



Measuring isotropic cosmic birefringence with LiteBIRD

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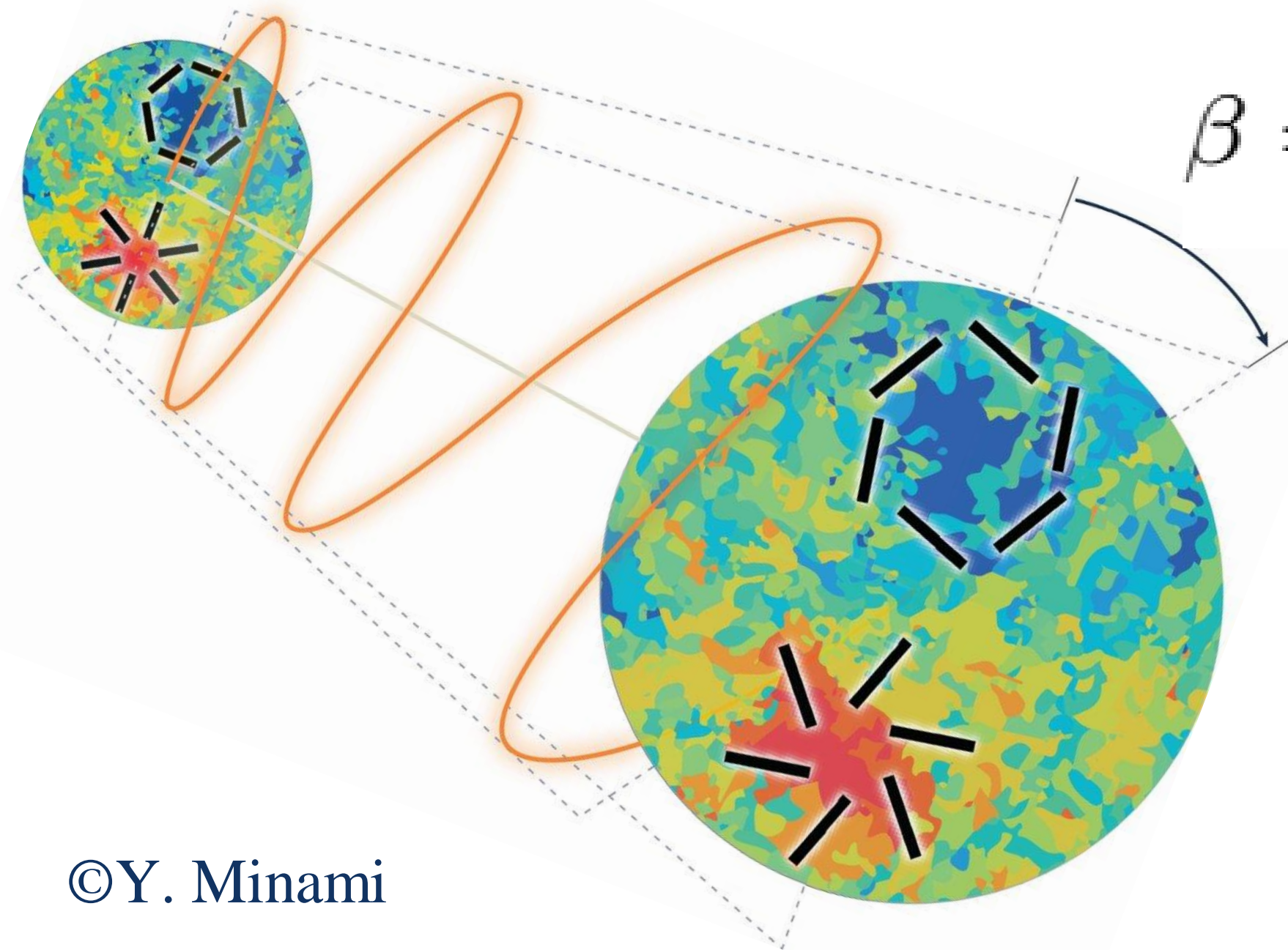
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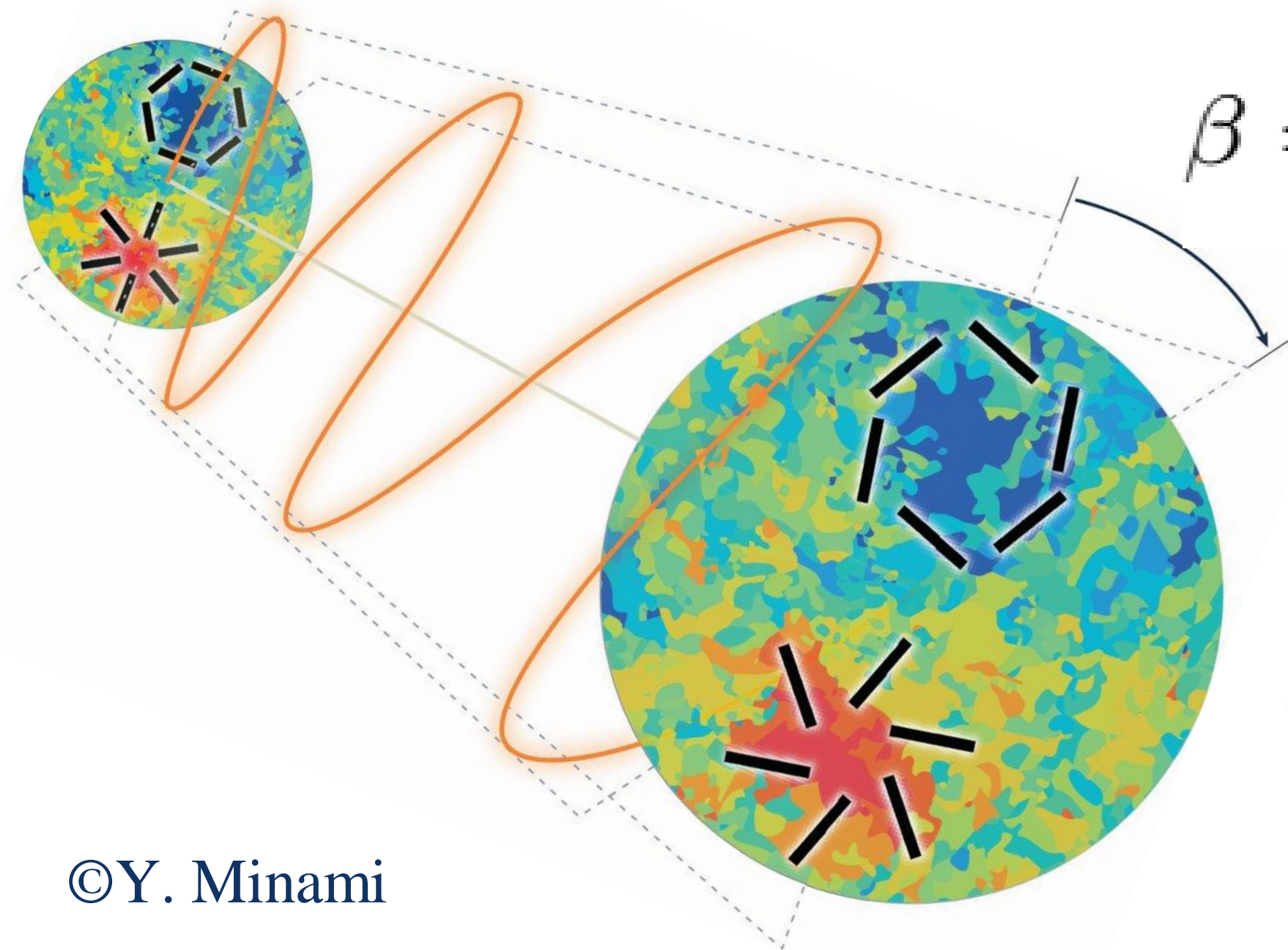
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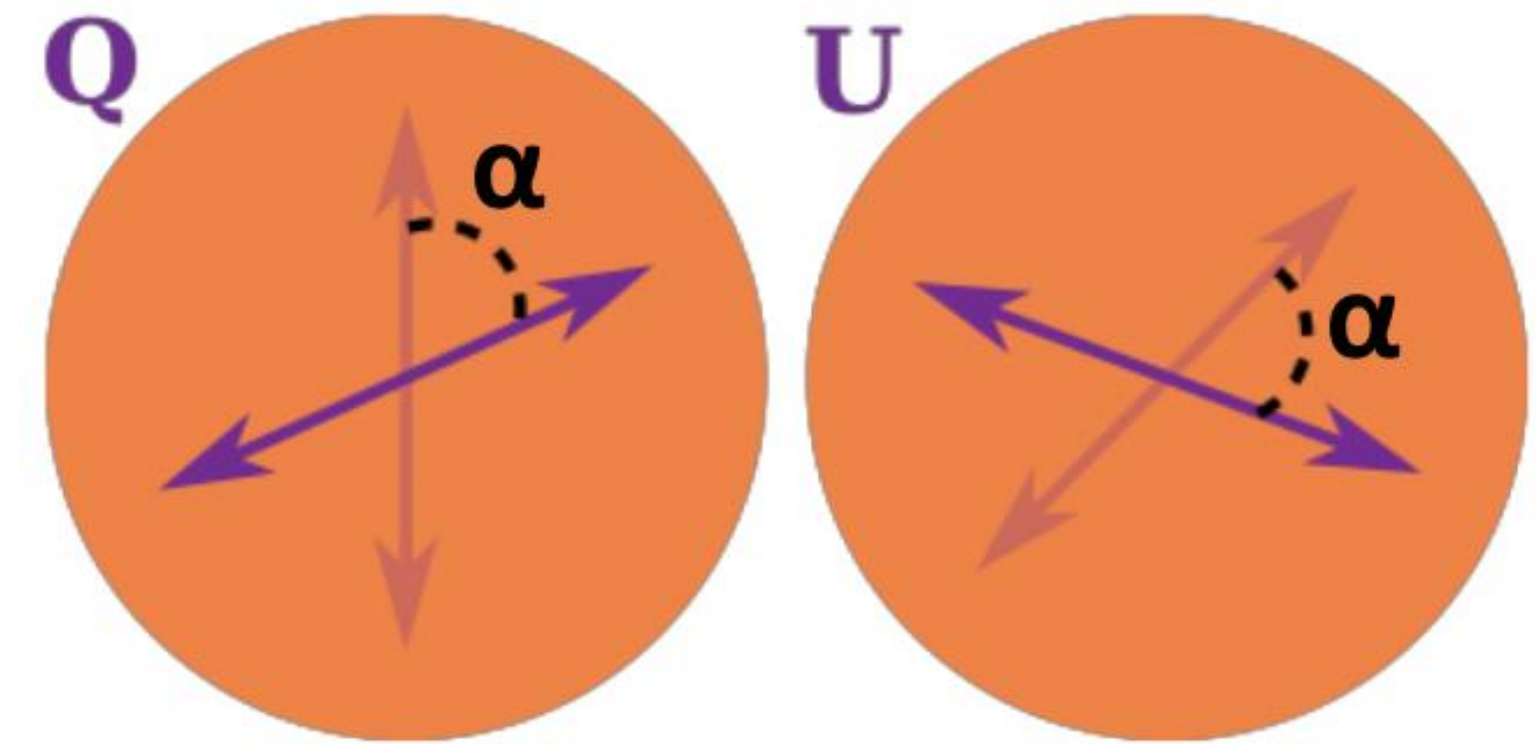
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Miscalibration of the detector's polarization angle

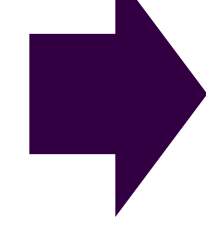


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Unknown α miscalibration
Completely degenerate with β

Calibrating against Galactic foregrounds

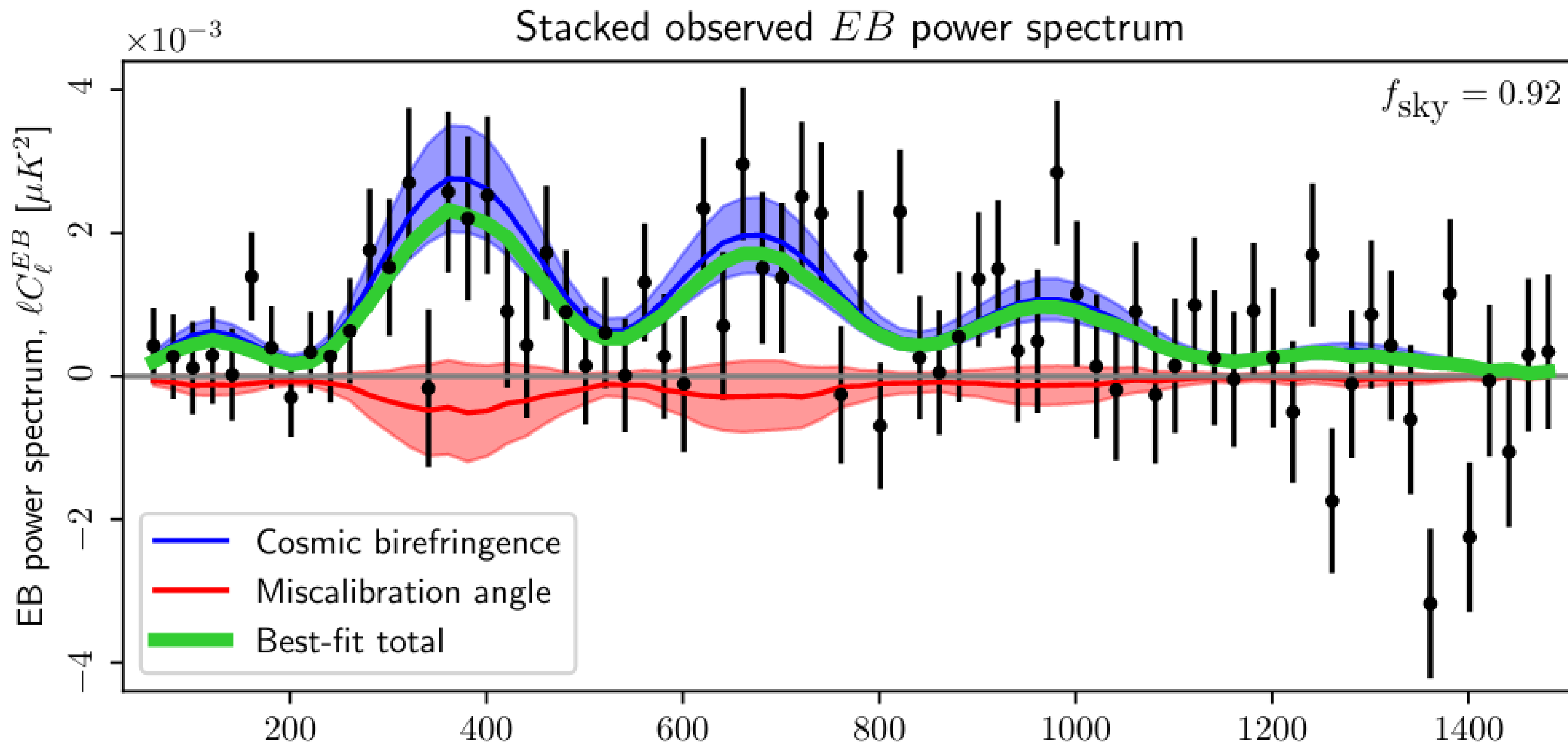
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Galactic emission not significantly rotated by β
Use foregrounds as our calibrator

Minami+ PTEP 2019

$$C_{\ell}^{EB,o} = \frac{\tan(4\alpha)}{2} \left(C_{\ell}^{EE,o} - C_{\ell}^{BB,o} \right) + \frac{1}{\cos(4\alpha)} C_{\ell}^{EB,fg} + \frac{\sin(4\alpha)}{2 \cos(4\alpha)} \left(C_{\ell}^{EE,cmb} - C_{\ell}^{BB,cmb} \right)$$



Model the EB correlation of Galactic synchrotron and dust emissions

Clark+ ApJ 2021

Tightest constraint to date (3.6σ)

$$\beta = 0.342^{\circ} +0.094^{\circ} -0.091^{\circ}$$

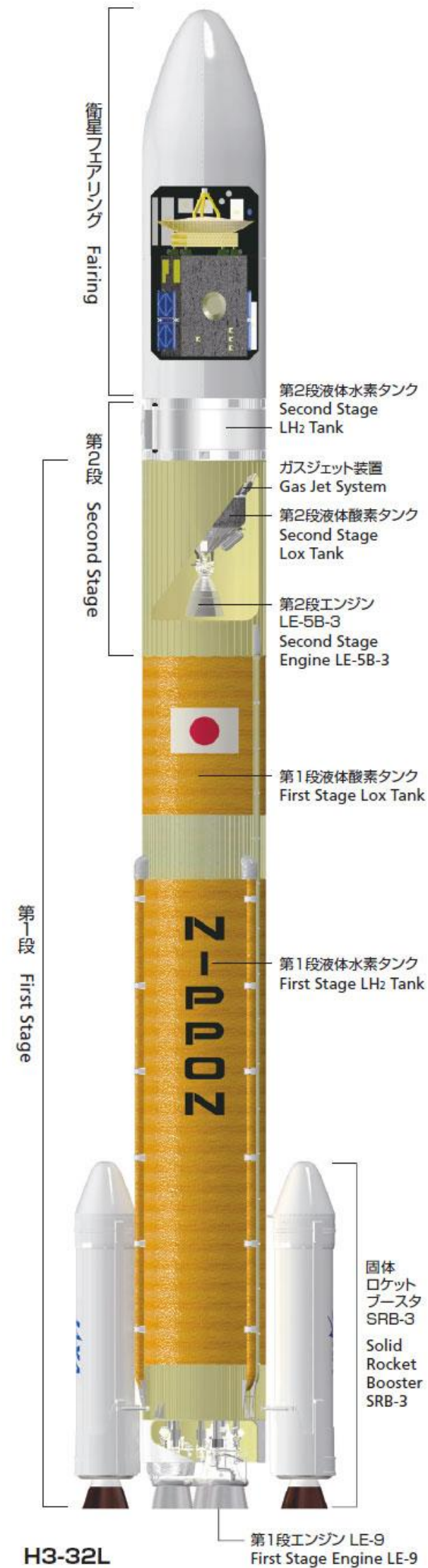
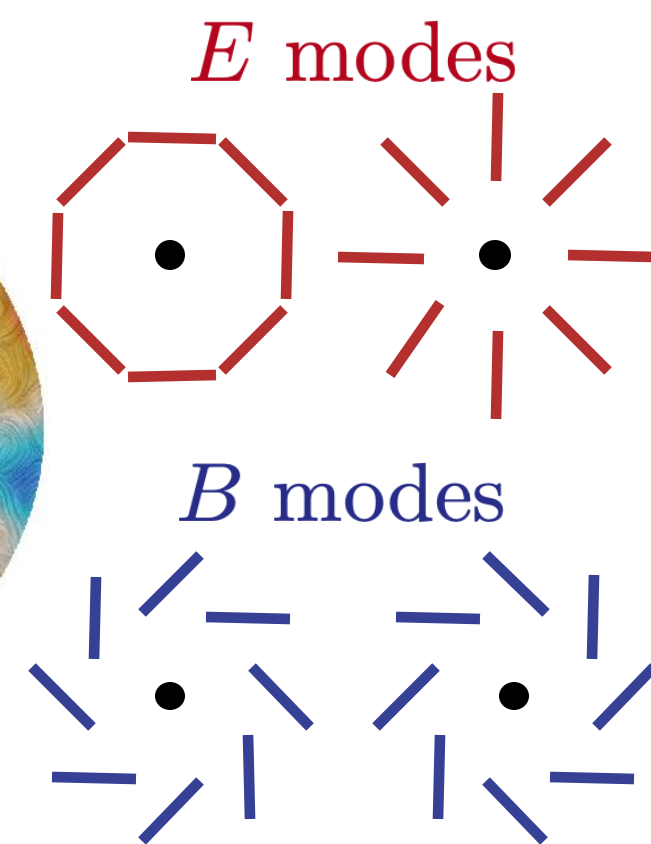
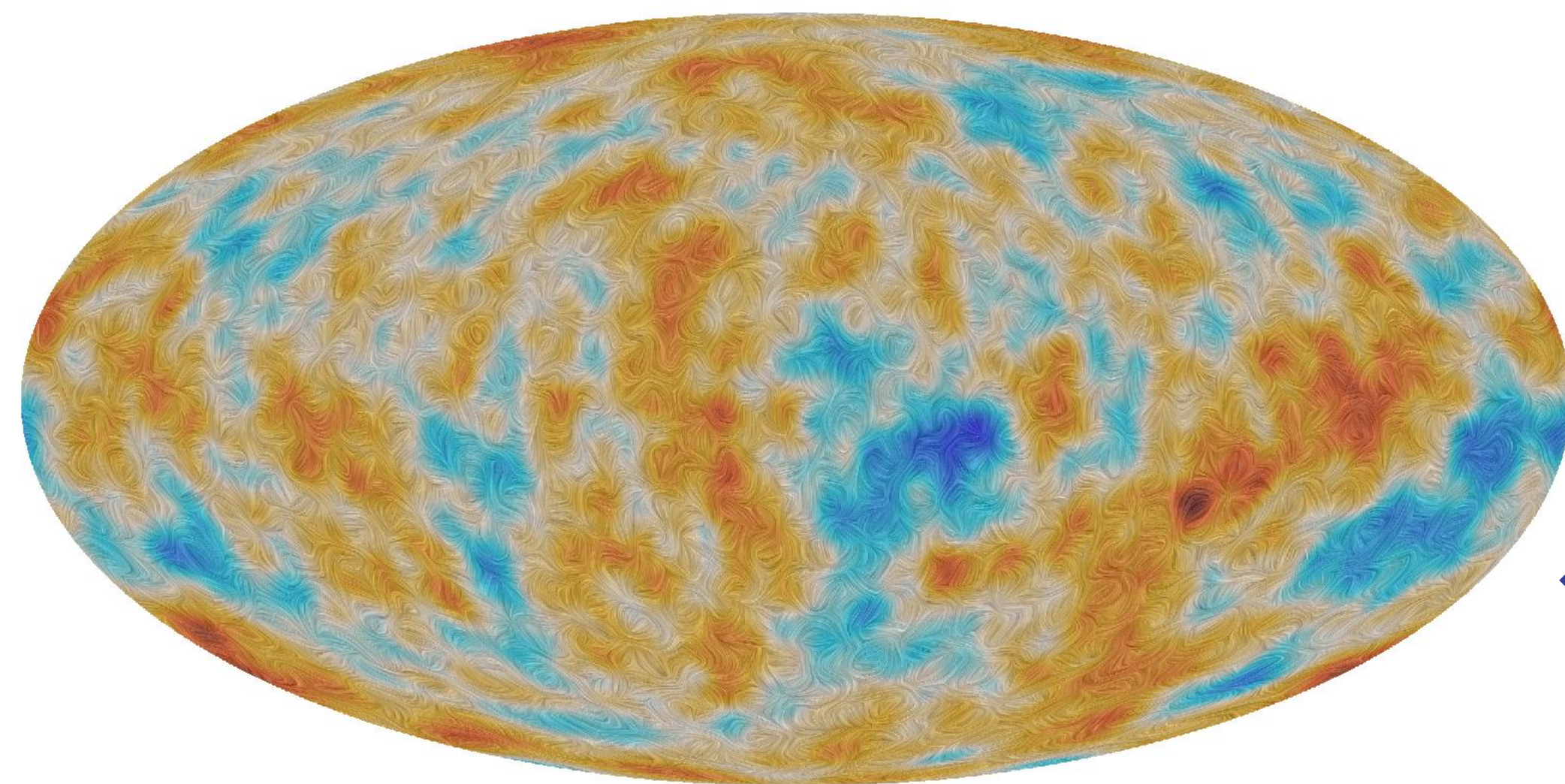
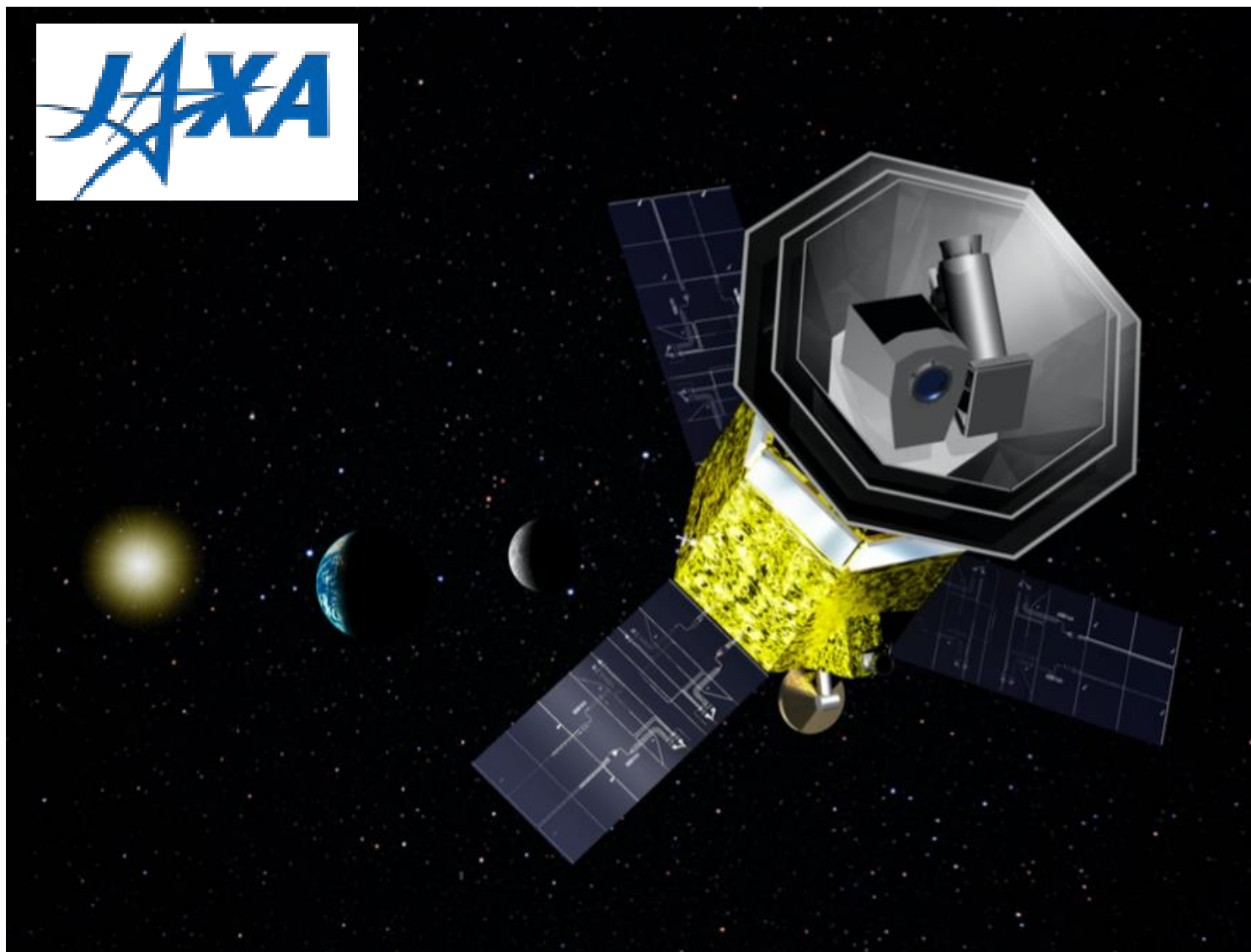
from the joint analysis of *Planck* and WMAP data

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LiteBIRD overview

- Lite (Light) satellite for the study of *B*-mode polarization and Inflation from cosmic background Radiation Detection
- JAXA's L-class mission selected in May 2019
- Expected launch in late 2032 (JFY) with JAXA's H3 rocket
- **All-sky 3-year survey**, from Sun-Earth Lagrangian point L2
- Large frequency coverage (**40–402 GHz**, 15 bands) at **70–18 arcmin** angular resolution for precision measurements of the **CMB *B*-modes**
- Final combined sensitivity: **2.2 $\mu\text{K}\cdot\text{arcmin}$**

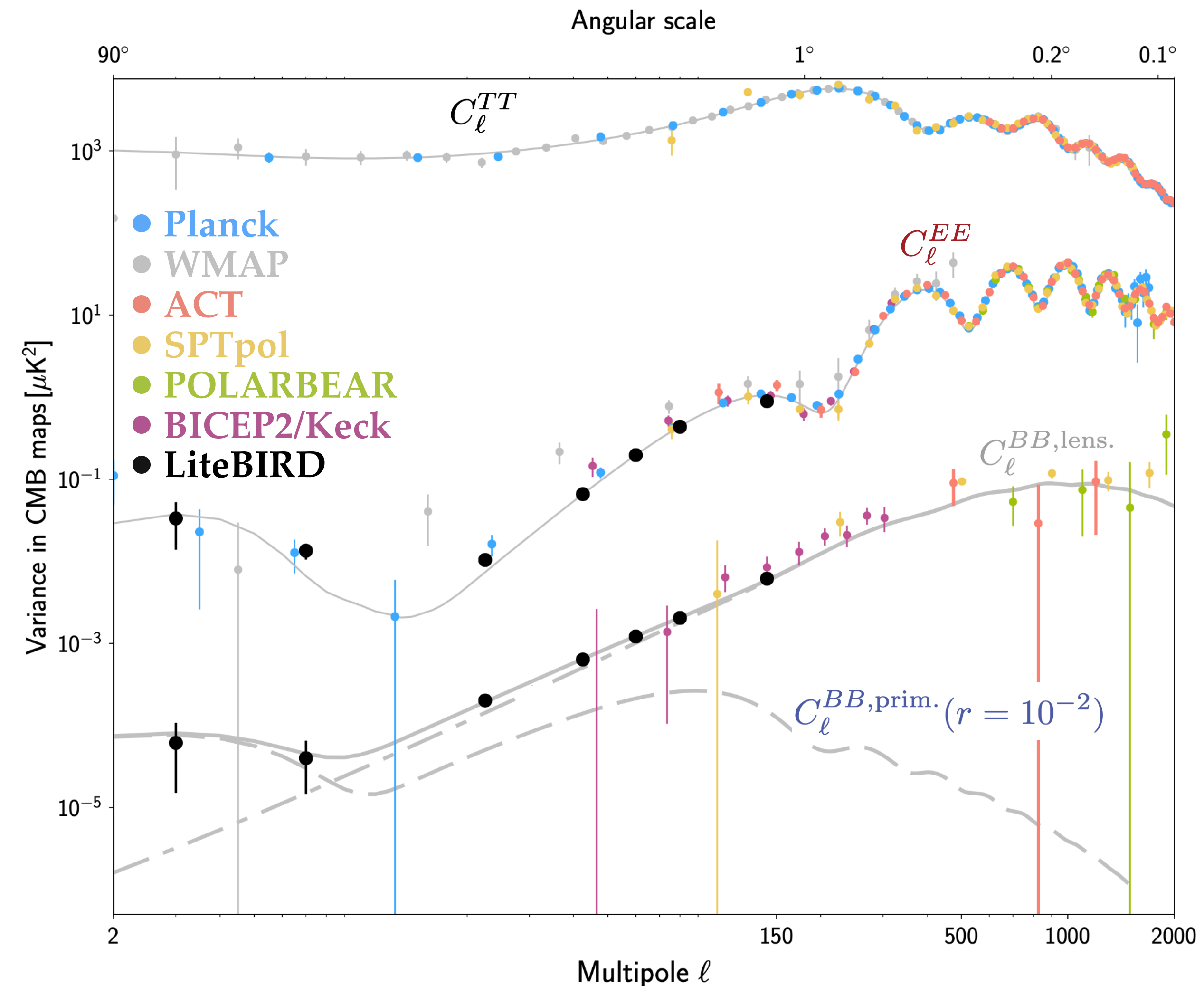
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LiteBIRD main scientific objectives



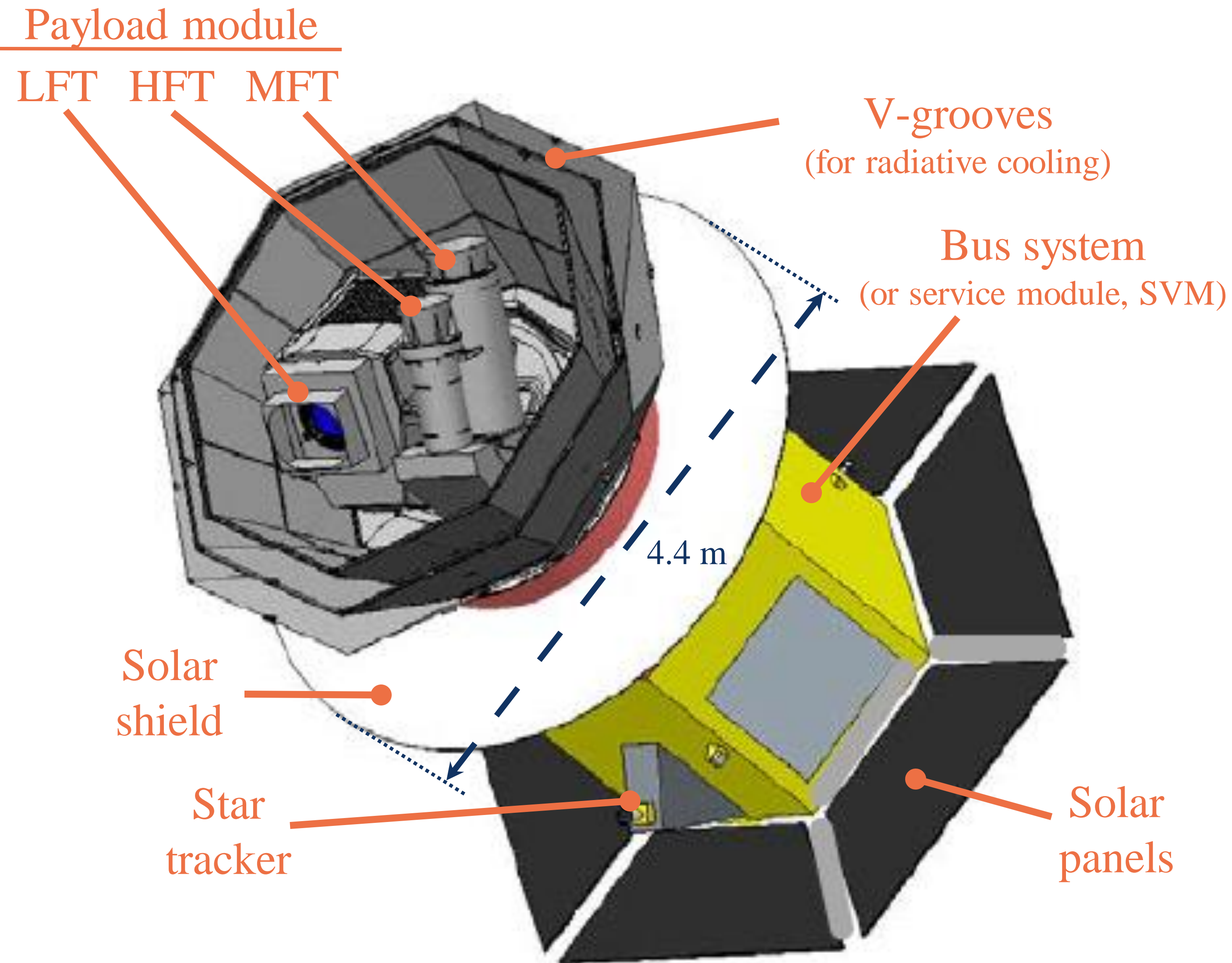
- Definitive search for the ***B*-mode signal** from **cosmic inflation** in the CMB polarization
 - Making a discovery or ruling out well-motivated inflationary models
 - Insight into the quantum nature of gravity
- The inflationary (i.e. primordial) *B*-mode power is
- proportional to the **tensor-to-scalar ratio, r**
- Current best constraint: $r < 0.032$ (95% C.L.) (Tristram+ 2021, combining BK18 and Planck PR4)
- LiteBIRD will improve current sensitivity on r by a factor ~ 50
- L1-requirements (no external data):
 - For $r = 0$, **total uncertainty of $\delta r < 0.001$**
 - For $r = 0.01$, 5σ detection of the reionization ($2 < \ell < 10$) and recombination ($11 < \ell < 200$) peaks independently
- Huge discovery impact (evidence for inflation, knowledge of its energy scale, ...)



LiteBIRD spacecraft overview

- **3 telescopes** are used to provide the **40-402 GHz** frequency coverage
 1. **LFT** (low frequency telescope)
 2. **MFT** (middle frequency telescope)
 3. **HFT** (high frequency telescope)
- Multi-chroic transition-edge sensor (TES) **bolometer arrays** cooled to **100 mK**
- Polarization modulation unit (PMU) in each telescope with **rotating half-wave plate** (HWP), for $1/f$ noise and systematics reduction
- Optics cooled to **5 K**

- Mass: 2.6 t
- Power: 3.0 kW
- Data: 17.9 Gb/day



LiteBIRD as a birefringence probe

Precision measurement of EB

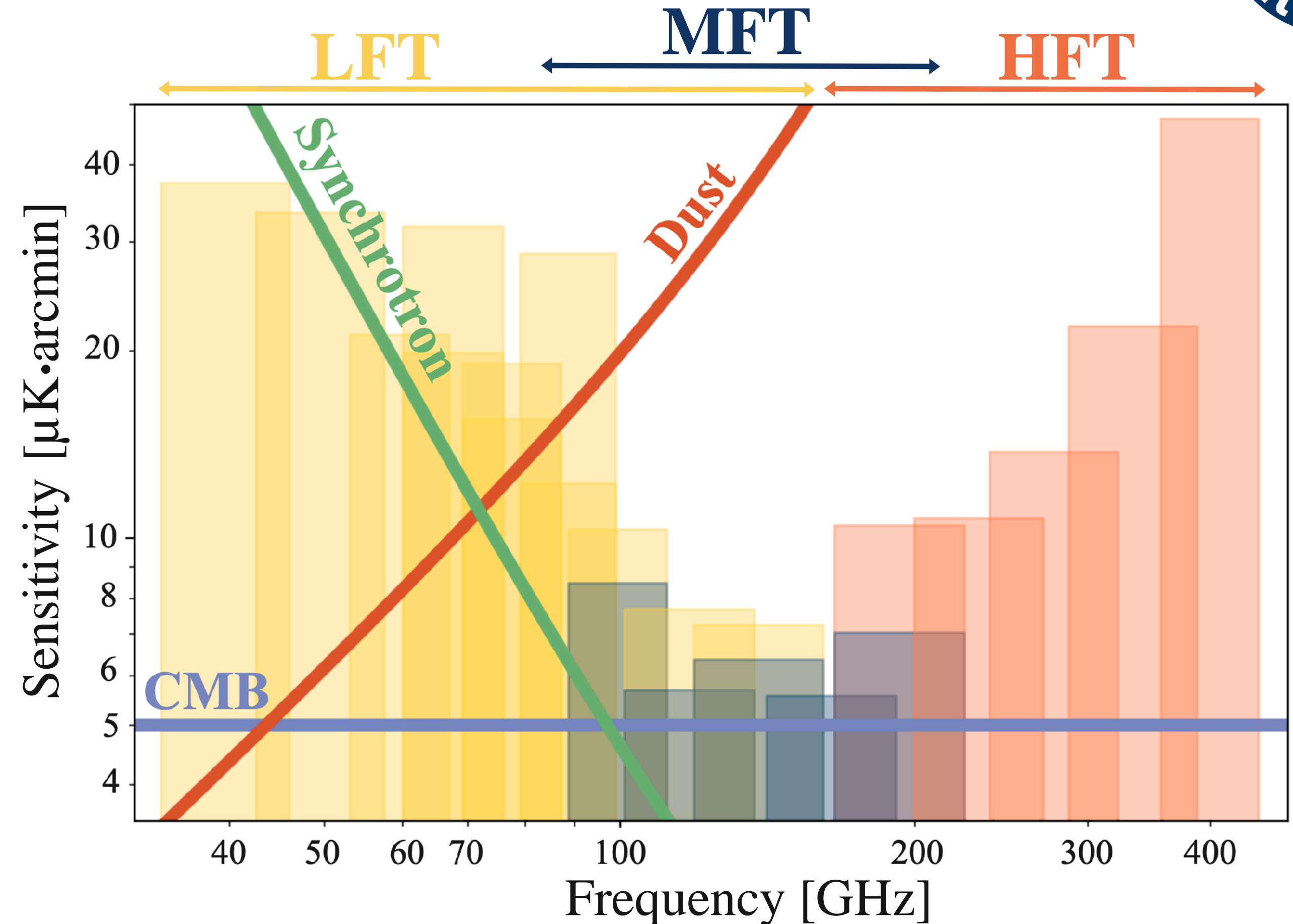
Wide frequency range

- Efficient component separation
- Improve synchrotron and dust models
- Cross-correlation of low and high frequencies reduces the impact of EB mismodeling

Full-sky coverage

- EB around the reionization peak probes the ALP mass and can distinguish between different ALP and early dark energy models

High signal-to-noise detections of β are possible with >20 arcmin resolutions



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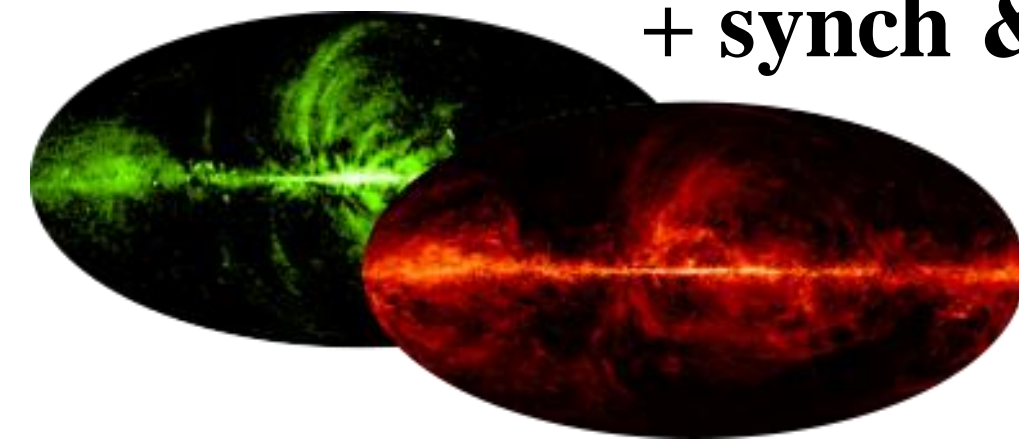
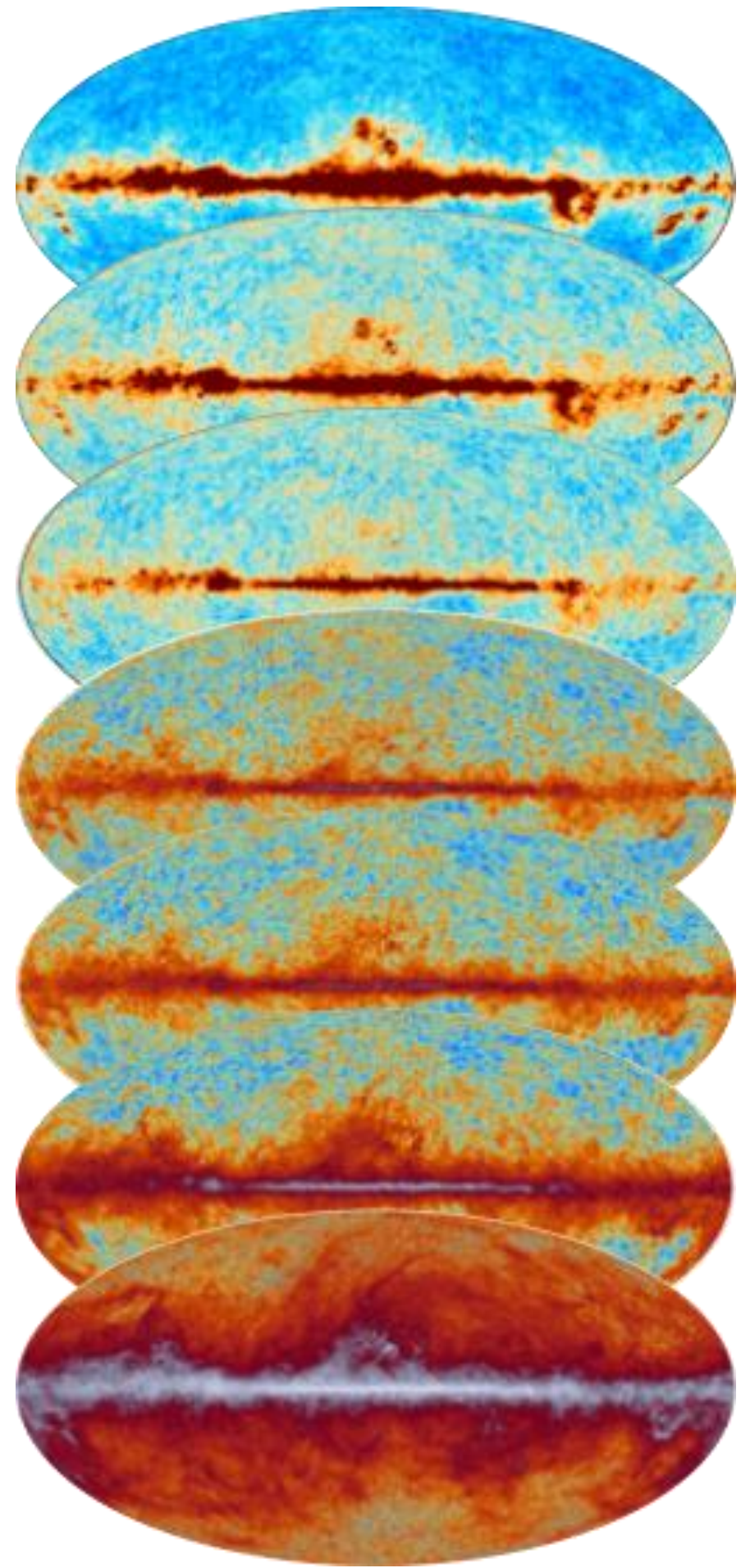
Projected **polarization sensitivities** for a **3-year full-sky survey**

- Best of $4.6 \mu\text{K}\cdot\text{arcmin}$ @ 119 GHz
- Cosmic-variance-limited measurement of E modes at low multipoles

Analysis pipelines



Frequency maps



+ synch & dust model

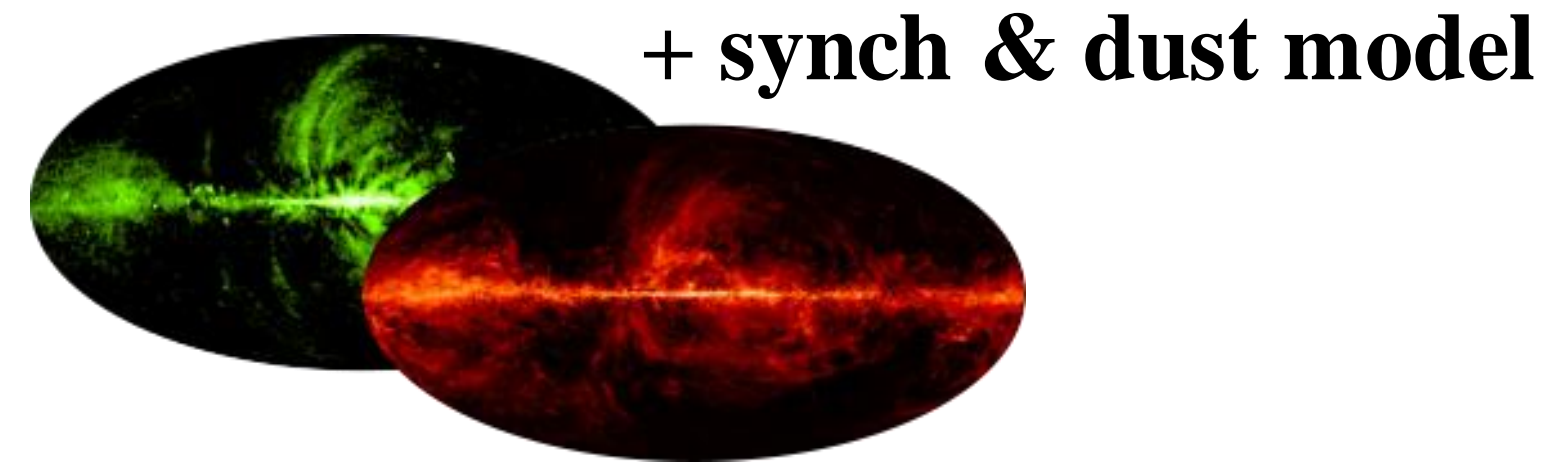
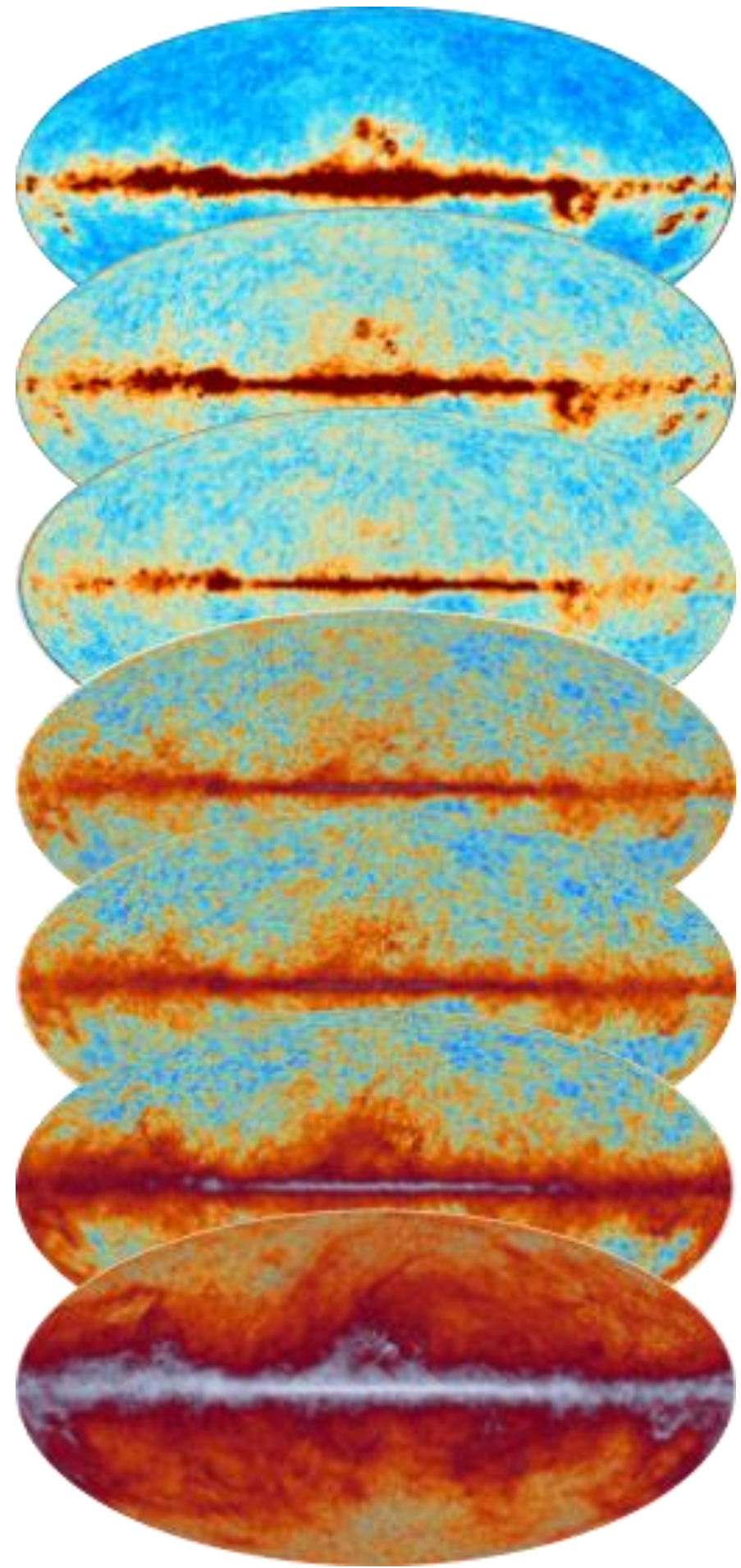


MK technique

α_i, β

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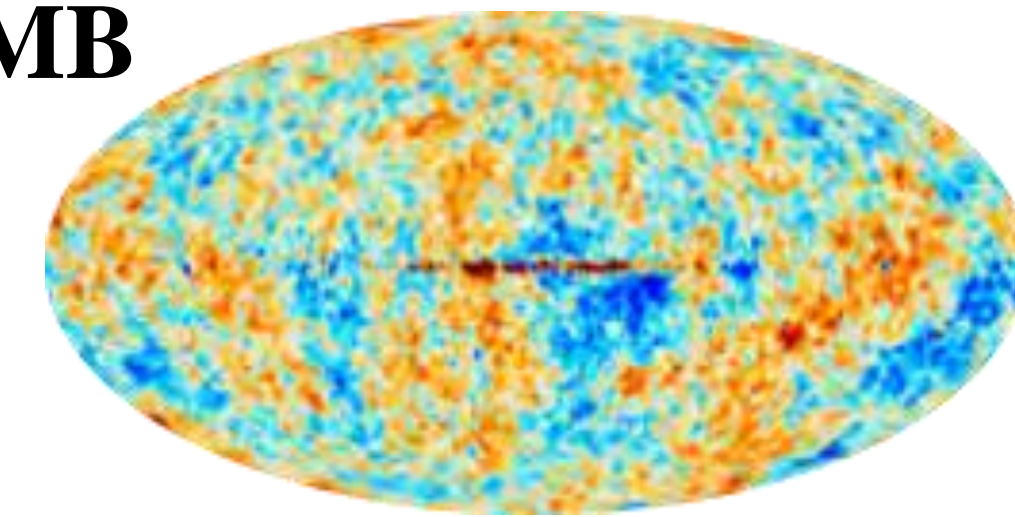
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Standard component separation



- Parametric SED

CMB



$\langle \alpha_i \rangle + \beta$ rotated

α_i, β

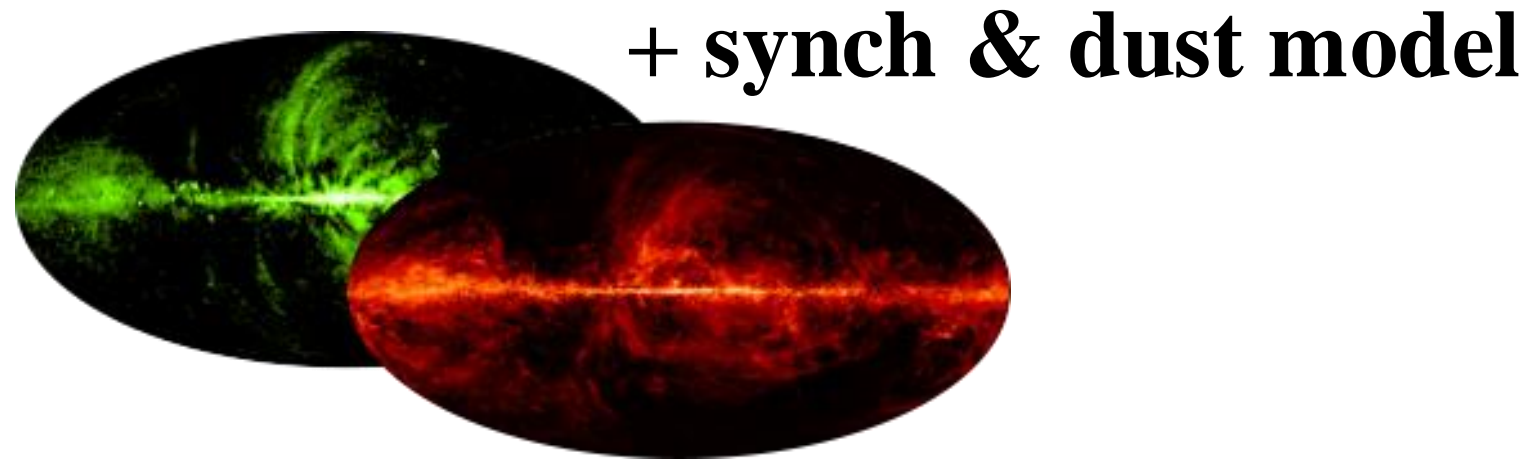
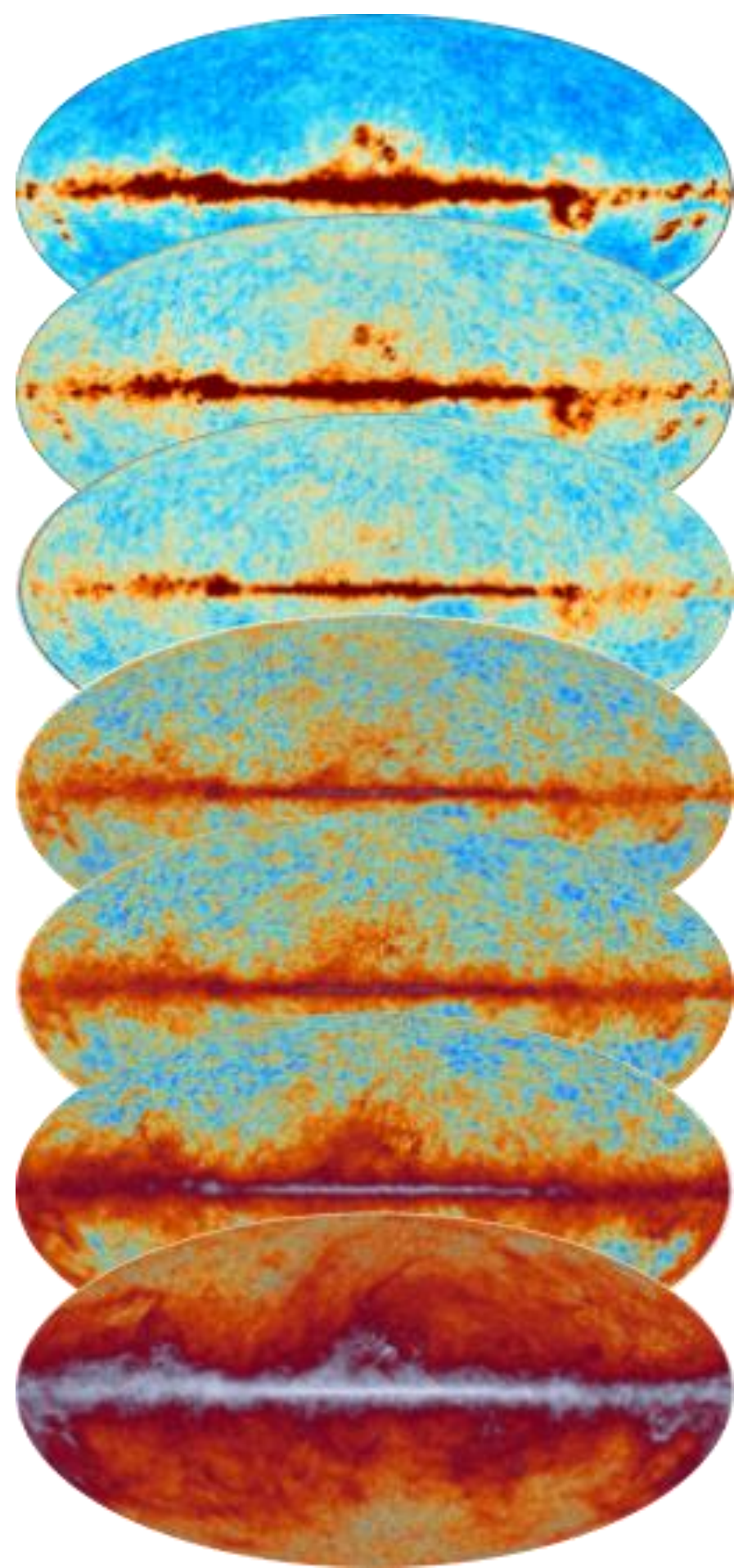
β from CMB

Harmonic space
D-estimator

Real space
Peak stacking

Analysis pipelines

Frequency maps



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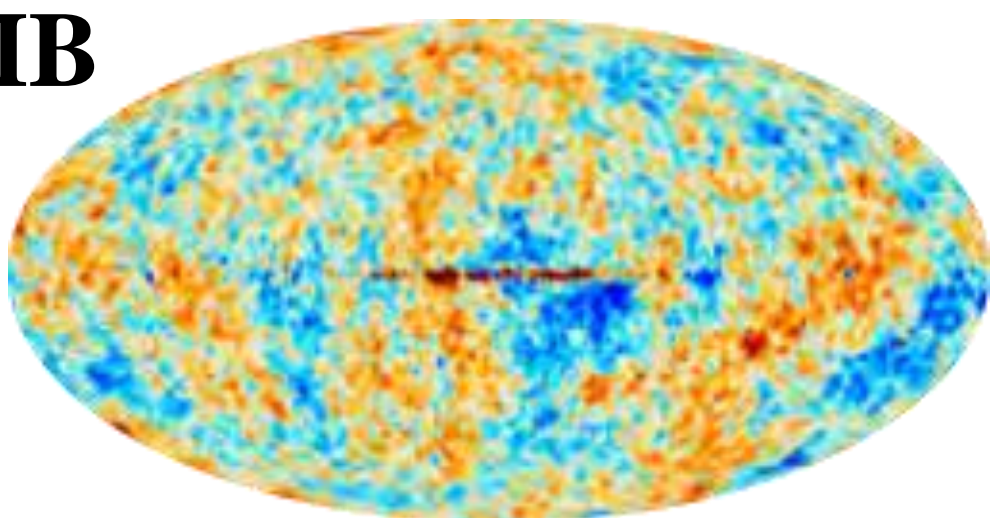
Modified component separation

- Parametric SED
- + α_i

α_i, β

β from CMB

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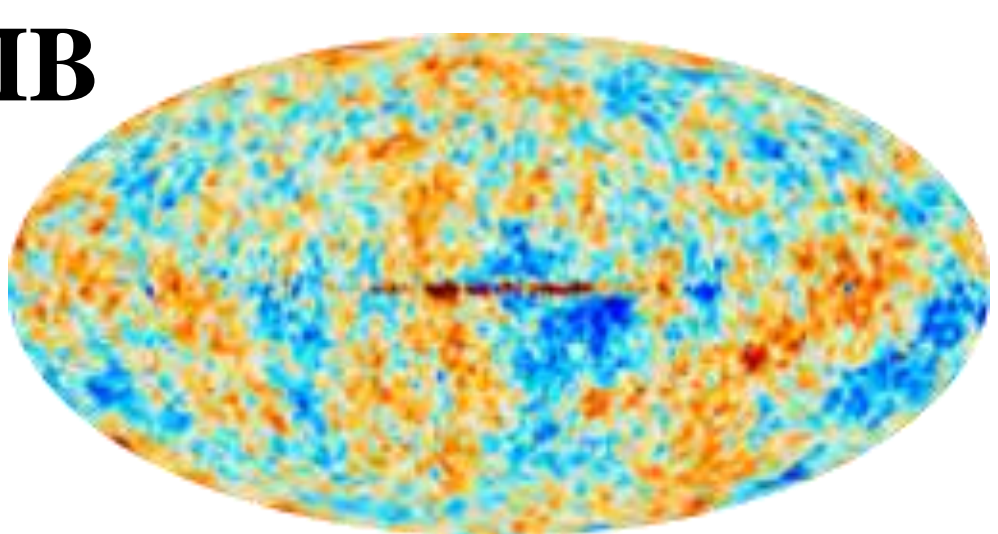


$\langle \alpha_i \rangle + \beta$ rotated

Harmonic space
 D -estimator

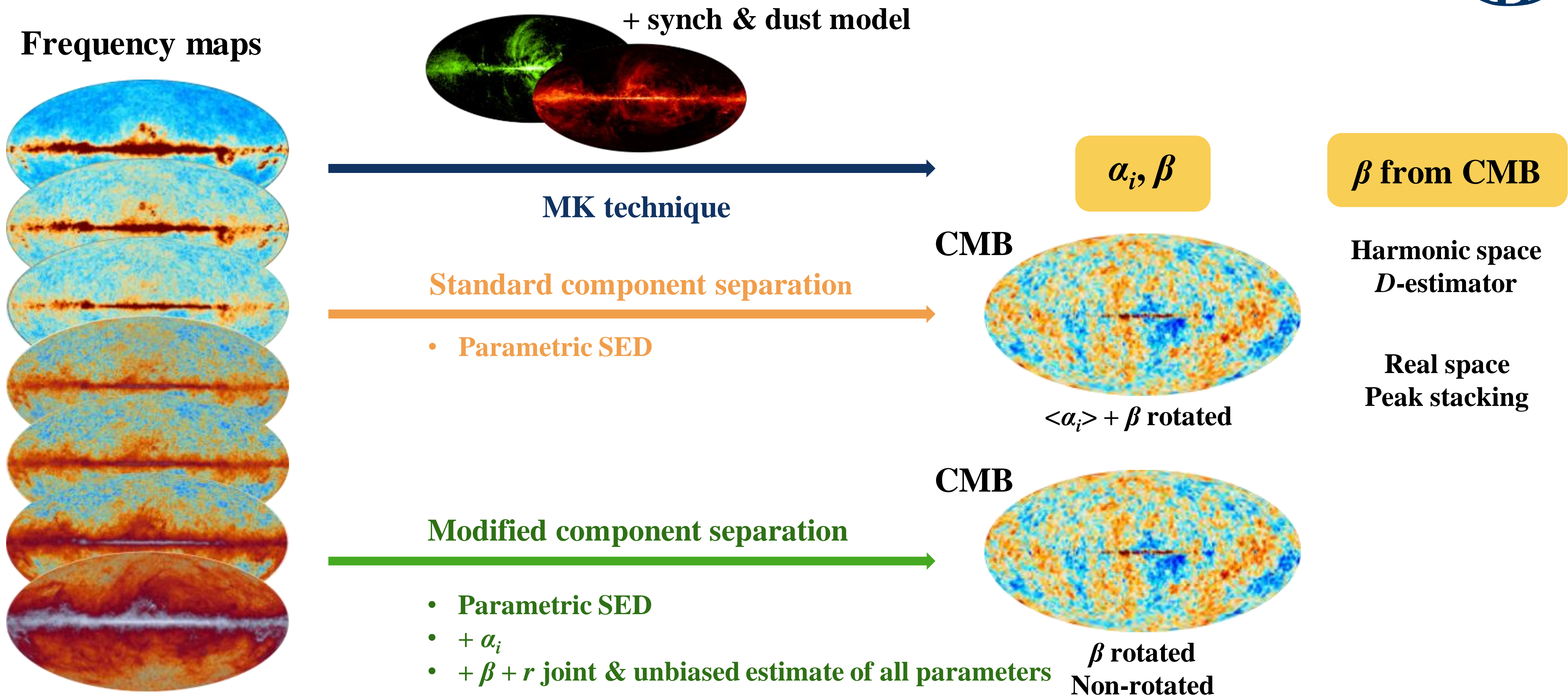
Real space
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β rotated

Analysis pipelines

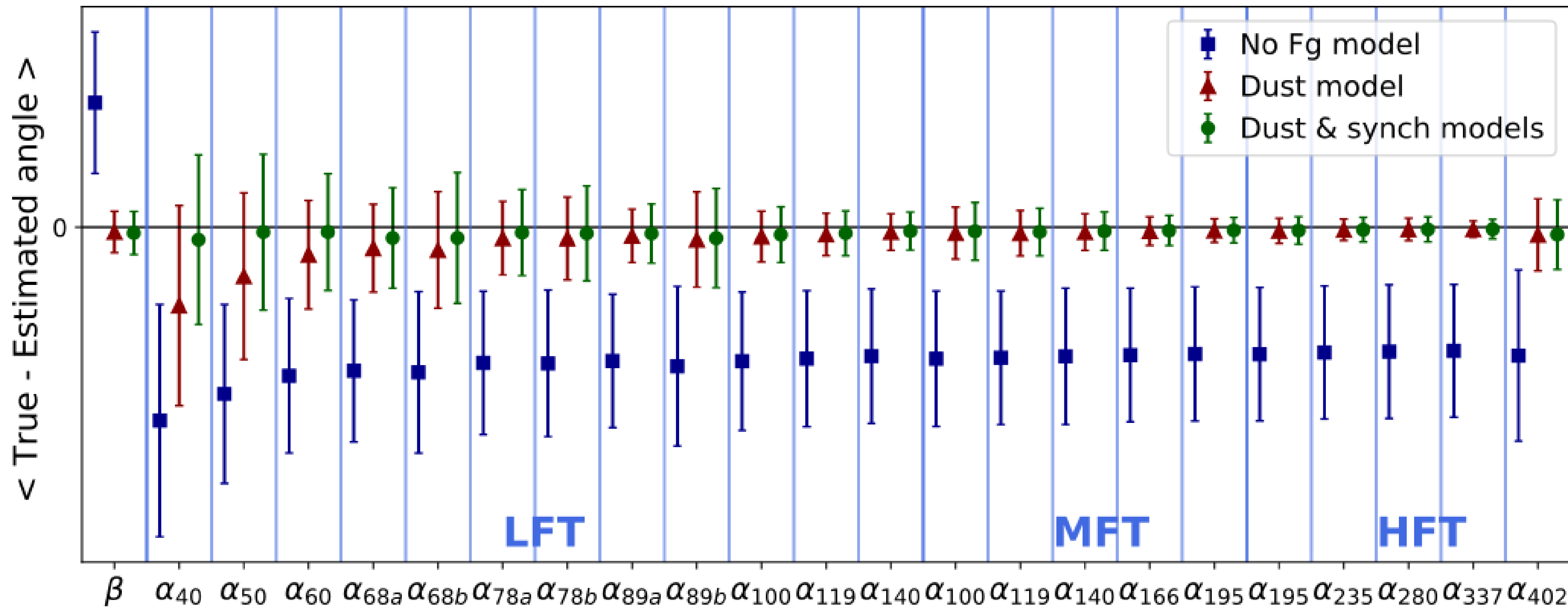


Minami-Komatsu (MK) technique

Considering dust and synchrotron contributions separately

$$C_\ell^{EB,o} = \frac{1}{2} \tan(4\alpha) \left(C_\ell^{EE,o} - C_\ell^{BB,o} \right) + \frac{\sin(4\beta)}{2 \cos(4\alpha)} \left(C_\ell^{EE,cmb} - C_\ell^{BB,cmb} \right) + \frac{1}{\cos(4\alpha)} \left(C_\ell^{EB,s} + C_\ell^{EB,d} + C_\ell^{E_s B_d} + C_\ell^{E_d B_s} \right)$$

Diego-Palazuelos+ JCAP 2023



D-estimator



$$D_\ell(\hat{\beta}) = C_\ell^{EB,o} - \frac{1}{2} \tan(4\hat{\beta}) \left(C_\ell^{EE,o} - C_\ell^{BB,o} \right)$$

$$\langle D_\ell(\hat{\beta} = \beta) \rangle = 0$$

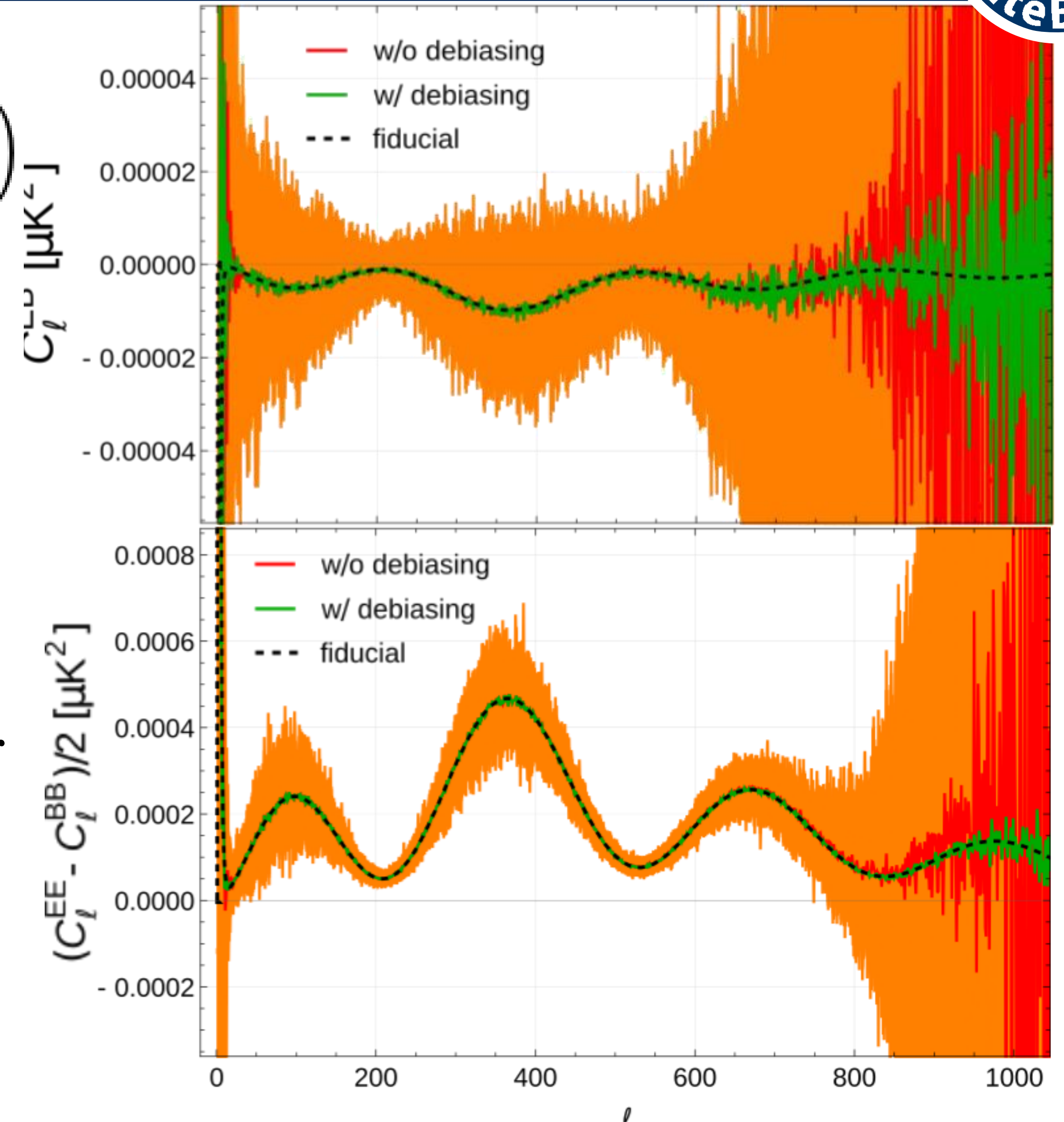
Find the zeros minimizing

$$\chi^2(\hat{\beta}) = \sum_{\ell\ell'} D_\ell(\hat{\beta}) M_{\ell\ell'}^{-1} D_{\ell'}(\hat{\beta})$$

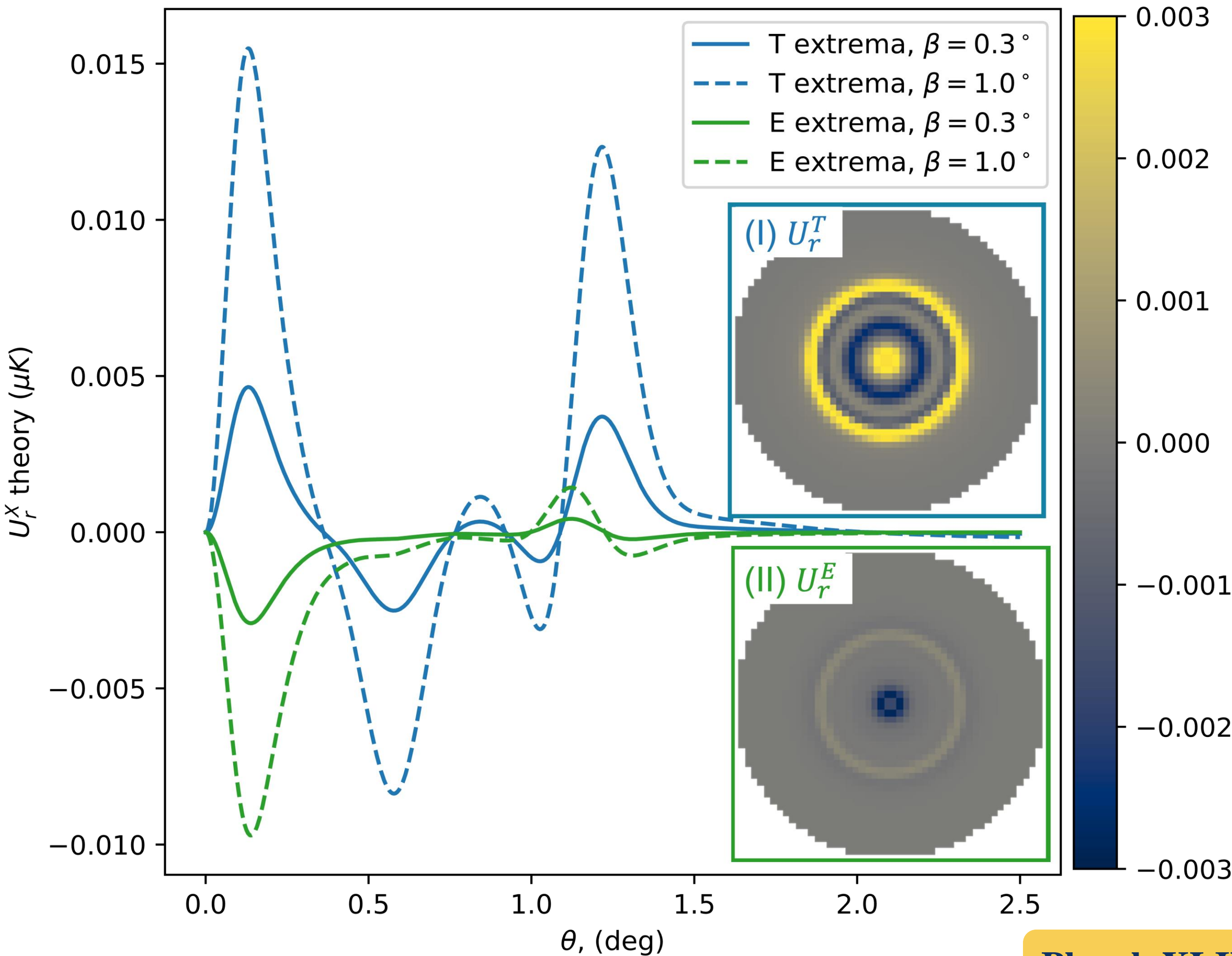
Build the covariance matrix from simulations to account for foreground debiasing and the extra dispersion caused by α miscalibrations

$$M_{\ell\ell'} = \langle D_\ell D_{\ell'} \rangle$$

Gruppeno+ JCAP 2016



Stacking of peaks



Find local extrema in T and E anisotropies

Transform the Stokes parameters and stack peaks

$$Q_r(\theta) = -Q(\theta) \cos(2\phi) - U(\theta) \sin(2\phi)$$

$$U_r(\theta) = Q(\theta) \sin(2\phi) - U(\theta) \cos(2\phi)$$

Radial profile around peaks is sensitive to β

$$\langle U_r^T \rangle(\theta) = -\sin(2\beta) \int \frac{\ell d\ell}{2\pi} W_\ell^T W_\ell^P J_2(\ell\theta) \times (\bar{b}_\nu + \bar{b}_\zeta \ell^2) C_\ell^{TE}$$

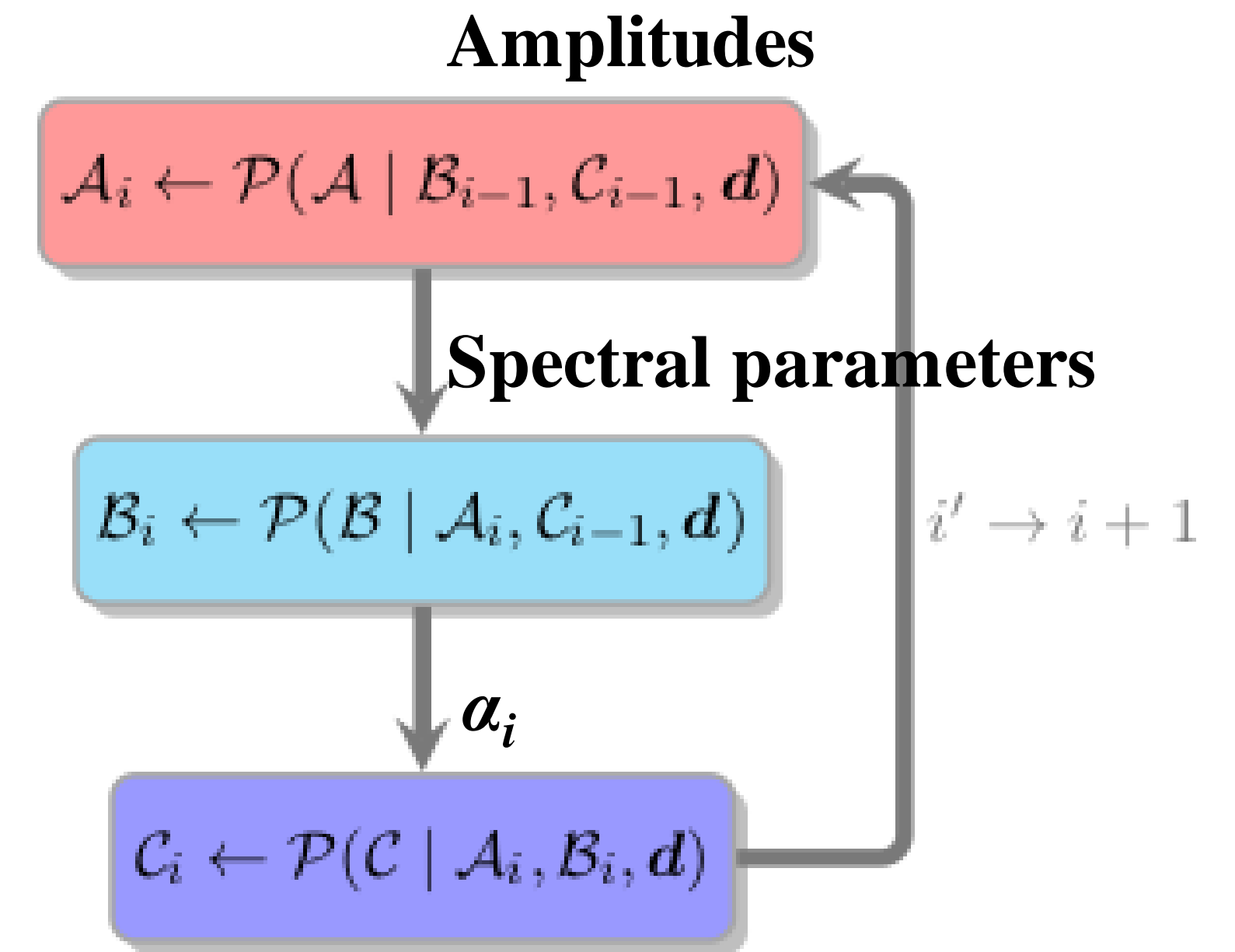
$$\langle U_r^E \rangle(\theta) = -\frac{1}{2} \sin(4\beta) \int \frac{\ell d\ell}{2\pi} W_\ell^E W_\ell^P J_2(\ell\theta) \times (\bar{b}_\nu + \bar{b}_\zeta \ell^2) (C_\ell^{EE} - C_\ell^{BB})$$

Planck XLIX A&A 2016

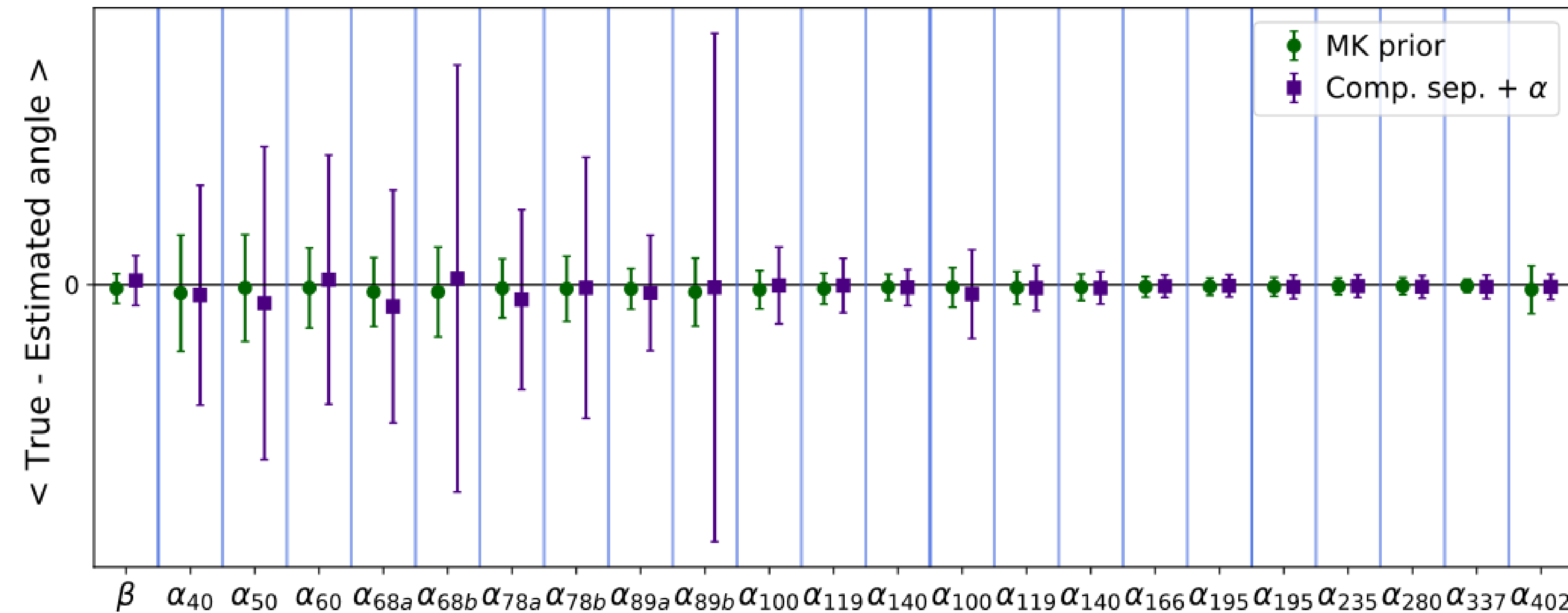
Component separation + α_i

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q(\nu, \theta) \\ U(\nu, \theta) \end{pmatrix}_p = \begin{pmatrix} c^Q \\ c^U \end{pmatrix}_p + \begin{pmatrix} a_s^Q \\ a_s^U \end{pmatrix}_p \frac{1}{u(\nu)} \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_s}\right)^{\beta_s} + \begin{pmatrix} a_d^Q \\ a_d^U \end{pmatrix}_p \frac{1}{u(\nu)} \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_d}\right)^{\beta_d-2} \frac{B(\nu, T_d)}{B(\nu_d, T_d)}$$

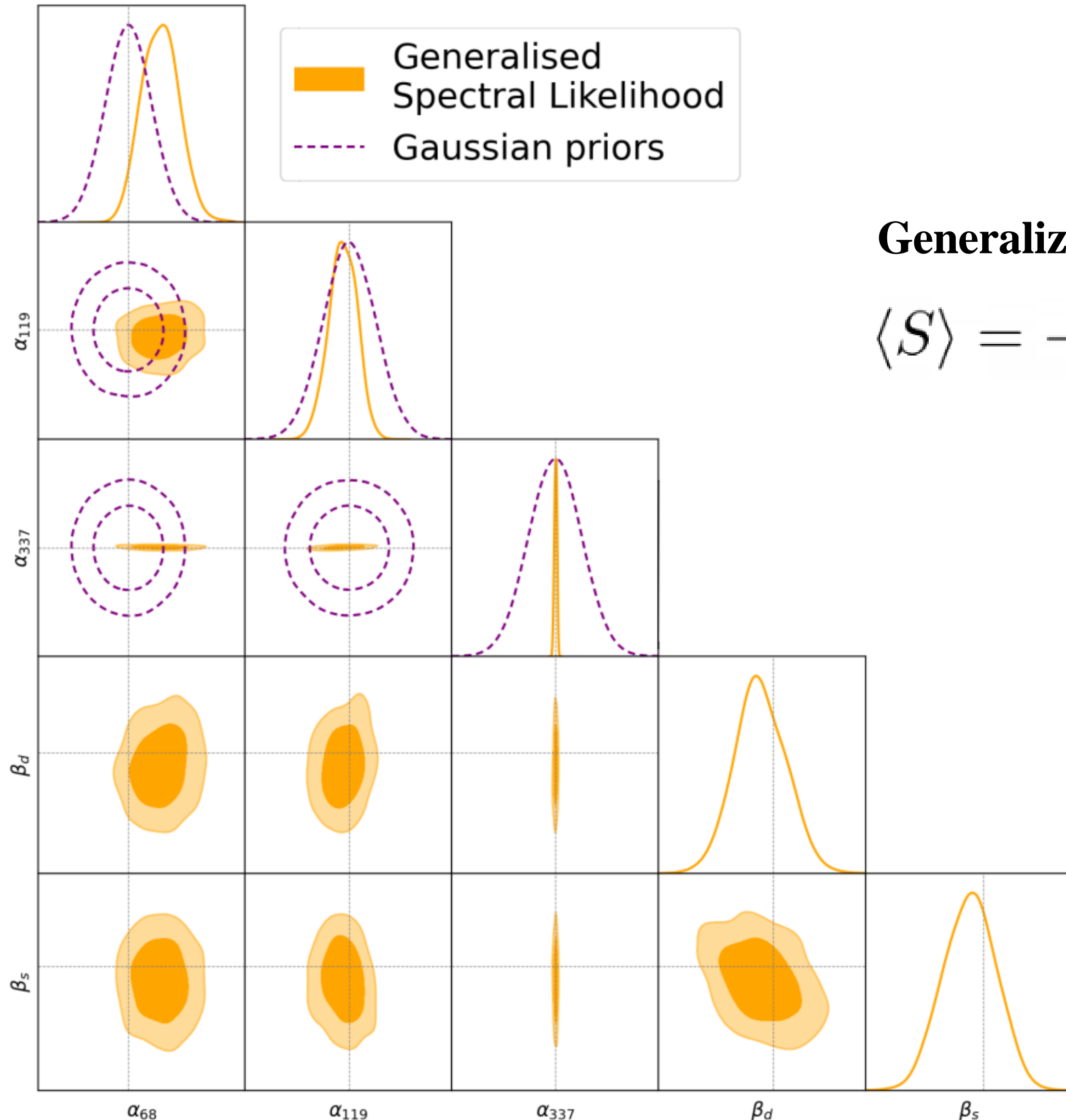
$$\begin{pmatrix} Q^\circ(\nu, \alpha, \theta) \\ U^\circ(\nu, \alpha, \theta) \end{pmatrix}_p = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\alpha) & -\sin(2\alpha) \\ \sin(2\alpha) & \cos(2\alpha) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q(\nu, \theta) \\ U(\nu, \theta) \end{pmatrix}_p$$



Gaussian priors on spectral parameters
MK result as prior on α_i



Component separation + $\alpha_i + \beta + r$



Generalized spectral likelihood

$$\langle S \rangle = -2 \sum \text{tr} \left(\mathbf{N}_p^{-1} \mathbf{\Lambda}_p (\mathbf{\Lambda}_p^t \mathbf{N}_p^{-1} \mathbf{\Lambda}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{\Lambda}_p^t \mathbf{N}_p^{-1} \langle \mathbf{d}_p \mathbf{d}_p^t \rangle \right)$$

Stompor+ MNRAS 2009
Vergès+ PRD 2021

Spectral parameters

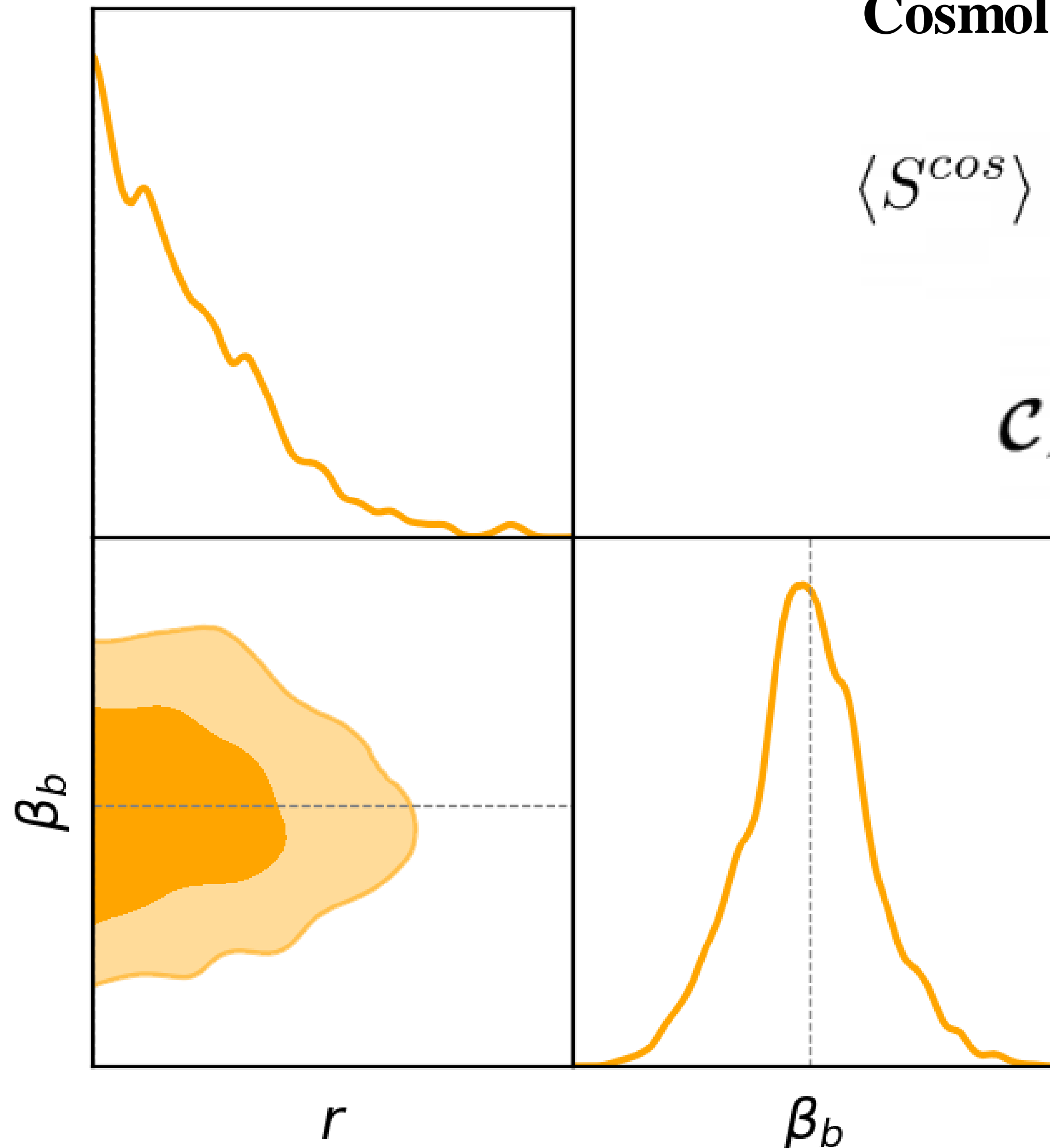
$$d = \underbrace{X}_{\Lambda} \underbrace{A \mathcal{B} c}_s + n$$

Instrument miscalibration

Birefringence

Component separation + $\alpha_i + \beta + r$

Jost+ PRD 2023



Cosmological likelihood

$$\langle S^{\text{cos}} \rangle = f_{\text{sky}} \sum_{\ell=\ell_{\text{min}}}^{\ell_{\text{max}}} \frac{(2\ell+1)}{2} \left(\text{Tr}(\mathbf{C}_\ell^{-1} \mathbf{E}_\ell) + \ln(\det(\mathbf{C}_\ell)) \right)$$

Output of spectral likelihood

$$\mathbf{C}_\ell(r, \beta_b) \equiv$$

$$\mathcal{R}(\beta_b) \begin{pmatrix} C_\ell^{EE,p} & 0 \\ 0 & rC_\ell^{BB,p} + A_L C_\ell^{BB,\text{lens}} \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{R}^{-1}(\beta_b) + C_\ell^{\text{noise}}$$

Gaussian priors on spectral parameters

External priors from an artificial or astrophysical calibration source on some frequency channels

Performance across pipelines

Phase 1

CMB ($\beta=0$)
 + noise
 + simple foregrounds (s0d0)

Phase 2

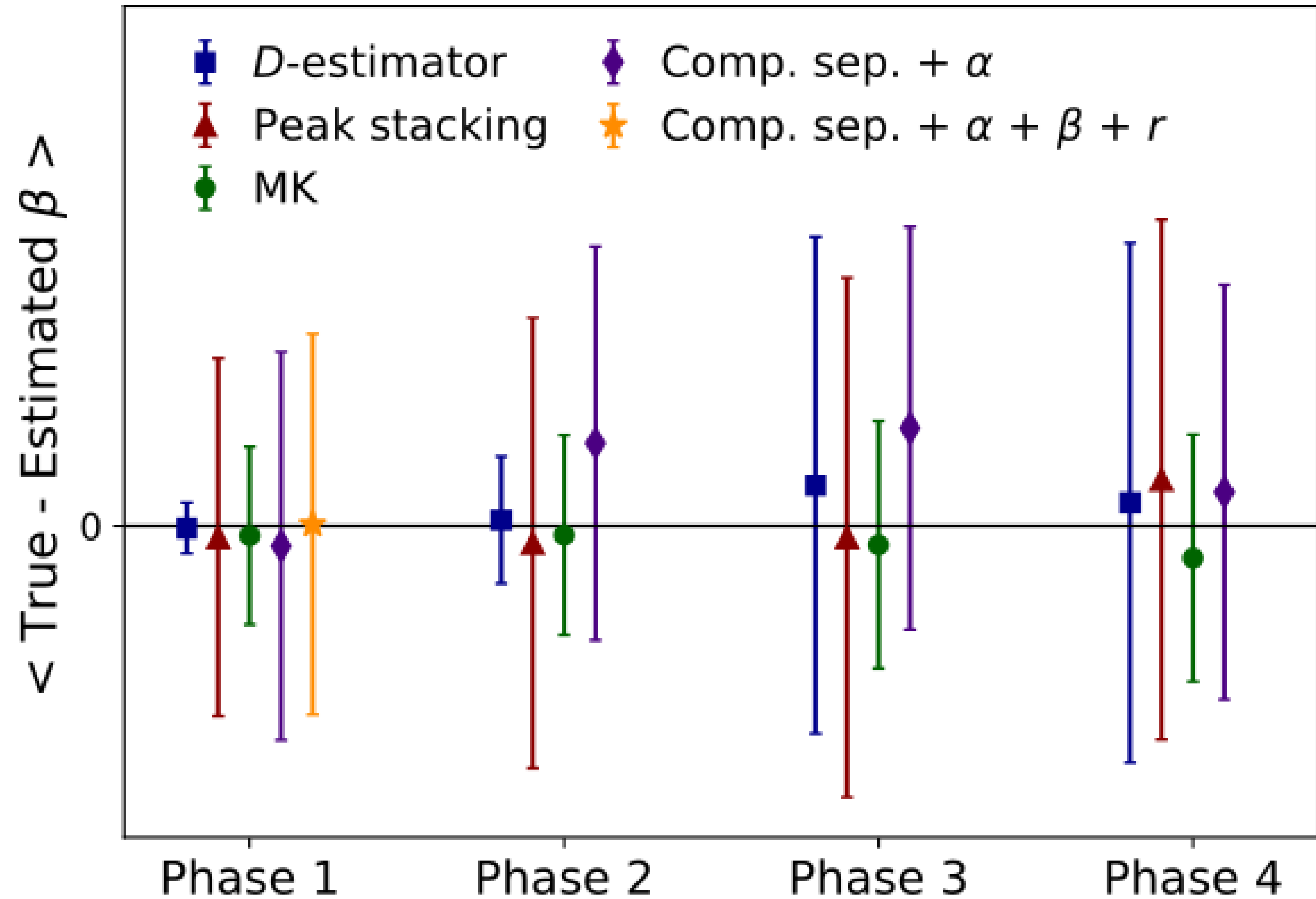
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Phase 3

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 + noise
 + complex foregrounds (s1d1)
 + systematics ($\alpha_i \neq 0$)

Phase 4

CMB ($\beta \neq 0$)
 + noise
 + complex foregrounds (s1d1)
 + systematics ($\alpha_i \neq 0$)



Take-home message



LiteBIRD will provide the perfect venue to **confirm the current hints of $\beta \approx 0.3$** found in *Planck* and WMAP data

We are developing different complementary analysis pipelines



Robust analysis

Internally assess the impact of instrumental miscalibrations and Galactic foregrounds on our measurements

Analysis pipelines have successfully adapted to overcome the different levels of complexity



Future work

Continue exploring more complex foregrounds and additional sources of systematics

Keep an eye on the arXiv for the full forecast soon!



Component separation + α + β + r

3rd) Instrument miscalibration

$$X(\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n_f}\}) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\alpha_1) & \sin(2\alpha_1) & & & & & 0 \\ -\sin(2\alpha_1) & \cos(2\alpha_1) & & & & & \\ & & \ddots & & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & & \cos(2\alpha_{n_f}) & \sin(2\alpha_{n_f}) & \\ & & & & -\sin(2\alpha_{n_f}) & \cos(2\alpha_{n_f}) & \end{pmatrix}$$

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2nd) Mixing matrix

$$A(\{\beta_{fg}\}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & A_1^d & 0 & A_1^s & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & A_1^d & 0 & A_1^s \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & A_n^d & 0 & A_n^s & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & A_n^d & 0 & A_n^s \end{pmatrix}$$

CMB
Dust
Synch

1st) Birefringent rotation of CMB

$$\mathcal{B}(\{\beta_b\}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\beta_b) & \sin(2\beta_b) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin(2\beta_b) & \cos(2\beta_b) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



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LiteBIRD Joint Study Group



Over 300 researchers from **Japan**,
North America and **Europe**

Team experience in CMB experiments,
X-ray satellites and other large projects
(ALMA, HEP experiments, ...)

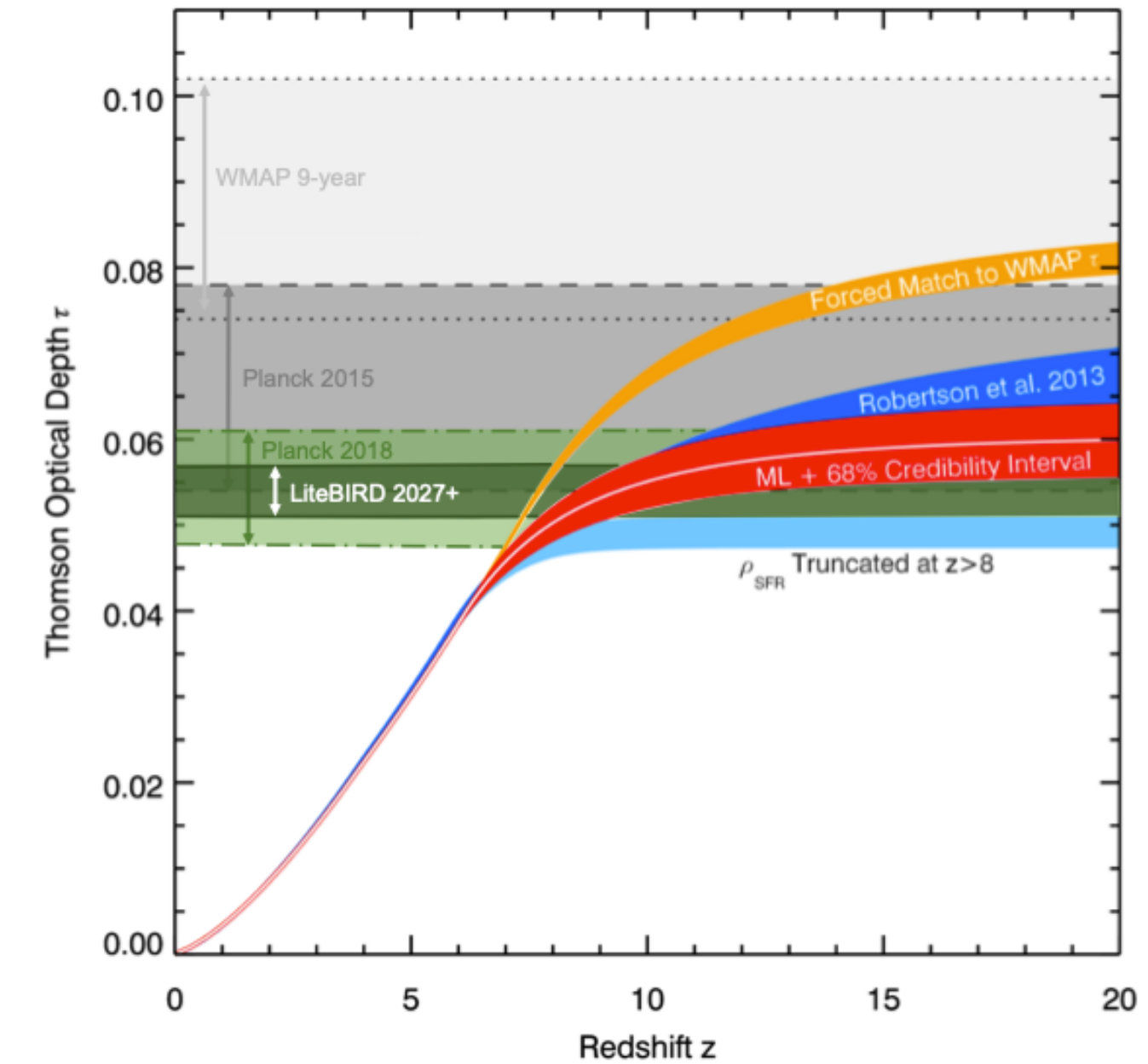


LiteBIRD Global F2F meeting
December 11-13, 2019 at MPE

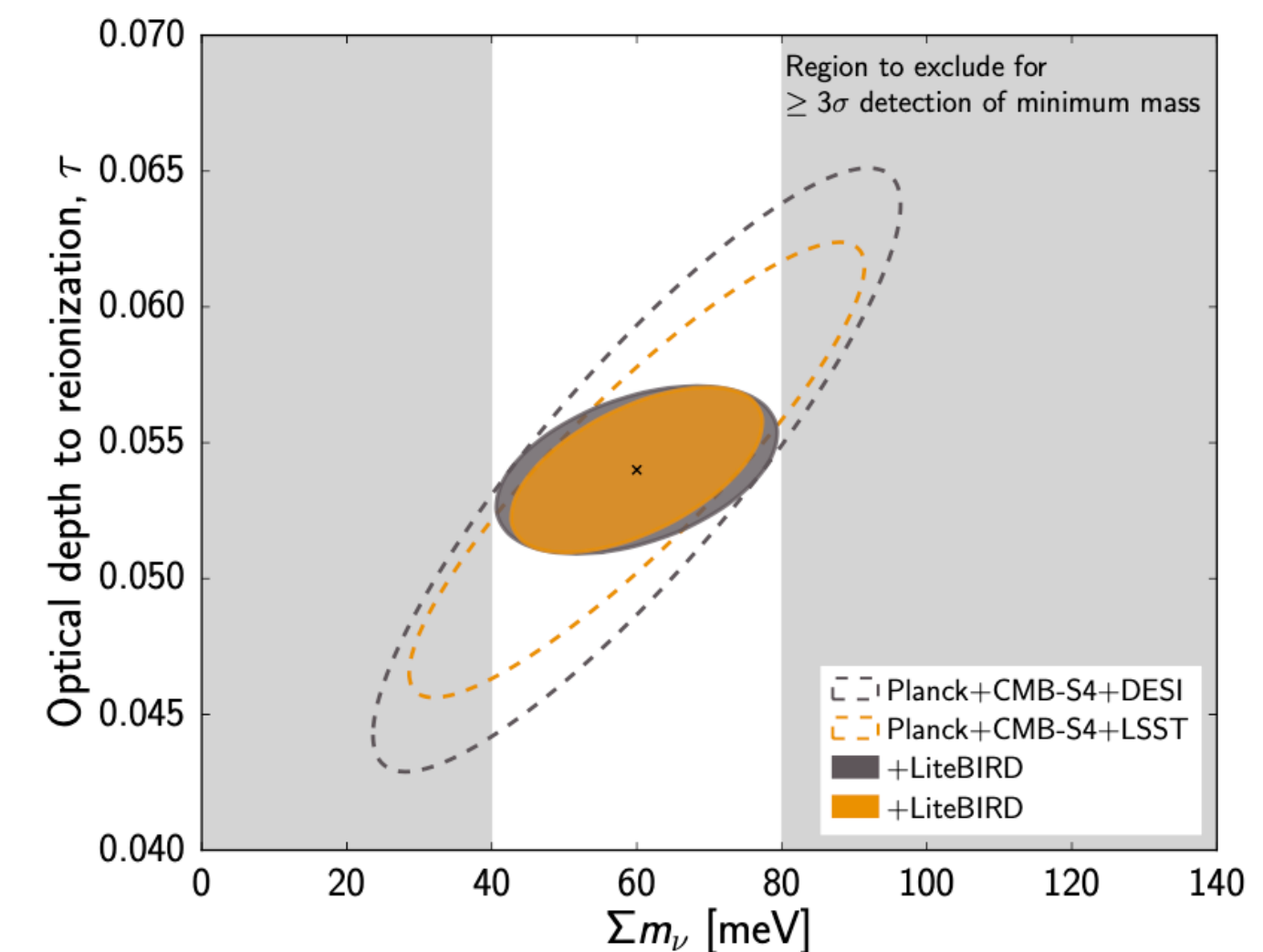
LiteBIRD other science outcomes



- The mission specifications are driven by the required sensitivity on r
- Meeting those sensitivity requirements would allow to address other important scientific topics, such as:
 1. Characterize the B -mode power spectrum and search for source source fields (e.g. scale-invariance, non-Gaussianity, parity violation, ...)
 2. Power spectrum features in polarization
 - Large-scale **E -modes**
 - **Reionization** (improve $\sigma(\tau)$ by a factor of 3)
 - **Neutrino mass** ($\sigma(\sum m_\nu) = 15$ meV)
 3. Constraints on **cosmic birefringence**
 4. **SZ effect** (thermal, diffuse, relativistic corrections)
 5. Elucidating **anomalies**
 6. **Galactic science**
 - Characterizing the foreground SED
 - Large-scale Galactic magnetic field
 - Models of dust polarization



adapted from
Robertson+2015

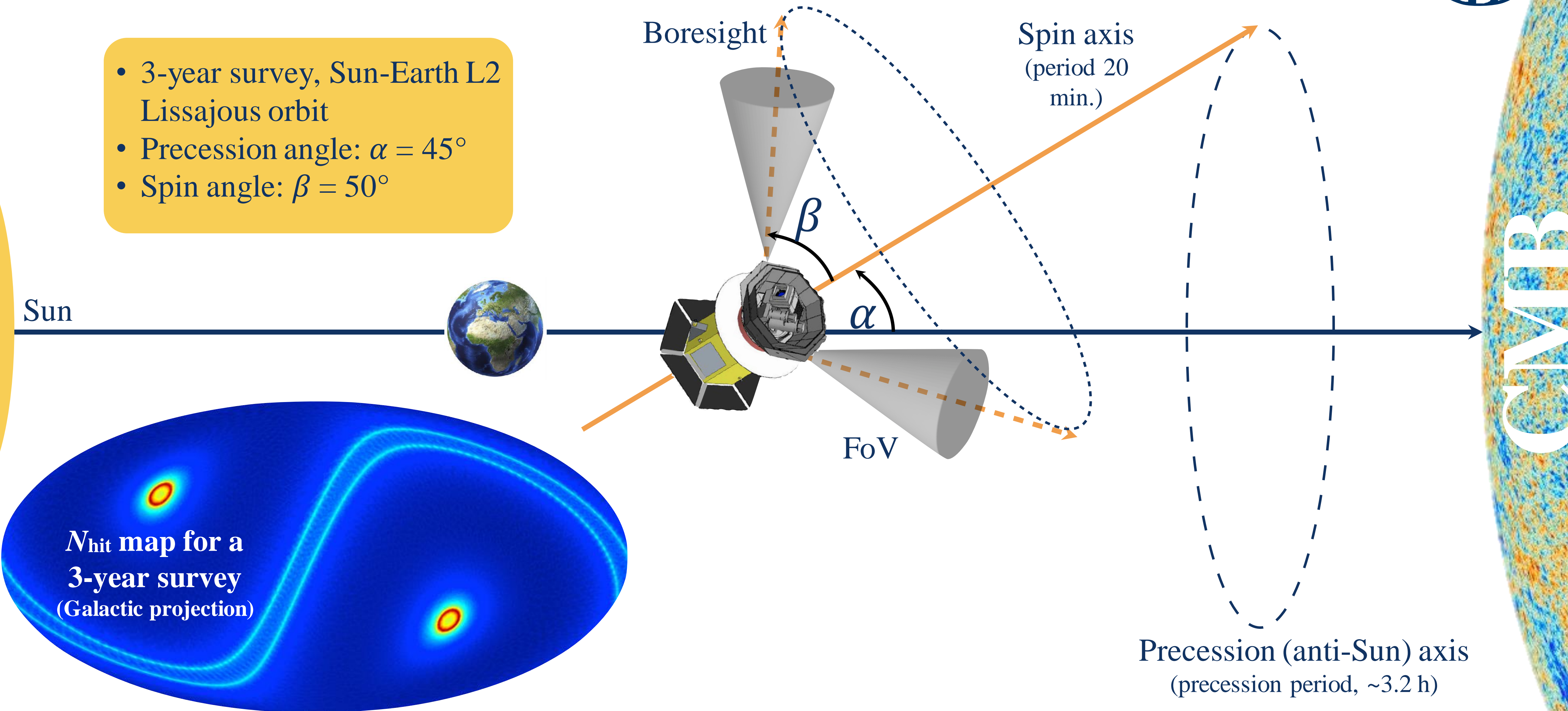


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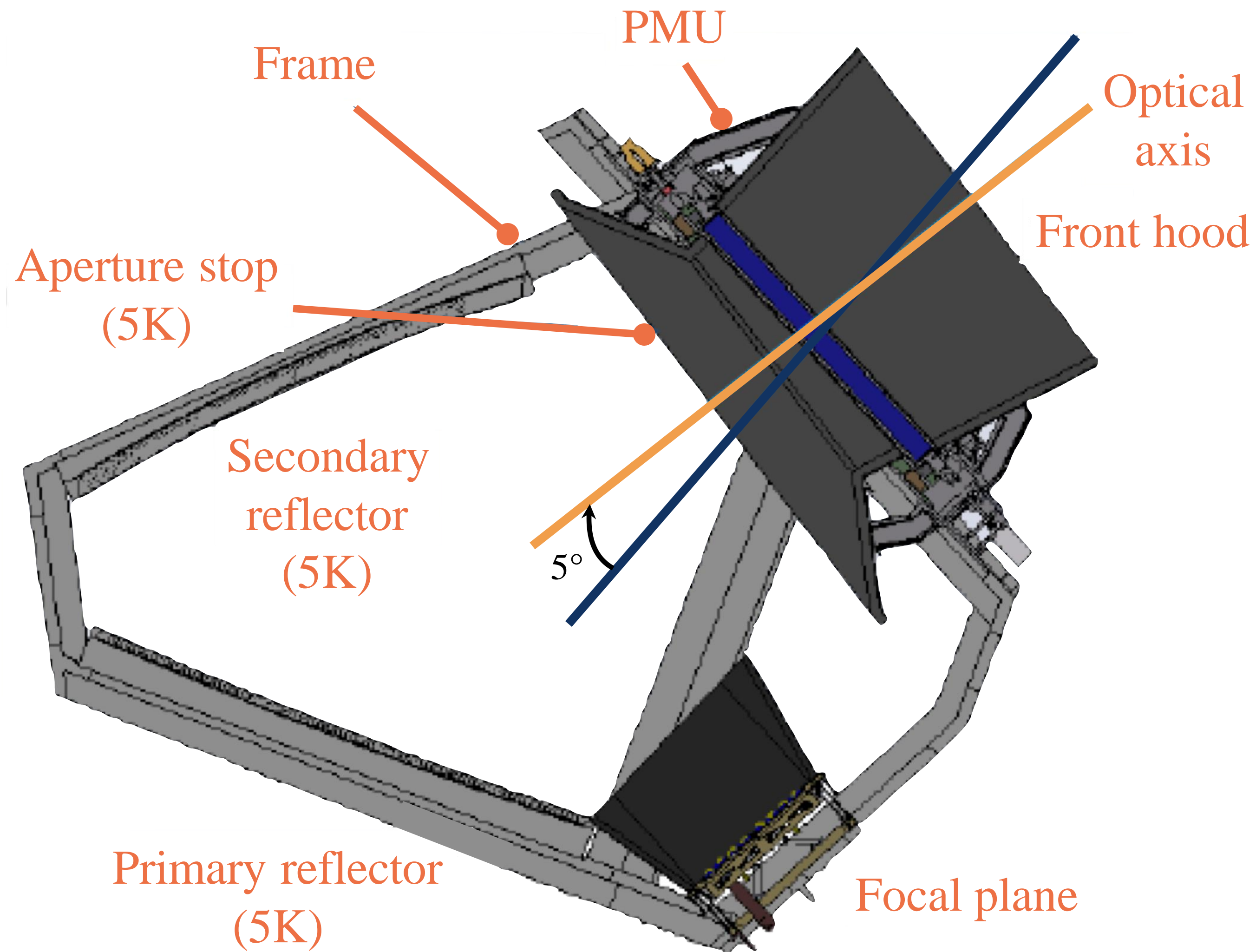
LiteBIRD scanning strategy



- 3-year survey, Sun-Earth L2 Lissajous orbit
- Precession angle: $\alpha = 45^\circ$
- Spin angle: $\beta = 50^\circ$



Low Frequency Telescope (LFT)



- Polarization Modulation Unit (PMU) as the first sky-side optical element
- **Crossed-Dragone** design
 - Mirrors and aperture stop at **5 K**
 - Made of aluminium
- Field of view: **18°×9°**
- Strehl ratio > 0.95 (@ 140 GHz)
- Aperture diameter: **400 mm**
- Frequency range: **40-140 GHz**
- Angular resolution: **70-24 arcmin**
- F#3.0 & cross angle of 90°
- Cross-polarization < **-30 dB**
- Rotation of the polarization angle across the FoV < $\pm 1.5^\circ$
- Weight < 200 kg

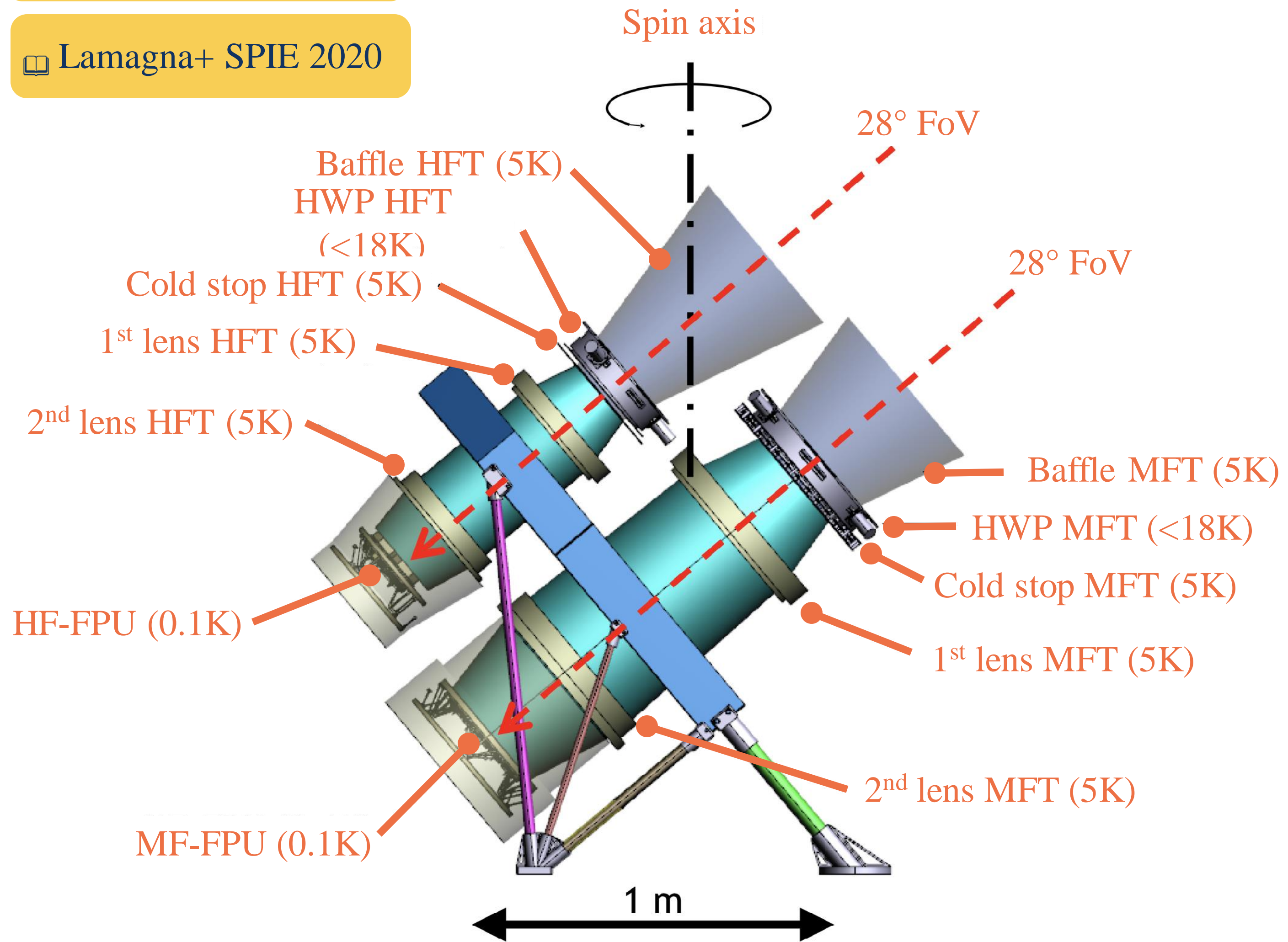
▣ Sekimoto+ SPIE 2020

Middle-High Frequency Telescopes (MFT/HFT)



Montier+ SPIE 2020

Lamagna+ SPIE 2020



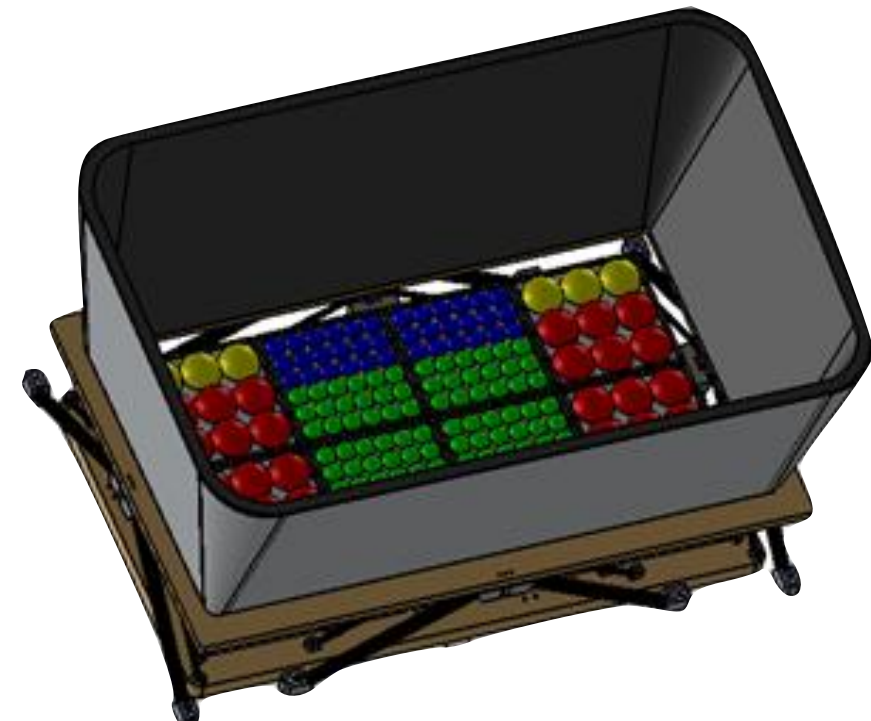
- Refractive optics
- Each telescope has PMU with a half-wave-plate (HWP)
- Optics at **5 K**
- Field of view: **28°**
- Simple and high heritage from ground experiments
- Compact (mass & volume)
- Simplified design for filtering scheme
- PP lenses + ARC
- Weight 180 kg

	MFT	HFT
ν (GHz)	100-195	195-402
Ap. diameter (mm)	300	200
Ang. res. (arcmin)	38-28	29-18

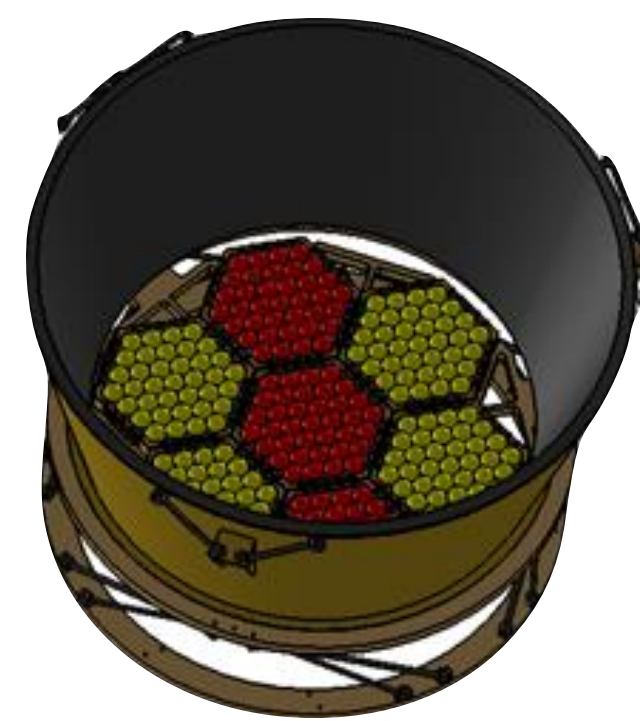
Focal plane configuration

- Transition-Edge Sensor (TES) arrays
- Multichroic detectors
- Number of sensors: 4508
- 15 bands including overlap between instruments

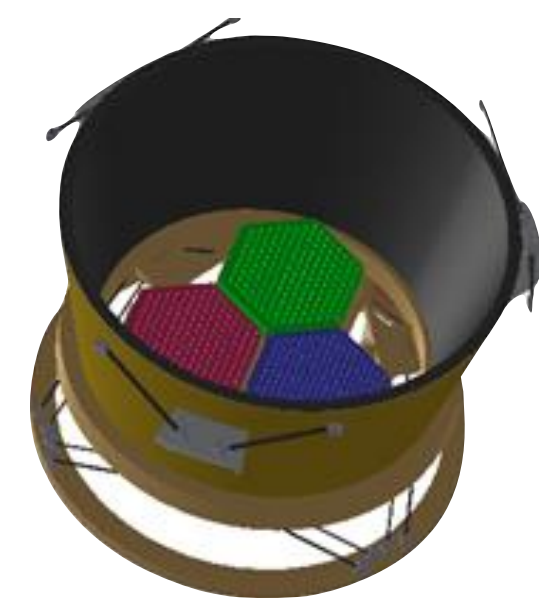
LFT



MFT

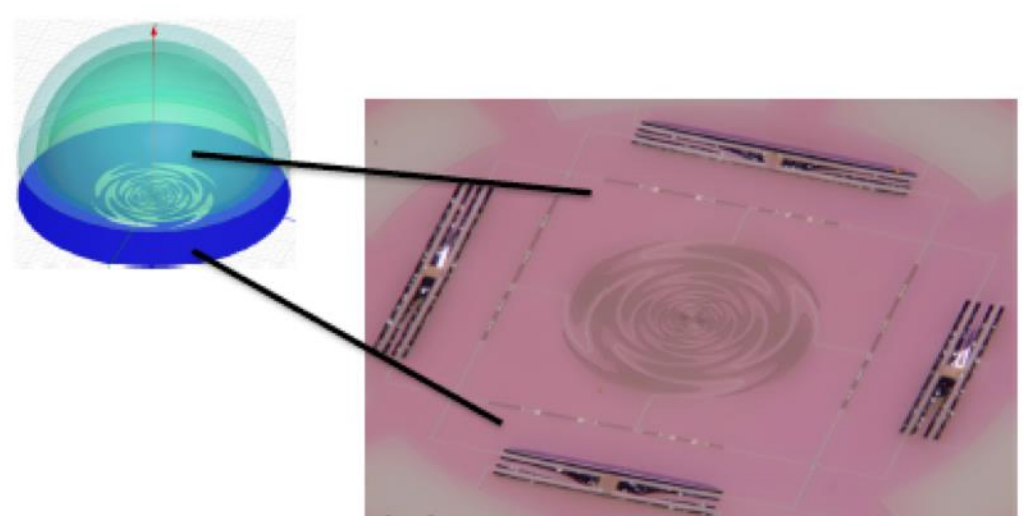
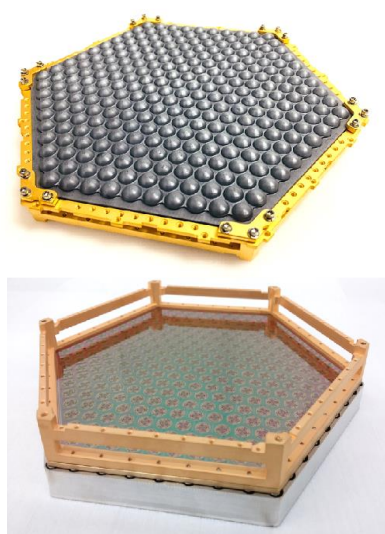


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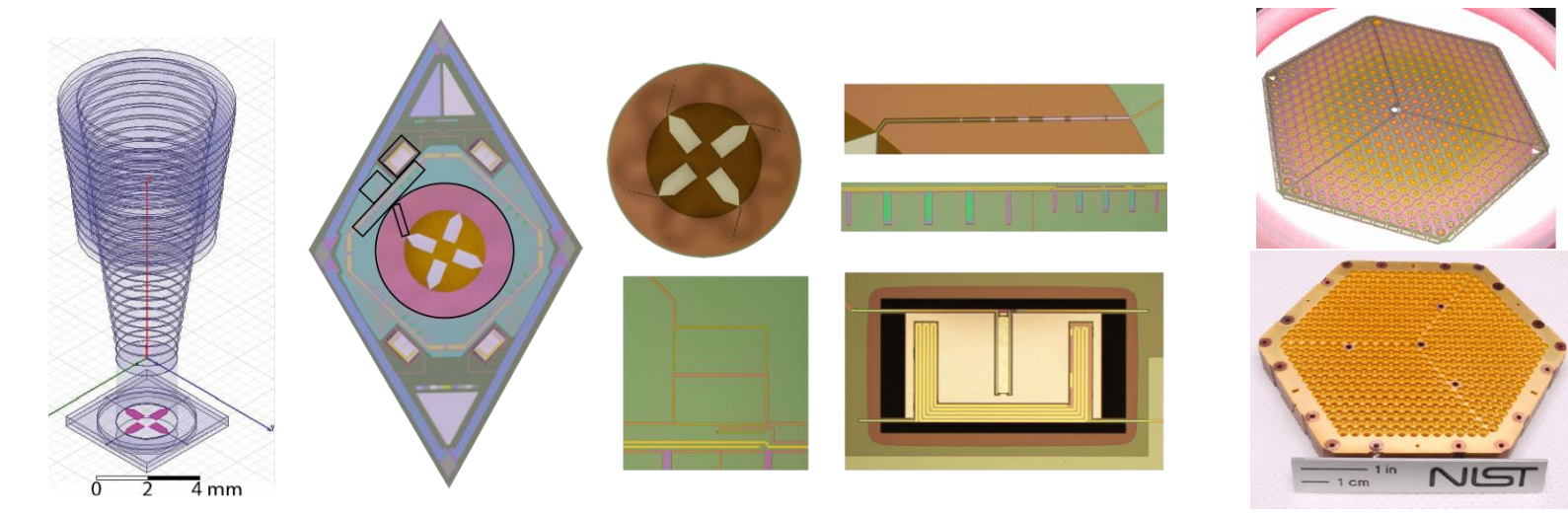


Rule of thumb:
1000 detectors in space
= 100 000 detectors on
ground

Lensed coupled detectors
Lenslets



Horn coupled detectors
Platelets



Westbrook+ SPIE 2020

89GHz **MFT (2.5:1)** 225 GHz

2075 detectors
366 Trichroic TES
588 Dichroic TES

100 119 140 166 195

LFT (5.7:1)

34GHz 40 50 60 68 78 89 100 119 140 161 GHz

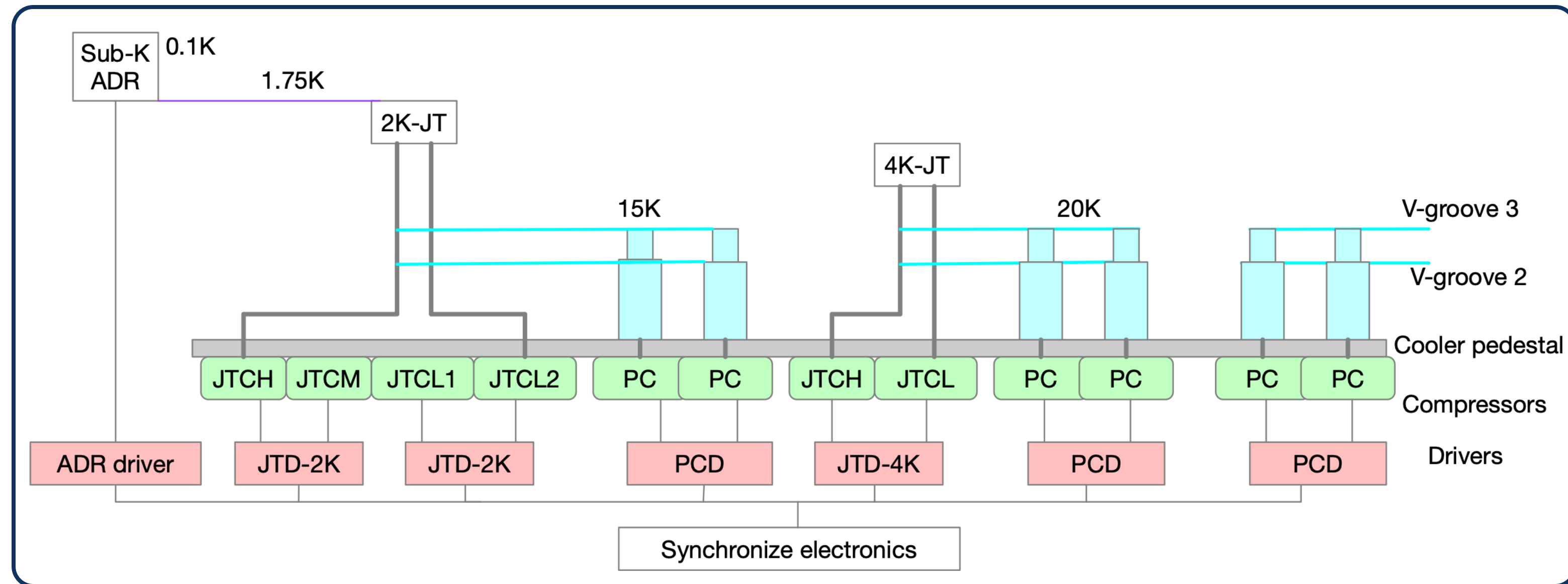
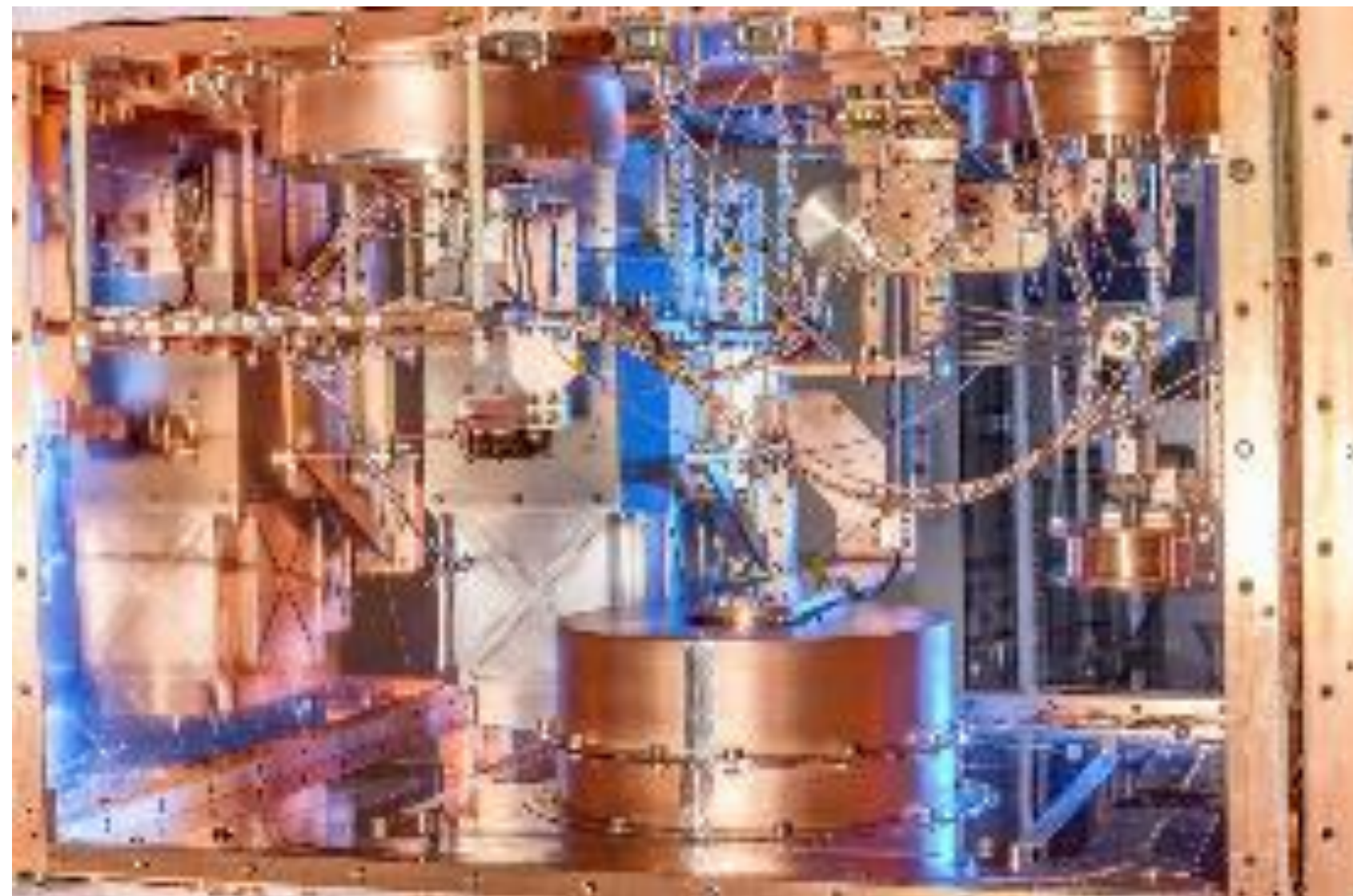
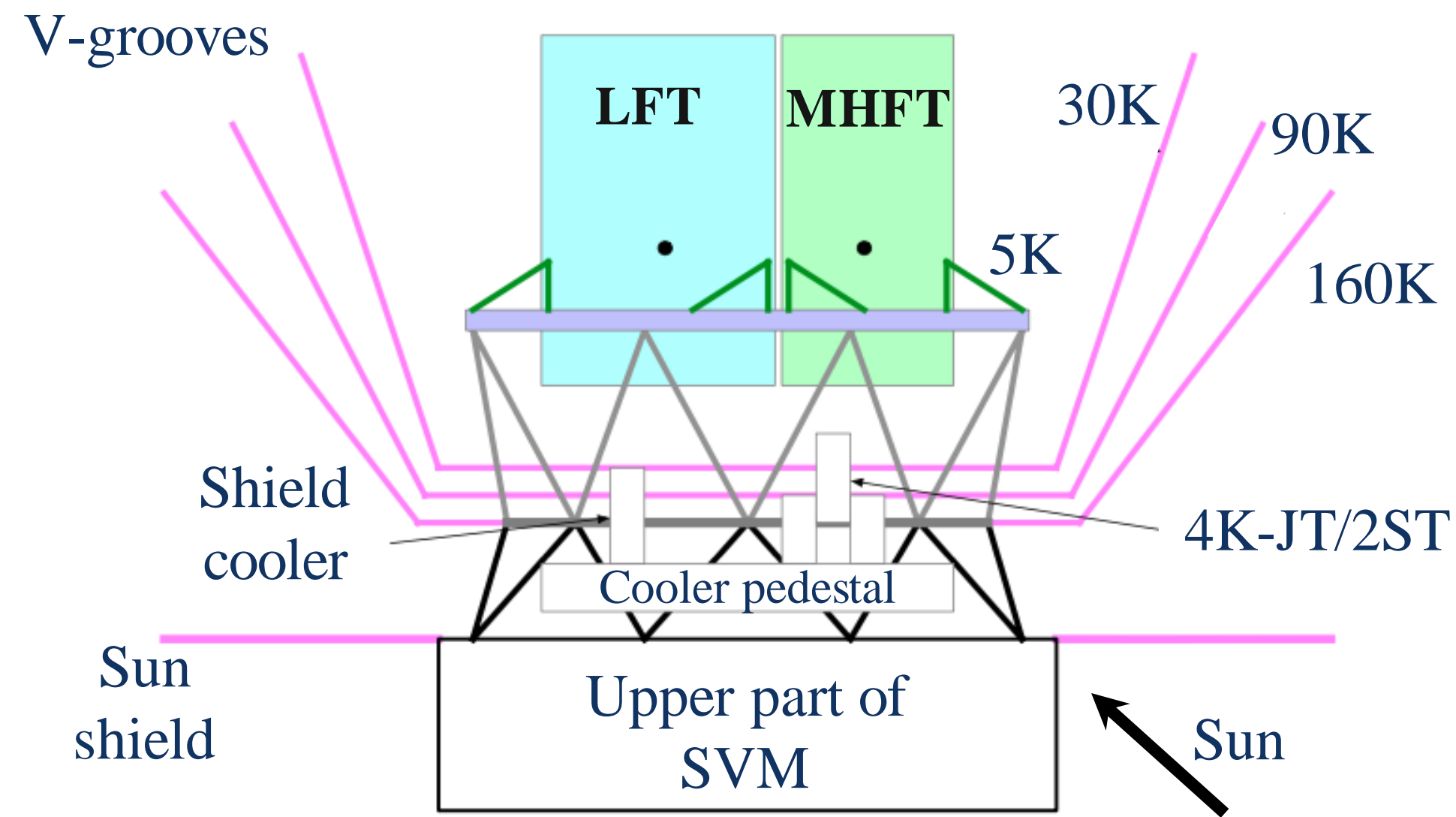
1258 detectors
2 x (65 + 155) Trichroic TES

HFT (2.7:1)

166 GHz 195 235 280 337 402 448 GHz

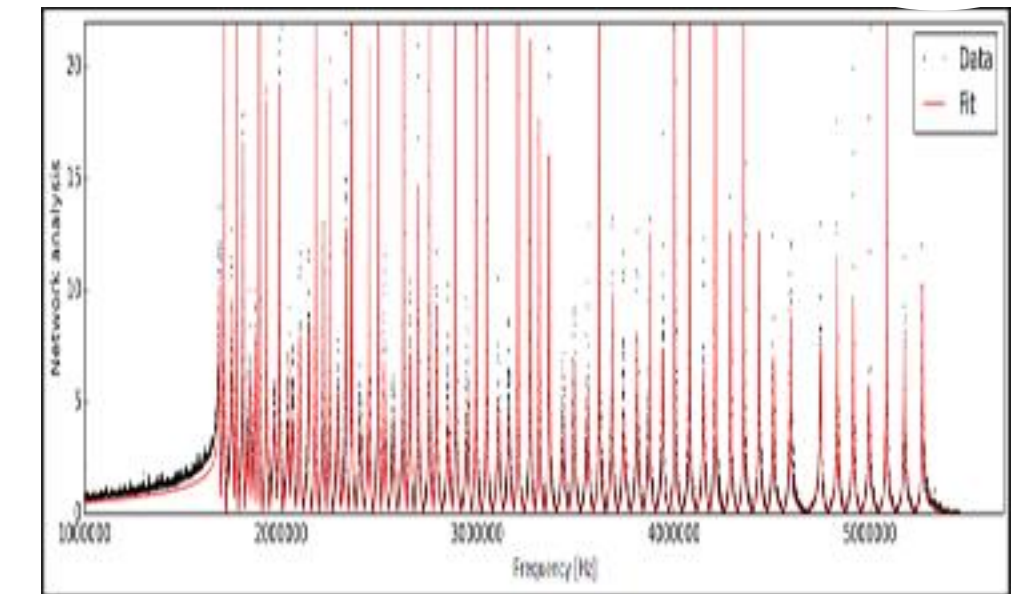
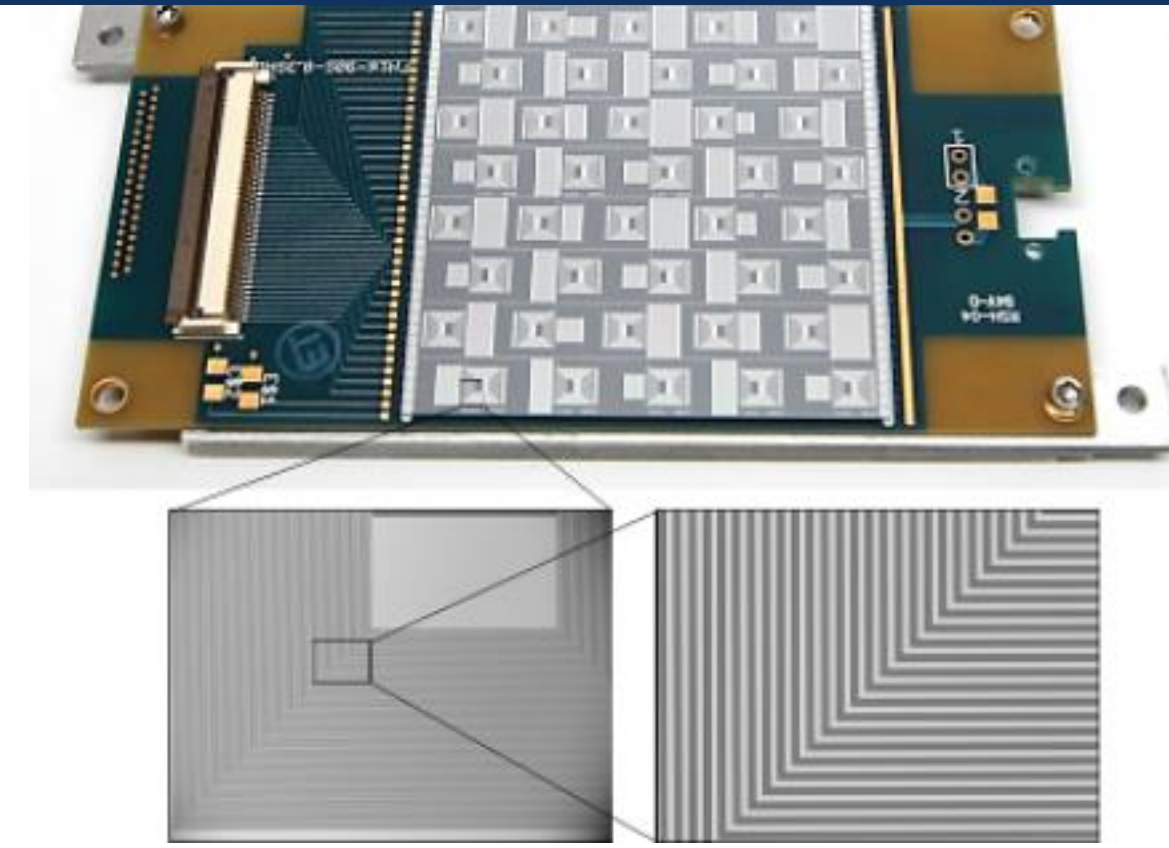
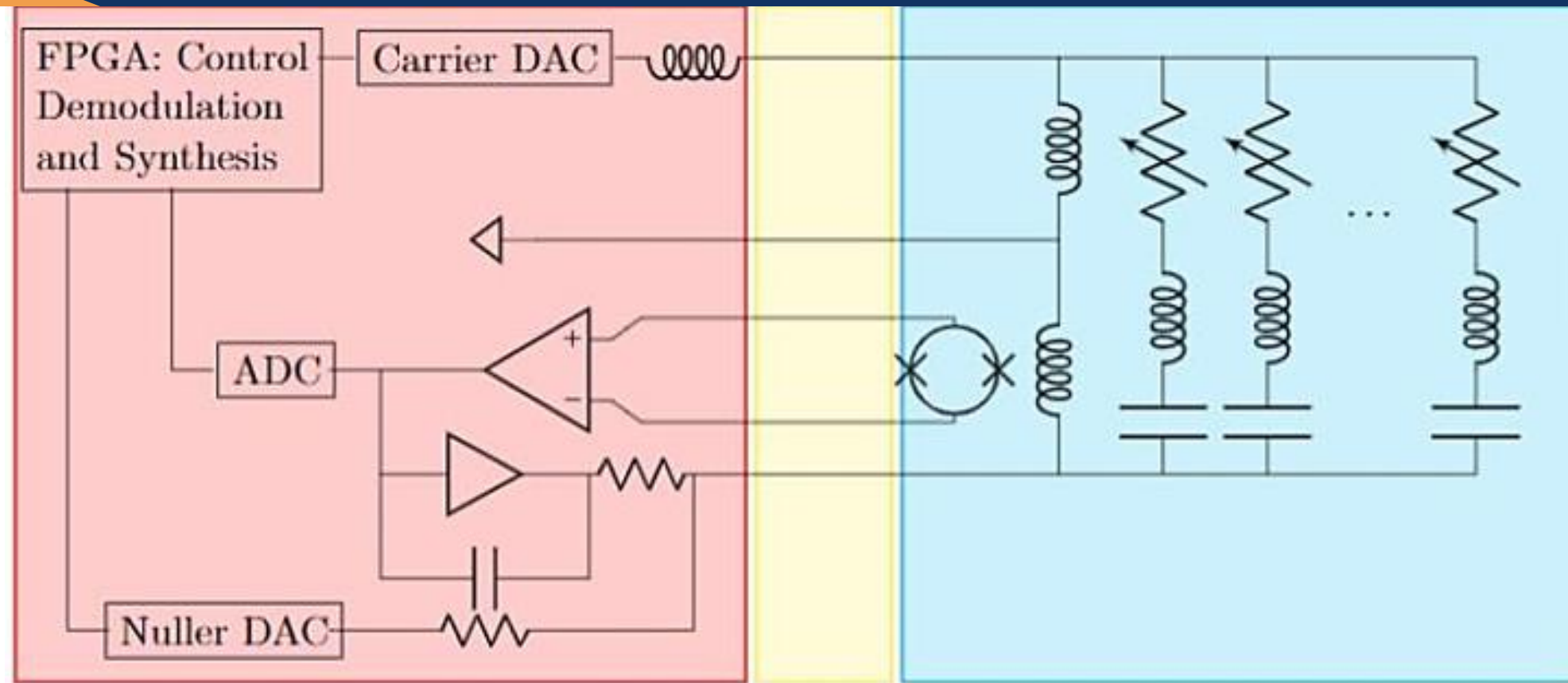
1355 detectors
2 x 255 Dichroic TES
338 Monochromatic TES

LiteBIRD cryogenic system



- Continuous cooling at 100 mK
- High stability on telescopes at all stages

LiteBIRD readout system



Cold Readout LC filters for MUX

- Digital frequency multiplexing (DfMux) readout technology enables the readout of many Transition Edge Sensors (TES) with fewer components and a low wire count.
- Superconducting resonators are used to assign unique frequency channels to the TES sensors.
- The signal is read out using a low-noise SQUID amplifier and an FPGA controller.
- This approach saves on mass, volume, power consumption, and cost.
- The technique draws its heritage from ground-based CMB experiments.

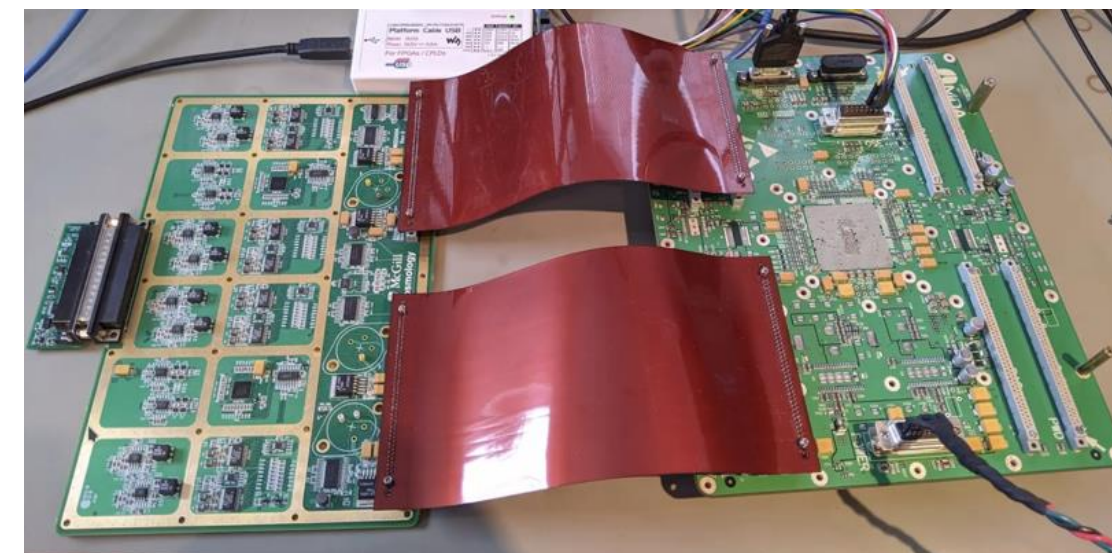
SQUID controller board



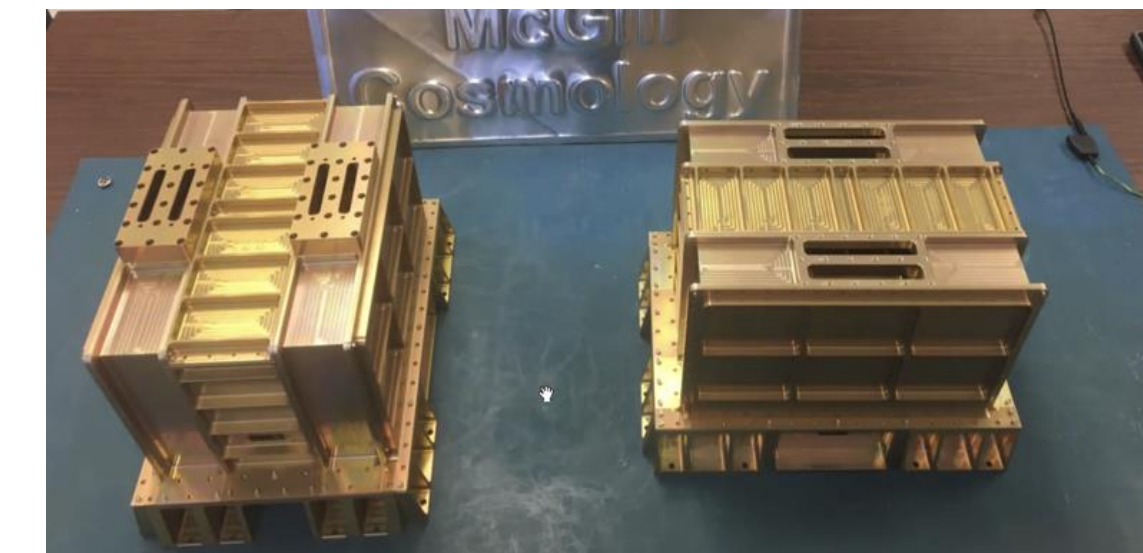
SQUID controller assembly



Digitizer assembly



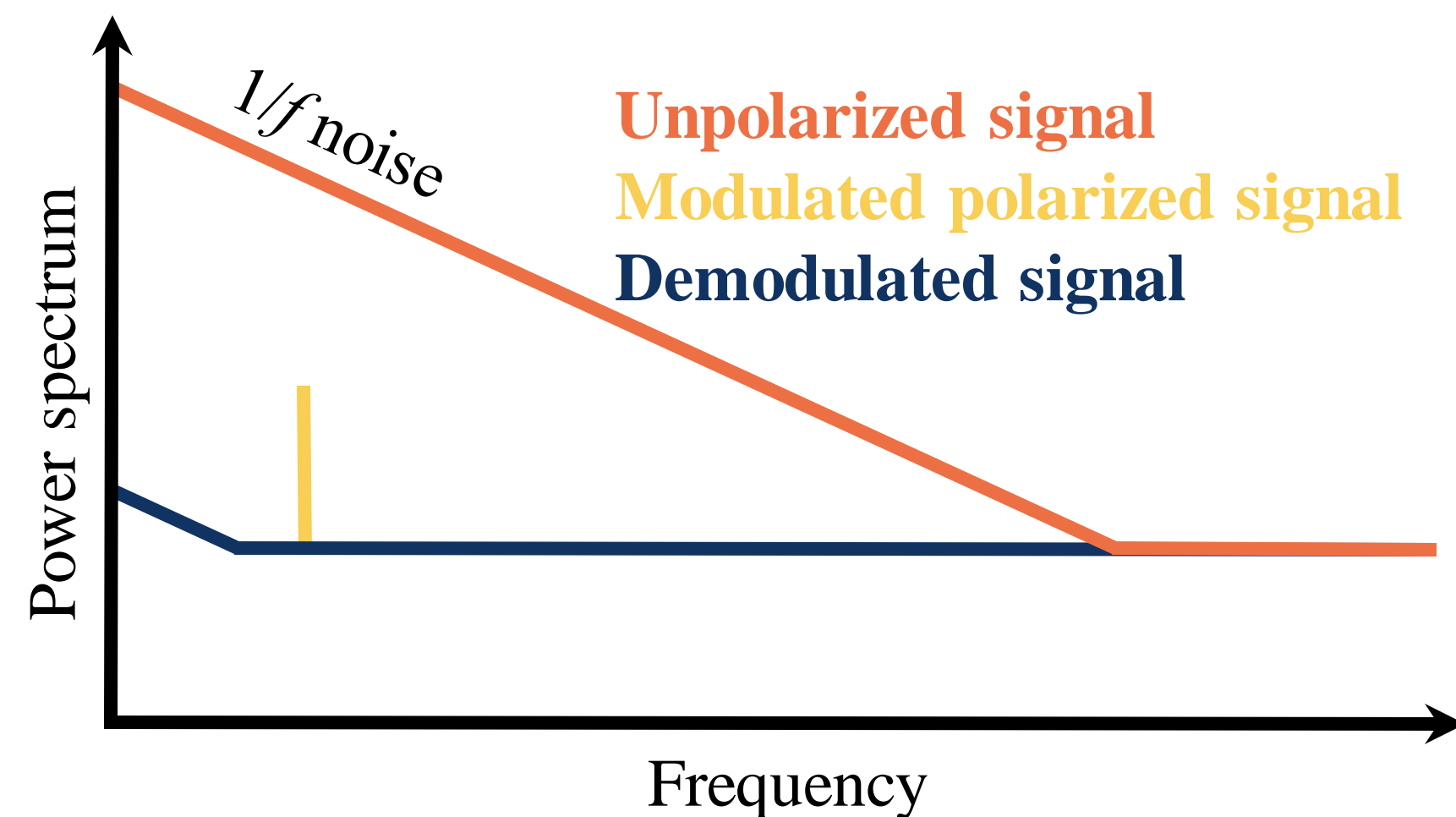
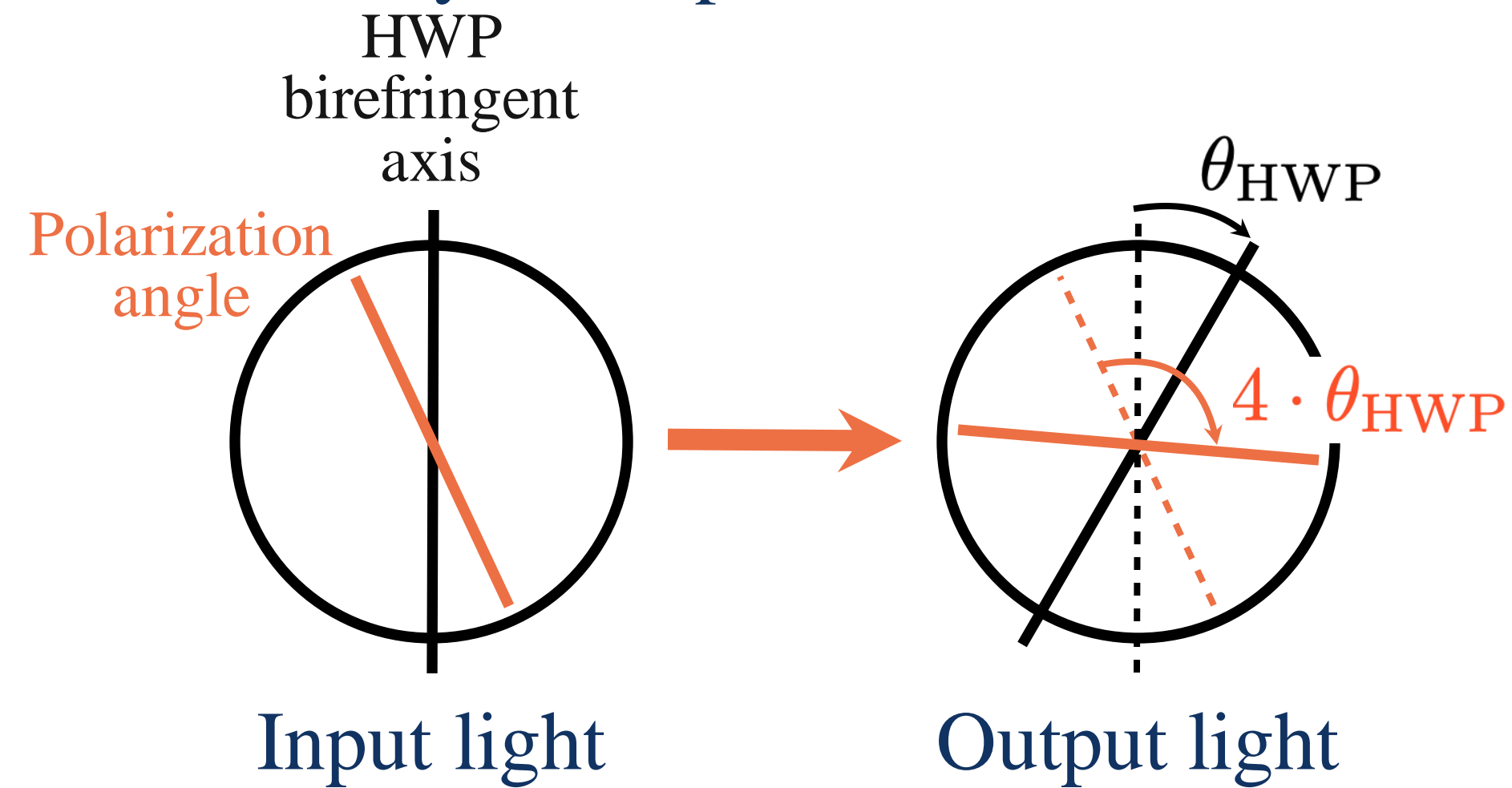
Signal Processing Unit



Digitizer assembly

Polarization Modulation Unit (PMU)

- Rotating a birefringent plate to modulate polarization
- The first sky-side optical element



☐ Sakurai+2020

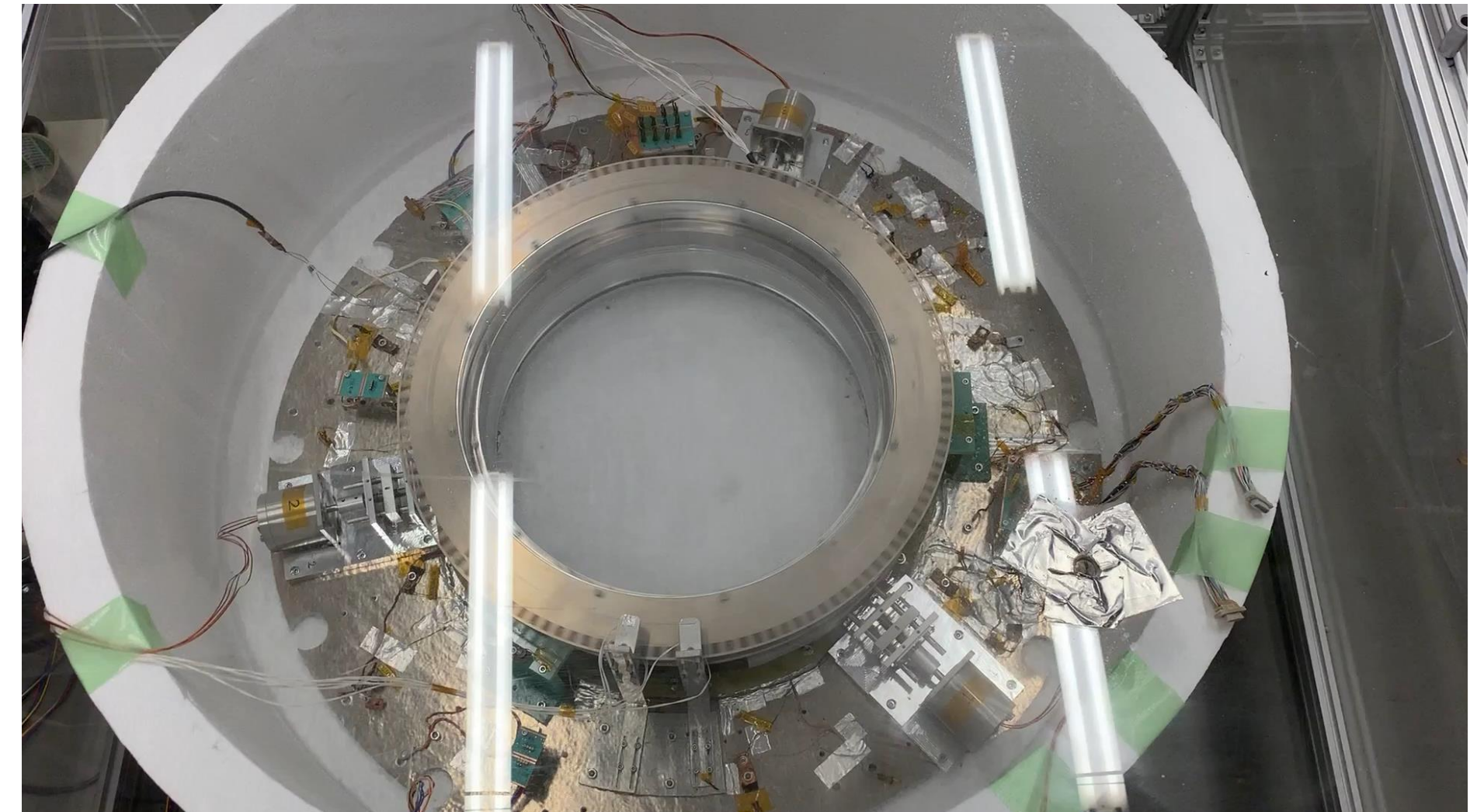
☐ Komatsu+2020

☐ Toda+2020

☐ Columbro+2020

☐ Sugiyama+2020

- LFT PMU BBM at Kavli IPMU:



- Rotation test of superconducting magnetic bearing system in the 4K cryostat
- Stable rotation at cryogenic temperature (< 10 K)

Foreground cleaning

Foreground modeling

- **Synchrotron**: curved spectrum (AME is absorbed in the curvature)

$$[Q_s, U_s](\hat{n}, \nu) = [Q_s, U_s](\hat{n}, \nu_\star) \cdot \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_\star}\right)^{\beta_s(\hat{n}) + C_s(\hat{n}) \ln(\nu/\nu^\circ)}$$

- **Dust**: modified blackbody

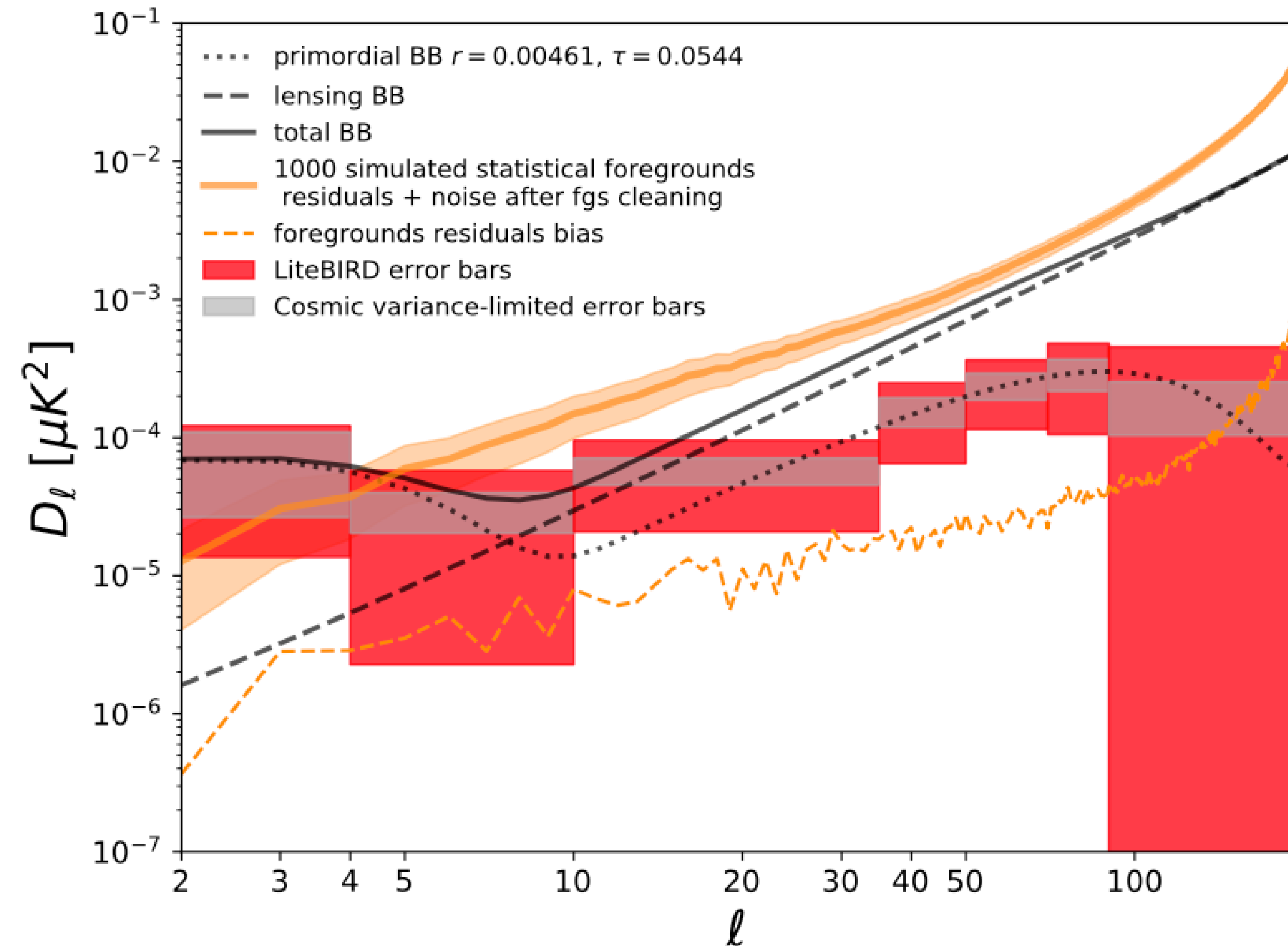
$$[Q_d, U_d](\hat{n}, \nu) = [Q_d, U_d](\hat{n}, \nu_\star) \cdot \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_\star}\right)^{\beta_d(\hat{n}) - 2} \frac{B_\nu(T_d(\hat{n}))}{B_{\nu_\star}(T_d(\hat{n}))}$$



8 parameters in each sky patch

- "**Multipatch** technique" (extension of xForecast), to account for spatial variability. $12 \times (N_{\text{side}})^2$ patches \Rightarrow 6144 parameters with $N_{\text{side}} = 8$

Impact of foregrounds residual



Foreground cleaning



- “Multipatch technique” (extension of xForecast)
- Distribution of the recovered r in 1000 simulations with input $r = 0$, with and without foreground residuals
- Bias from foreground (PySM d1s1) residuals is found to be small
- Final value: $r = (3.3 \pm 6.2) \times 10^{-4}$

