

Detection and Removal of CMB B-mode Dust Foregrounds with Signatures of Statistical Anisotropy

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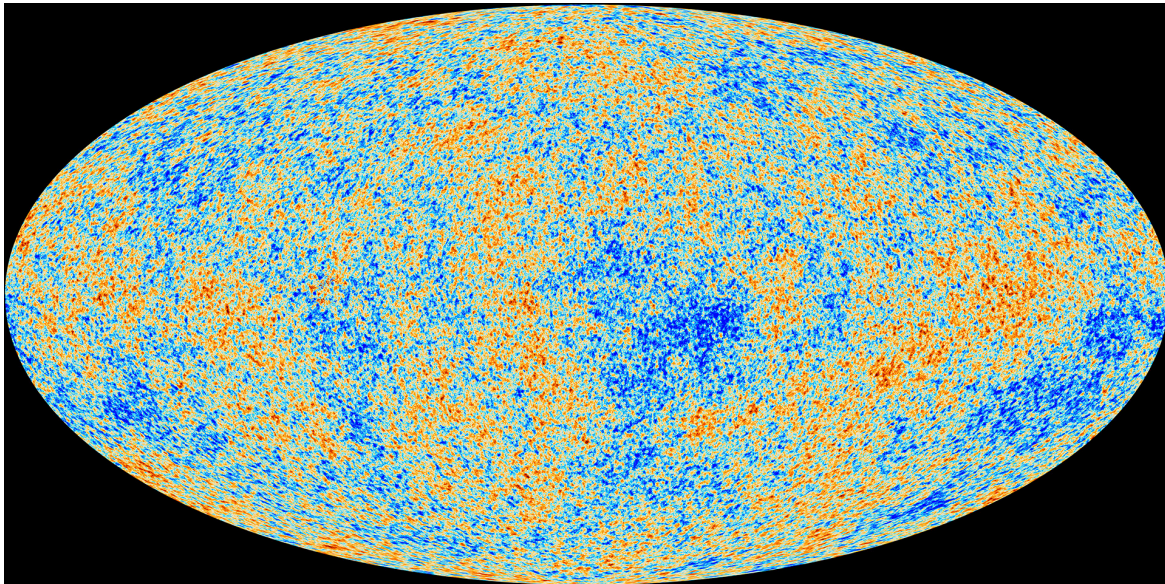
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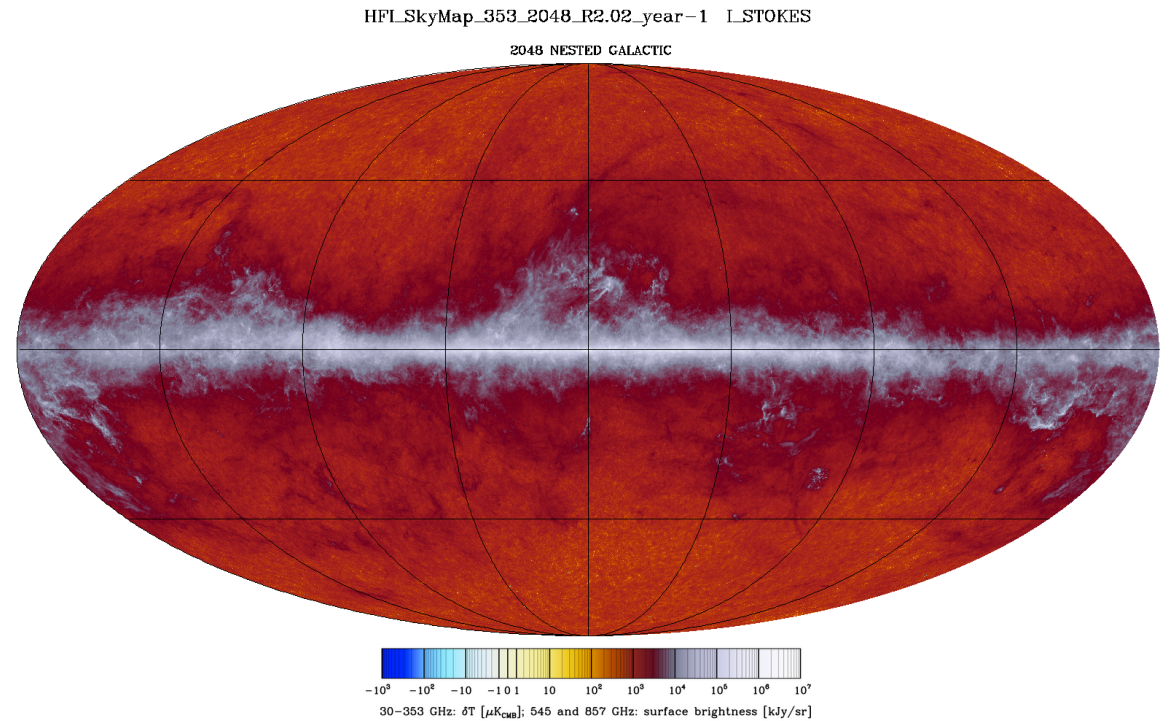
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The Cosmic Microwave Background



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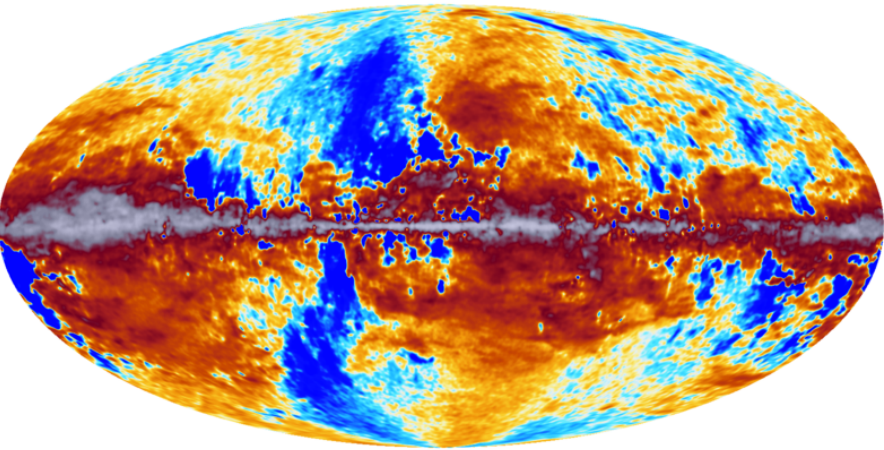


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[Planck Data Release 2]

Polarized CMB

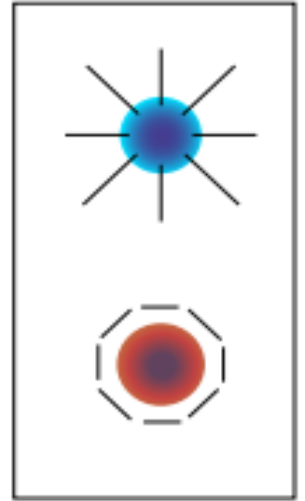
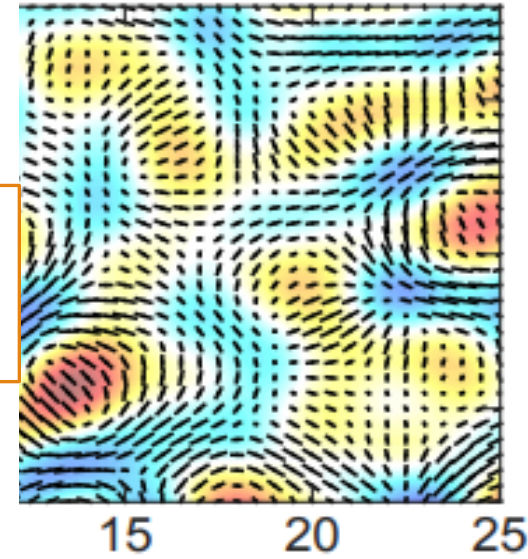
**Observed
Q and U modes
(Stokes maps)**



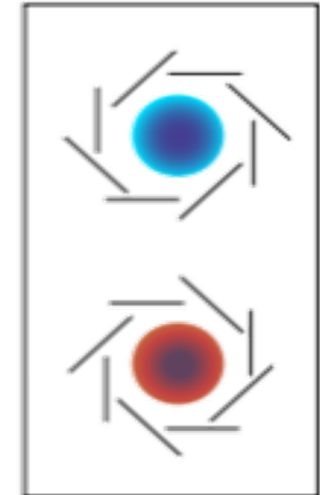
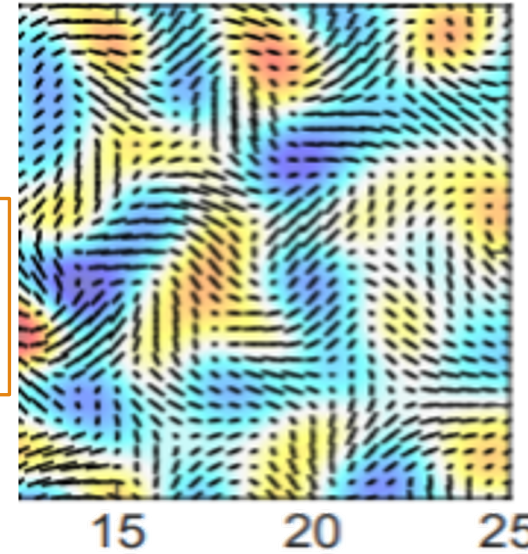
Planck DR2 353 GHz Q-map

*Spherical Harmonic
Transforms*

**E-modes
(Grad)**

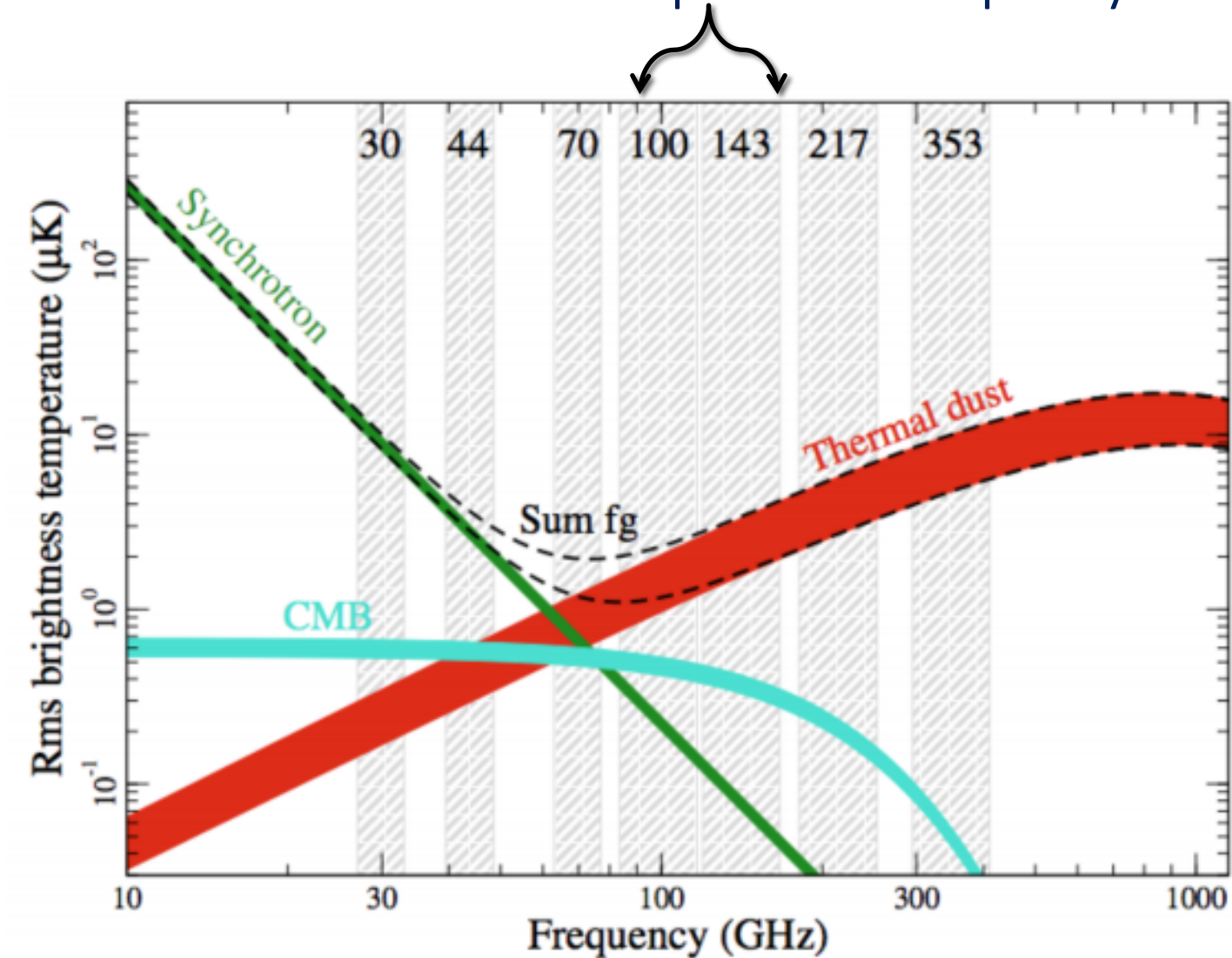


**B-modes
(Curl)**



[Kamionkowski & Kovetz 2016]

Ground Based Experiment Frequency



[Dickinson, 2016]

What Generates CMB Polarization?

- Scattering from electrons at recombination ($z \sim 1100$)
- Weak lensing from large-scale structure
- **Foregrounds**
 - Synchrotron Radiation ($\nu < 100$ GHz)
 - **Thermal Dust Emission** ($\nu > 100$ GHz)

Primordial gravitational wave discovery heralds 'whole new era' in physics

Gravitational waves could help unite general relativity and quantum mechanics to reveal a 'theory of everything'



[The Guardian, 17 March, 2014]

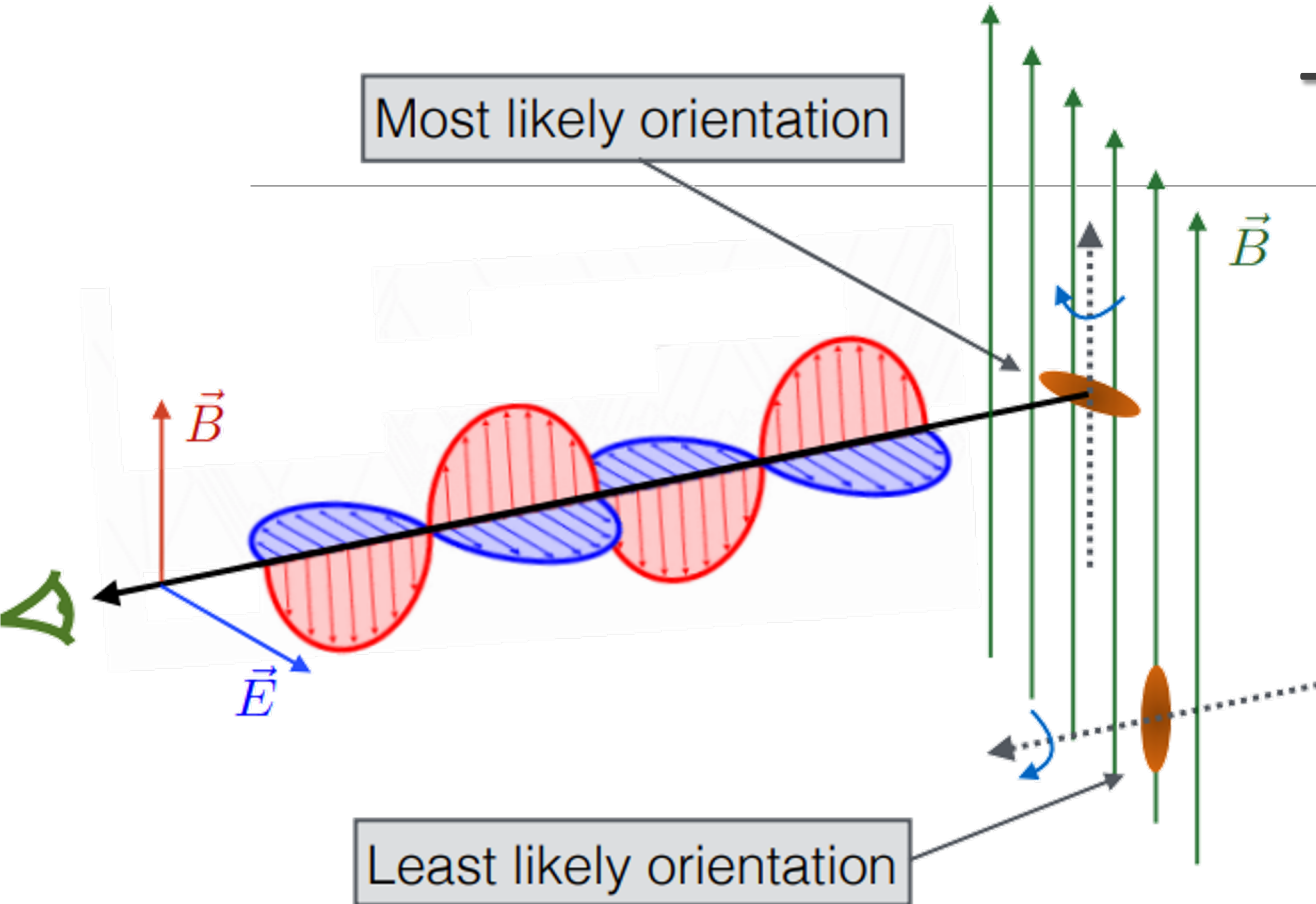
The Search for Inflation

- ❑ Inflation predicts gravitational waves with $\lambda \sim \text{Mpc}$

- ❑ Search for these in the CMB?
 - ❑ Best to look in clean **B-modes**

- ❑ BICEP2 (2014) – ‘Discovery of IGWs’
 - ❑ Later showed to be **residual dust...**

Thermal Dust Emission



- ❑ Asymmetric dust grains in the interstellar medium radiate through thermal emission
- ❑ Alignment with the Galactic magnetic field induces polarization
- ❑ This depends on the shape, composition and size of the grains
- ❑ On few-degree scales we expect the polarization direction to be roughly **coherent**

[Credit: Levrier 2015]

Dust Subtraction

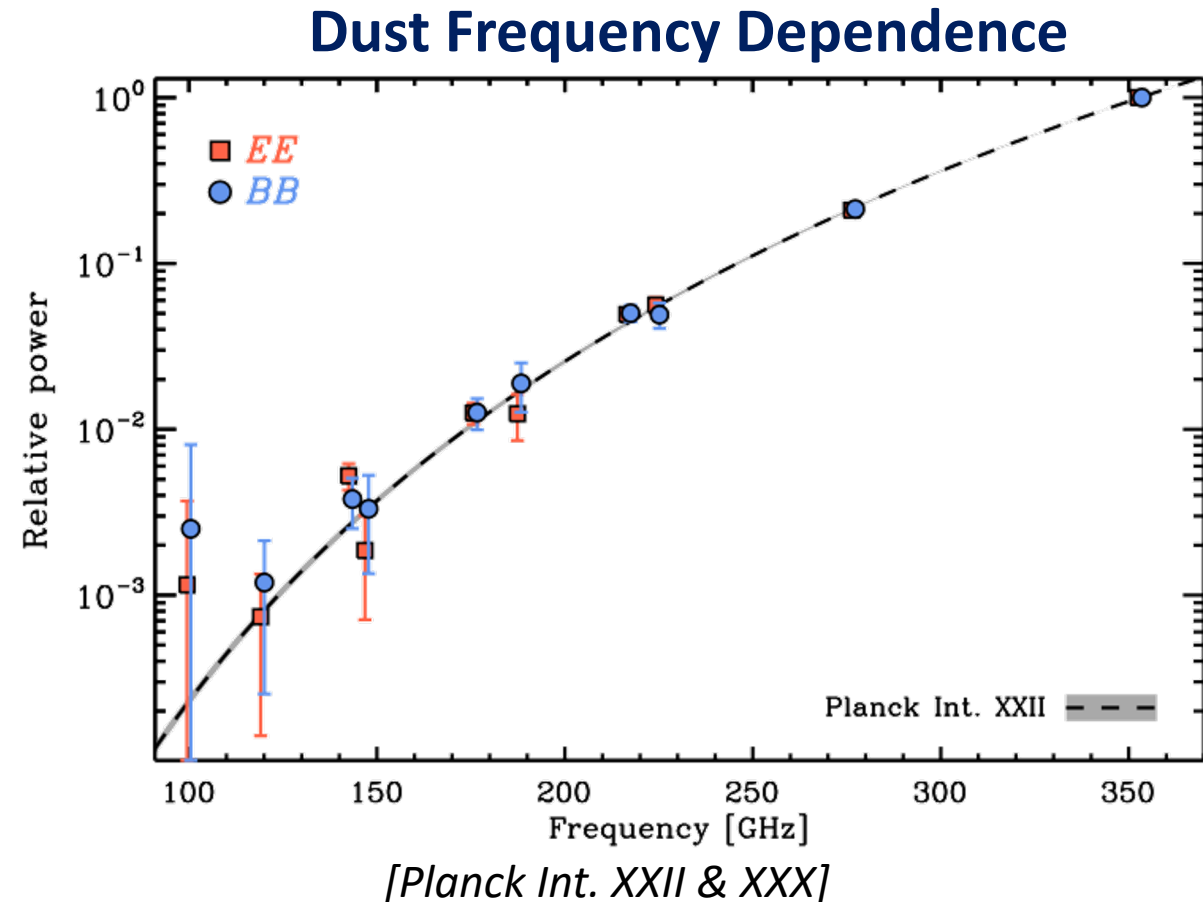
Standard Approach:

1. Assume a dust frequency dependence
2. Use multi-frequency data to remove dust

But:

- Multi-temperature dust?
- Decorrelation?
- Harder to apply from the ground

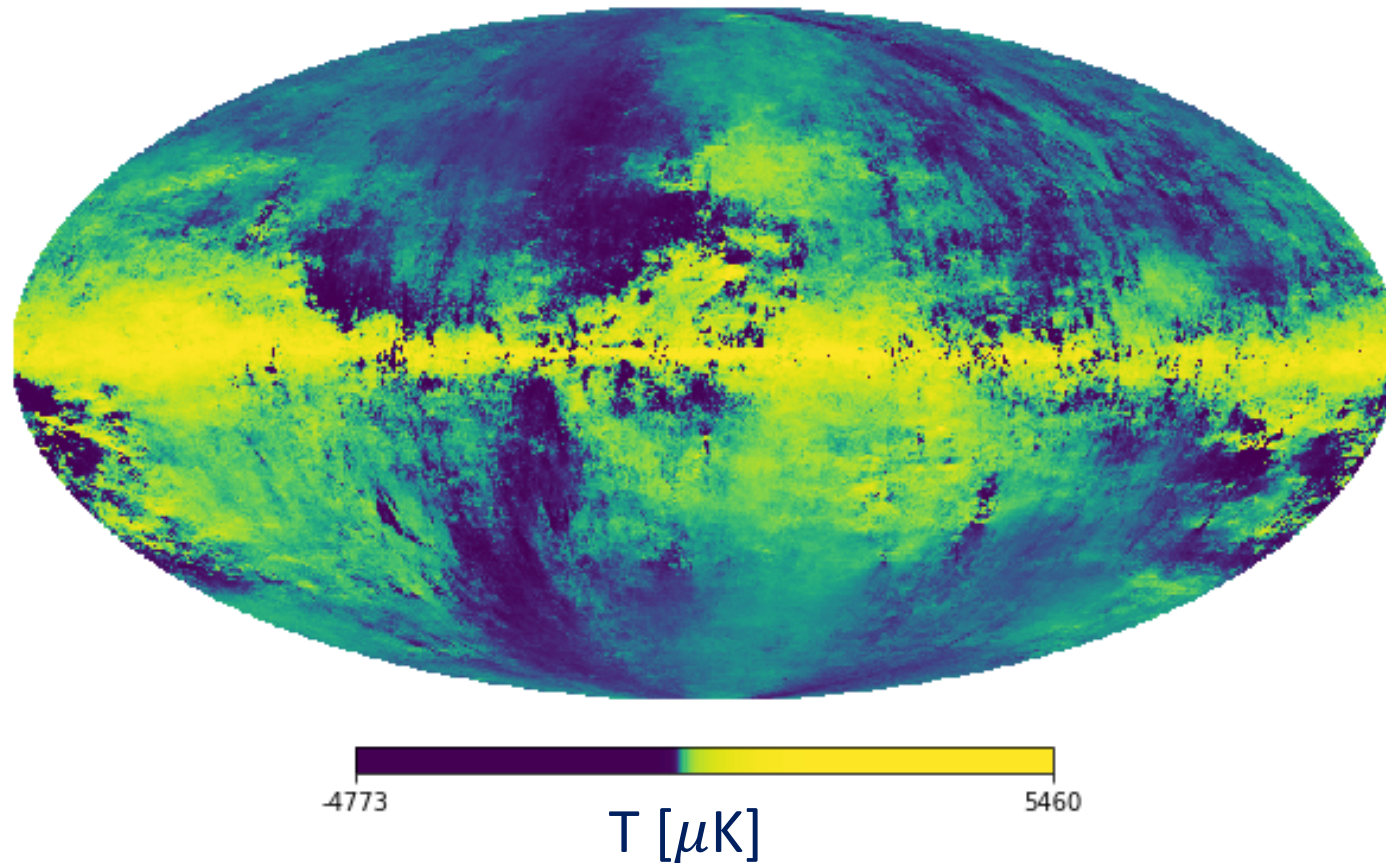
Can we develop a single-frequency approach?



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Vansyngel+ Dust Simulations – Q map



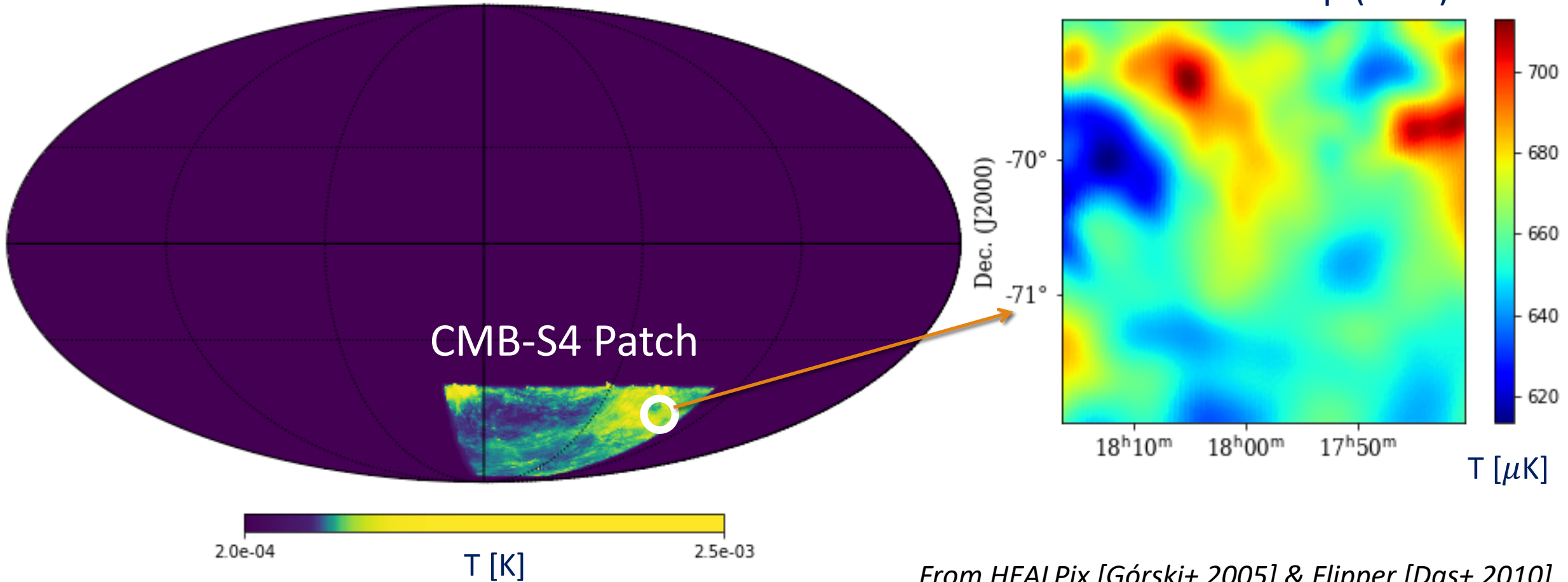
[Vansyngel+ 2017]

Aims & Simulations

- Detect & characterise **dust anisotropy**
- Apply this to the **CMB-S4** experiment (mid-2020s)
- Dust data is full-sky simulations of Vansyngel+ (2017)

Splitting Up the Sky

CMB Thermal Dust Map at 353 GHz [Vansyngel+ 2017 Simulations]



From HEALPix [Górski+ 2005] & Flipper [Das+ 2010]

Creating Mock Data

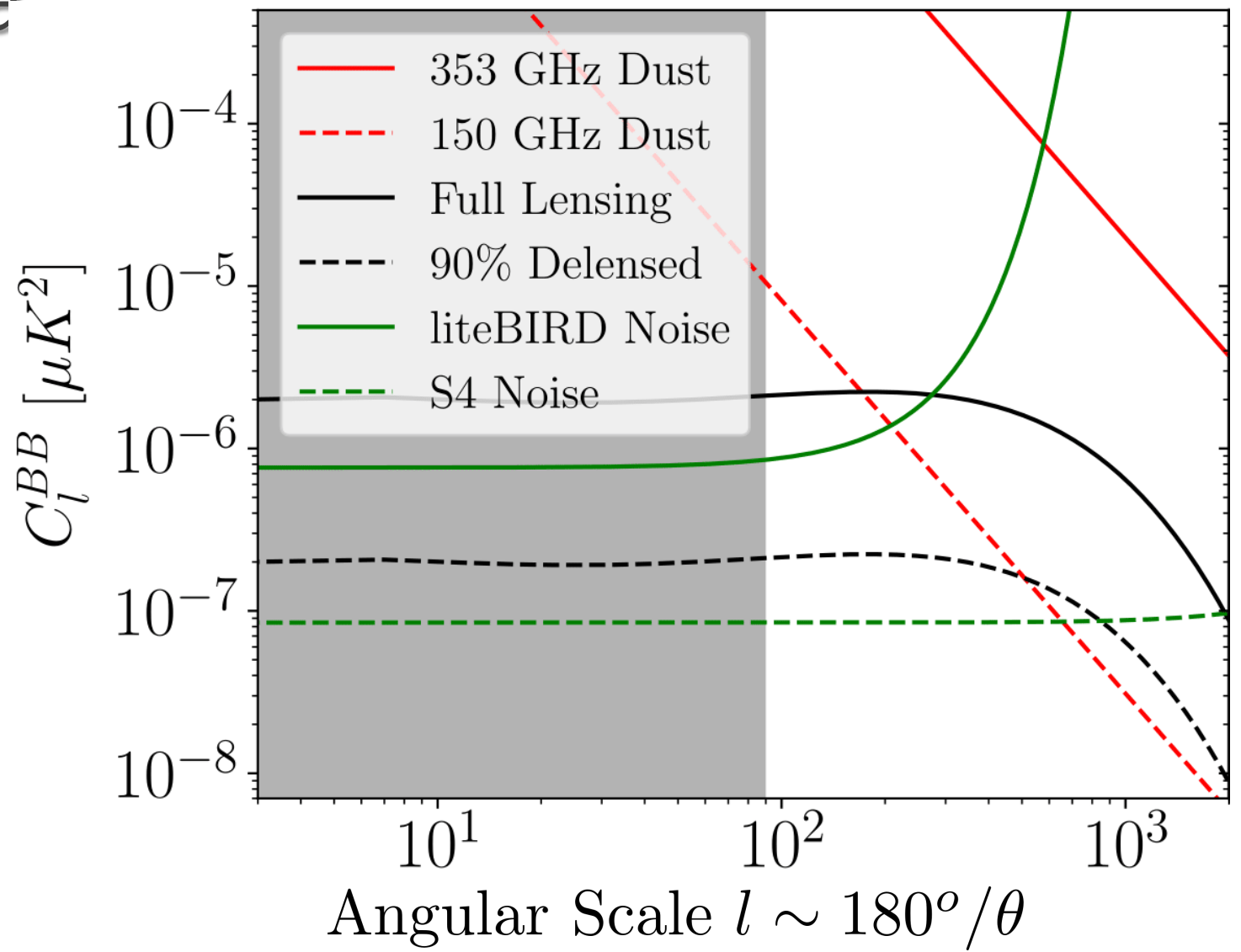
- Reduce frequency to 150 GHz [via modified blackbody frequency scalings]
- Add weak lensing signal [computed from Planck FFP10 Simulations]
- Add instrument noise

$$C_l^{\text{noise}} = \Delta_P^2 \exp\left(\frac{l(l+1)\theta_{\text{FWHM}}^2}{8 \ln 2}\right)$$

[using $\Delta_P = 1\mu K'$, $\theta_{\text{FWHM}} = 1.5'$ for CMB-S4]

[Philcox+ 2018b]

C_l^{BB} Contributions



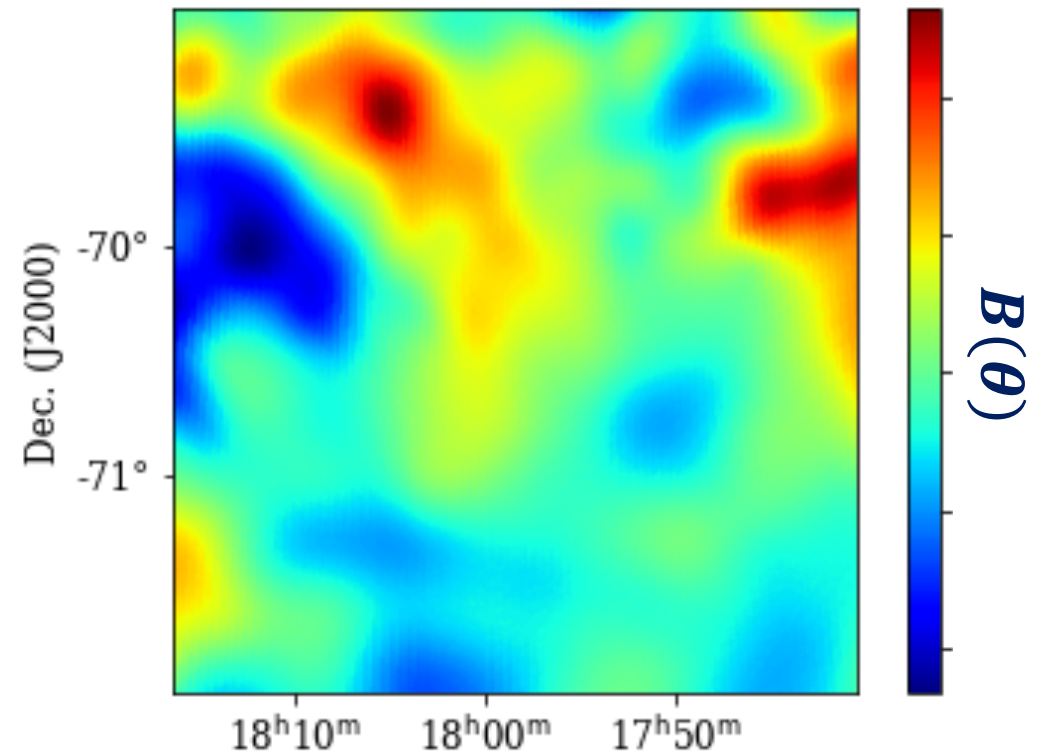
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- Small regions of dust should show **hexadecapolar** anisotropy in 2D power spectra

$$\left| \tilde{B}(\vec{l}) \right|^2 = A l^{-2.42} [1 - f_c \cos 4\phi_{\vec{l}} - f_s \sin 4\phi_{\vec{l}}]$$

[Kamionkowski & Kovetz, 2014]

3° B-mode Real-Space Map



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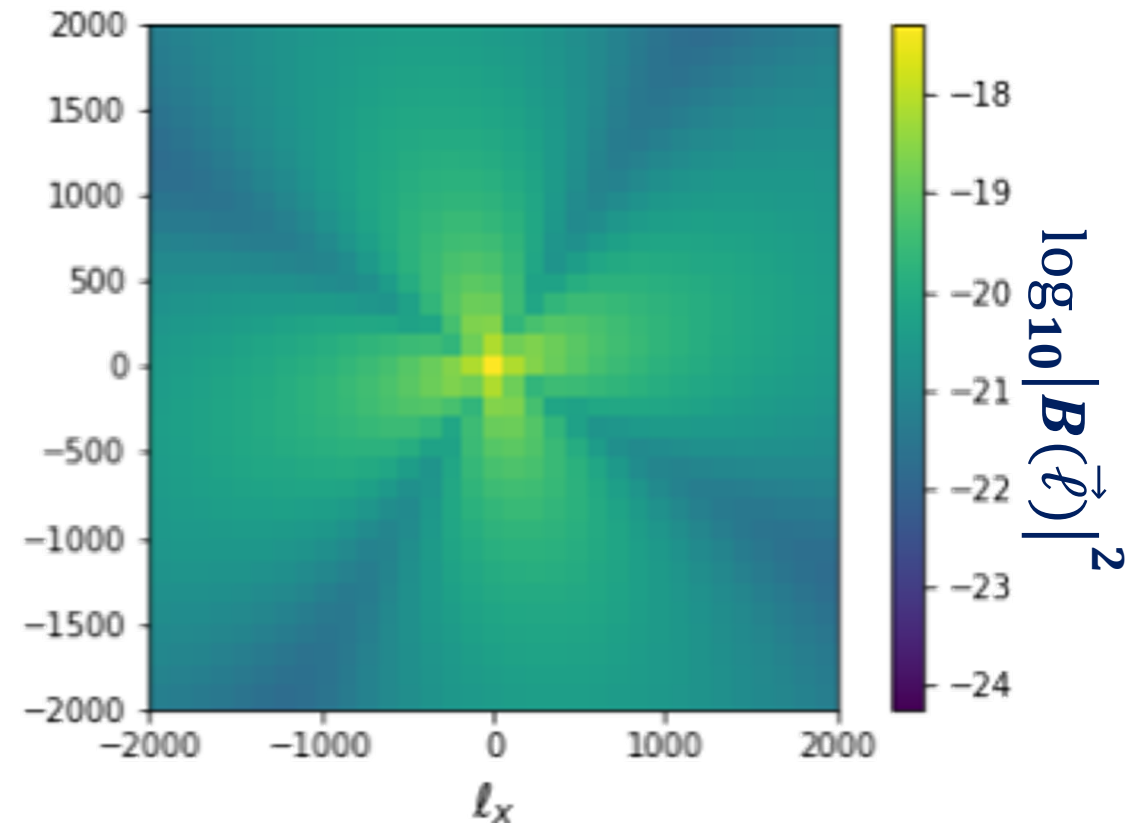
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Idealized 2D B-mode Power



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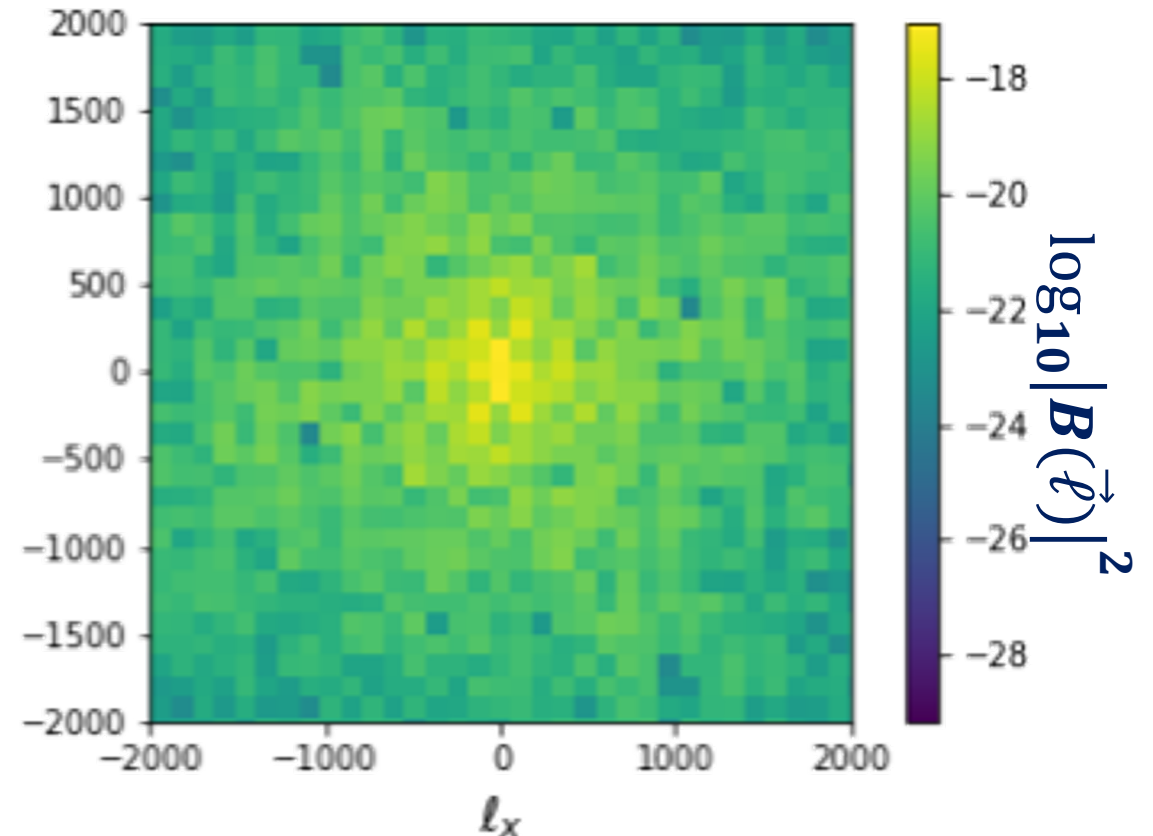
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Statistical Estimators

$$\widehat{A} = \frac{\sum_{\vec{l}} \mathcal{B}^2(\vec{l}) \Lambda_l^2 / C_l^{\text{fid}}}{\sum_{\vec{l}} \Lambda_l^2}$$

$$\widehat{A} f_c = \frac{\sum_{\vec{l}} \mathcal{B}^2(\vec{l}) \Lambda_l^2 \cos 4\phi_{\vec{l}} / C_l^{\text{fid}}}{\sum_{\vec{l}} (\Lambda_l \cos 4\phi_{\vec{l}})^2}$$

$$\widehat{A} f_s = \frac{\sum_{\vec{l}} \mathcal{B}^2(\vec{l}) \Lambda_l^2 \sin 4\phi_{\vec{l}} / C_l^{\text{fid}}}{\sum_{\vec{l}} (\Lambda_l \sin 4\phi_{\vec{l}})^2}$$

[cf. Kamionkowski & Kovetz, 2014]

Dust B-mode power:

$$\mathcal{B}^2(\vec{l}) = |B(\vec{l})|^2 - (C_l^{\text{lens}} + C_l^{\text{noise}})$$

Signal-to-noise ratio:

$$\Lambda_l = \frac{A C_l^{\text{fid}}}{A C_l^{\text{fid}} + C_l^{\text{noise}} + C_l^{\text{lens}}}$$

Fiducial slope: [Planck Int. XXX, 2014]

$$C_l^{\text{fid}} = l^{-2.42}$$

Dealing with Bias (I)

- ❑ The hexadecapole power statistic, $H^2 = (Af_s)^2 + (Af_c)^2$ is intrinsically biased.
 - ❑ Even an *isotropic* dust map will have $H^2 > 0$
- ❑ To remove bias we must use **Monte Carlo simulations**
 - ❑ These are computed from the same power spectra in each tile as the data.
 - ❑ **But**, they are *isotropic* by construction
- ❑ Create a *debiased* hexadecapole statistic:

$$\mathcal{H}^2 = H^2 - H_{\text{bias, iso}}^2$$

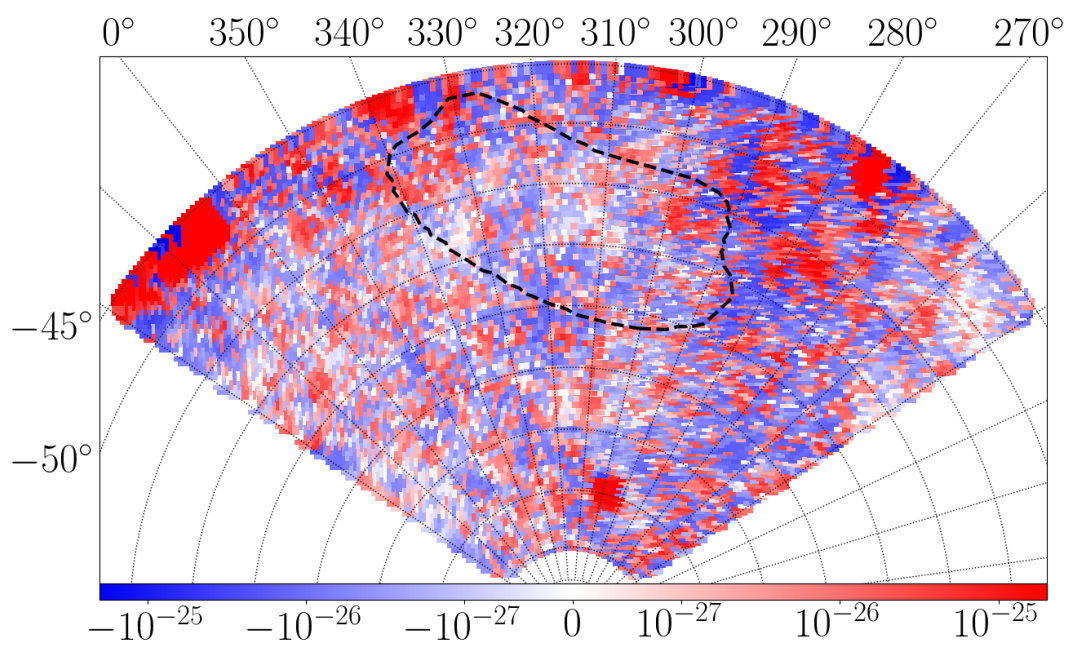
Dealing with Bias (II)

- Use ‘**realization dependent debiasing**’ combining data and simulations via cross-correlations
- Remove bias in each tile using 500 MC simulations:

$$H_{\text{bias,iso}}^2 = \begin{cases} 4\langle H^2 \rangle_{\text{DS}} - \langle H^2 \rangle_{\text{SS}} & \text{(Data)} \\ \langle H^2 \rangle_{\text{SS}} & \text{(MC Simulations)} \end{cases}$$

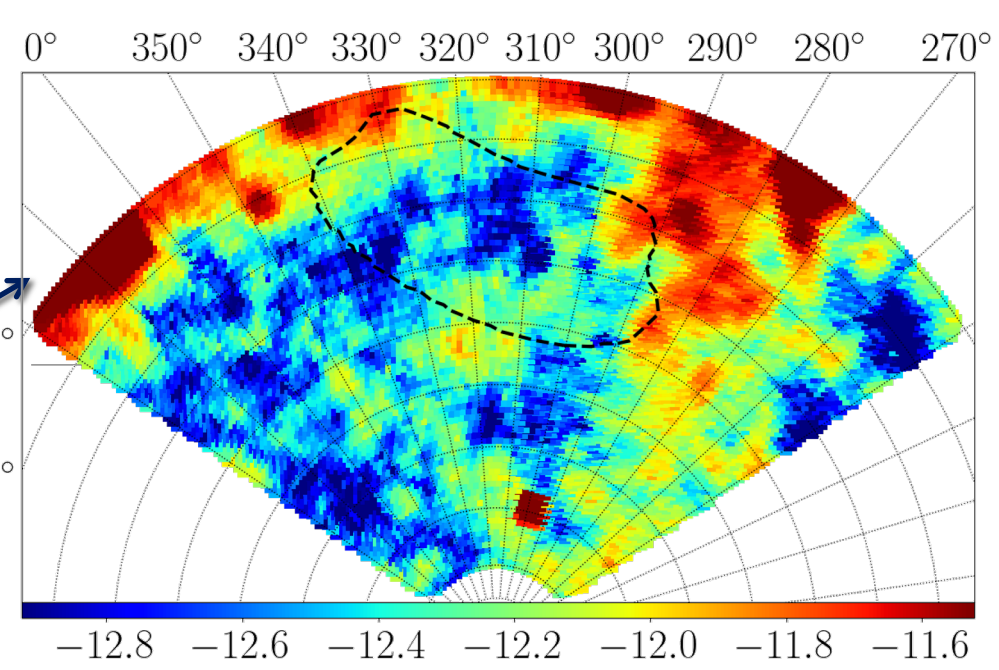
- **Also:**

- Remove small residual ‘lensing bias’ using a patch with only noise + lensing present
- Remove pixellation biases by tile rotations

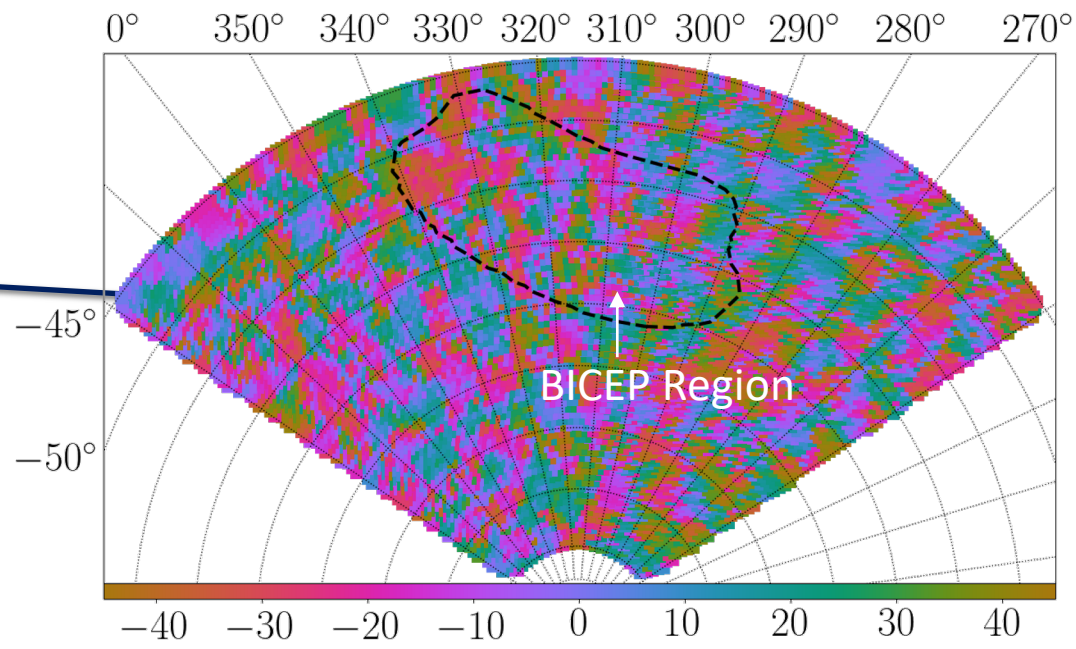


Hexadecapole Power (\mathcal{H}^2)

Monopole Amplitude (A)



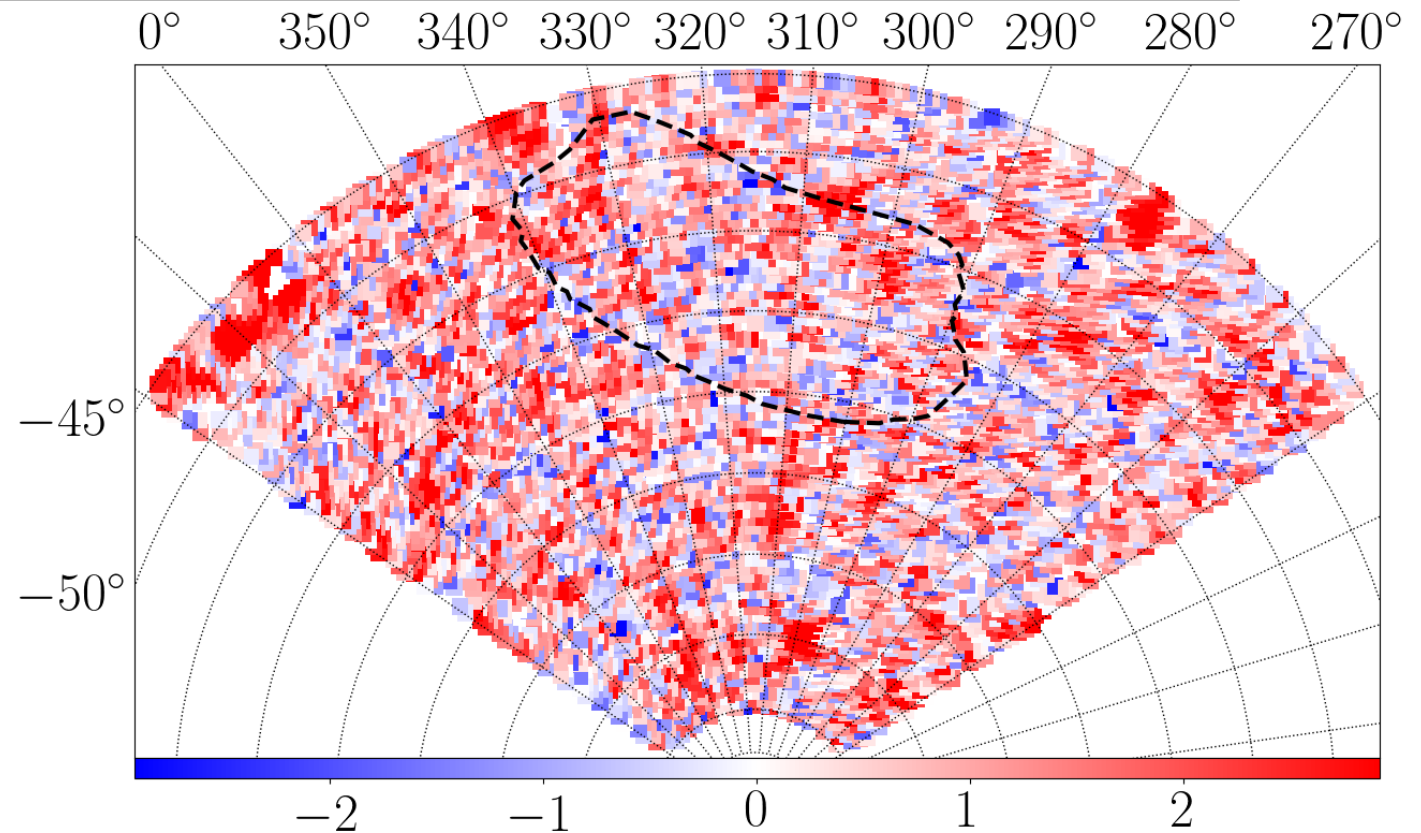
Anisotropy Angle, α



[Philcox+ 2018b]

Anisotropy Probability

- ❑ Convert the hexadecapole power to a (Gaussian) **anisotropy likelihood**
- ❑ Only weak detection significances on this scale



Probability of Anisotropy (σ)

[Philcox+ 2018b]

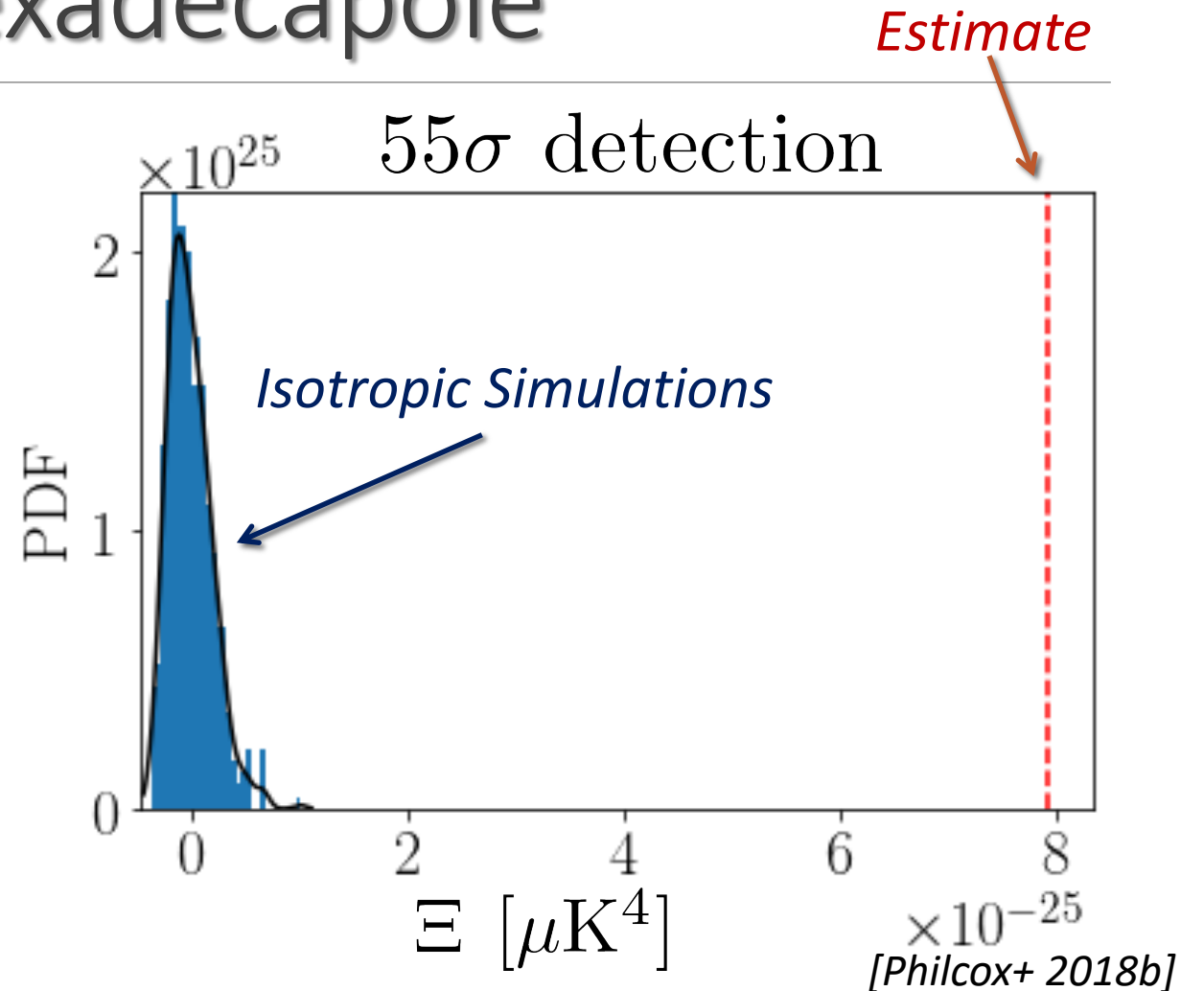
Patch Averaged Hexadecapole

- Define average hexadecapole

$$\Xi = \langle \mathcal{H}^2 \rangle_{\text{patch}}$$

- Compute Ξ for data and MC simulations

- **A 55σ detection of anisotropy**



IGW Contamination

❑ If inflationary gravitational waves were present, would we mistake them for dust?

❑ Using a full-sky realisation of IGWs with current constraints:
[Using Planck FFP10 Simulations with BICEP2/Keck collaboration limits]

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{tensor bias}}^{r=0.1} = -0.04 \pm 0.58$$

❑ **No significant detection of hexadecapole anisotropy from IGWs**

[Philcox+ 2018b]

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A Null Test for Dust: Motivation

Scenario:

- ❑ We think our experiment has detected inflationary gravitational waves at a tensor-to-scalar ratio $r = r_0$
($r \lesssim 0.07$; BICEP2 Collaboration 2016)
- ❑ Are these true IGWs or just a detection of poorly-subtracted dust?
- ❑ **Test if we can detect dust at this level**

A Null Test for Dust: Application

- Artificially reduce the dust level in the simulation by some factor.

$$r_{\text{eff}}(f_{\text{dust}}) = \frac{\langle A_{80} \rangle}{C_{80}^{\text{tensor}}(r=1)} f_{\text{dust}}^2$$

- Can we still detect dust?

CMB S4:

55 σ detection

2 σ limit:

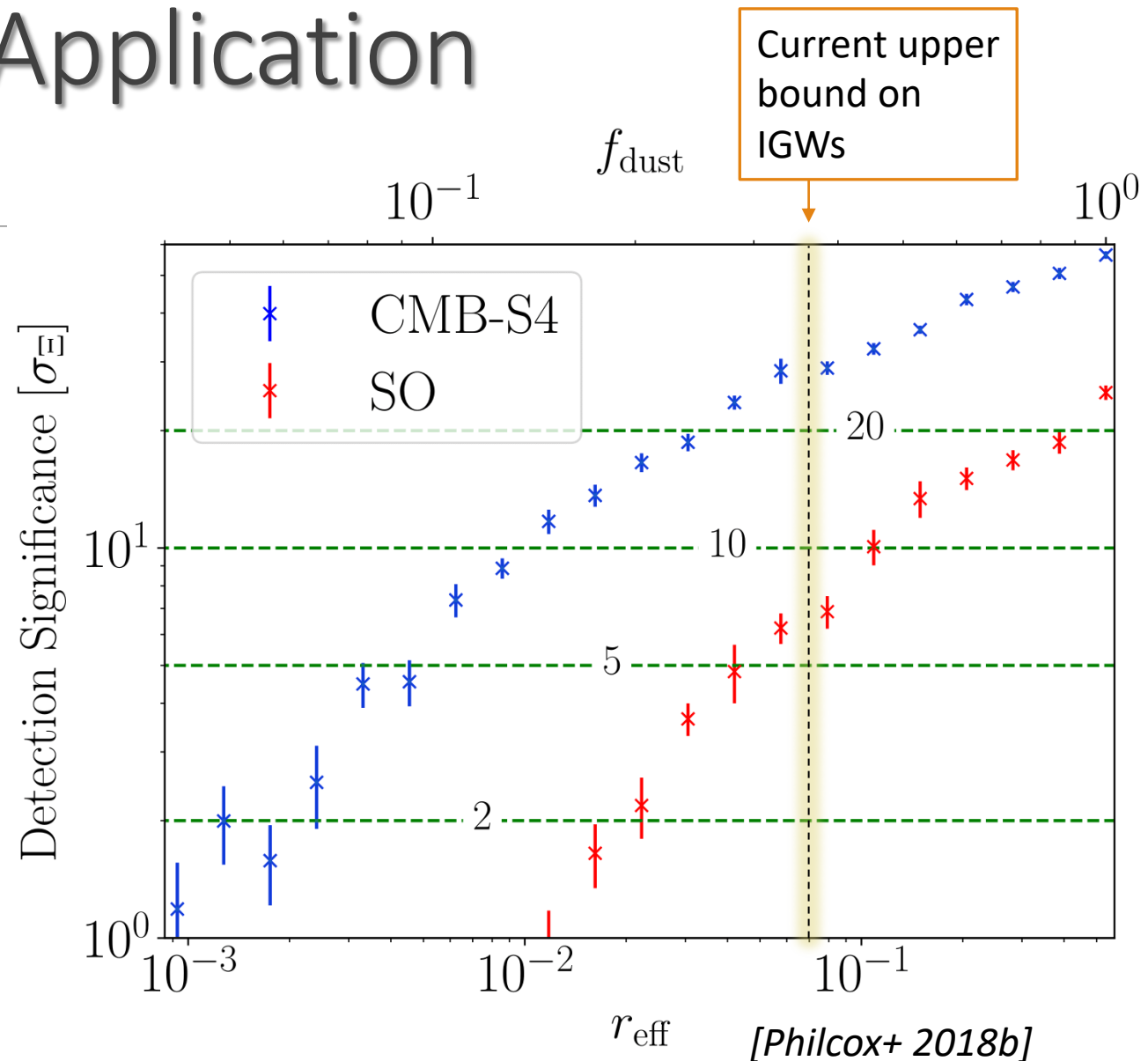
$$r_{\text{eff}} = 0.001$$

Simons Observatory (SO):

25 σ detection

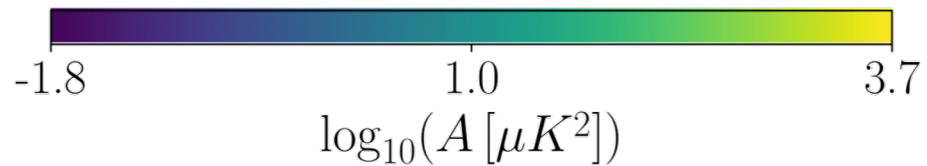
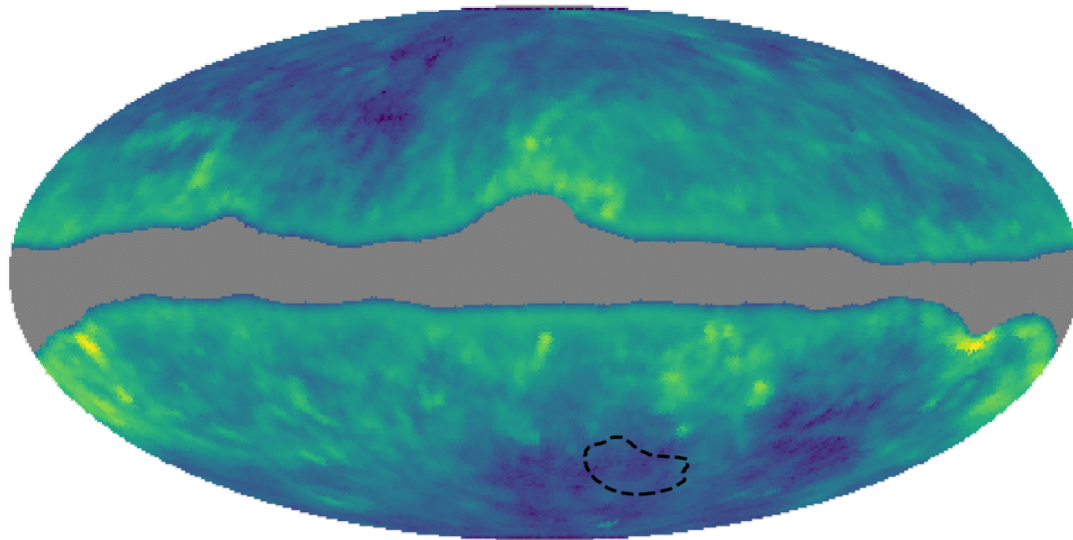
2 σ limit:

$$r_{\text{eff}} = 0.02$$

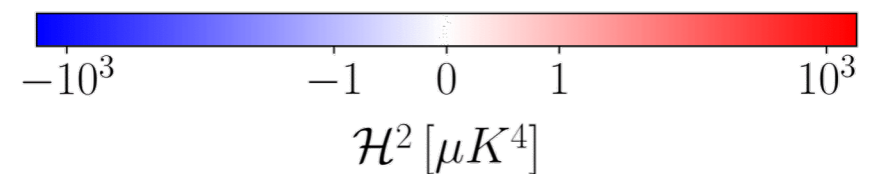
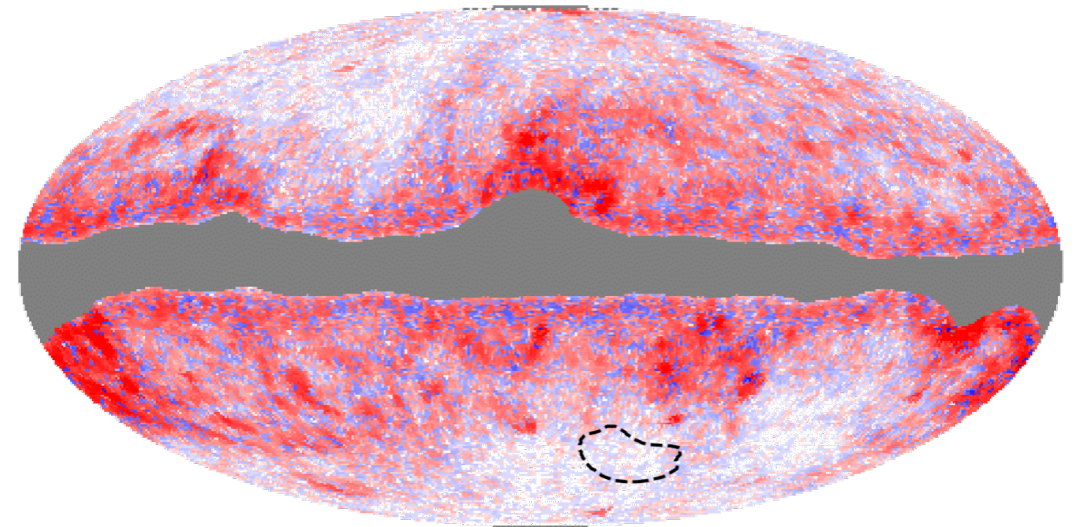


Full Sky Correlations

Monopole Amplitude A

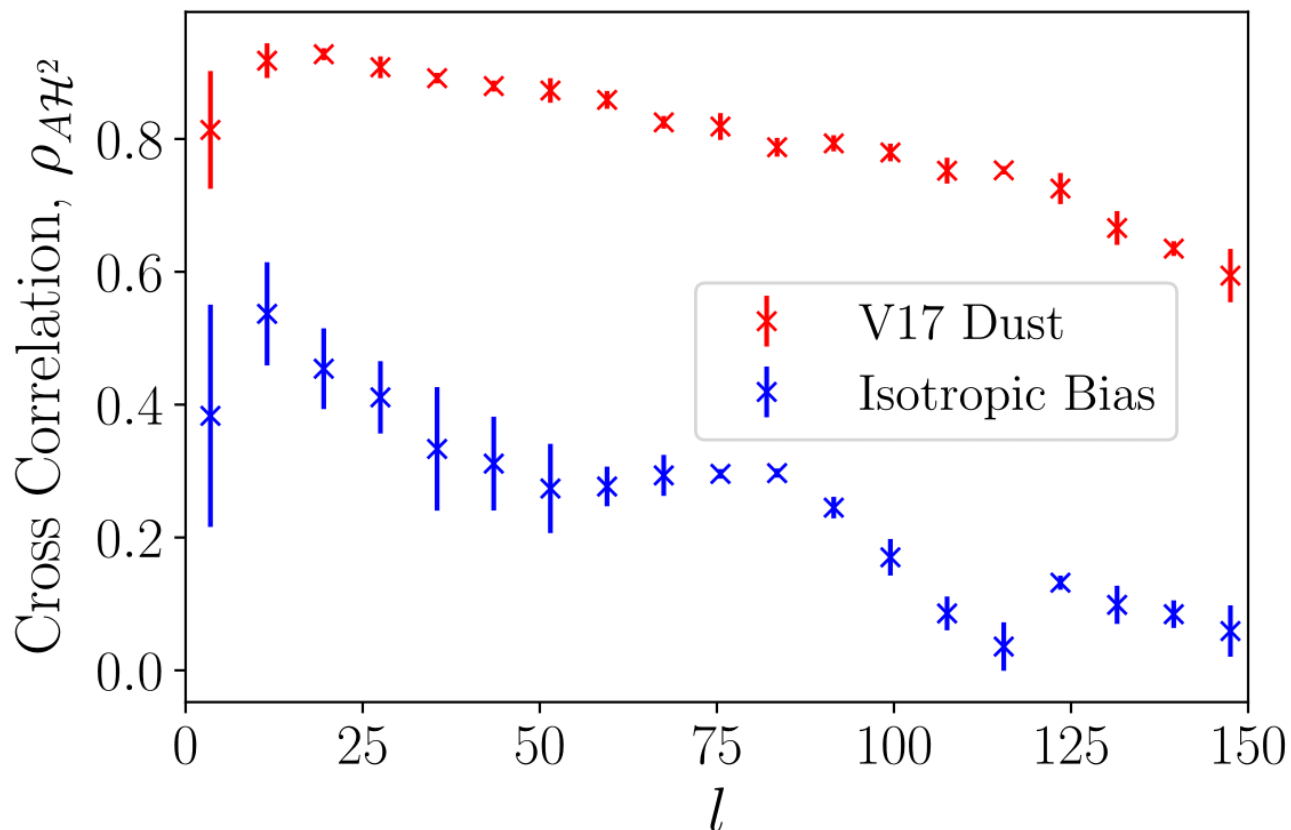


Hexadecapole Amplitude \mathcal{H}^2



Using Planck GAL80 Mask + CMB-S4 [Abazajian+ 2016] Noise Parameters with HEALPix [Górski+ 2005] for visualisation

Full Sky Correlation Coefficient



Power Spectra Estimated with POLSPICE (Chon+ 2004)

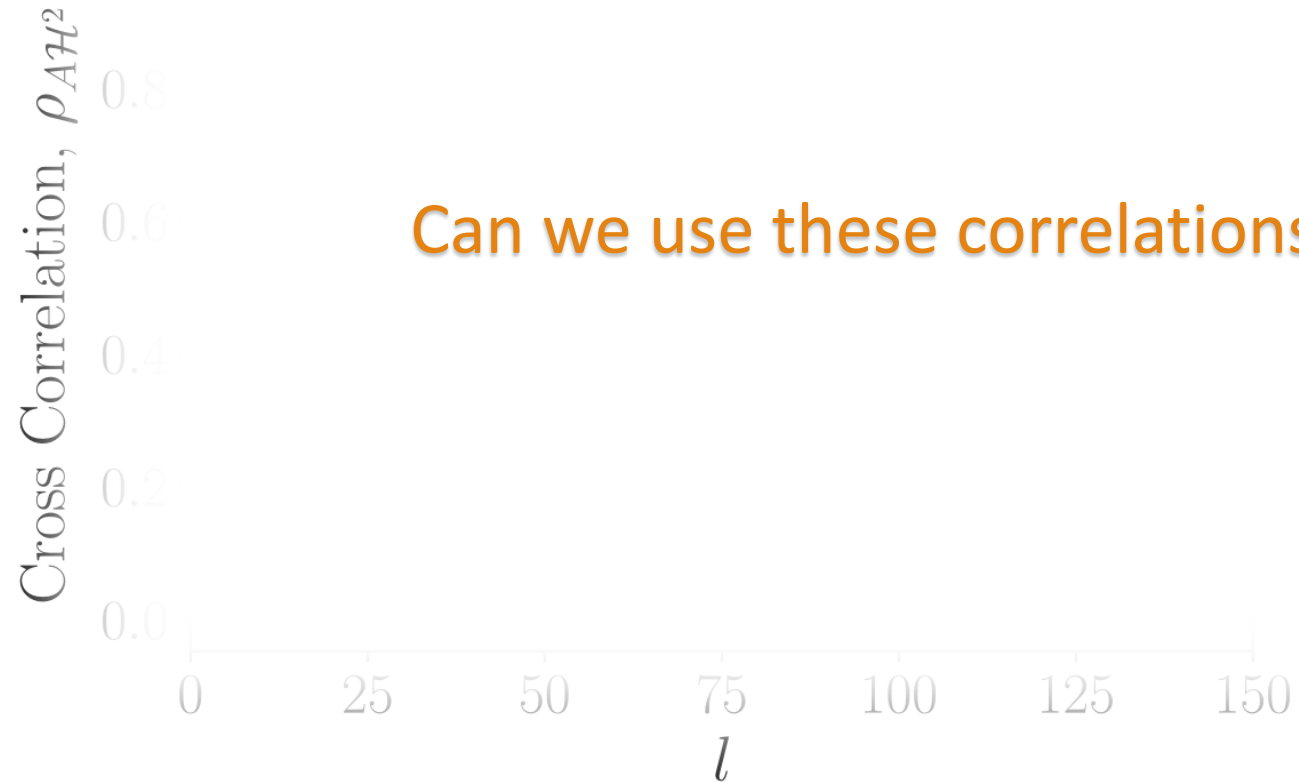
- ❑ Compute the correlation function between **monopole** and **hexadecapole**:

$$\rho_{A\mathcal{H}^2}(l) = \frac{C_l^{A\mathcal{H}^2}}{\sqrt{C_l^A C_l^{\mathcal{H}^2}}}$$

- ❑ Very strong correlations on large angular scales!

[Philcox+ 2018b]

Full Sky Correlation Coefficient



Can we use these correlations to reconstruct the dust?

pole:

Power Spectra Estimated with POLSPICE (Chon+ 2004)

[Philcox+ 2018b]

Dedusting Techniques (I)

Using the anisotropy angle we can reconstruct Q, U maps:

$$\widehat{U}(\mathbf{r}) \propto I(\mathbf{r})R(\mathbf{r}) \sin(2\alpha(\mathbf{r})),$$

$$\widehat{Q}(\mathbf{r}) \propto I(\mathbf{r})R(\mathbf{r}) \cos(2\alpha(\mathbf{r})).$$

Intensity Map

Angle Map

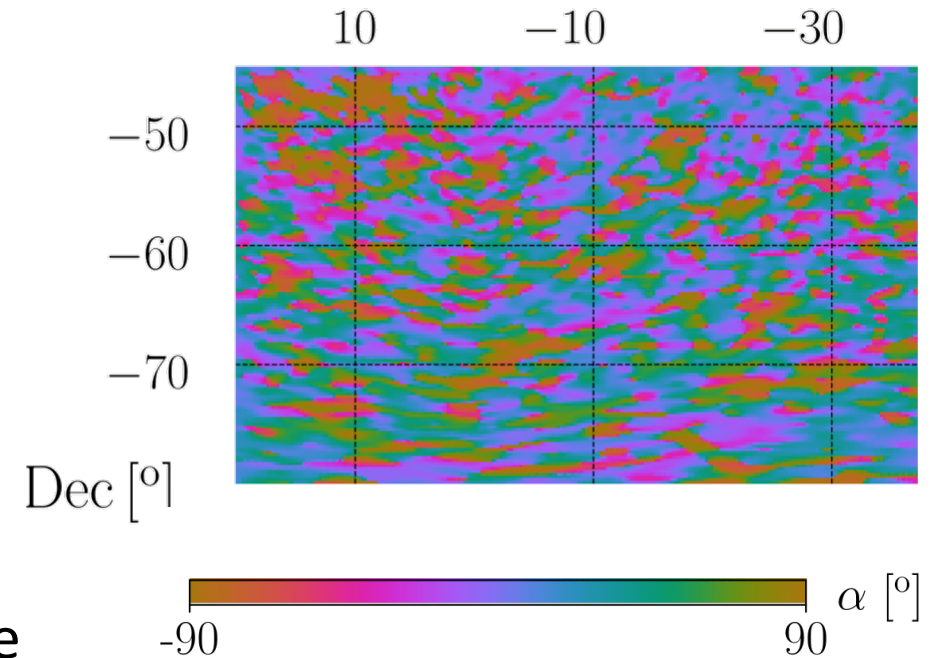
with anisotropy fraction proxy

$$R(\mathbf{r}) = \left(\frac{\mathcal{H}^2(\mathbf{r})}{\langle I^4 \rangle_{\text{tile}}(\mathbf{r})} \right)^{1/4}$$

Hexadecapole Strength

Use these to compute **approximation** for B-mode map from dust

Hexadecapole Angle Map



[Philcox+ 2018b]

Dedusting Techniques (II)

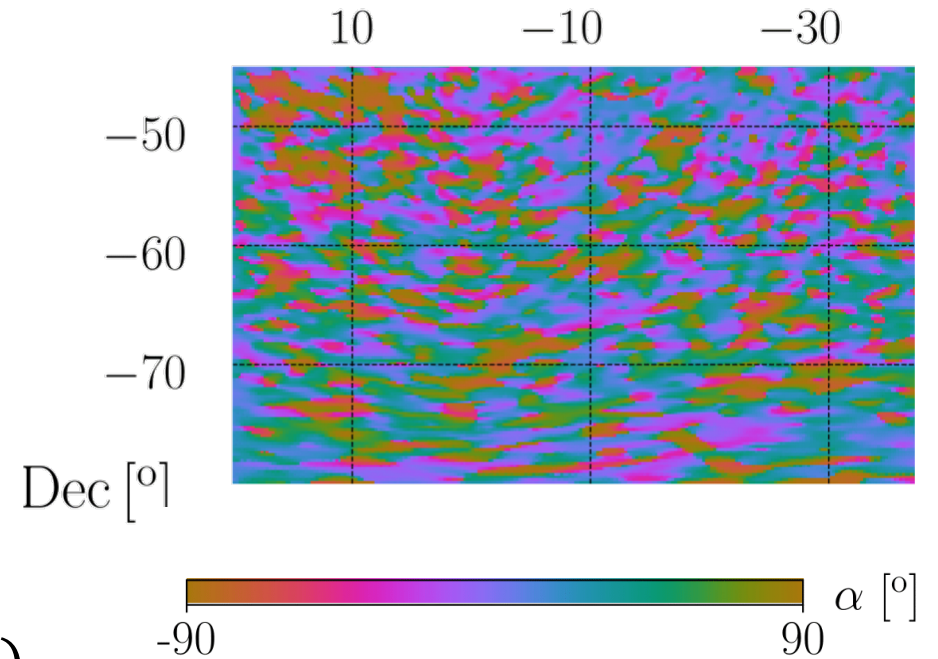
Scaling is found via *cross-correlations* with the data

$$a_c(l) = C_l^{\hat{B}B} / C_l^{\hat{B}\hat{B}}$$

↑ Scaling Factor ↑ Model x Data Power Spectrum ↓ Model x Model Power Spectrum

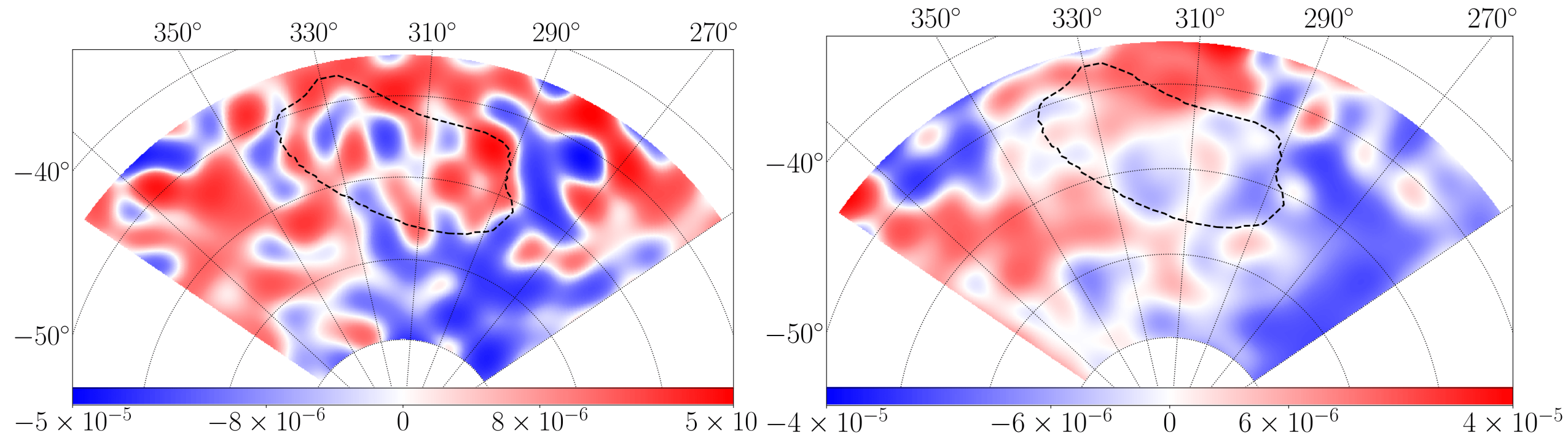
Cross-correlations are also used to avoid information loss in conversion from $4\alpha(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow 2\alpha(\mathbf{r})$ polarization angles

Hexadecapole Angle Map



[Philcox+ 2018b]

Dedusting in Practice

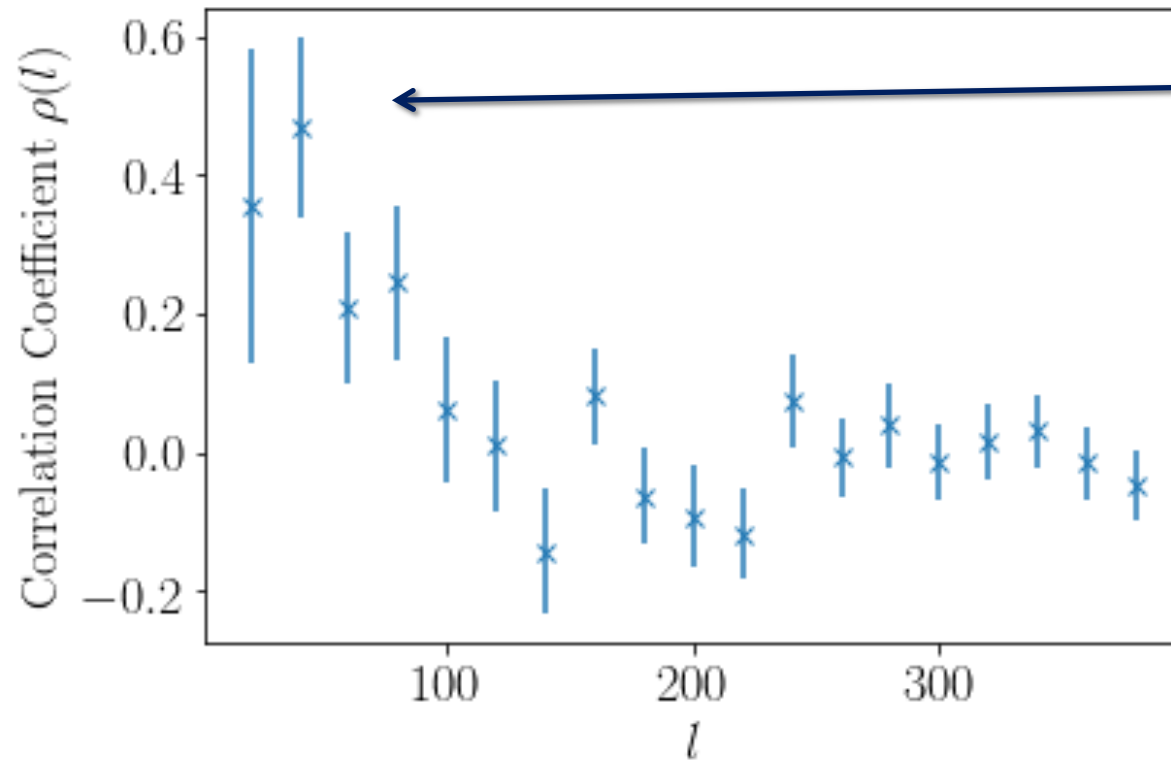


Estimated B-mode Map

True B-mode Map [Philcox+ 2018b]

Dedusting Correlations

Correlation of estimated & true B-mode power:



Correlation is significantly non-zero at low l !

[Philcox+ 2018b]

Summary

- ❑ Hexadecapolar anisotropy is **detectable** in futuristic CMB-experiments
- ❑ Use this as a **null test** for dust
 - ❑ 55σ detection for CMB S4 noise
 - ❑ $r_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{O}(0.001)$ detected at **95% confidence**
- ❑ Possibility of single frequency '**dedusting**'

Future Work

- ❑ Include E-modes
- ❑ Use continuous angle distribution
[Kamionkowski/Kovetz 2014]
- ❑ Combine with multi-frequency cleaning
- ❑ Apply to real data

Detection and removal of B-mode dust foregrounds with signatures of statistical anisotropy

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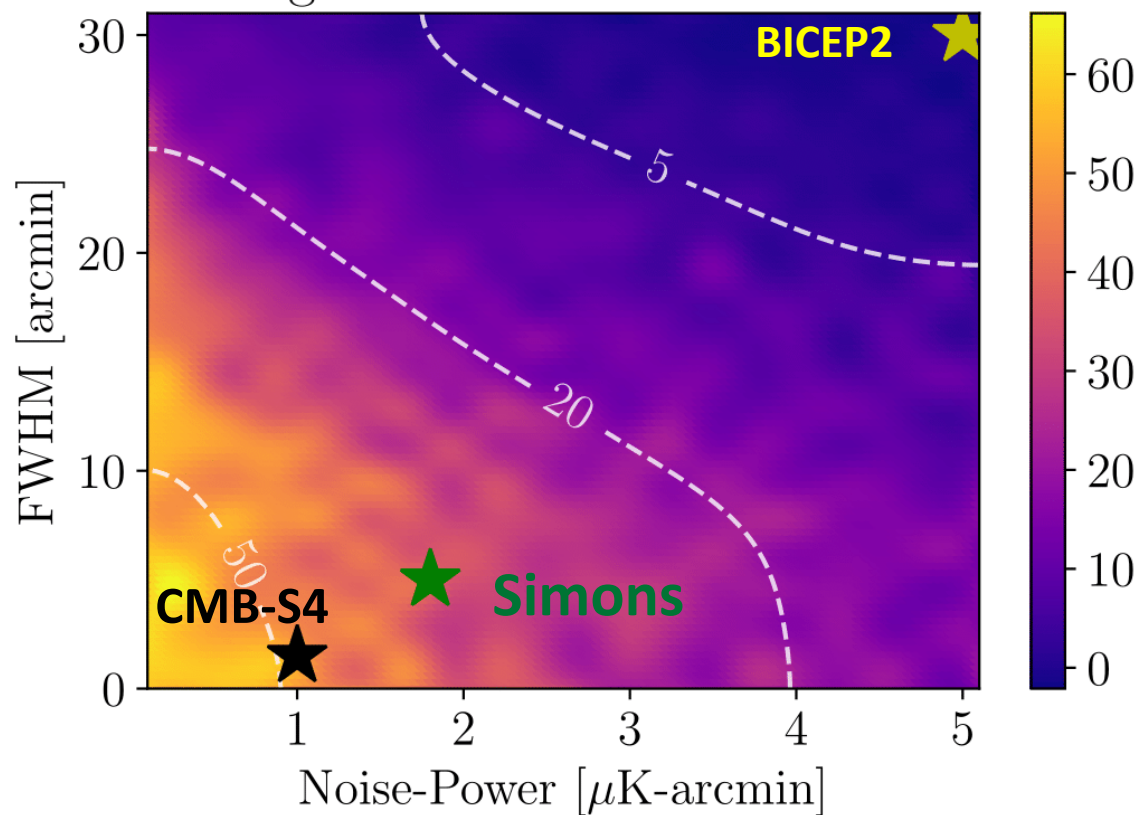
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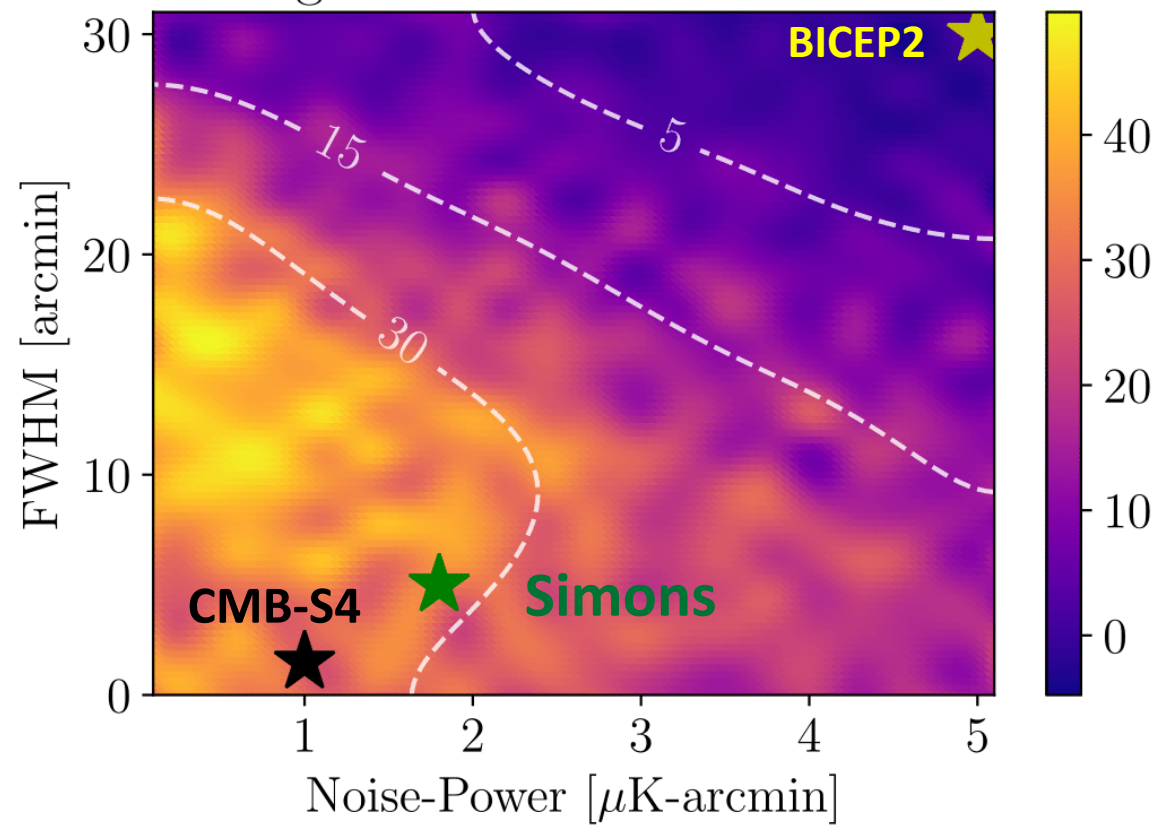
90% Delensing

Significance of Ξ Detection



No Delensing

Significance of Ξ Detection



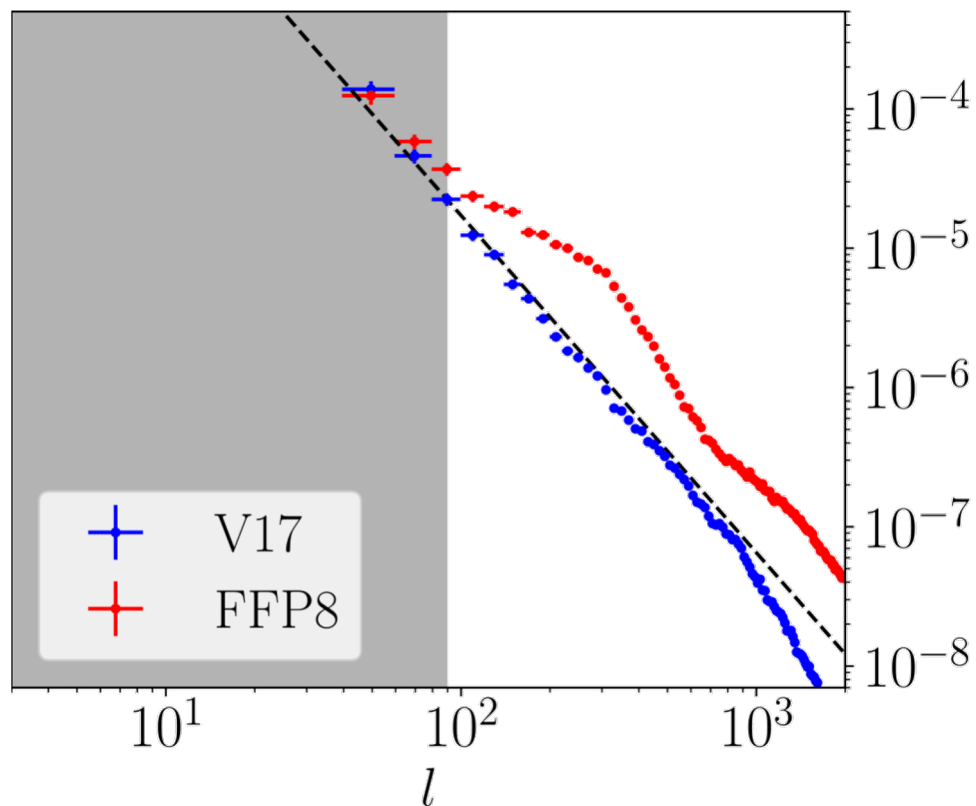
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FFP8 simulations

Differences may result from:

1. Older base-maps
2. Unphysical small-scale power
3. Different C_l^{BB} slope

$C_l^{BB} [\mu\text{K}^2]$ Spectra



Null Tests

