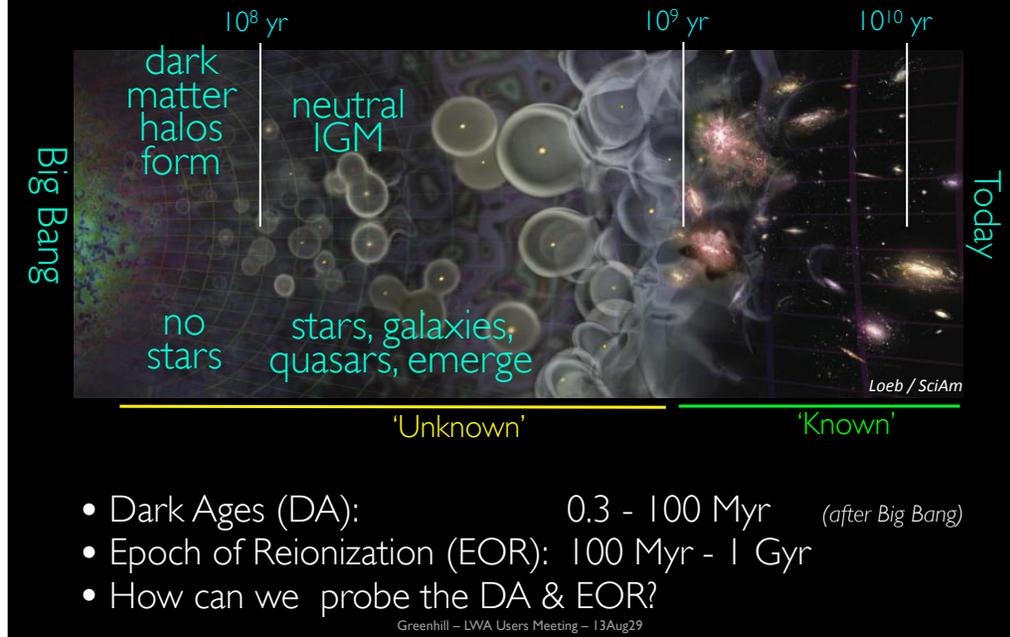
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## Enabled by confluence of discovery & innovation

- HI cosmology
  - dark ages → transition → widespread reionization
  - predicted signatures on the sky (spectral, angular)
- CASPER: commodity FPGA-driven DSP
- GPU computing as engine for DSP
- cuWARP: wide-field polarized dipole-array calibration & imaging libraries (GPU enabled)
  - sub-set developed by Harvard group for MWA
- LWA

# The Big Bang to Today



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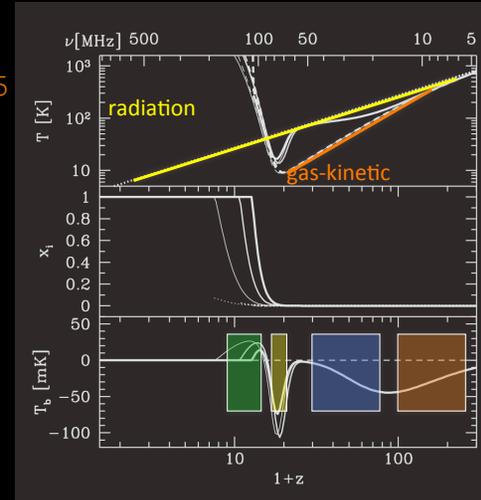
Swiss cheese universe

H/He

heating, ionization, pumping among levels

# Temperature Evolution

- Radiation  $T_r$  cools  $(1+z)^{-1}$
- Gas  $T_{\text{kinetic}}$  cools  $(1+z)^{-1.5}$
- Gas  $T_{\text{spin}}$  &  $T_{\text{kinetic}}$  coupled
- $T_{\text{spin}}$  decouples low  $\rho$
- Ly $\alpha$  couples  $T_{\text{spin}} - T_{\text{kinetic}}$   
–Wouthuysen-Field effect
- IGM heated (Xray, Ly $\alpha$ )
- Neutral H fully consumed
- How can we test this?



Pritchard & Loeb 2008

Detectable in total power

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HI SIGNAL GOES THROUGH SEVERAL PHASES DURING THE DARK AGE AND EMERGENCE.

Top: Evolution of temperature over redshift.

Bottom: Deviation of spin temp which regulates 21cm line

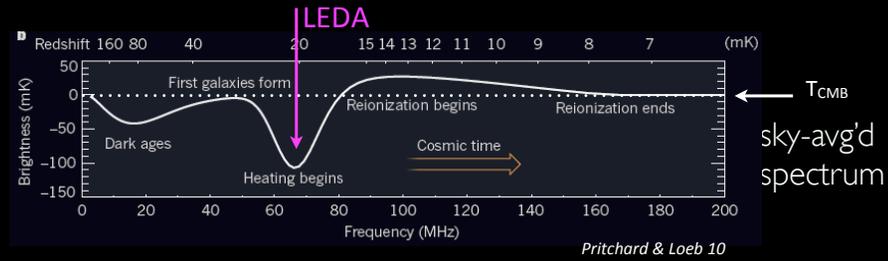
Middle: ionization fraction.

M-wave investigations move left to right.

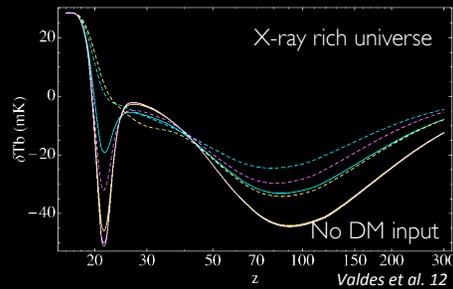
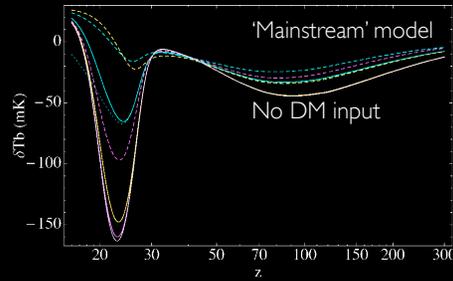
Today: green / yellow w/ single dishes green: arrays

Tomorrow – or next week : blue/red.

# Target



# A Range of Possible Spectra



- DM annihilation injects energy into the IGM and changes  $T_s$ 
  - discriminant among DM models?
- Relative motion DM vs baryonic...
  - Tseliakhovich & Hirata 10
  - McQuinn & O'Leary 12
  - Visbal et al. 12
  - Fialkov et al. 12

Variation in halo abundance, gas content, ... X-ray emission & heating

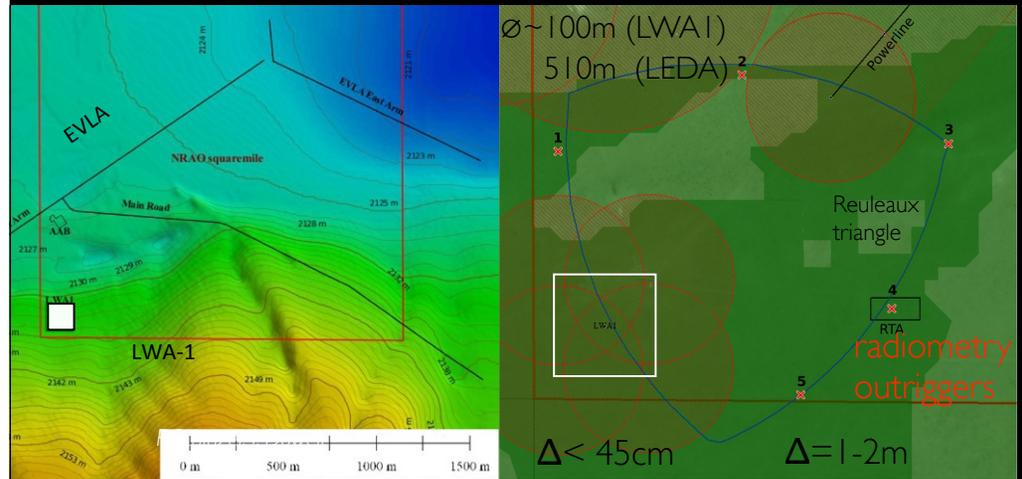
# LEDA Summary

- LEDA targets Cosmic Dawn HI science from the ground
  - constrain thermal history of IGM at  $z \sim 20$
  - constrain initial conditions for Reionization
- measure or constrain the sky-averaged spectrum
- supplement radiometry calibration using array-based deliverables
  - dipole gain patterns
  - ionospheric fluctuations
  - sky models
  - redundant measurement

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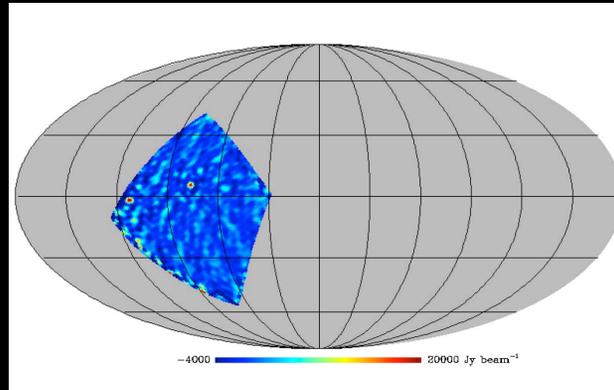
- add full-correlation back-end to an LWA station
  - 512 inputs, 60 MHz, 2400 ch., 240 Gb s<sup>-1</sup> (internal)
- add outrigger antennas for radiometry
- apply a generalized GPU-native ME package for cal/im
- set the stage for trivial scaling to  $O(10^3-10^4)$  elements
- set a foundation for power spectrum measurements at redshifts  $\sim 20$

# Aperture *ab initio*



c.2012.5

# LEDA32 First Light



- 26 signal paths: 12 Sep 25
- 90° CygA / CasA field
- 6dB FOV ~ 130°

FPGA-GPU  
computing cluster  
correlates 12 LWA1  
antennas in dual  
polarization.

First field  
demonstration  
correlator  
architecture and  
application of  
CuWarp pipeline.

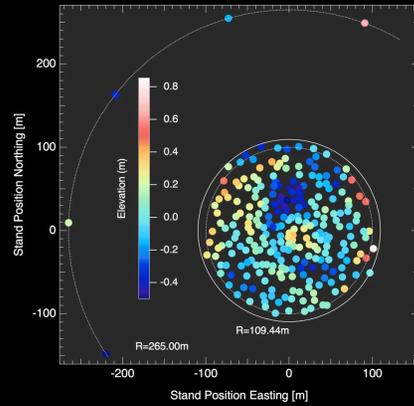
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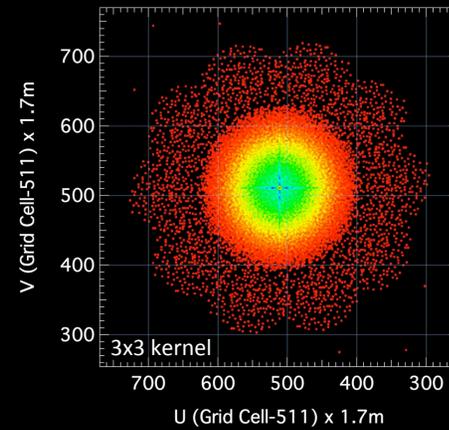
251 dual polz antenna core + 5 outriggers

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# One Year Later: LEDA5 I 2



- RMS ~ 22 cm  
–  $< \lambda/15$
- Pk-Pk ~ [-49, +82] cm
- outriggers are not outliers



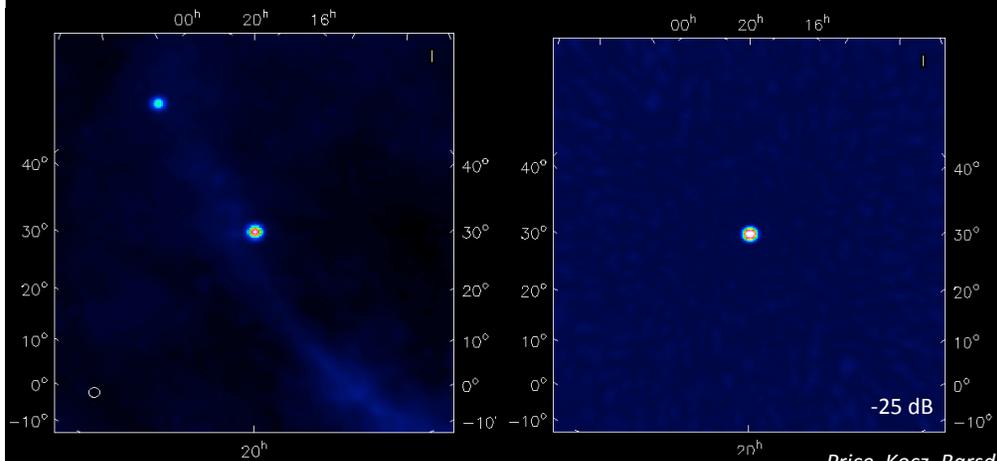
- 100% filled to 155m, instantaneously
  - ➔ diffuse emission: 1.3° - 3.7° spacing
  - ➔ point sources: 0.74° - 2.2° spacing

# LOL Specifications

LEDA at OVRO LWA (as built)

fringe spacing		$\lambda$ 3.4m - 10m
Minimum	4.8m	
CORE (N=251)	212m	55' - 2.7°
CORE-outriggers (N=5)	373m	31' - 1.5°
FULL	504m	23' - 1.1°
Stokes-I confusion (min.)		
CORE	0.9 - 1.9 Jy	
CORE-outriggers	0.3 - 0.6 Jy	
Collecting area	~5000 m <sup>2</sup> (62 MHz; zenith)	
Filled aperture $\varnothing$ (instant.)	155m	
Outrigger-outrigger spacing	166m	
Mutual coupling (gain deviation)	O(a few %) TBC	
Correlated inputs	512	
Correlated bandwidth	59 MHz	
Computation	16.9 Top s <sup>-1</sup> (~½ eVLA @ 8 GHz BW)	

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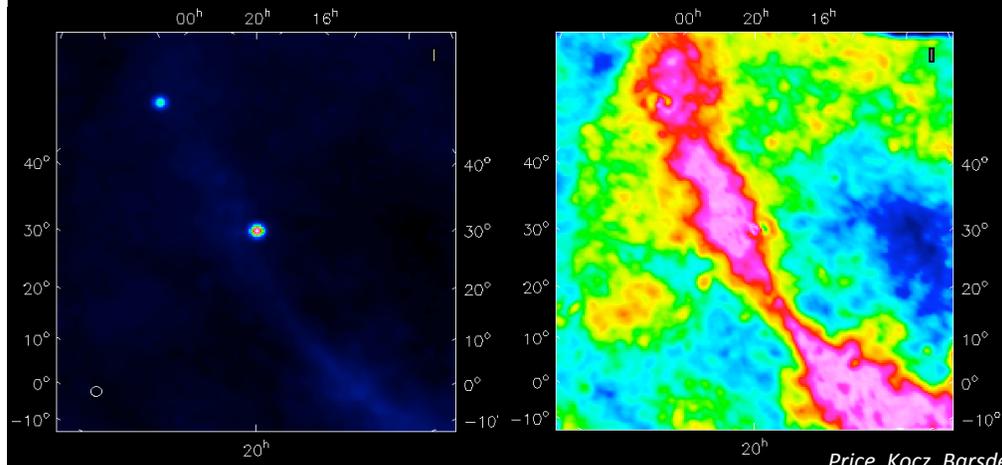
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47.00 MHz; 8.53s; 2.616 MHz

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*HOT OFF THE PRESS*

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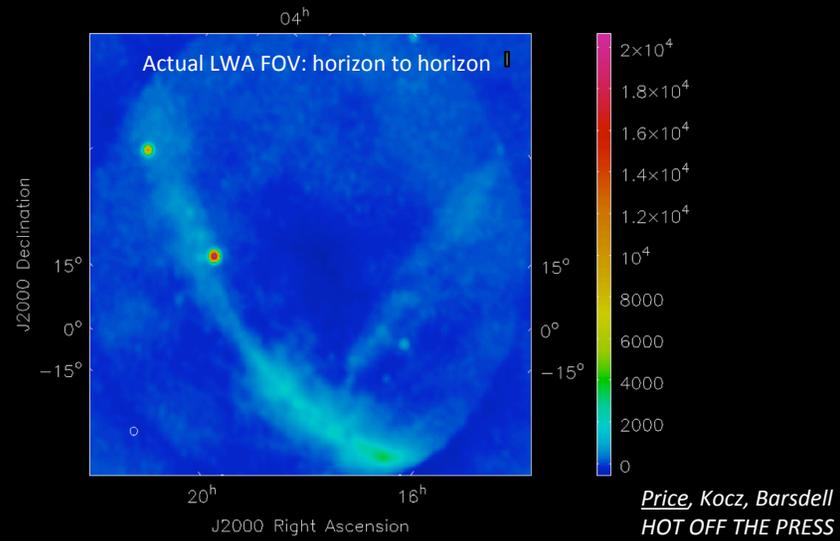


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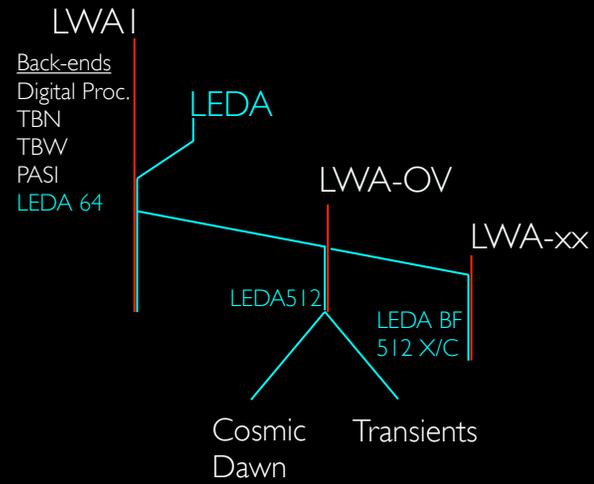
*Price, Kocz, Barsdell*  
Residuals *HOT OFF THE PRESS*

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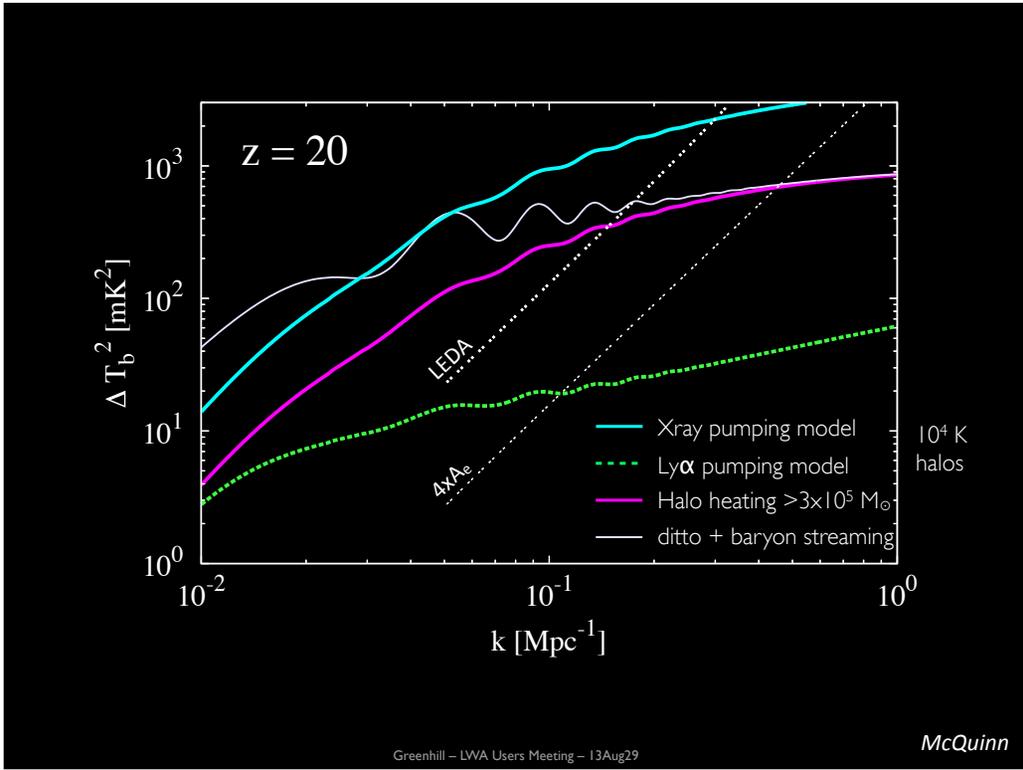


# LEDA bridges LWA sites and Science



# Evolution

- Sky-average HI spectrum
  - winter 2013/14 science season
  - constraints or detection
  - continuation into 2014/15
- Angular power spectrum
  - LEDA platform for development (h/w & technique)
  - array expansion by increments (?)
    - LEDA2048 scale is practical to build today.



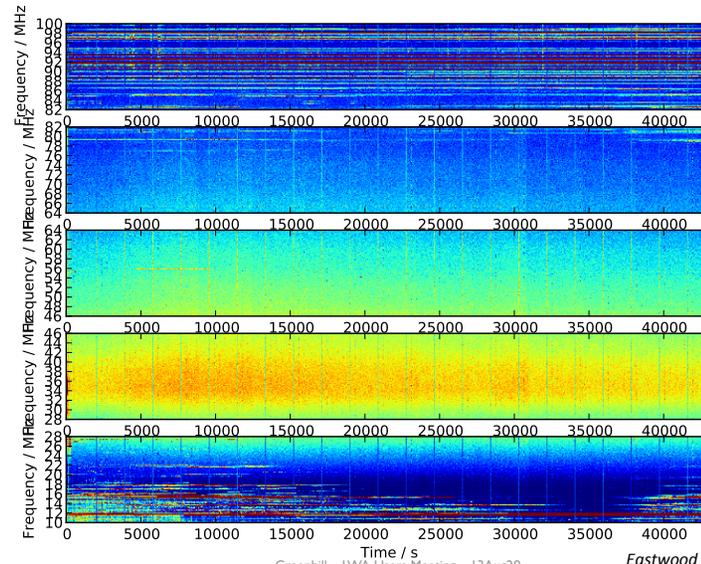
# Summary

- LEDA is targeting ground-based Cosmic Dawn HI science
  - constrain thermal history of IGM at  $z \sim 20$
  - constrain initial conditions for Reionization
- LEDA provides a general purpose back-end for LWA stations
  - correlation
  - beam forming
- A 512 input  $O(100 \text{ MHz})$  FPGA/GPU correlator is
  - Demonstrated
  - Easy
  - Embarrassingly scalable to  $O(5000)$  antennas (current GPUs)
  - Affordable
  - Compact
  - Energy efficient
    - 'LEDA2048' correlation would draw  $< 20 \text{ kW}$  in Q4CY14 (GM110 GPUs)
  - Fast to build
  - A platform for DSP experimentation in a general purpose programming environment

- end -

*– backup slides –*

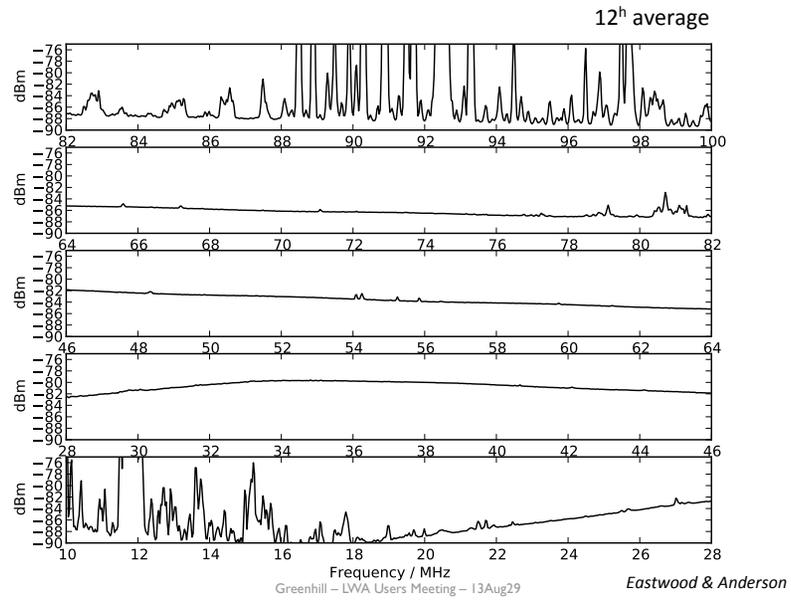
# RF Environment



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Eastwood & Anderson

# RF Environment



# LEDA Technical Innovation

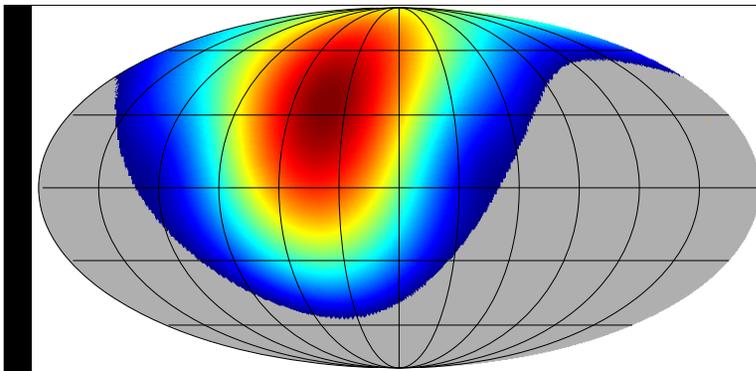
- design optimizations for LWA-OV
- heterogeneous FPGA/CPU/GPU correlator (1<sup>st</sup> light 9/12)
  - simplified corner turn, unidirectional data flow
  - application of general purpose HPC hardware
  - embarrassingly simple & fast correlator scaling
  - low full cost (parts, systems, FTEs)
- high-density sampler card ( $16 \times 250 \text{ MSa s}^{-1}$  @ 8 bit)
- optimization of Harvard-X for Kepler GKI 10
- PSRDADA applied to 40-gE data capture (GPUs)
- RF shielded rack configuration for HPC hardware
- foundation for future LWA beamforming back-ends

# LEDA512 Correlator Footprint

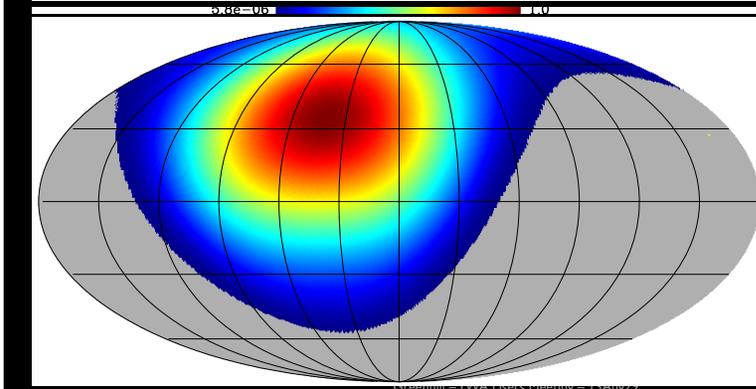
- Compute:  $17 \text{ TOp s}^{-1}$   $240 \text{ Gb s}^{-1}$
- Rack: 1
- Power: 9.0 kW
  - 1.6 kW FPGA/network
  - 7.4 kW GPU servers (170W/GPU)
- Manpower:  $13 \pm 1$  person-month
  - dev. to deploy: LEDA32 to LEDA512
  - 512 build/integration: 6 weeks
  - 512 deployment: < 5 days
- Pile of Parts: \$200-250K
  - GK110 Tesla GPU, e5-2670 CPUs
  - ROACH2/Virtex6, 40-gE



Know your gain pattern...

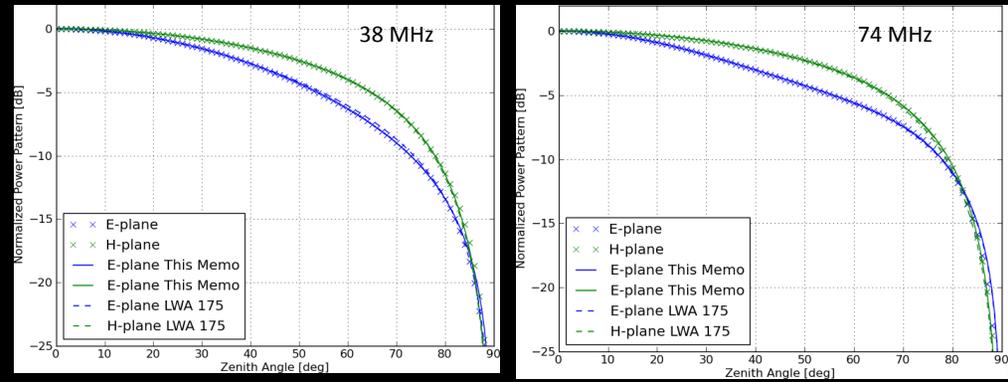


Dipole pattern

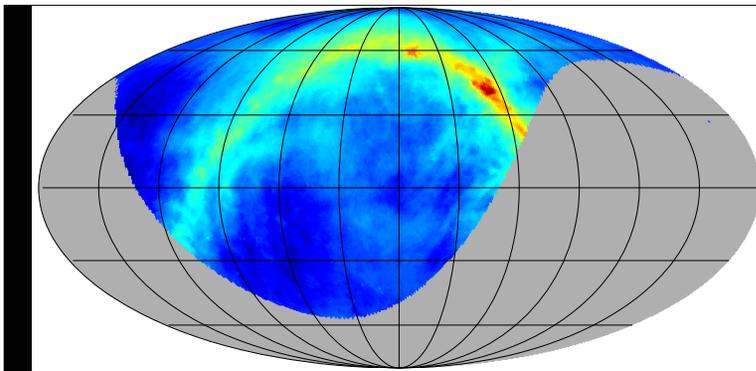


LWA pattern

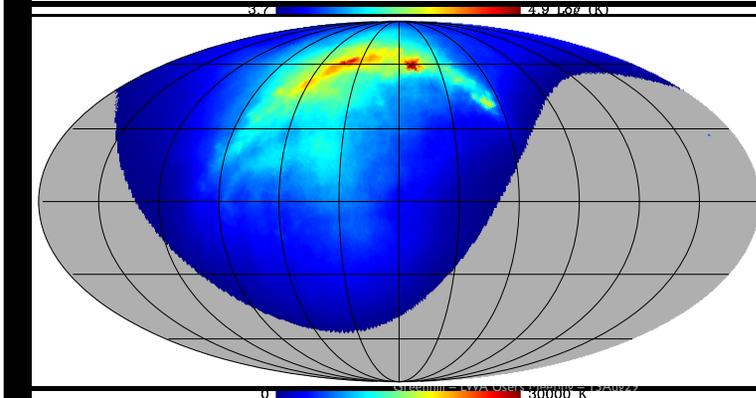
# 'Real' LWA Gain Patterns



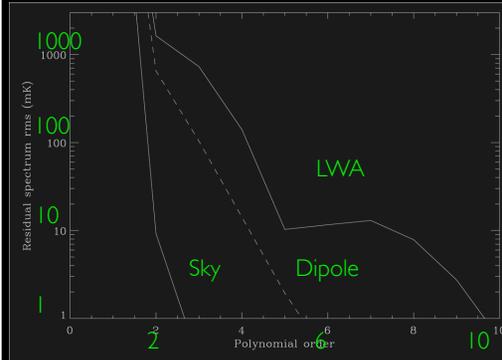
Smooth, slowly varying, but still departs from ideal dipole pattern



Model @  
40 MHz  
Cost et al. 08

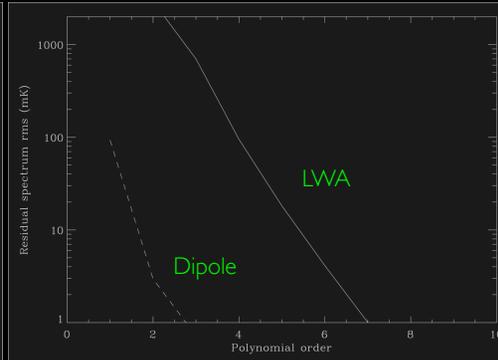


x  
dipole pattern  
(example)



- Angle-avg model sky  $\times$  pattern
- Fit polynomial
- Compute RMS

Sky spectrum is not nec. well approximated by a low order polynomial for some instruments



- Subtract 'templated' sky model
- Fit polynomial
- Compute RMS

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