

# Peering at the CMB through the polarized Galaxy

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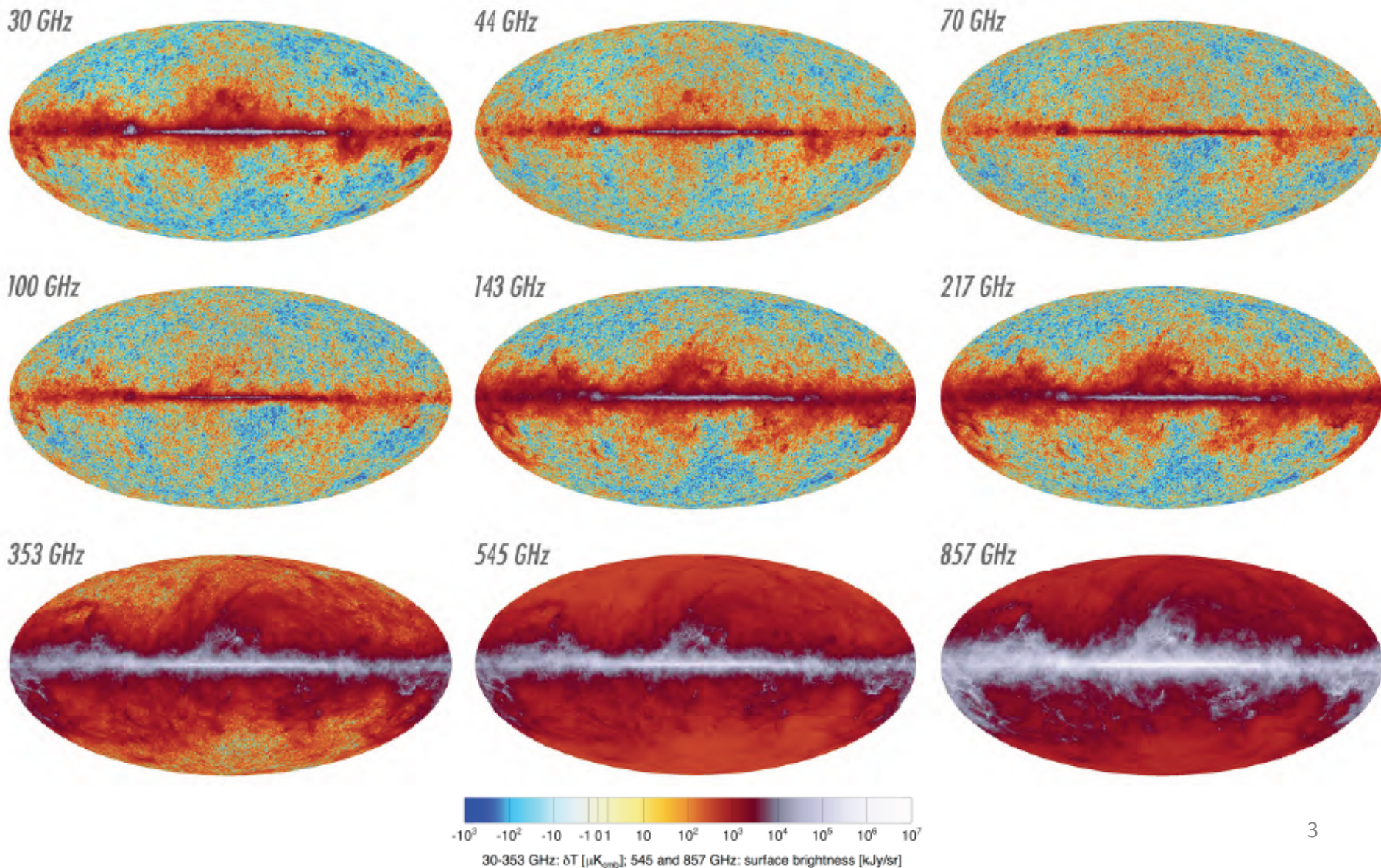
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# Outline

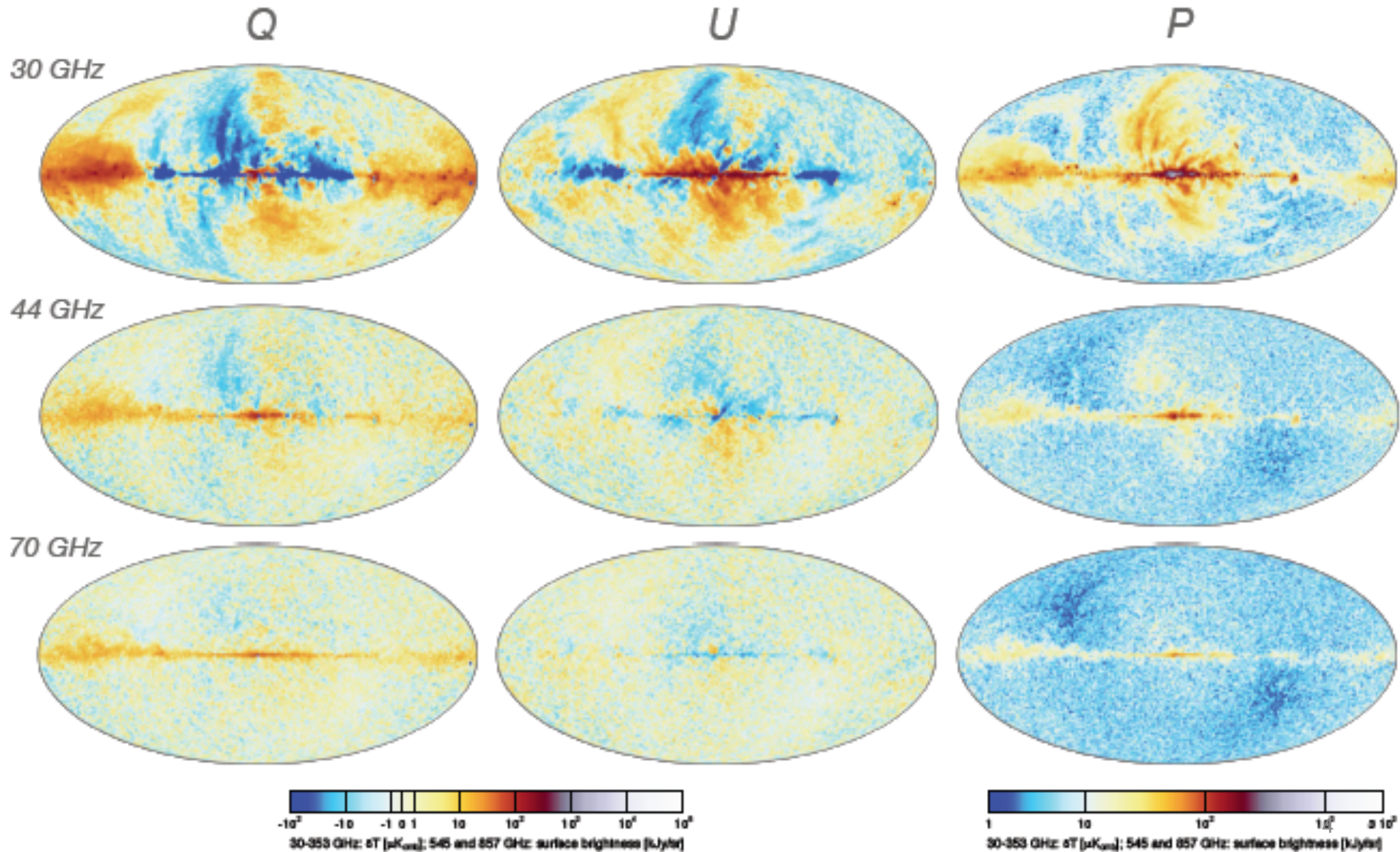
- ➔ Astrophysical foreground emission
- Basics of foreground cleaning
- Component separation methods
- Forecasting and validation
- Summary

# Planck maps at 9 different frequencies

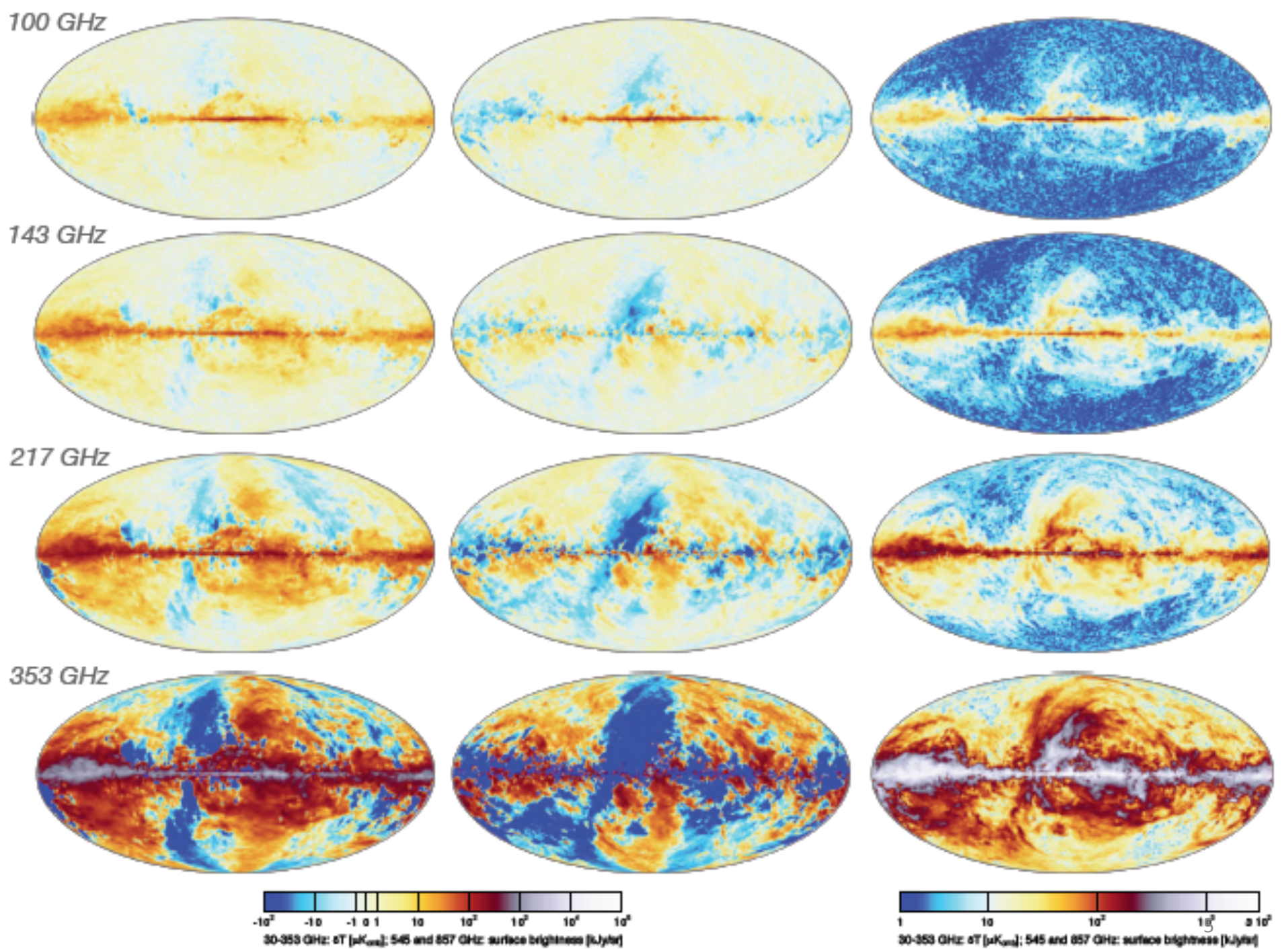




# Planck polarisation maps (7 frequencies)







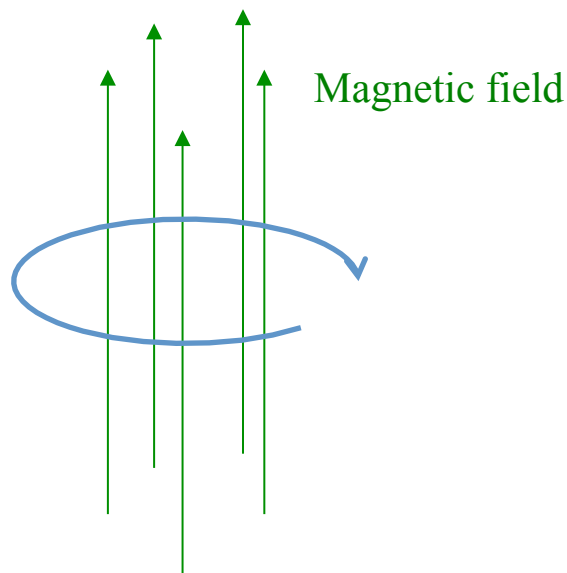
# Foreground astrophysical emission

- Interstellar Medium (ISM)
  - Cosmic rays
  - Gas (ionised, neutral atoms, molecules, ...)
  - Dust (macro-molecules, grains of matter of various size and composition)
  - Magnetic field
- The galactic ISM emits radiation through various processes
  - Synchrotron: cosmic rays in magnetic field
  - Free-free: ionised gas
  - Spectral lines: rotation and vibration of molecules, desexcitation of atoms
  - Thermal emission: from dust matter particles heated by stellar light
  - Electric emission from rotating dipoles
  - ...
- There also are extragalactic sources of foreground emission (galaxies; clusters of galaxies: Sunyaev Zel'dovich – or SZ – effect)

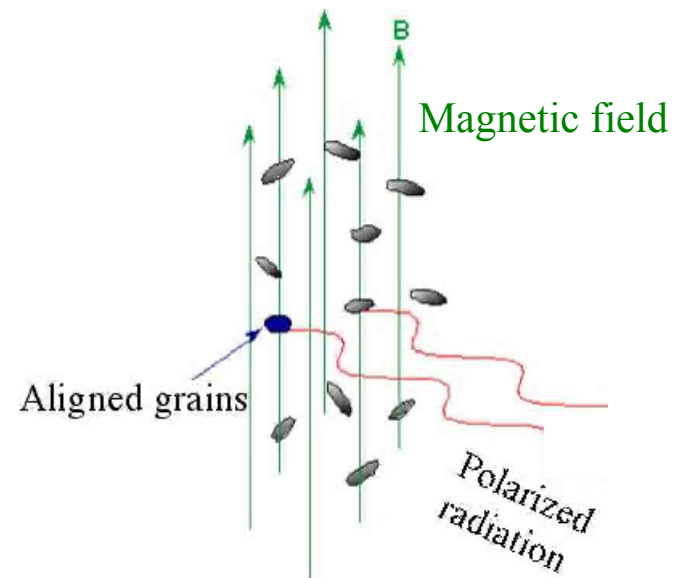
# Polarised galactic emission

- Synchrotron and thermal dust emissions are the dominating astrophysical foreground emissions.
- Both synchrotron and dust are polarised

## Synchrotron

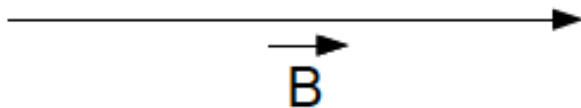


## Dust

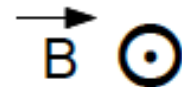




# Elongated dust grains: projection effects



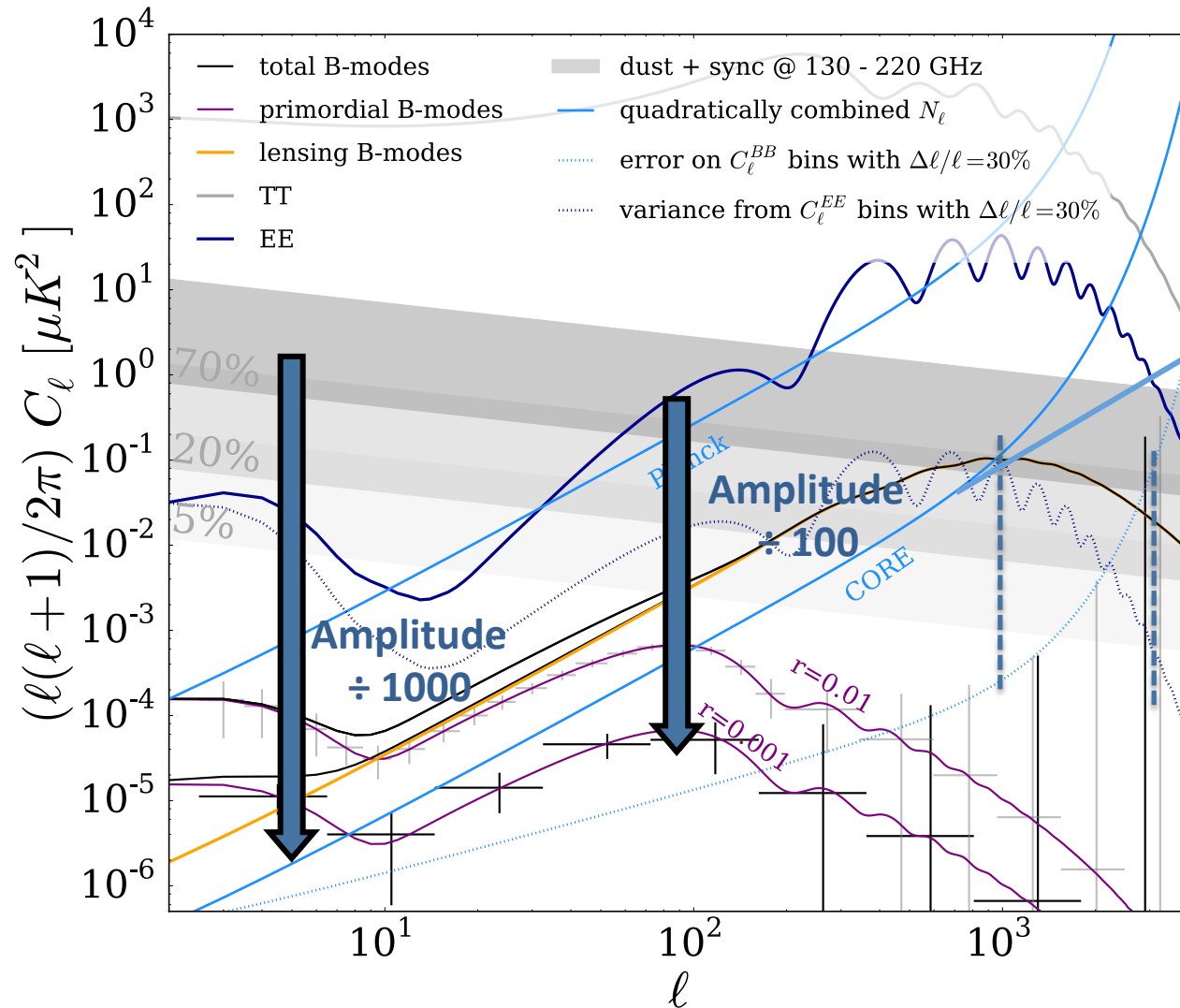
Polarization is maximal



Polarization is zero

*From Vincent Guillet*

# Amplitude relative to CMB polarisation



**CORE**  
 $\approx 2 \mu K \cdot \text{arcmin}$

**Foregrounds**  
70% sky  
20% sky  
5% sky

# Outline

Astrophysical foreground emission



Basics of foreground cleaning

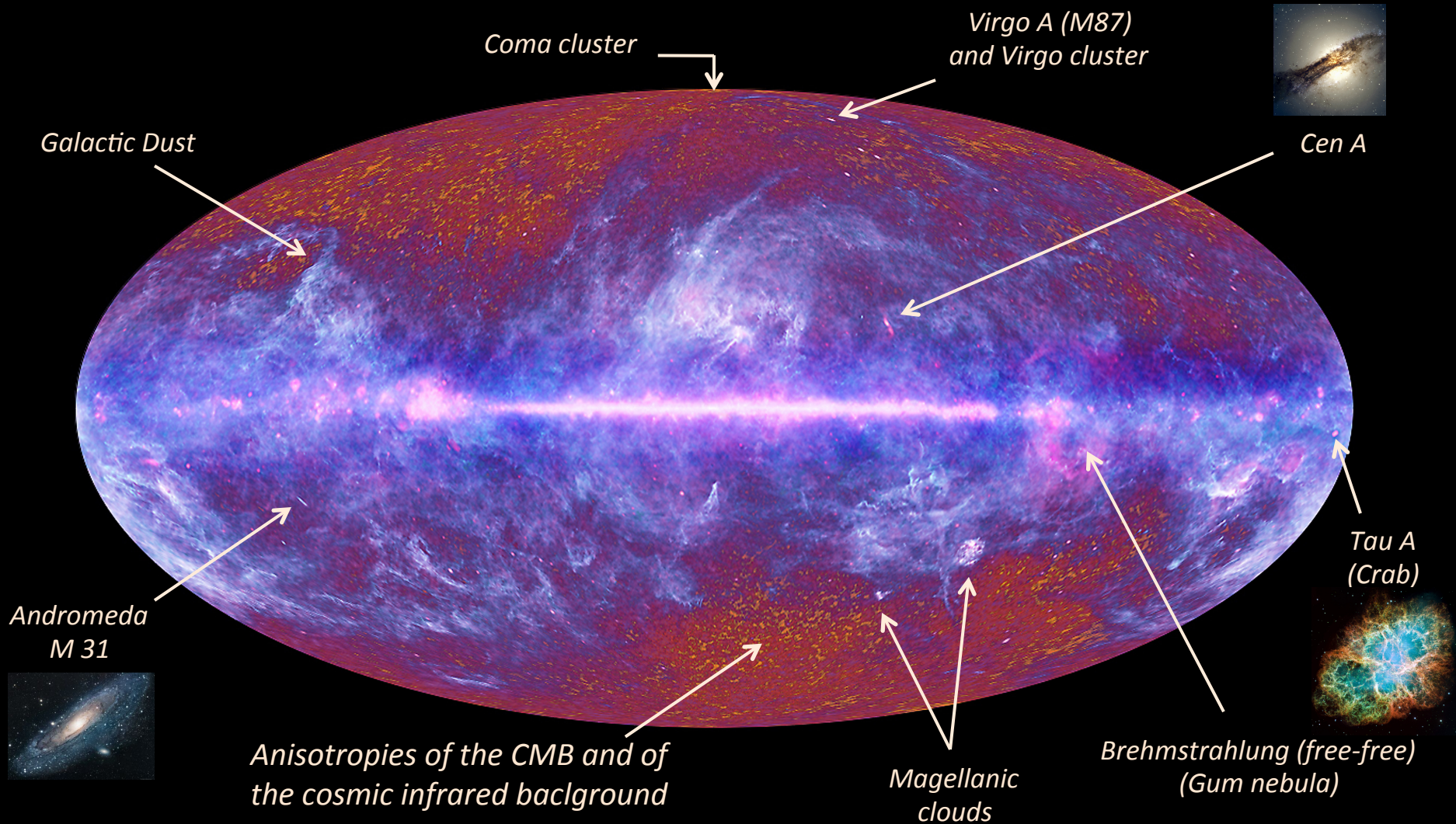
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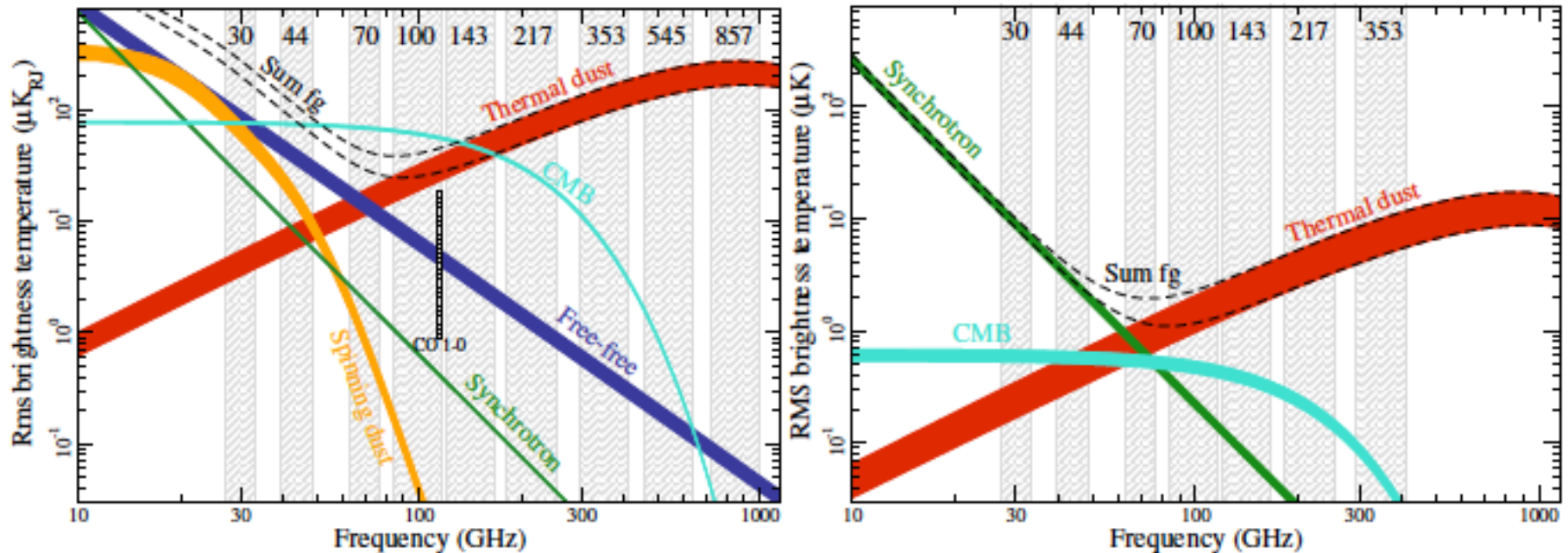


# Foregrounds seen by Planck



# Relative amplitudes depend on frequency

Synchrotron is redder than the CMB (dominates at low frequency)  
Dust is bluer than the CMB (dominates at high frequency)



**Fig. 18.** Brightness temperature rms of the high-latitude sky as a function of frequency and astrophysical component for temperature (*left*) and polarization (*right*). For temperature, each component is smoothed to an angular resolution of  $1^\circ$  FWHM, and the lower and upper edges of each line are defined by masks covering 81 and 93 % of the sky, respectively. For polarization, the corresponding smoothing scale is  $40'$ , and the sky fractions are 73 and 93 %.

# Basics of foreground separation

Consider a single pixel  $p$ . The signal observed at frequency  $\nu$ , in pixel  $p$ , is

$$\begin{aligned} x(\nu, p) &= \sum_i x_i(\nu, p) + n(\nu, p) \\ &= \sum_i a_i(\nu, p) s_i(p) + n(\nu, p), \end{aligned}$$

Model known *a priori* ?  
 $\text{dB}_\nu/\text{dT} \cdot S_{\text{CMB}} + S_{\text{dust}} \cdot \nu^\beta B_\nu(T_{\text{d}}) + S_{\text{sync}} \cdot \nu^\alpha$

or, in vector-matrix format

$$\mathbf{x}(p) = \mathbf{A}(p) \mathbf{s}(p) + \mathbf{n}(p).$$

At some frequency  $\nu_0$



# Noiseless linear inversion

$$\mathbf{x}(p) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}(p)$$

If  $\mathbf{A}$  is square (as many observations as components)

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}(p) = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{x}(p)$$

If not (more observations than components)

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}(p) = \left[ \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \right]^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x}(p)$$

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Still OK...:  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}(p) = \left[ \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \right]^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x}(p)$

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Noise covariance matrix  $\mathbf{R}_n = \langle \mathbf{n}\mathbf{n}^T \rangle$

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}(p) = \left[ \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{R}_n^{-1} \mathbf{A} \right]^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{R}_n^{-1} \mathbf{x}(p)$$

CMBists' jargon:

*"Optimal"* or *"Generalized Least Square"* (GLS) inversion



# Summary of linear inversion options

If  $\mathbf{A}$  is square and invertible

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}(p) = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{x}(p)$$

Need to know  $\mathbf{A}$

Generalisation for more observations than components

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}(p) = \left[ \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \right]^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x}(p)$$

Need to know  $\mathbf{A}$

Noise-weighted version

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}(p) = \left[ \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{R}_n^{-1} \mathbf{A} \right]^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{R}_n^{-1} \mathbf{x}(p)$$

Need to know  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_n$

# Outline

Astrophysical foreground emission

Basics of foreground cleaning



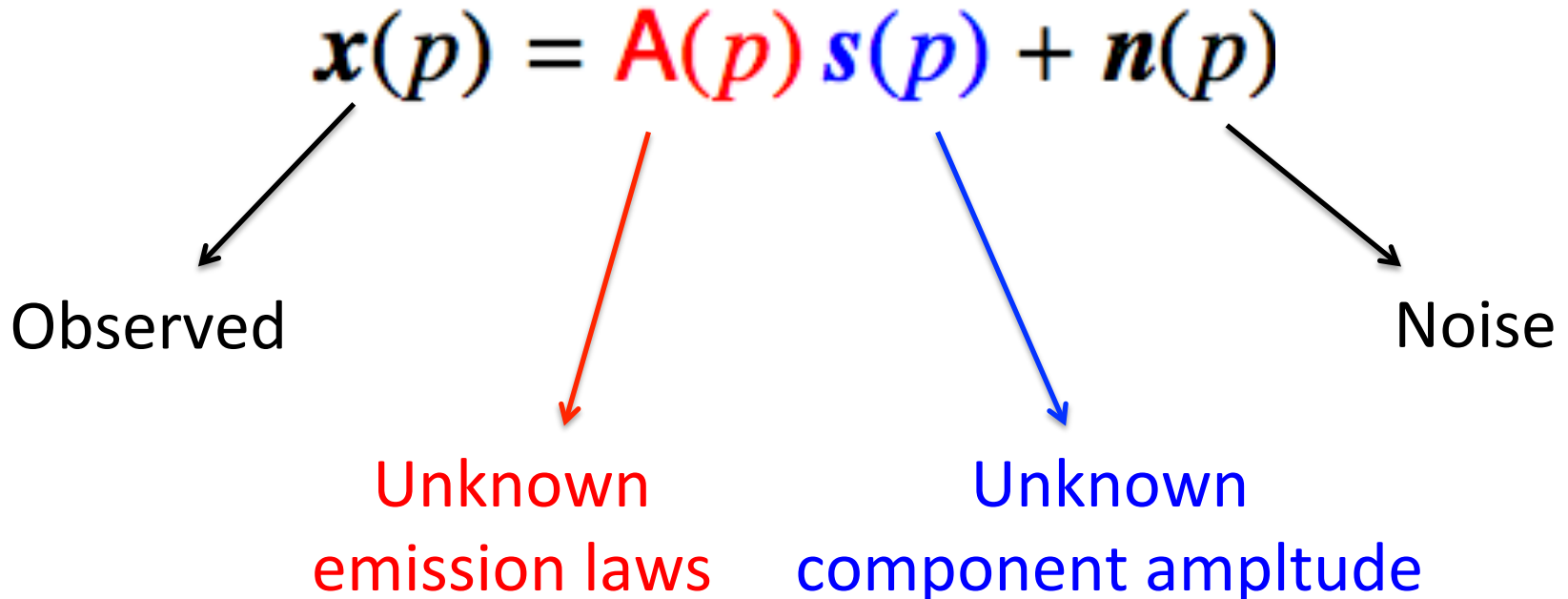
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# What if unknown emission laws ?

- Assume a linear mixture of components for which we do not know the emission laws



# Parametric fitting

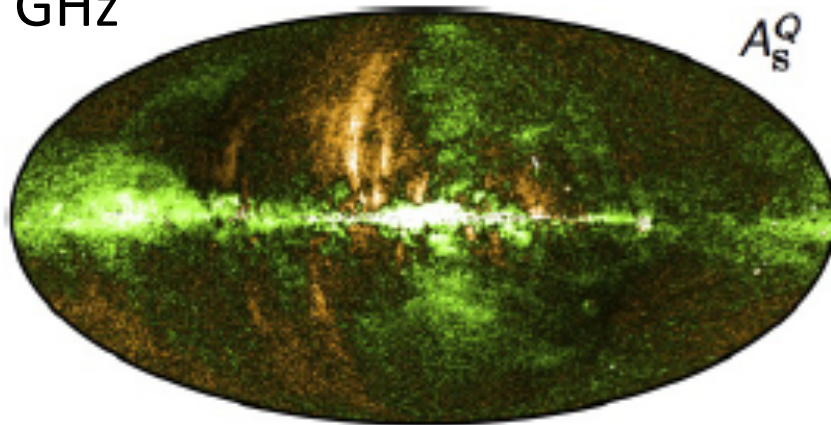
$$x(\nu) = s_c + s_d \left[ \frac{\nu}{\nu_{\text{ref}}} \right]^{\beta_d} B_\nu(T_d) + s_s \left[ \frac{\nu}{\nu_{\text{ref}}} \right]^{\alpha_s} + n(\nu)$$

6 unknowns here:      amplitudes of components       $s_c, s_d, s_s$   
                                 parameters of frequency scaling       $\beta_d, T_d, \alpha_s$

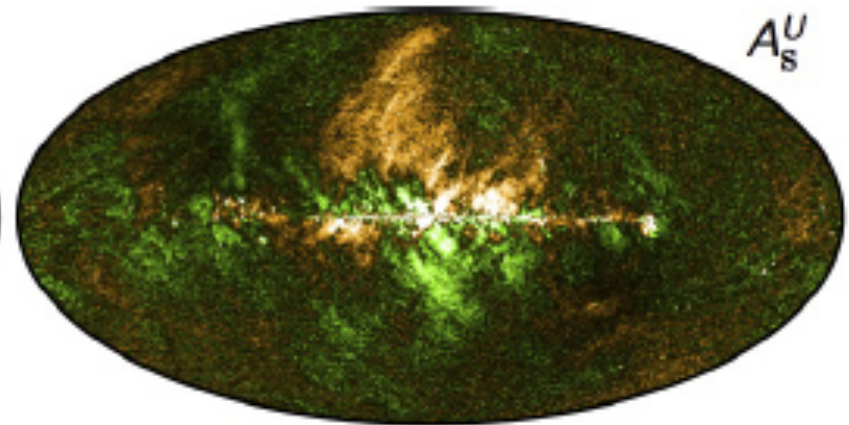
With enough frequencies of observation (here, more than 6), one can fit for both the parameters of frequency scaling and the amplitudes of components

# Synchrotron and dust polarisation maps

30 GHz

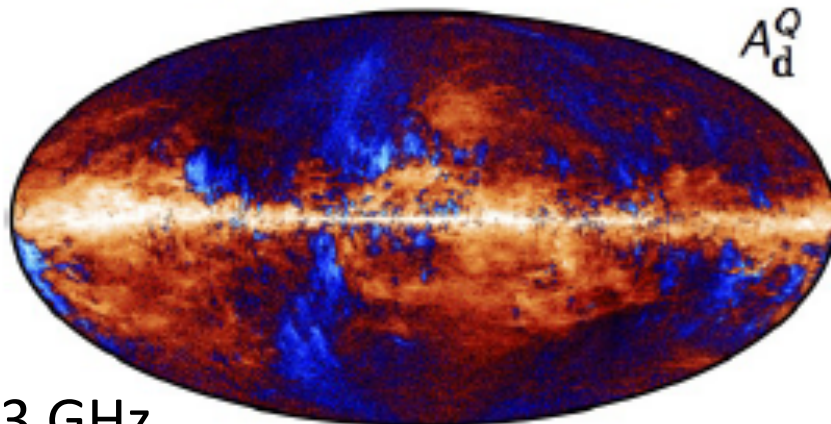


-50  $\mu K_{RJ}$  @ 30 GHz 50

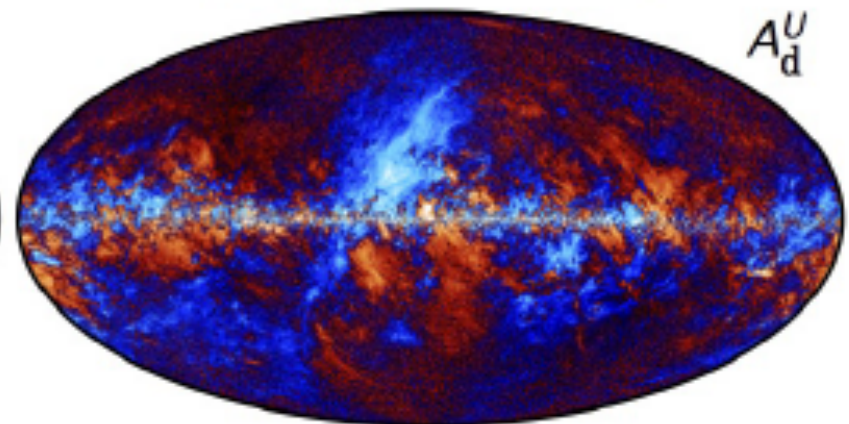


-50  $\mu K_{RJ}$  @ 30 GHz 50

353 GHz



-100  $\mu K_{RJ}$  @ 353 GHz 100



-100  $\mu K_{RJ}$  @ 353 GHz 100



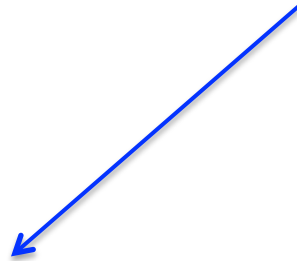
# Key ingredients for it to work ?

- A trustable model for foreground emission laws
- Many frequency channels (more than parameters)

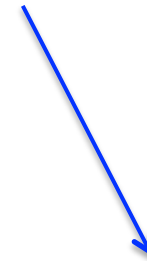
# "Internal Linear Combination"

- What if we know only the emission law of one component of interest?

$$\mathbf{x}(p) = \mathbf{a}s(p) + \mathbf{n}(p)$$



One component of interest  
(usually the CMB)



Everything else is  
dumped in the noise term

# "Internal Linear Combination"

$$\mathbf{x}(p) = \mathbf{a}s(p) + \mathbf{n}(p) \qquad \hat{s}(p) = \frac{\mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_n^{-1}}{\mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_n^{-1} \mathbf{a}} \mathbf{x}(p)$$

- The “noise” covariance matrix is not known a priori
- But...

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_x^{-1} &= [\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^t \sigma_{\text{cmb}}^2 + \mathbf{R}_n]^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{R}_n^{-1} - \sigma_{\text{cmb}}^2 \frac{\mathbf{R}_n^{-1} \mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_n^{-1}}{1 + \sigma_{\text{cmb}}^2 \mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_n^{-1} \mathbf{a}} \end{aligned}$$

- And hence  $\mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_x^{-1} = \mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_n^{-1} - \sigma_{\text{cmb}}^2 \frac{\mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_n^{-1} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_n^{-1}}{1 + \sigma_{\text{cmb}}^2 \mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_n^{-1} \mathbf{a}}$   
 $\mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_x^{-1} \propto \mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_n^{-1}$

# "Internal Linear Combination"

$$\hat{s}(p) = \frac{\mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_n^{-1}}{\mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_n^{-1} \mathbf{a}} \mathbf{x}(p) = \frac{\mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_x^{-1}}{\mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{R}_x^{-1} \mathbf{a}} \mathbf{x}(p)$$

- Actual implementation  $\hat{s}_{\text{ILC}}(p) = \frac{\mathbf{a}^t \hat{\mathbf{R}}_x^{-1}}{\mathbf{a}^t \hat{\mathbf{R}}_x^{-1} \mathbf{a}} \mathbf{x}(p)$ 
  - Uses the empirical covariance matrix of the observations (and this is a very important distinction)

- Usually derived as the (internal) **linear combination** of the input maps which **minimizes the variance of the output**, with **unit response to the CMB**

$$\hat{s}_{\text{ILC}}(p) = \sum_i w_i x_i(p) = \mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{x}(p)$$

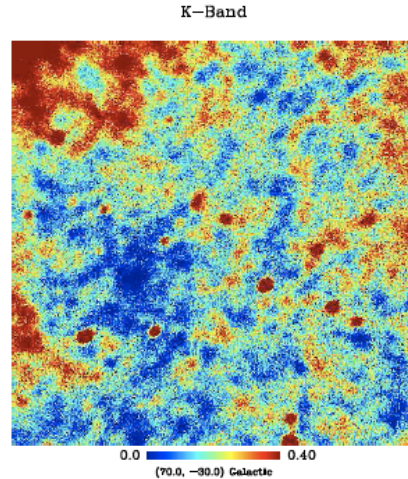
$$\text{minimize } \sum_p |\hat{s}(p)|^2$$

$$\sum_i w_i a_i = \mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{a} = 1$$

# "Internal Linear Combination"

Around  $l, b = (70^\circ, -30^\circ)$  – Moderate galactic latitudes

Original map



WMAP K band at 23 GHz dominated by galactic synchrotron

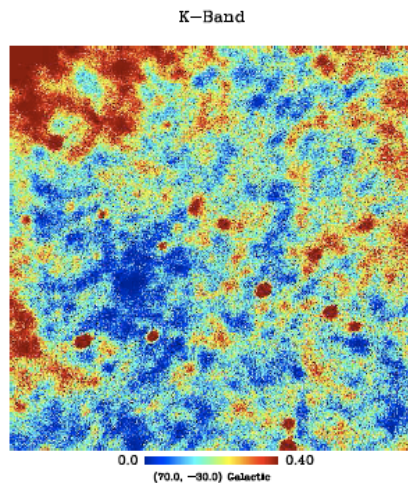
In a given pixel:

- CMB?
- galactic ISM?
- radio source ?

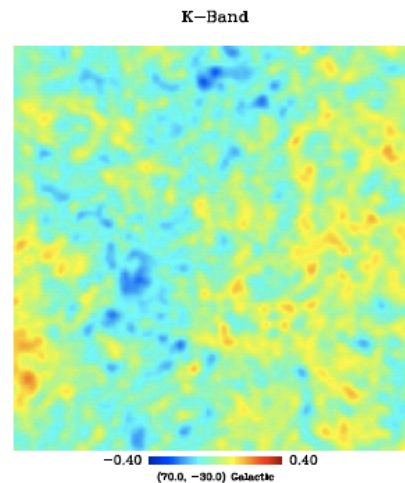


# "Internal Linear Combination" results

Original map

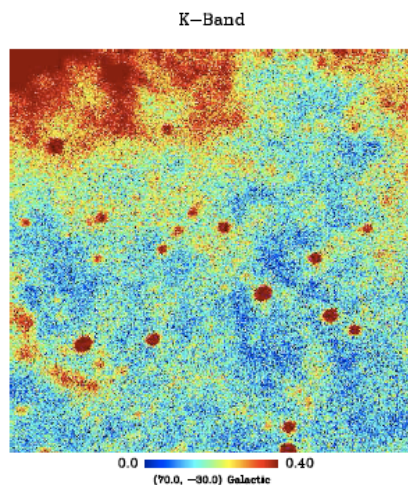


Estimated CMB

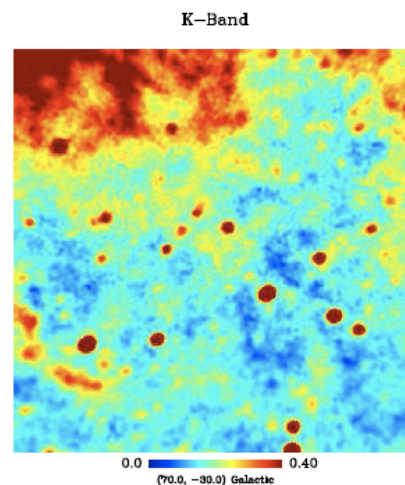


*CMB  
subtraction*

Foreground map



Filtered  
foreground map



# Blind component separation - SMICA

Model in harmonic domain

$$x(\ell, m) = \mathbf{A} s(\ell, m) + n(\ell, m)$$

Spectral covariance matrices

$$\langle x x^t \rangle = \mathbf{A} \langle s s^t \rangle \mathbf{A}^t + \langle n n^t \rangle$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_{\ell}^{x_1 x_1} & C_{\ell}^{x_1 x_2} & \cdots & C_{\ell}^{x_1 x_N} \\ C_{\ell}^{x_2 x_1} & C_{\ell}^{x_2 x_2} & \cdots & C_{\ell}^{x_2 x_N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{\ell}^{x_N x_1} & C_{\ell}^{x_N x_2} & \cdots & C_{\ell}^{x_N x_N} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1^{\text{CMB}} & a_1^{\text{dust}} & a_1^{\text{sync}} & \cdots & a_1^{\text{SZ}} \\ a_2^{\text{CMB}} & a_2^{\text{dust}} & a_2^{\text{sync}} & \cdots & a_2^{\text{SZ}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_N^{\text{CMB}} & a_N^{\text{dust}} & a_N^{\text{sync}} & \cdots & a_N^{\text{SZ}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_{\ell}^{\text{CMB}} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & C_{\ell}^{\text{dust}} & X_{\ell} & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & X_{\ell} & C_{\ell}^{\text{sync}} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & C_{\ell}^{\text{SZ}} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} C_{\ell}^{n_1 n_1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & C_{\ell}^{n_2 n_2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & C_{\ell}^{n_N n_N} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Blind component separation - SMICA

$$R_x(\ell) = \mathbf{A} R_s(\ell) \mathbf{A}^t + R_n(\ell)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_{\ell}^{x_1 x_1} & C_{\ell}^{x_1 x_2} & \dots & C_{\ell}^{x_1 x_N} \\ C_{\ell}^{x_1 x_2} & C_{\ell}^{x_2 x_2} & \dots & C_{\ell}^{x_2 x_N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{\ell}^{x_1 x_N} & C_{\ell}^{x_2 x_N} & \dots & C_{\ell}^{x_N x_N} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\widehat{C}_{\ell}^{x_i x_j} = \frac{1}{2\ell + 1} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} x_{i,\ell m} \bar{x}_{j,\ell m}$$

OBSERVATIONS

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1^{\text{CMB}} & a_1^{\text{dust}} & a_1^{\text{sync}} & \dots & a_1^{\text{SZ}} \\ a_2^{\text{CMB}} & a_2^{\text{dust}} & a_2^{\text{sync}} & \dots & a_2^{\text{SZ}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_N^{\text{CMB}} & a_N^{\text{dust}} & a_N^{\text{sync}} & \dots & a_N^{\text{SZ}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_{\ell}^{\text{CMB}} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & C_{\ell}^{\text{dust}} & X_{\ell} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & X_{\ell} & C_{\ell}^{\text{sync}} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & C_{\ell}^{\text{SZ}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_{\ell}^{n_1 n_1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & C_{\ell}^{n_2 n_2} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & C_{\ell}^{n_N n_N} \end{pmatrix}$$

MODEL

SMICA is a *multi-component* maximum likelihood spectral estimation method

**MODEL FITTING** method

estimate the parameters of a model of CMB and foreground multivariate spectra

# Blind component separation - SMICA

$$\sum_l w_l \left[ \text{tr}(\hat{\mathbf{R}}_x \mathbf{R}_x^{-1}) - \log \det(\hat{\mathbf{R}}_x \mathbf{R}_x^{-1}) \right]$$

minimise the mismatch between

$$\mathbf{R}_x(\ell)$$

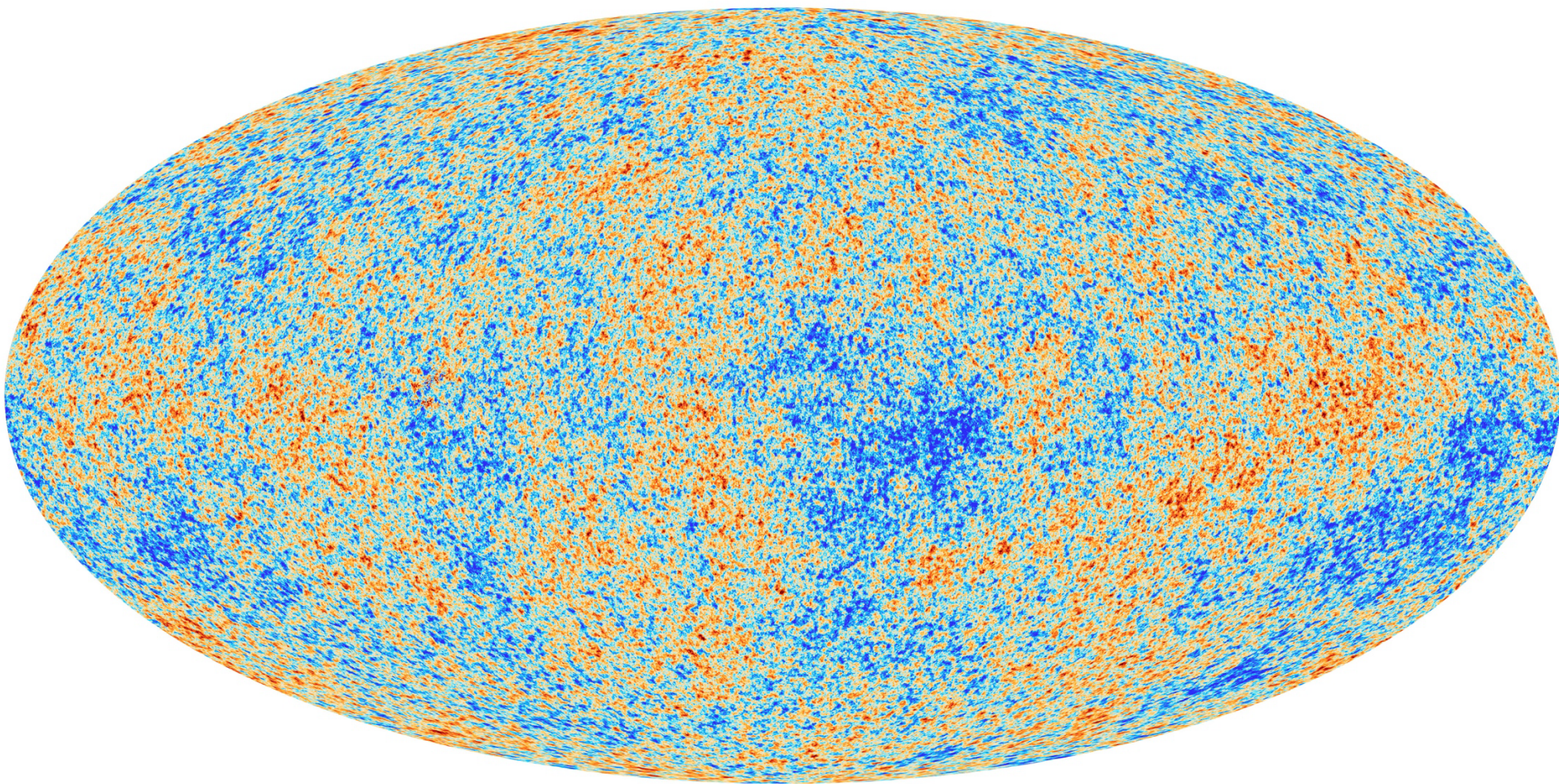
and

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{A} \mathbf{R}_s(\ell) \mathbf{A}^t + \mathbf{R}_n(\ell)}_{\text{modelled spectral covariance of detector maps}}$$

estimated  
spectral covariance of  
detector maps



# Planck CMB map with SMICA





## Key ingredients for it to work ?

- Many frequency channels (more than the dimension of the signal subspace at the level of the noise)
- Many independent data point for statistics

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Astrophysical foreground emission

Basics of foreground cleaning

Component separation methods



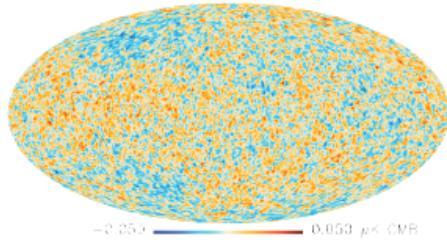
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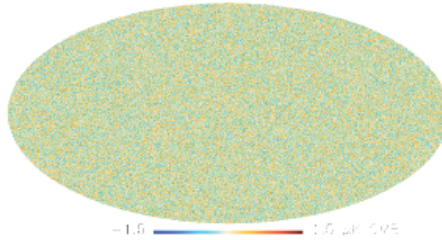
# Forecasting using simulations

## 1) Sky Model

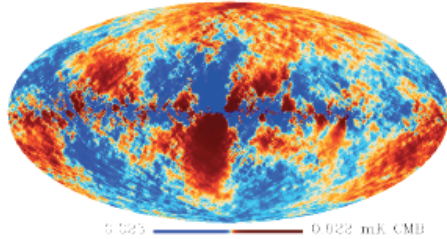
Primordial B



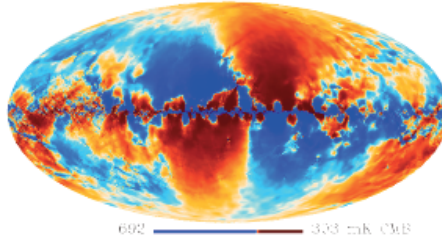
Lensing B



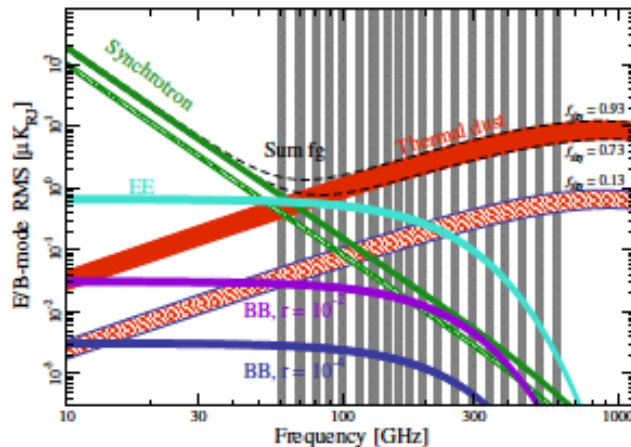
Synchrotron B at 60 GHz



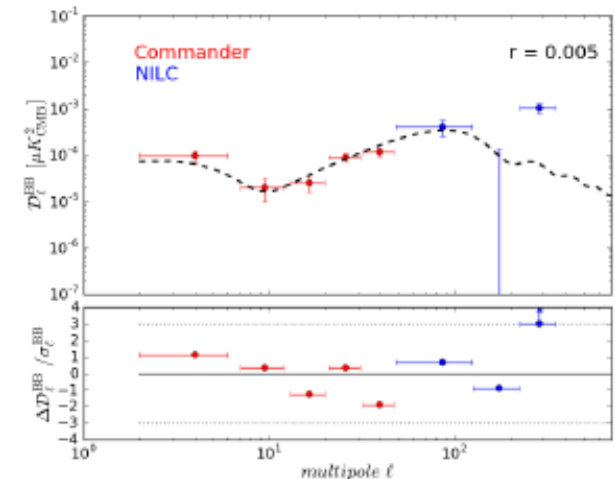
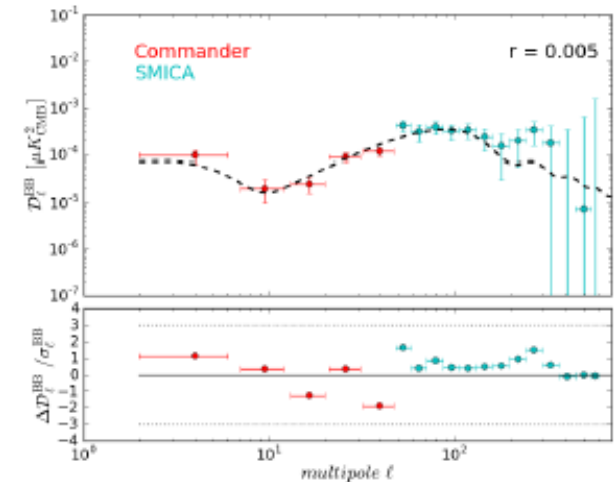
Dust B at 600 GHz



## 2) Frequency channels



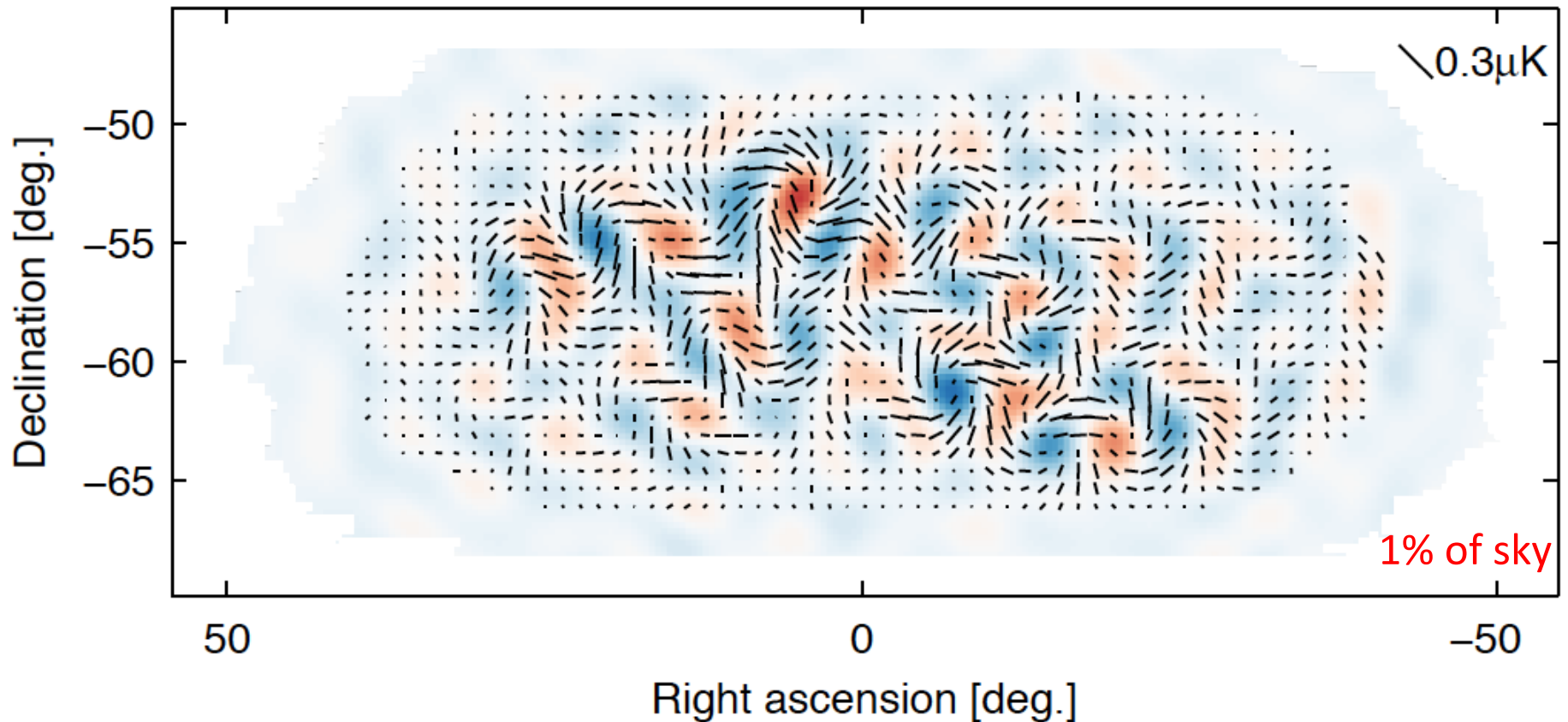
## 3) Analyse fake observations



# The BICEP2 "detection"

Ade et al., PRL 112, 24, id.241101 arXiv:1403.3985

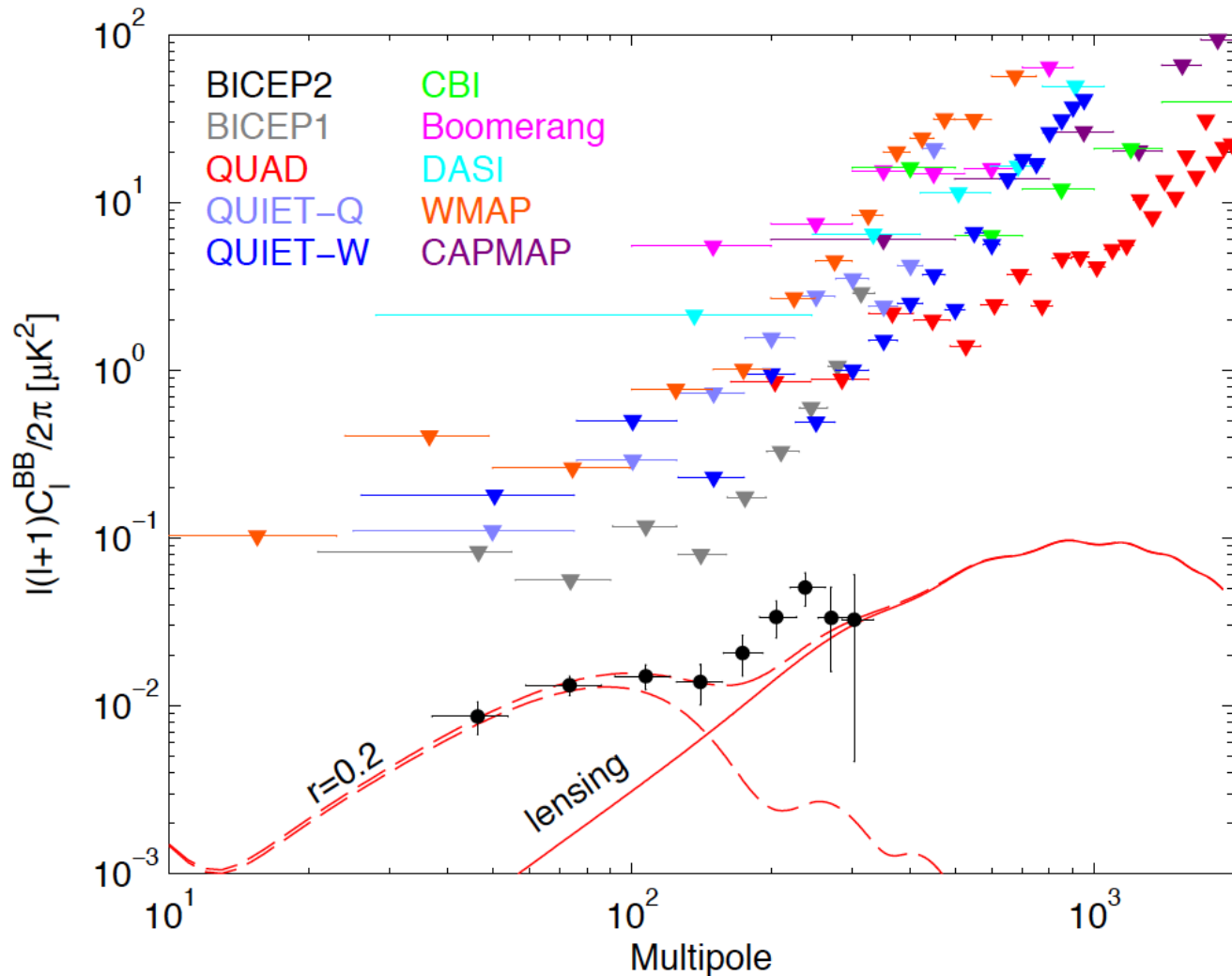
BICEP2: B signal



Amplitude of signal = about  $0.1 \mu K$

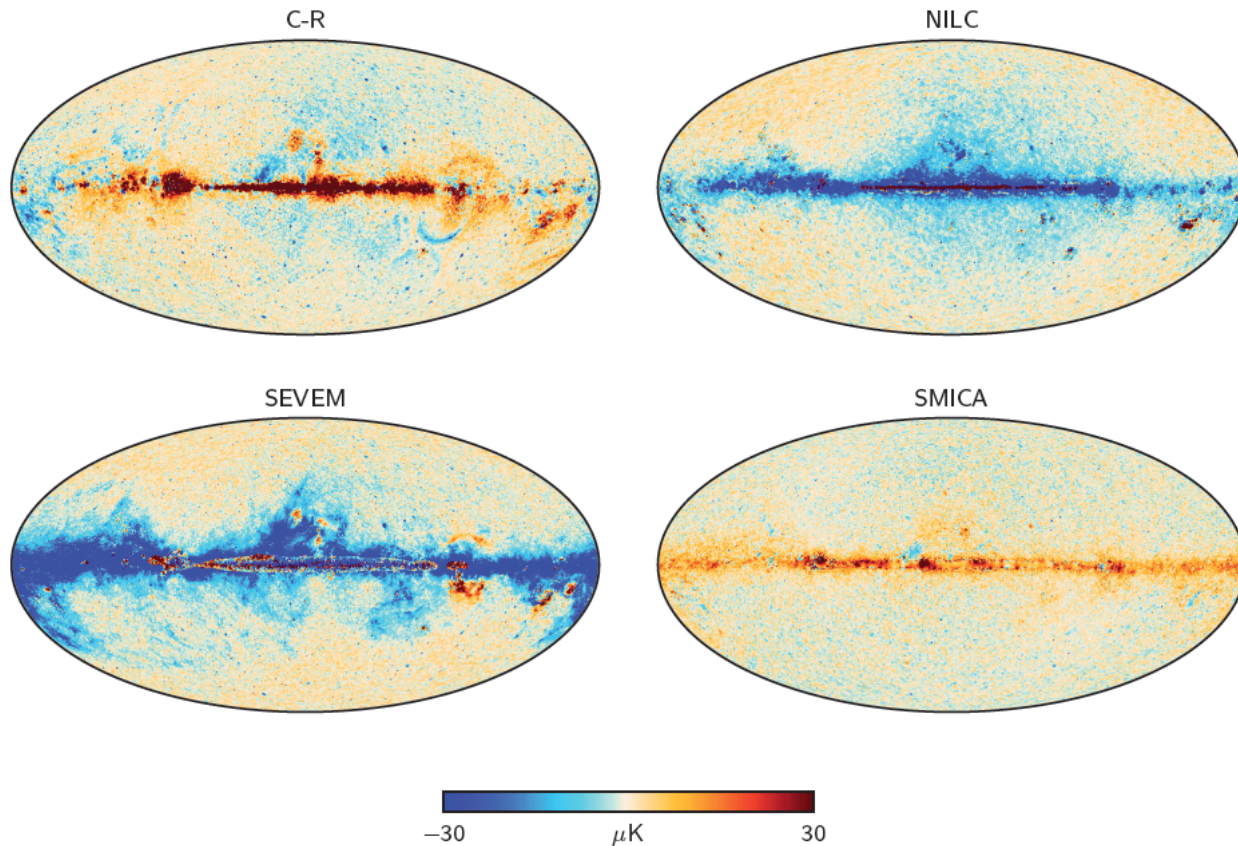
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# Validation on simulations (Planck case)



- Use FFP6 to illustrate the level of residuals expected from the component separation
- Maps have been downgraded to  $N_{\text{side}} = 128$  to show large scale features

**Obvious caveat: are the simulations representative?**

# Validation by comparison

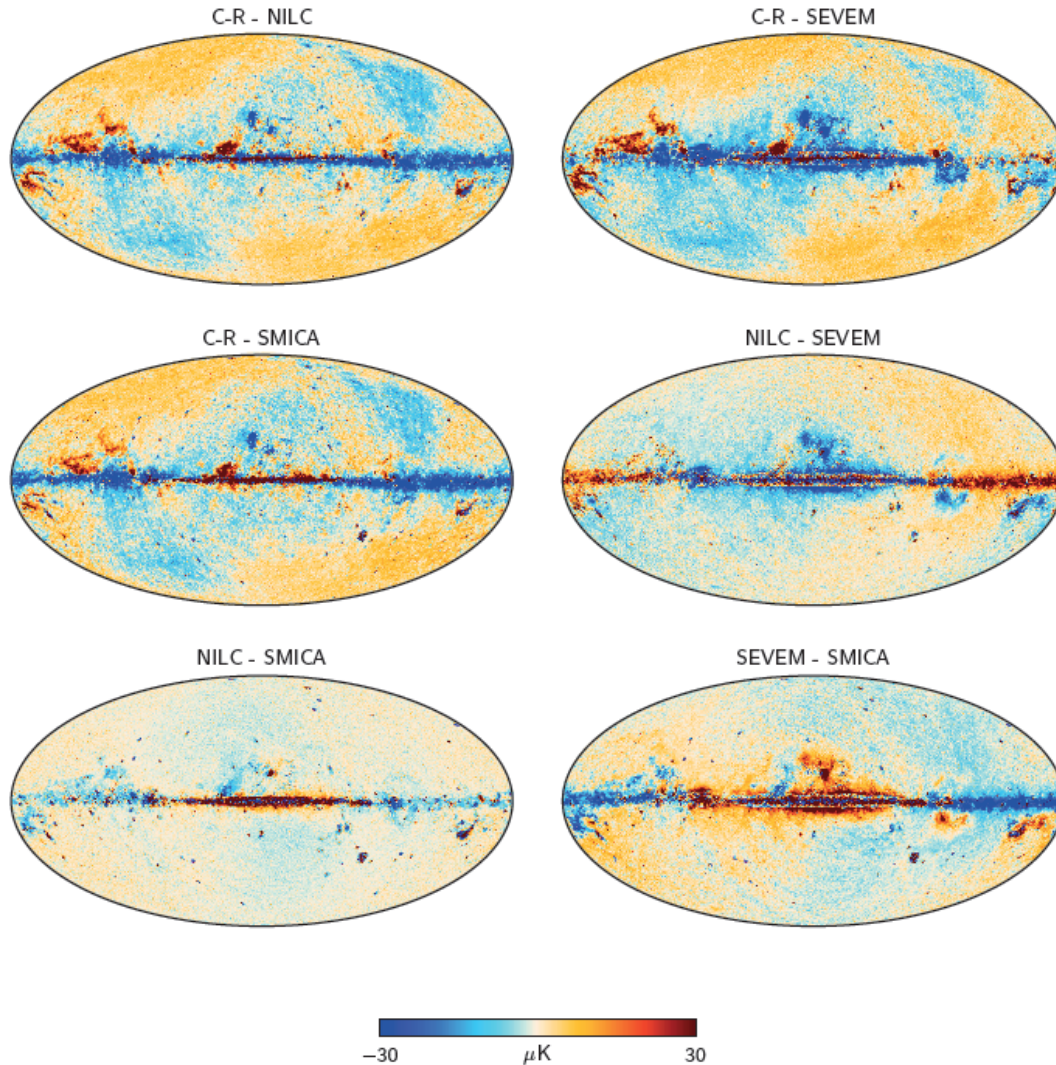


Fig. 6: Pairwise differences between foreground-cleaned CMB maps. All maps have been downgraded to a HEALPix resolution of  $N_{\text{side}} = 128$  to show the large-scale differences. The line-like discontinuities in the differences involving SEVEM is due to the two different regions used in this algorithm to clean the sky (see Appendix C for details).

Compare maps

Compare spectra

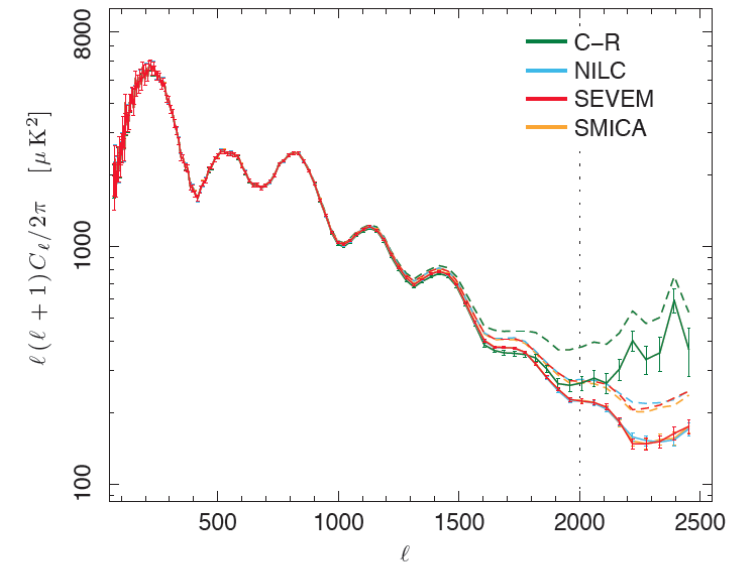


Fig. 10: Estimates of the CMB power spectra from the foreground-cleaned maps, computed by XFastest. The solid lines show the spectra after subtracting the best-fit model of residual foregrounds. The vertical dotted line shows the maximum multipole ( $\ell = 2000$ ) used in the likelihood for fitting the foreground model and cosmological parameters (see Sect. 6.2.2 for further details). The dashed lines show the spectra before residual foreground subtraction.

# Validation using analysis masks

Compare results obtained using different sky regions

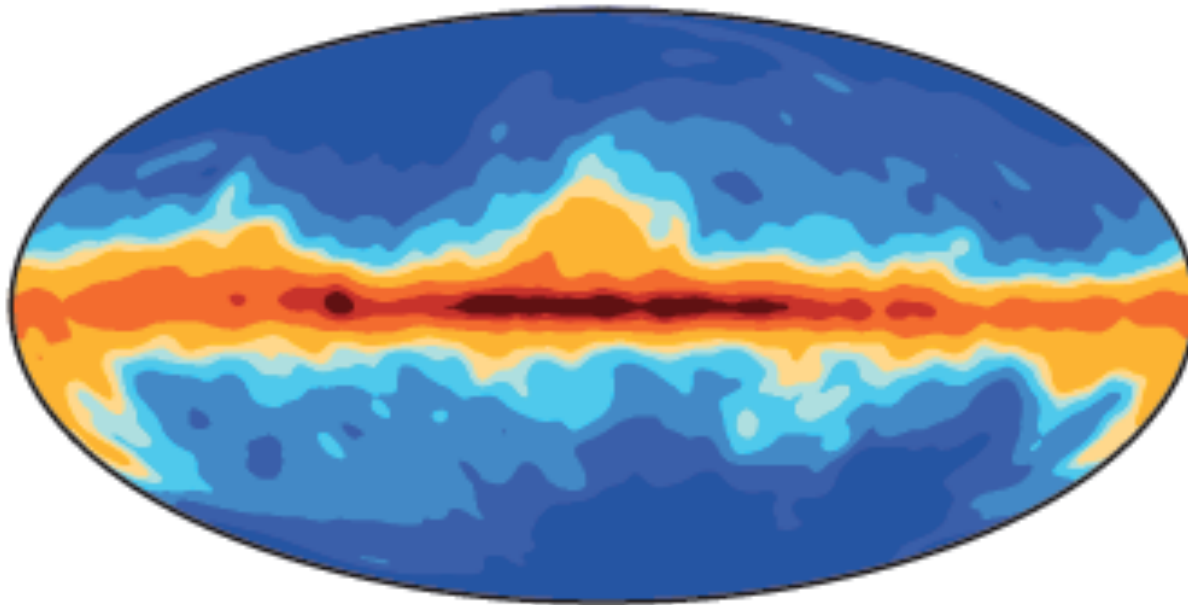


Fig. 2: Combined Galactic (CG) emission masks for the *Planck* data, corresponding to sky fractions of 20, 40, 60, 70, 75, 80, 90, 97, and 99 %. The masks are named CG20, etc.

# Summary

- Confusion from foreground emission will be one of the major challenges for future CMB observations
- **CMB B-modes** will have to be detected below foreground emission that dominates by **2-3 orders of magnitude**
- This is challenging, but with sensitive observations in many frequency channels, and with good angular resolution, there is good hope of success.
- This requires an ambitious space mission. Optimizing this space mission concept within practical constraints is the task at hand !

*Thanks to colleagues who worked for many years to develop this field, some of whom are present in this meeting!*