



Through the veil of dust to inflation

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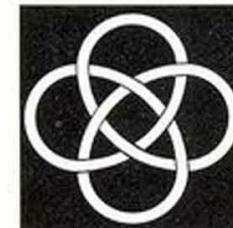


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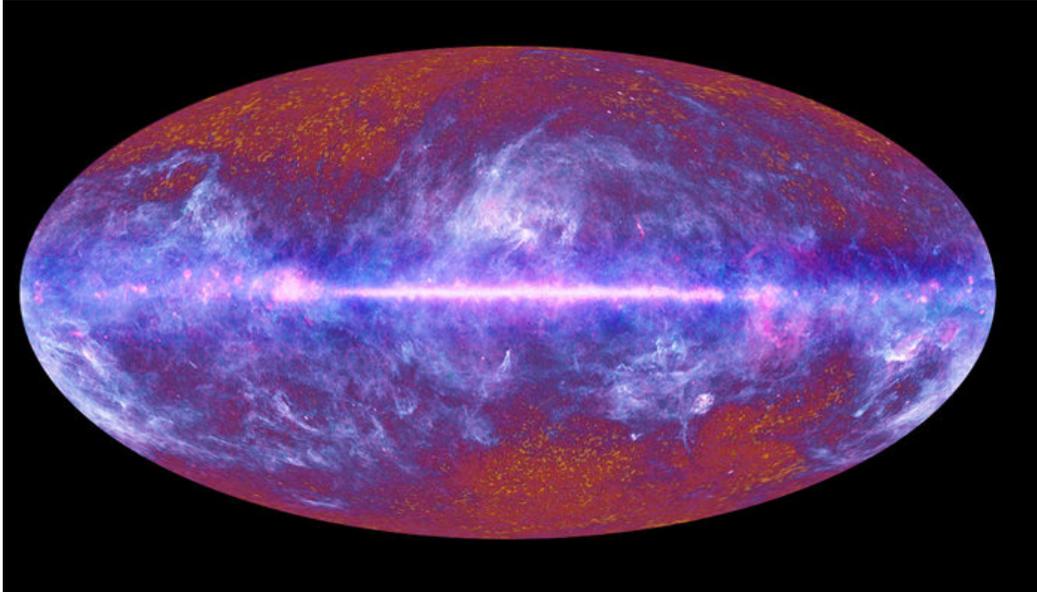
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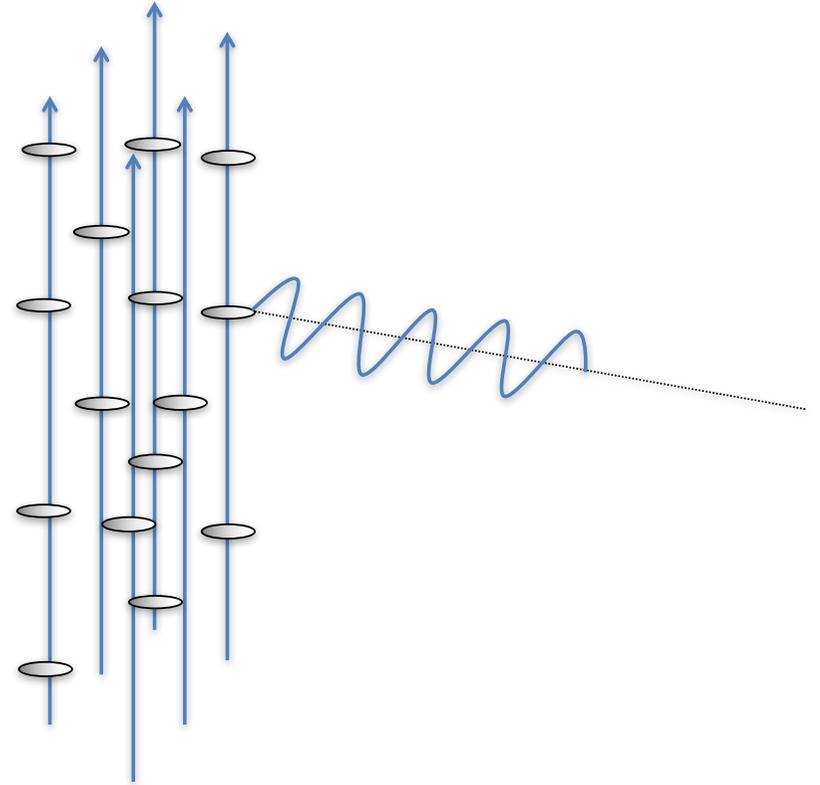
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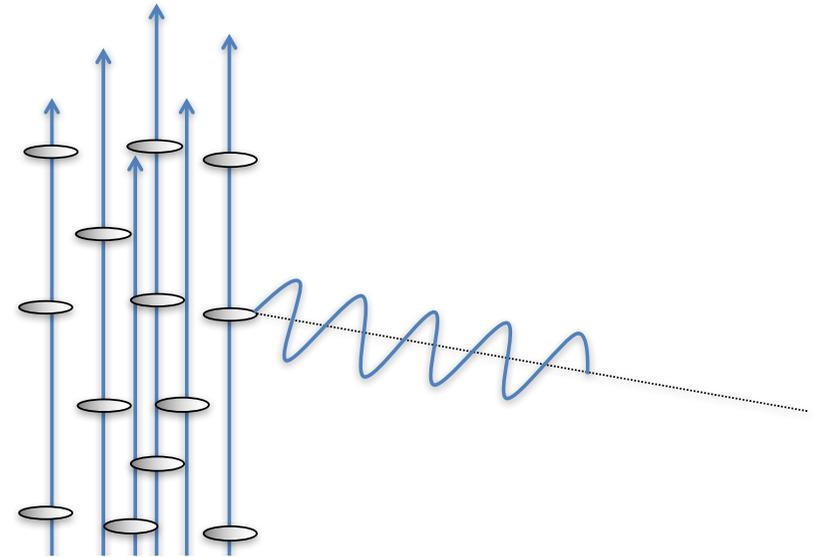
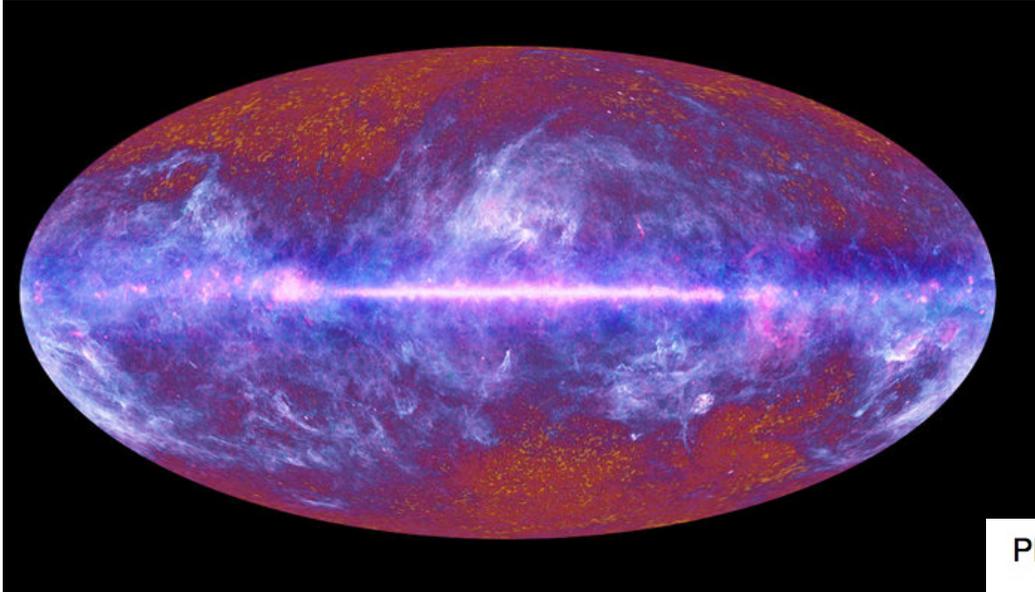


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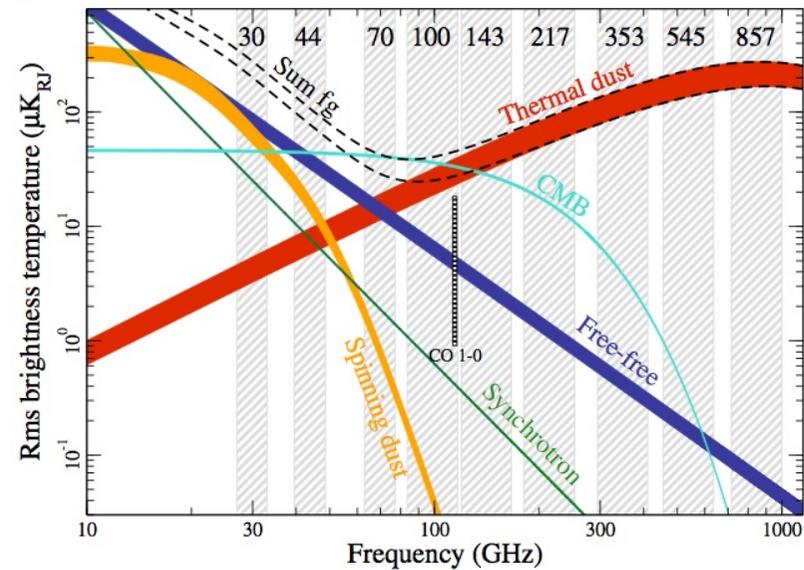
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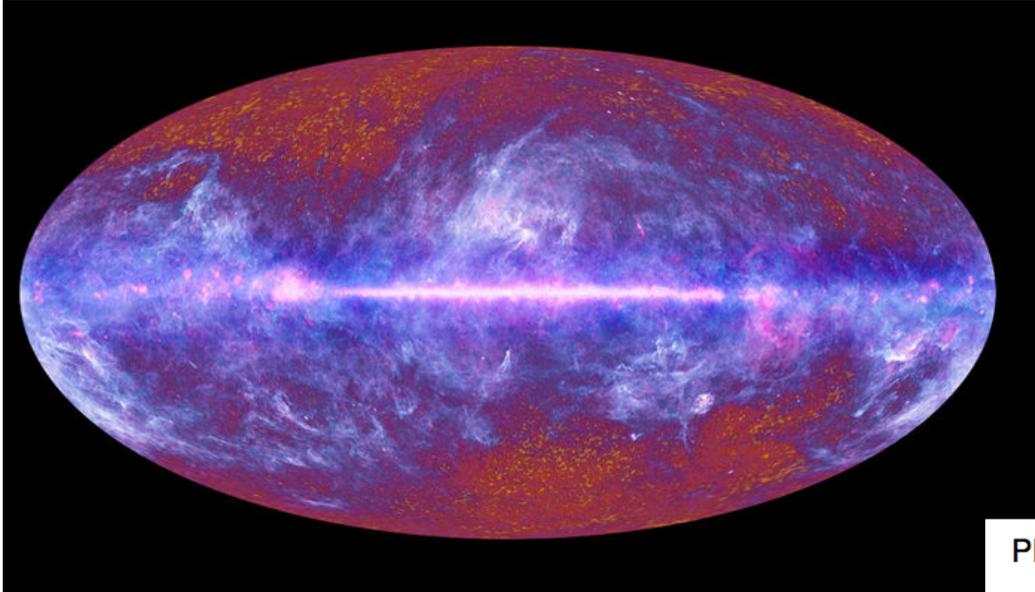
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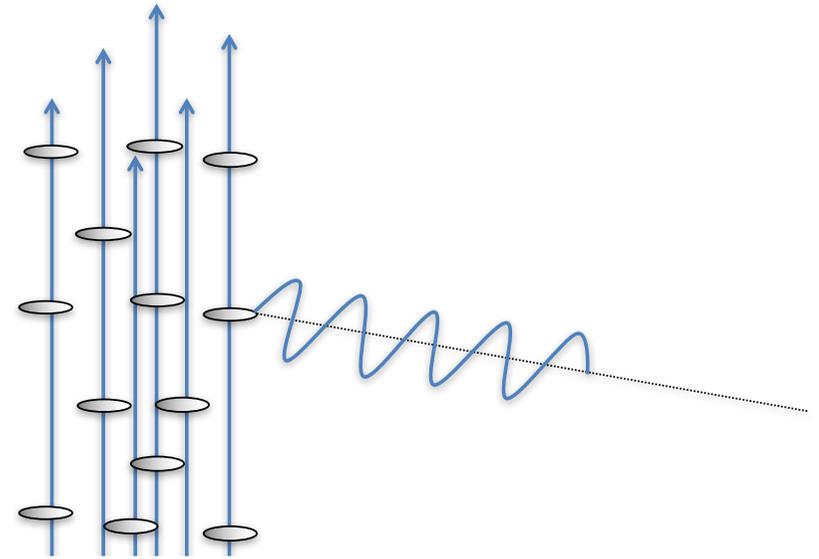
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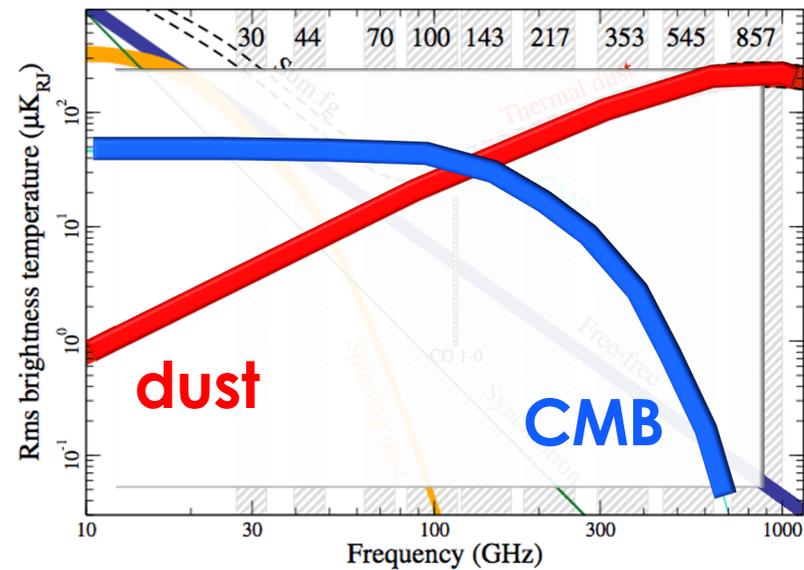


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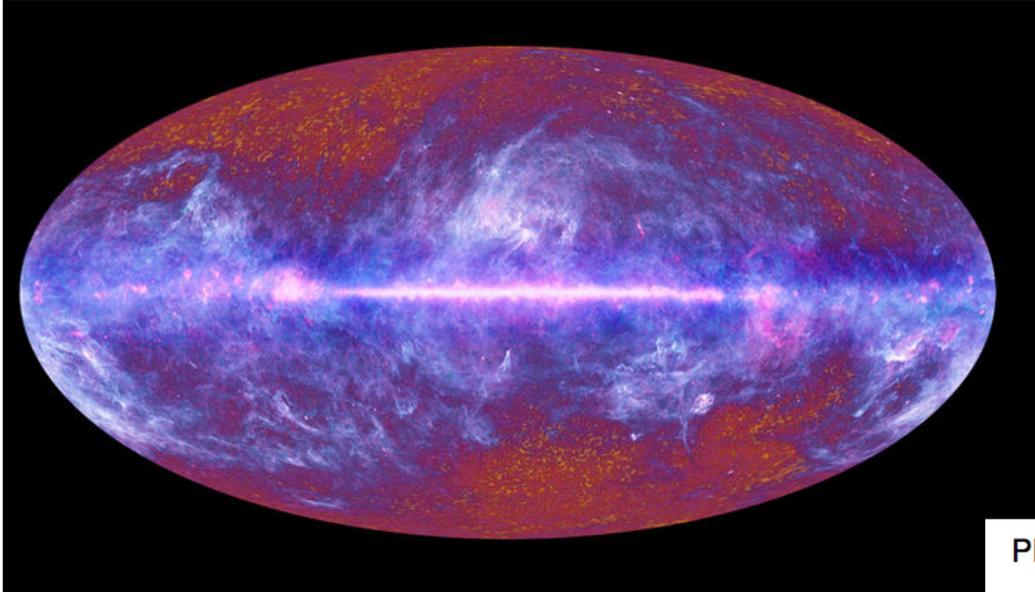


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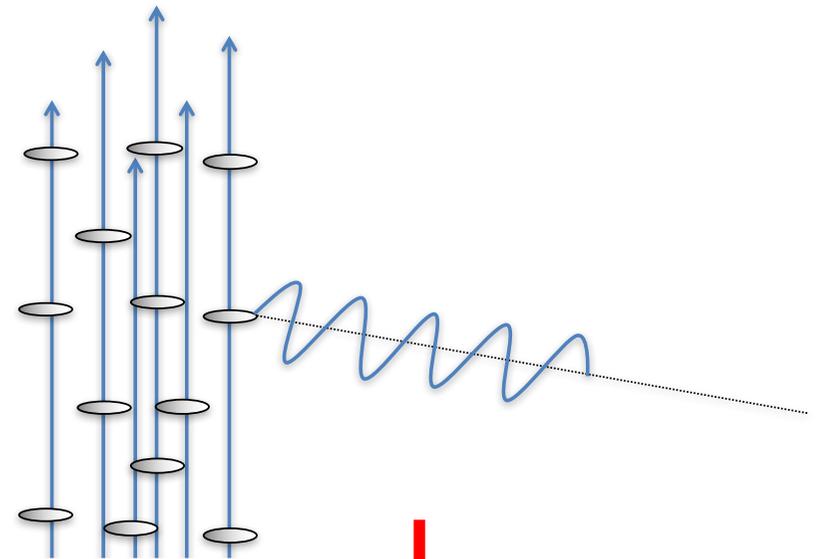
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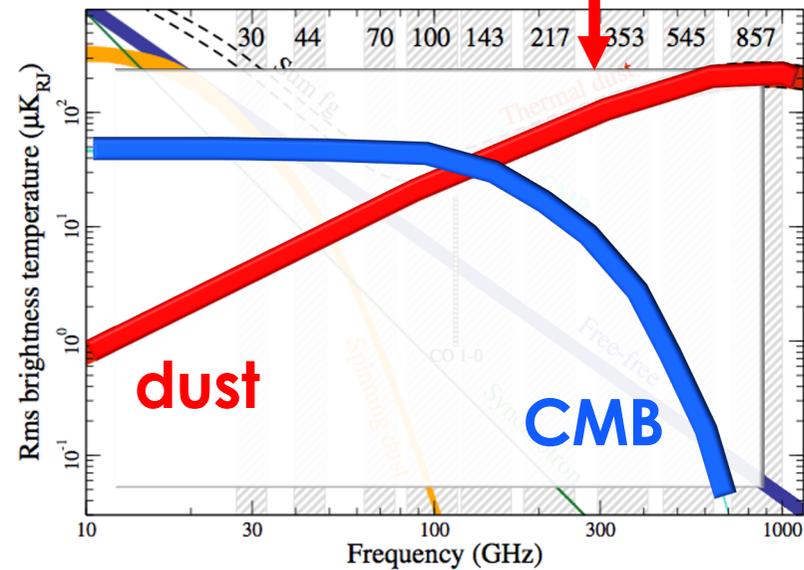
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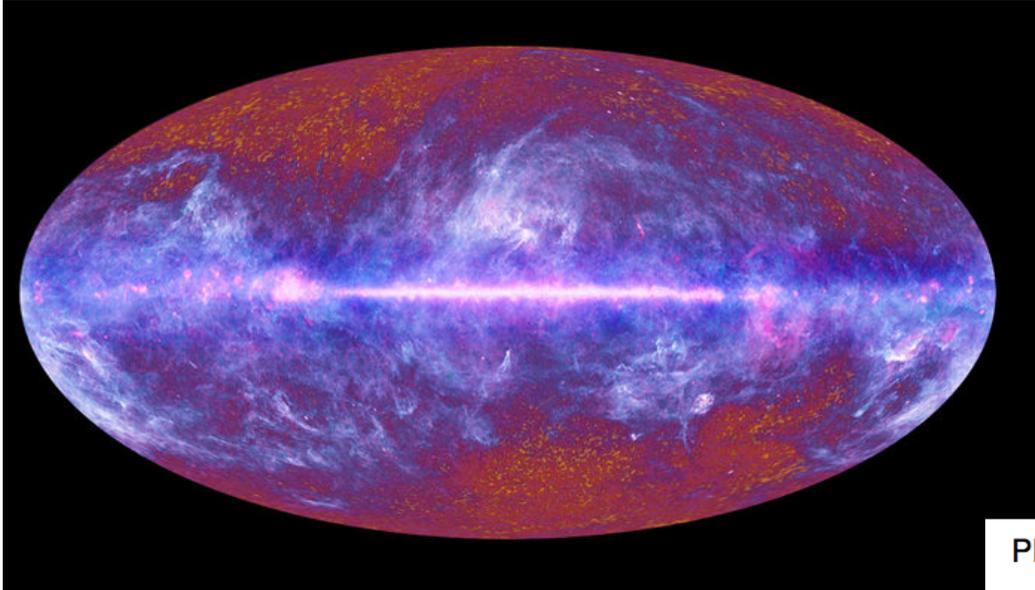


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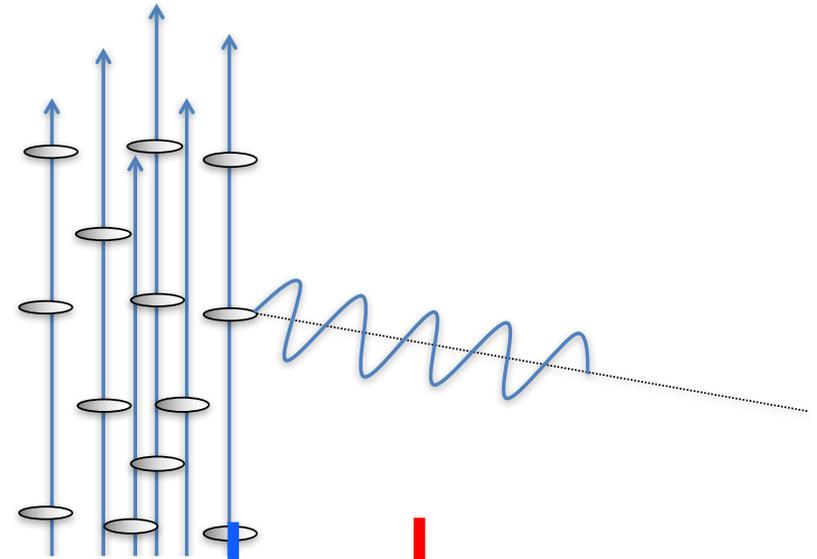
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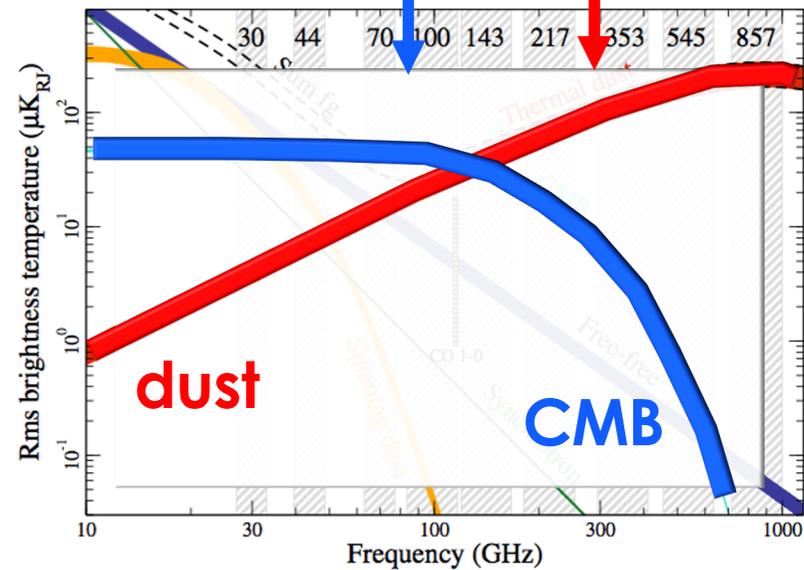
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CMB dust emission removal:

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(dust dominates)
- Subtract from lower frequencies
(CMB dominates)

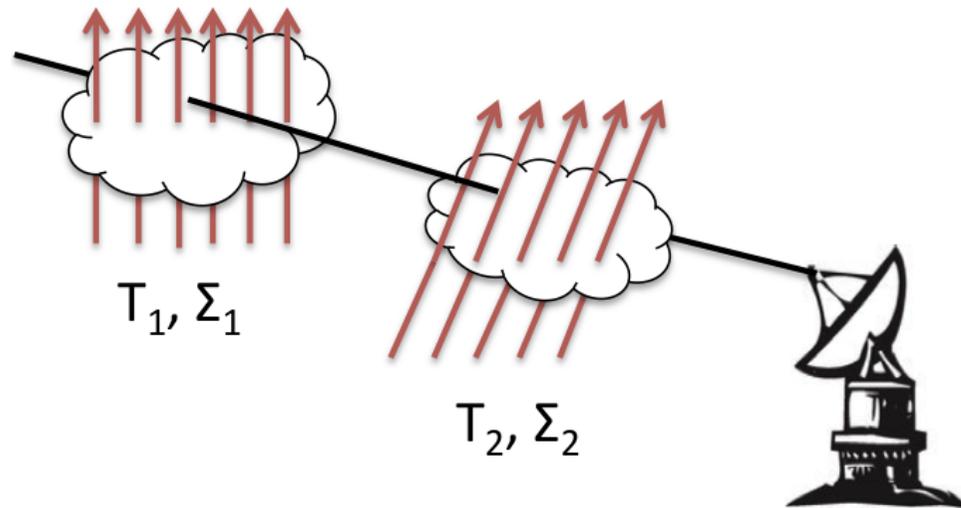


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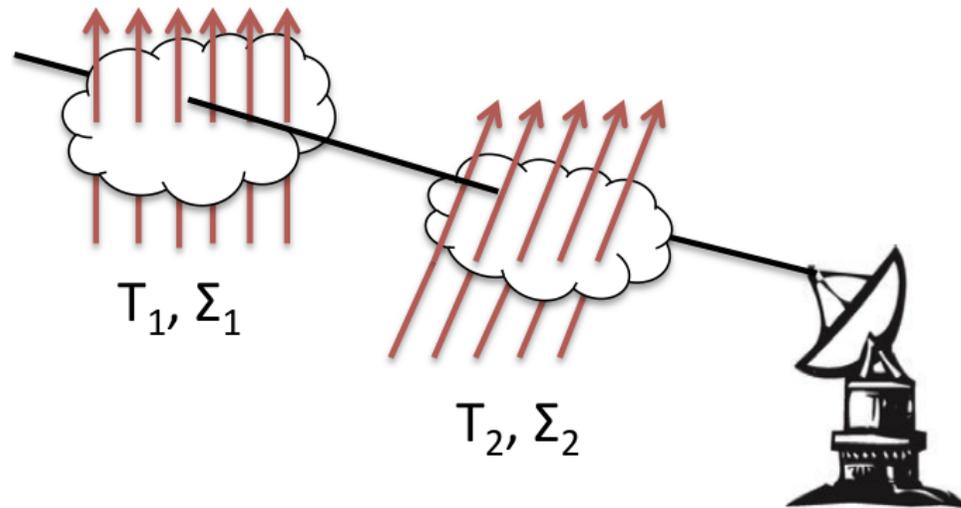
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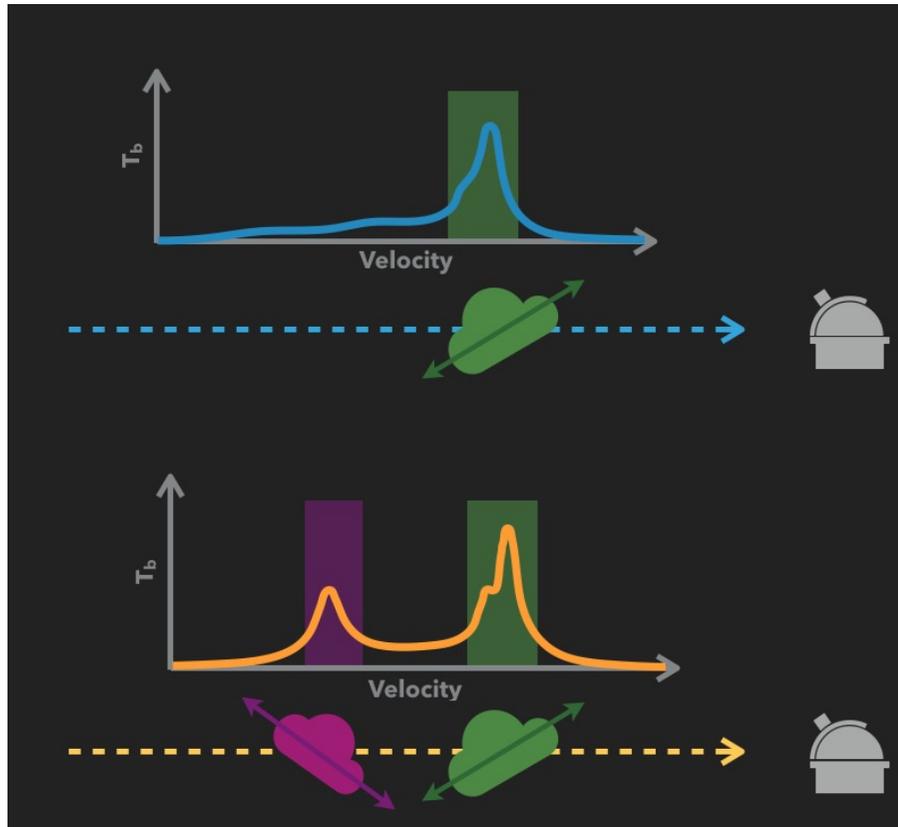
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frequency decorrelation ***most unconstrained effect***

Planck Collaboration L 2017, Poh & Dodelson 2017, Hensley & Bull 2017, Puglisi et al 2017, Martizez-Solaeché et al. 2017, Planck Collaboration XXX 2016, Planck 2018 results. XI., BeyondPlanck XIV. 2021, Mangilli et al. 2021, etc.

LOS Decorrelation in Planck data

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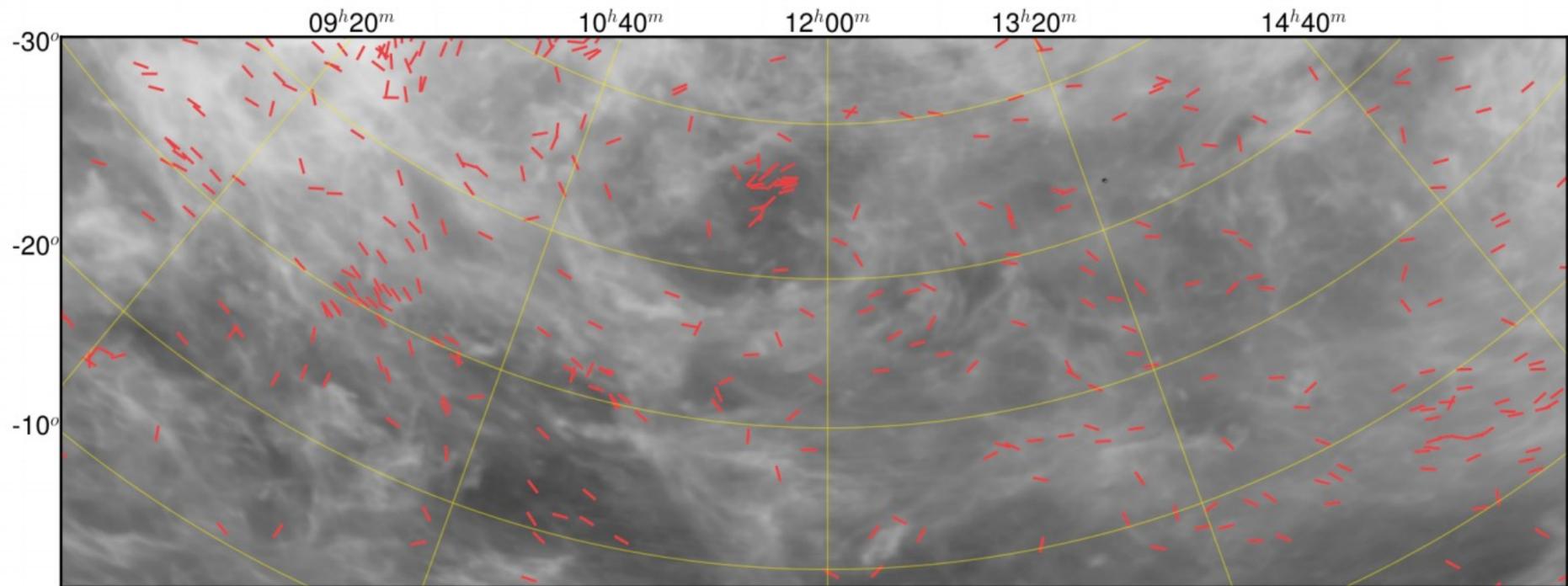
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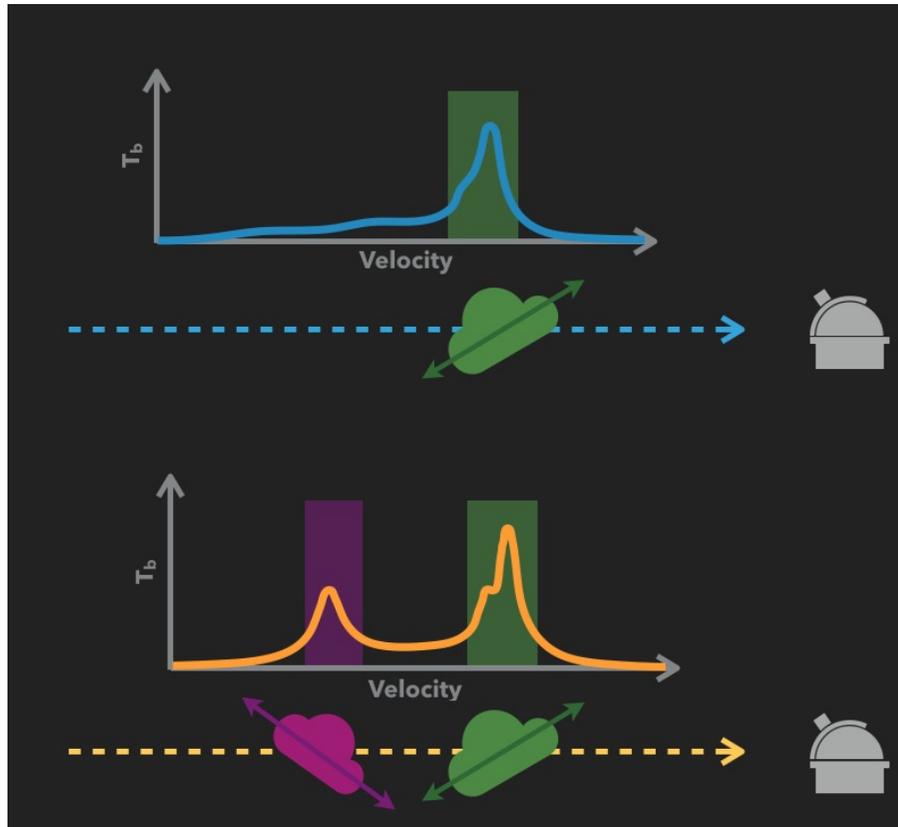
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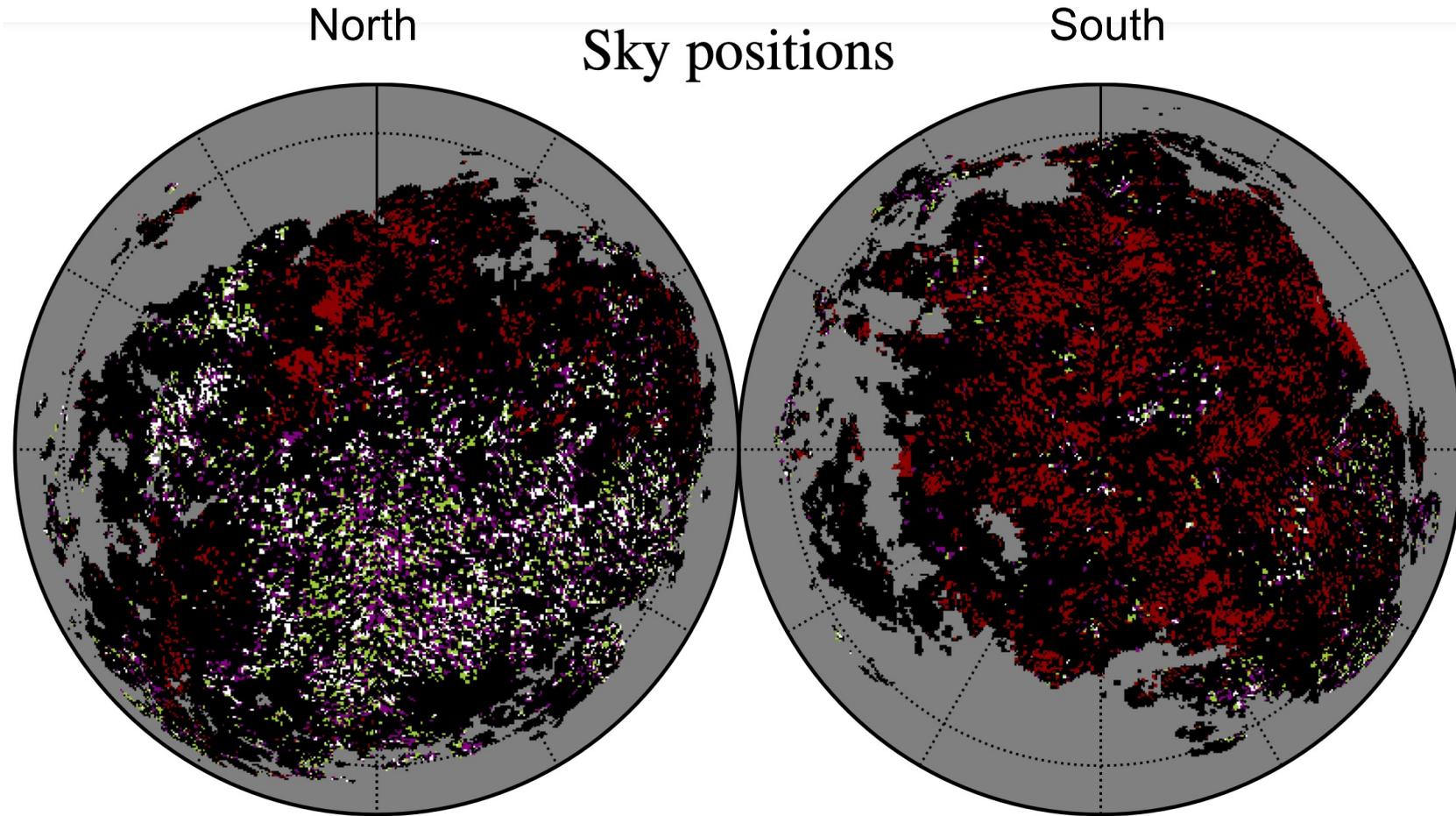


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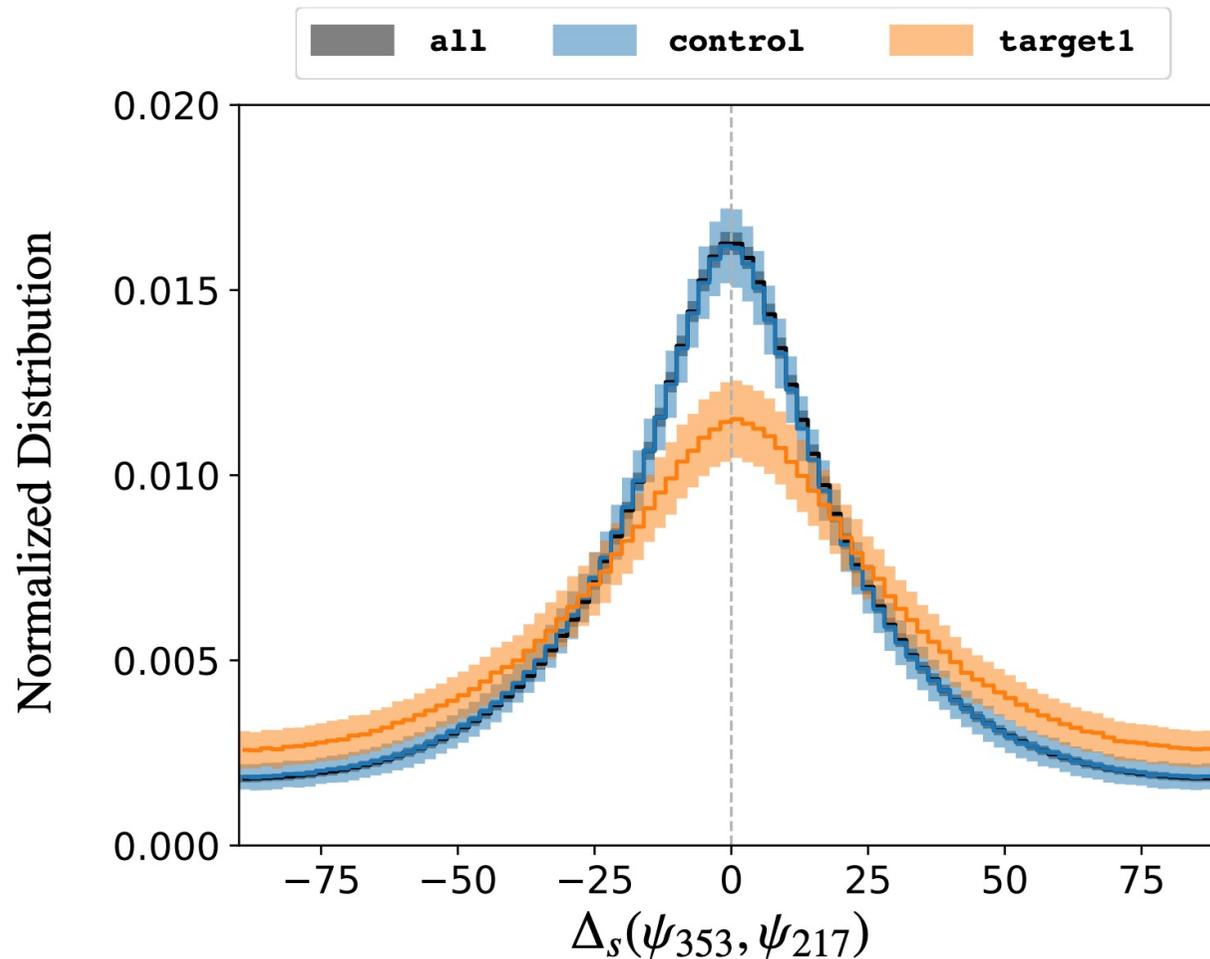
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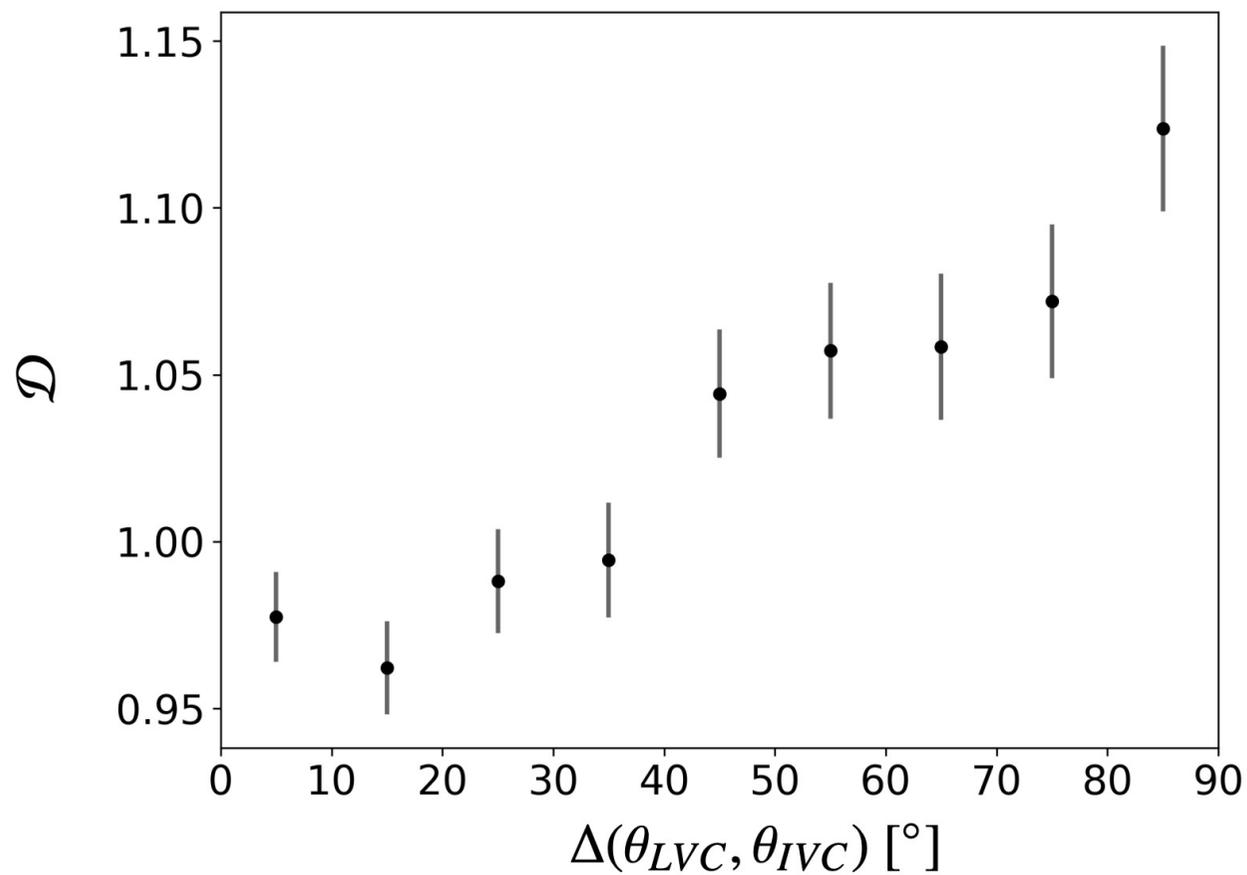
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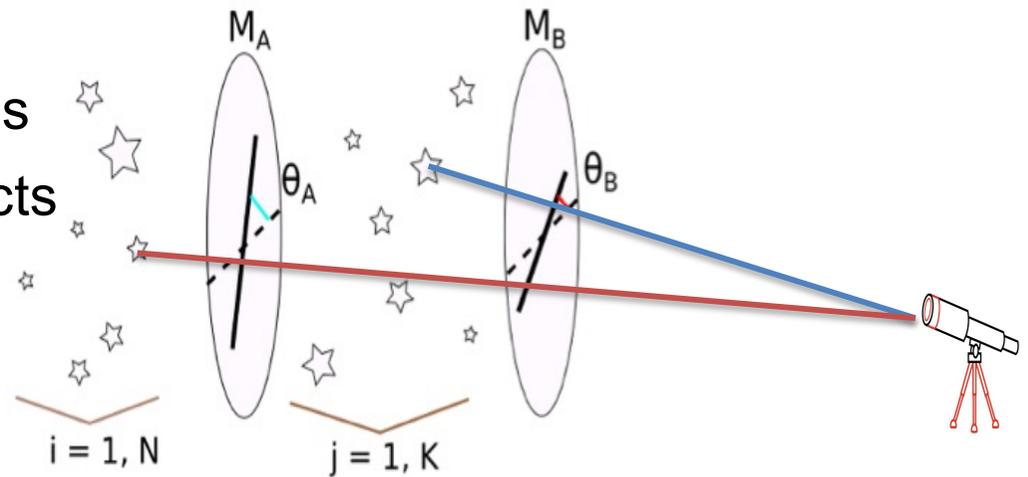
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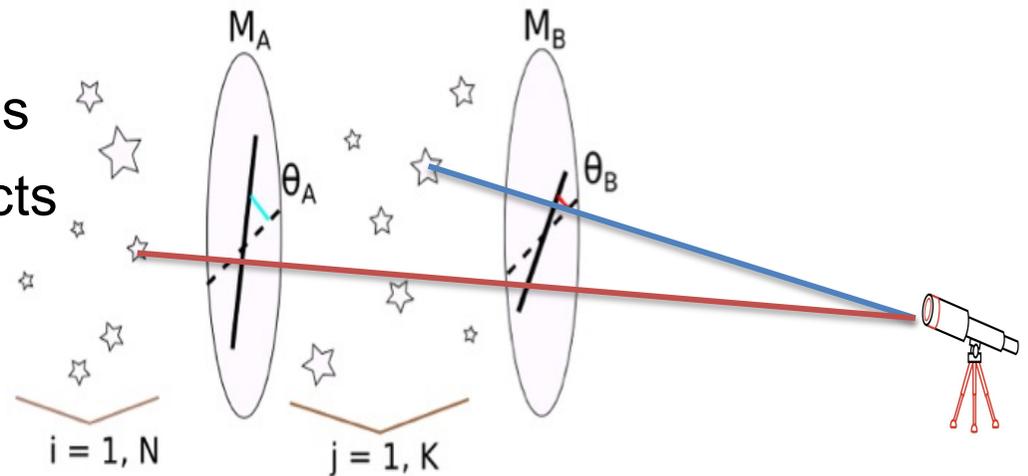
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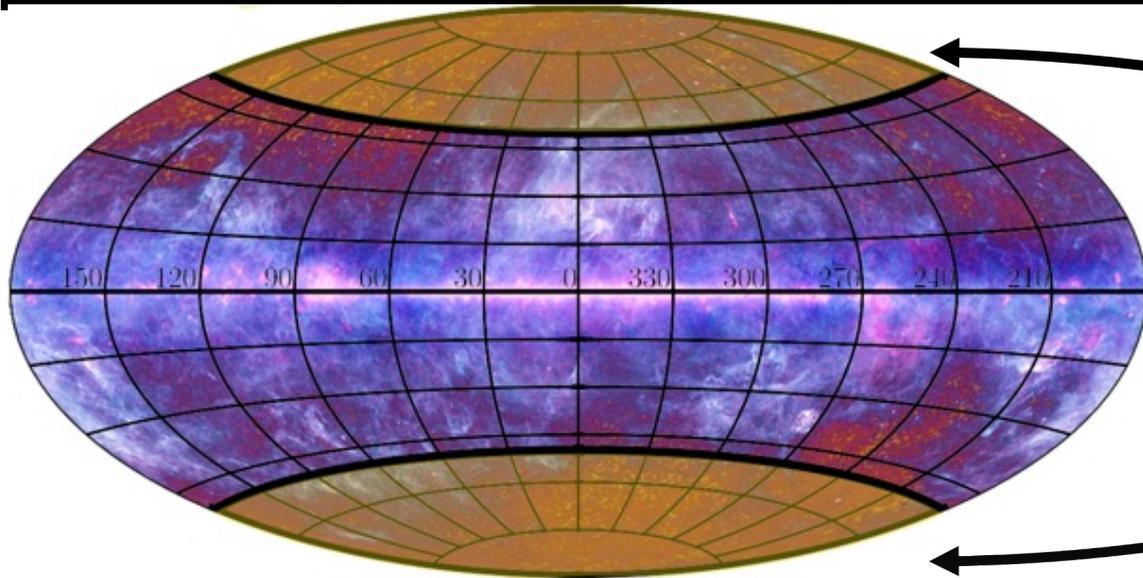
Possible for the first time



PAsIPHAE



PASIPHAE optopolarimetric survey

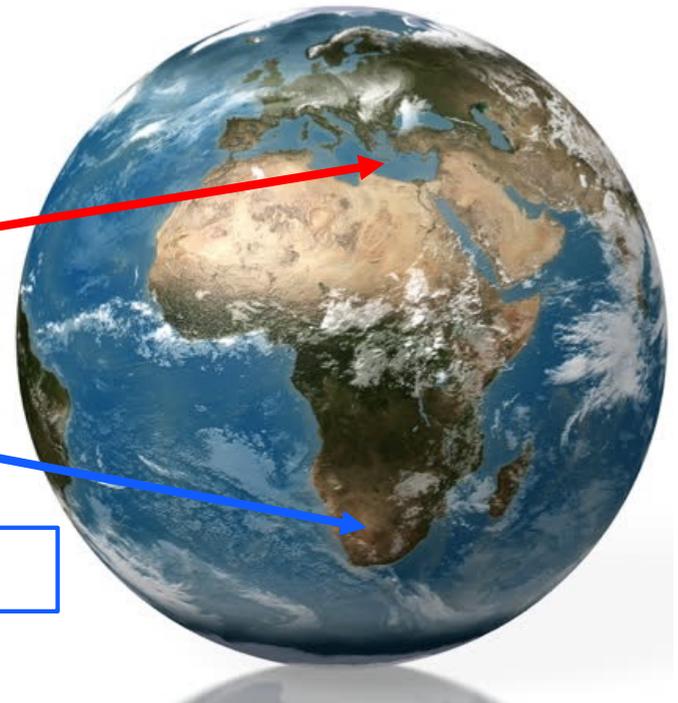


PASIPHAE survey area

Skinakas Observatory, Crete, Greece

PASIPHAE survey sites

SAAO, Sutherland, South Africa

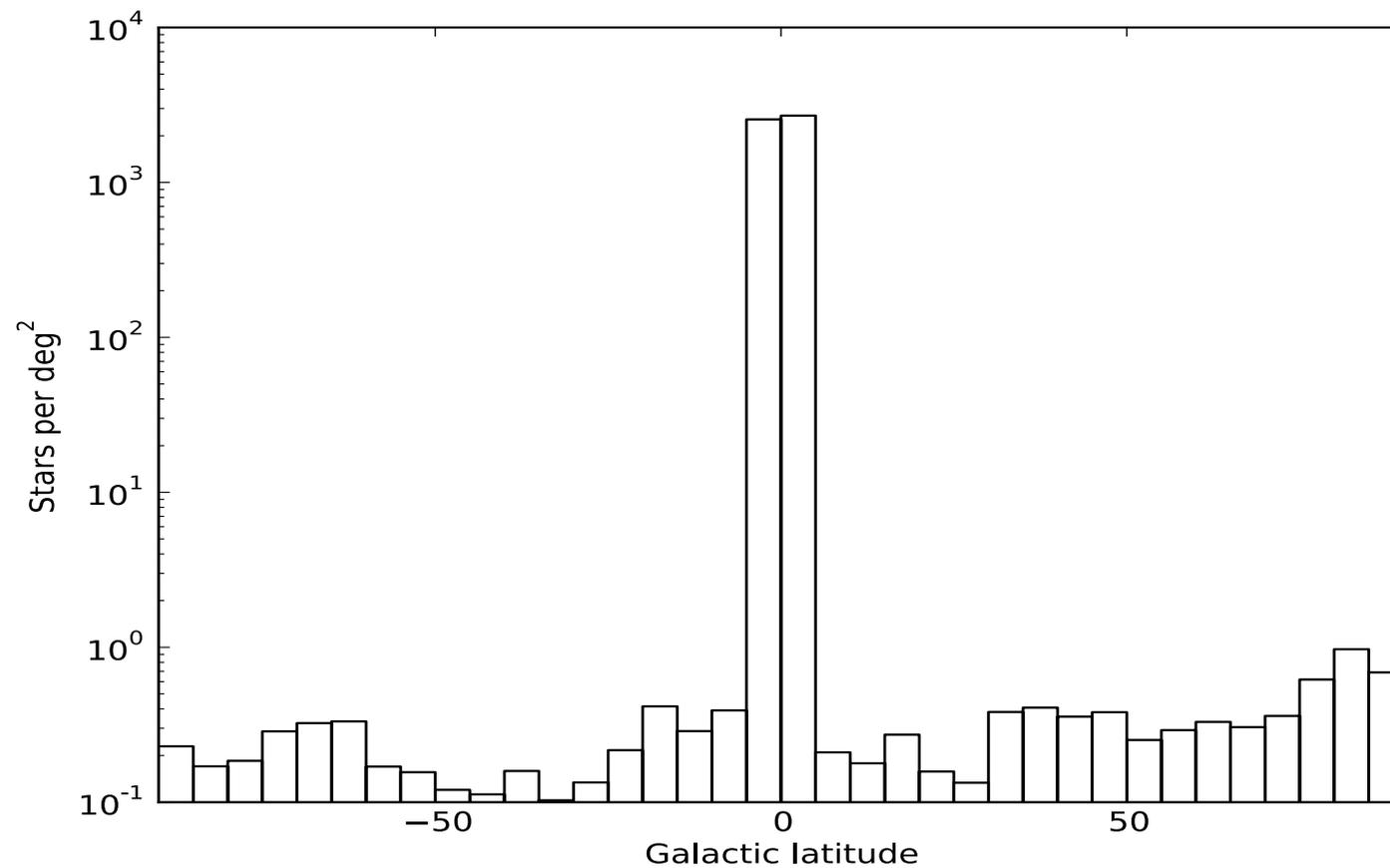


The PASIPHAE survey:

- Will observe all stars with $R_{\text{mag}} \leq 16$
- Will deliver mean polarization down to 0.1% at 3σ for 0.25 deg^2 pixels
- Survey rate: 8 $\text{deg}^2/\text{night}$ (Skinakas 1.3m) -- 7 $\text{deg}^2/\text{night}$ (SAAO1.0 m) assuming 70% efficiency
- $\sim 1,500 \text{ deg}^2 / \text{yr}$

PASIPHAE optopolarimetric survey

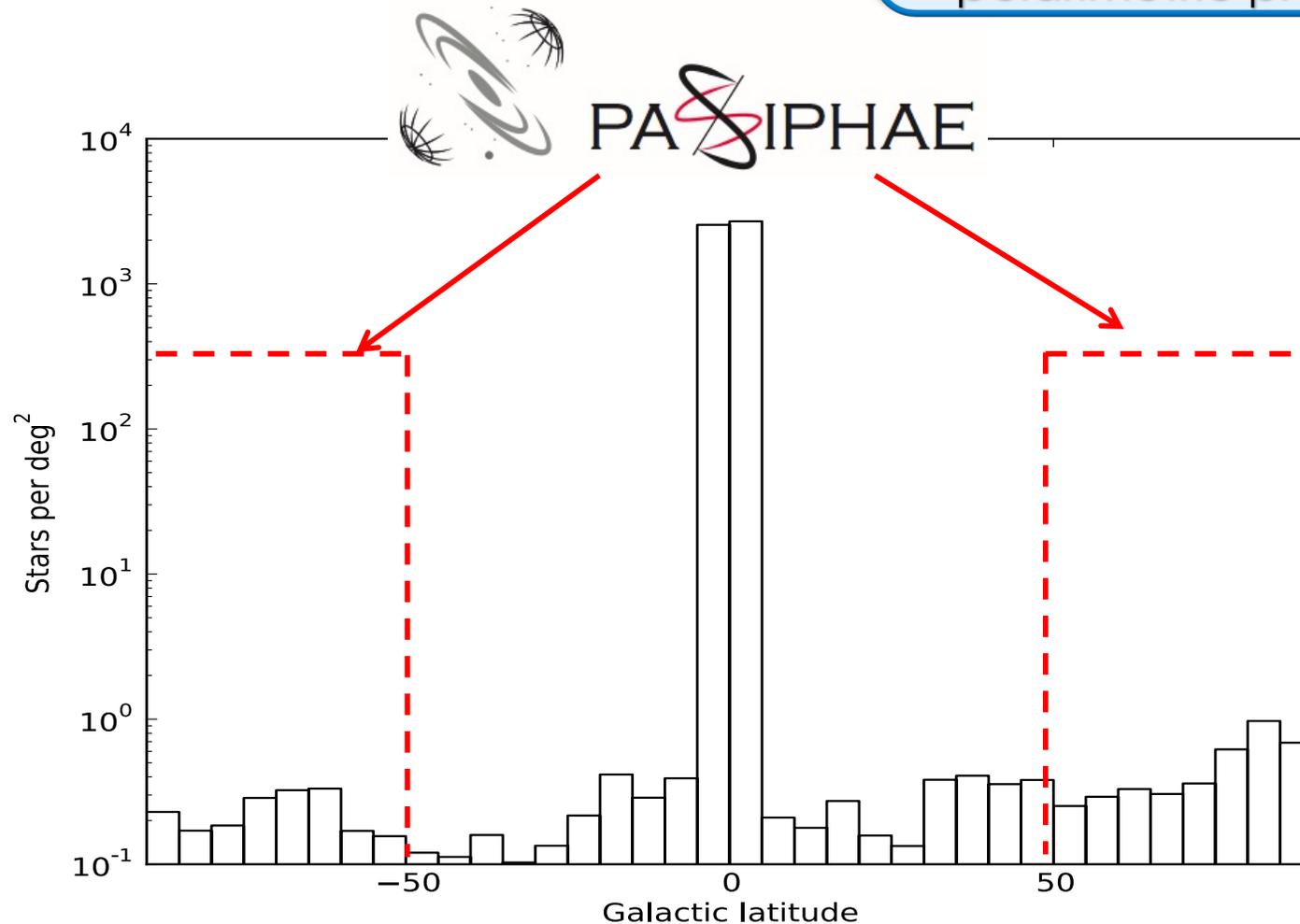
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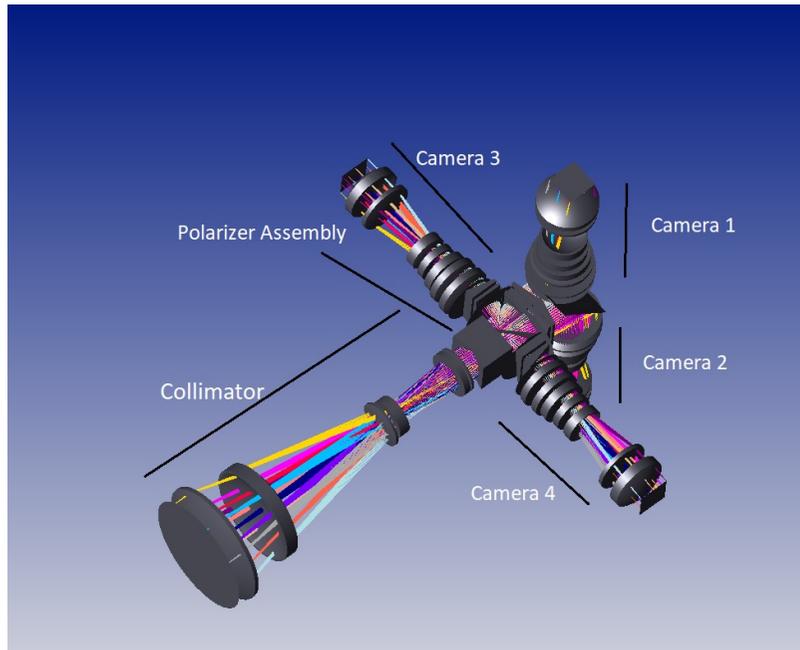
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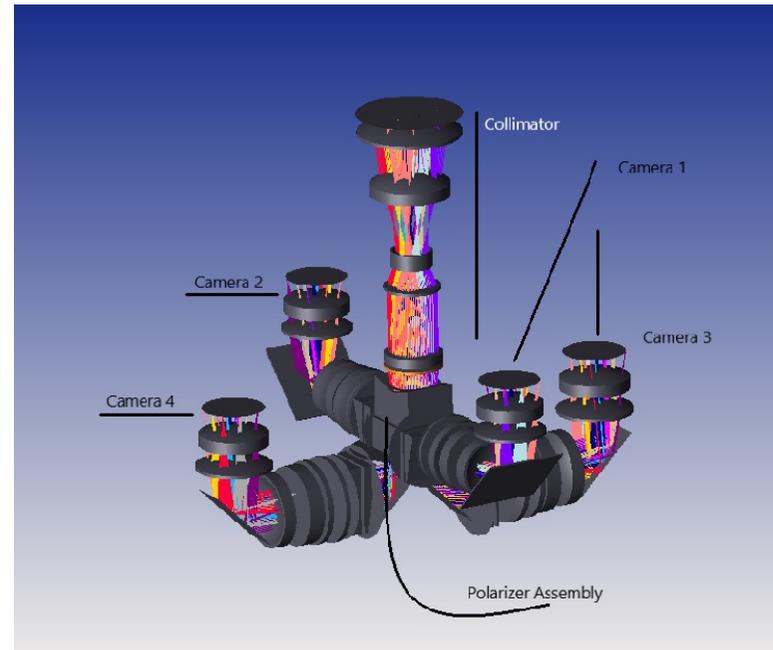
Major Leap:
x1000 improvement
in # of stars with measured
polarimetric properties



WALOPs: the PASIPHAE polarimeters



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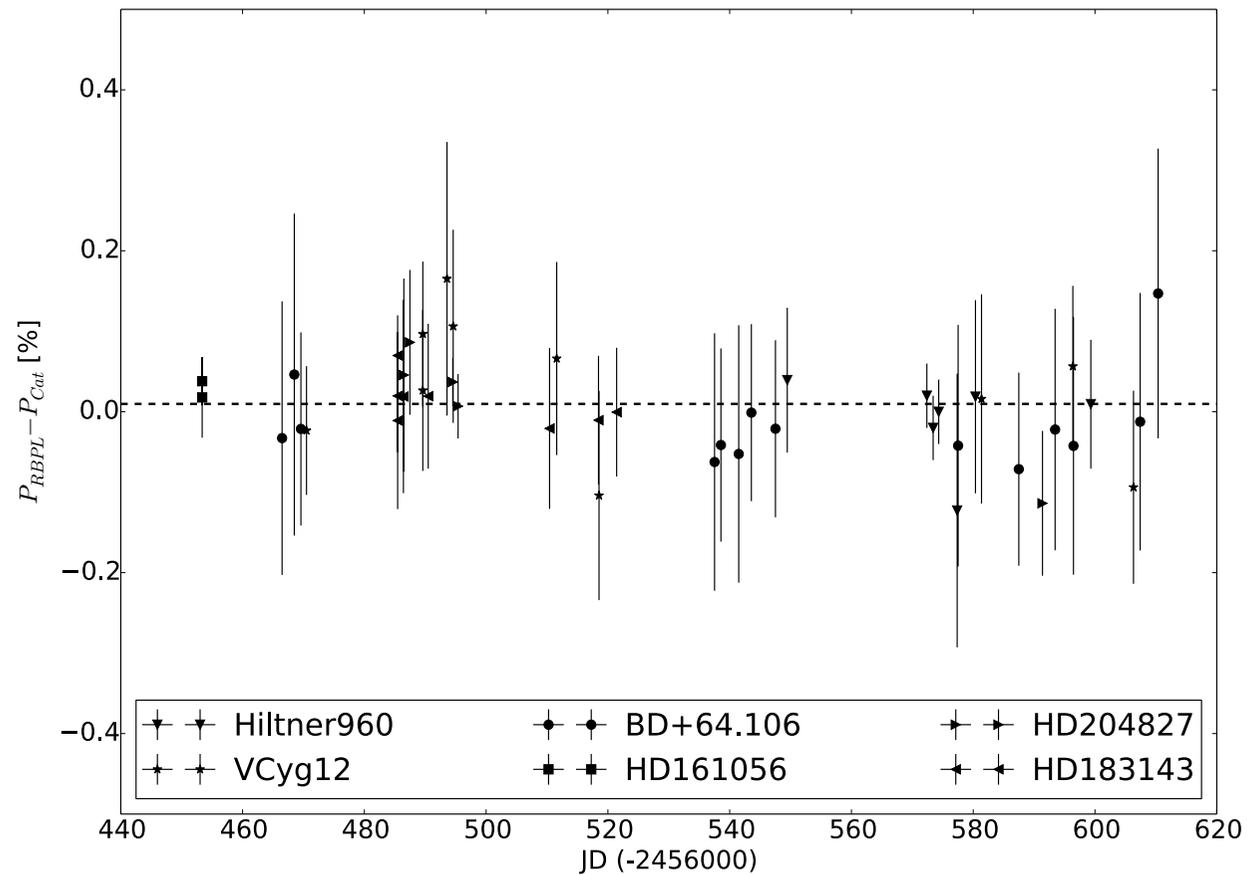


WALOP - N

Wide Area Linear Optical Polarimeter (WALOP)

- **Innovative** and **well-tested technology** of RoboPol
- Implements low-systematics design **in a wide field**
- Commissioning by the end of the year

Polarization Systematics

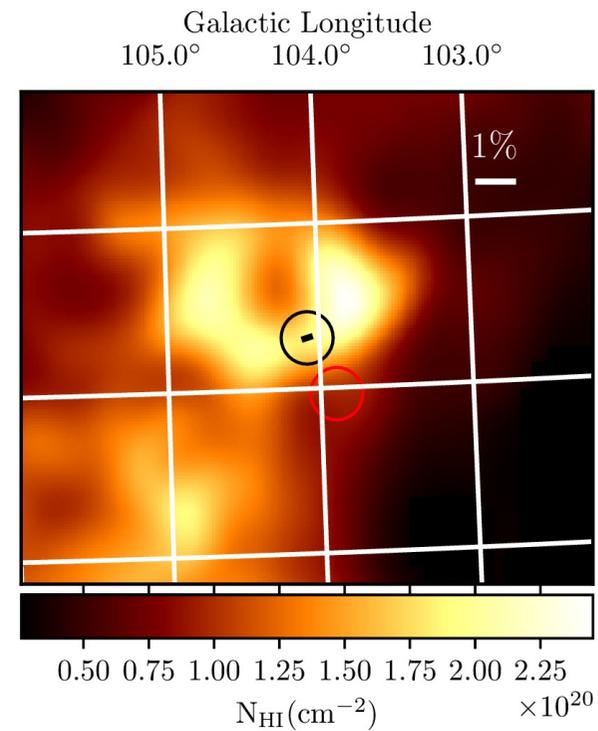
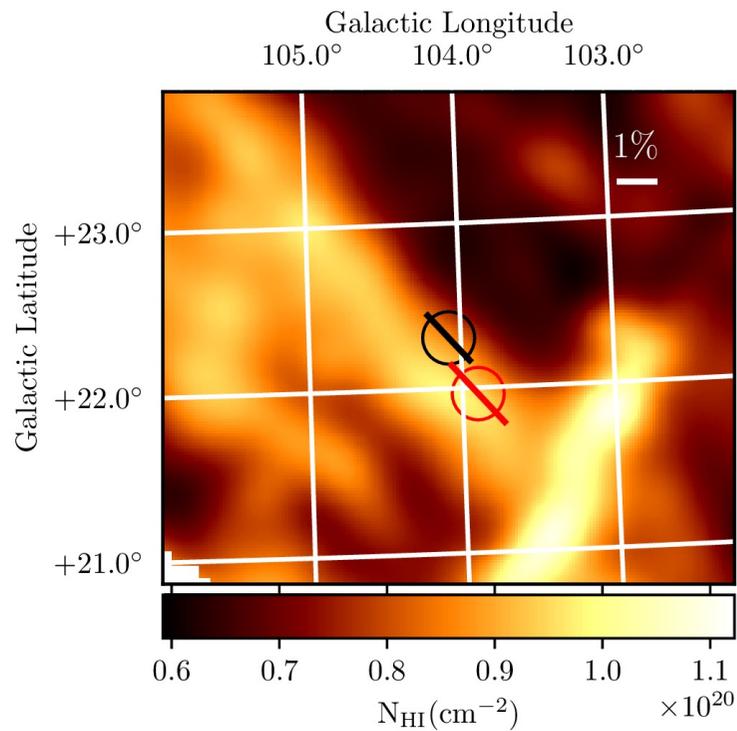
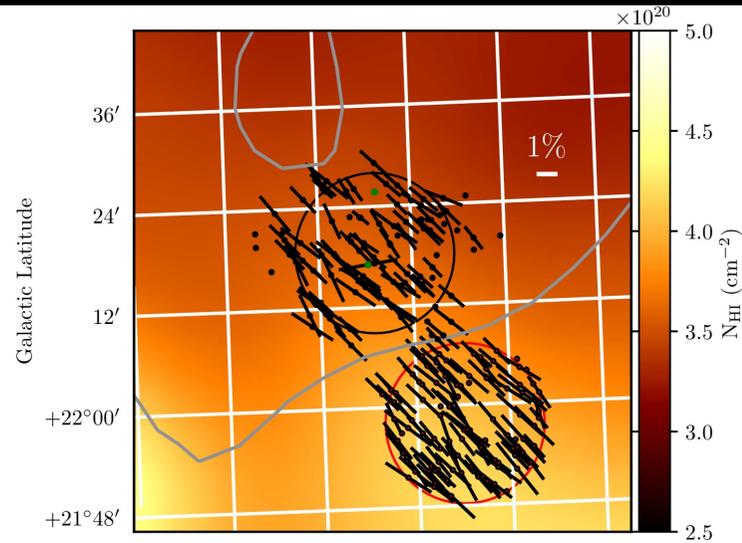


RoboPol standards program

Tomography



Panopoulou et al. 2019



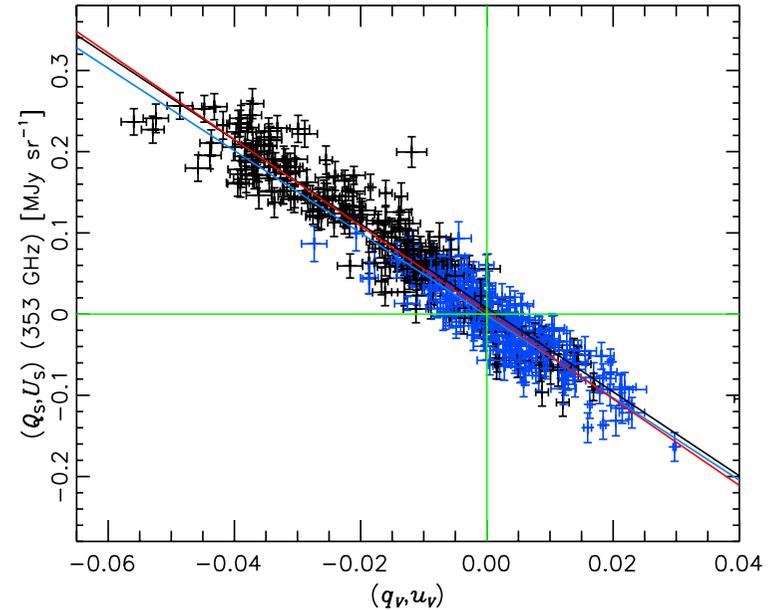
Improving CMB foreground subtraction

Is polarization due to absorption predictive of emission polarization?

YES!

emission, absorption Q,U are tightly correlated

3-d effects can account for most of scatter

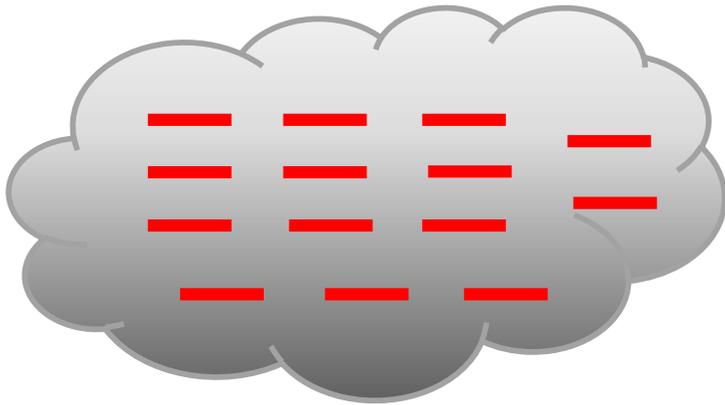


Planck Intermediate results XXI (2015)

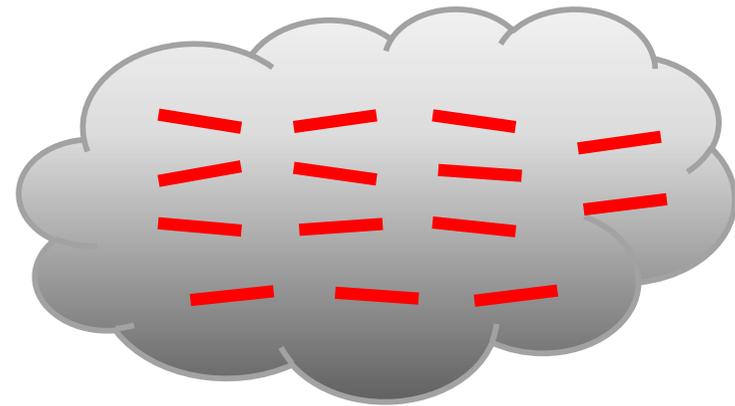
- ✓ Now: modified-black-body model is fitted in **each pixel** (using e.g. Planck data)
- ✓ With PASIPHAE: fit one modified-black-body model for **each cloud**, using:
 - B-field direction from PASIPHAE/Gaia + Planck data (T)
 - + cloud edges, column density from all-sky HI surveys

Getting the value of the B-field

Without Alfvén waves
($\mathbf{B}_{\text{tot}} = \mathbf{B}_0$)

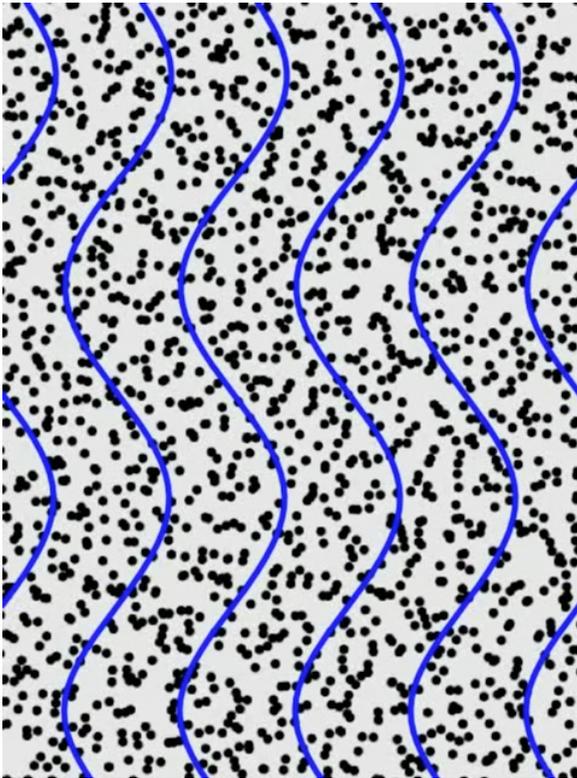


With Alfvén waves
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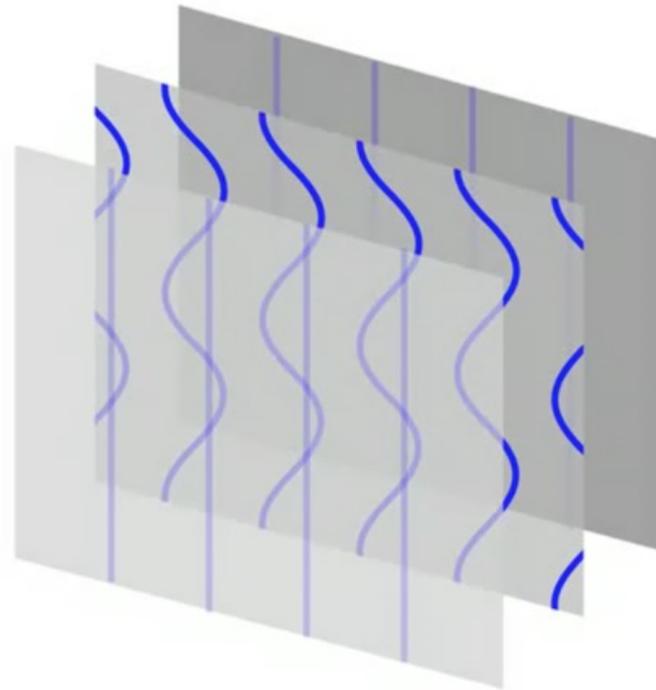
MHD waves – Alfvén waves

Standing waves



Credit: H. Spruit

Traveling waves



DCF method - quantitatively

Magnetic energy density

$$\frac{B^2}{8\pi} = \frac{1}{8\pi} [B_0^2 + 2\delta\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}_0 + \delta B^2]$$

Alfvén waves transverse:
 $\delta\mathbf{B} \perp \mathbf{B}_0 \Rightarrow \delta\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}_0 = 0$

Energy Balance

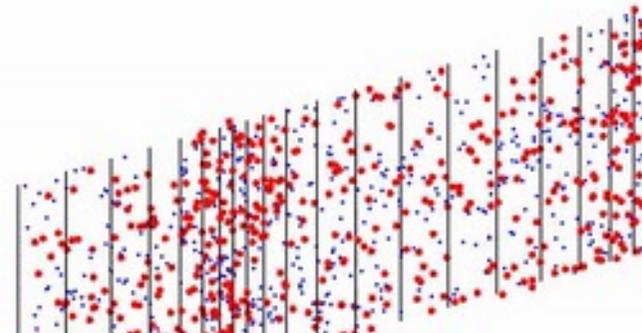
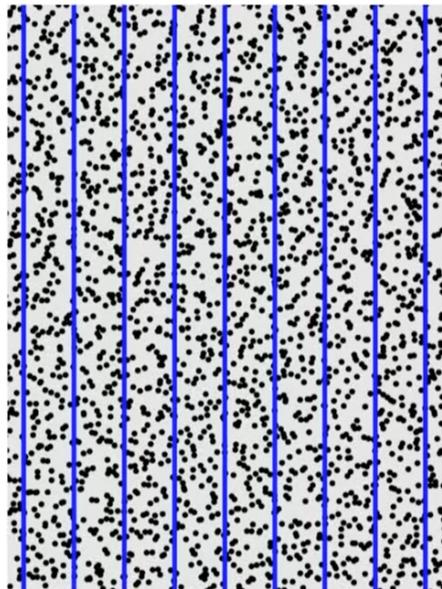
$$\frac{1}{2}\rho\delta v^2 = \frac{\delta B^2}{8\pi}$$



$$B_0 = \sqrt{4\pi\rho} \frac{\delta v}{\delta B/B_0}$$

Contamination from compressible modes

- Alfvén waves are coupled with the compressible modes
Heyvaerts & Priest 1983
- Diffuse ISM clouds are highly compressible with $M_s \sim 3$
Heiles & Troland 2003
- Compressible modes contribute in δv and $\delta B/B_0$
Cho & Lazarian 2002



Credit: H. Spruit

Our method

Alfvénic turbulence

- Magnetic field vector

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Goldreich & Sridhar 1995

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Compressible turbulence

- Magnetic field vector

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- Compressible wave properties

Bhattacharjee & Hameiri (1988), Bhattacharjee et al.

(1998)

$$\delta\rho \propto \delta\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}_0 \Rightarrow \delta\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}_0 \neq 0$$

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Davis 1951, Chandrasekhar & Fermi 1953

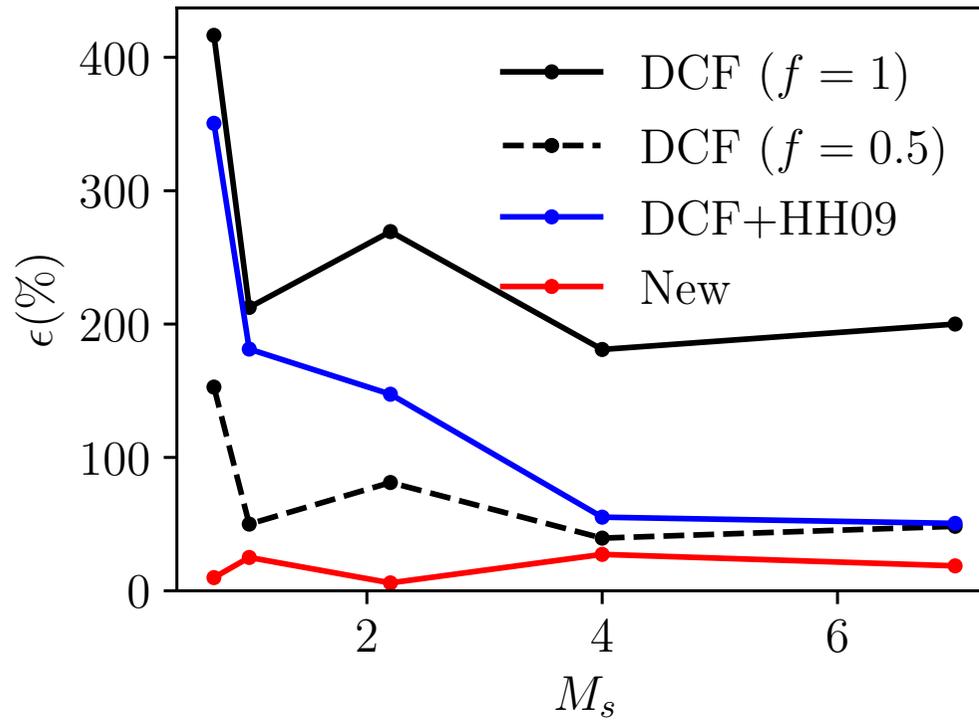
Compressible turbulence

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho \delta v^2 = \frac{\delta B B_0}{4\pi}$$

$$V_{A,0} = \delta v \left[\frac{2\delta B}{B_0} \right]^{-1/2}$$

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Comparison between the different methods



- $M_A=0.7$ for every model
- The absolute mean relative deviation of our method is:

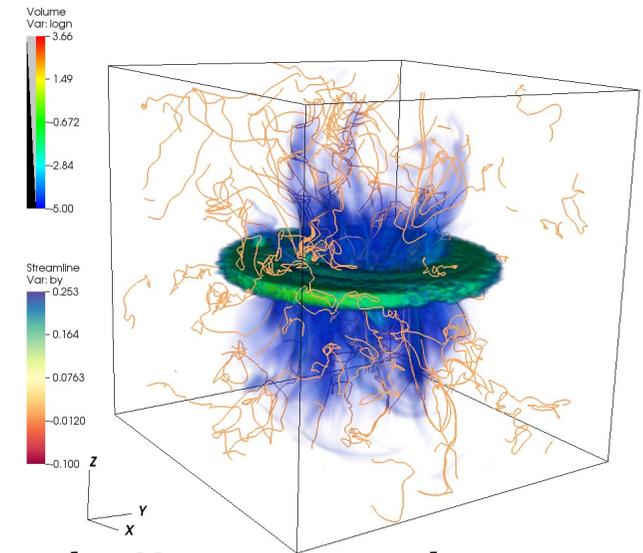
$$\epsilon = 17\%$$

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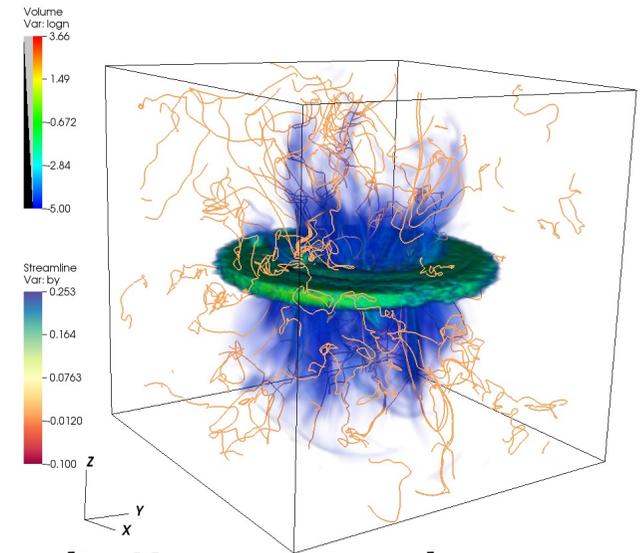


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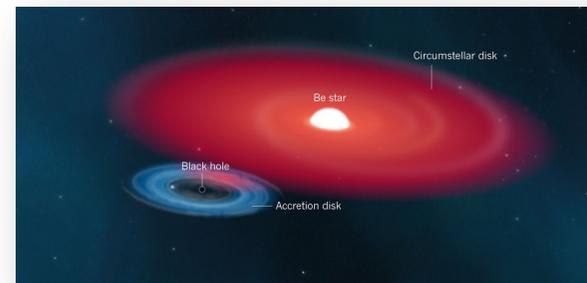
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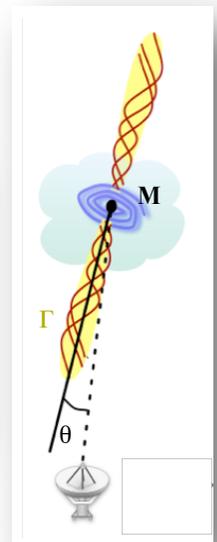
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- **Polarimetric Database**

- ✓ **Stellar Astrophysics**
- ✓ **High-energy astrophysics**



credit: McSwain 2014



credit: Pavidou 2015

More Information

- **PASIPHAE WP on arXiv: 1810.05652 :**

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PASIPHAE: A high-Galactic-latitude, high-accuracy optopolarimetric survey

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PASIPHAE (the Polar-Areas Stellar Imaging in Polarization High-Accuracy Experiment) is an optopolarimetric survey aiming to measure the linear polarization from millions of stars, and use these to create a three-dimensional tomographic map of the magnetic field threading dust clouds within the Milky Way. This map will provide invaluable information for future CMB B-mode experiments searching for inflationary gravitational waves, providing unique information regarding line-of-sight integration effects. Optical polarization observations of a large number of stars at known distances, tracing the same dust that emits polarized microwaves, can map the magnetic field between them. The Gaia mission is measuring distances to a billion stars, providing an opportunity to produce a tomographic map of Galactic magnetic field directions, using optical polarization of starlight. Such a map will not only boost CMB polarization foreground removal, but it will also have a profound impact in a wide range of astrophysical research, including interstellar medium physics, high-energy astrophysics, and evolution of the Galaxy. Taking advantage of the novel technology implemented in our high-accuracy Wide-Area Linear Optical Polarimeters (WALOPs) currently under construction at IUCAA, India, we will engage in a large-scale optopolarimetric program that can meet this challenge: a survey of both northern and southern Galactic polar regions targeted by CMB experiments, covering over 10,000 square degrees, which will measure linear optical polarization of over 360 stars per square degree (over 3.5 million stars, a 1000-fold increase over the state of the art). The survey will be conducted concurrently from the South African Astronomical Observatory in Sutherland, South Africa in the southern hemisphere, and the Skinakas Observatory in Crete, Greece, in the north.

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Lifting the dusty veil over inflation

Two novel imaging polarimeters are being installed on two 1-m-class telescopes in order to examine dust foregrounds in cosmic microwave background studies as part of the PASIPHAE survey.

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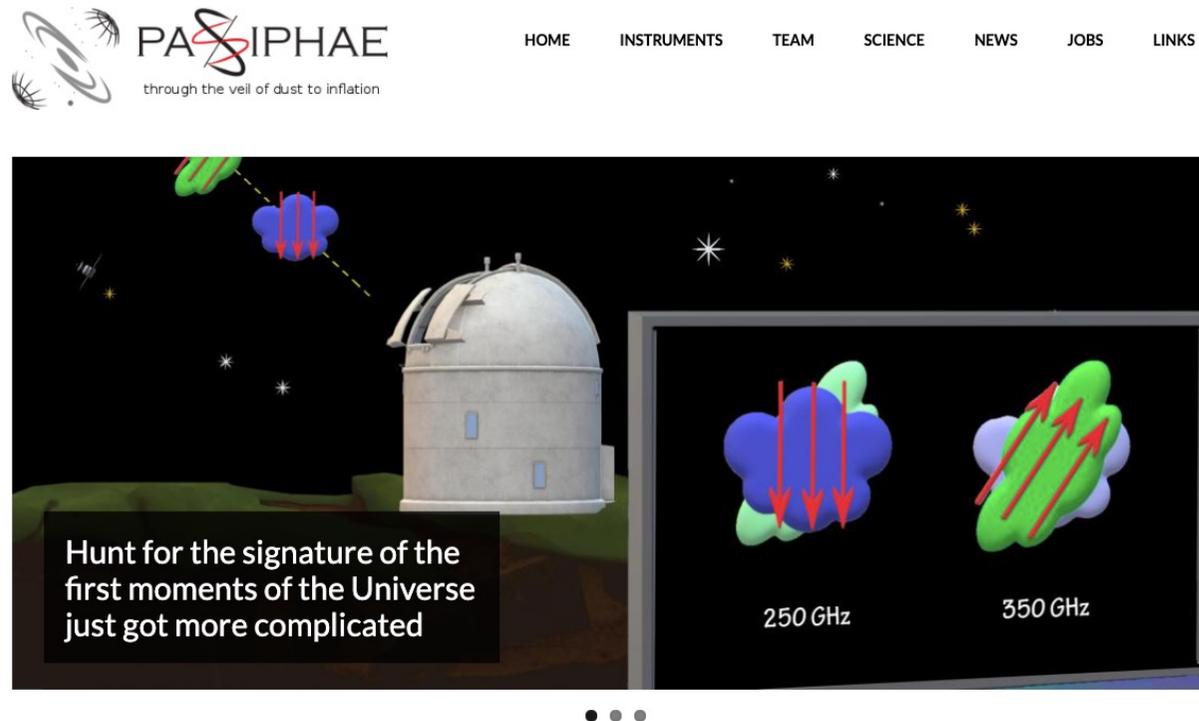
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