

# CONSTRAINING B-MODES WITH THE POLARBEAR EXPERIMENT

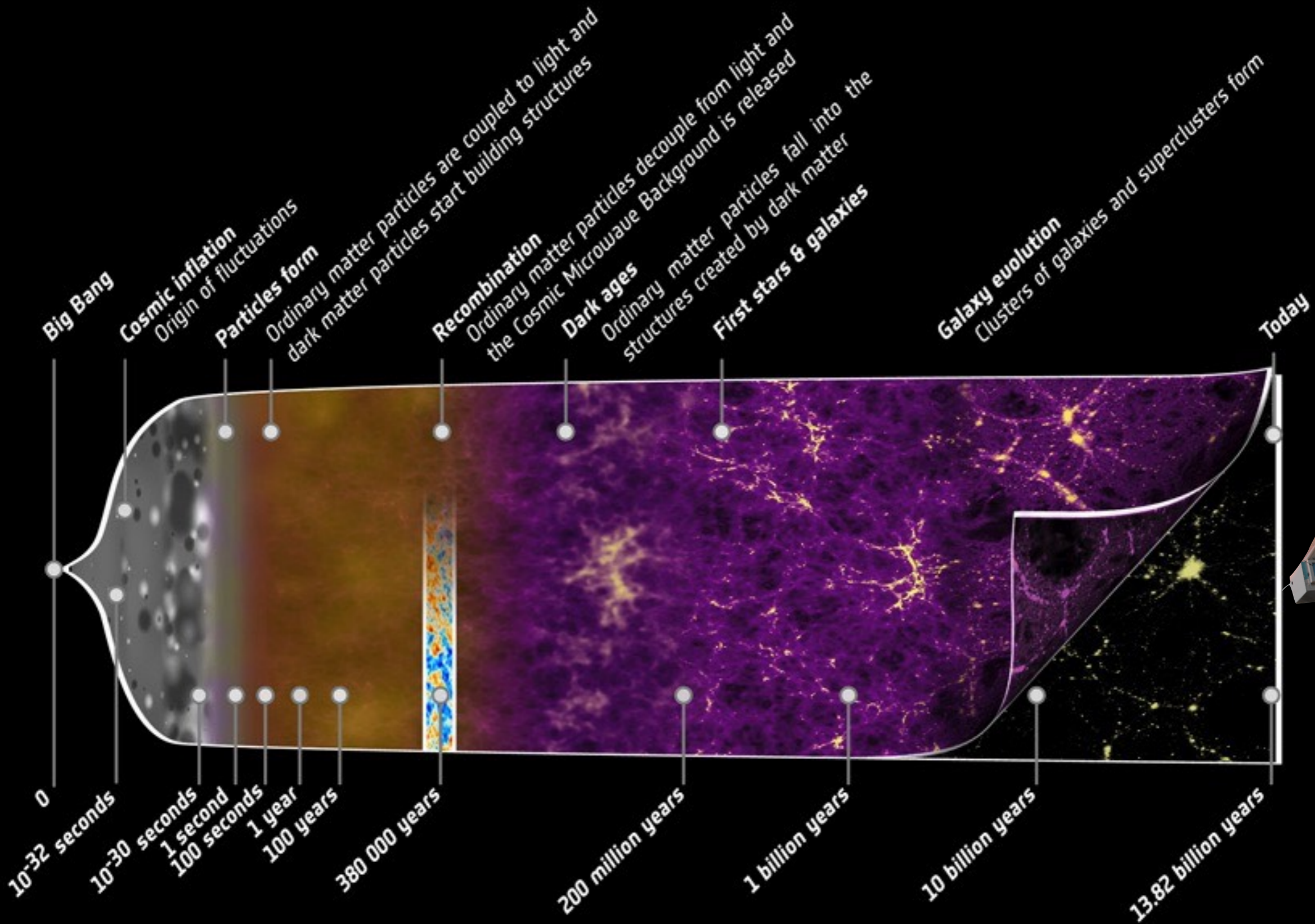
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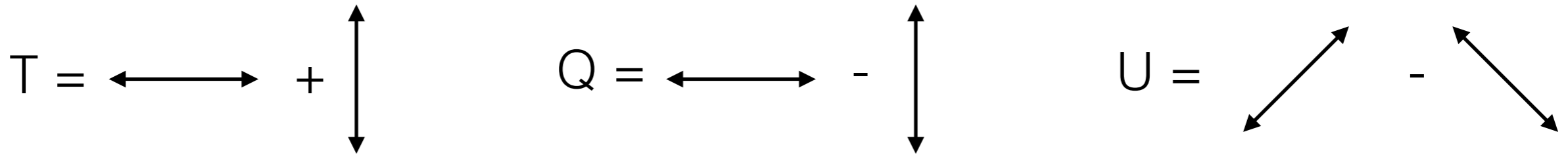


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- A night sky with a bright star and a rocky landscape with a telescope. The sky is dark blue with many small stars. A bright star is visible in the upper center. The landscape is rocky and dark, with a telescope visible in the middle ground.
- ◆ The Cosmic Microwave Background: still a goldmine
  - ◆ Technical study and cosmological results from POLARBEAR first and second season  
**Poletti et al, A&A, 600 (2017) A60**  
**POLARBEAR Collaboration, 2017, arXiv:1705.02907**



# CMB anisotropies

For every direction on the sky:  
intensity and linear polarisation  
⇒ T, Q, U Stokes parameters



$$T(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \sum_{lm} a_{T,lm} Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}),$$

$$(Q + iU)(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \sum_{lm} a_{2,lm} Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}),$$

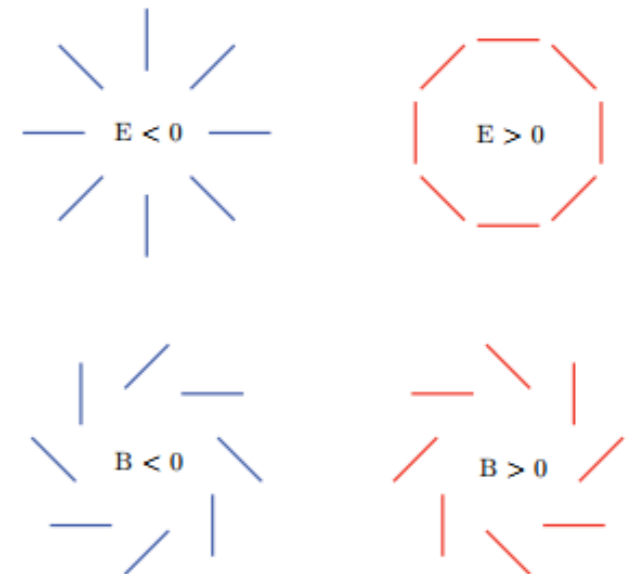
$$(Q - iU)(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \sum_{lm} a_{-2,lm} Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}).$$



$$a_{E,lm} = -(a_{2,lm} + a_{-2,lm})/2,$$

$$a_{B,lm} = i(a_{2,lm} - a_{-2,lm})/2.$$

Kamionkowski et al. (1997),  
Zaldarriaga and Seljak (1997)



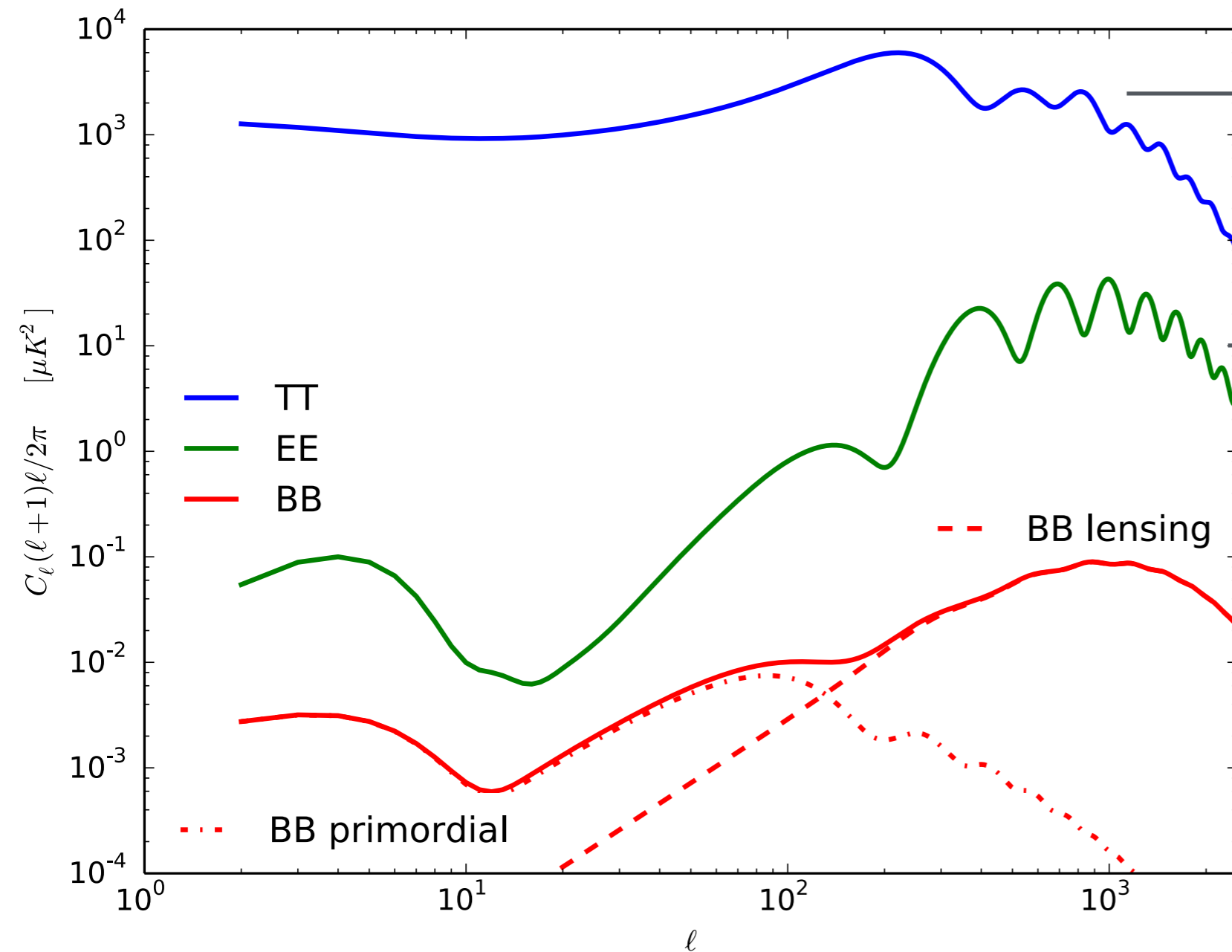
Assuming statistical isotropy

$$\langle a_{\ell m}^* a_{\ell' m'} \rangle = \delta_{\ell\ell'} \delta_{mm'} C_\ell \quad \text{Angular power spectrum}$$

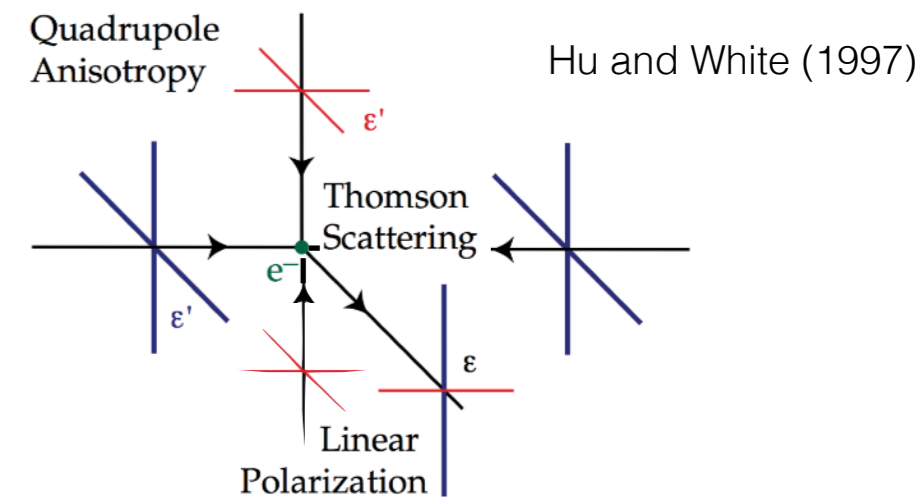
$\ell \sim 1/\text{angular size}$

$$\hat{C}_\ell = \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \frac{a_{\ell m}^* a_{\ell m}}{2\ell + 1}$$

# The CMB power spectrum



Induced by primordial scalar perturbations.  
Goldmine of cosmological information



Scalar perturbations also produce polarization, only E modes (to linear order)

# Primordial B-modes

Prediction from inflationary models:  
both scalar and tensor perturbations

In simplest slow-roll scalar-field inflation

$$\Delta_s^2(k) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \frac{H_\star^2}{m_{\text{Pl}}^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon_\star} \quad \epsilon_\star \text{ Slow roll parameter}$$

$$\Delta_t^2(k) = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{H_\star^2}{m_{\text{Pl}}^2} \quad \begin{array}{l} H_\star^2 \text{ Hubble parameter} \\ \text{Energy density of the universe} \end{array}$$

Tensor power spectrum  $\propto (\text{Energy scale of inflation})^{1/4}$

(  $\sim 10^{16}$  GeV for  $r = 0.1$  )

$$r \equiv \frac{\Delta_t^2}{\Delta_s^2} = -8n_t \quad \Rightarrow \text{Consistency relation}$$

# Lensing B-Modes

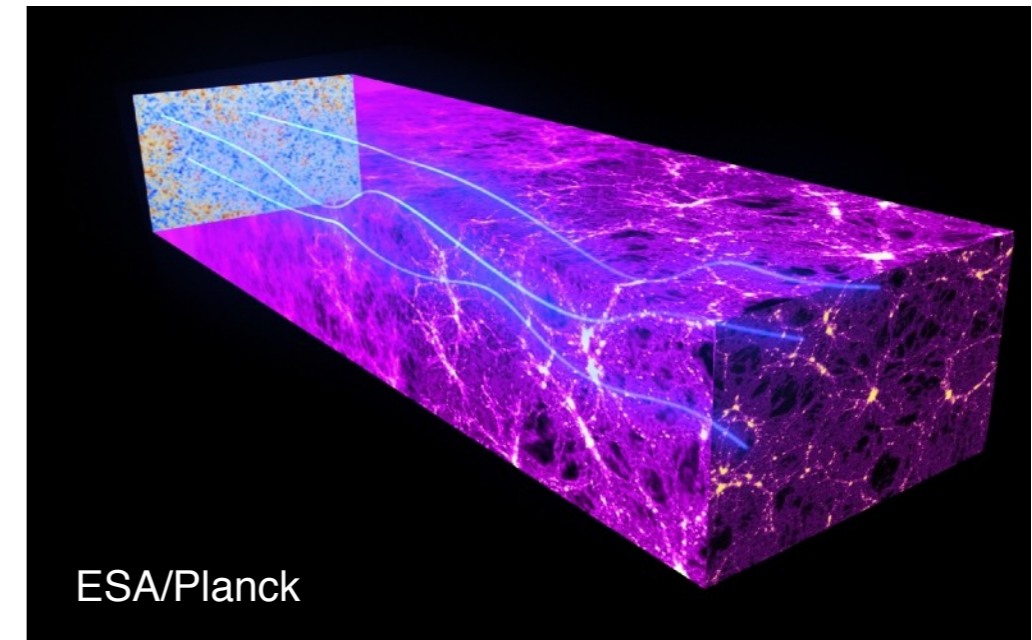
$$\delta E(\mathbf{l}; \mathbf{l}') = -[E(\mathbf{l}') \cos 2\varphi_{\mathbf{l}'\mathbf{l}} - B(\mathbf{l}') \sin 2\varphi_{\mathbf{l}'\mathbf{l}}][\mathbf{l} \cdot (\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{l}')] \phi(\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{l}')$$

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$$\phi(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = -2 \int dD \frac{D_s - D}{DD_s} \Psi(D\hat{\mathbf{n}}, D)$$

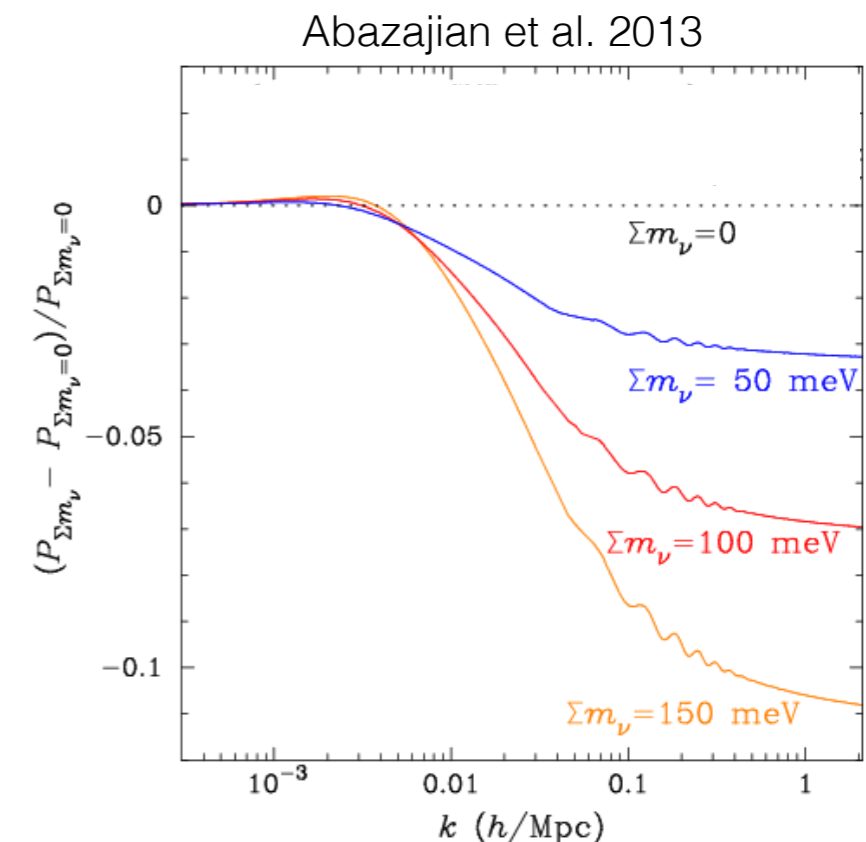
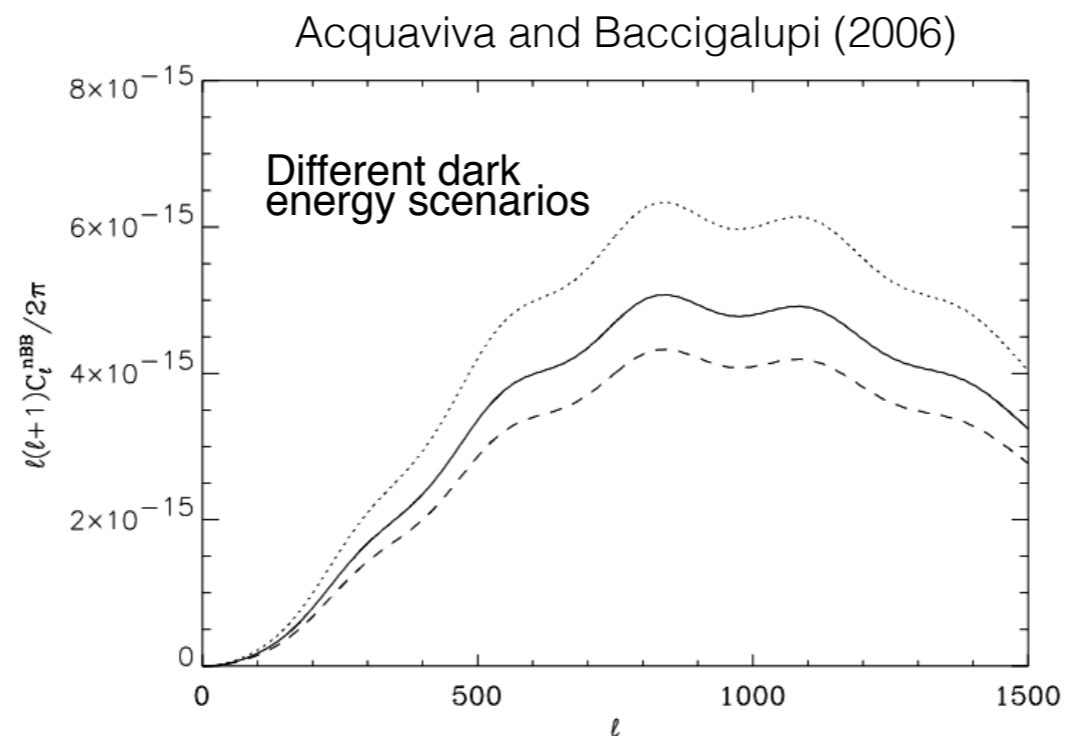
$$\mathbf{d} = \nabla \phi$$

Hu and Okamoto (2002)



## Constrain on structure formation

- total mass of the neutrinos
- dark energy
- and more



# The POLARBEAR Experiment

- CMB B-modes dedicated experiment
- Atacama desert (~5200 m altitude)
  - Access to 80% of the sky
  - Dry atmosphere
- Targeting both primordial and lensing B-modes



## Crab Nebula (TauA)

polarization angles calibrator

Planck 857GHz

### PBI-RA12

Overlap w/  
Herschel Atlas

### PBI-RA4.5

Overlap w/ QUIET, BOSS

### PBI-RA23

Overlap w/ QUIET,  
Herschel

- First season:  
May 2012 to June 2013
- Second season:  
June 2013 to June 2014
- Target:  
deep integration of  
3 patches 5 deg x 5 deg



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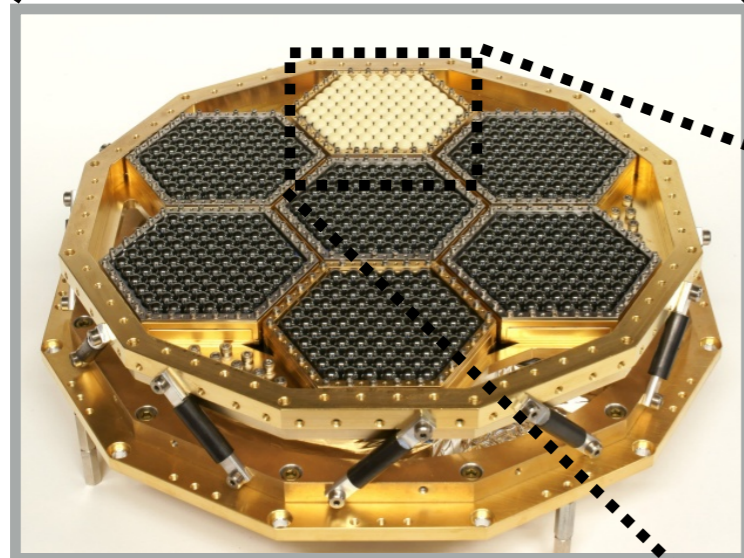
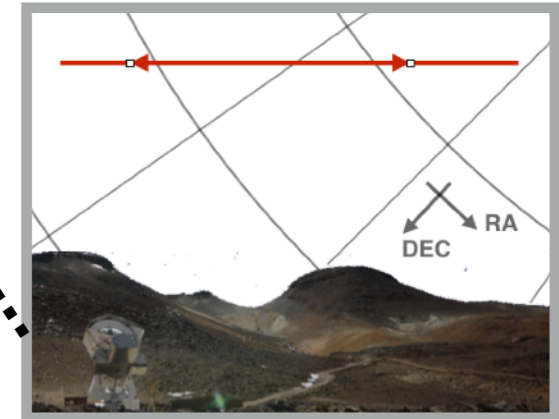
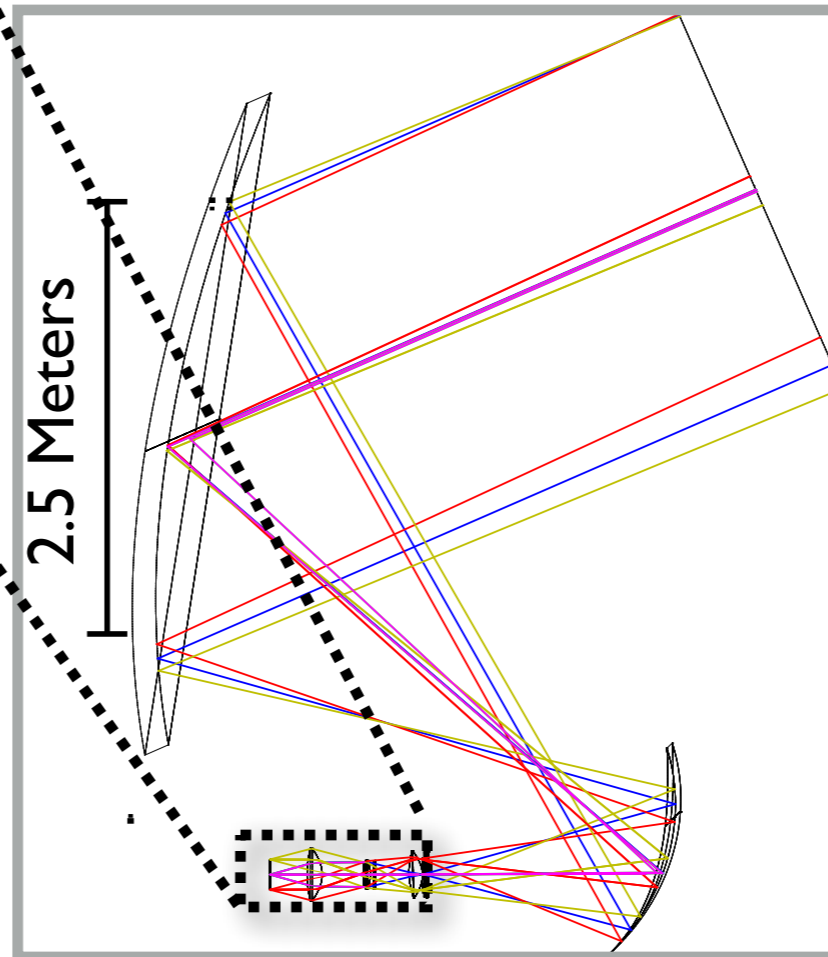
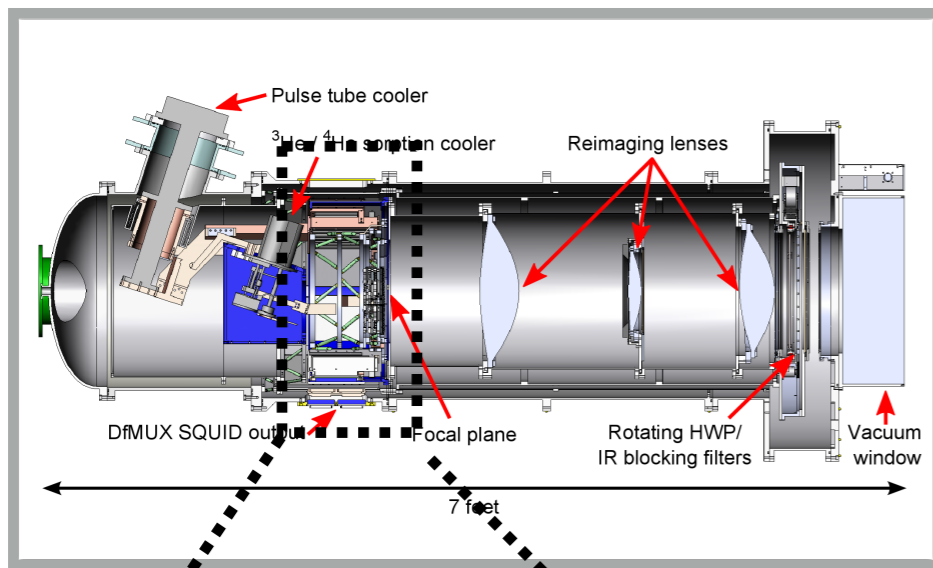
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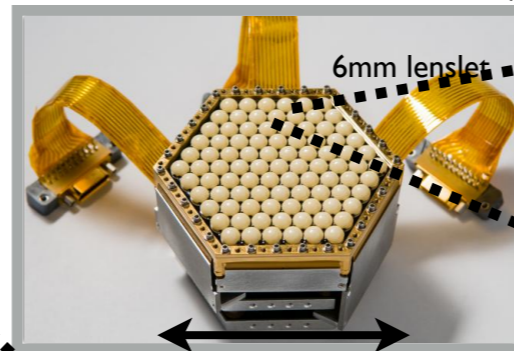
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# Instrumental design of POLARBEAR

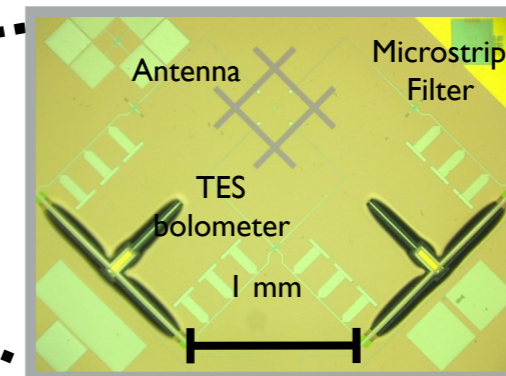


1274 bolometers @ 150 GHz  
Cooled to 250 mK

Hex Module



8cm



see e.g. Kermish et al. (2012)  
and Arnold et al. (2012)

# CMB data analysis

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(N° “samples”, order of)

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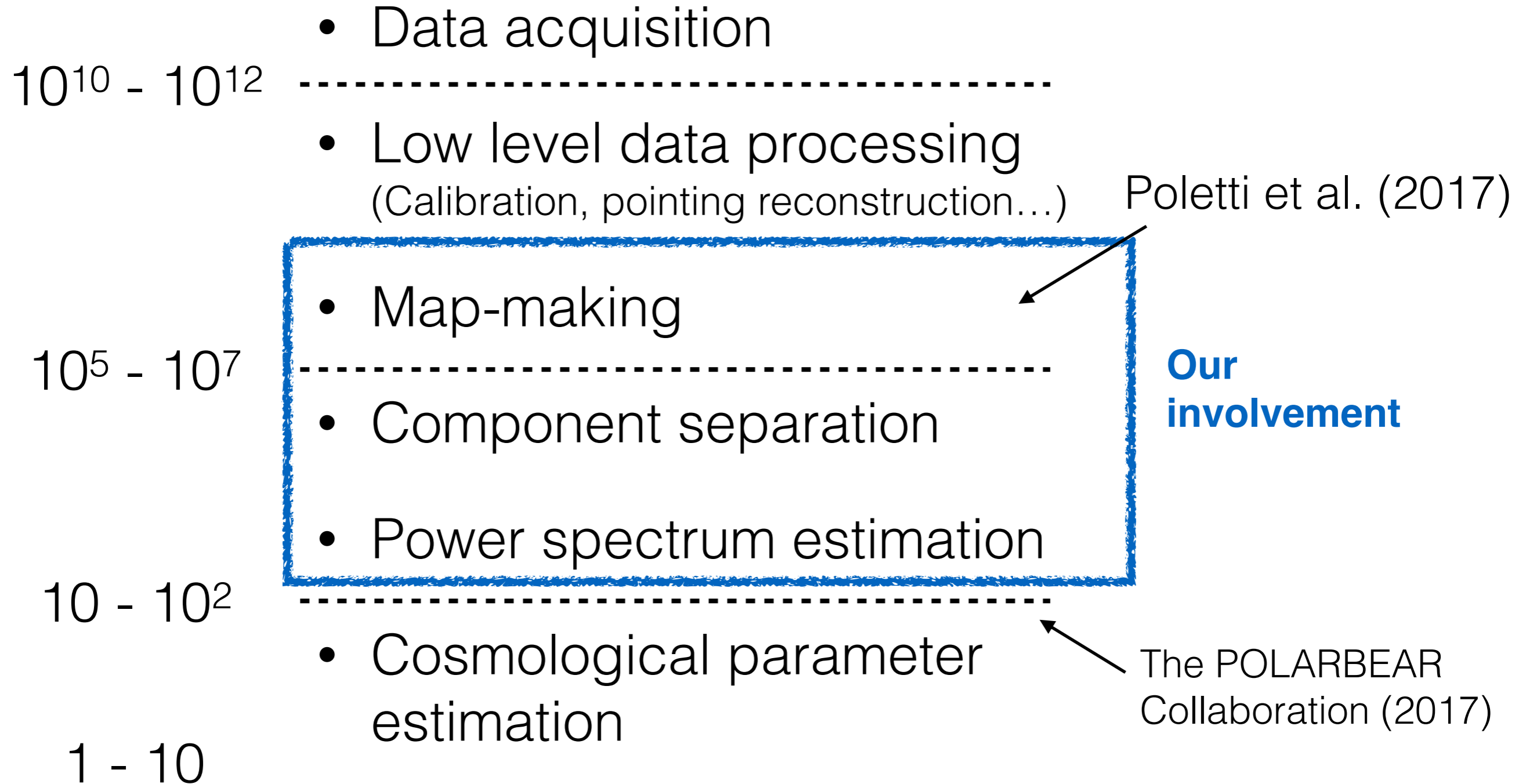
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**Our  
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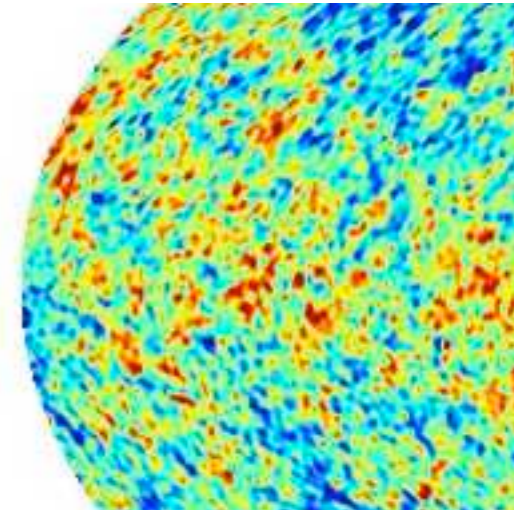
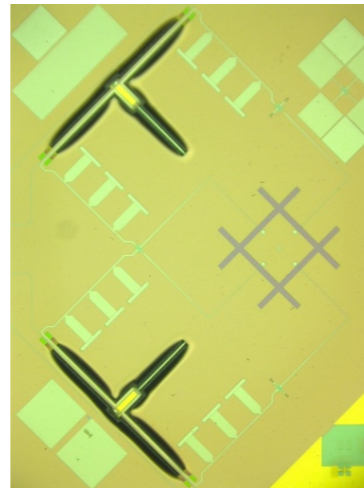
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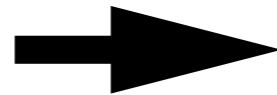
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A single sample

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The complete time stream



Generalised  
Least  
Squared  
estimator

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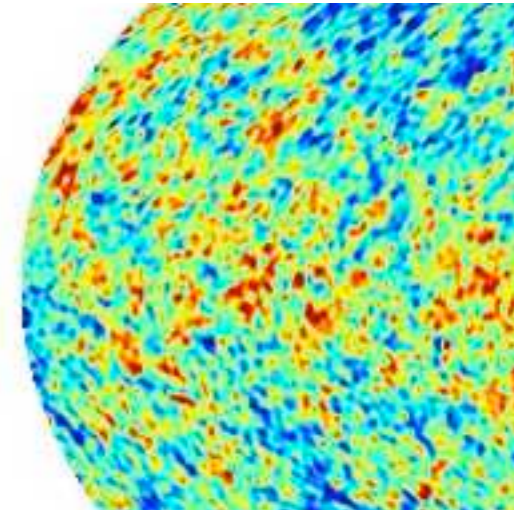
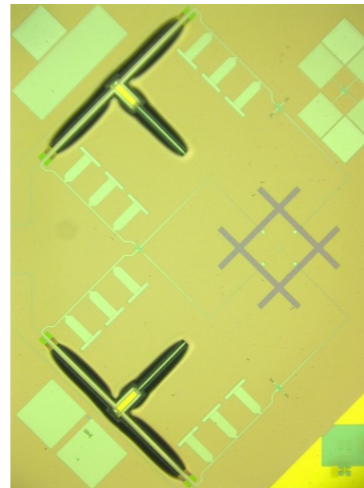
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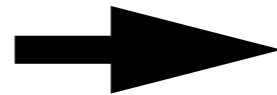
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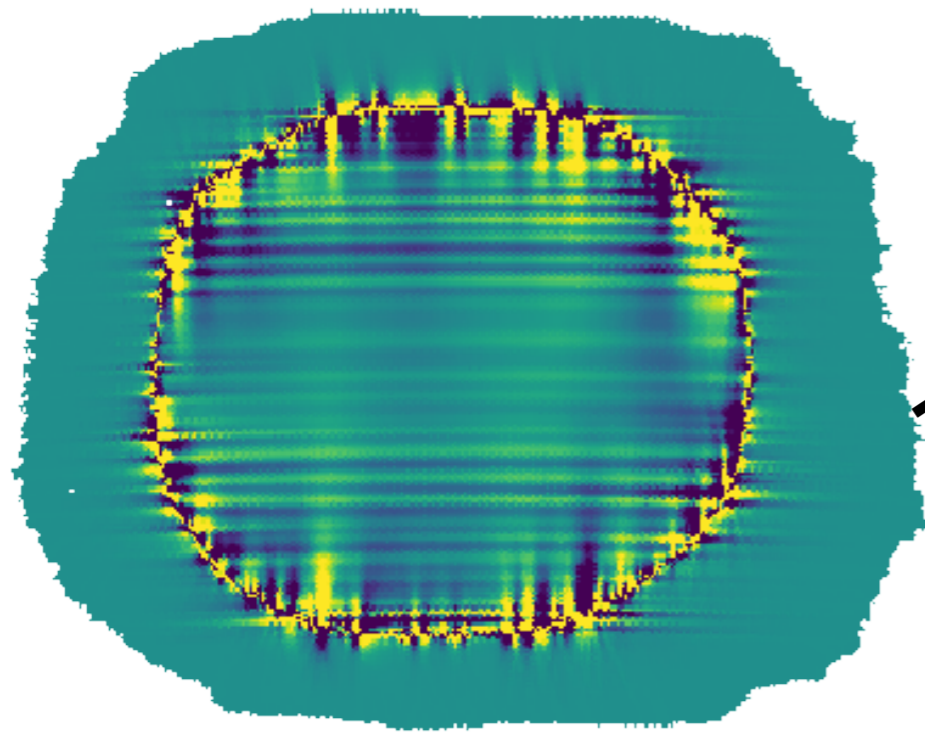
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$\mathbf{F}_T$  TOD signal processing

# Example of the effect on final products

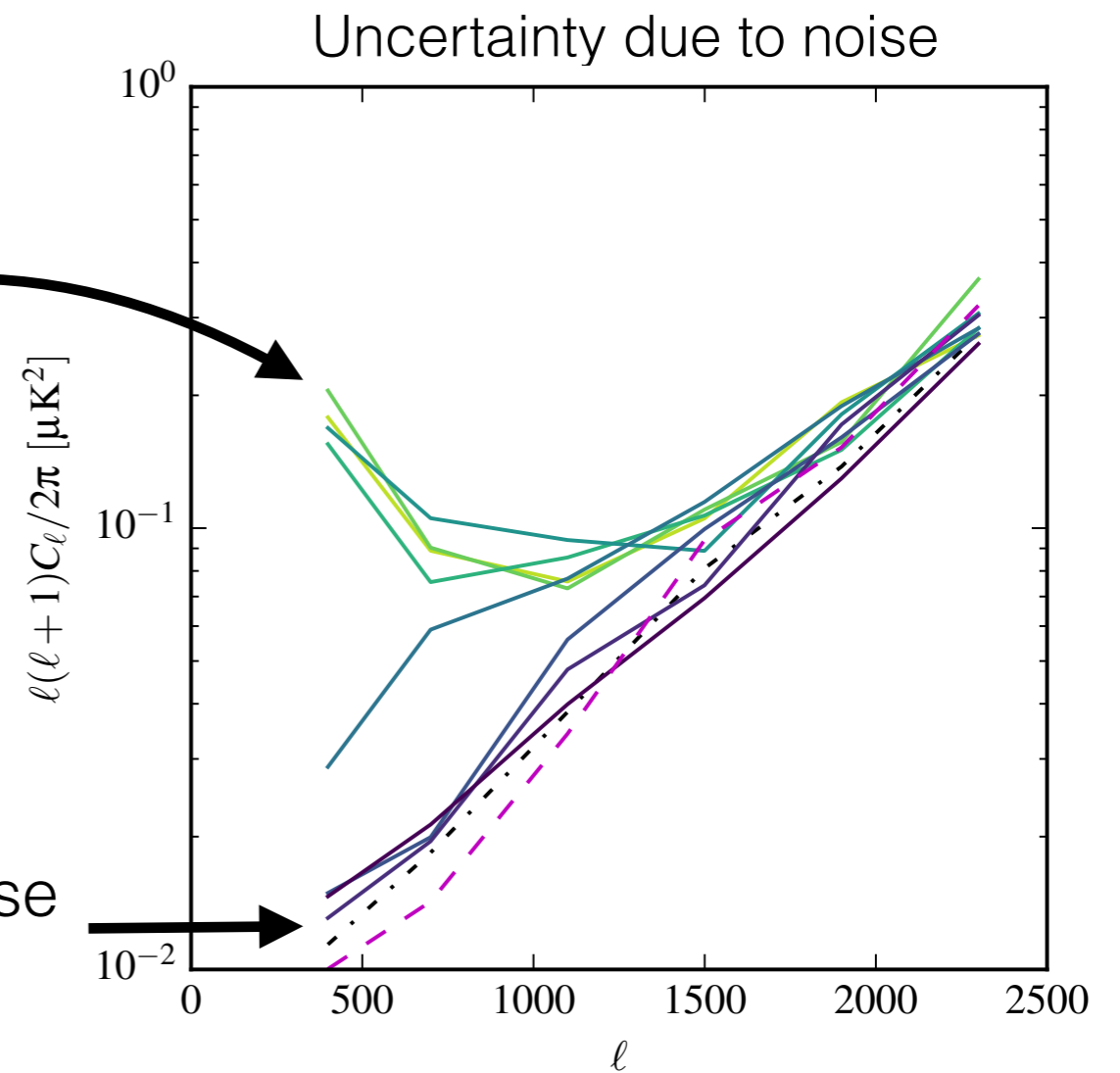
TOD-processing produced map-domain correlations...



-0.0014 0.0014

...that made the power spectrum estimation sub-optimal

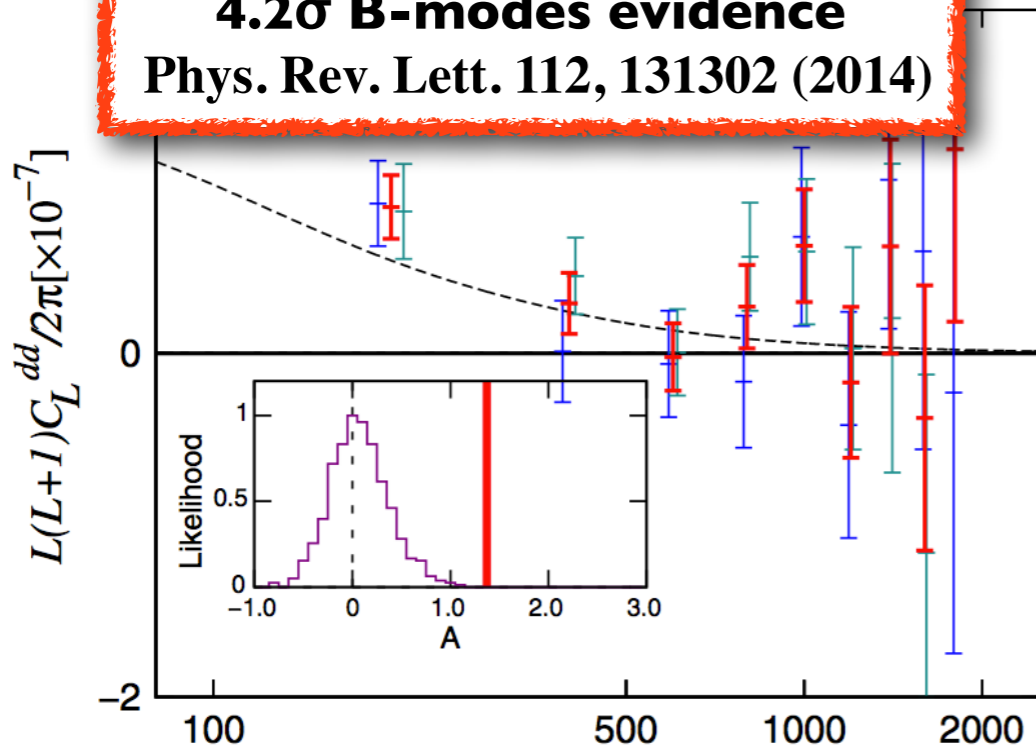
White noise case



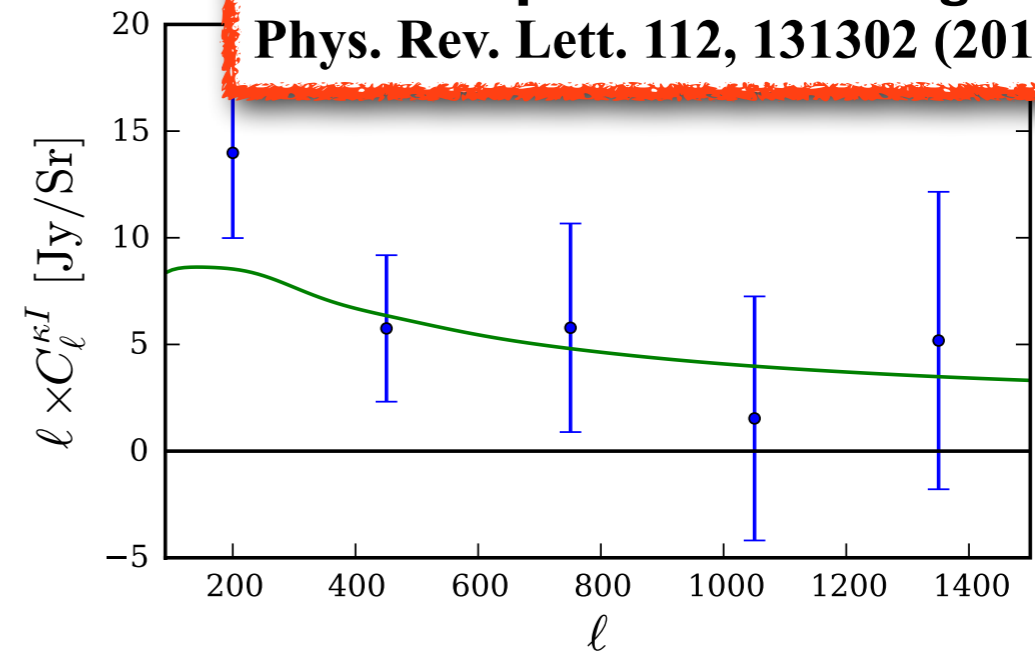


# Cosmological results from the first season

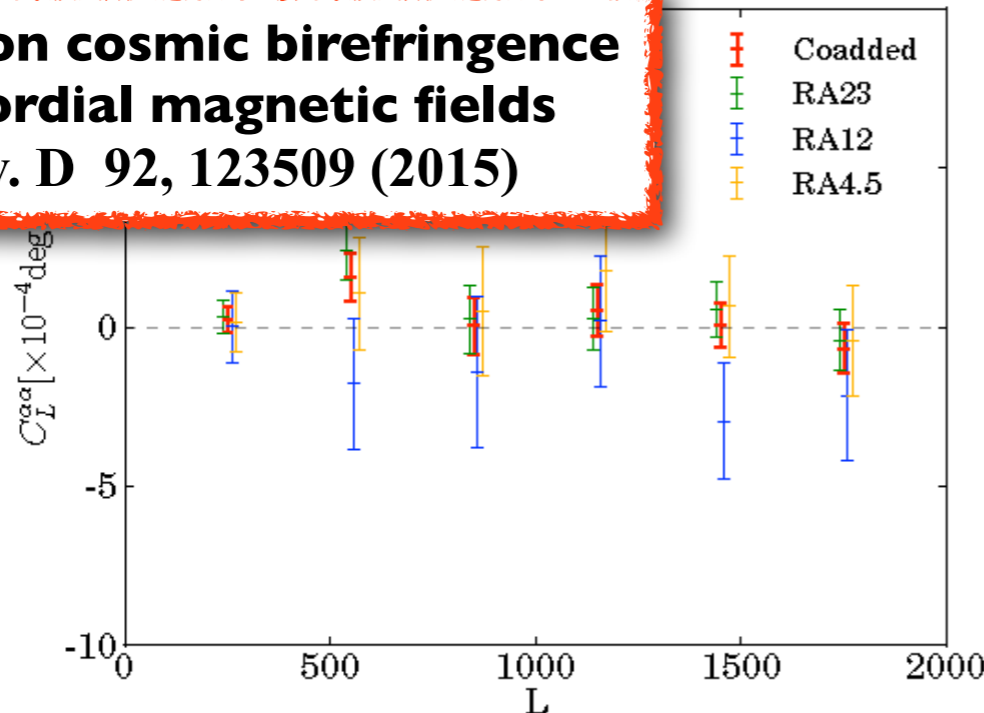
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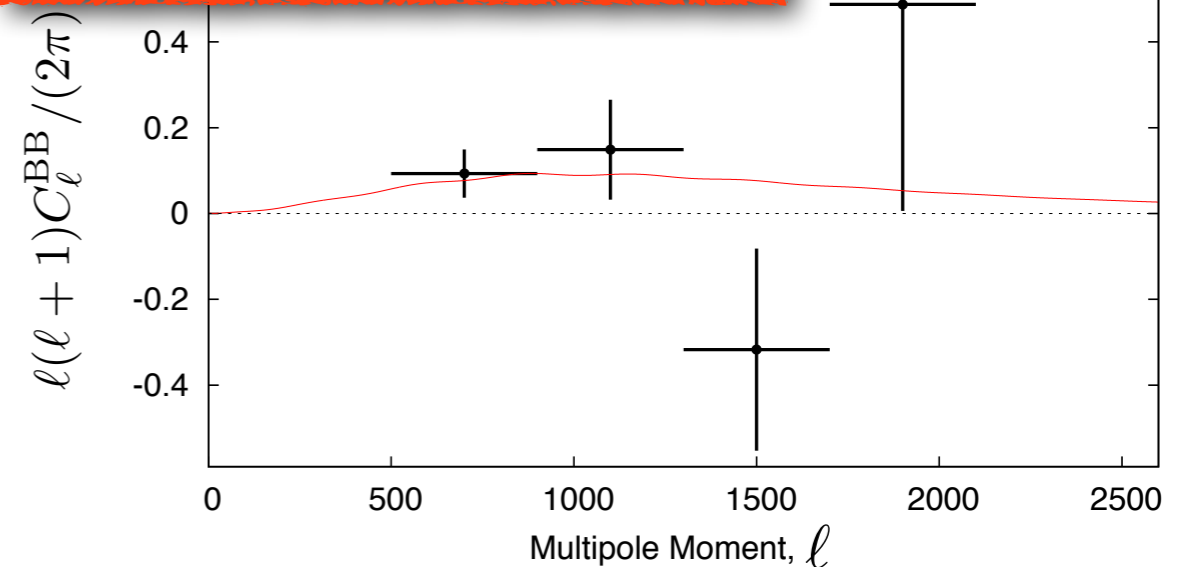
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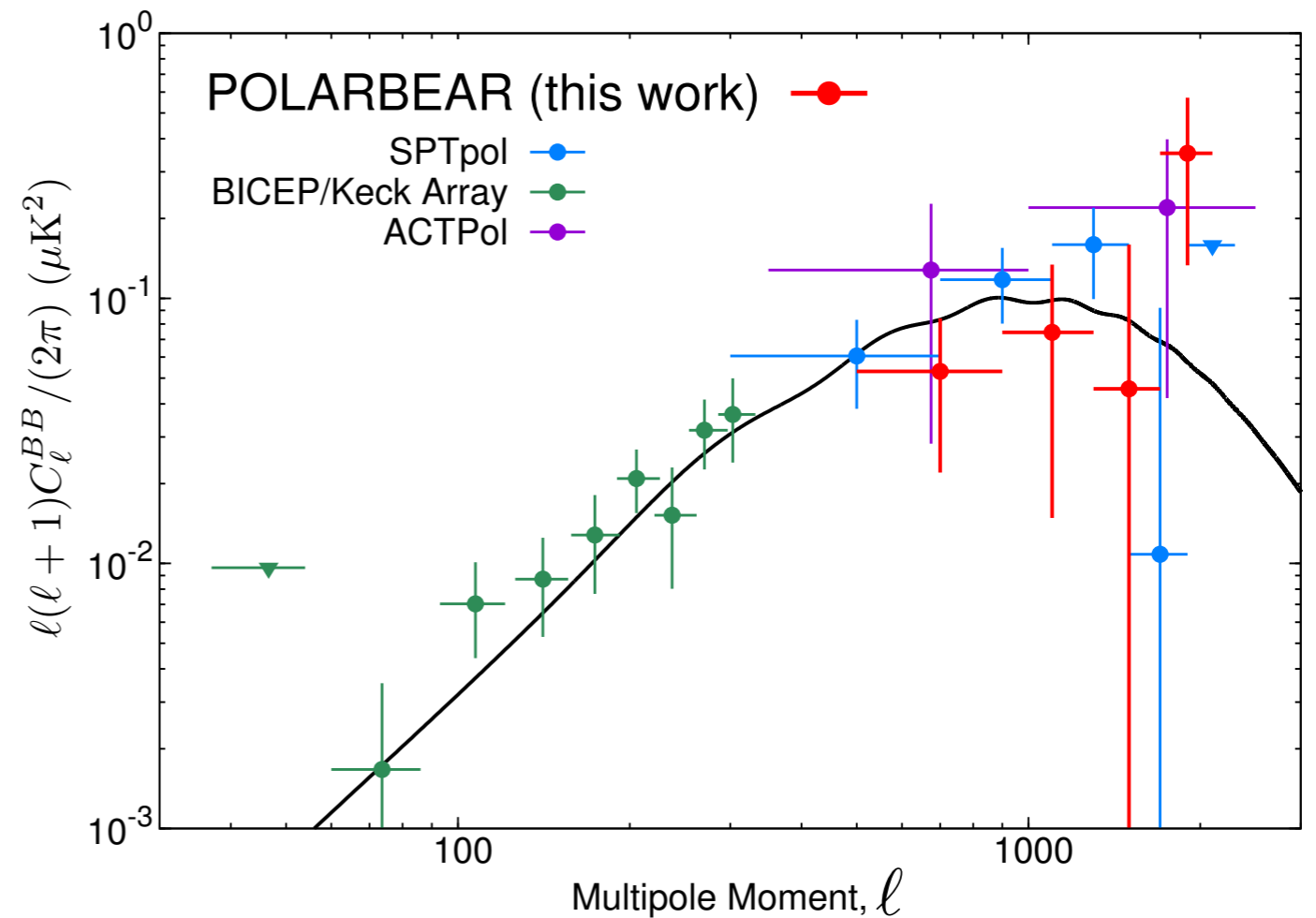
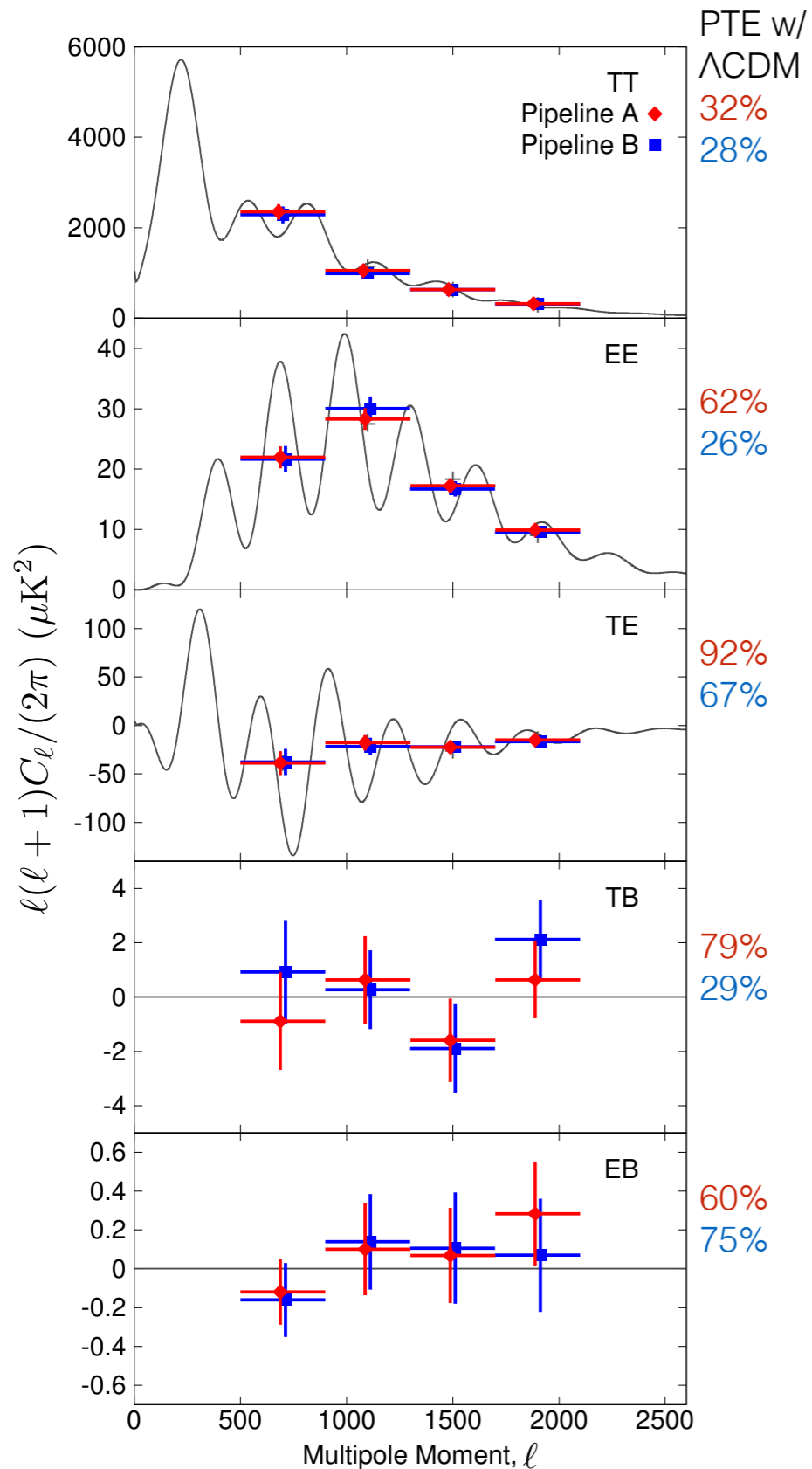
**Constraint on cosmic birefringence and primordial magnetic fields**  
 Phys. Rev. D 92, 123509 (2015)



**97.5% c.l. B-modes direct evidence of B-modes**  
 Astrophysical J. 794, 171 (2014)



# First and second season power spectra



**Sensitivity** doubled compared to the first season

- 61% more data
- improved calibration
- improved uncertainty estimate

**Significance:**  $3.1 \sigma$  rejection of the null hypothesis of no B modes

# The future

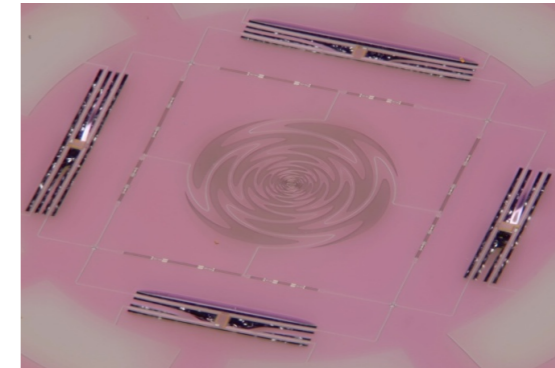
Since May 2014, **large patch** observation

- ▶ ~700 deg<sup>2</sup> patch
- ▶ Access to primordial B-modes

End of 2017: **POLARBEAR 2**

New telescope and receiver

- ▶ 7,588 detectors
- ▶ Multichroic pixels (95/150 GHz)



2018: **Simons Array**

New telescopes, 2 new PB2-like receivers

- ▶ 22,764 detectors
- ▶ 95/150/220/270 GHz channel

$$\sigma(r = 0.1) = 6 \cdot 10^{-3} \quad \sigma(\Sigma m_\nu = 0) = 40\text{meV}$$



**Simons Observatory**

- ▶ Merge POLARBEAR and ACT Collaboration
- ▶ 5 year \$45M+ program for key CMB science



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- inflation
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- and much more

Challenging measure:

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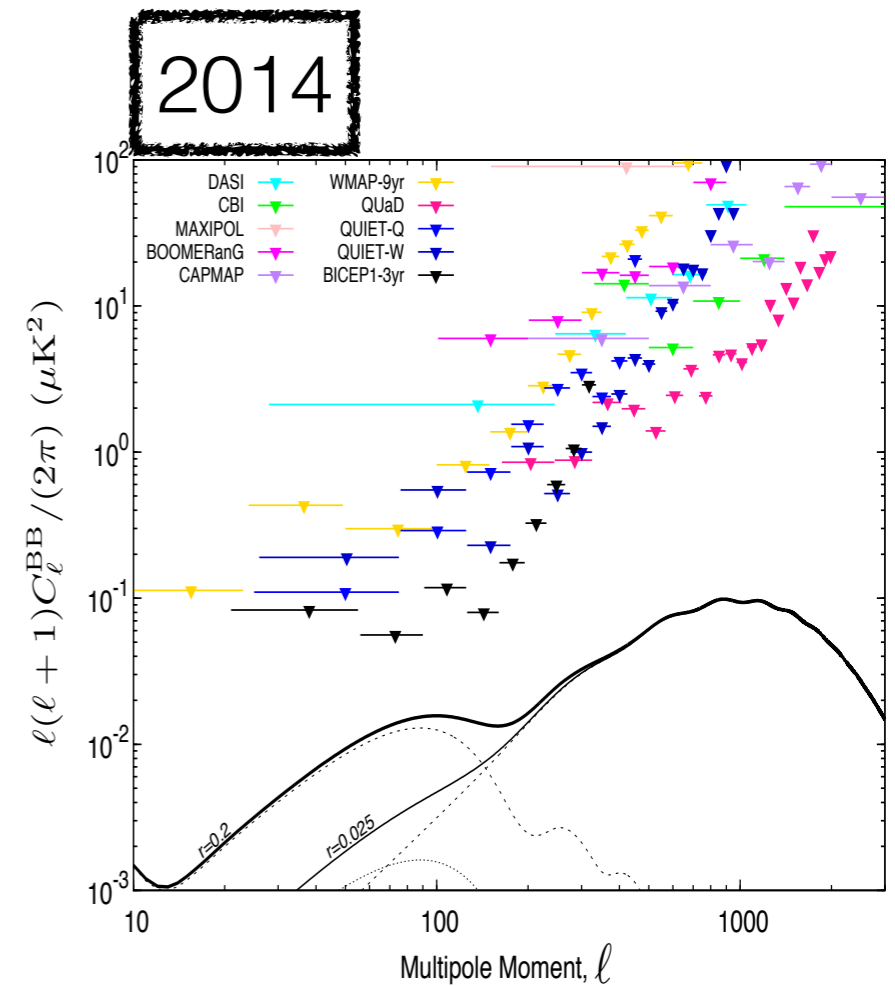
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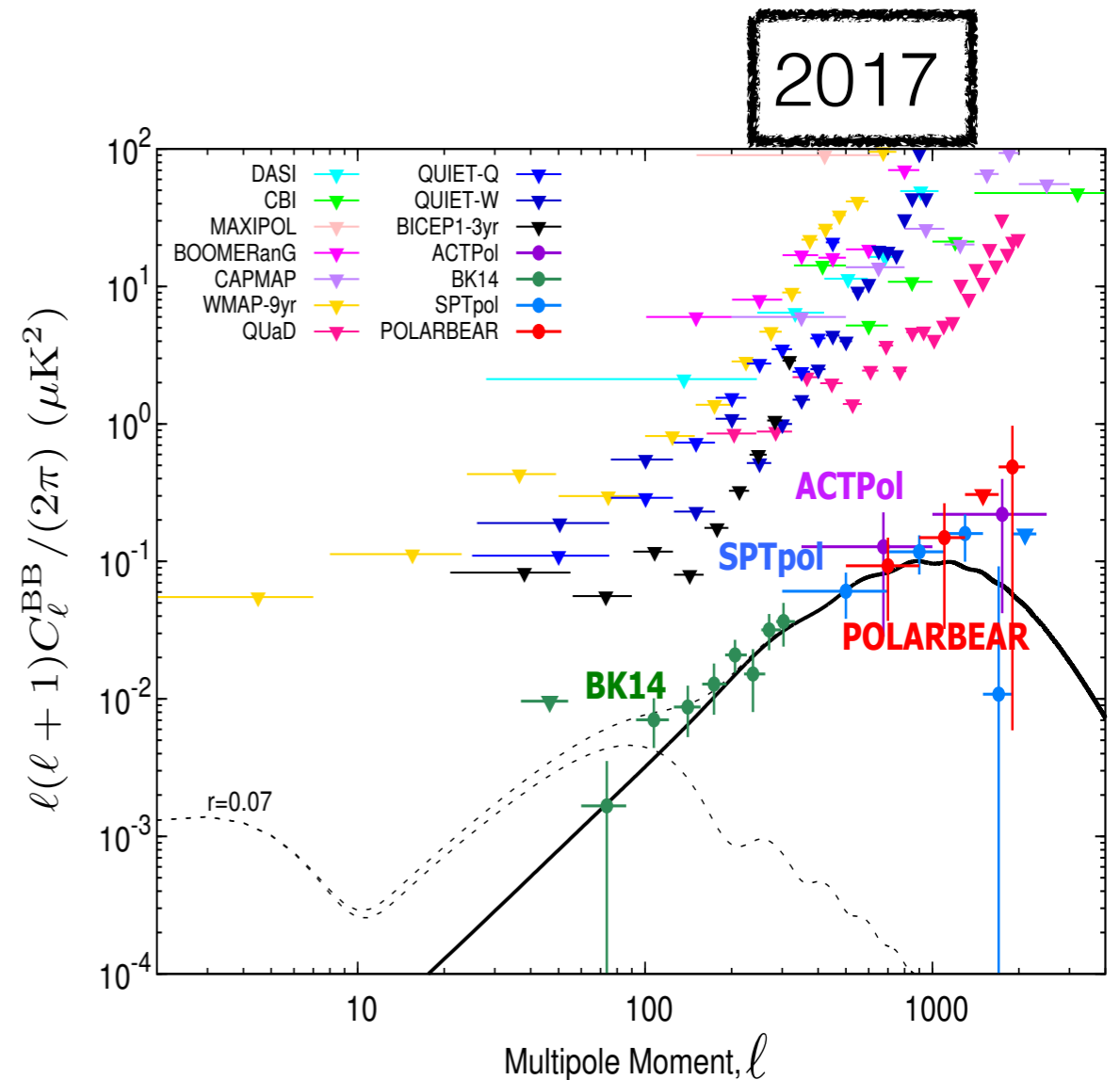
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From B-mode detection to  
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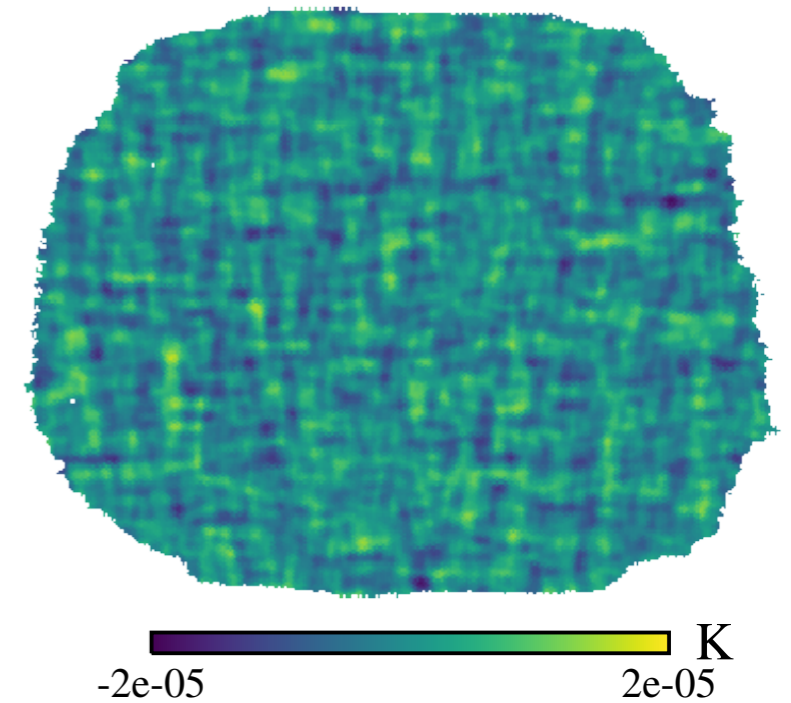
Plus measurements through  
cross-correlation!

- SPTPol
- POLARBEAR
- ACTPol
- Planck

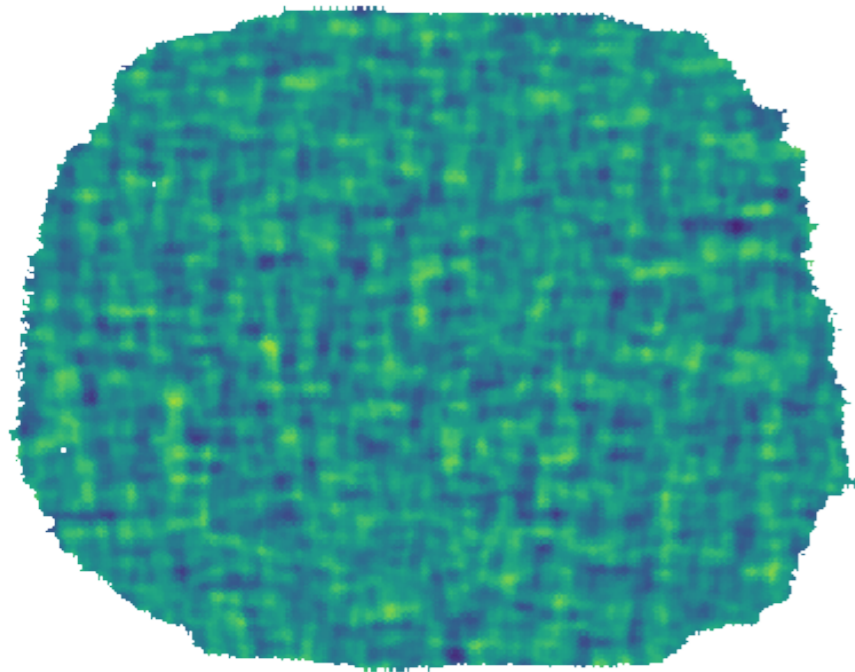
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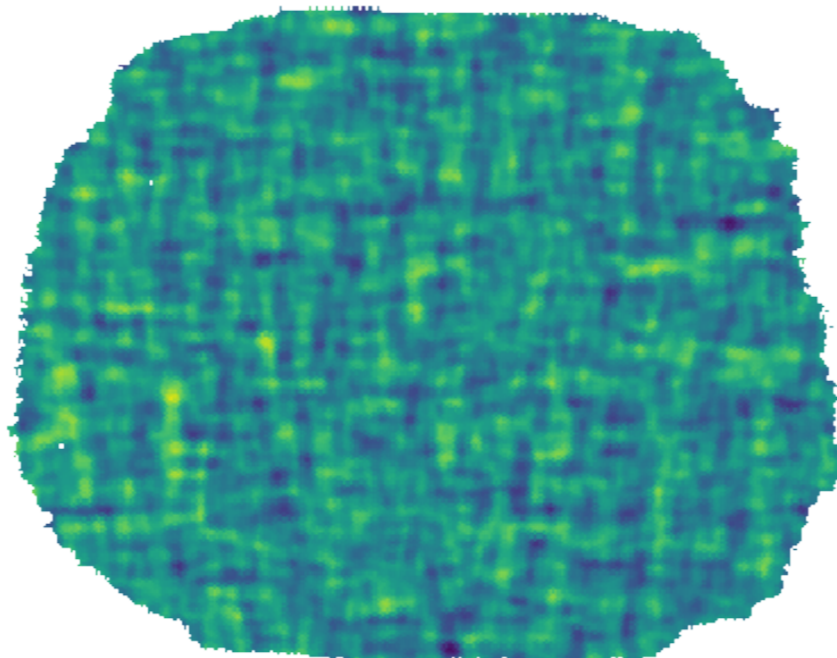
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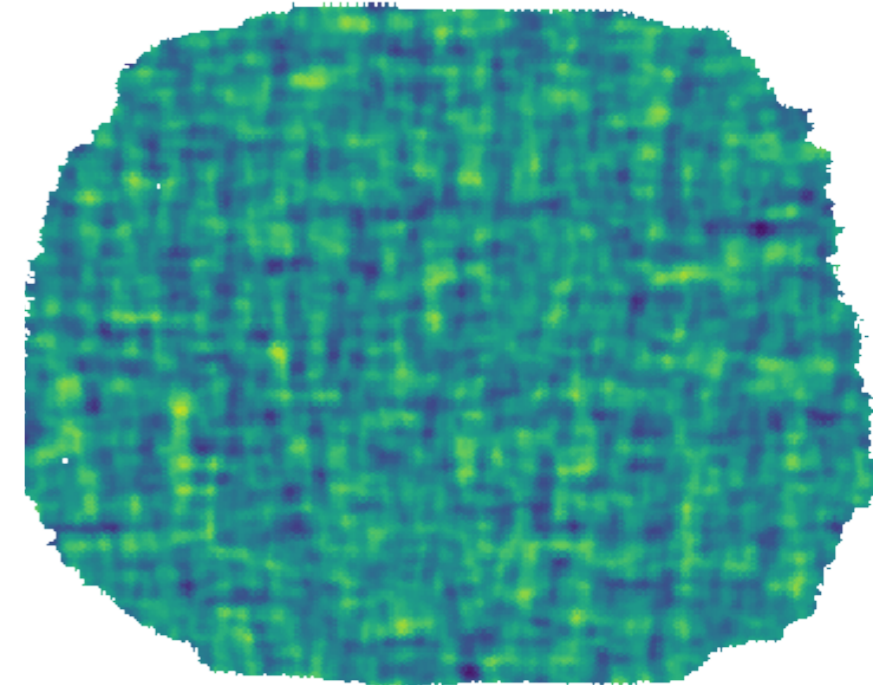
Biased estimator



Unbiased, PCG implementation



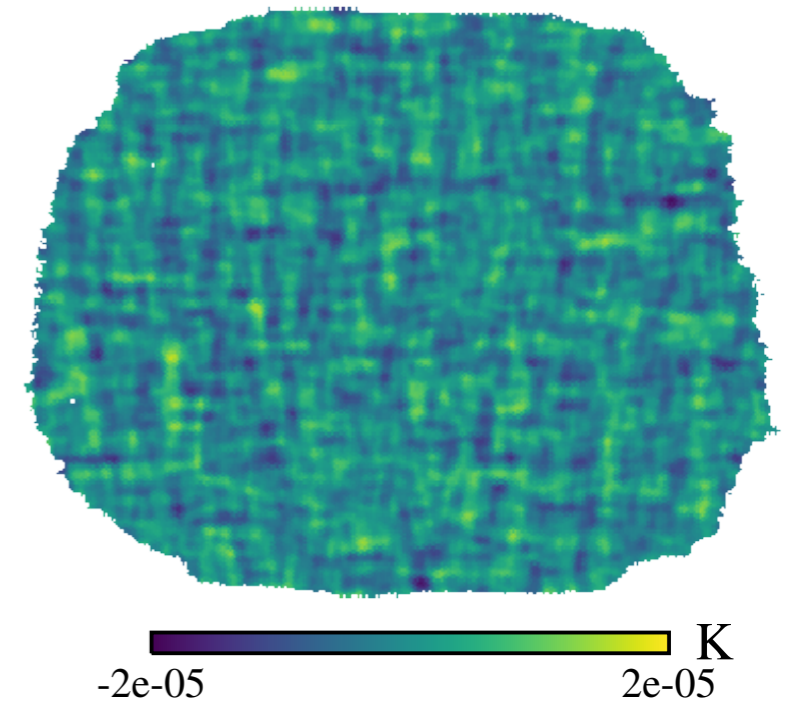
Unbiased explicit implementation  
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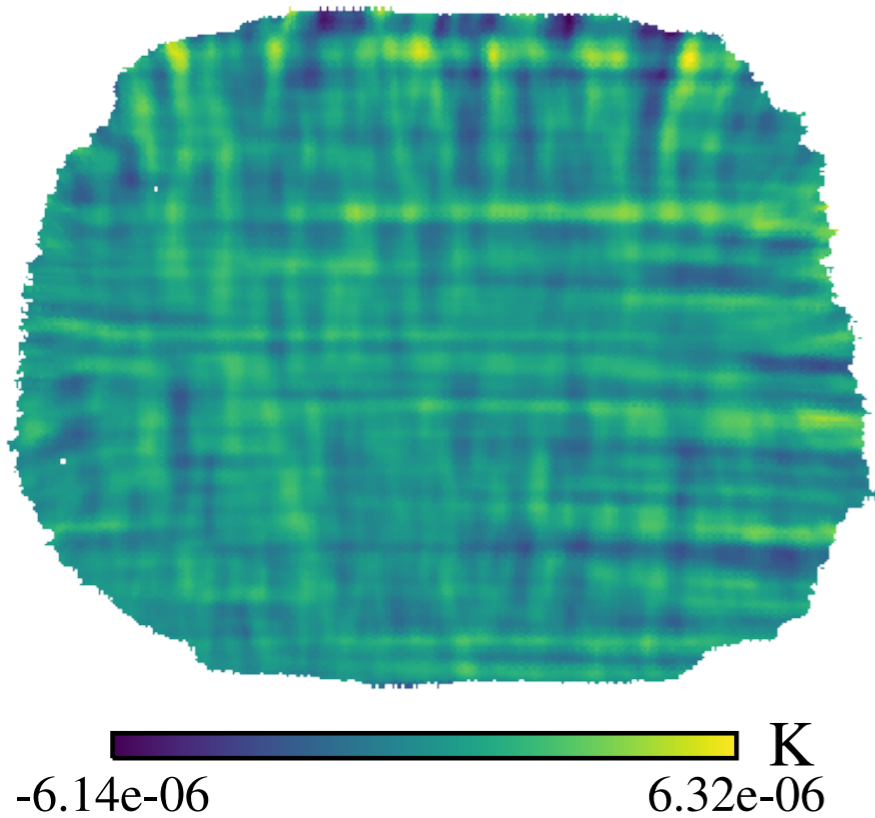


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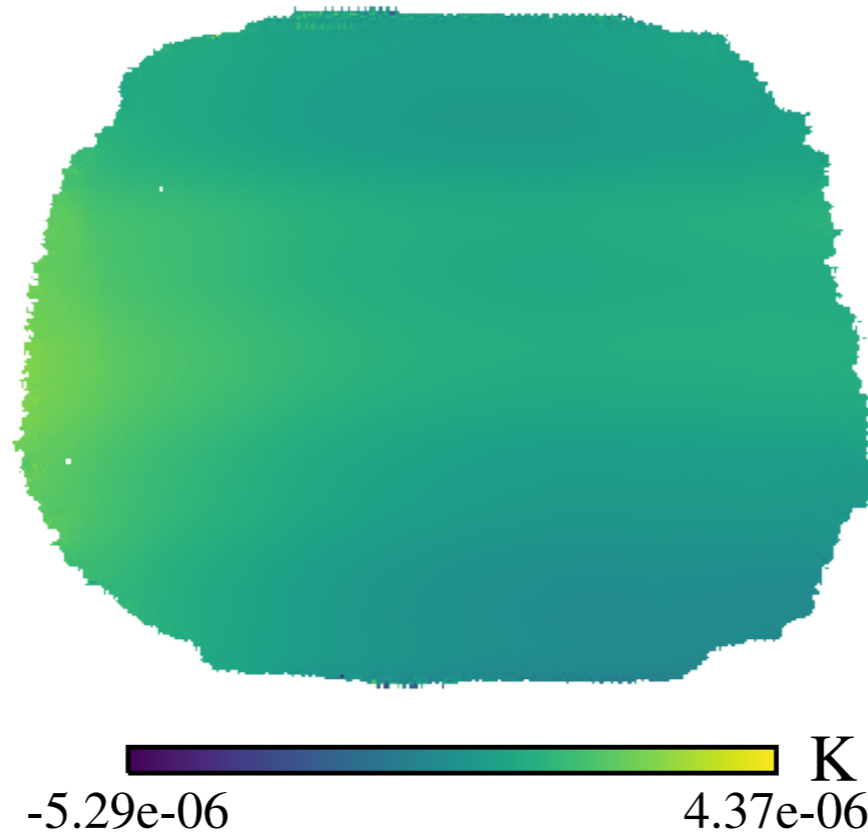
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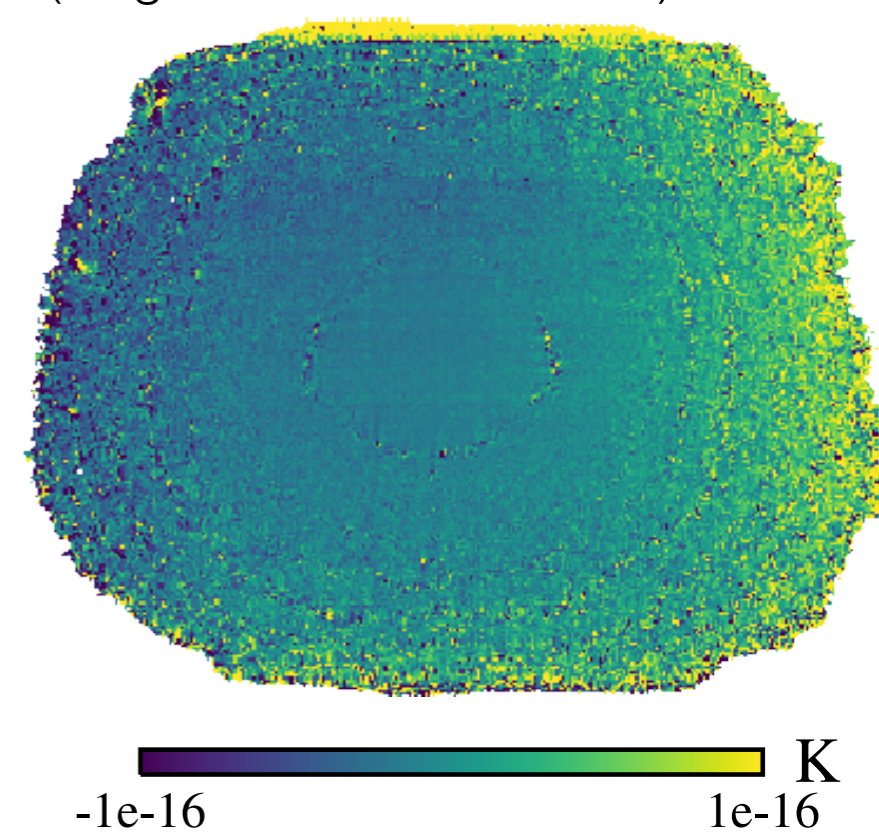
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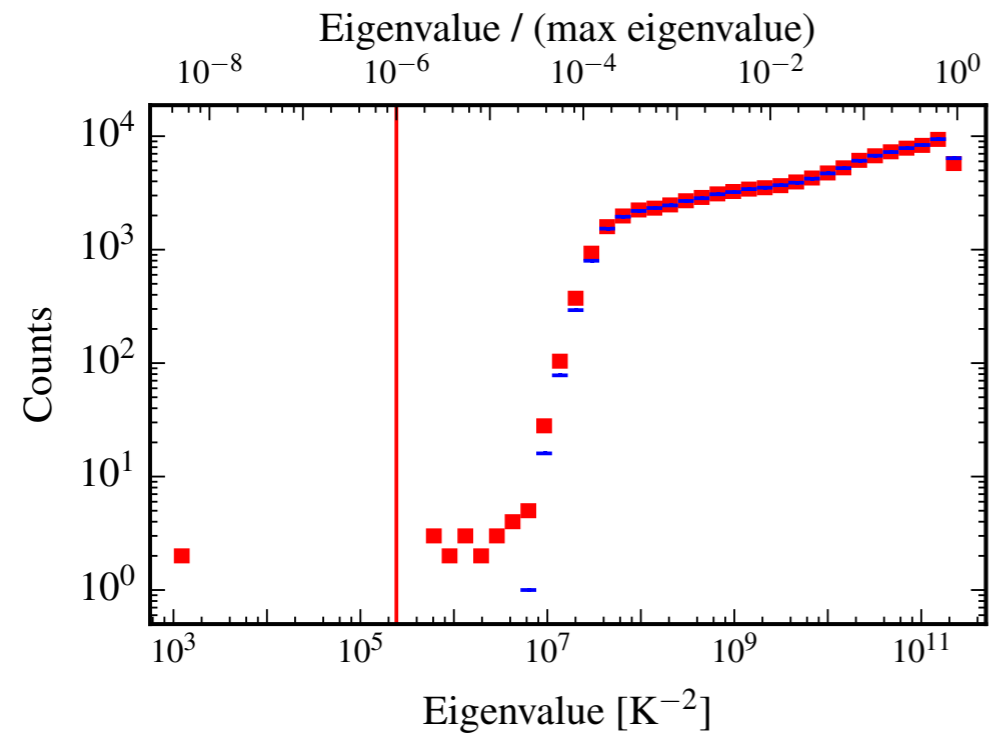
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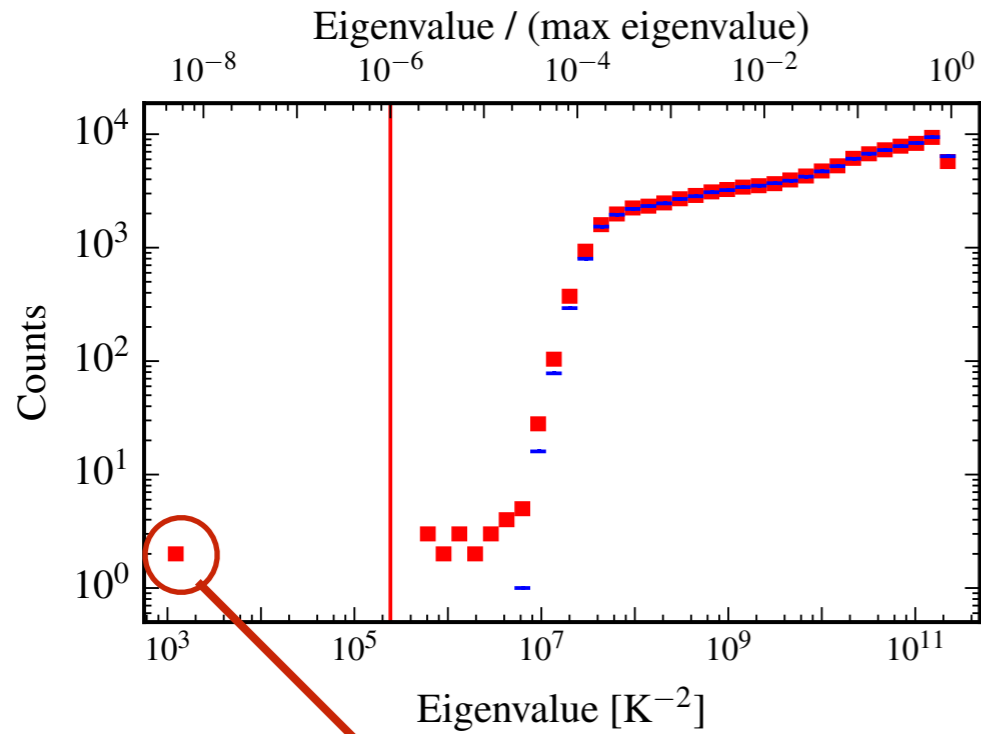
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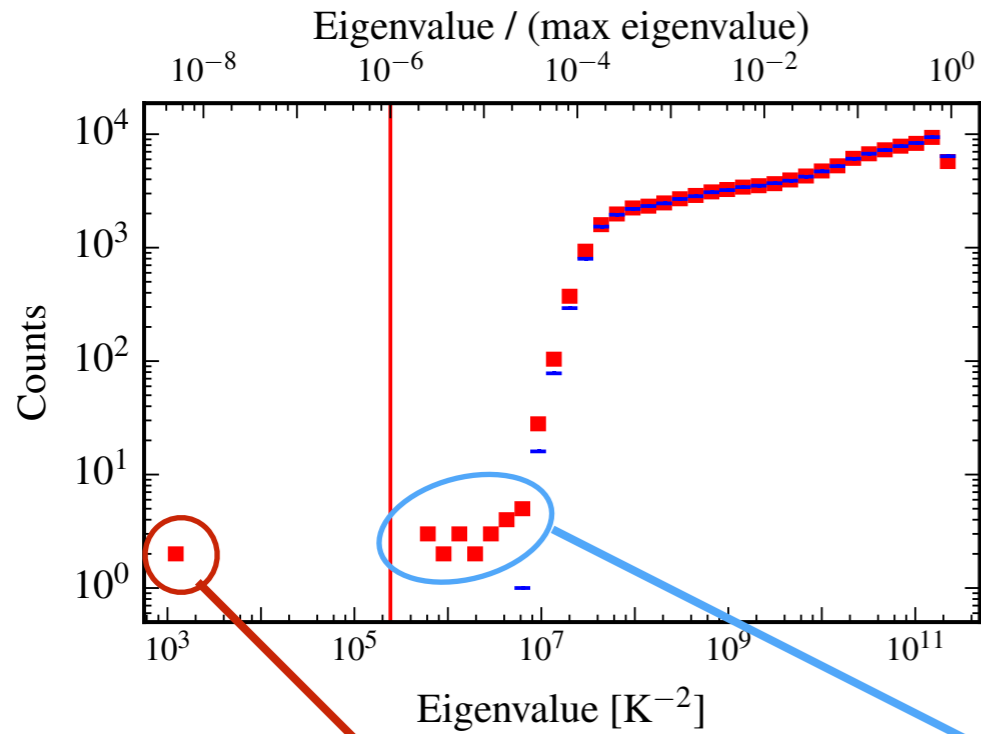
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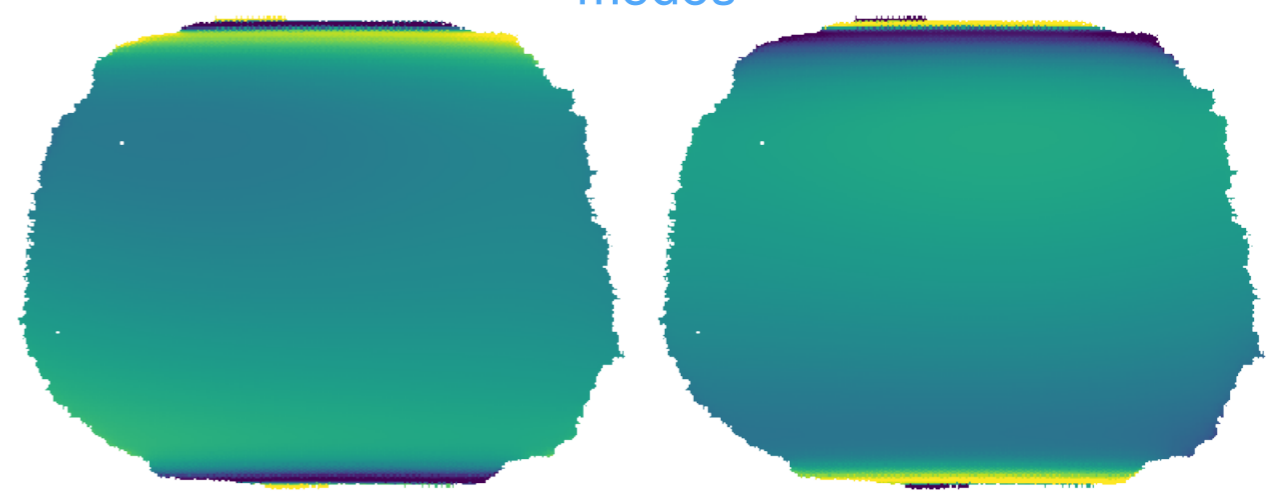
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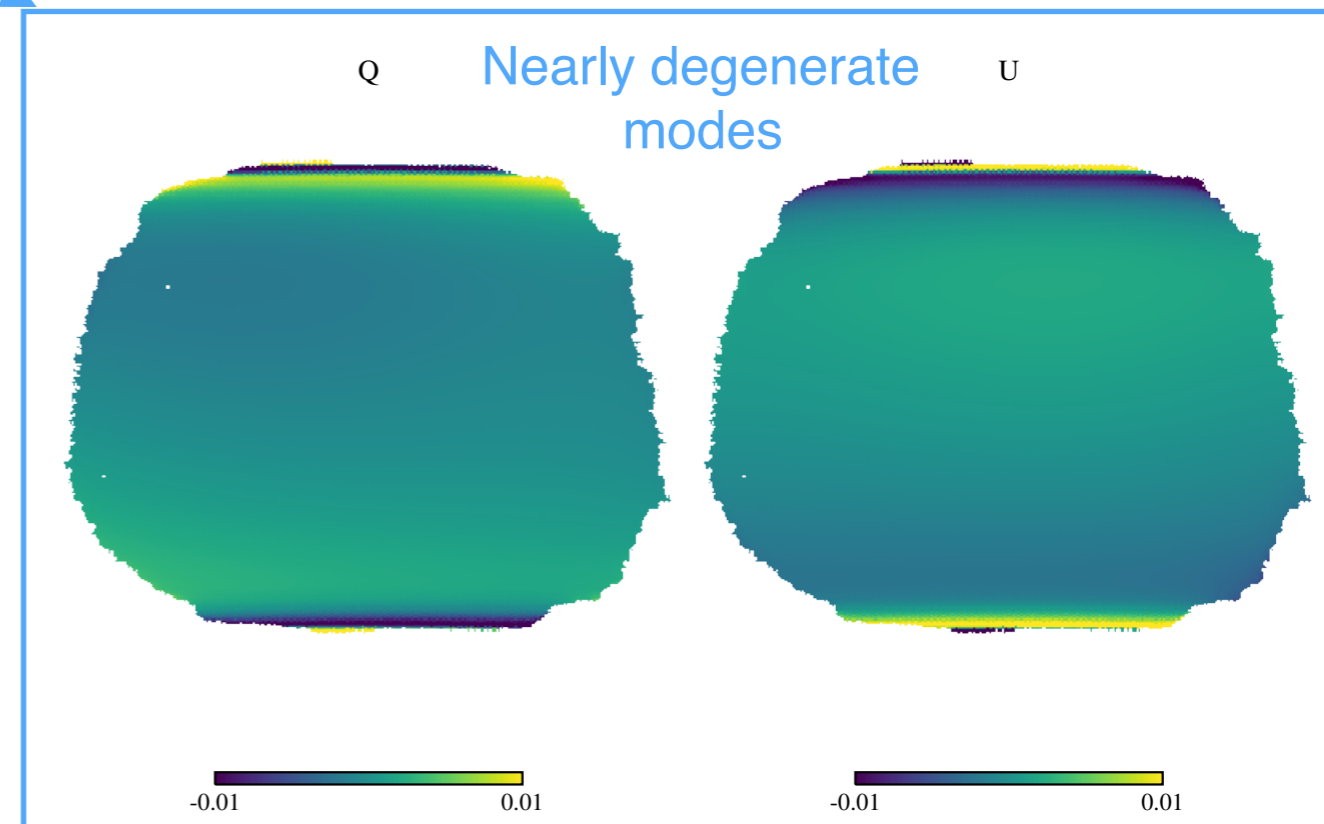
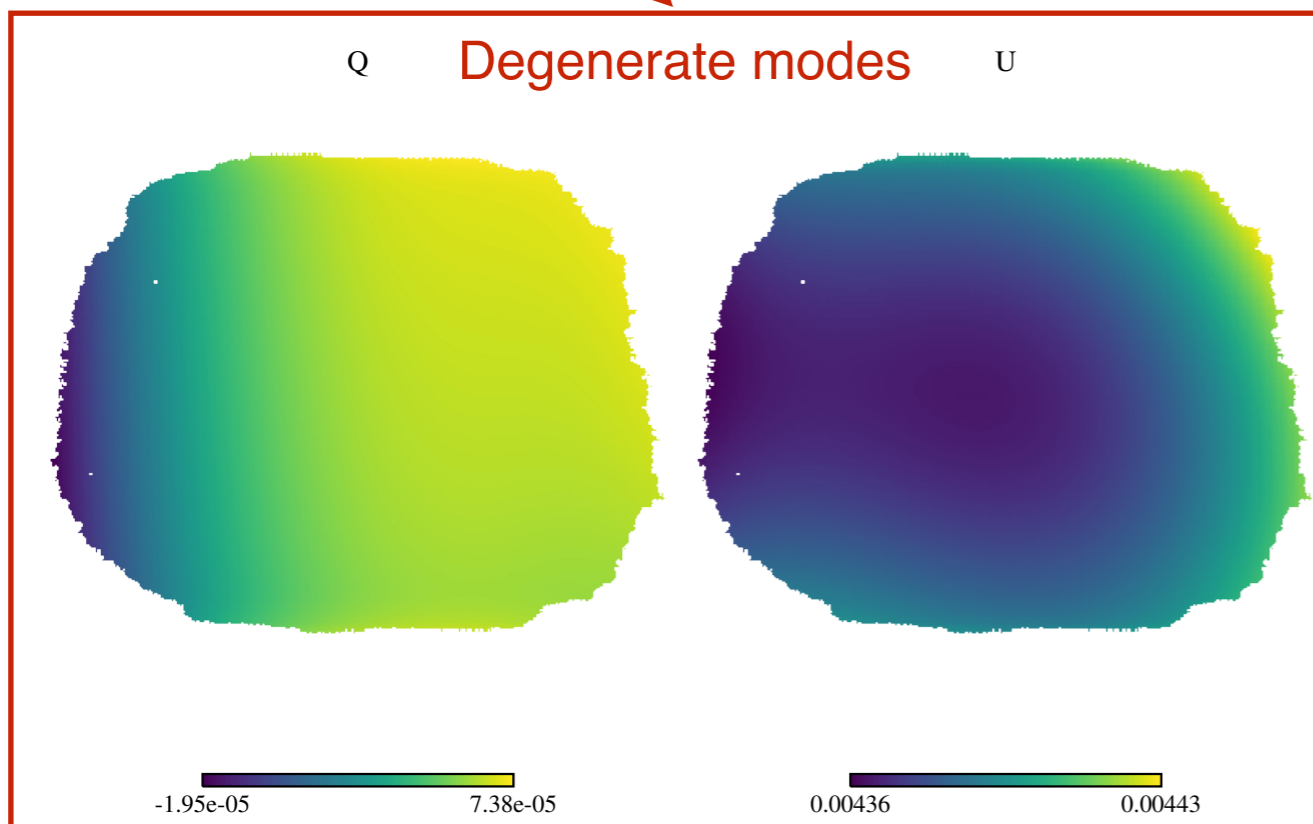
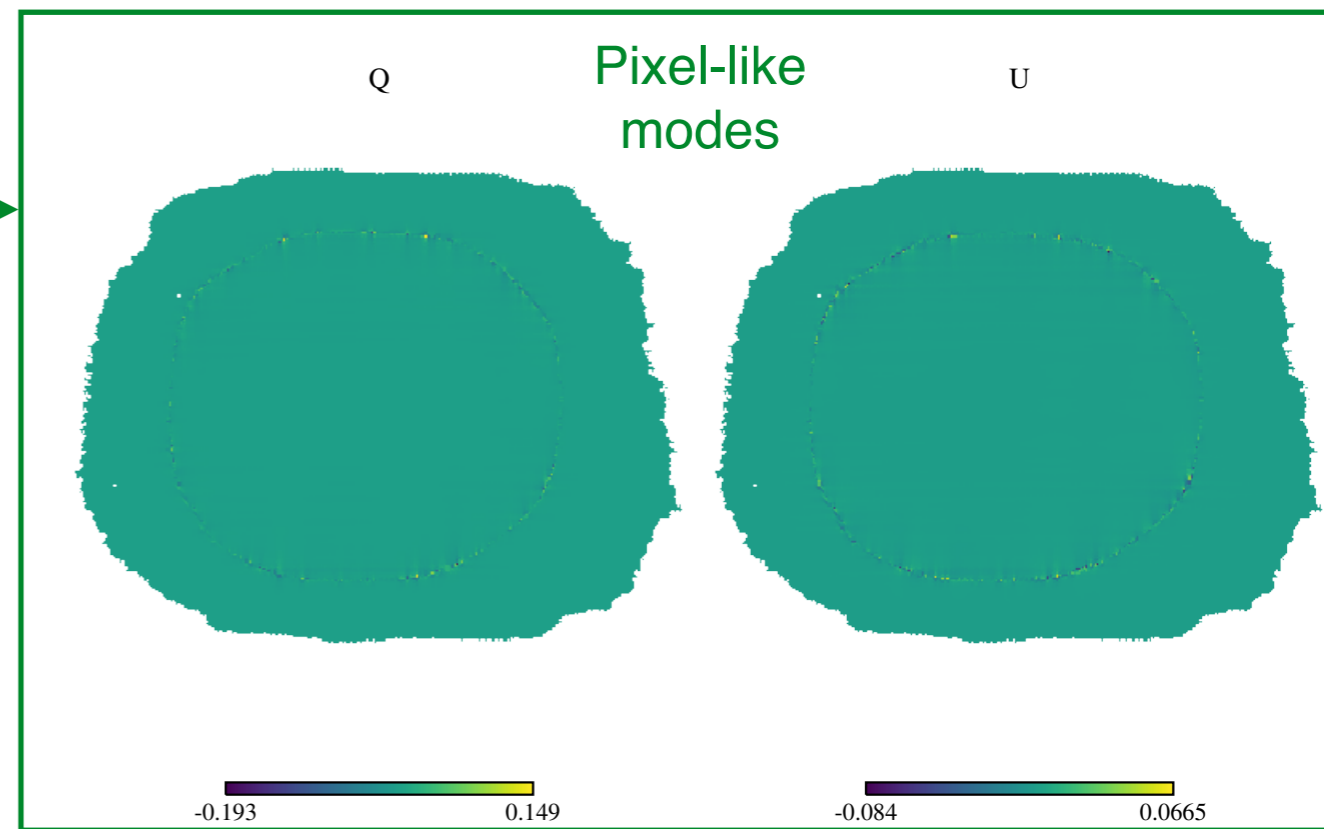
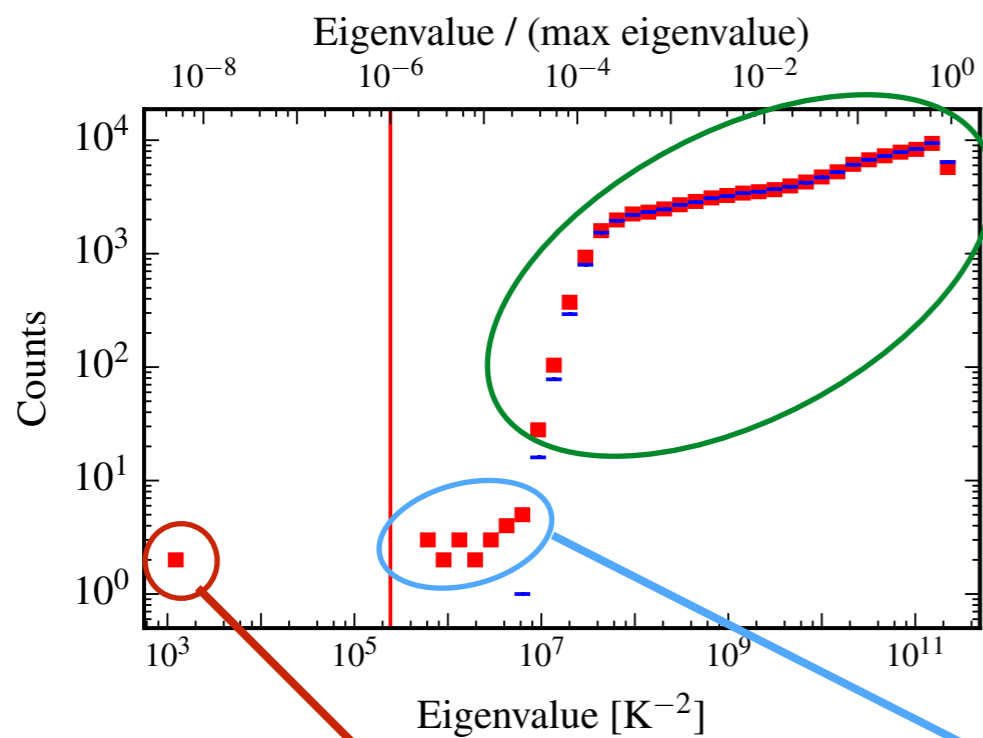
Q **Degenerate modes** U



Q **Nearly degenerate modes** U



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# Calibration

## POINTING

Parametric model fitted with observations of known point-like sources

27'' (30'') measured pointing accuracy for season 1 (season 2)

## BEAM

Dedicated observations of Jupiter

Gaussian core w/  $3'.5 \pm 0'.1$  FWHM

5% median ellipticity

(1.6% for same focal plane pixels)

## POLARIZATION ANGLE

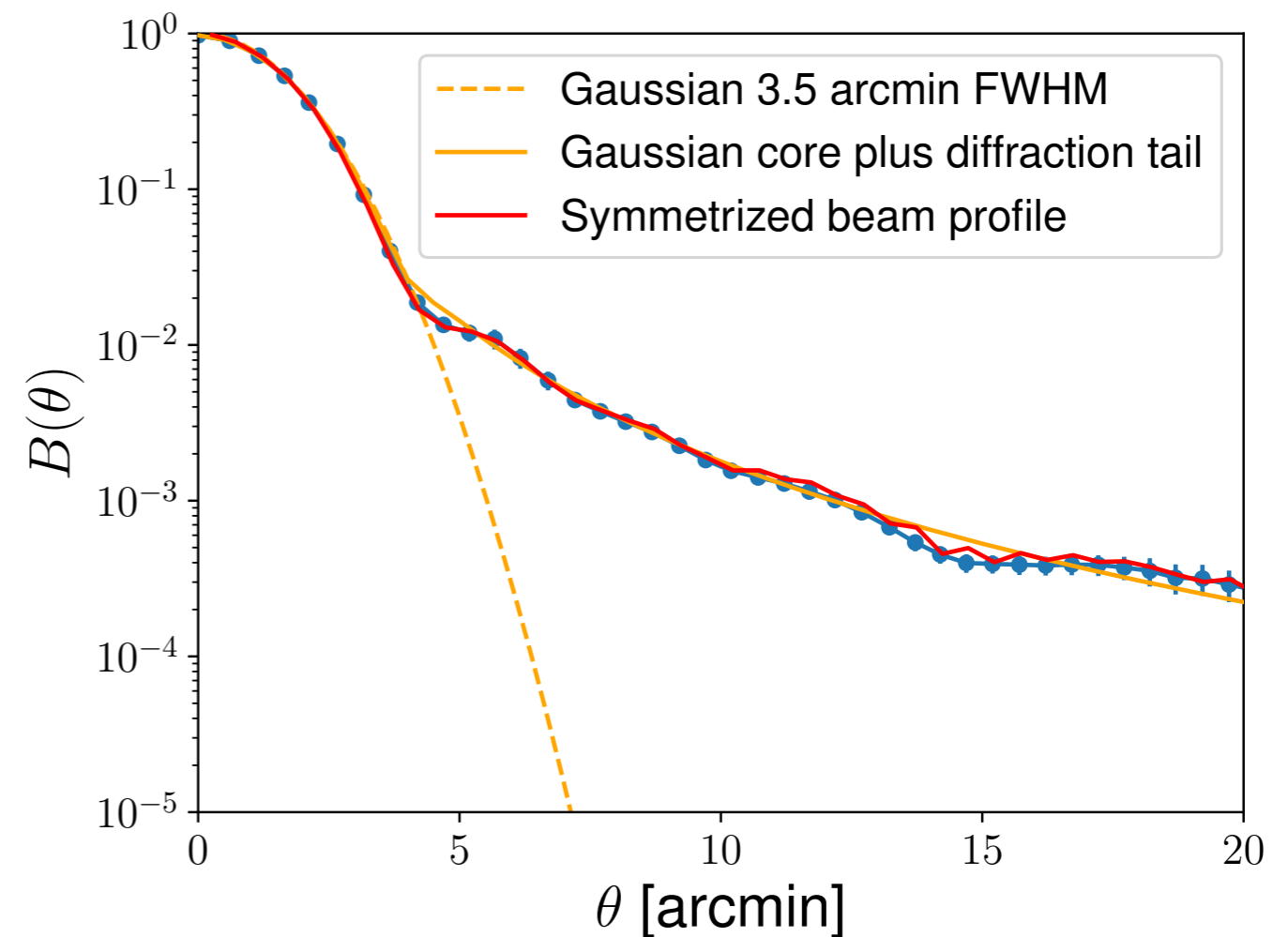
Fit POLARBEAR Tau A reconstruction to IRAM Tau A polarization map.

Polarization angle further constrained assuming zero EB power spectrum

## GAIN

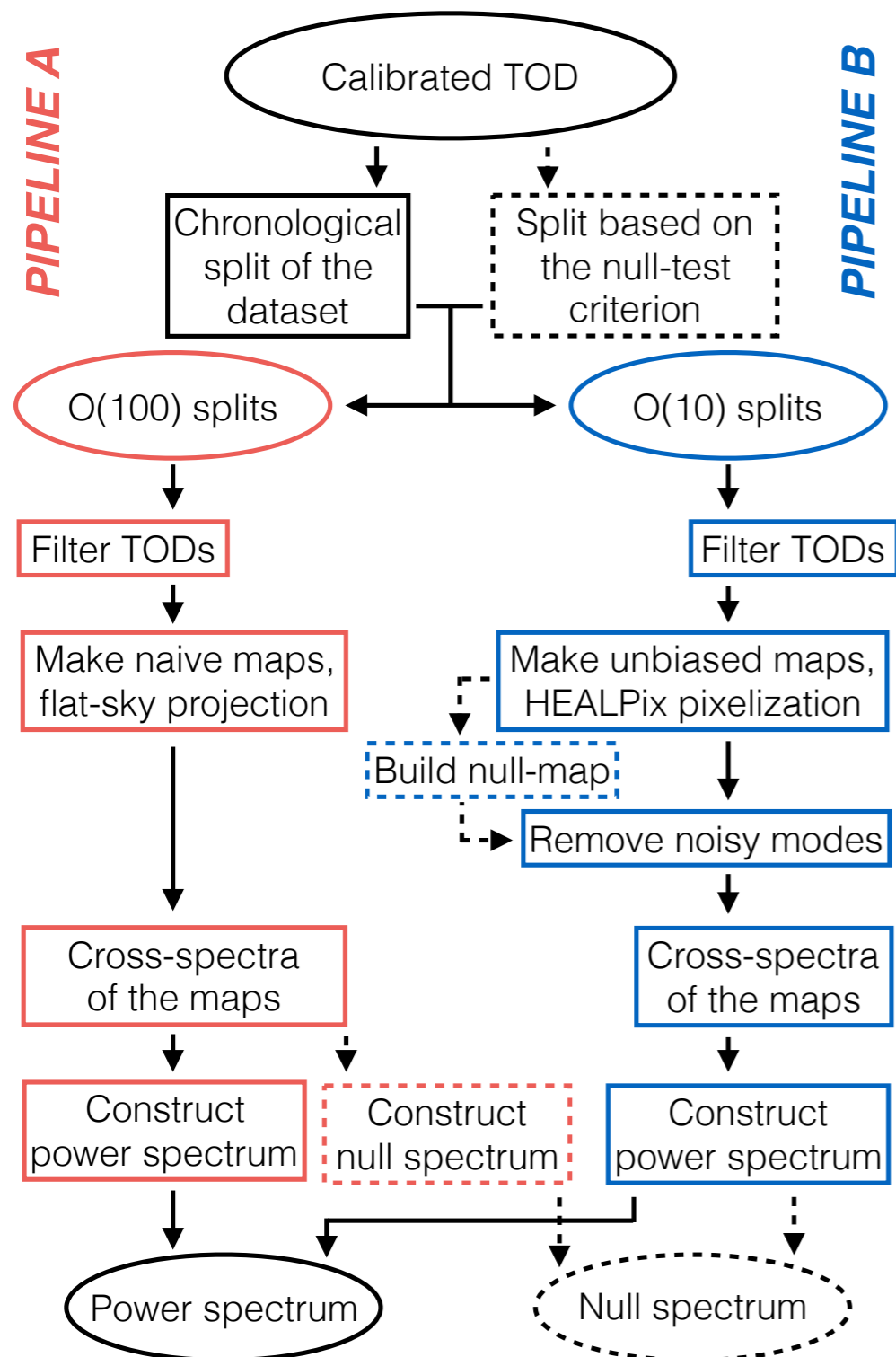
Internal thermal source and Saturn observation: relative calibration

Fit CMB temperature anisotropies to those measured by Planck



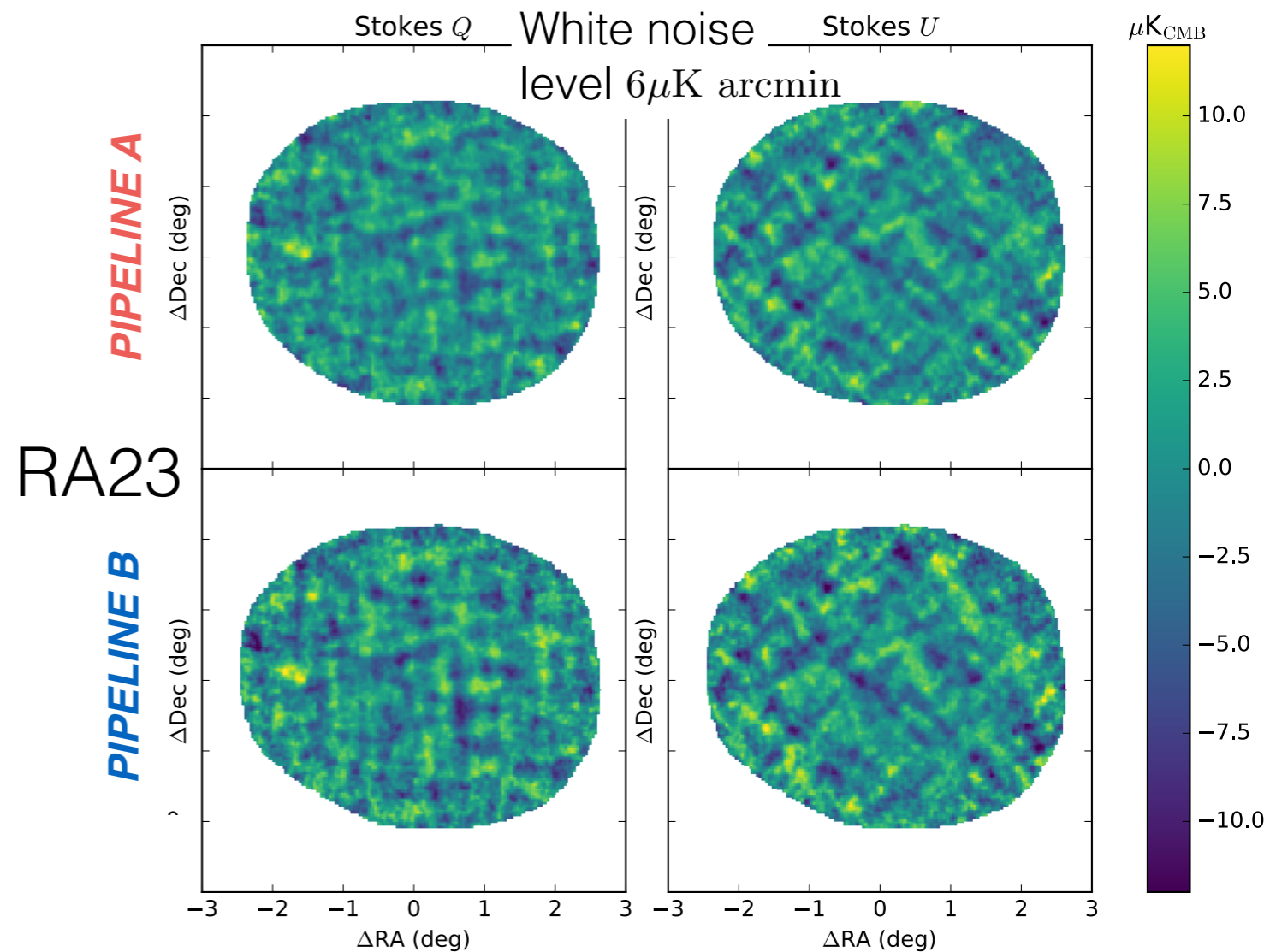
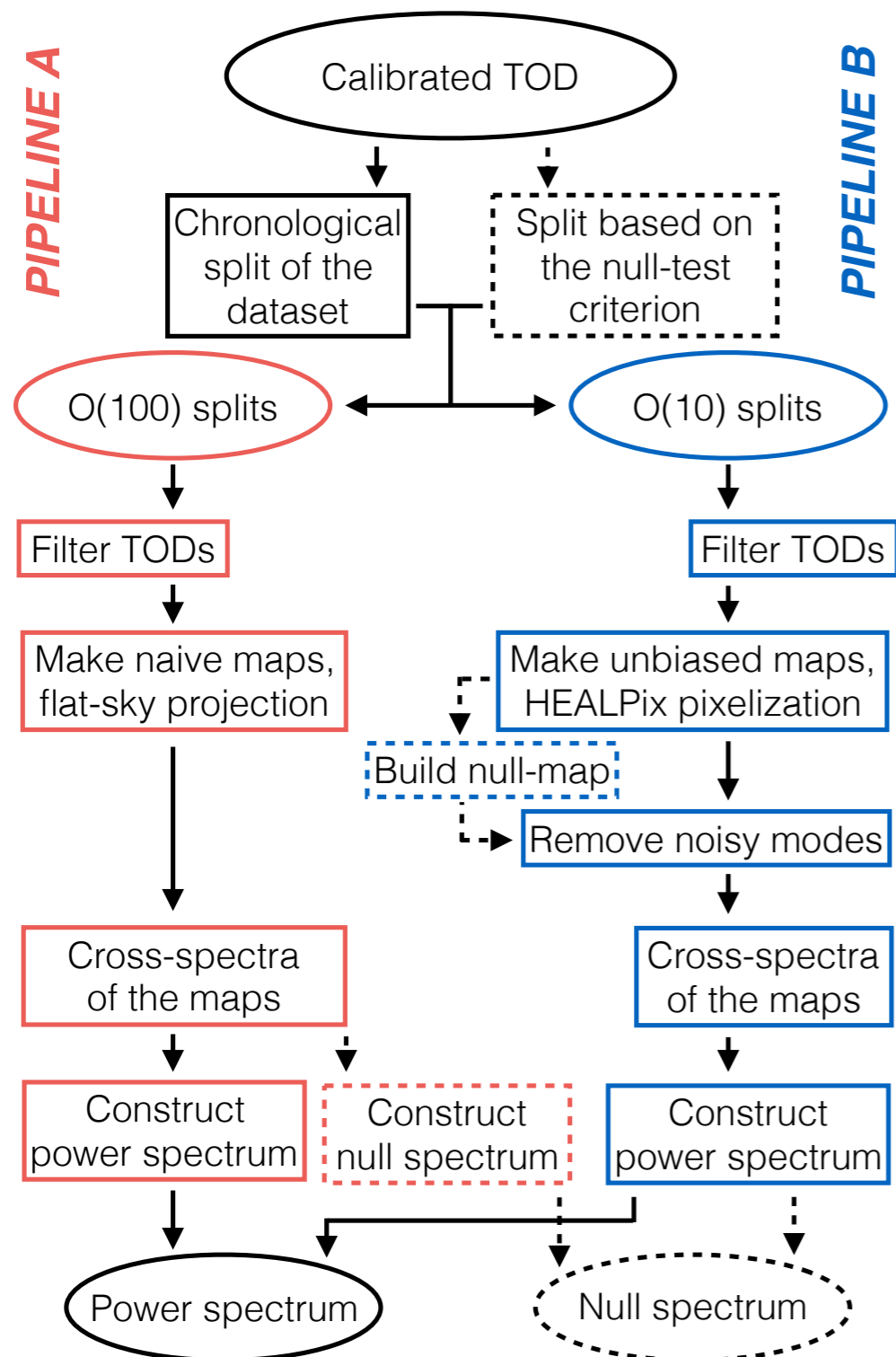
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Two independent pipelines compress TOD into maps and power spectra



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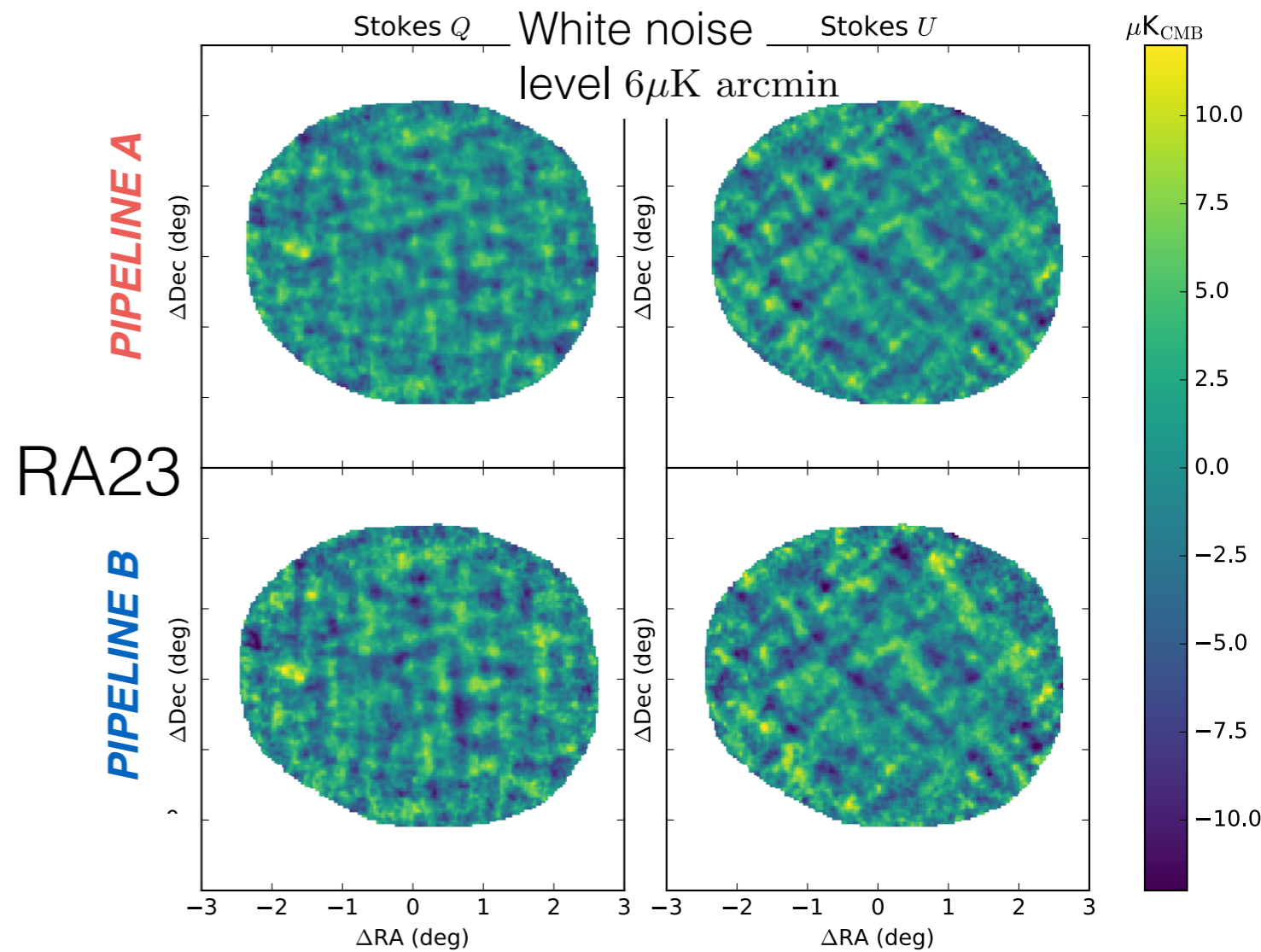
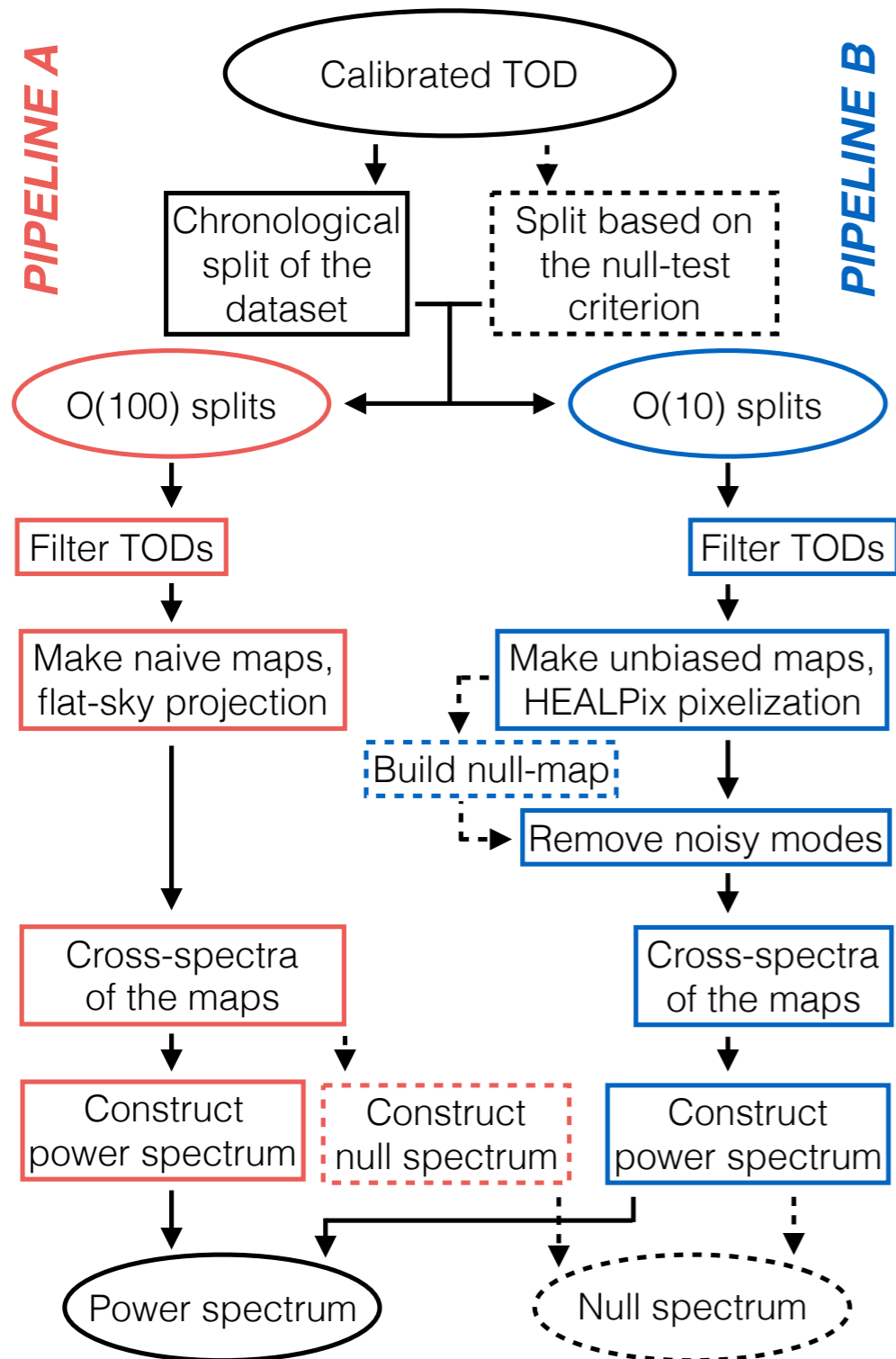
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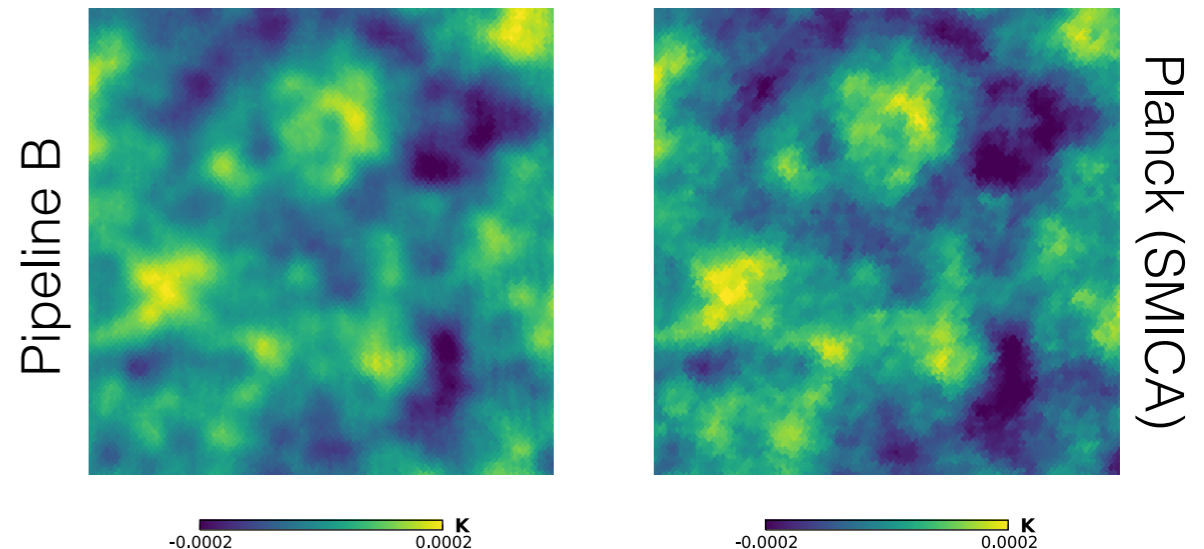


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RA23  
Stokes T  
 $3^\circ \times 3^\circ$   
center



# Validation

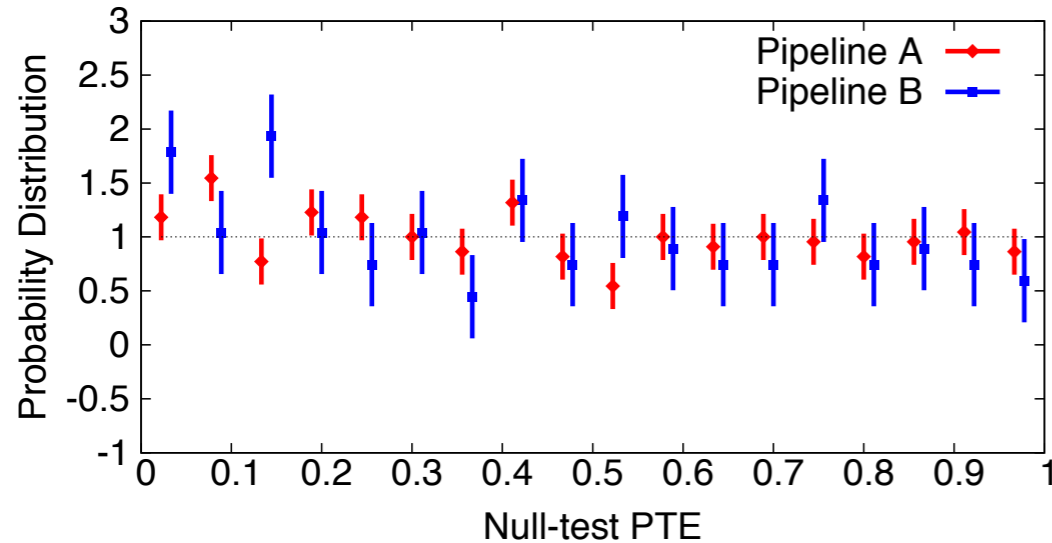
*Blind policy*

Data selection and quality assessment before inspecting the BB power spectrum

## NULL TESTS

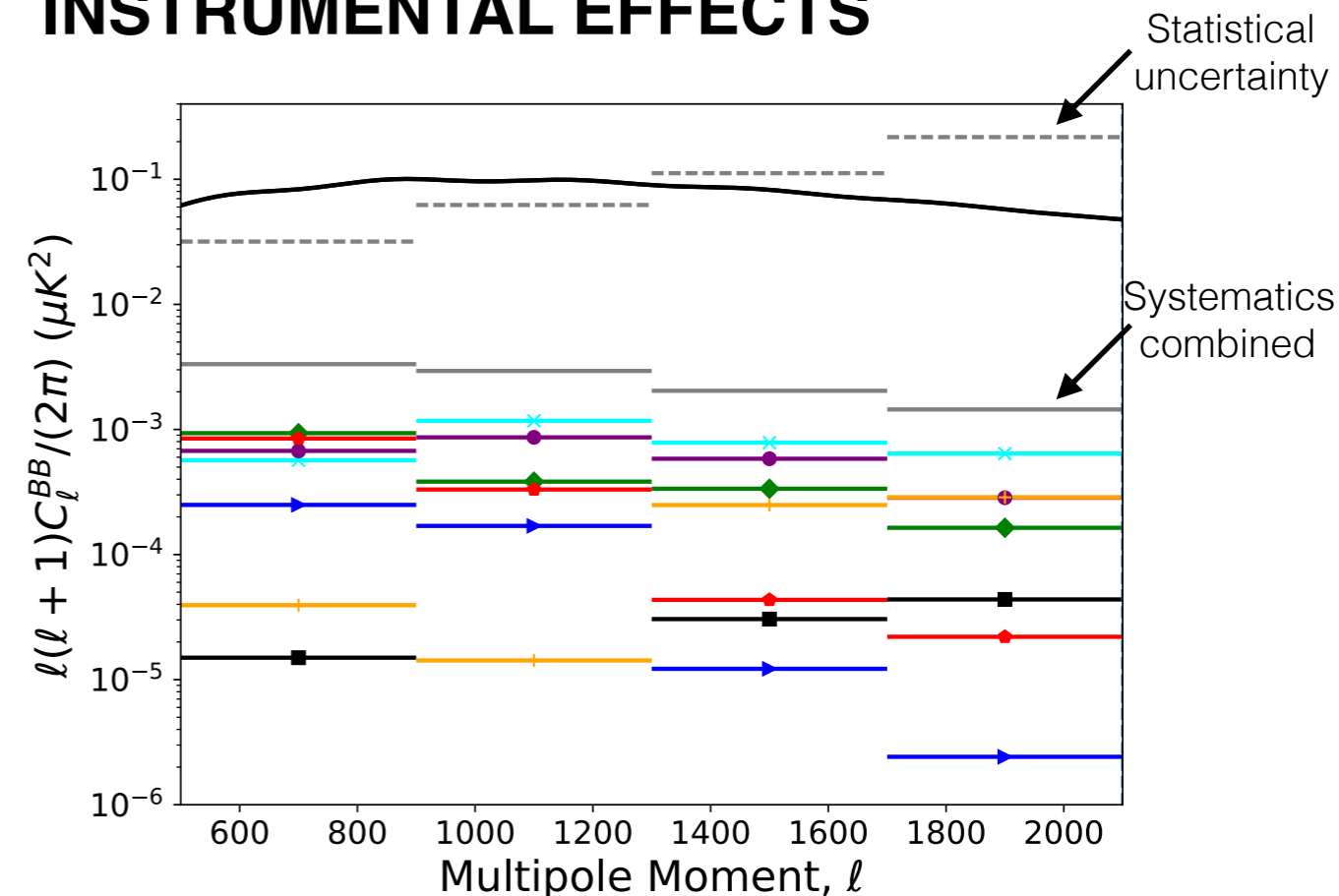
Systematics control and error-bars validation.

(temporal, weather, scan direction, calibration, sun or moon location...)



Compatible with flat distribution (i.e. the null spectra are compatible with the noise model)

## INSTRUMENTAL EFFECTS



End-to-end propagation of systematics.

Pixel polarization angle

Differential pointing

Gain drifts

Crosstalk

Differential beam ellipticity and shape.

# Foregrounds

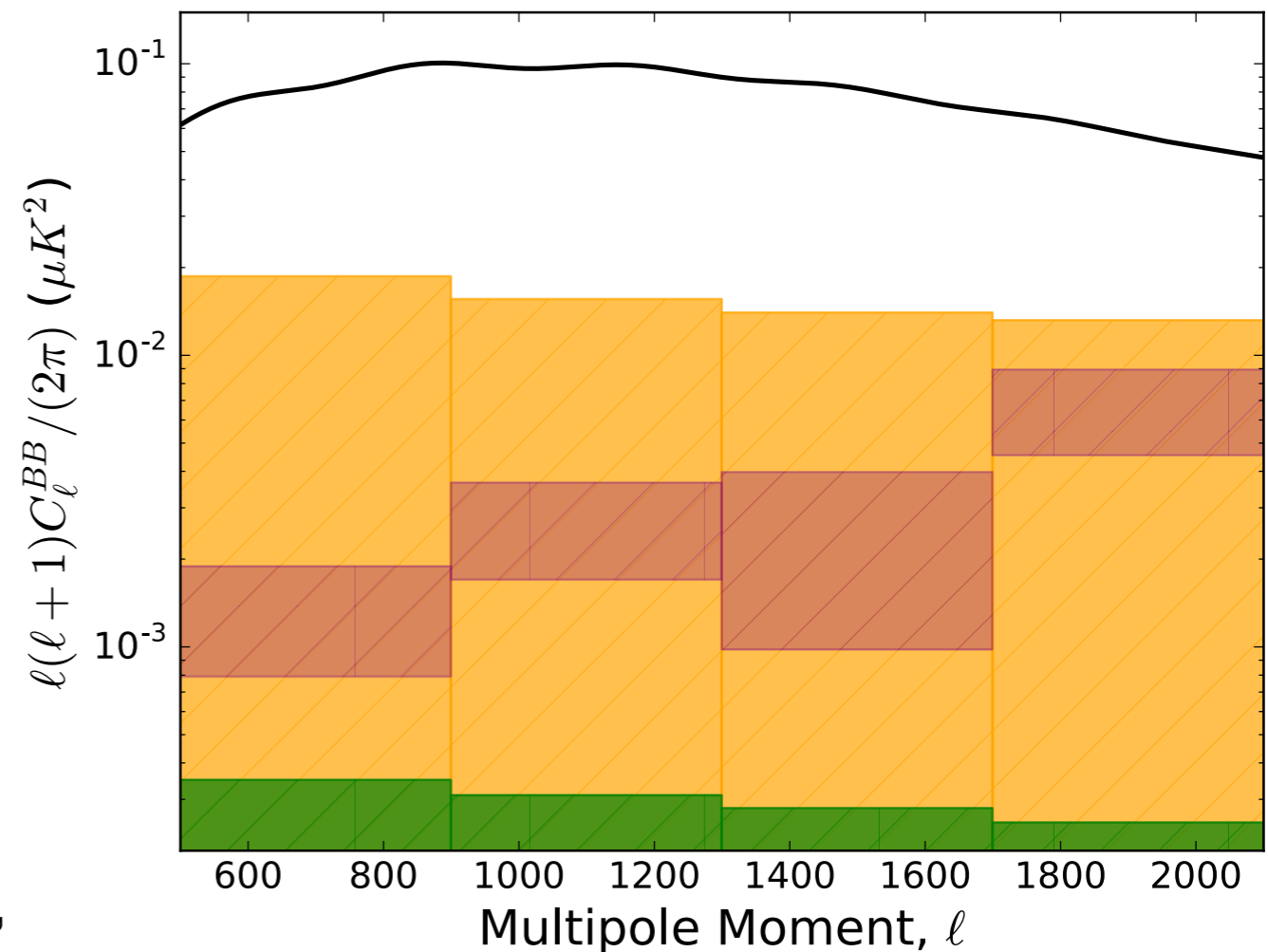
## Diffuse foregrounds

**Dust** and **synchrotron** are evaluated using Planck 353 GHz and 30 GHz and WMAP K-band polarization maps.

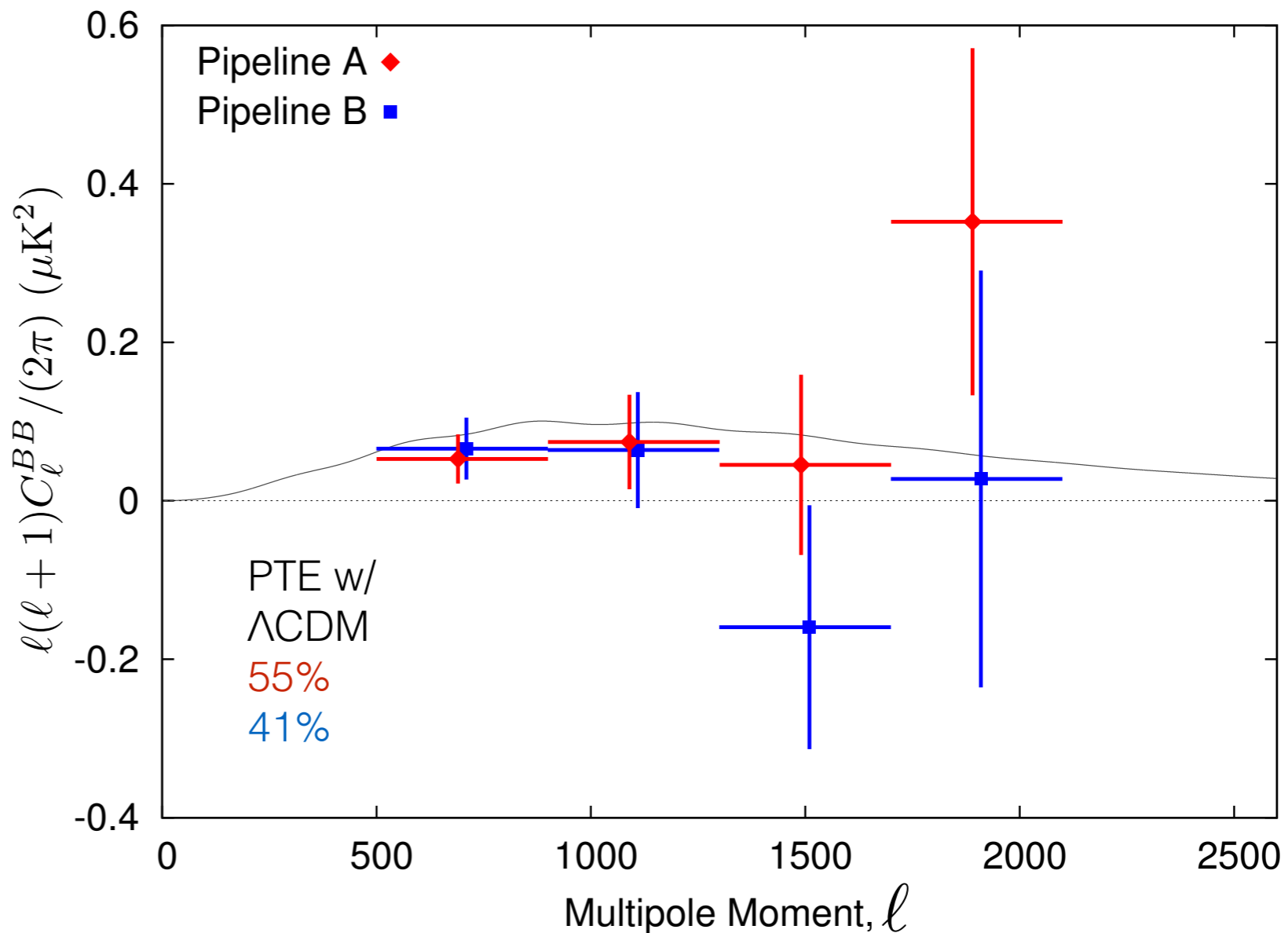
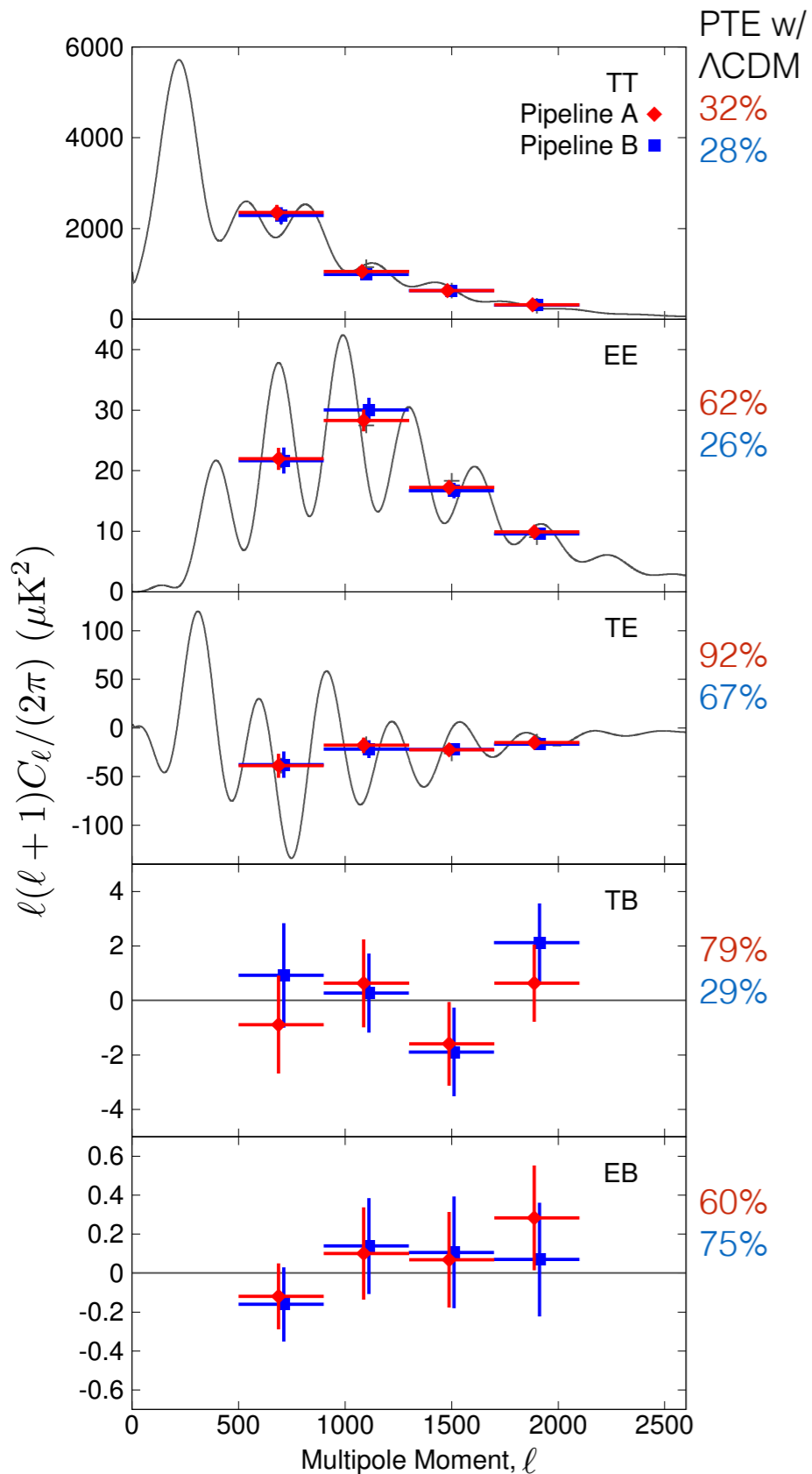
- Extend the patches
- Measure foregrounds power at large scales ( $\ell = 80$ )
- Extrapolate the power spectrum to PB angular scales and frequency
- ➔ Contamination compatible with zero

## Dusty and radio galaxies

Set of simulated galaxies with distribution, intensity and polarization fraction modelled after observation (De Zotti et al, 2005; George et al, 2015; Bonavera et al, 2017)



# Power spectra



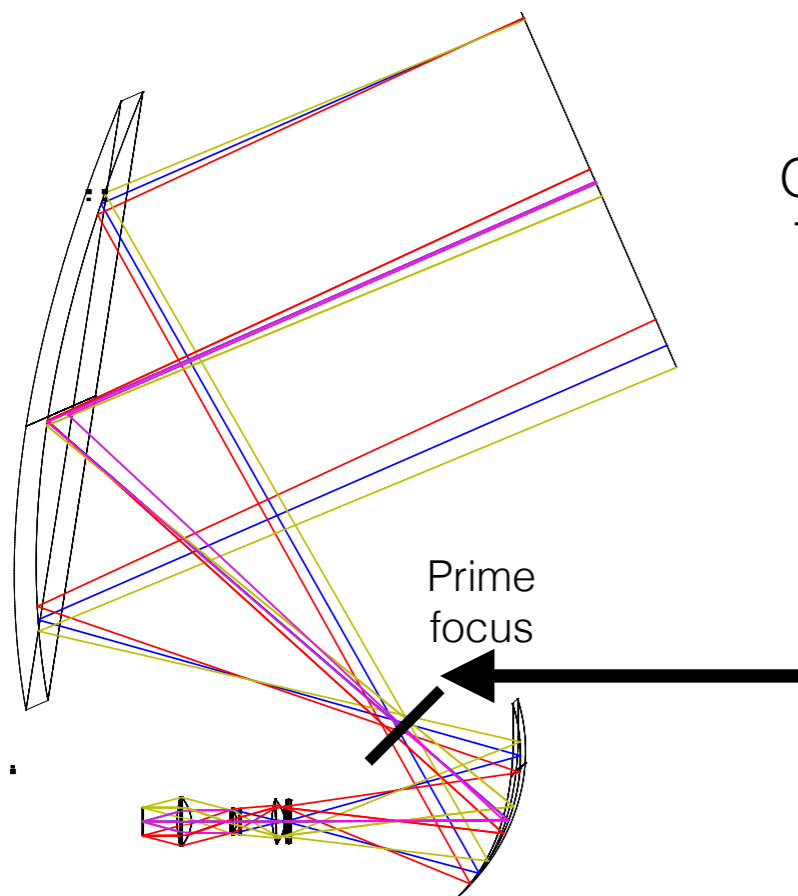
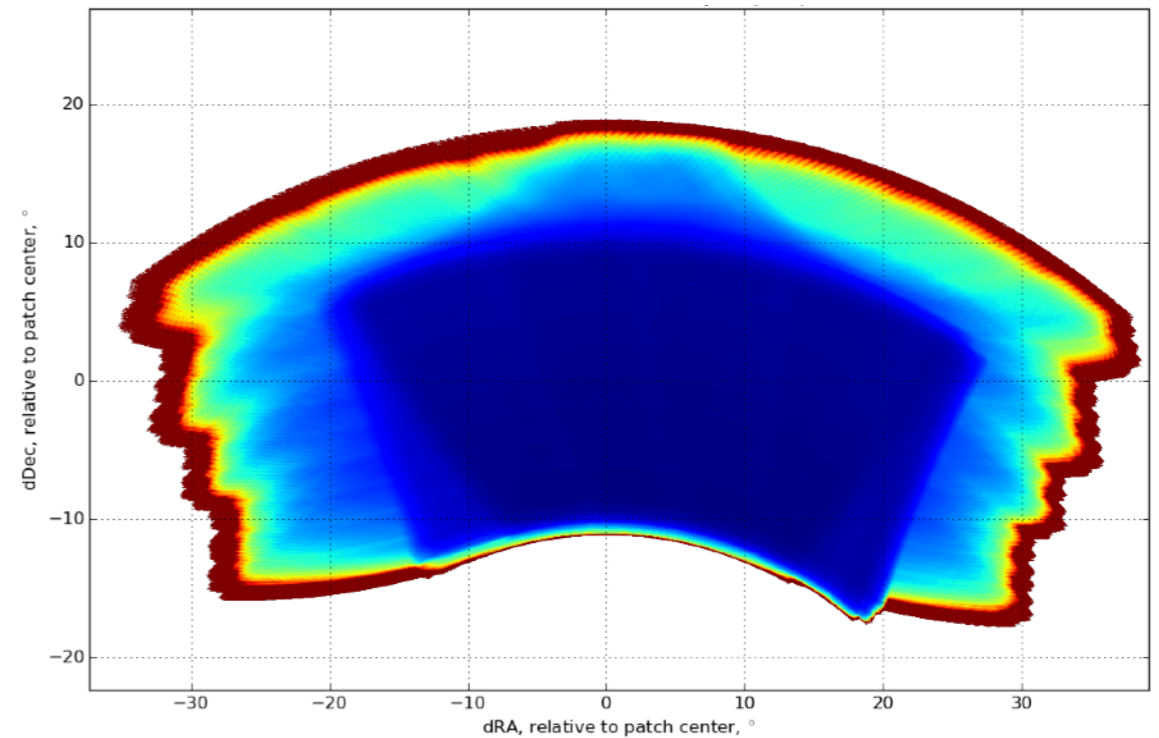
- All spectra are compatible with  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  and between the pipelines (28% pte)

# POLARBEAR large patch

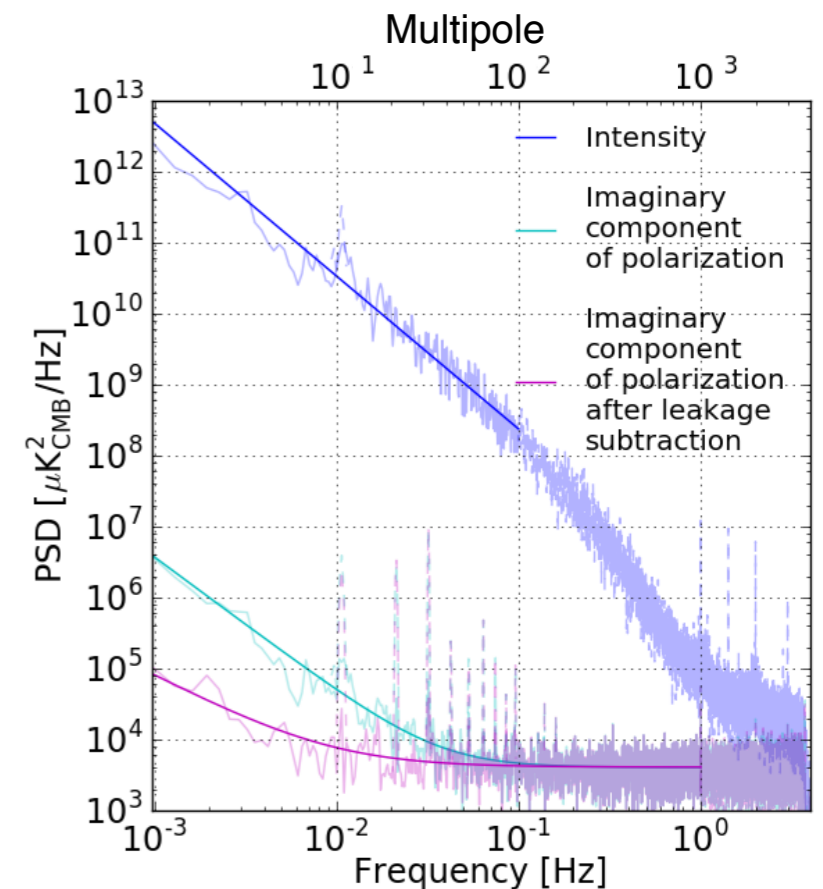
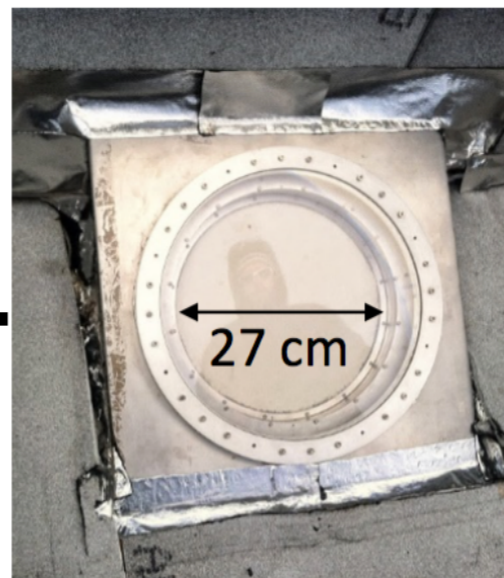
Since May 2014

- Observation of a  $\sim 700 \text{ deg}^2$  patch
  - ➔ Access to large scales
- Continuously rotating half-wave plate
  - ➔  $1/f$  mitigation

Targeting primordial B-modes

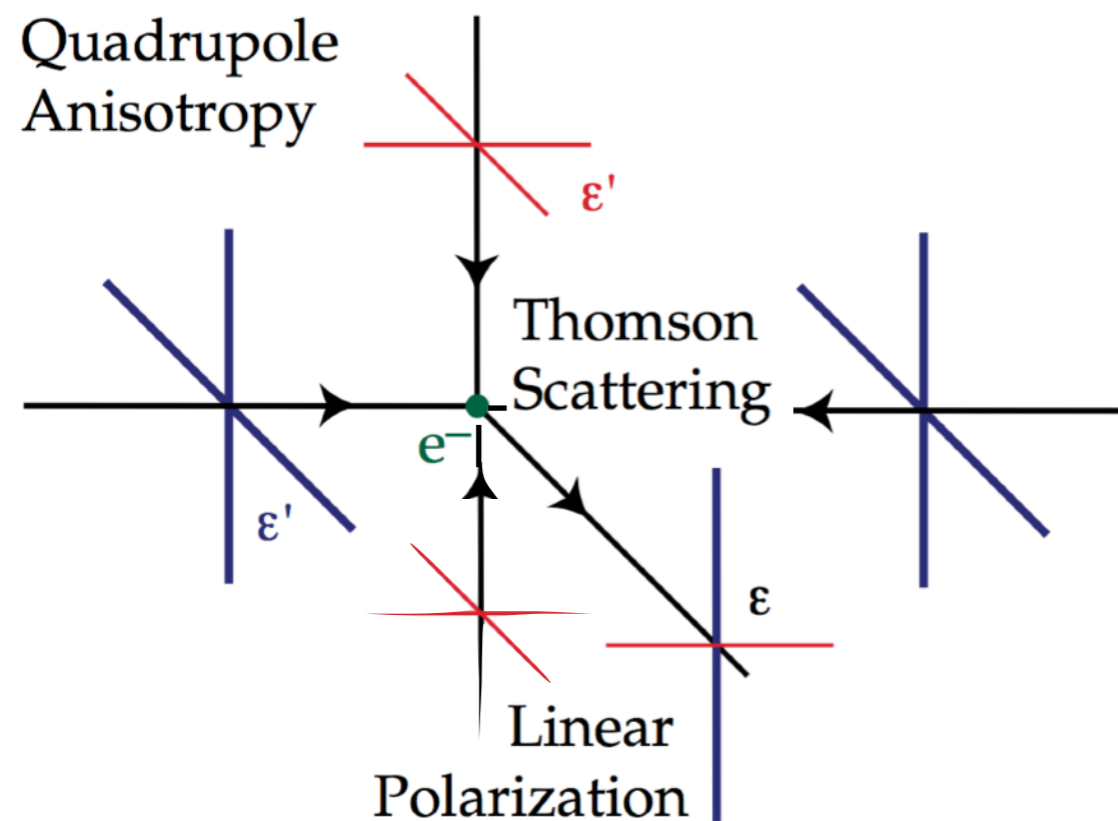


On sky performance:  
Takakura et al JCAP 05 (2017) 008



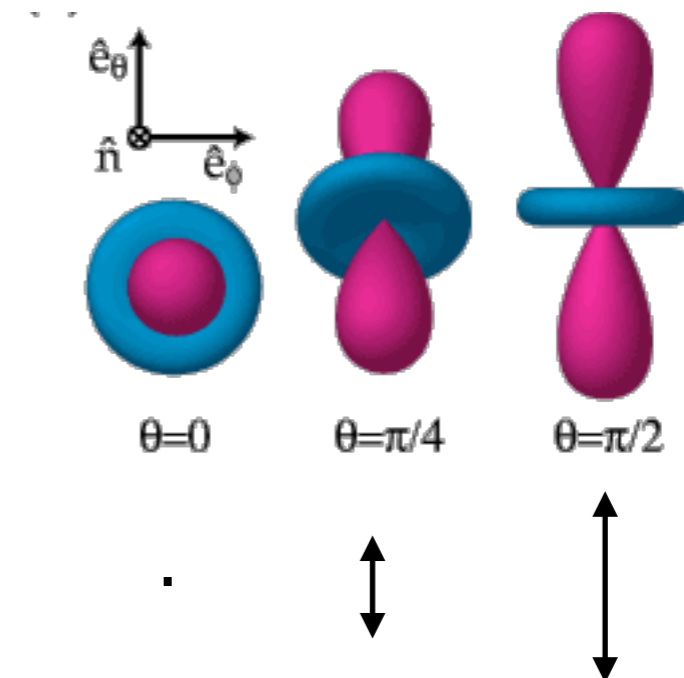
# Polarising the CMB

- Dominant process: Thomson scattering  $\frac{d\sigma_T}{d\Omega} \propto |\hat{\epsilon} \cdot \hat{\epsilon}'|^2$
- Last scattering surface is not homogeneous
- Unpolarised light  $\rightarrow$  polarised light



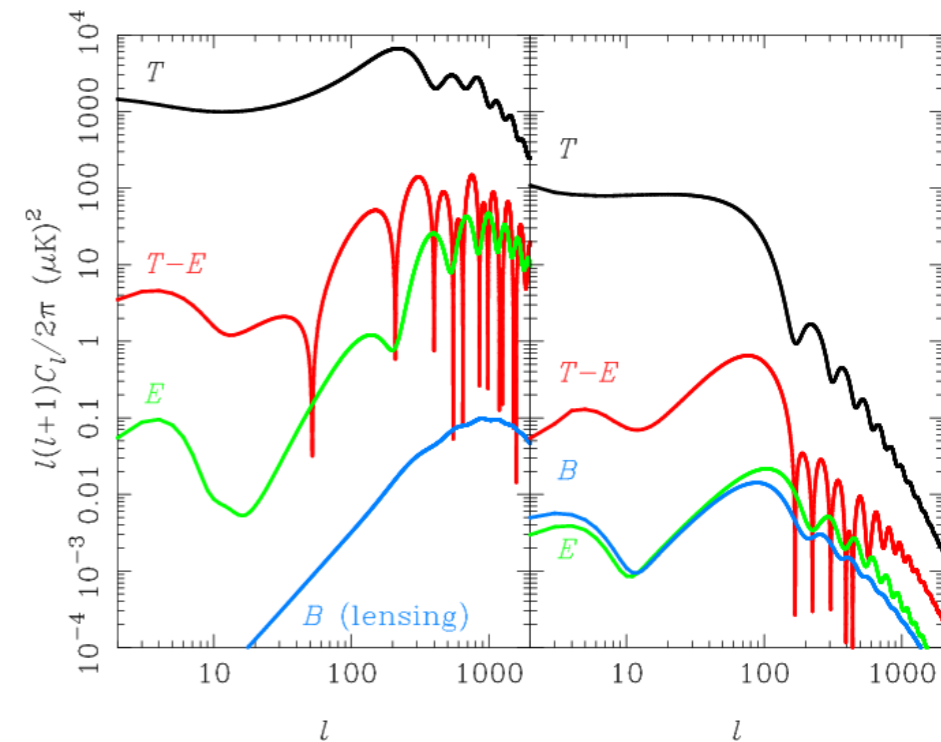
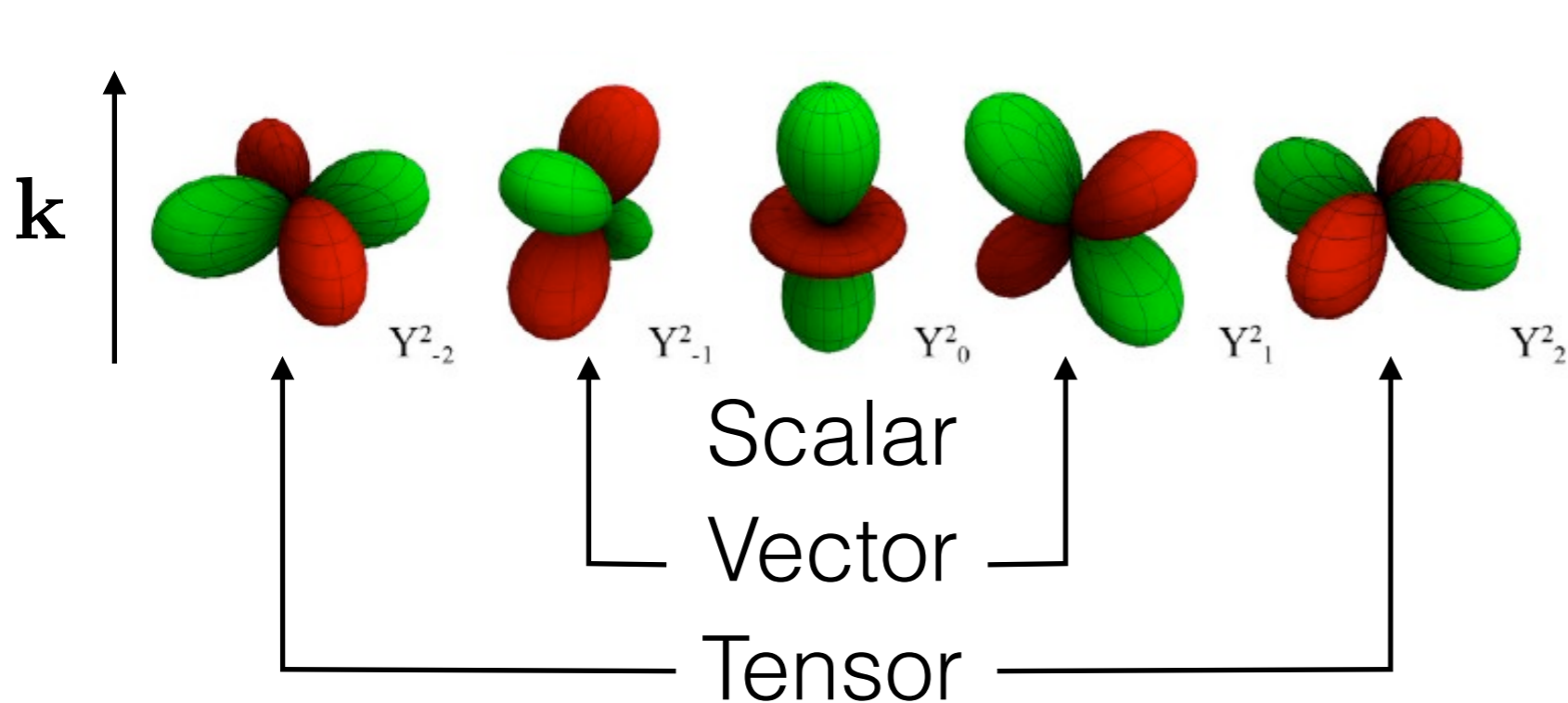
What matters is the quadrupole moment:

$$l = 2$$

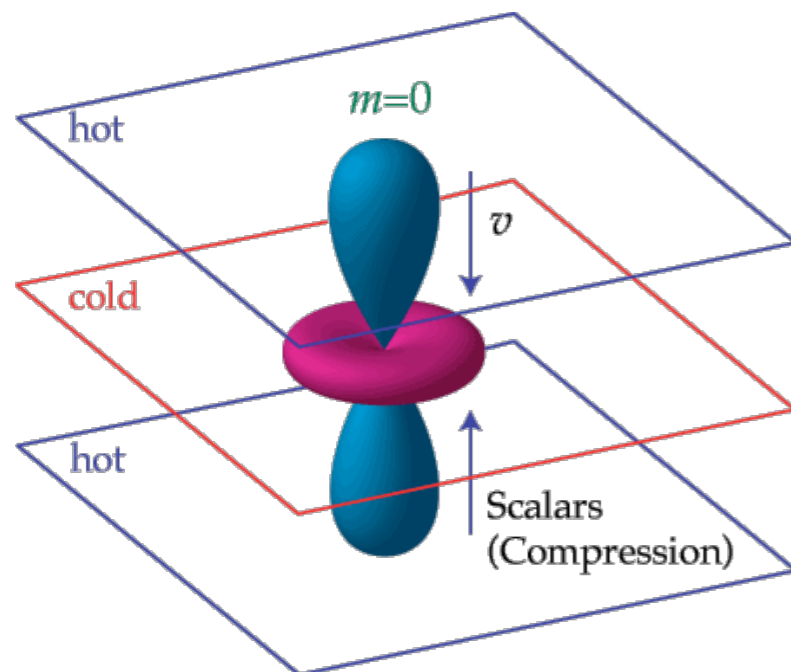


e.g. Hu and White (1997)

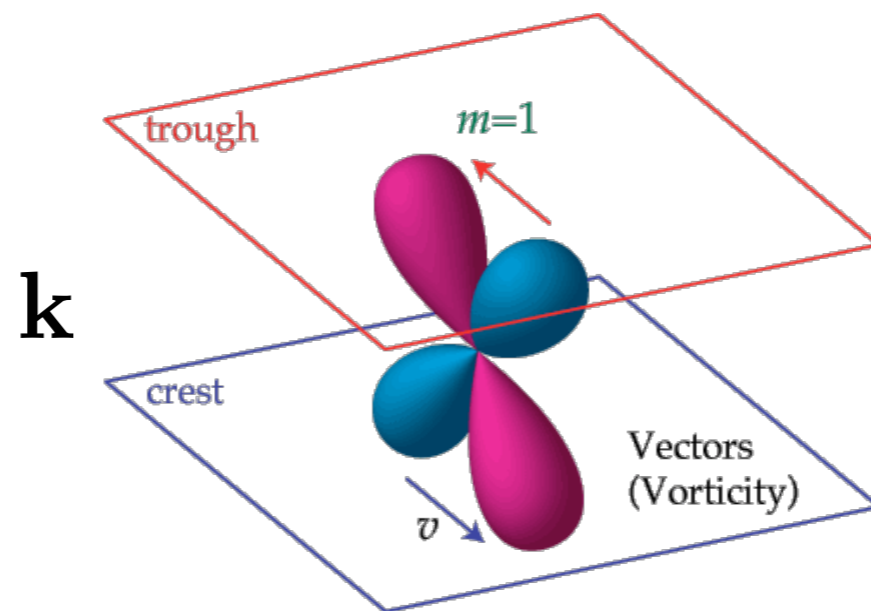
# Quadrupole moments



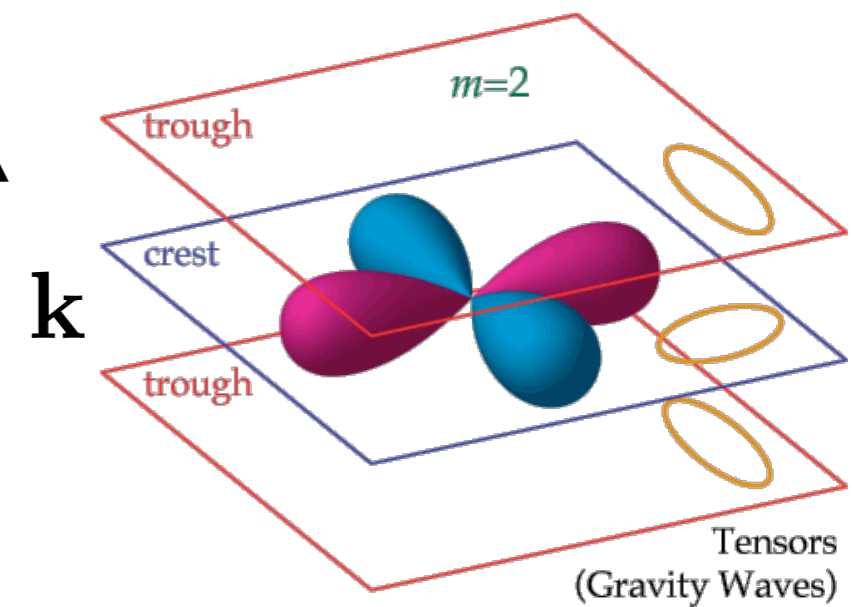
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E only

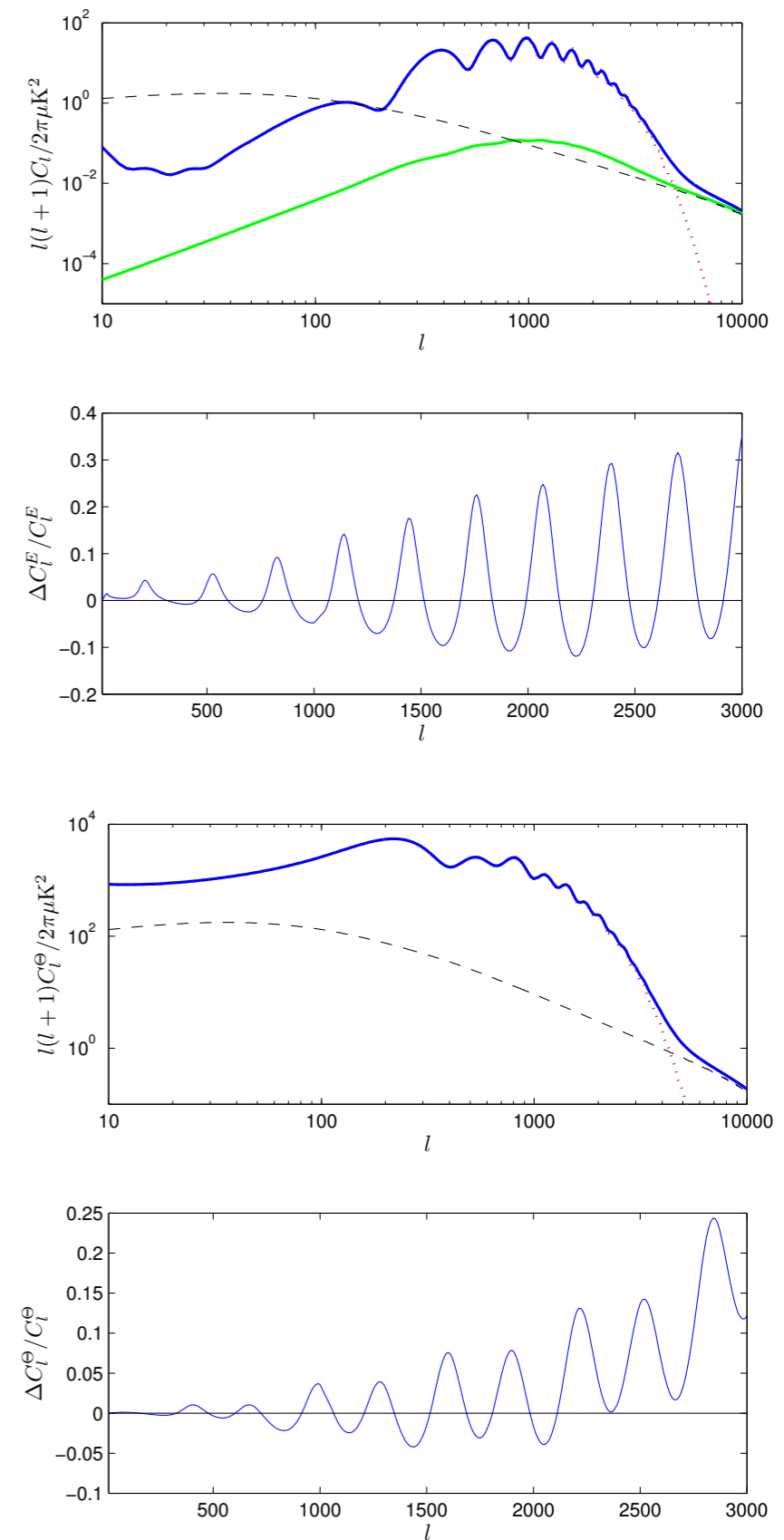
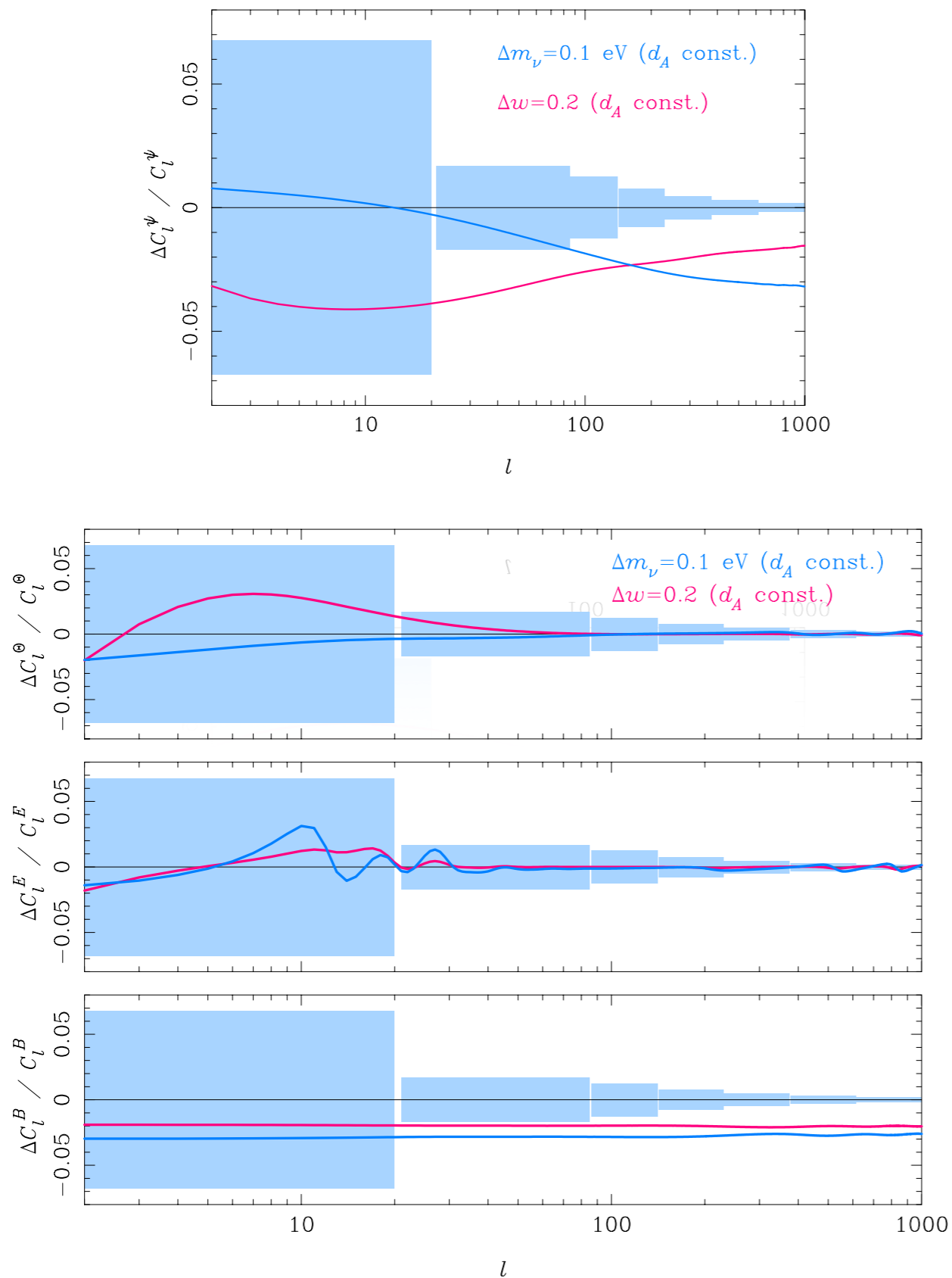


E and B



E and B

# Lensing





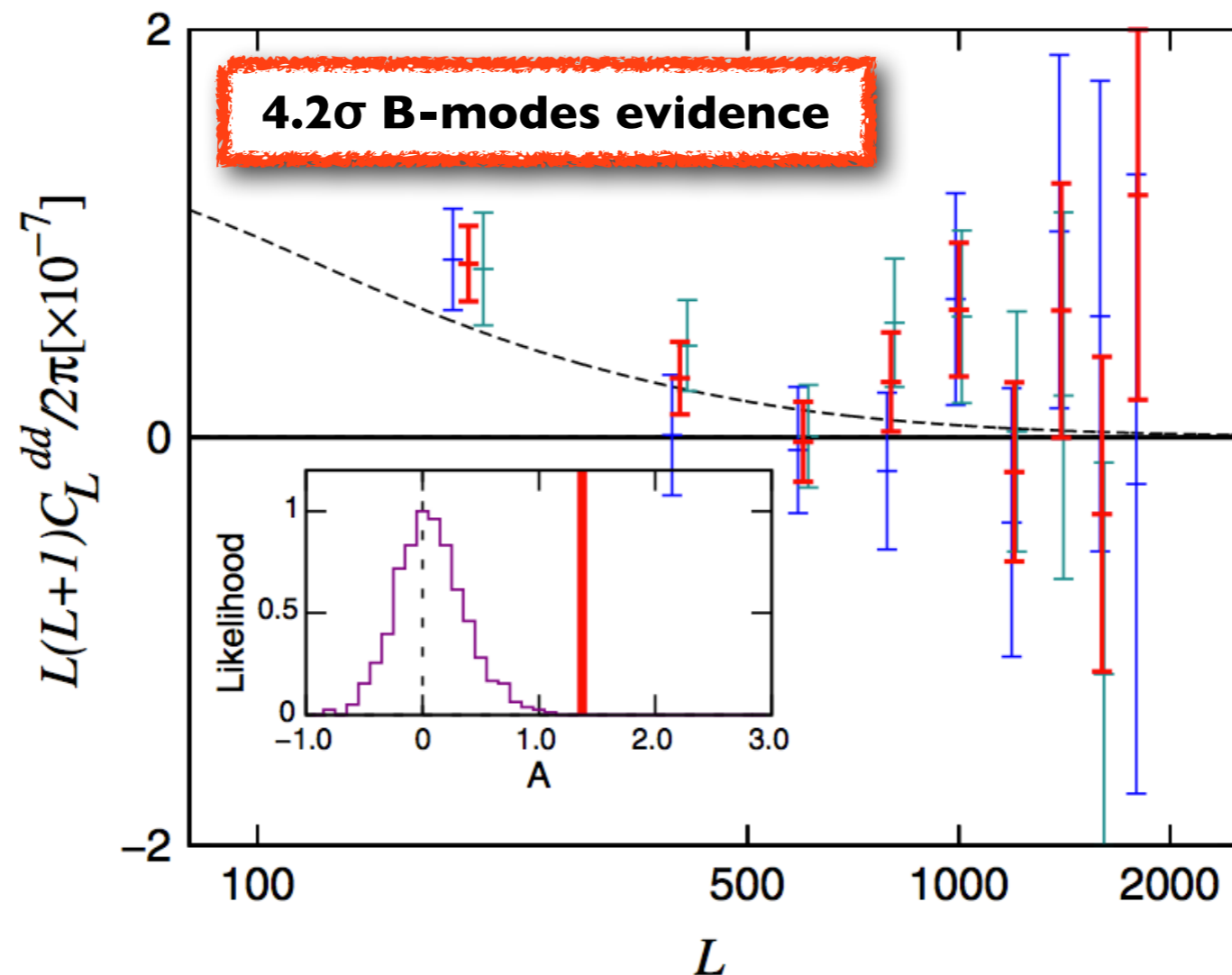
# Results: lensing from polarization alone

Polarization  
lensing  
Measurement

→  $d$  estimation

→  $C_l^{dd}$

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# Results: cross-correlation with CIB

Polarization Measurement



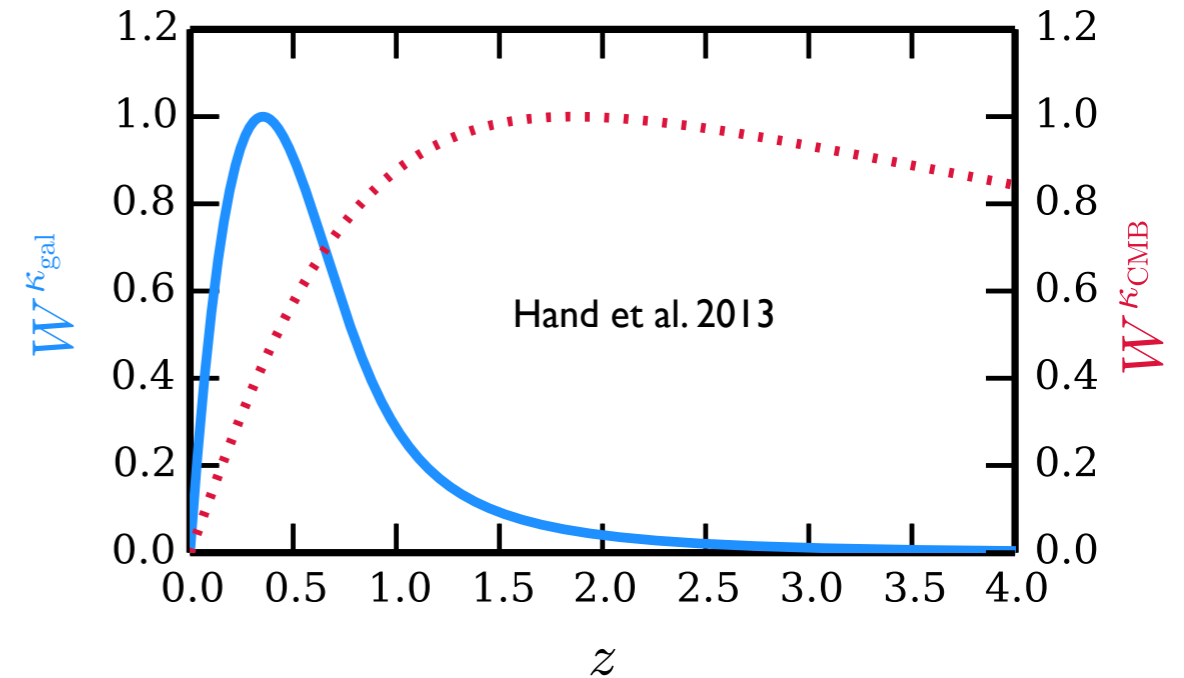
$$\kappa = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{d}$$

Cosmic Infrared Background

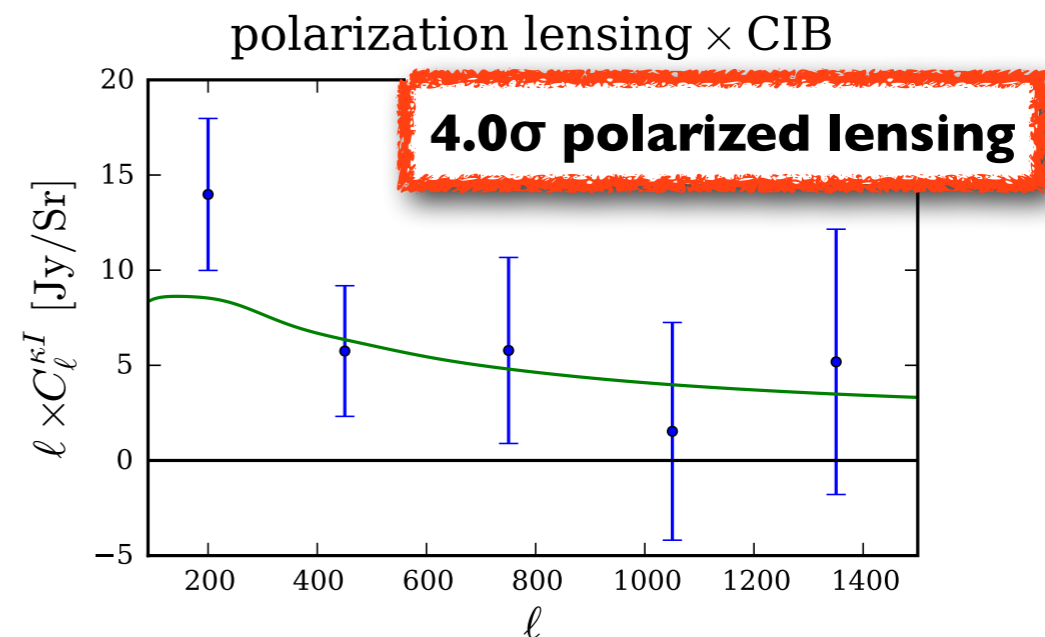
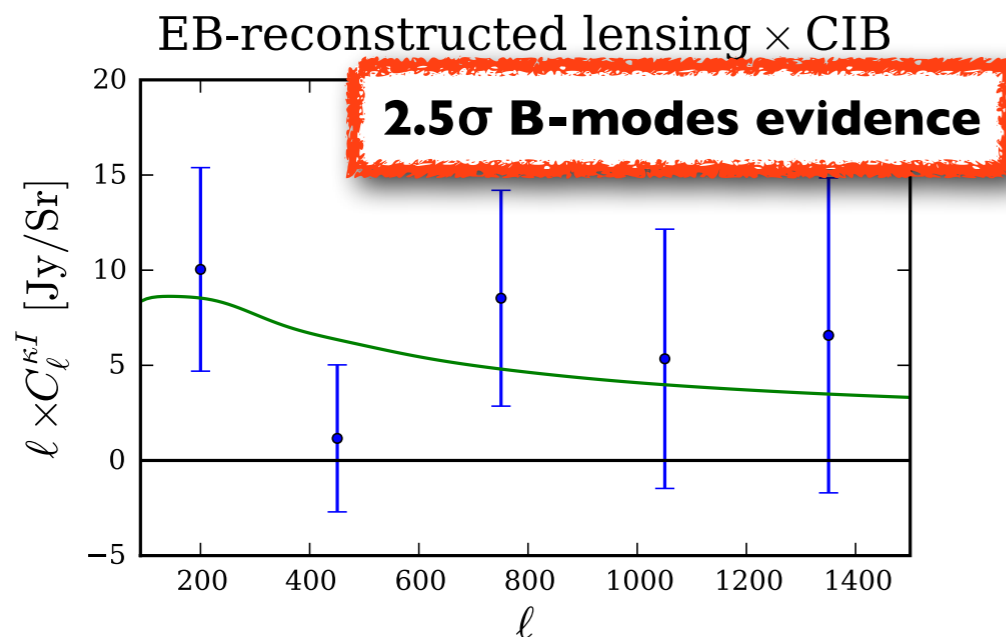


Tracer of density field

Estimator of  $\kappa$  from POLARBEAR polarization maps **X** CIB map from Herschel



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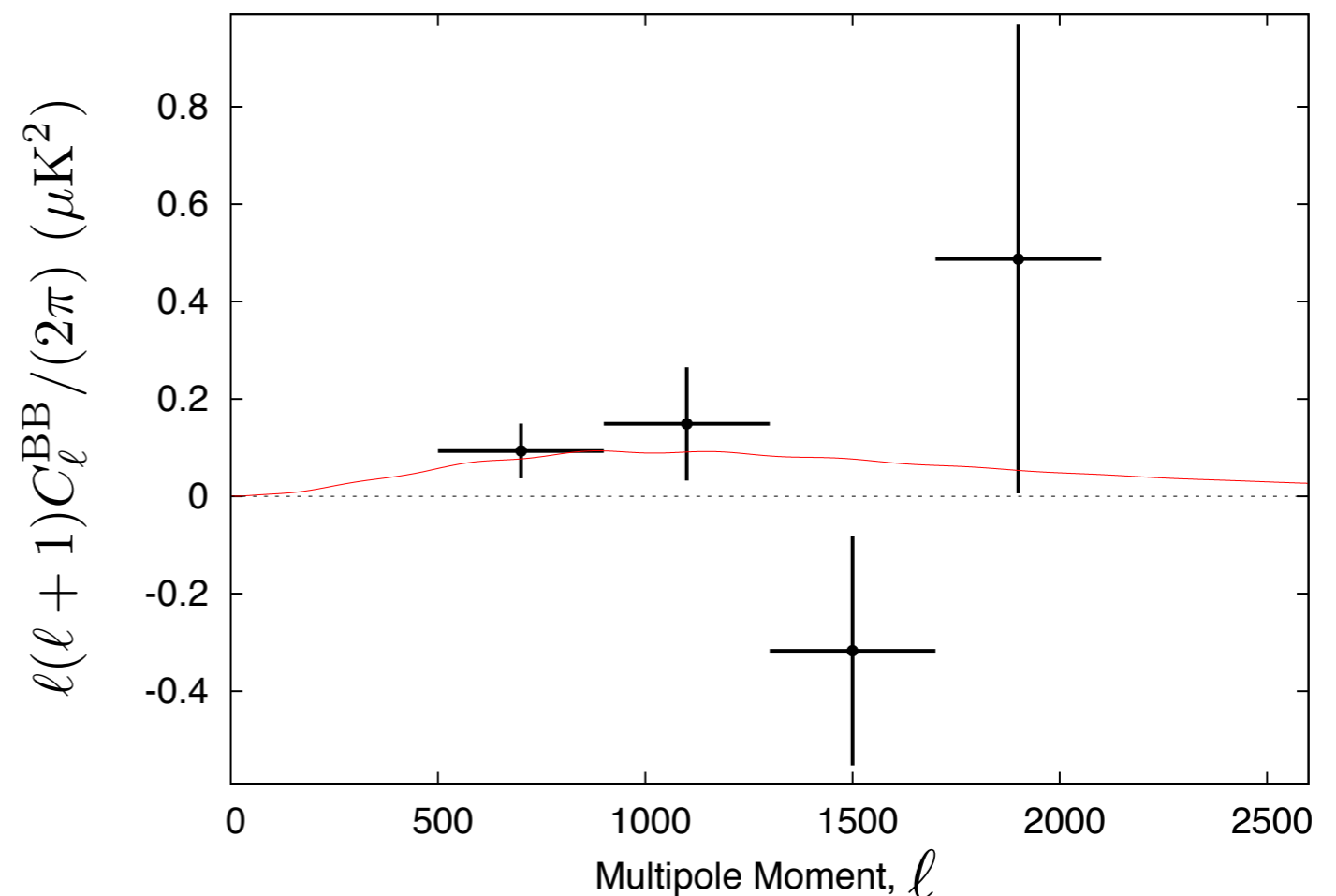
# Results: BB spectrum measurement

- First direct evidence of lensing B-modes
- Amplitude of lensing compared to  $\Lambda$ CDM
- Negligible contamination from astrophysical foregrounds
- Negligible contamination from systematic effects

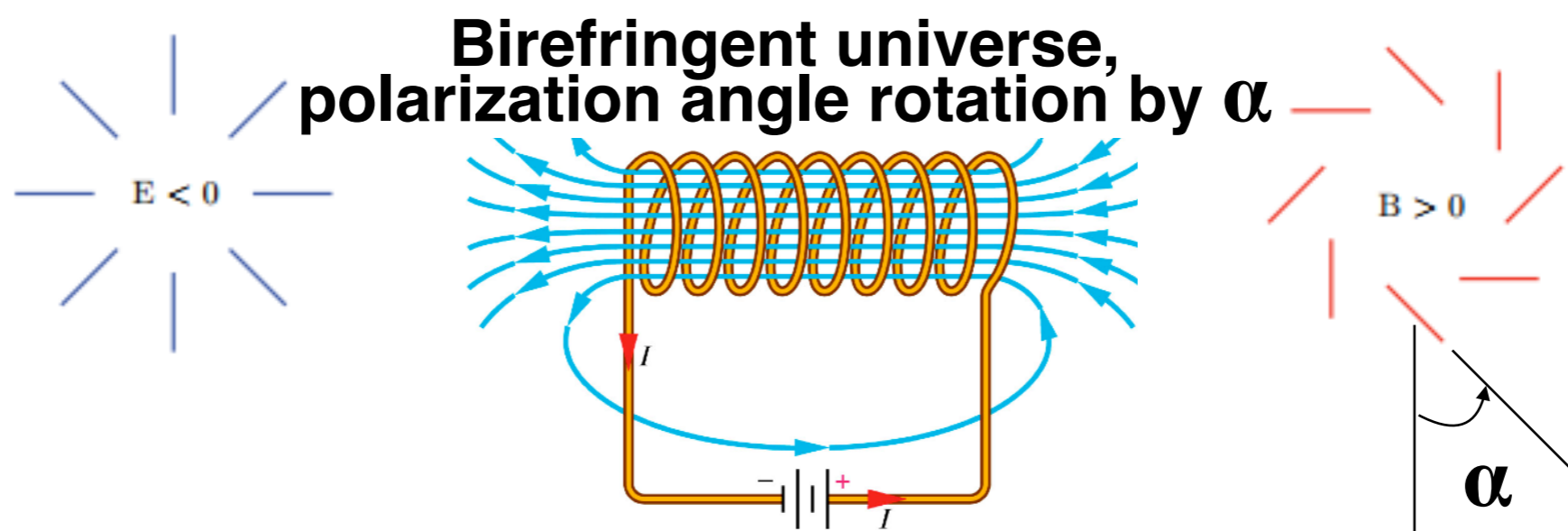
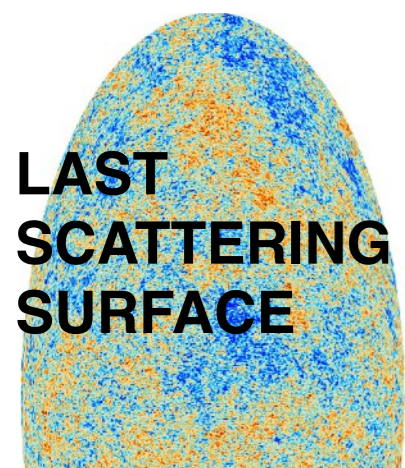
$$A_{BB} = 1.12 \pm 0.61(\text{stat})_{-0.10}^{+0.04}(\text{sys}) \pm 0.07(\text{multi})$$

**97.5% c.l. B-modes evidence**

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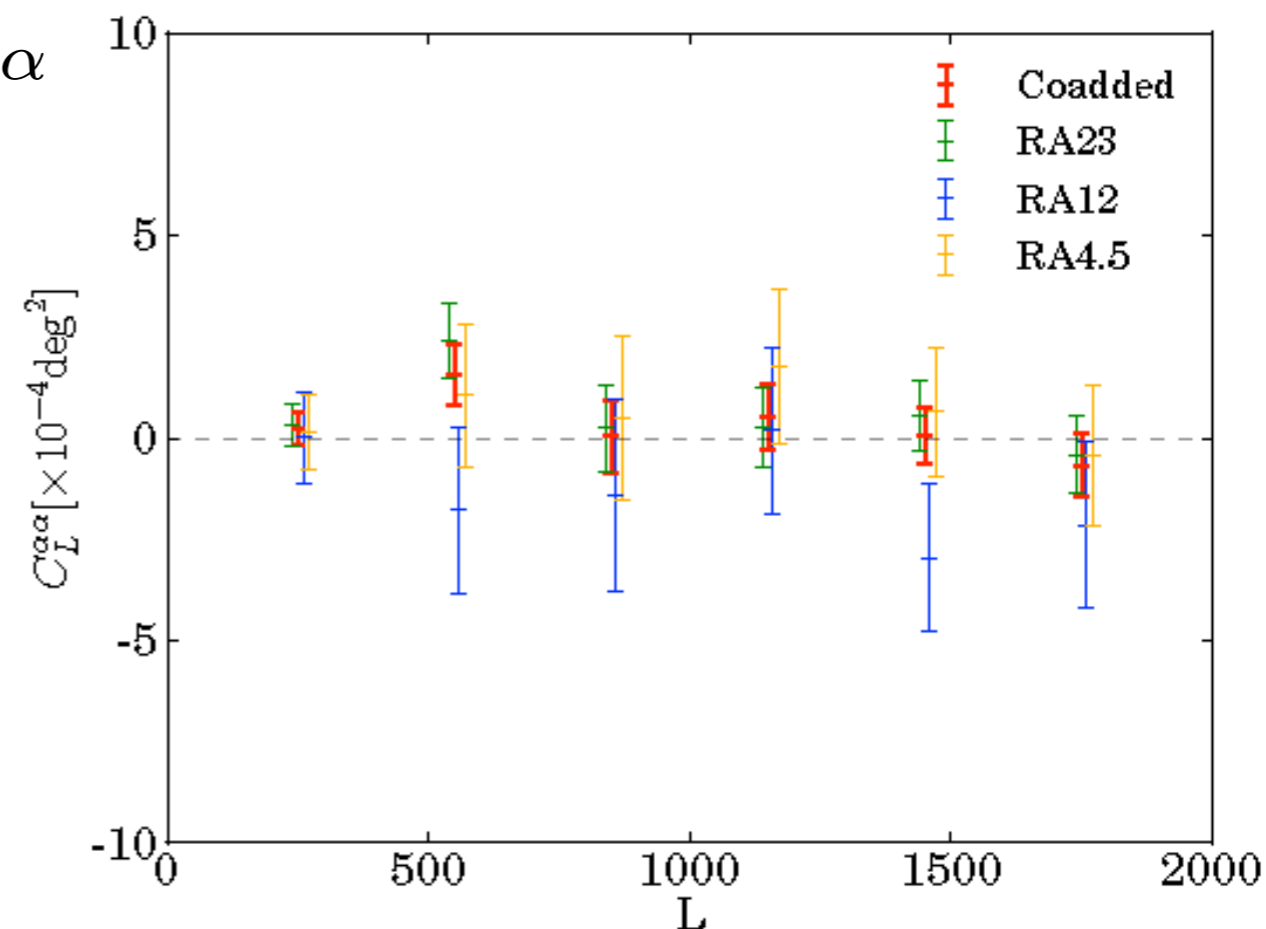
# Results: cosmic birefringence / primordial magnetic fields



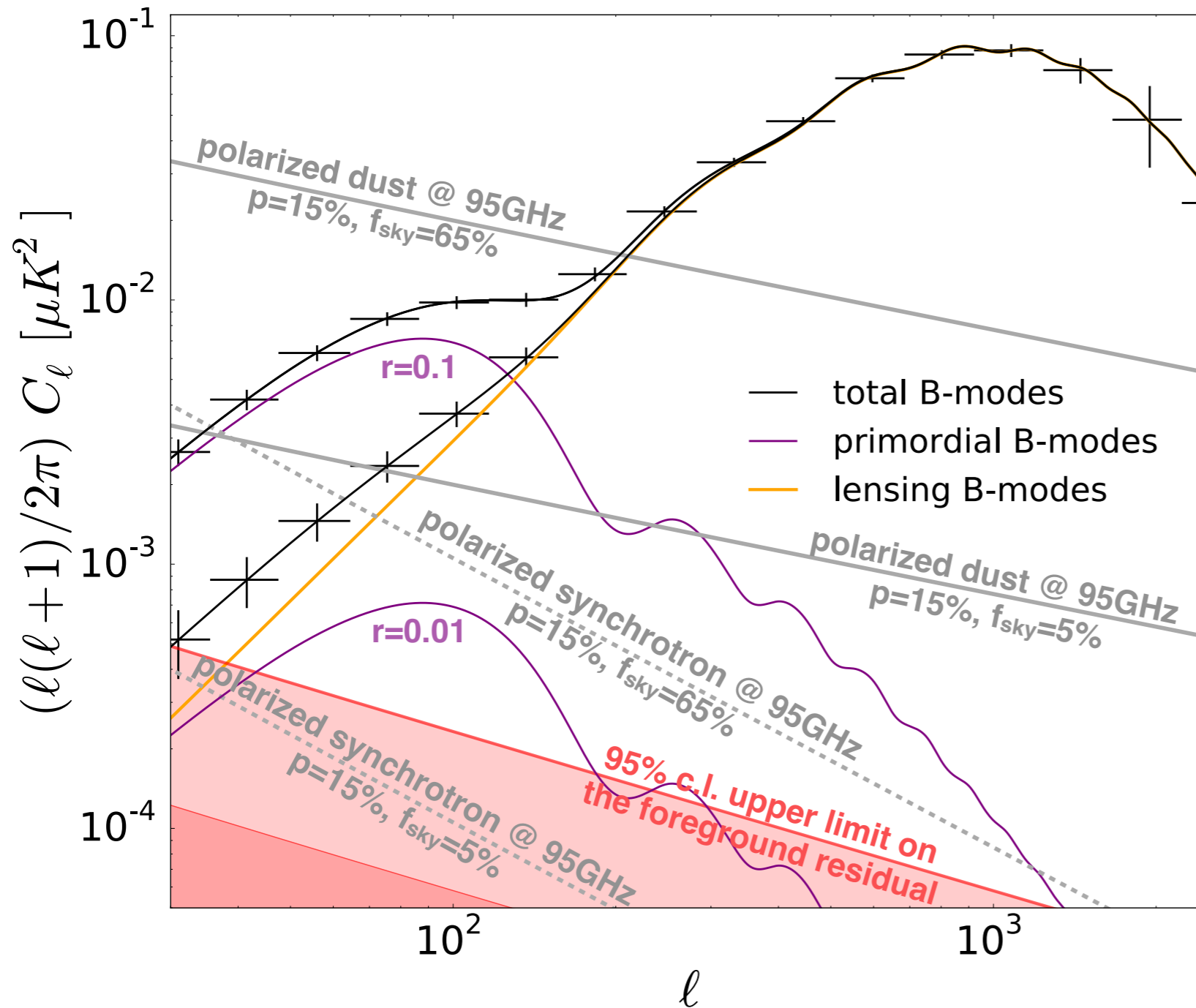
Polarization Measurement  $\rightarrow$  Estimation  $\alpha$  field  $\rightarrow C_l^{\alpha\alpha}$

Constraint on cosmic birefringence and primordial magnetic fields  
 $< 93$  nG (95% c.l.)

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Editors' Suggestion



# Simons Array: sensitivity and foreground rejection



Simons Array  
95/150/220 GHz  
combined with  
Planck and C-Bass

$$\sigma(r = 0.1) = 6 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$\sigma(\Sigma m_\nu = 0) = 40 \text{meV}$$

Combined with DESI BAO

$$r < 0.07 \text{ BK VI (2015)}$$

$$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.15 \text{ eV}$$

Palanque-Delabrouille et al (2015)

⇒ Constrain inflation, neutrino mass hierarchy, primordial magnetic fields and more...