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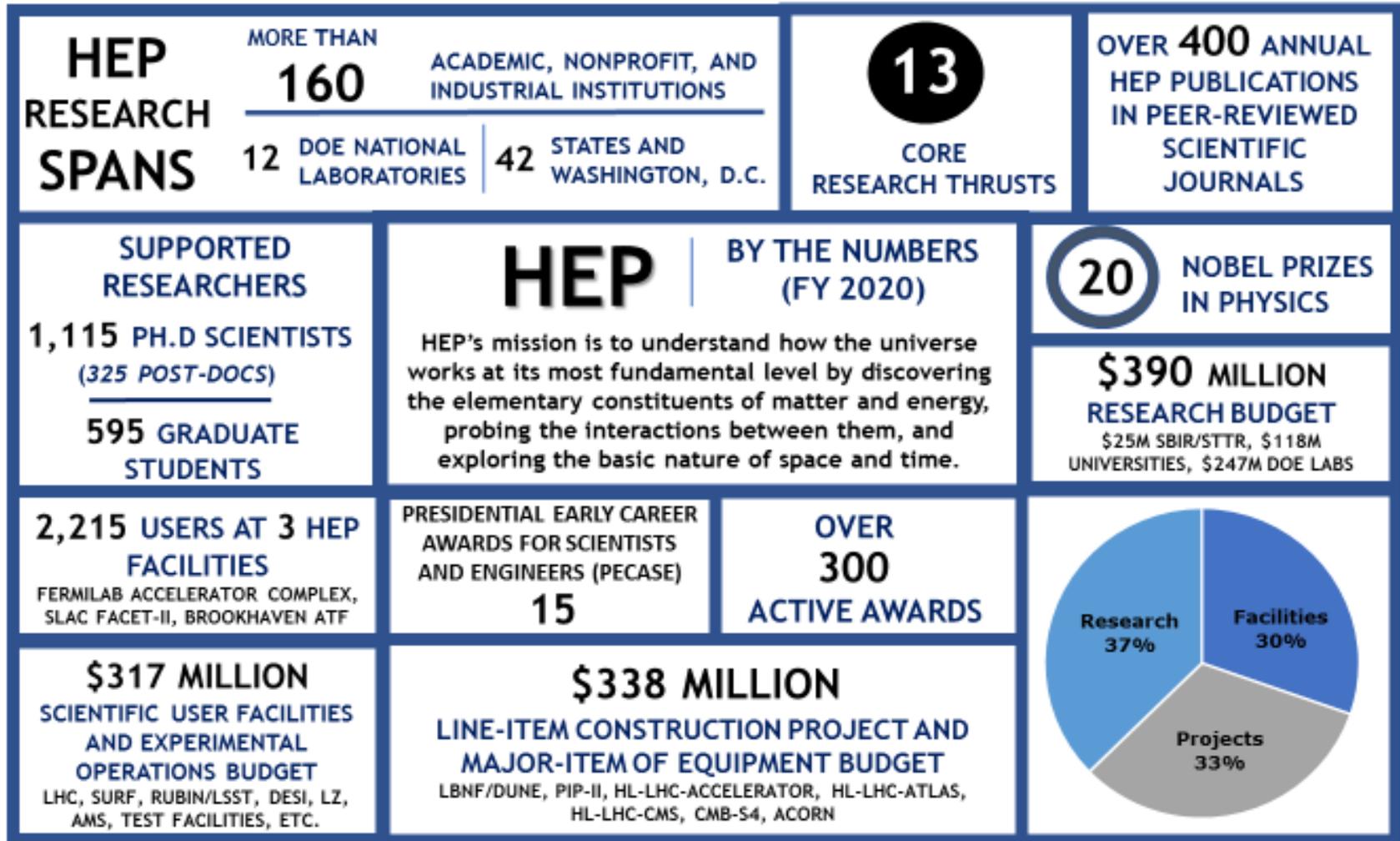
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OUTLINE

- Science & Project Updates since the Jan. 2021 meeting
 - SPT-3G
 - DESI
 - LSST Camera New Opportunities



HEP by the Numbers

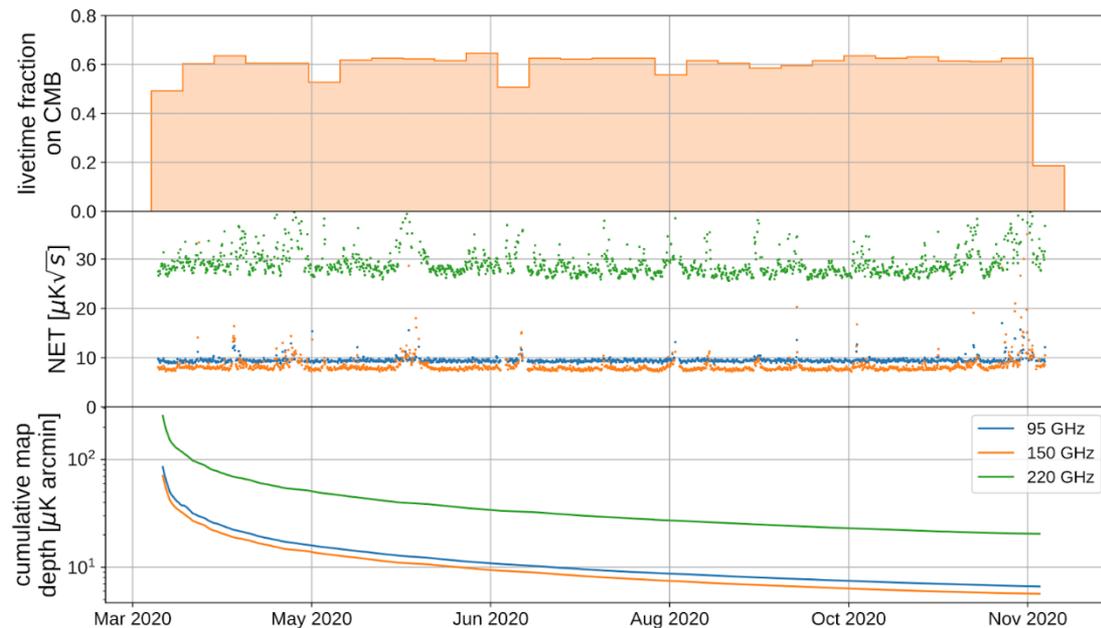


South Pole Telescope (SPT-3G)

NSF & DOE partnership
HEP supported major upgrade:
fabrication of the 16,000-detector
focal plane, greatly increasing
sensitivity.

Science goals:

- dark energy constraints from CMB lensing & galaxy clusters
- constraints on neutrinos and other light particles
- with BICEP/Keck, potential measurement of primordial gravitational waves.



Survey started 2018; continues to operate smoothly with high observing efficiency

- Cumulative map depths for the main 1500-square-degree survey are on track to achieve unprecedented deep levels, 3.0/2.2/8.0 $\mu\text{K-arcmin}$ at 95/150/220 GHz by the end of 2023.

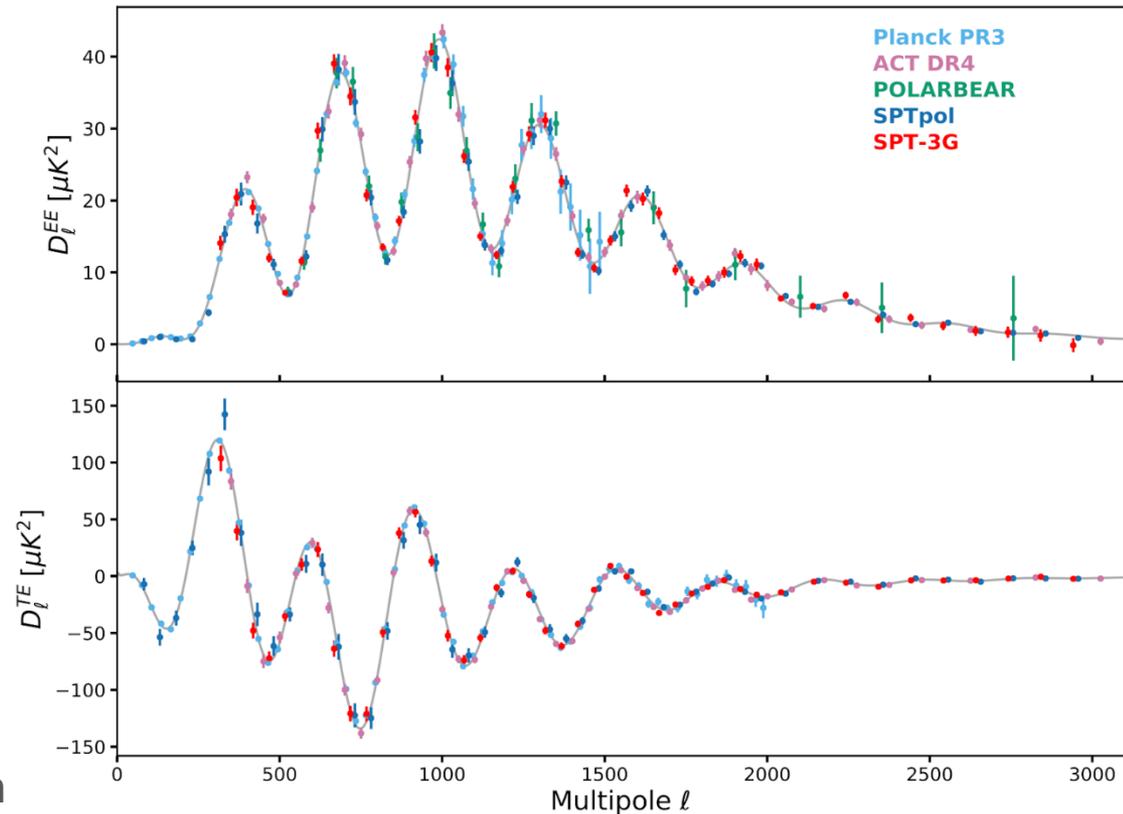
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-- Science Highlights

Dutcher et al.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.01684>

Submitted to Physical Review D



- First SPT-3G science publication
- Measurement of TE/EE power spectra with 2018 data set
- Most sensitive measurements made to-date with SPT over the multipole ranges $300 \leq \ell \leq 1400$ for EE and $300 \leq \ell \leq 1700$ for TE.
- Maps from 2019+ are already 3-4x deeper than this 2018 data. Will be used to constrain H_0 & effective number of relativistic species



Vera C. Rubin Observatory



NSF (AURA) and DOE (SLAC) partnership

- Project: DOE responsible for the Camera fabrication & commissioning

Camera Fabrication:

- Only remaining scope for the Major Item of Equipment (MIE) Project is the completion of the last 2 filters (out of 6).
→ Camera planned to complete early June 2021

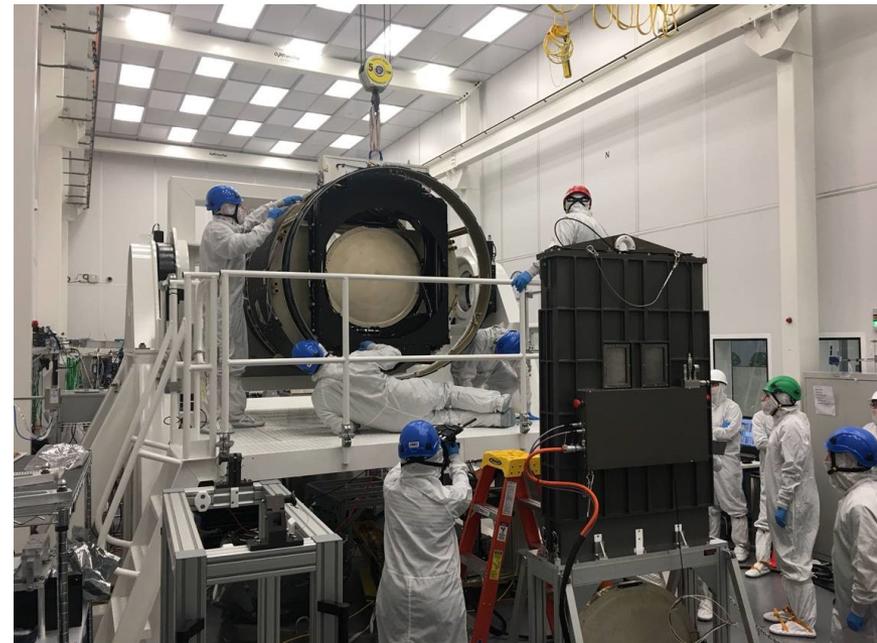
Commissioning (on HEP program funds):

- Camera assembly and verification at SLAC
- Camera is expected to ship to Chile in Feb. 2022 and be ready for installation on telescope ~ July 2022



r-band filter with its plastic protective cover

LSST Camera



Camera body with the filter exchange system and shutter being installed for a dry fit (no cryostat). In front is what we call the manual loader used to load the filter exchange system with the filters.

← ComCam being assembled on the summit



Rubin Observatory: Facility Operations Planning

The Rubin Observatory will conduct a 10-year deep, wide, fast, optical imaging Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST) using DOE's LSST Camera & the Simonyi Survey Telescope

[DOE & NSF will provide 50/50 support](#)

DOE-supported efforts are primarily:

- Camera maintenance and operations
- US Data Facility (USDF) → SLAC selected to be the managing organization

- DOE/SLAC will carry out all the planned functions for the US Data Facility
- The Data Facility is fully integrated into the NOIRLab and SLAC partnership to carry out the Rubin Operations plan and deliver all the data products to all the researchers and collaborations.





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