The South Pole is one of the premier sites for astronomy. At more than 9.3 kilometers (5.8 miles) above sea level, the thin, dry air and six months of darkness during the polar winter make for ideal observing conditions for more than forty years, astronomers have peered deep into space and back in time to the time when the universe was young. The harsh Antarctic climate can be tough on equipment, but despite sub-zero temperatures and winter storms, researchers working at the South Pole continue to conduct cutting-edge research from one of the most isolated places on Earth.

Numerous telescopes over the years have found a home at the South Pole. With them, astronomers have pushed the boundaries of what we know about the universe. The VIPER telescope, for example, was one of the most powerful CMB telescopes of its time. It helped prove that the universe will go on expanding forever, disproving the steady state theory. Operated by SETI, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, VIPER was the first CMB telescope to operate during the summer. After an update to its sensors to measure polarization, the SPT (South Pole Telescope) became one of the premier sites for these observations.

The QUaD telescope further measured the polarization of the Cosmic Microwave Background. At 10 meters in diameter, the South Pole Telescope, or “SPT,” was built in 1998 and decommissioned in 2005. It was the second Polar Solar observatory improved on the original test papers on star formation. The SPT telescope’s first task was mapping distant galaxy clusters. After an update to its sensors to measure polarization, the SPT has been an ideal observing site for cosmology.

The VULCAN SOUTH telescope was built in 1984 and decommissioned in 1986. It was an Australian collaboration to test a variety of optical and infrared telescopes. The Automated Astrophysical Site Testing Observatory (AASTO) with their 1.3 meter telescope on a single mount, the array aids in the hunt for inflation by looking for the “fingerprint” of inflation in the cosmic microwave background. Made up of five versions of the BICEP2 telescope on a single mount, the array aids in the hunt for inflation by looking for the “fingerprint” of inflation in the cosmic microwave background.

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The BICEP (Background Imaging of Cosmic Extragalactic Redshift) telescope is a 2-meter submillimeter telescope located at the South Pole. It is used to study the early universe and the large-scale structure of the universe. The BICEP is operated by the University of Chicago, the University of Michigan, and the University of Illinois.

The DASI (Diplodocus Array Submillimeter Telescope) is a 2.7-meter submillimeter telescope located at the South Pole. It is used to study the early universe and the large-scale structure of the universe. The DASI is operated by the University of Chicago, the University of Michigan, and the University of Illinois.

The VULCAN SOUTH telescope is a 1.5-meter optical telescope located at the South Pole. It is used to study the early universe and the large-scale structure of the universe. The VULCAN SOUTH is operated by the University of Chicago, the University of Michigan, and the University of Illinois.

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