

# High precision modeling of polarized signals: moment expansion method generalized to spin-2 fields

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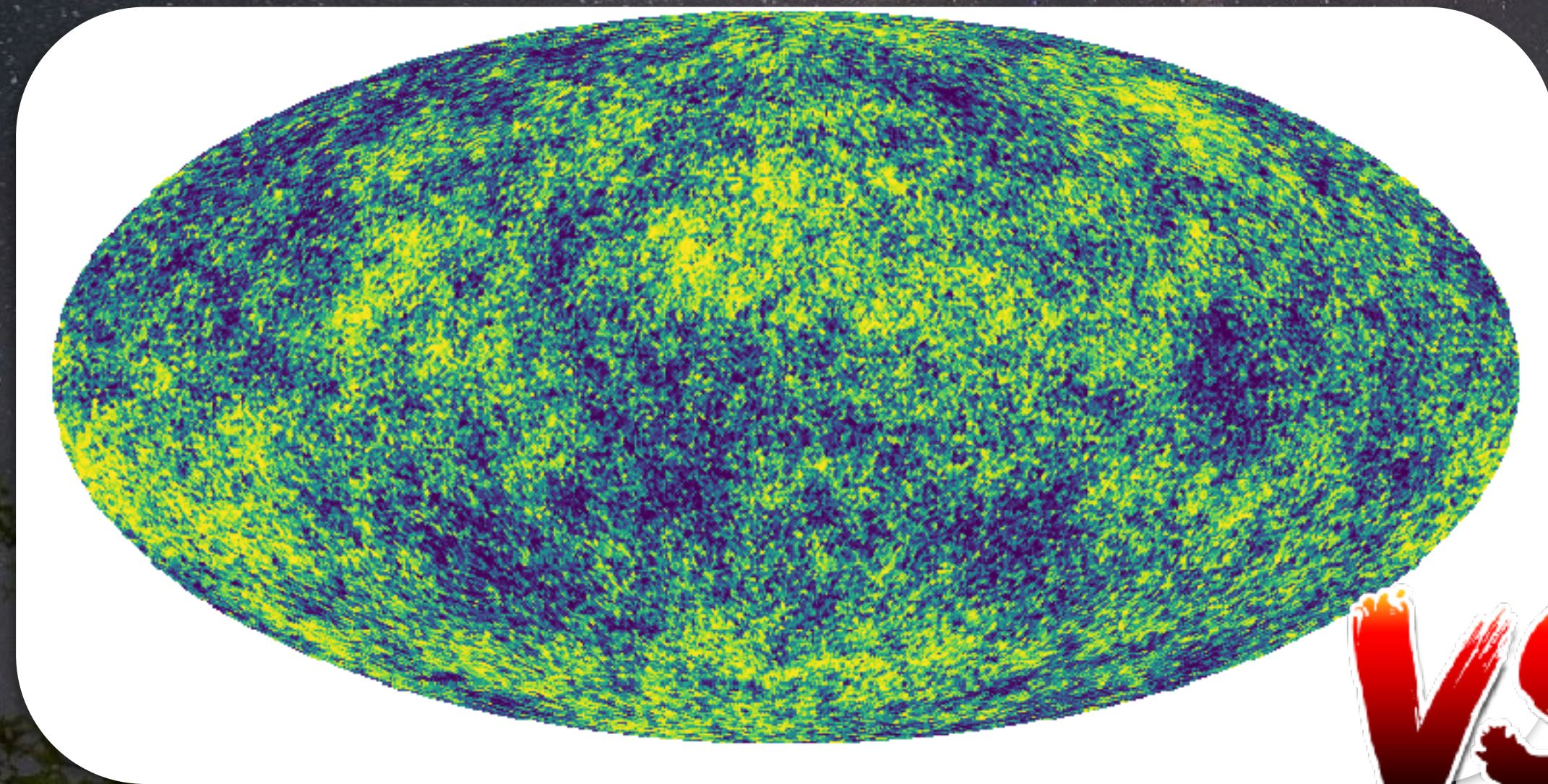
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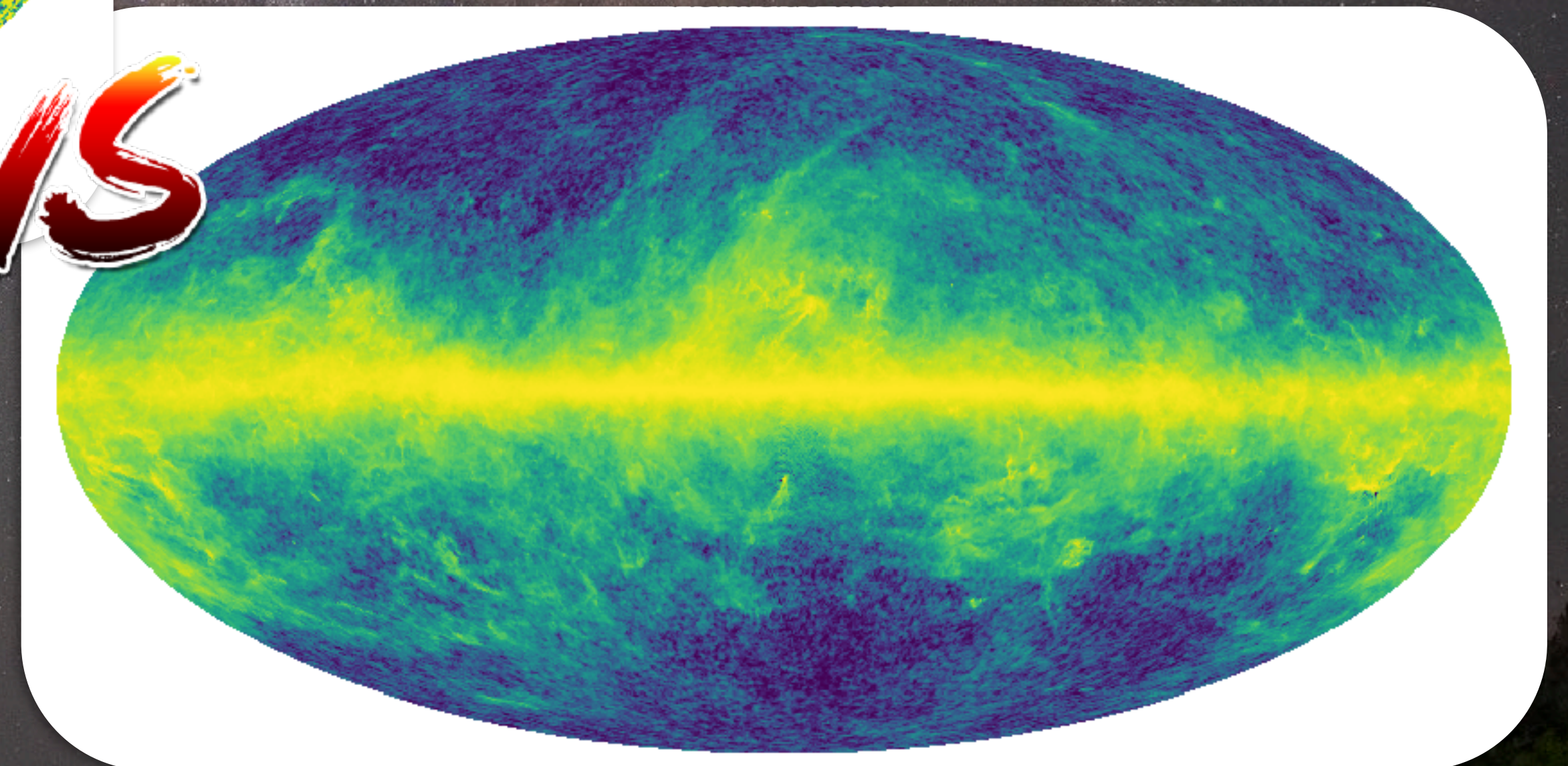
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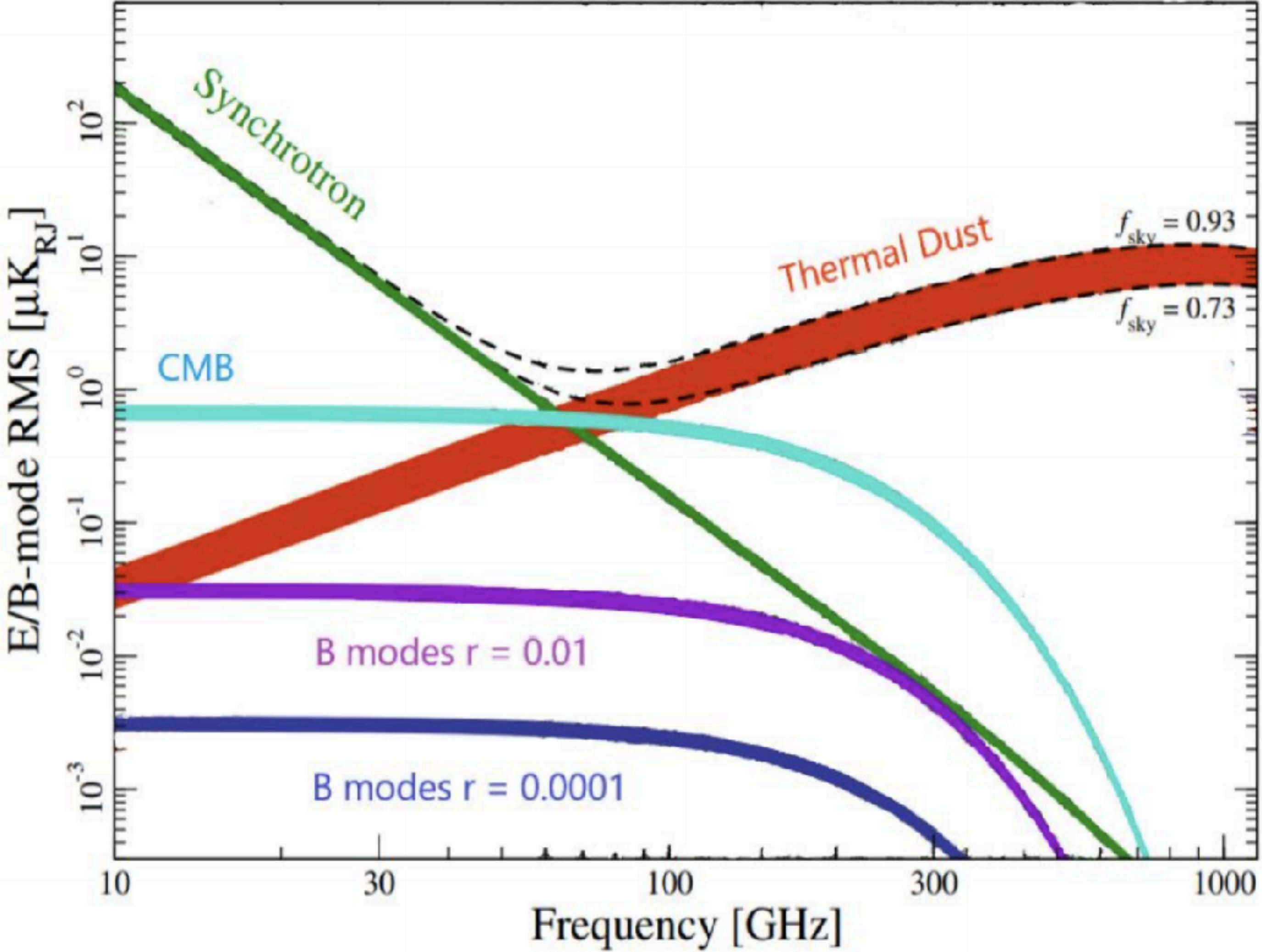
Multiple polarized astrophysical sources emitting mainly in CMB's wavelength interval



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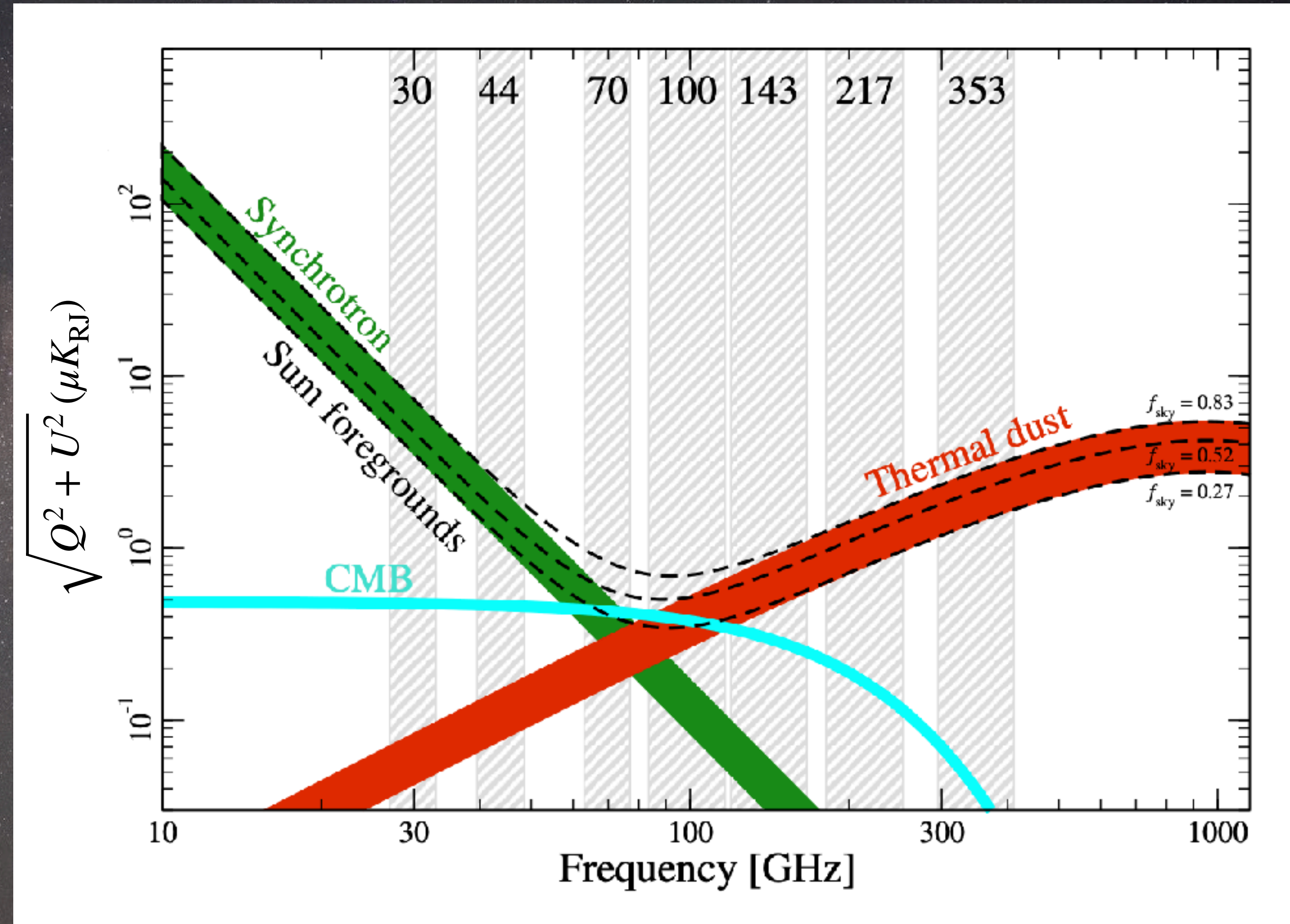
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# The diffuse polarized components of the ISM in the microwave:

Two main contributions:

- Low frequencies ( $\leq 100$  GHz):  
**Synchrotron** radiation
- High frequencies ( $\geq 100$ GHz):  
**Thermal dust** radiation

+ AME ...



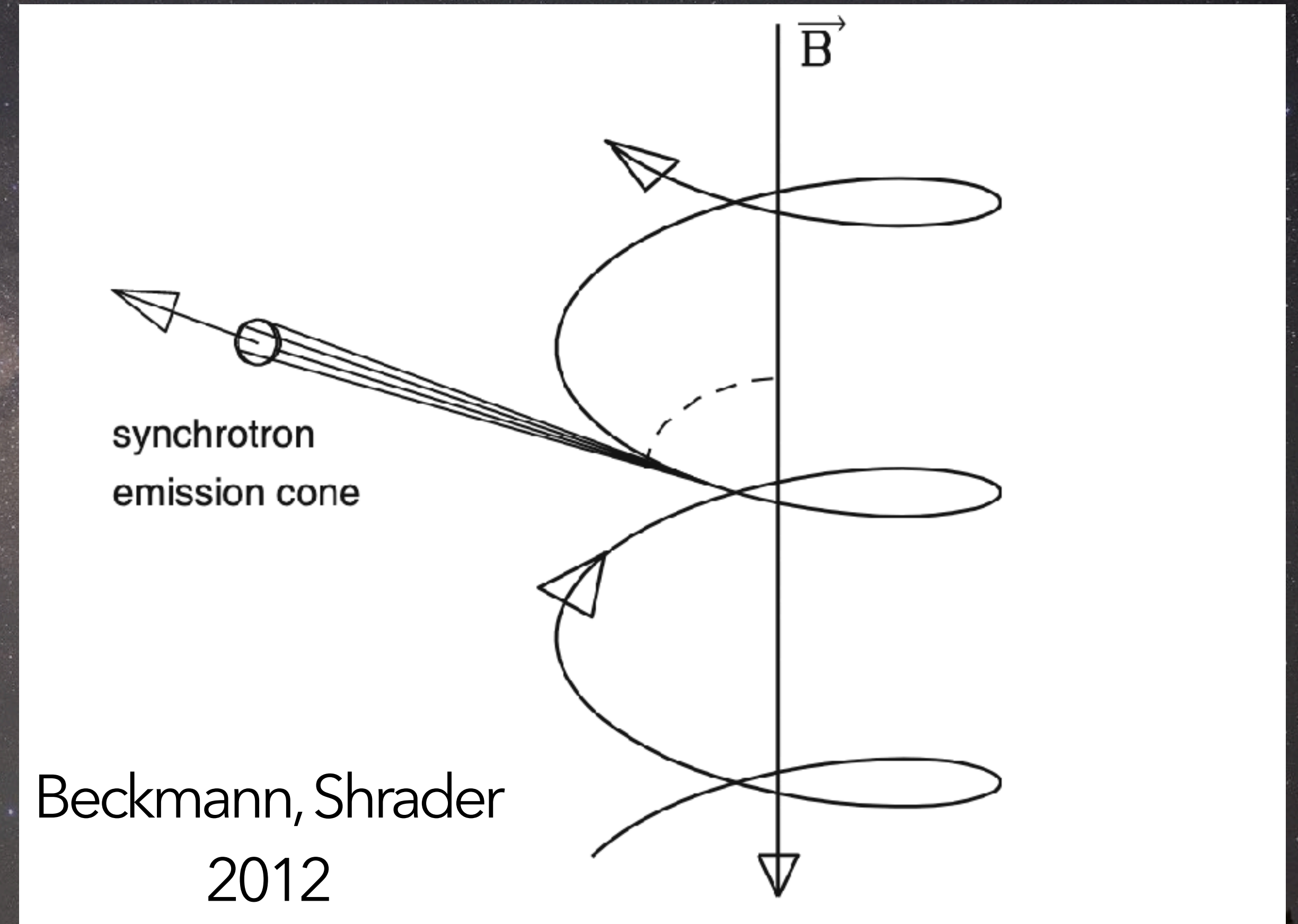
[Planck 2018]

# Polarized synchrotron signal

Canonical spectral energy distribution (SED), the **power-law**:

$$I_\nu(\beta_s) = A_s \nu^{\beta_s}$$

With typically  $\beta_s \sim -3$



Crab Nebula

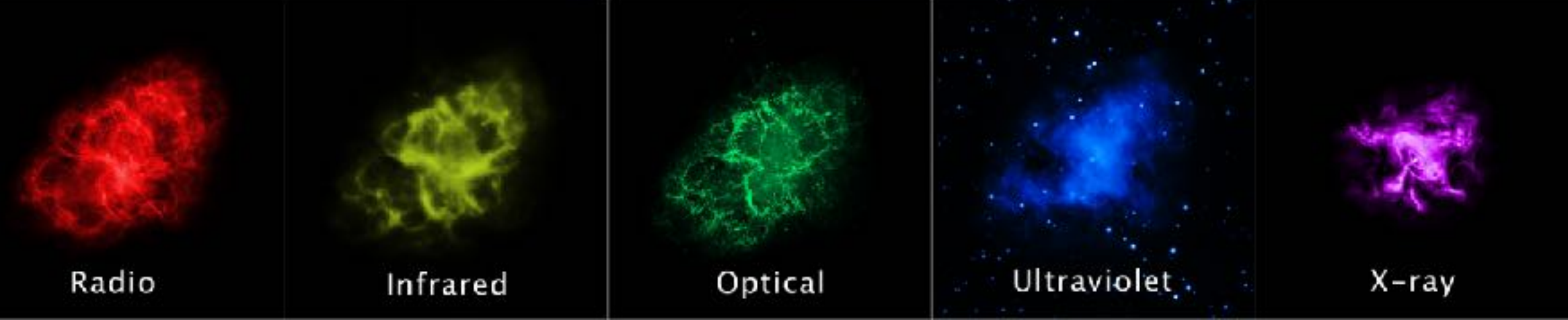


# M1, the crab nebula

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# Thermal dust signal

Canonical spectral energy distribution (SED), the **modified black-body**:

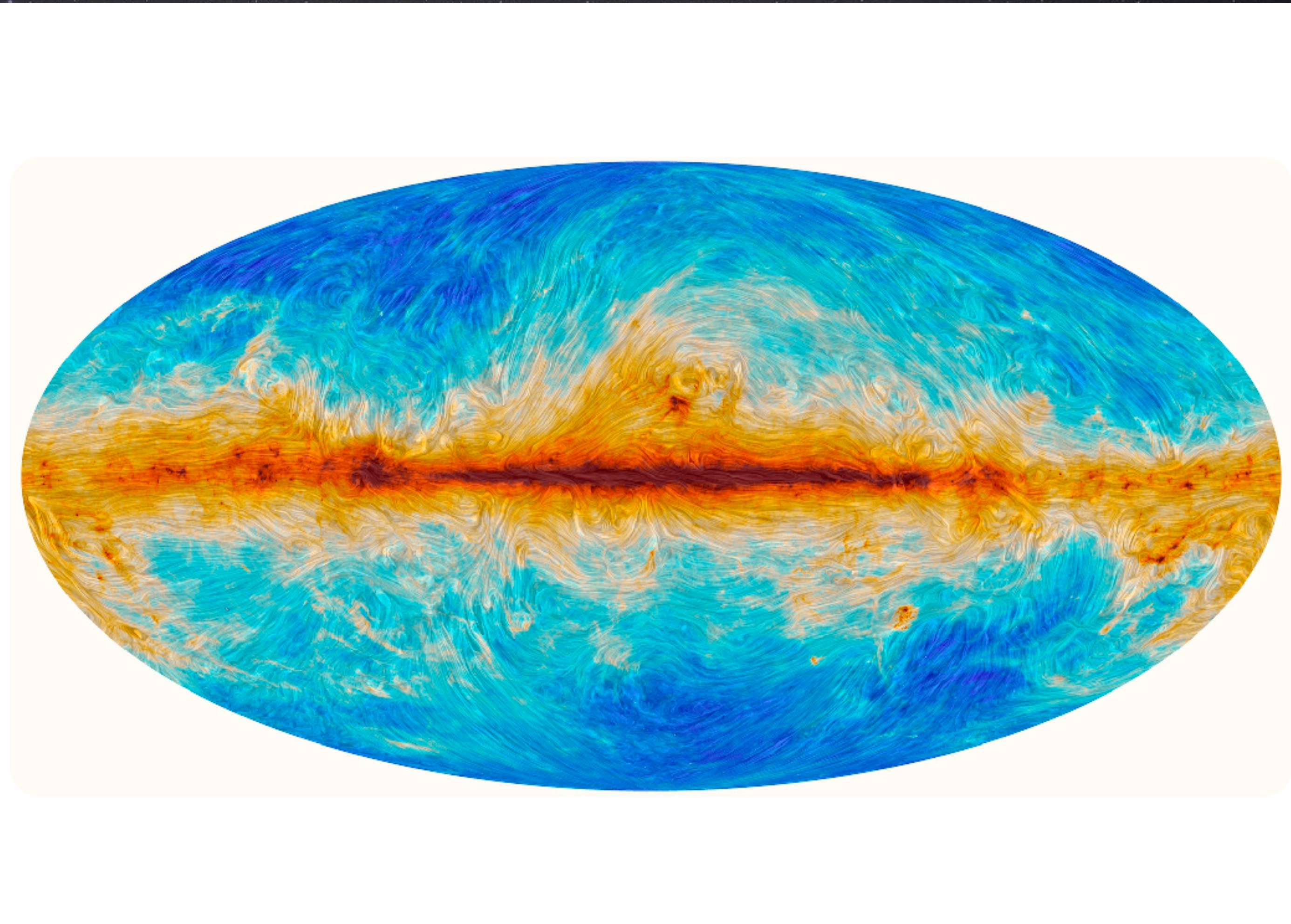
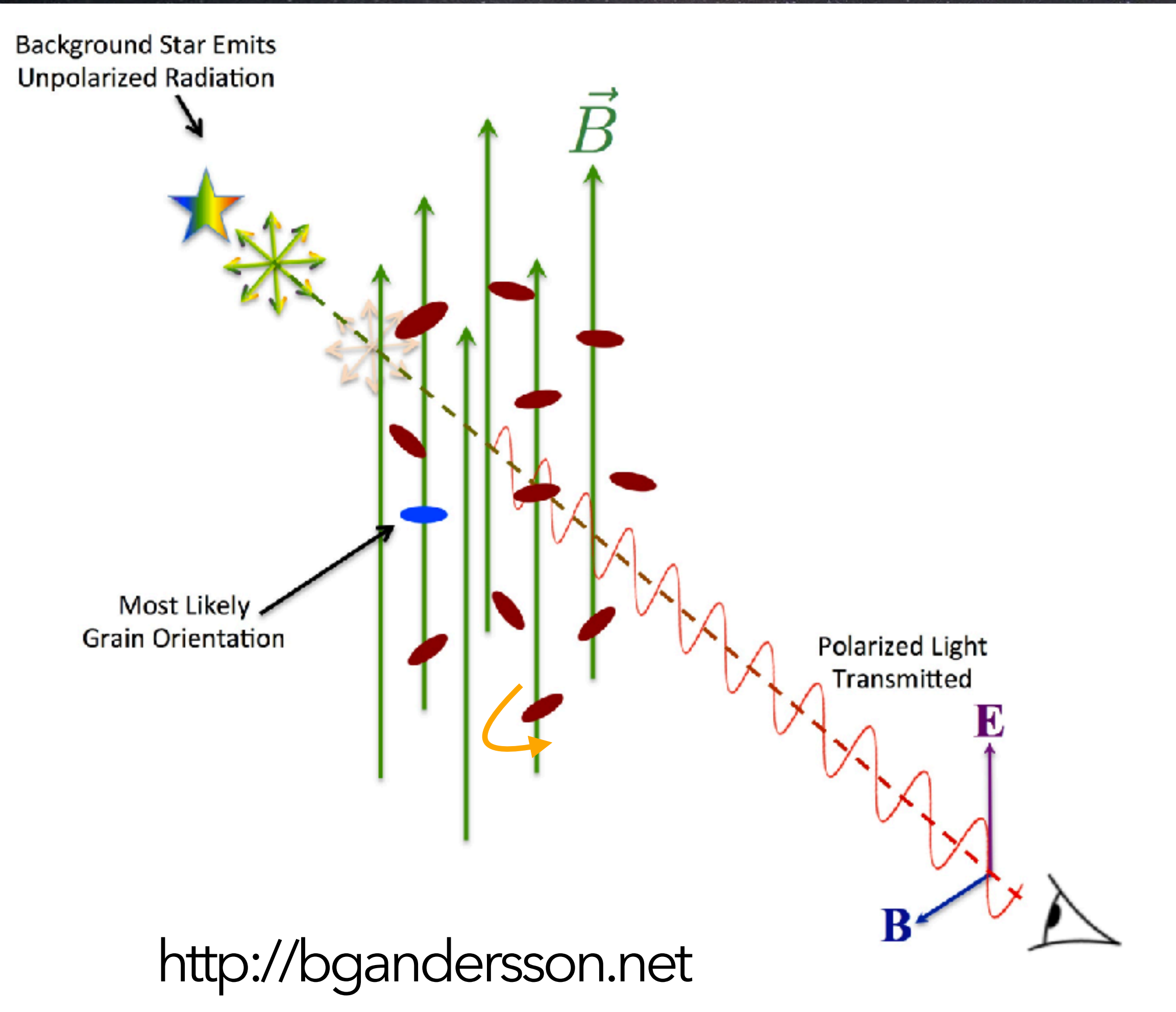
$$I_\nu(\beta_d, T) = A_d \times B_\nu(T_d) \times \nu^{\beta_d}$$

With typically  $\beta_d \sim 1.5$  and  
 $T_d \sim 20$  K





# Thermal dust polarized signal





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How to properly model the diffuse **polarized** astrophysical  
signal on **large scales**?

# II -How to describe properly the polarized signal ?

**Stokes** parameters

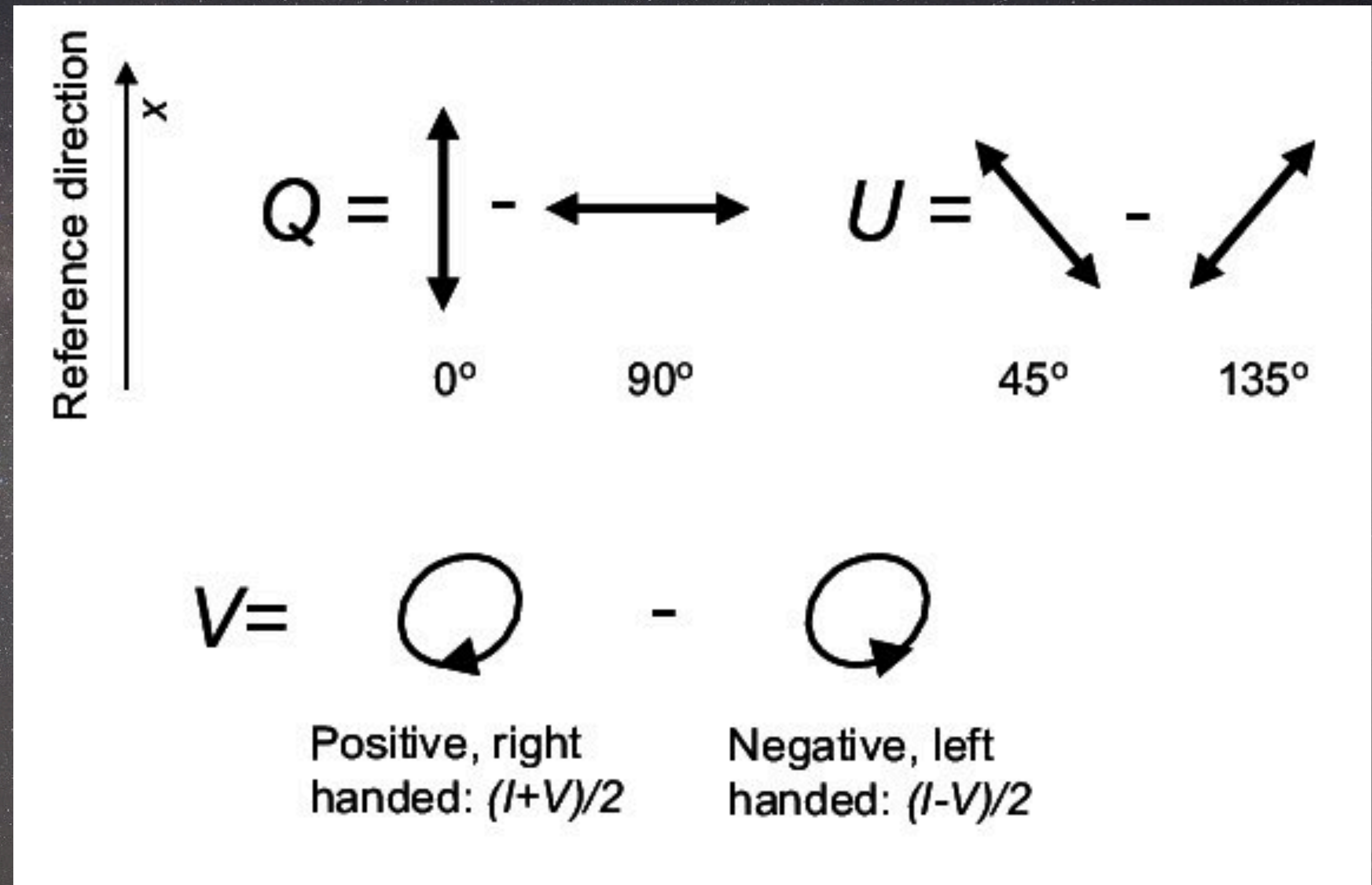
$I, Q, U, V$

$I$  **intensity**

$Q, U$  **linear** polarization

$V$  **circular** polarization

$$I^2 \geq \mathcal{P}^2 = Q^2 + U^2 + V^2$$

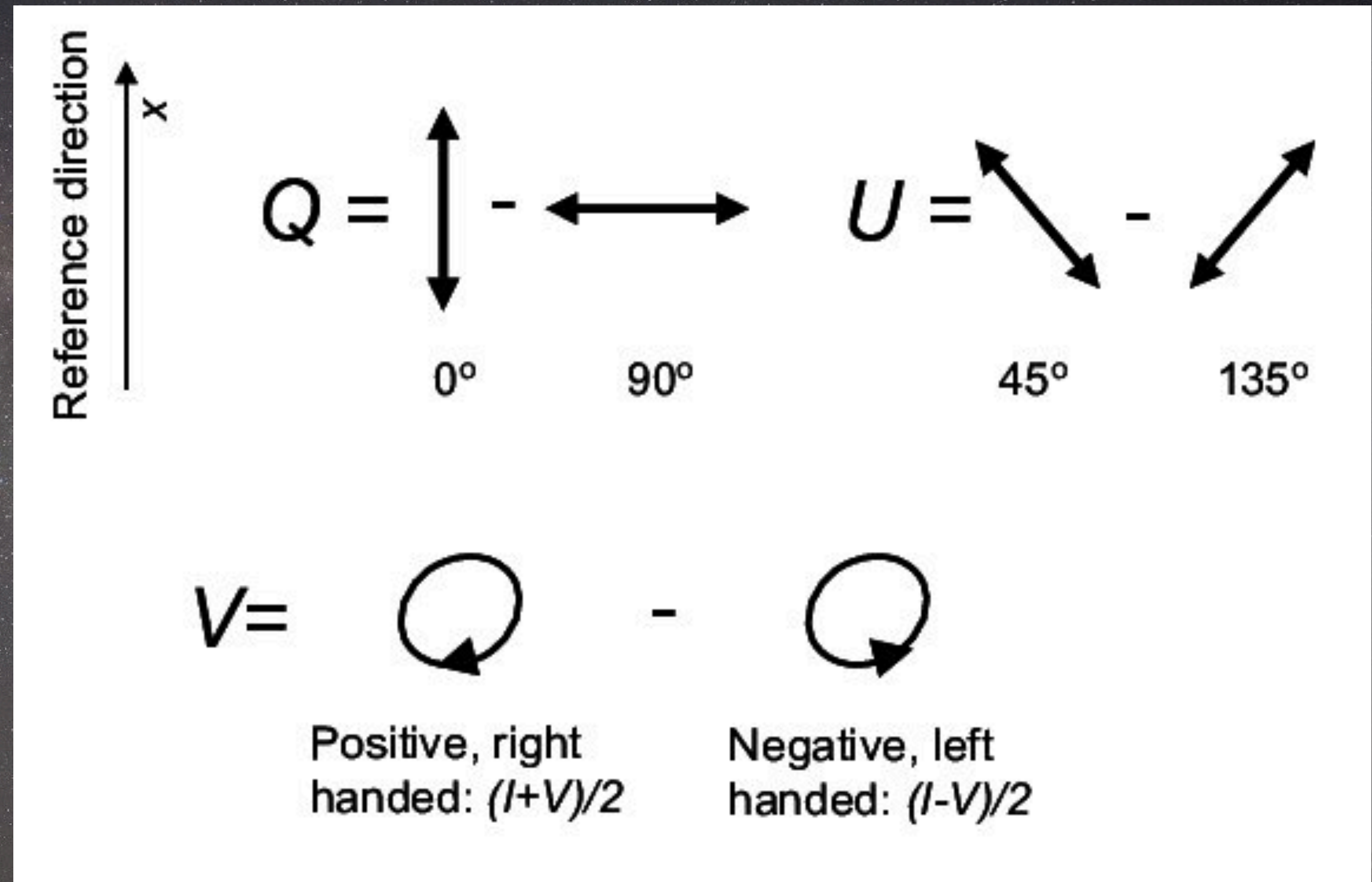


# II -How to describe properly the polarized signal ?

While  $I$  and  $V$  are **frame independent** (scalar field)

$Q$  and  $U$  are **not**, they are components in a given basis of a more complex object, equivalently:

- a 2x2 (STF) tensor
- a spin-2 spinor



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- It's module,  $P_\nu$  is called the **polarized intensity**  
Under reasonable assumption,  $P_\nu \propto I_\nu$  is the SED.
- It's phase,  $\gamma$  is called the **polarization angle**

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The «**spin-2**» nature of  $\mathcal{P}_\nu$  is hidden in the way it transforms under a right-handed **rotation of angle  $\theta$**  around the line of sight:

$$\mathcal{P}'_\nu = e^{-2i\theta} \mathcal{P}_\nu$$

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You expect that every voxel (3D Pixel) of the galaxy emits with a linear polarized SED:

$$\mathcal{P}_\nu^s \simeq A \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_0} \right)^{\beta_s} e^{2i\gamma} \quad \text{Synchrotron}$$

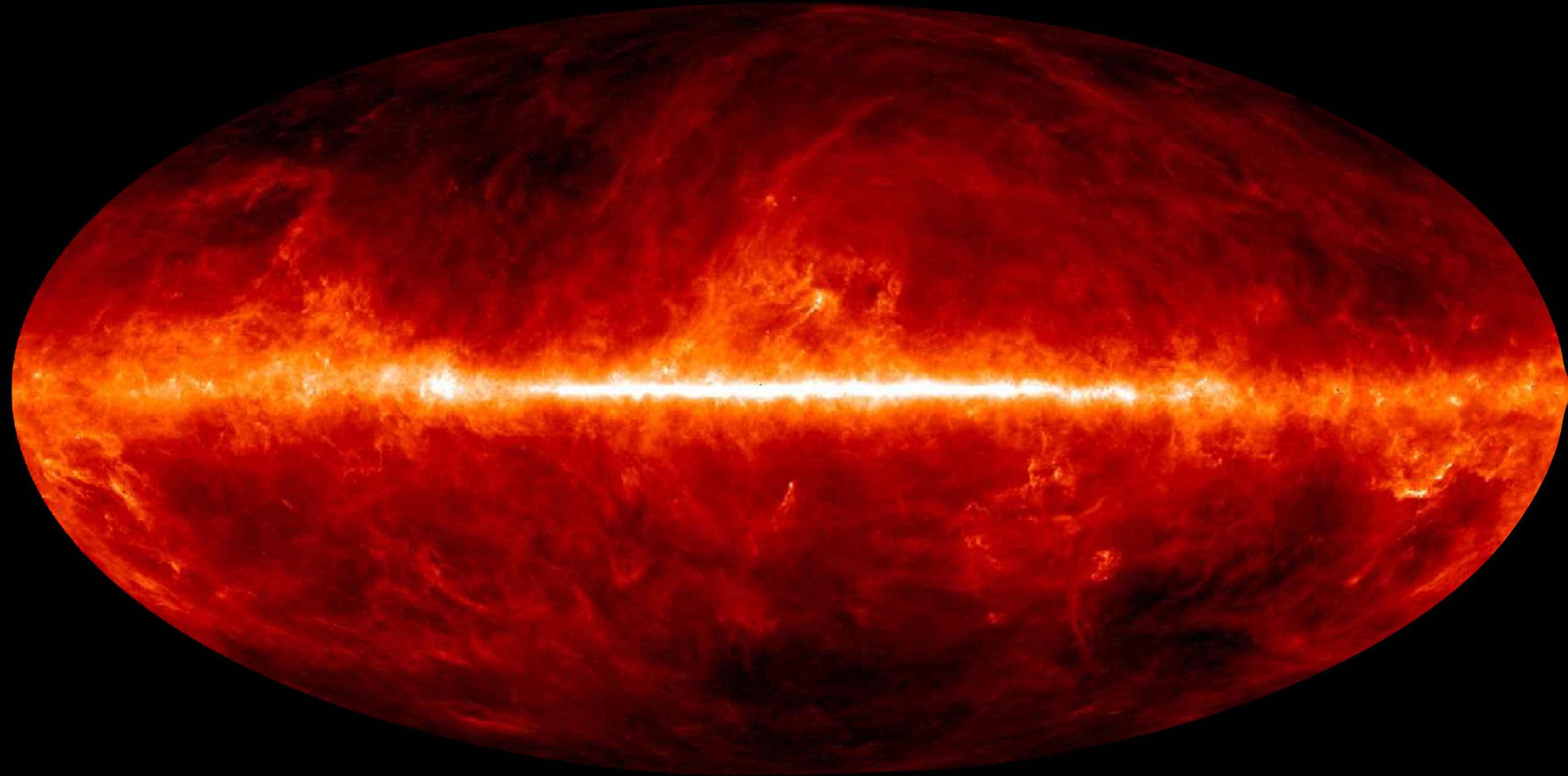
$$\mathcal{P}_\nu^d \simeq A \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_0} \right)^{\beta_d} B_\nu(T_d) e^{2i\gamma} \quad \text{Dust}$$

...

(even when dropping this assumption, what I will present still holds)



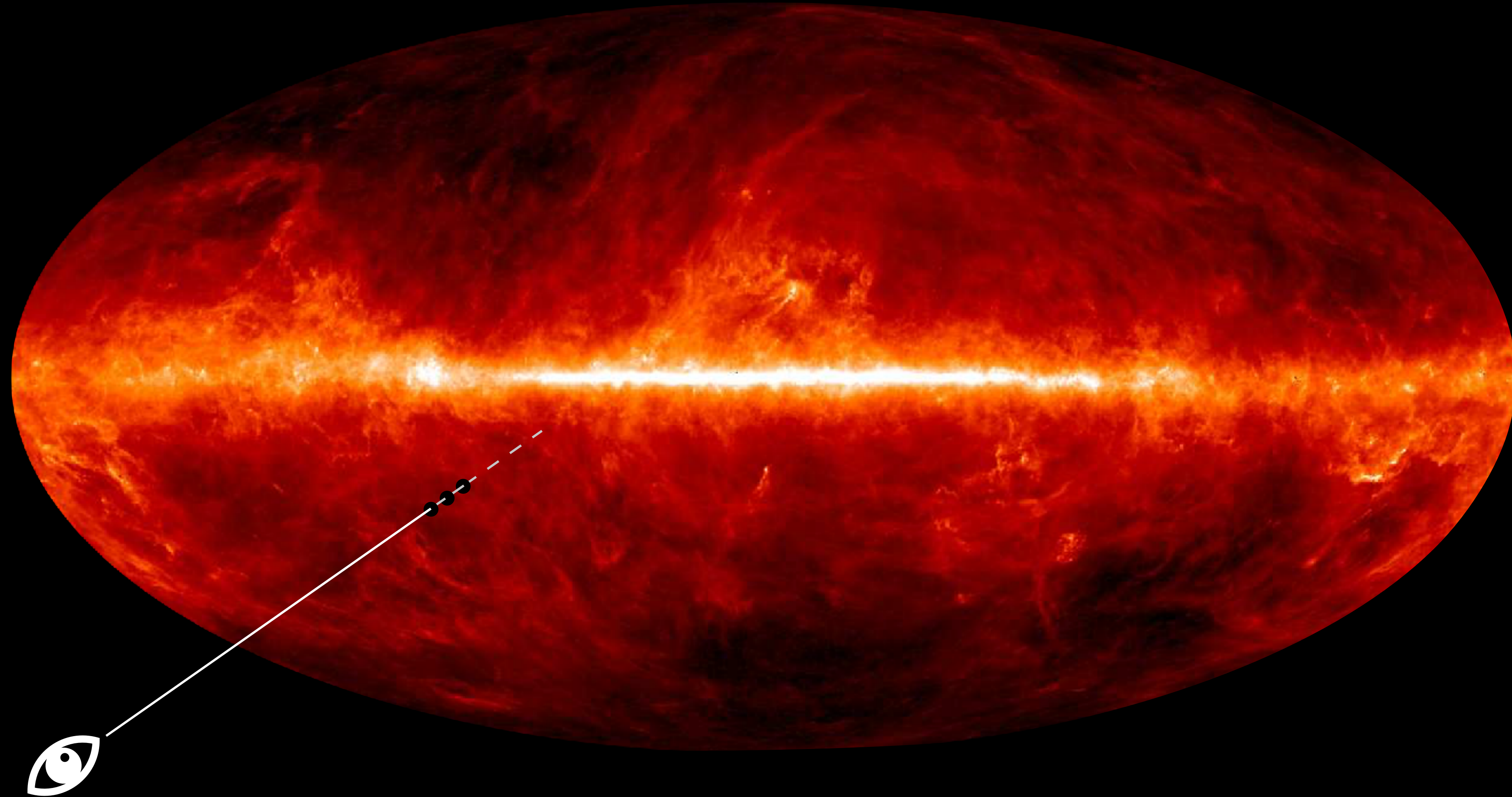
# III - The problem of averaging



[Planck 2018 M]

Spectral parameters (e.g.  $\beta$ ,  $T$  for the MBB) of SEDs change with physical conditions across the sky/galaxy  
(Predicted theoretically and verified observationally e.g. [Pelgrims 2021])

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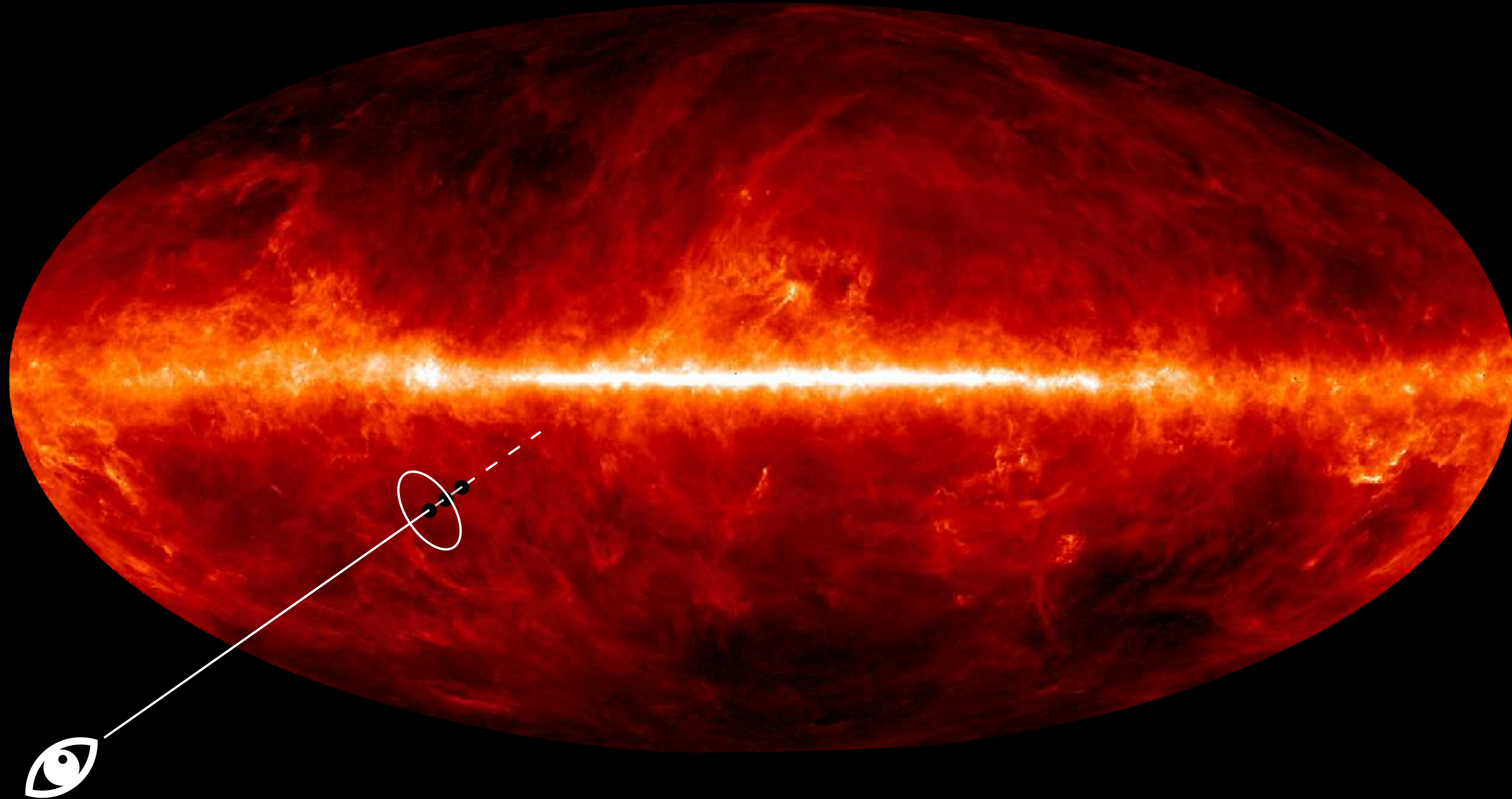


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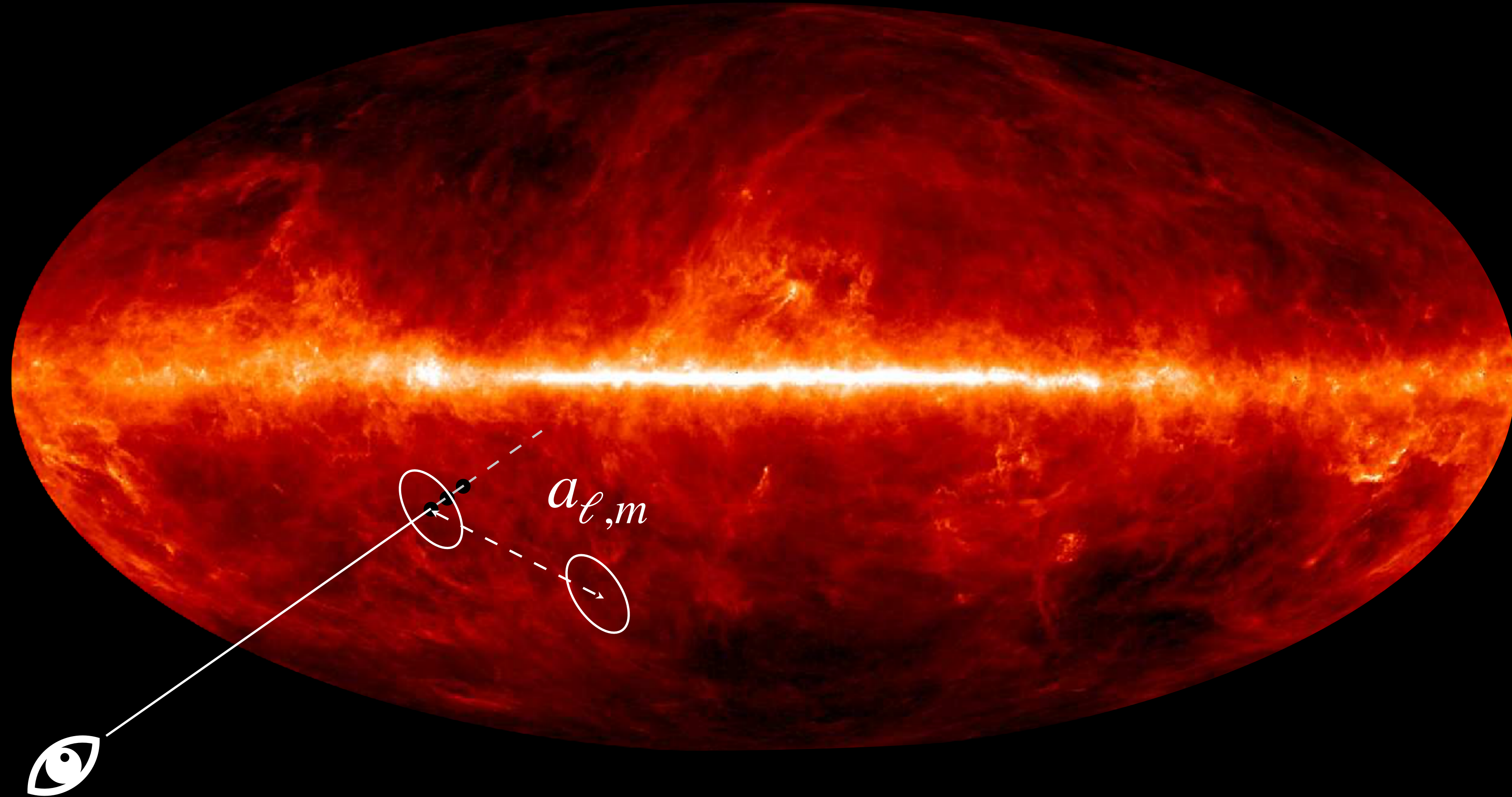
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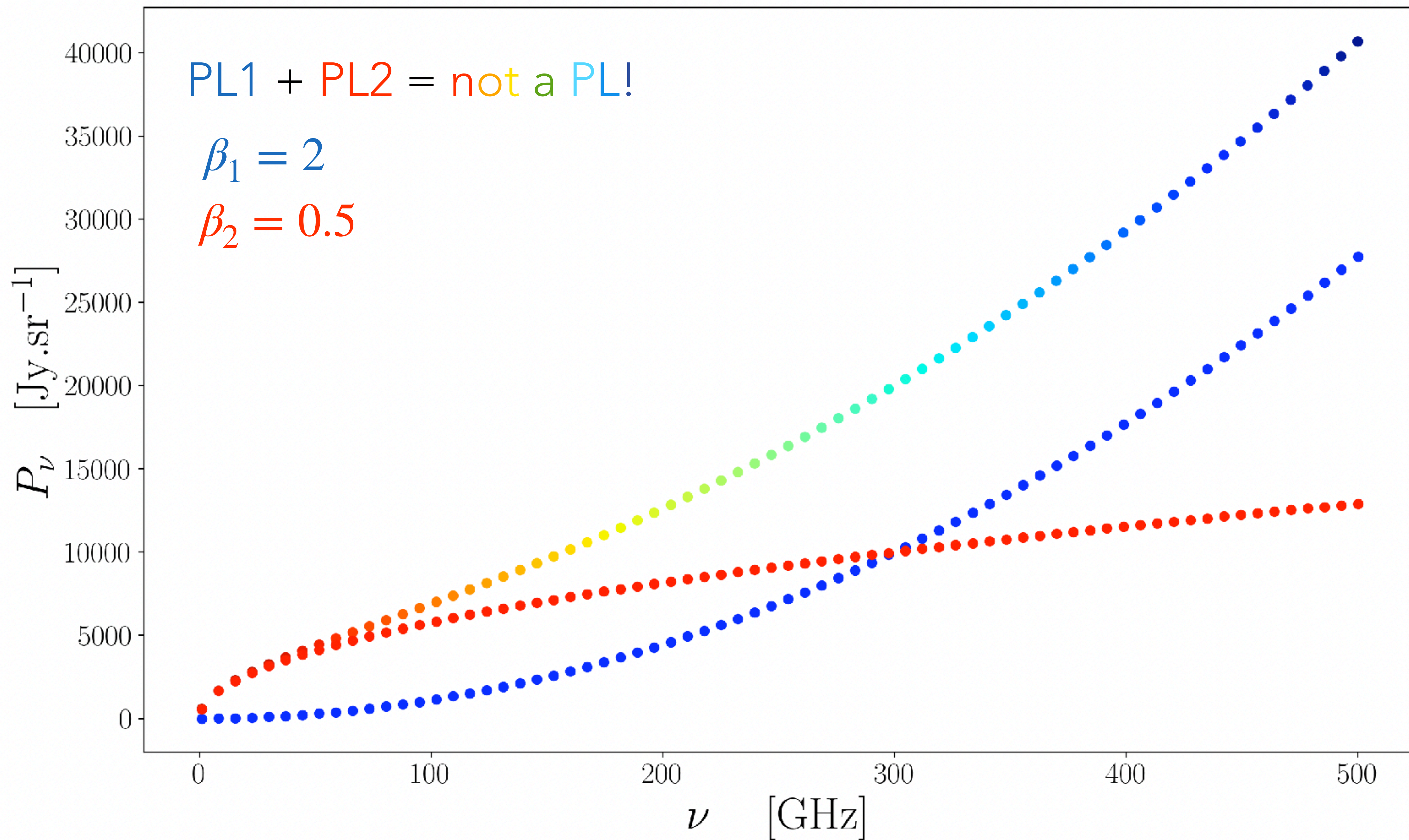
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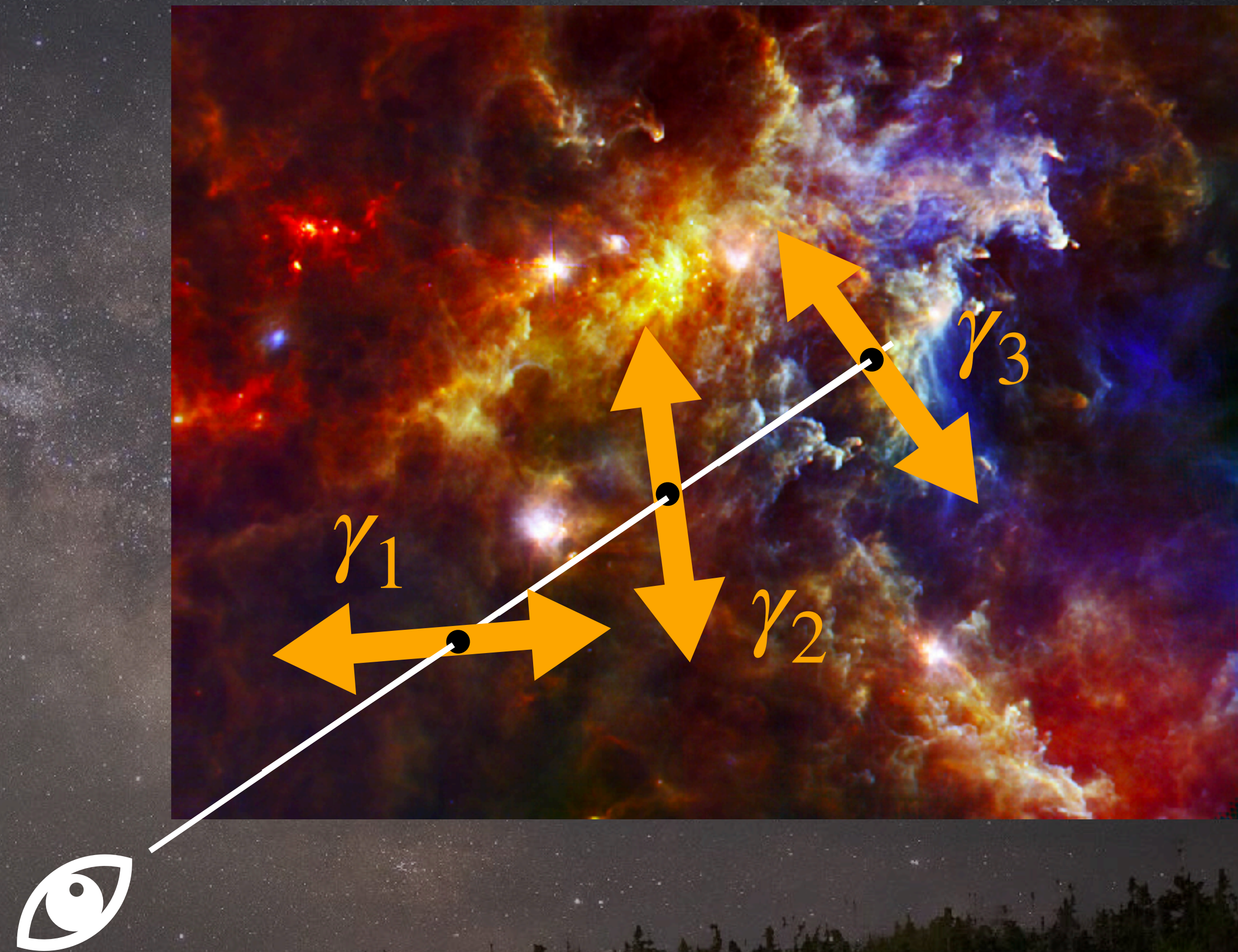
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- **Polarisation angle mixing:** Summing polarized SEDs with different (constant) polarization angles and spectral parameters, lead to a resulting frequency dependent pol. angle  $\gamma \rightarrow \gamma_\nu$



# Polarization angle mixing And SED distortions

Let's now look at the power-law sum:

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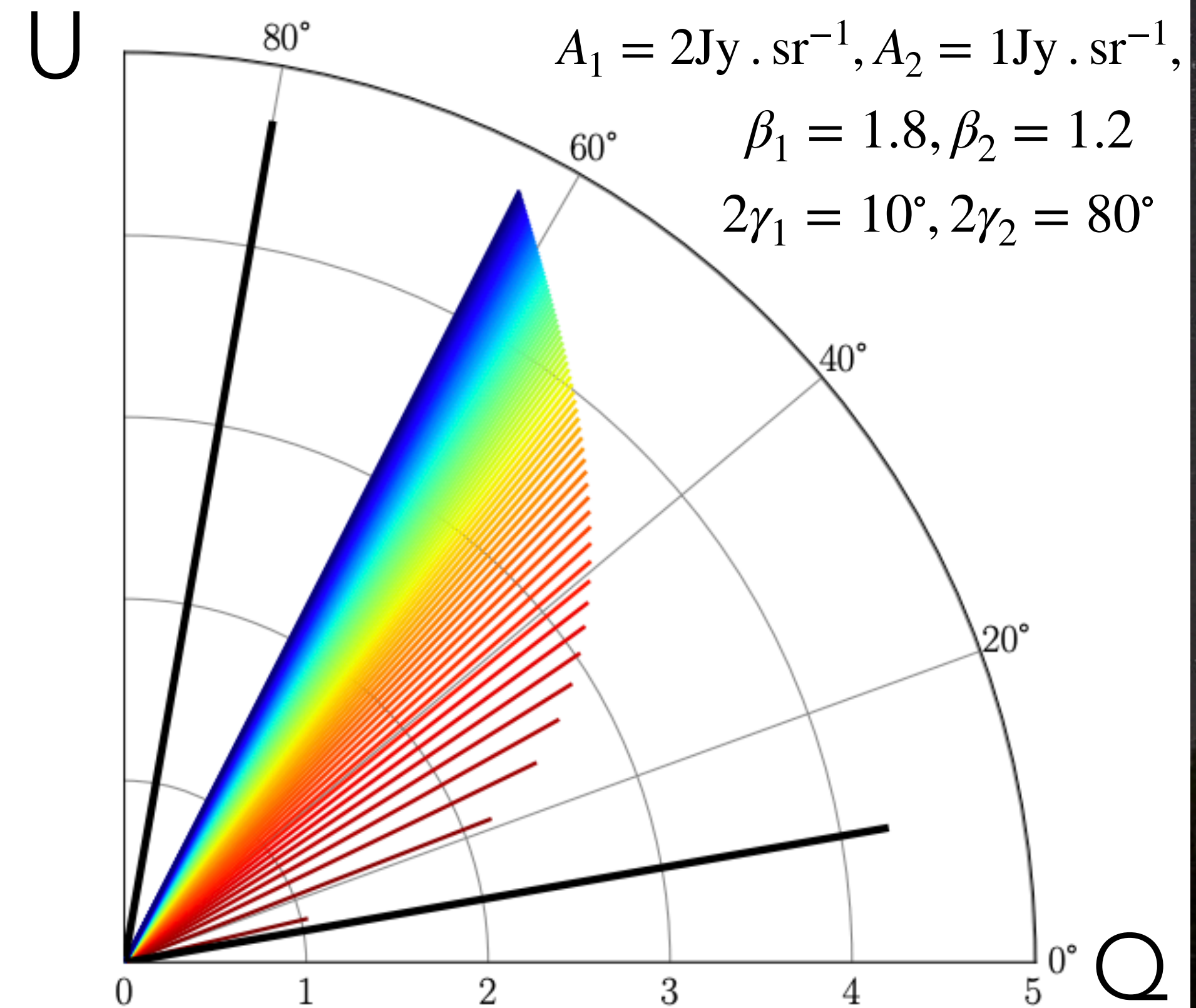
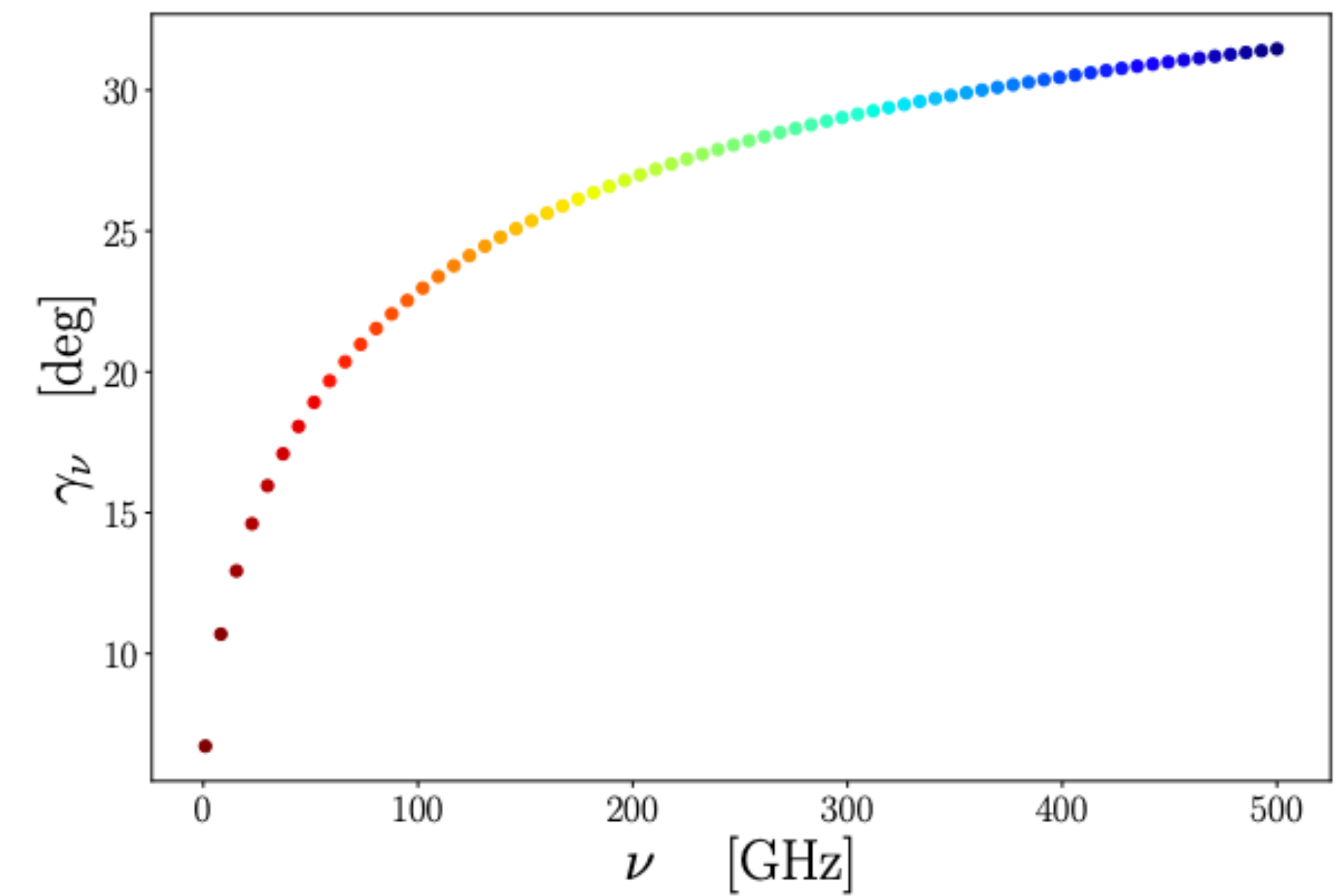
$$\mathcal{P}_\nu = P_\nu e^{2i\gamma_\nu}$$

$$= A_1(\nu/\nu_0)^{\beta_1} e^{2i\gamma_1} + A_2(\nu/\nu_0)^{\beta_2} e^{2i\gamma_2}$$

a)  $P_\nu \neq A'\nu^{\beta'} e^{2i\gamma'}$  not a power law

b) You can witness:  $\gamma \rightarrow \gamma_\nu$  !

**HARD TO MODEL!**



# Bottom line

Even if one knows the SED in every voxel (e.g. power-law for synchrotron, MBB for dust ...), it is not enough to model the averaged/large-scale signal.

# IV- The moment expansion for intensity

Moment (Taylor inspired) expansion of  $I_\nu$  in  $p$ :

$$I_\nu(p) = I_\nu(p_0) + \sum_i \omega_1^{p_i} \langle \partial_{p_i} I_\nu(p) \rangle_{p=p_0} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \omega_2^{p_i p_j} \langle \partial_{p_i} \partial_{p_j} I_\nu(p) \rangle_{p=p_0} + \dots$$

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[Chluba et al., 2017]

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[Chluba et al., 2017]

## IV- The moment expansion for intensity

- Allows to model very accurately **SED distortions** and **frequency decorrelation** due to averaging of non linear intensities
- Applied successfully for **component separation** and spectral CMB distortions at the **map level** see e.g. Rotti et al (2021) Remazeilles et al (2021)
- And at the **power-spectra** level see e.g. Mangilli et al (2021), Azzoni et al (2021), Vacher et al (2022)

# V- How to generalize this expansion to polarized signal i.e. to spinor fields?

Not so easy question but surprisingly easy answer:

**Make moments spin-2 fields!**

Let's skip the mathematical derivation shall we?

(If you are curious, see Vacher et al 2022 [arXiv:2205.01049](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.01049))

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Moment coefficients becomes complex number (spinors)

$$\mathcal{W}_\alpha^p = Q[\mathcal{W}_\alpha^p] + iU[\mathcal{W}_\alpha^p] = \Omega_\alpha^p e^{2i\varpi_\alpha^p}$$

« Spin-moments »

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They can be calculated analytically from the parameter distribution:

$$\mathcal{W}_\alpha^{p_j \dots p_l} = \frac{\langle A e^{2i\gamma} (p_j - \bar{p}_j) \dots (p_l - \bar{p}_l) \rangle}{\langle A \rangle}$$

[Vacher et al., 2022]

## VI - Applications : power-laws

The spin-moment expansion for power-laws take the form:

$$\langle \mathcal{P}_\nu^{\text{PL}} \rangle = P_\nu^{\text{PL}}(\bar{A}, \bar{\beta}) \times \left\{ \mathcal{W}_0 + \mathcal{W}_1^\beta \ln \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_0} \right) + \frac{\mathcal{W}_2^{\beta^2}}{2} \ln \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_0} \right)^2 + \frac{\mathcal{W}_3^{\beta^3}}{6} \ln \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_0} \right)^3 + \dots \right\}.$$

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Can be interpreted as a correction of a

**Complex correction to  $\beta$  !!!???**

$$\Delta\beta = \frac{\mathcal{W}_1^\beta}{\mathcal{W}_0} \in \mathbb{C}$$

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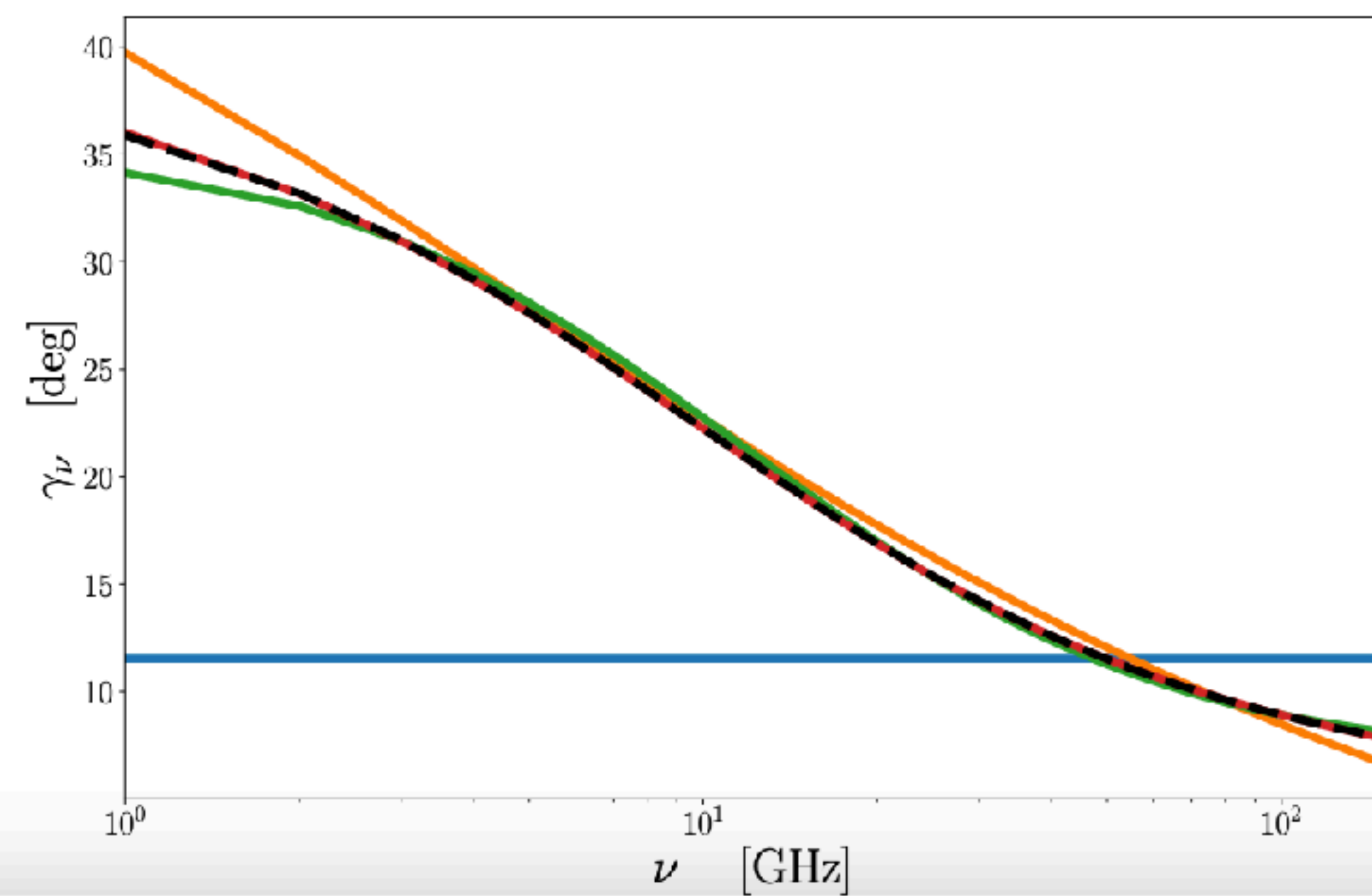
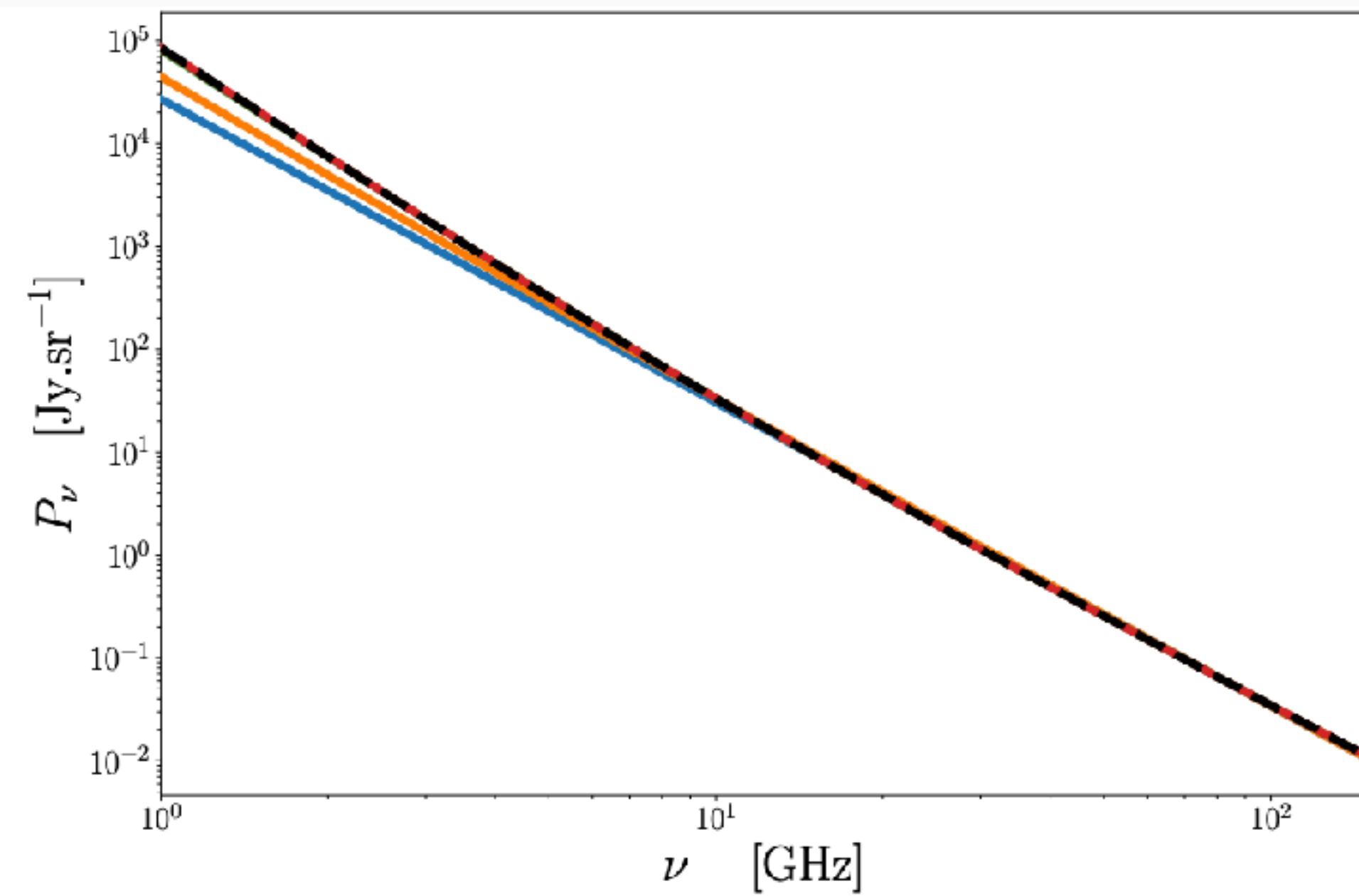
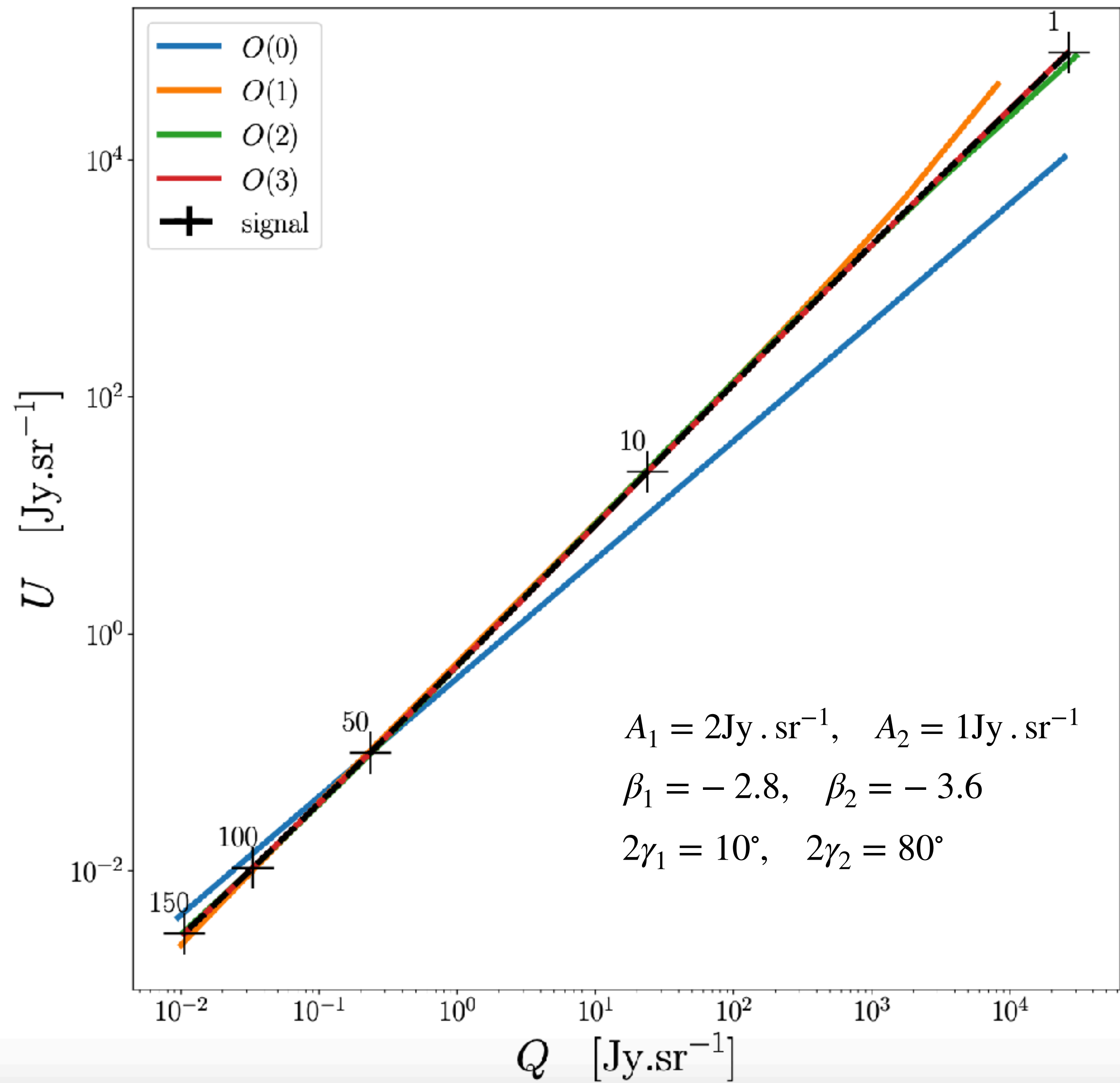
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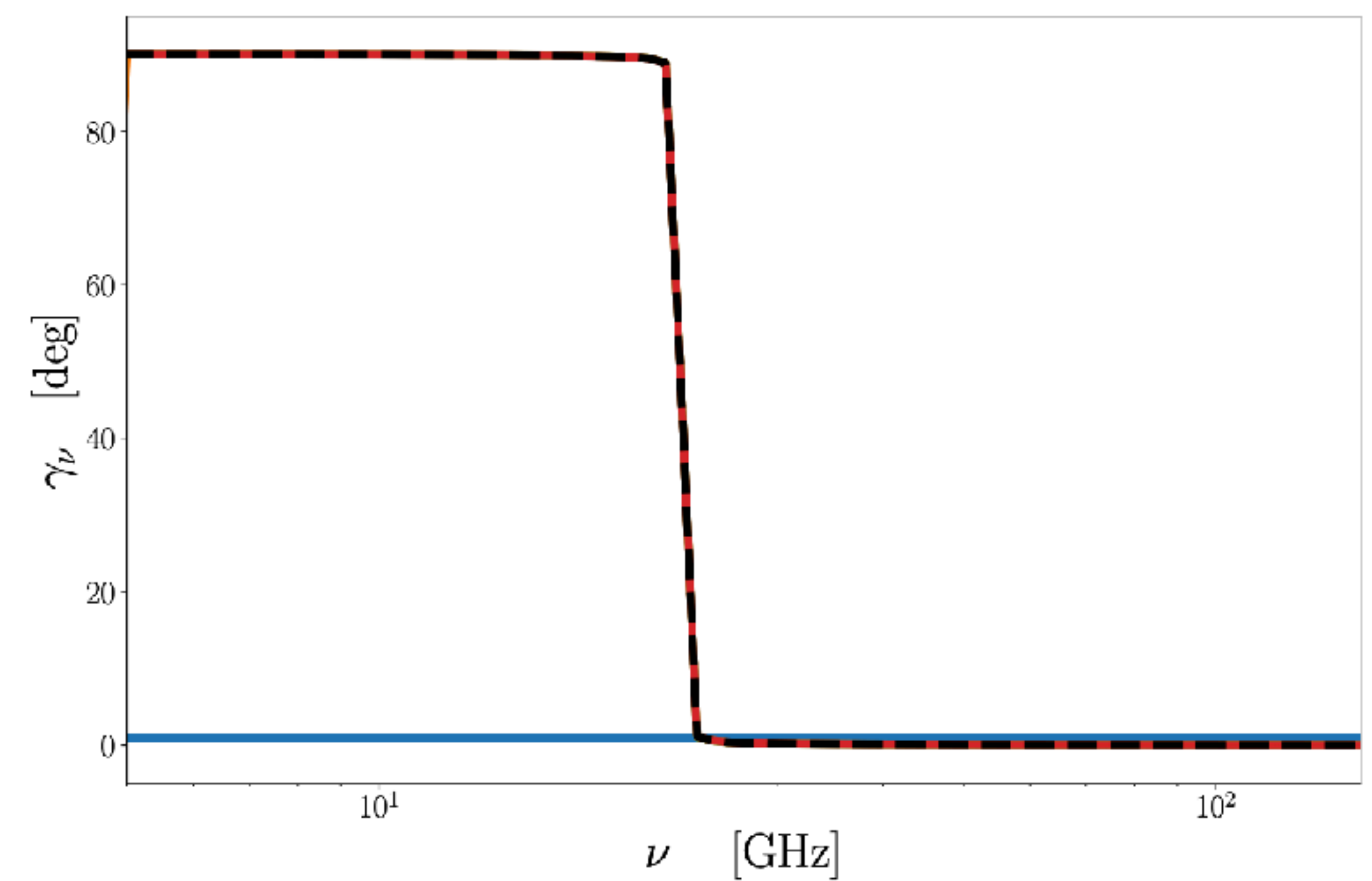
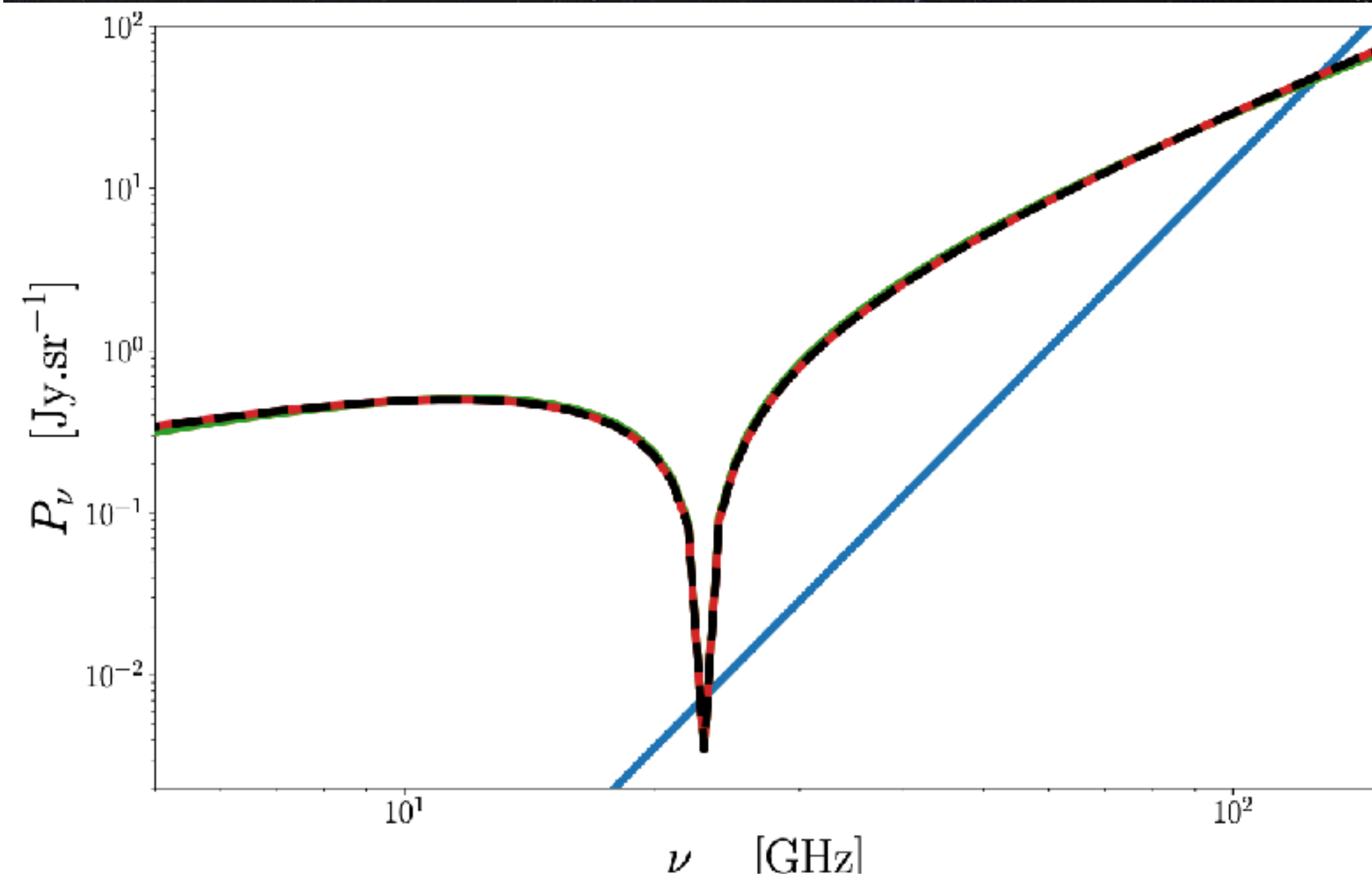
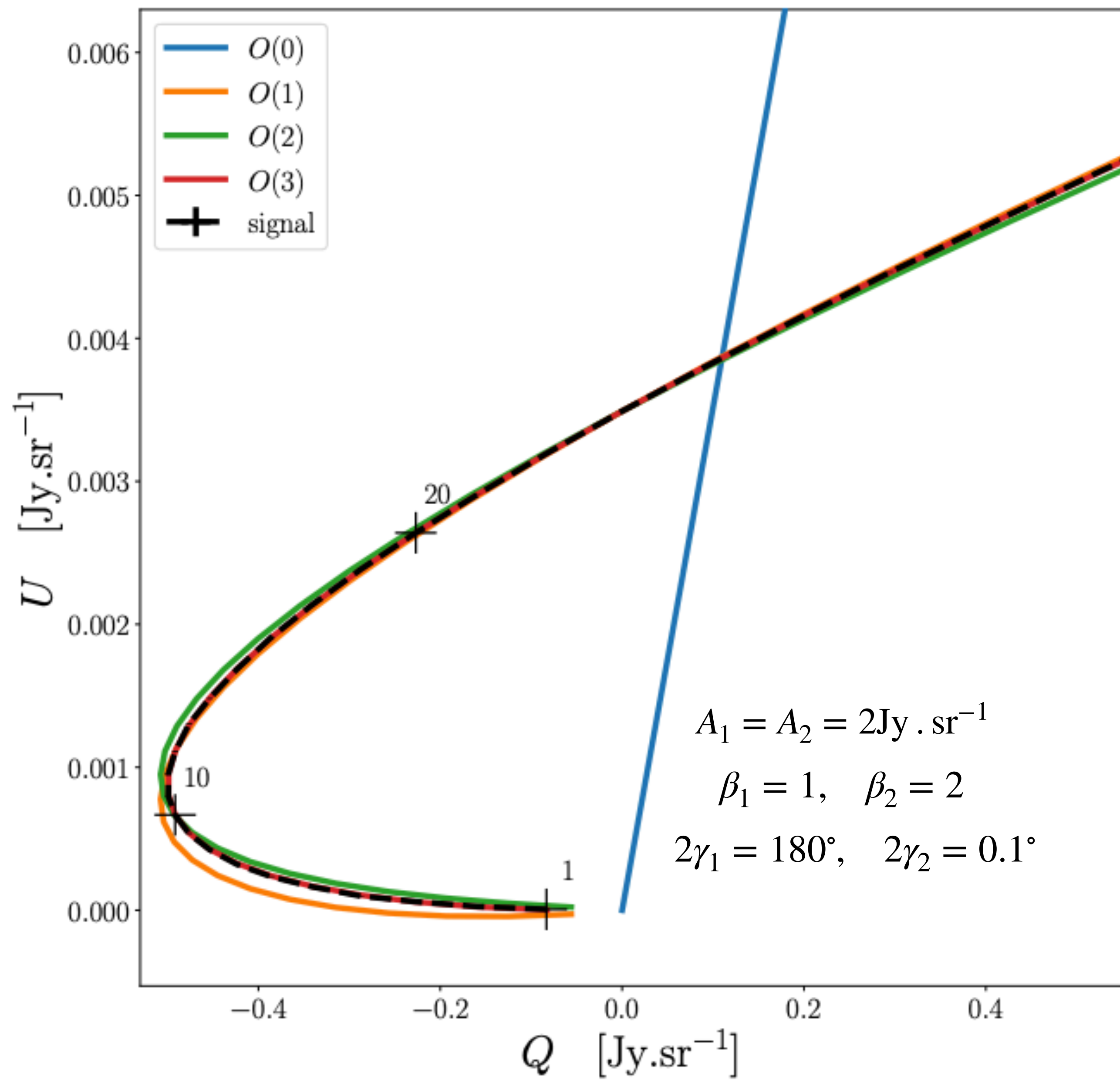
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$$\beta^{\text{PL}} = \bar{\beta} + \text{Re}(\Delta\beta)$$

$$\gamma_\nu^{\text{PL}} \approx \gamma_0 + \frac{1}{2} \text{Im}(\Delta\beta) \ln \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_0} \right)$$

**analytical expression  
for  $\gamma_\nu$  at order 1!**







# VI - Applications : Gray-bodies

Gray-bodies:

$$P_{\nu}^{\text{GB}}(A, T) = AB_{\nu}(T)$$

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Complex temperature correction !  $\Delta T = \frac{\mathcal{W}_1^T}{\mathcal{W}_0}$

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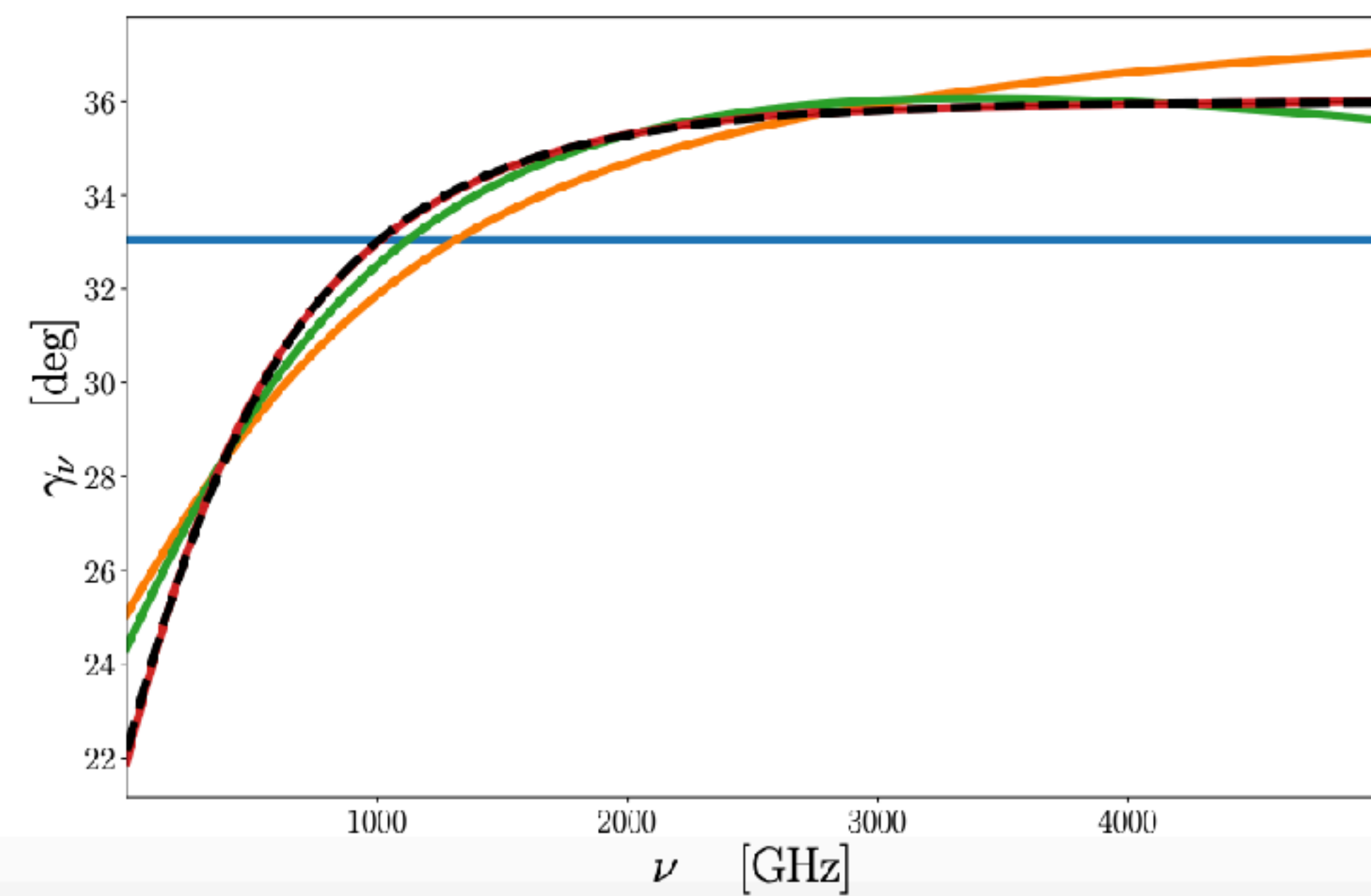
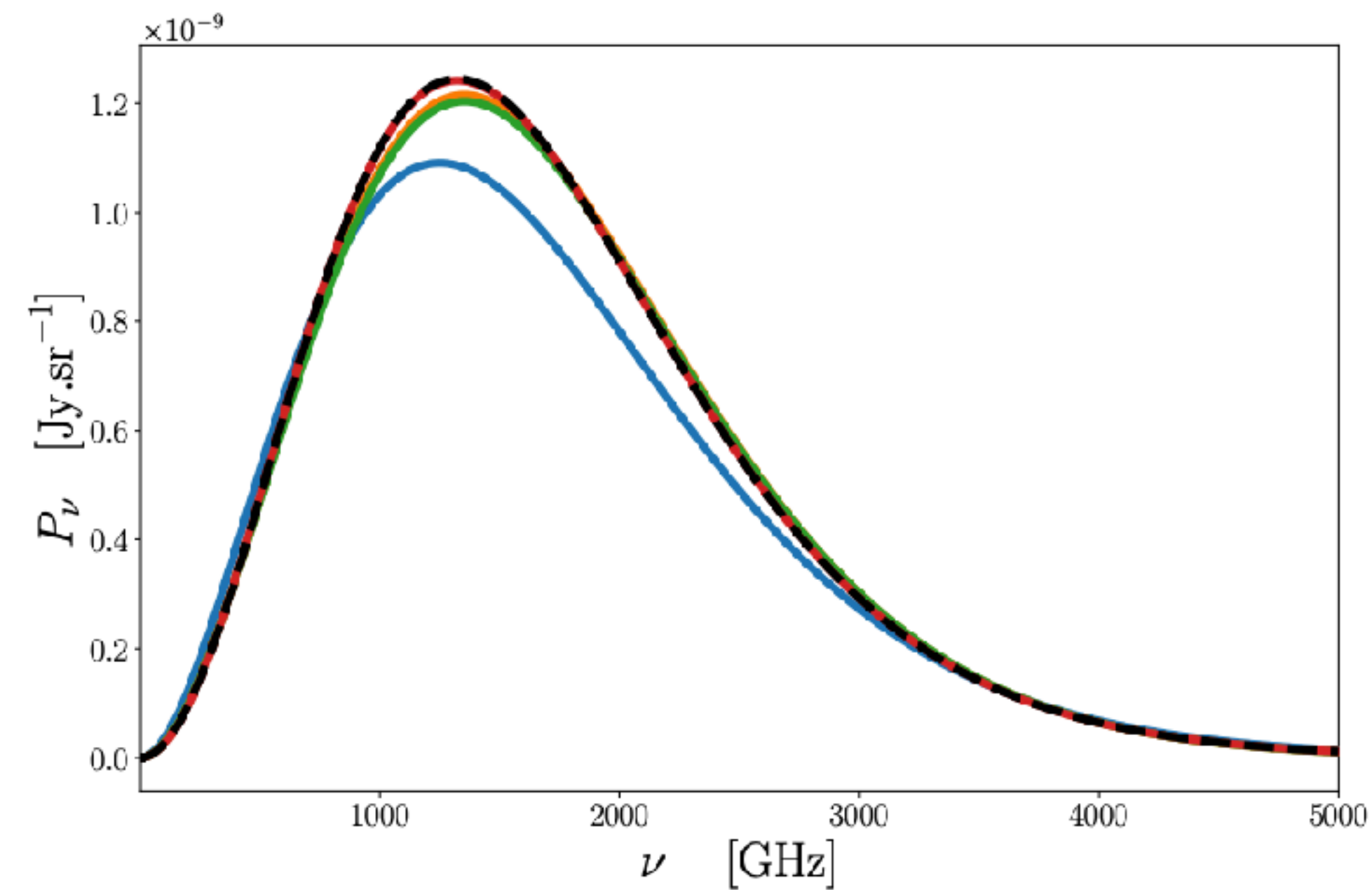
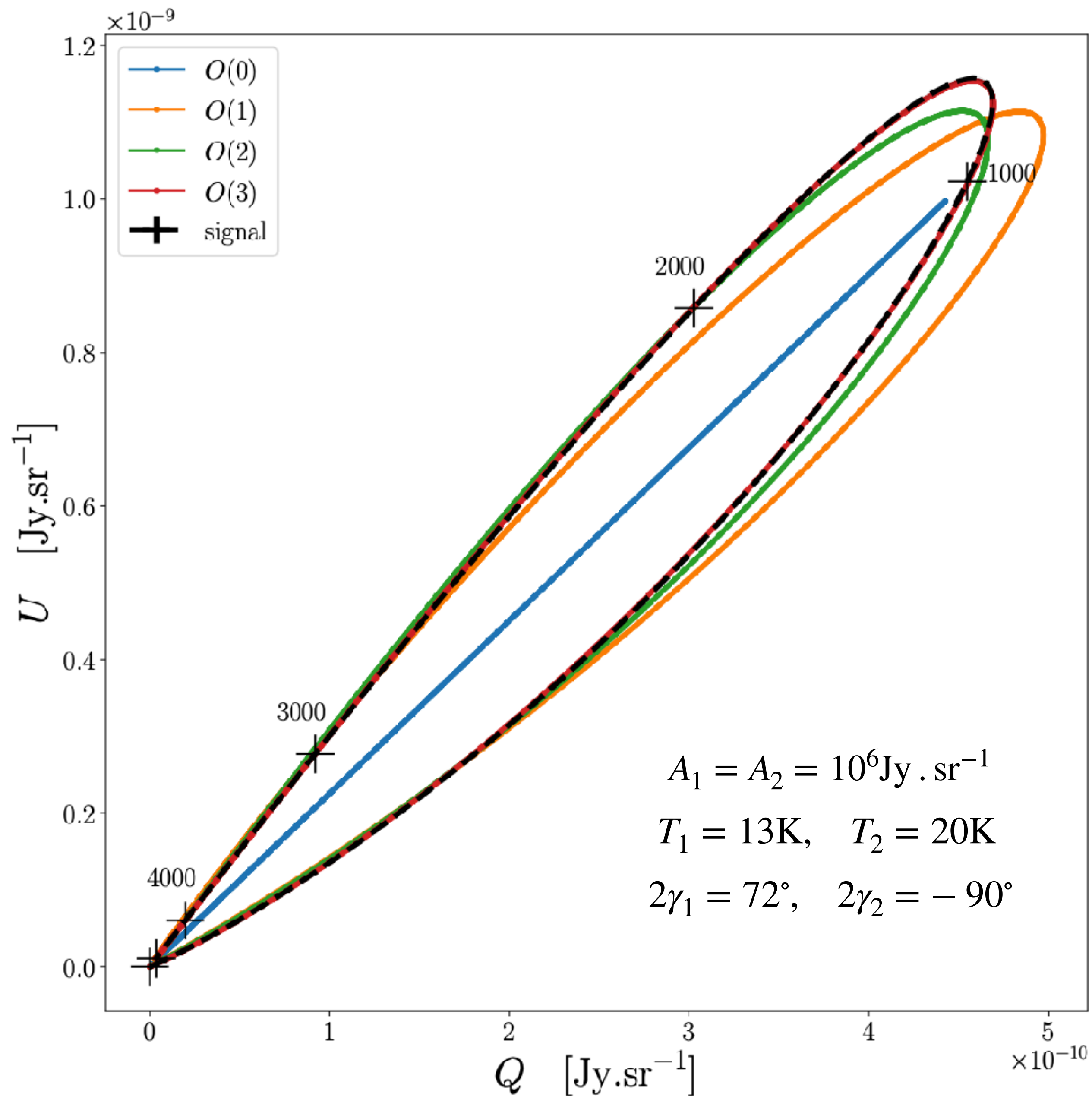
$B_\nu(\tilde{T}) \nearrow$

With:

$$x_R = h\nu \left( k\bar{T} + k\text{Re}(\Delta \mathbf{T}) \right)^{-1} \quad \gamma_\nu^T = \gamma_0 + \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{e^{x_R} \sin(x_I)}{e^{x_R} \cos(x_I) - 1} \right)$$

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**analytical expression  
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+ Spectral modulation  
of the SED!**



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**Cross-terms  $T\beta$**

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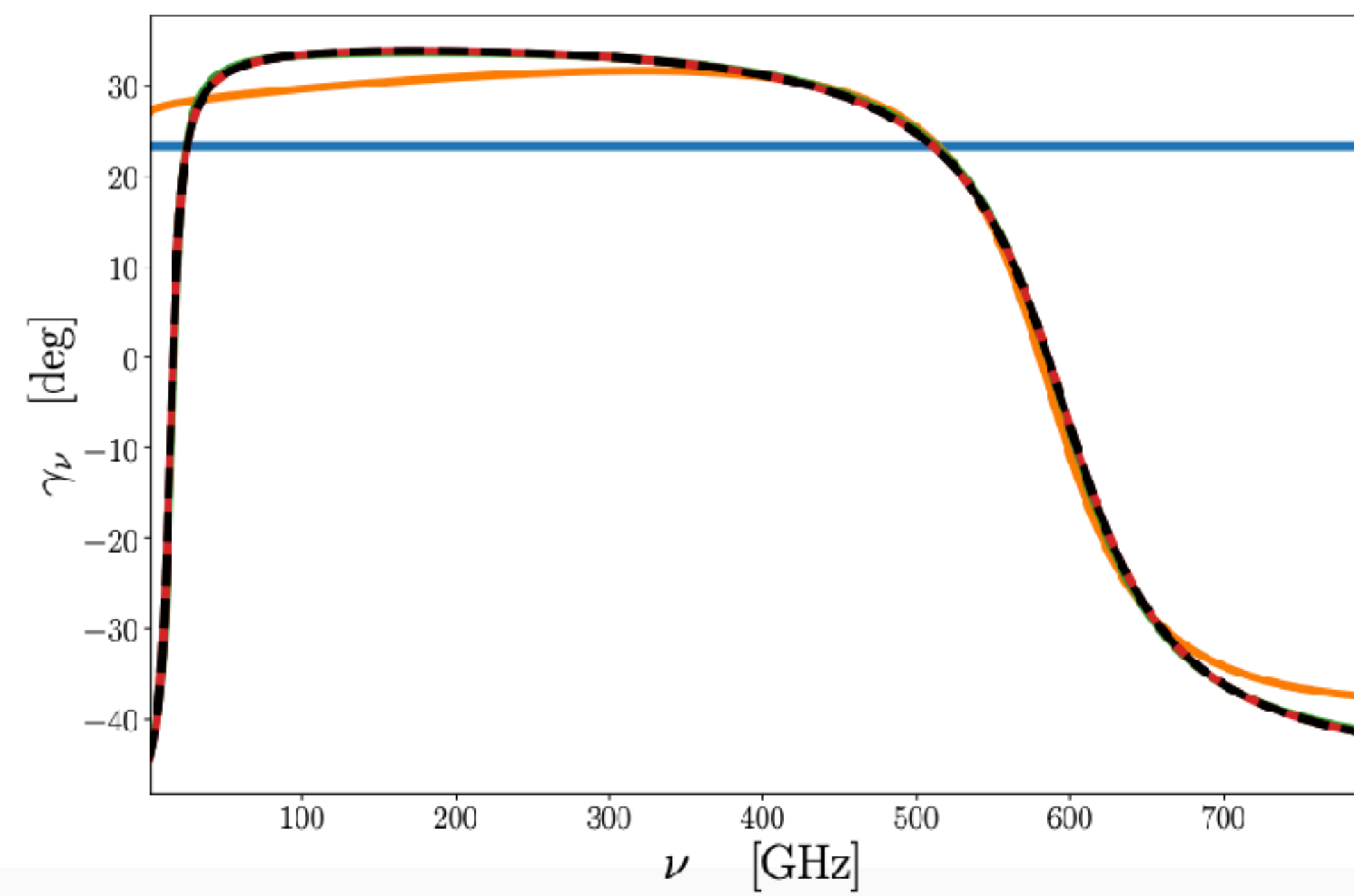
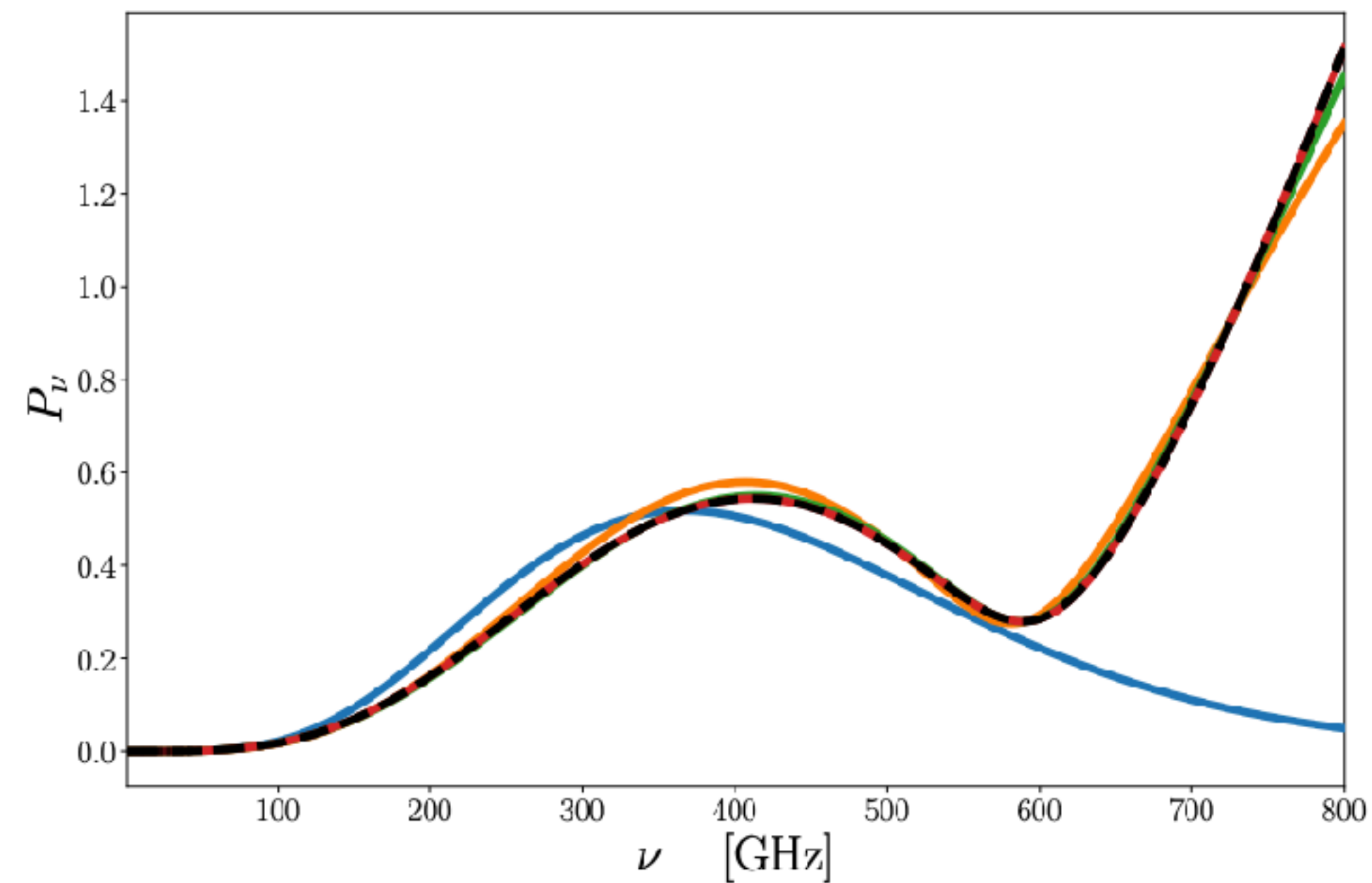
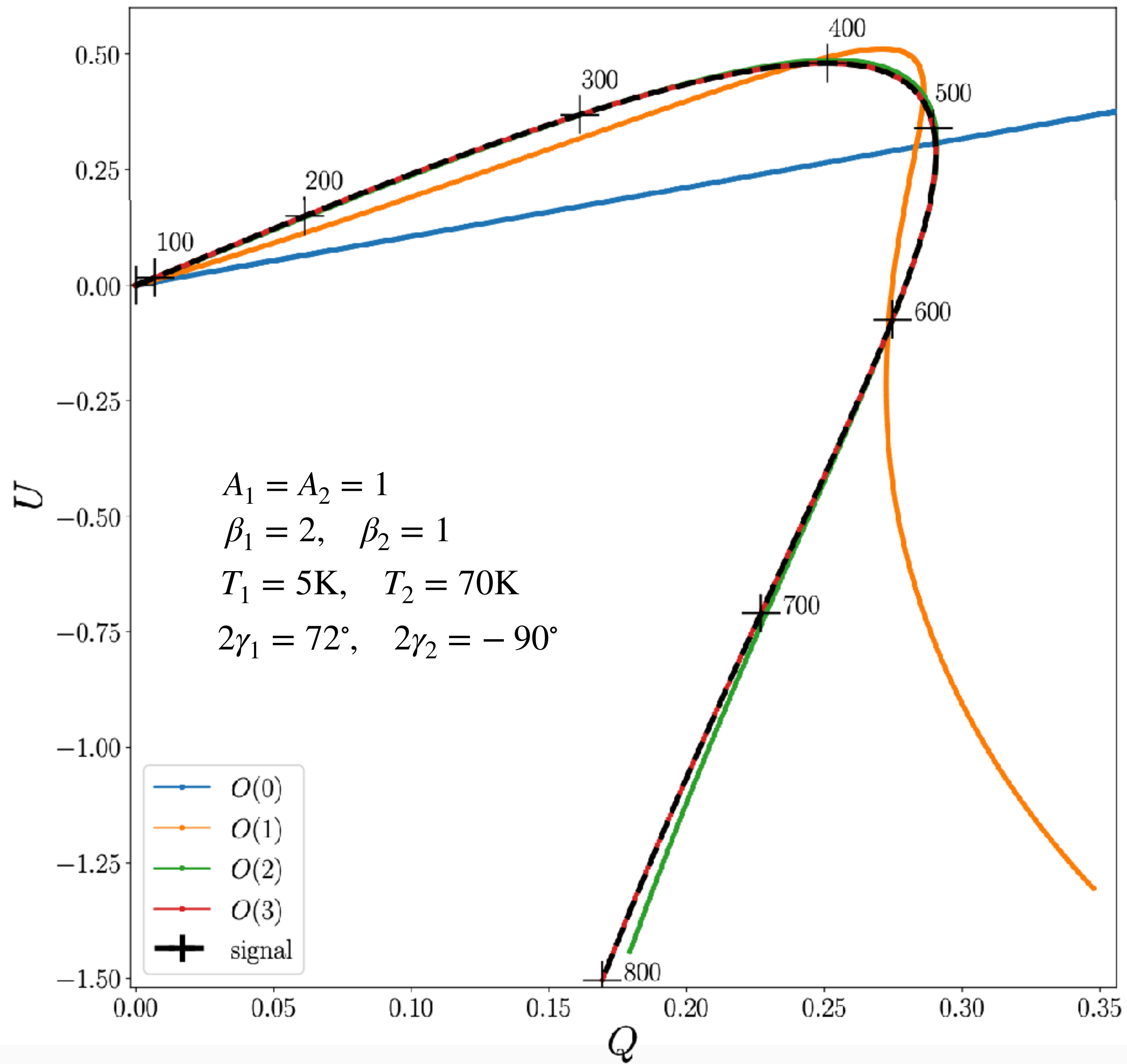
In the perturbative regime  $\mathcal{W}_0 \gg \mathcal{W}_{\alpha'}^p$ , the leading order can be rewritten

As a sum of the PL + GB corrections for  $P_\nu$  and  $\gamma_\nu$

$$\mathcal{P}_\nu^{mBB} \simeq \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{\bar{A} |\mathcal{W}_0| (\nu/\nu_0)^{\bar{\beta}^{PL}} e^{2i\gamma_\nu}}{\sqrt{(e^{x_R} - 1)^2 + 2e^{x_R} [1 - \cos(x_I)]}} + \dots$$

$$\gamma_\nu = \gamma_0 + \gamma_\nu^{PL} + \gamma_\nu^T$$





# VI - Other averaging processes

- Instrumental effects
- Spherical harmonics
- Faraday rotation
- $P_{\nu}^Q \neq P_{\nu}^U$

The **formalism** applies the same way everywhere  
But the **interpretations** of the spin-moments are different

# What's next?

- **Theoretical** extensions ( $E, B$  ?)
- Application to **galactic physics** (ongoing on *Planck* data + *LiteBIRD* simulations...)
- Application to **component separation** (ongoing *LiteBIRD*)
- Application to **spectral distortions** (CMB)
- Applications to **cosmic birefringence**
- **SZ** effect ...



**Thanks for listening !**



# Back-up

# Derivation : intensity

$$\langle I_\nu(A, \mathbf{p}) \rangle = \int \frac{dA(s)}{ds} \hat{I}_\nu(\mathbf{p}(s)) ds \equiv \int \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{p}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \hat{I}_\nu(\mathbf{p}) d^N p. \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{I}_\nu(\mathbf{p}) &= \hat{I}_\nu(\bar{\mathbf{p}}) + \sum_j (p_j - \bar{p}_j) \partial_{\bar{p}_j} \hat{I}_\nu(\bar{\mathbf{p}}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} (p_j - \bar{p}_j)(p_k - \bar{p}_k) \partial_{\bar{p}_j} \partial_{\bar{p}_k} \hat{I}_\nu(\bar{\mathbf{p}}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{3!} \sum_{j,k,l} (p_j - \bar{p}_j)(p_k - \bar{p}_k)(p_l - \bar{p}_l) \partial_{\bar{p}_j} \partial_{\bar{p}_k} \partial_{\bar{p}_l} \hat{I}_\nu(\bar{\mathbf{p}}) \\ &+ \dots \end{aligned}$$

# Derivation : intensity

$$\begin{aligned}\langle I_\nu(A, \mathbf{p}) \rangle &= I_\nu(\bar{A}, \bar{\mathbf{p}}) + \sum_j^N \omega_1^{p_j} \partial_{\bar{p}_j} I_\nu(\bar{A}, \bar{\mathbf{p}}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k}^N \omega_2^{p_j p_k} \partial_{\bar{p}_j} \partial_{\bar{p}_k} I_\nu(\bar{A}, \bar{\mathbf{p}}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{3!} \sum_{j,k,l}^N \omega_3^{p_j p_k p_l} \partial_{\bar{p}_j} \partial_{\bar{p}_k} \partial_{\bar{p}_l} I_\nu(\bar{A}, \bar{\mathbf{p}}) + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_\alpha^{p_j \dots p_l} &= \frac{\langle A (p_j - \bar{p}_j) \dots (p_l - \bar{p}_l) \rangle}{\bar{A}} \\ &= \frac{\int \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{p}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) (p_j - \bar{p}_j) \dots (p_l - \bar{p}_l) d^N p}{\int \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{p}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) d^N p},\end{aligned}$$

# Derivation : Polarization

$$\langle \mathcal{P}_\nu \rangle = \langle P_\nu(A, \mathbf{p}) e^{2i\gamma} \rangle \equiv \int \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{p}, \gamma, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \hat{P}_\nu(\mathbf{p}) e^{2i\gamma} d^N p d\gamma.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{P}_\nu(A, \mathbf{p}, \gamma) \rangle &= \hat{P}_\nu(\bar{\mathbf{p}}) \langle A e^{2i\gamma} \rangle + \sum_j^N \langle A e^{2i\gamma} (p_j - \bar{p}_j) \rangle \partial_{\bar{p}_j} \hat{P}_\nu(\bar{\mathbf{p}}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k}^N \langle A e^{2i\gamma} (p_j - \bar{p}_j)(p_k - \bar{p}_k) \rangle \partial_{\bar{p}_j} \partial_{\bar{p}_k} \hat{P}_\nu(\bar{\mathbf{p}}) + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

$$W_\alpha^{p_j \dots p_l} = \frac{\langle A e^{2i\gamma} (p_j - \bar{p}_j) \dots (p_l - \bar{p}_l) \rangle}{\bar{A}}$$



# No pivot for polarization

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Leading to no leading order in the expansion and  $\mathcal{W}_1^p$

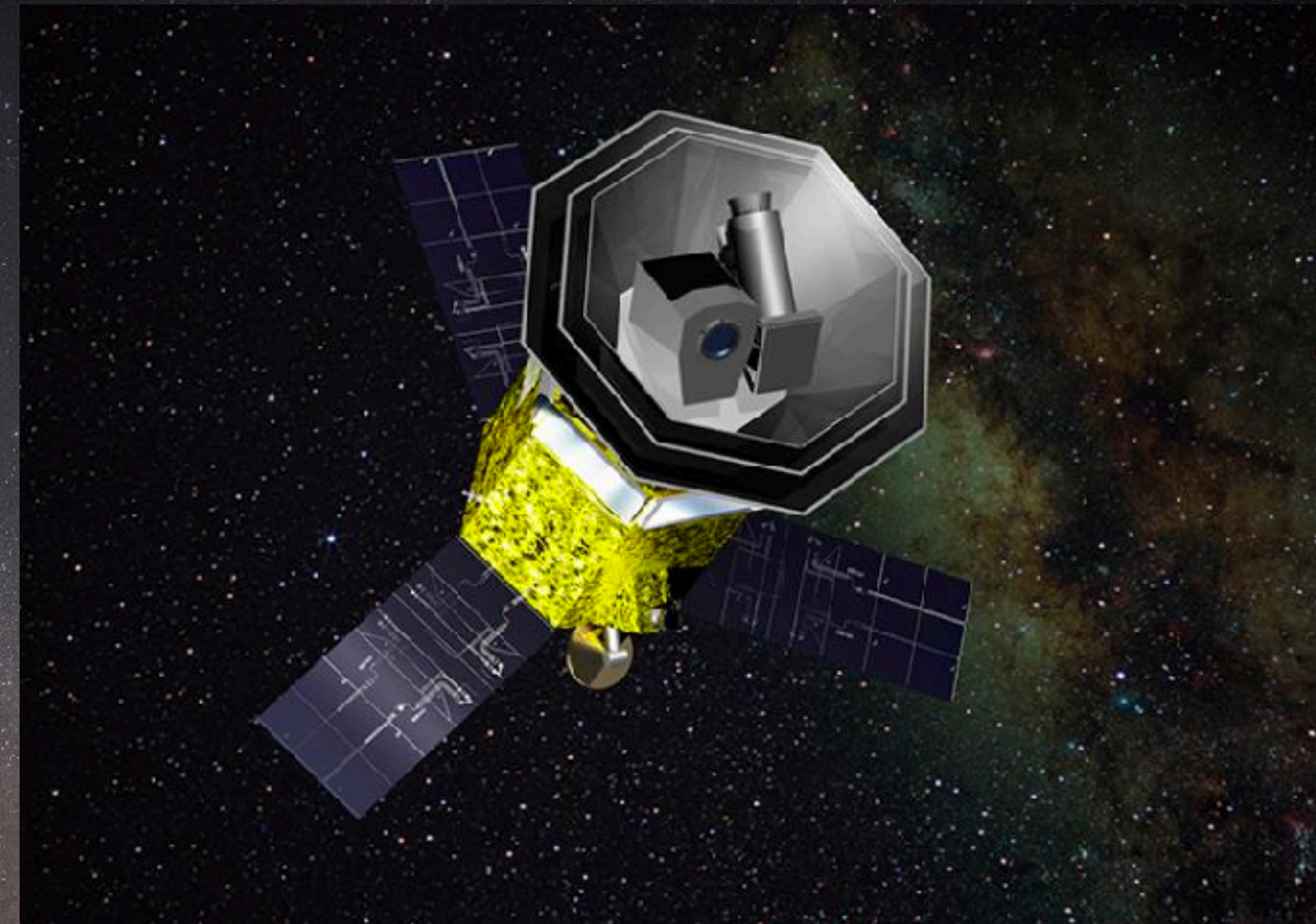
Representing the signal. One can not choose  $\mathcal{W}_1^p = 0$

As a general condition to determine  $\bar{\mathbf{p}}$

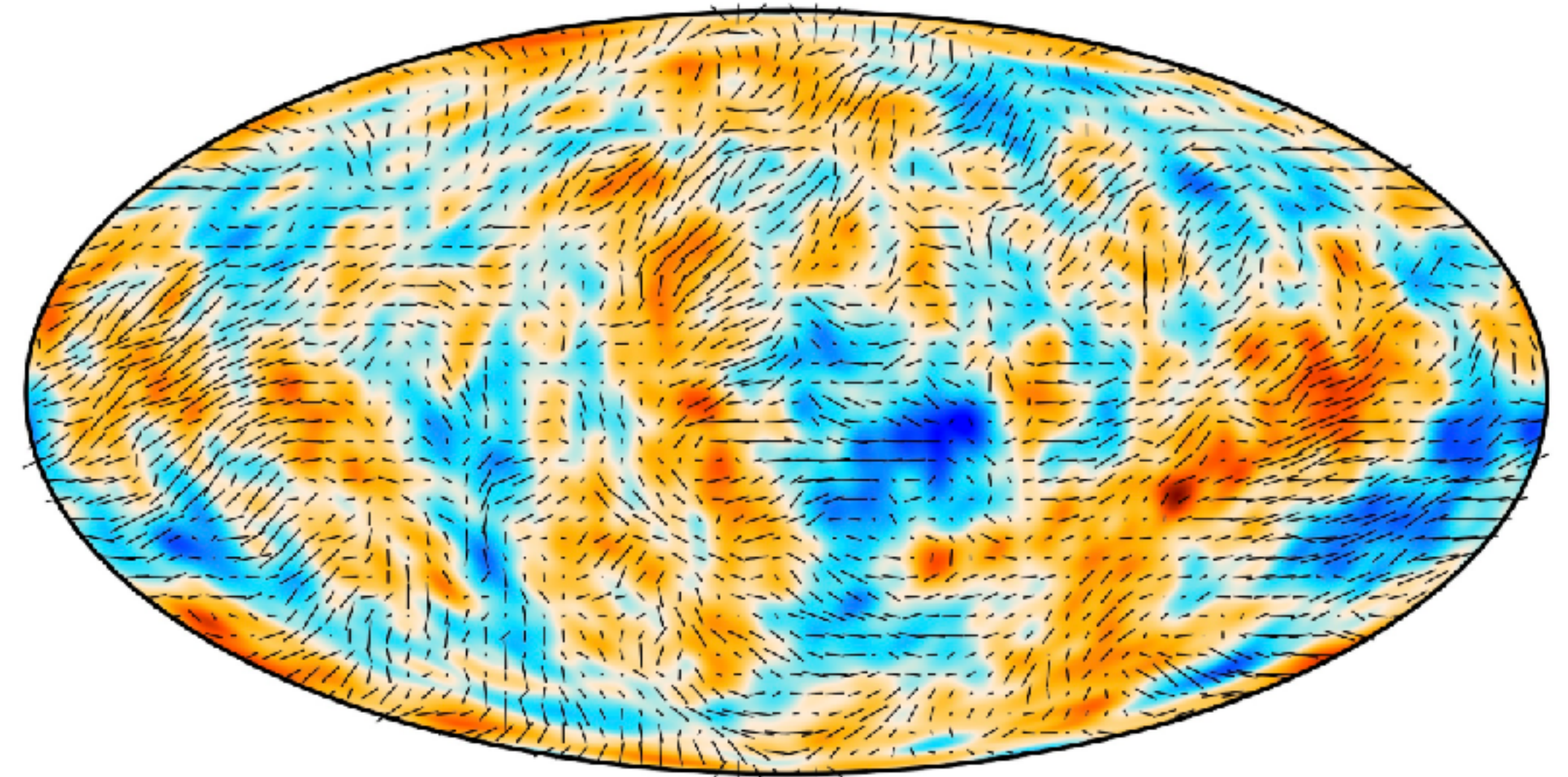
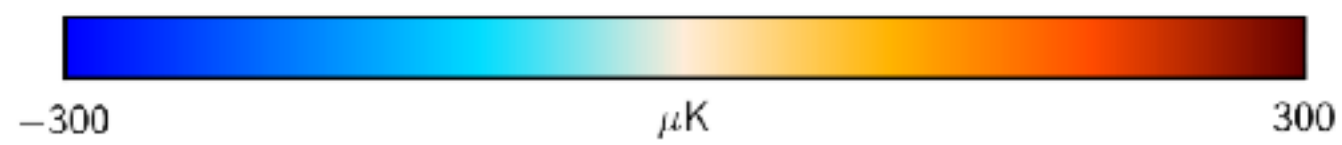
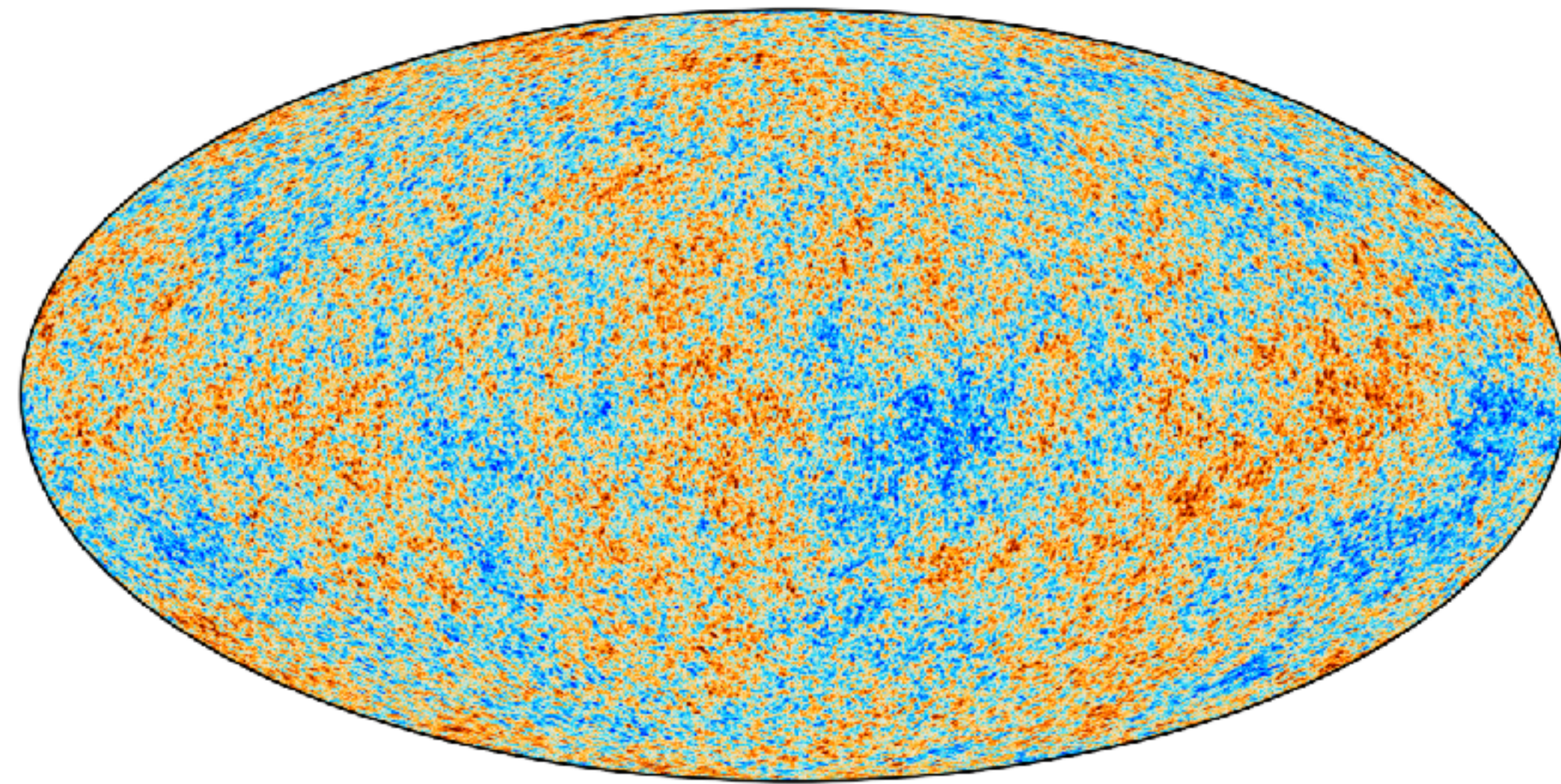
—> however possible in the perturbative regime  $\mathcal{W}_0 \gg \mathcal{W}_1^p$

# LiteBIRD and the *B*-modes quest

- **JAXA** project. Phase A **CNES, ESA, NASA, CSA** involved
- **Lite** (*Light*) satellite for the studies of **B**-mode polarization and **I**nflation from cosmic background **R**adiation **D**etection
- Build to reach  $\delta r = 1 \times 10^{-3}$
- **3** telescopes LFT, MFT, HFT
- Expected in **2029** at **L2** for more than **3 years** of observation
- Good news also for galactic science !



# Cosmic microwave background



# Cosmic Inflation and the *B* modes

Puzzles with Big-Bang cosmology :

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- Horizon
- Extremely low entropy
- Cosmological defects
- formation of structures

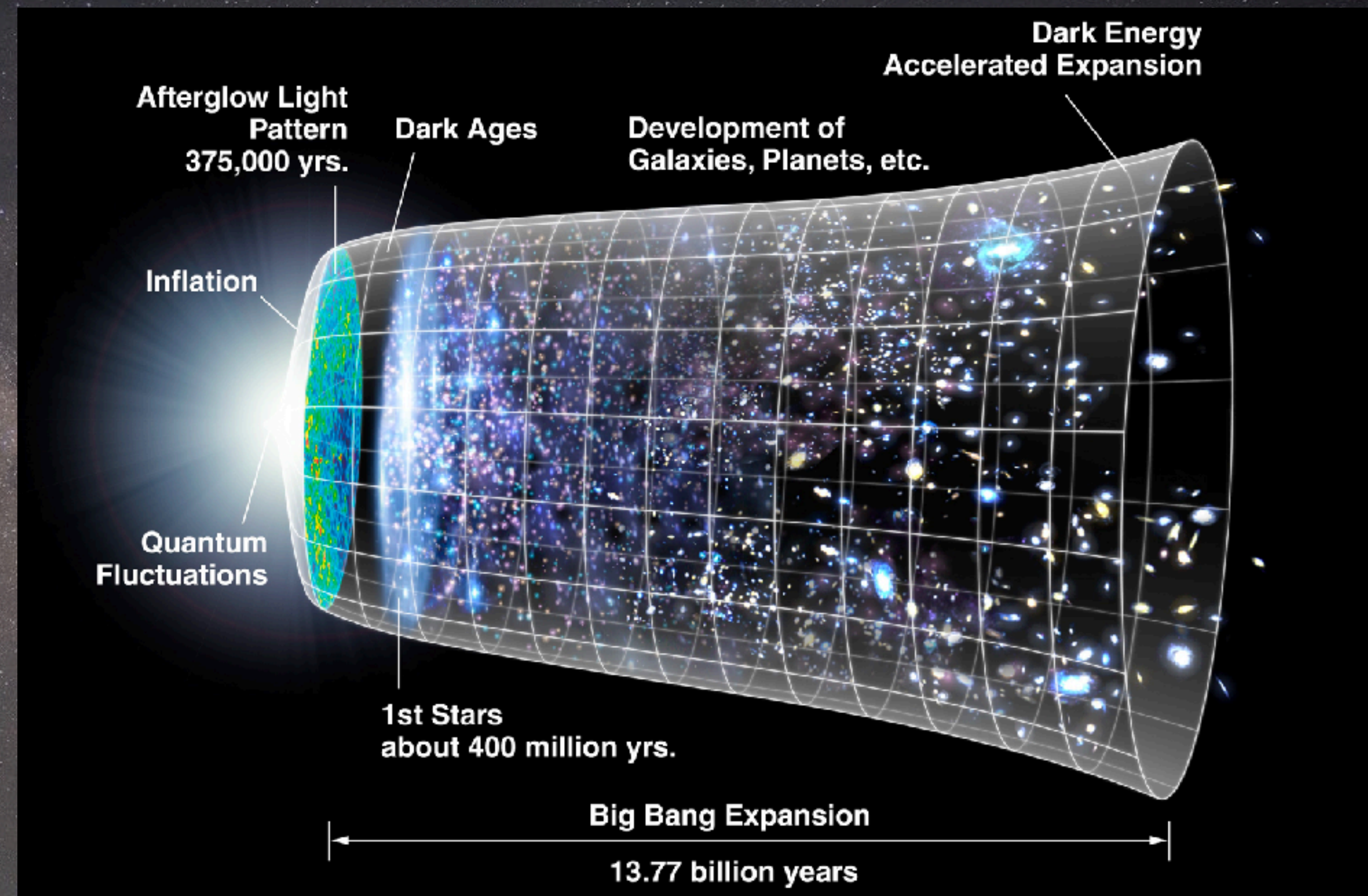
} Fine tuning

New mechanism : **inflation**

New scalar degree of freedom : **Inflaton**

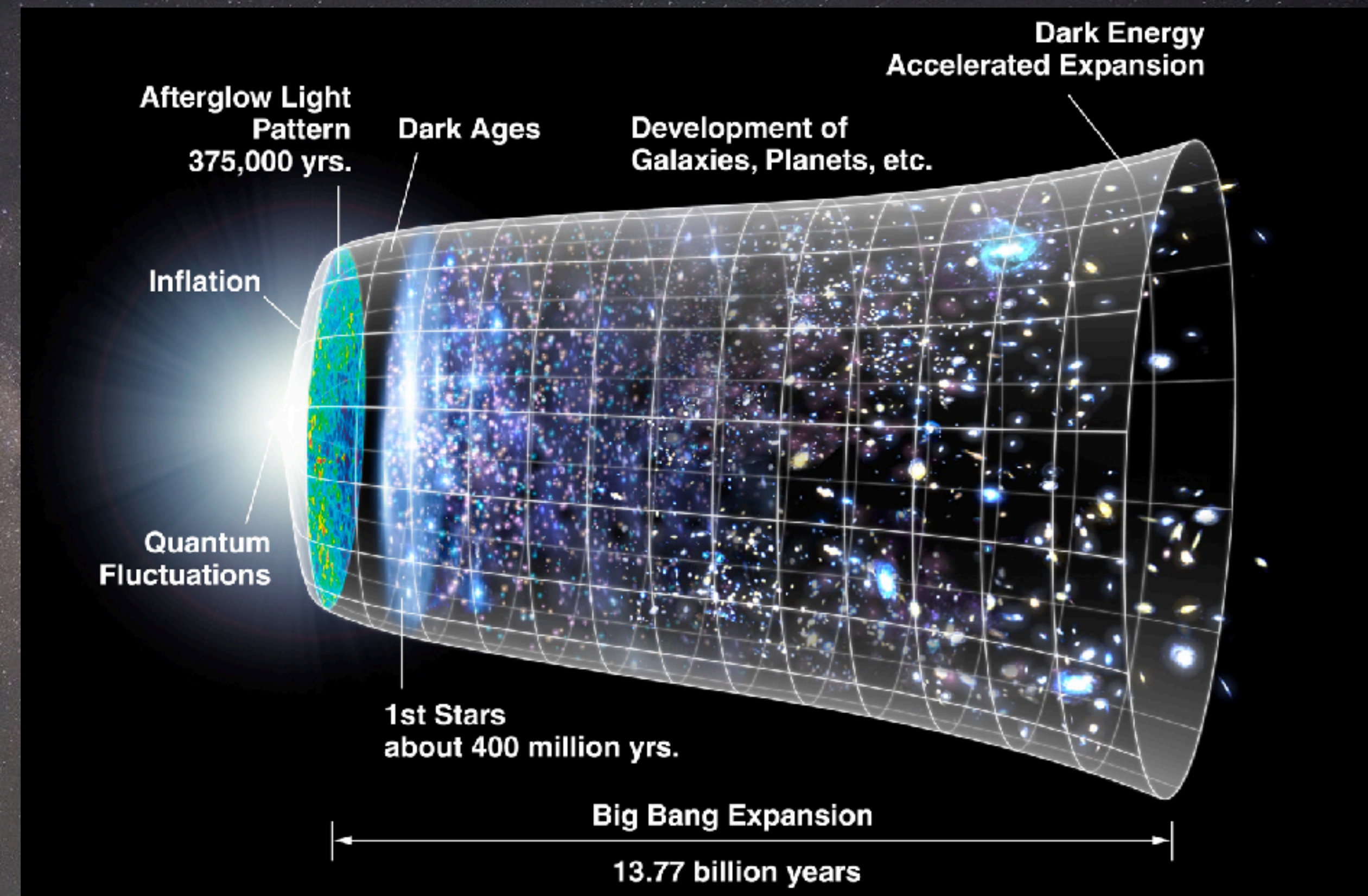
Primordial Universe expansion :

$\times 10^{26}$  in  $10^{-35}$  s after primordial singularity



# Cosmic Inflation and the $B$ modes

- Expected imprint on the CMB polarisation (propagation of gravitational waves in plasma)
- $B$ -modes
- Parameter  $r$  proportional to energy scale
- *Today best constraint on  $r$  :*  
 $r < 0.044$



Ref : Tristram et al 2021, Planck + BICEP2/Keck data [arXiv:2010.01139](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.01139)

# I - Polarized signals in astrophysics and cosmology

Physics with a **preferred direction** will tend to produce light with a preferred **direction of oscillation (i.e. Polarization)**

Common in astrophysics (magnetic fields, grain shapes ...)

My interest here will be focused on: **Large scale** polarized emission in the **Microwave/IR**

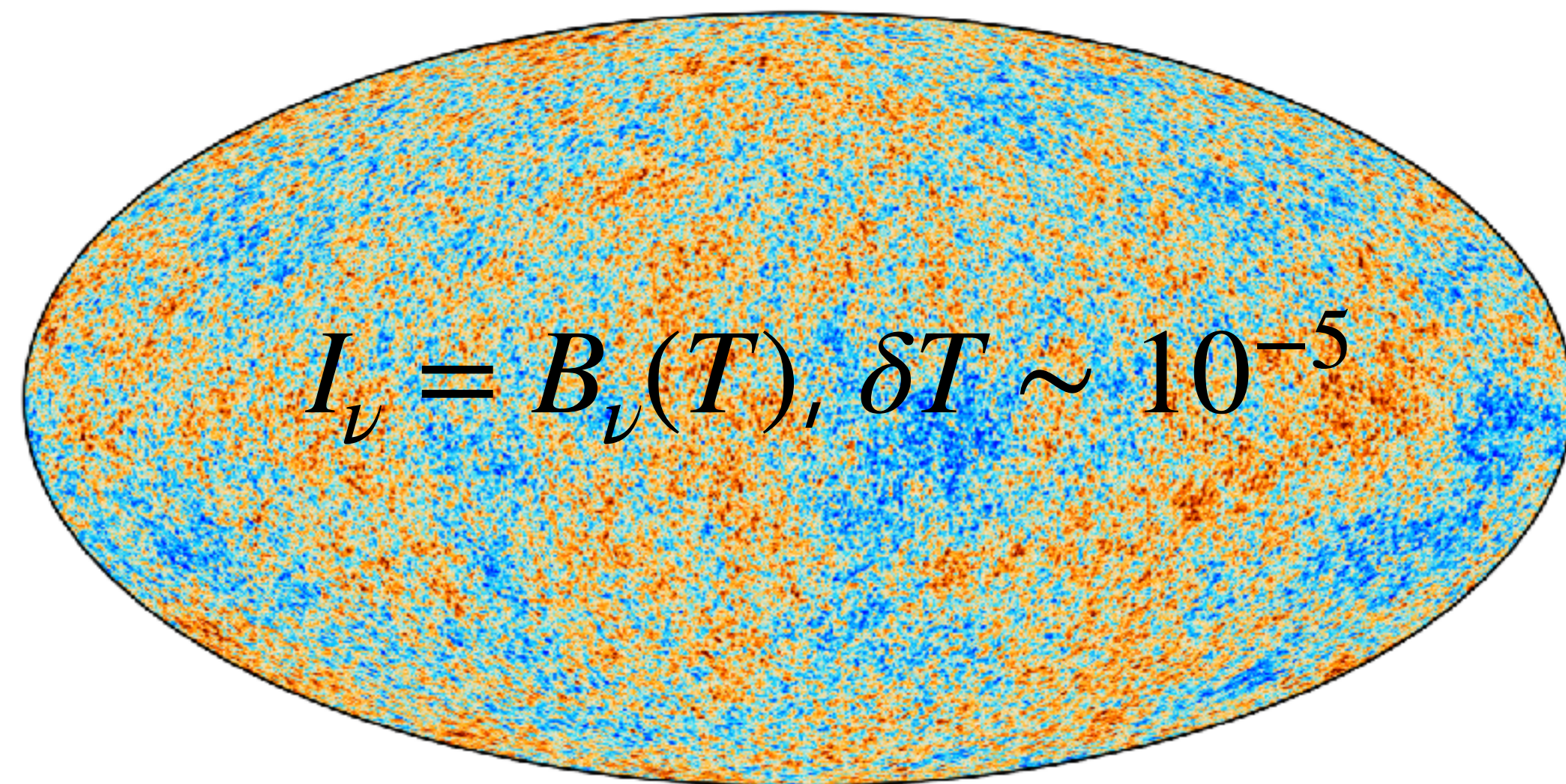
# My point is ...

Understanding better complicated **astrophysical polarized signal** is crucial to:

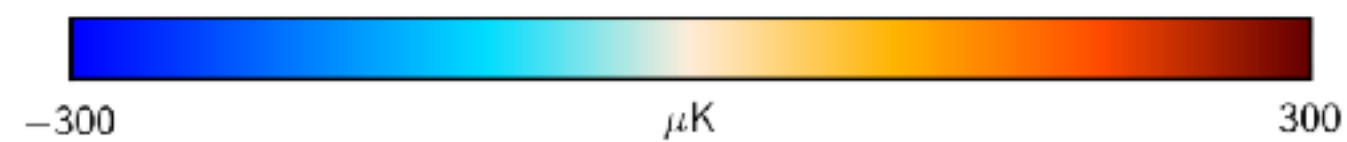
- Understand the **physics of emitting points** (critical for galactic physics, cosmology, high energy physics ...)
- « Clean » the **polarized foregrounds** from CMB signal (or else)

# CMB Polarization

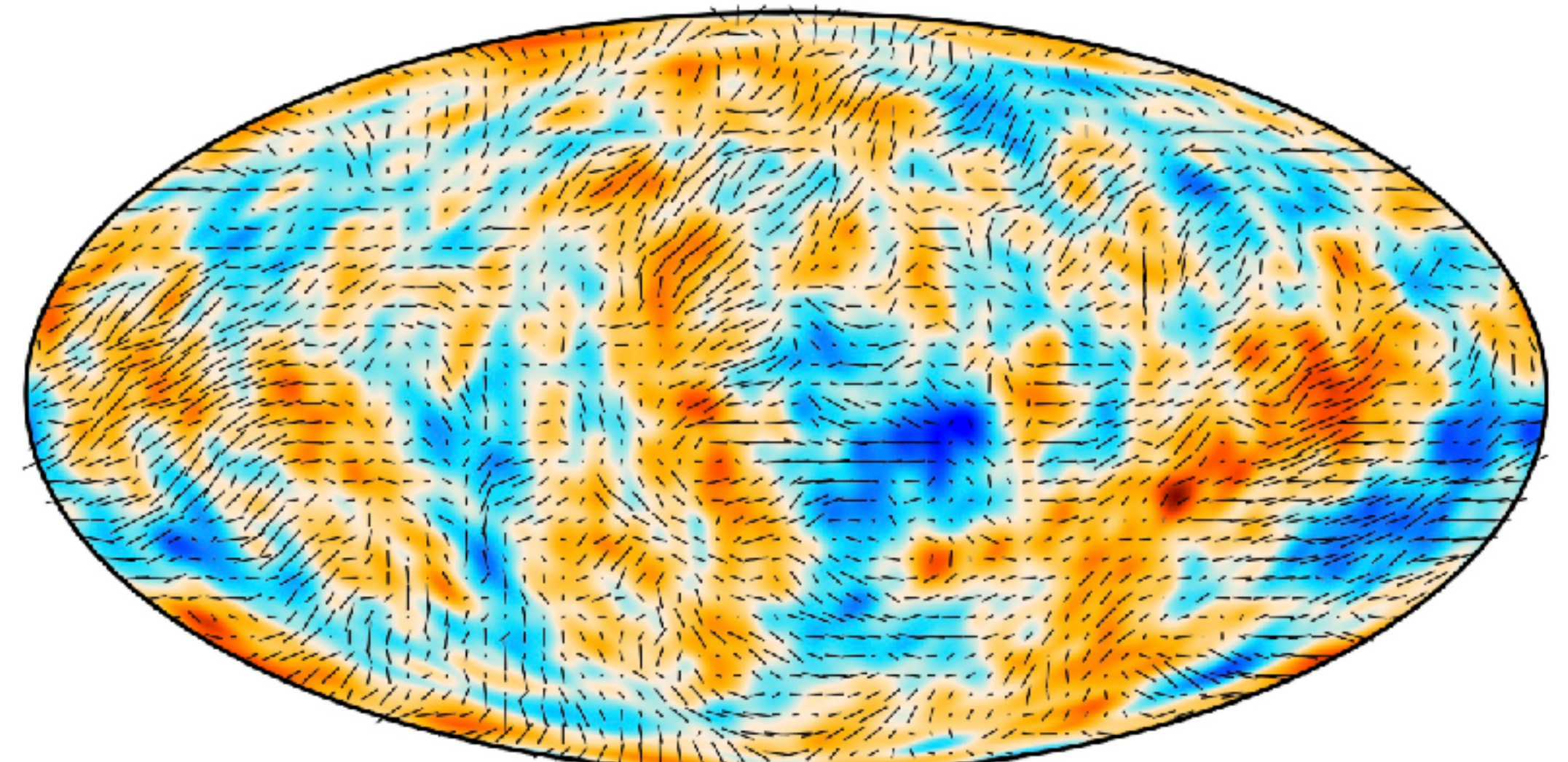
Intensity



$$I_\nu = B_\nu(T), \delta T \sim 10^{-5}$$



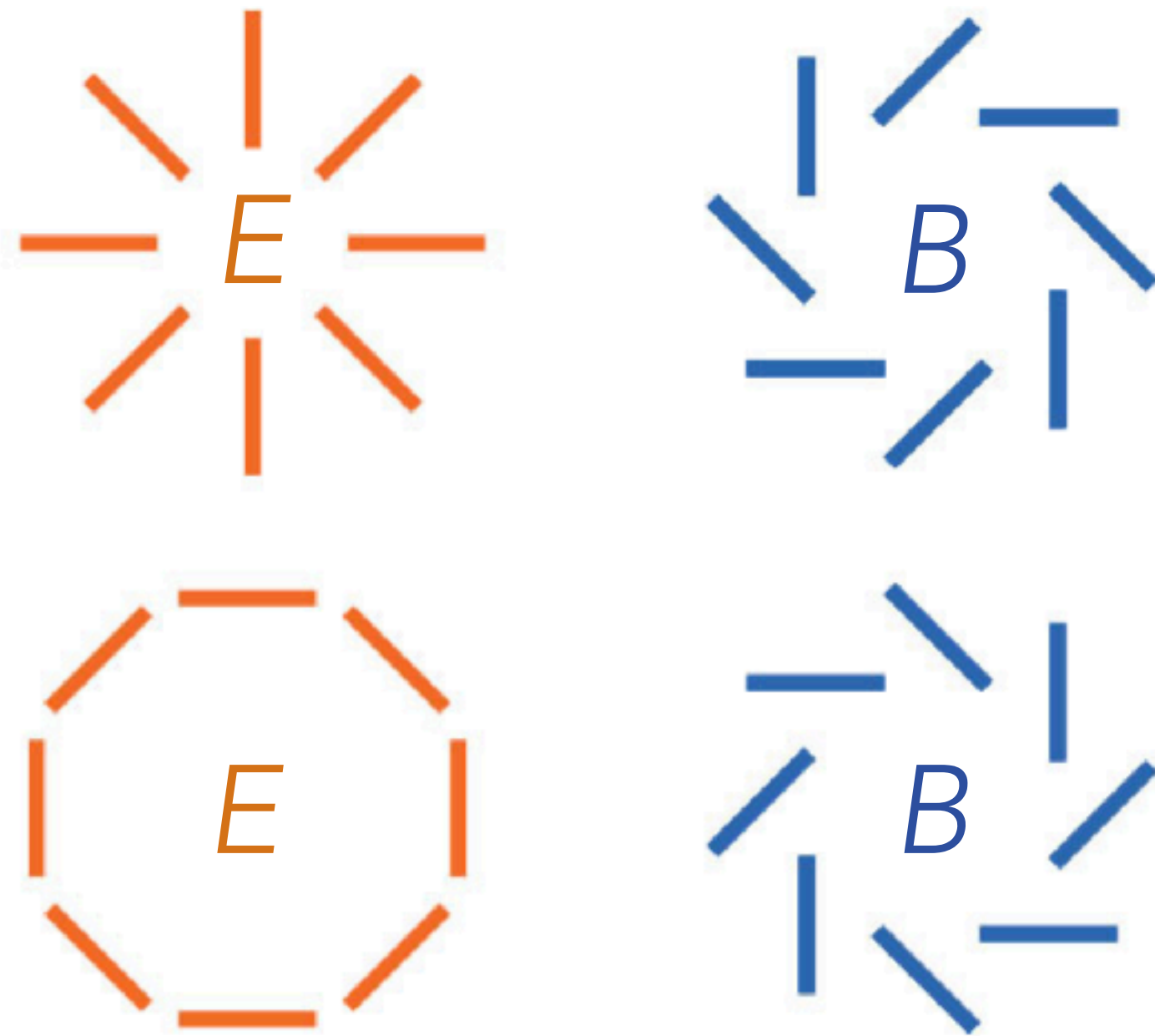
Polarization



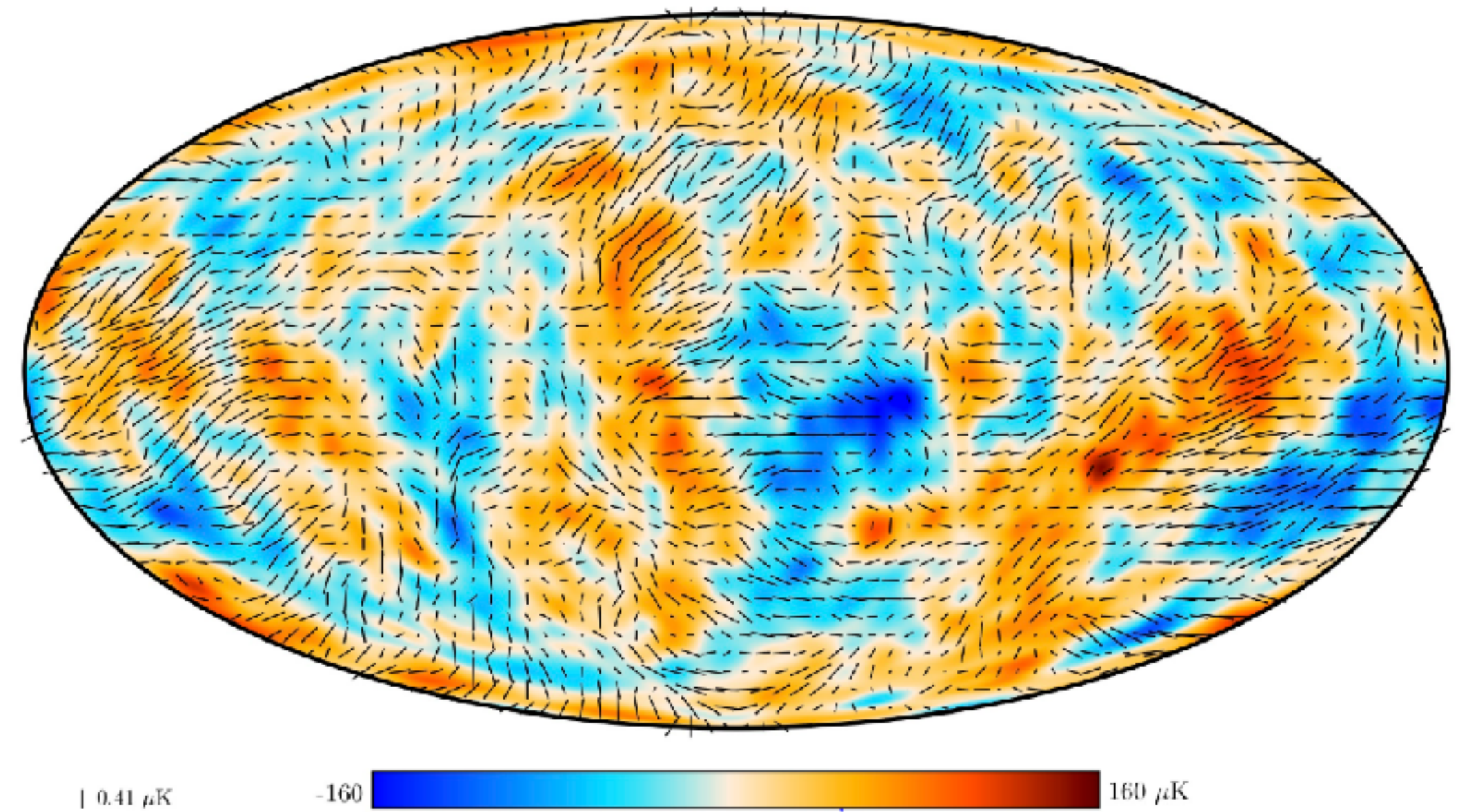


# CMB Polarization

$E$ - and  $B$ - modes

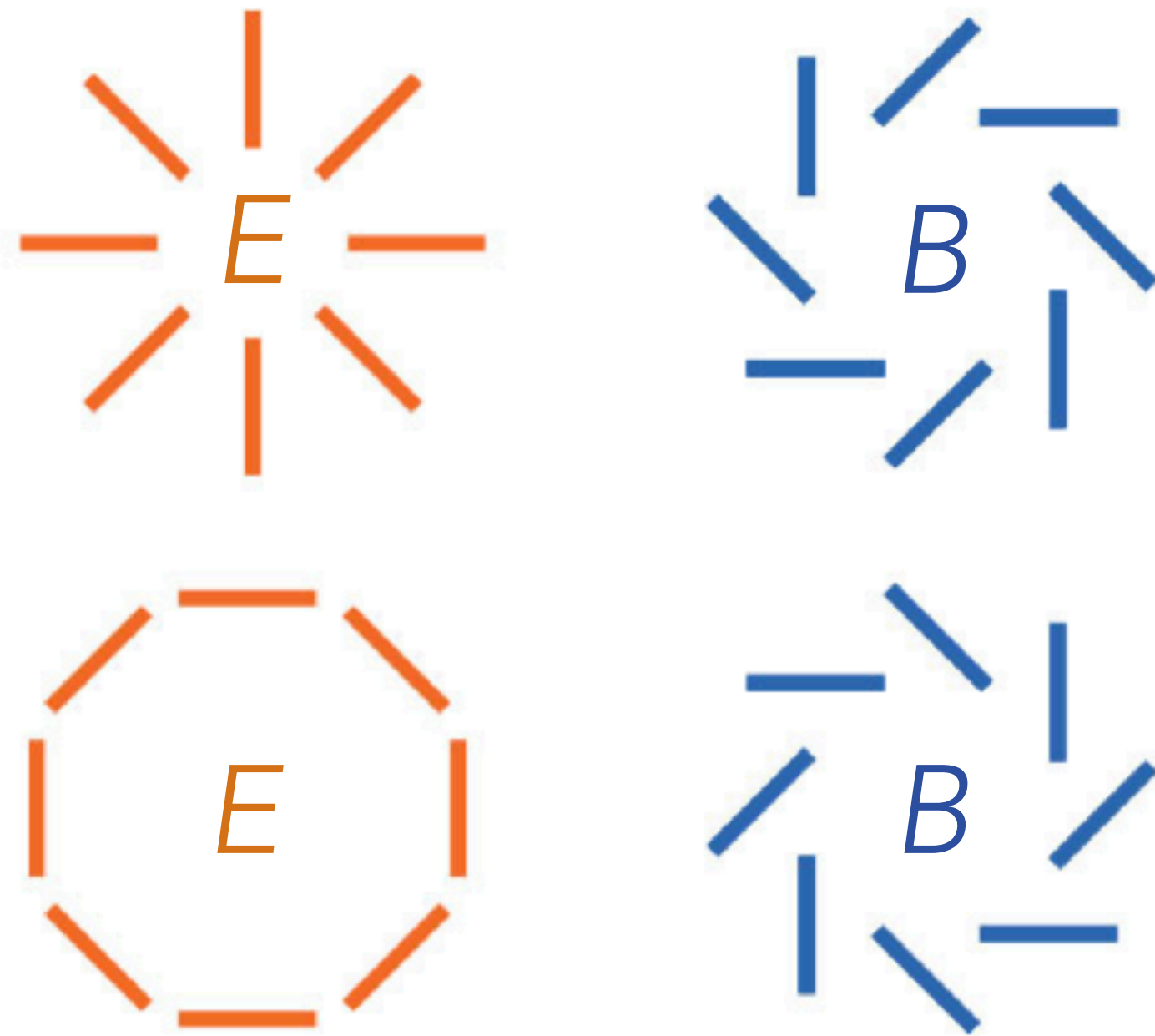


Polarization



# CMB Polarization

$E$ - and  $B$ - modes



- $\Omega_i$  Densities
  - $H_0$  Hubble parameter
  - $\tau$  Reionization
  - $r, n_s$  Inflation
- And much much more!

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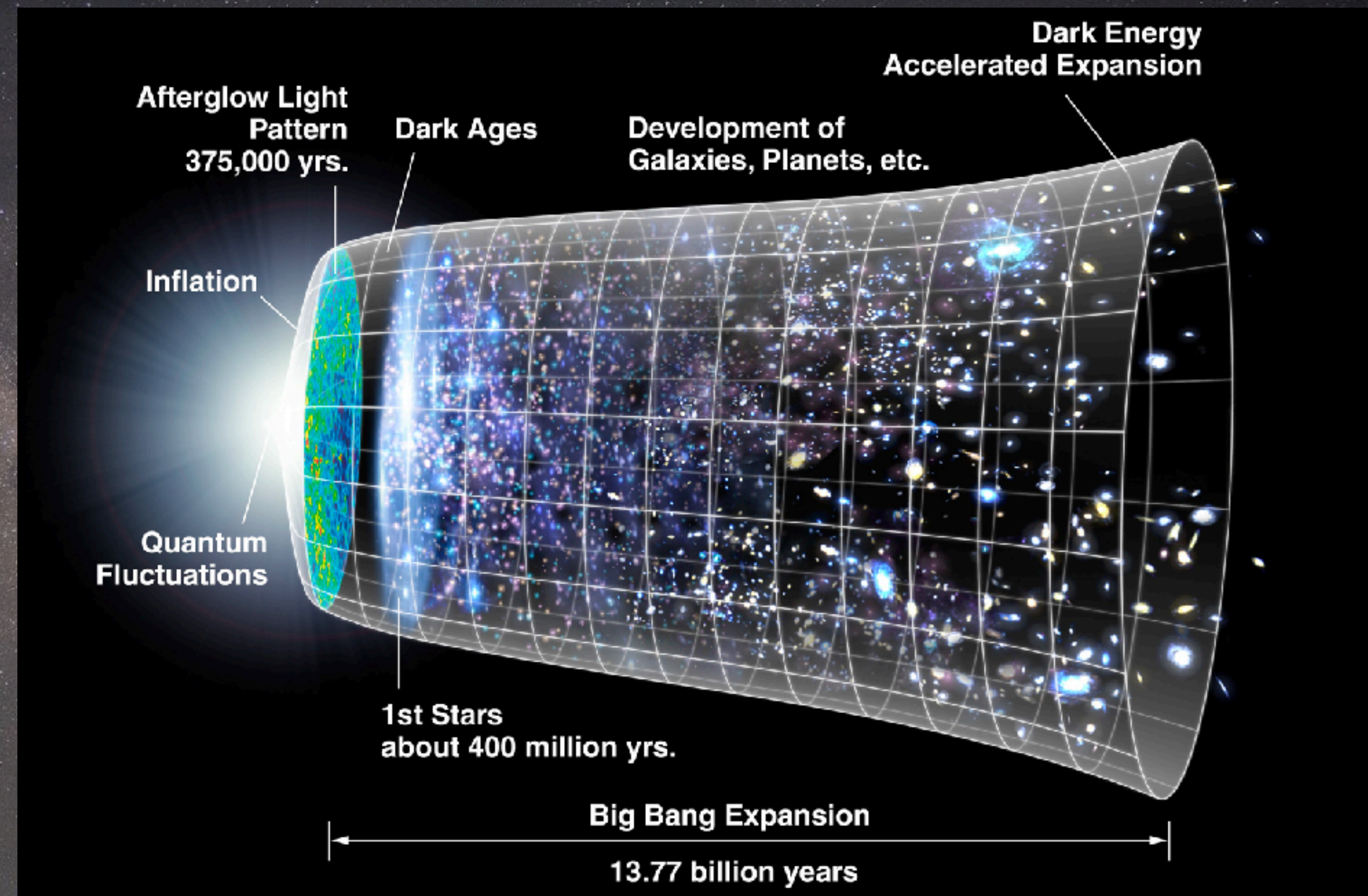
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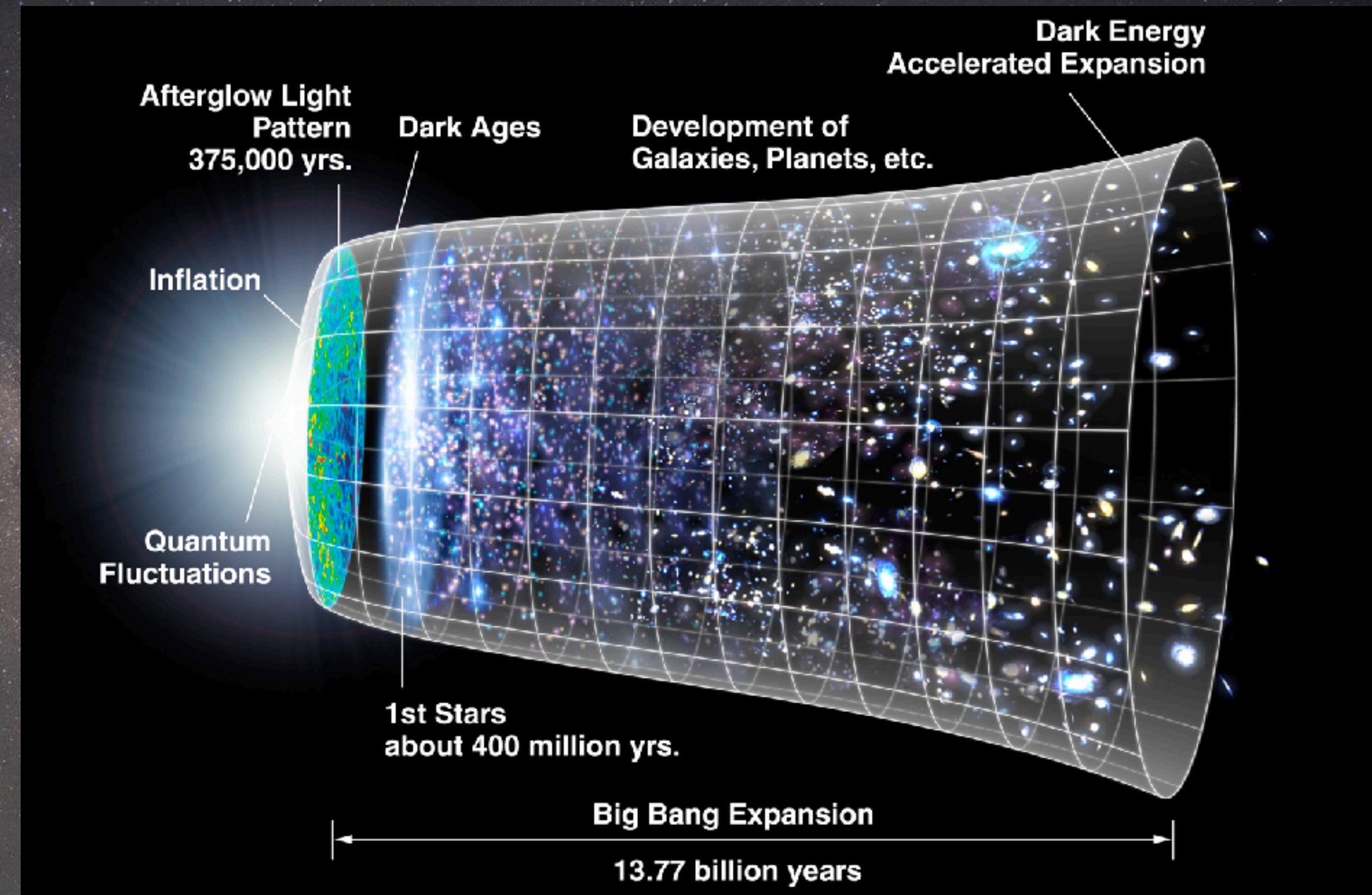


# Cosmic Inflation and the *B* modes

Now inflation is part of the **standard model of cosmology**

Several hints but **no direct observation**

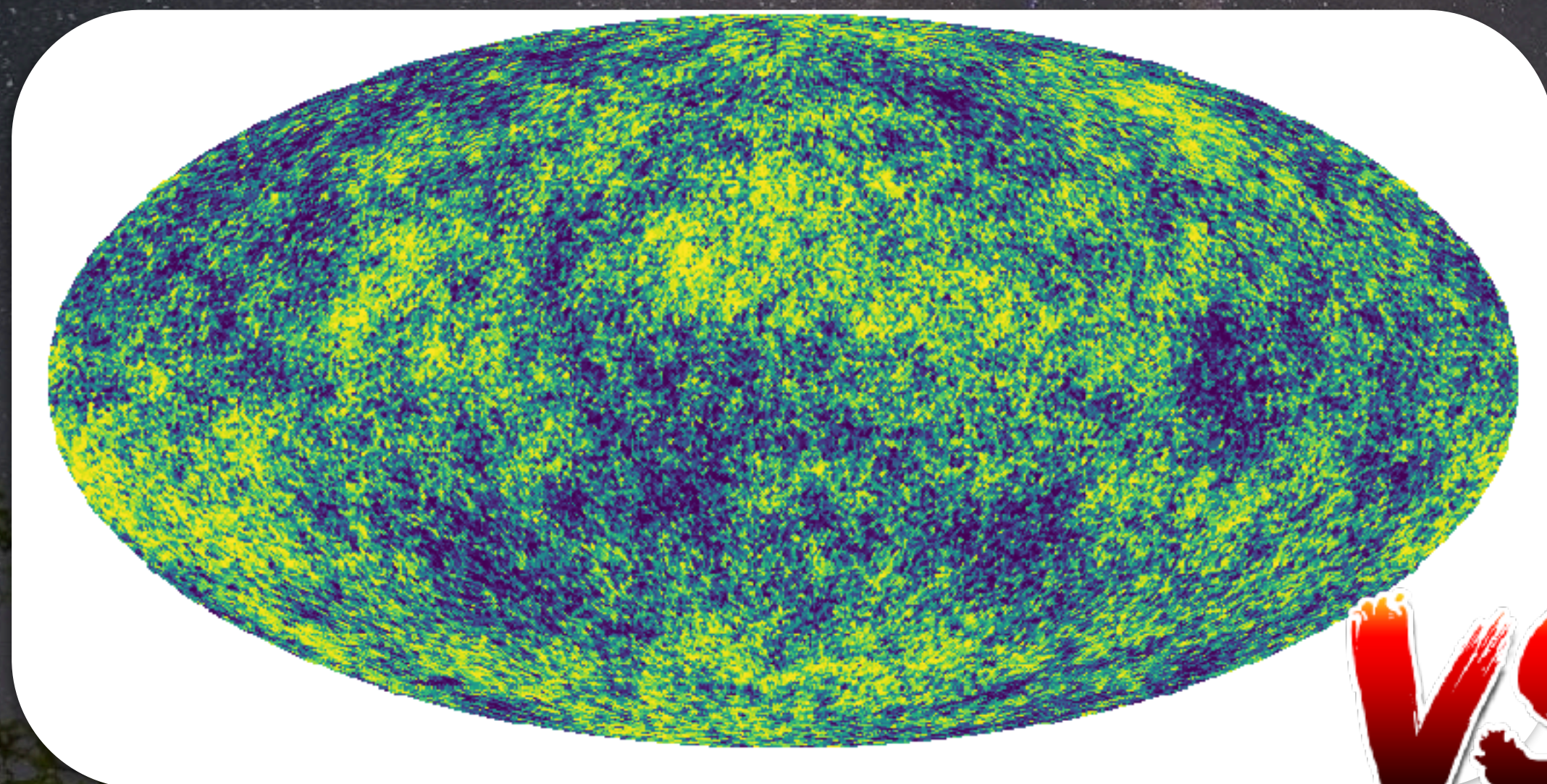
Would be the only source of primordial ***B-modes***



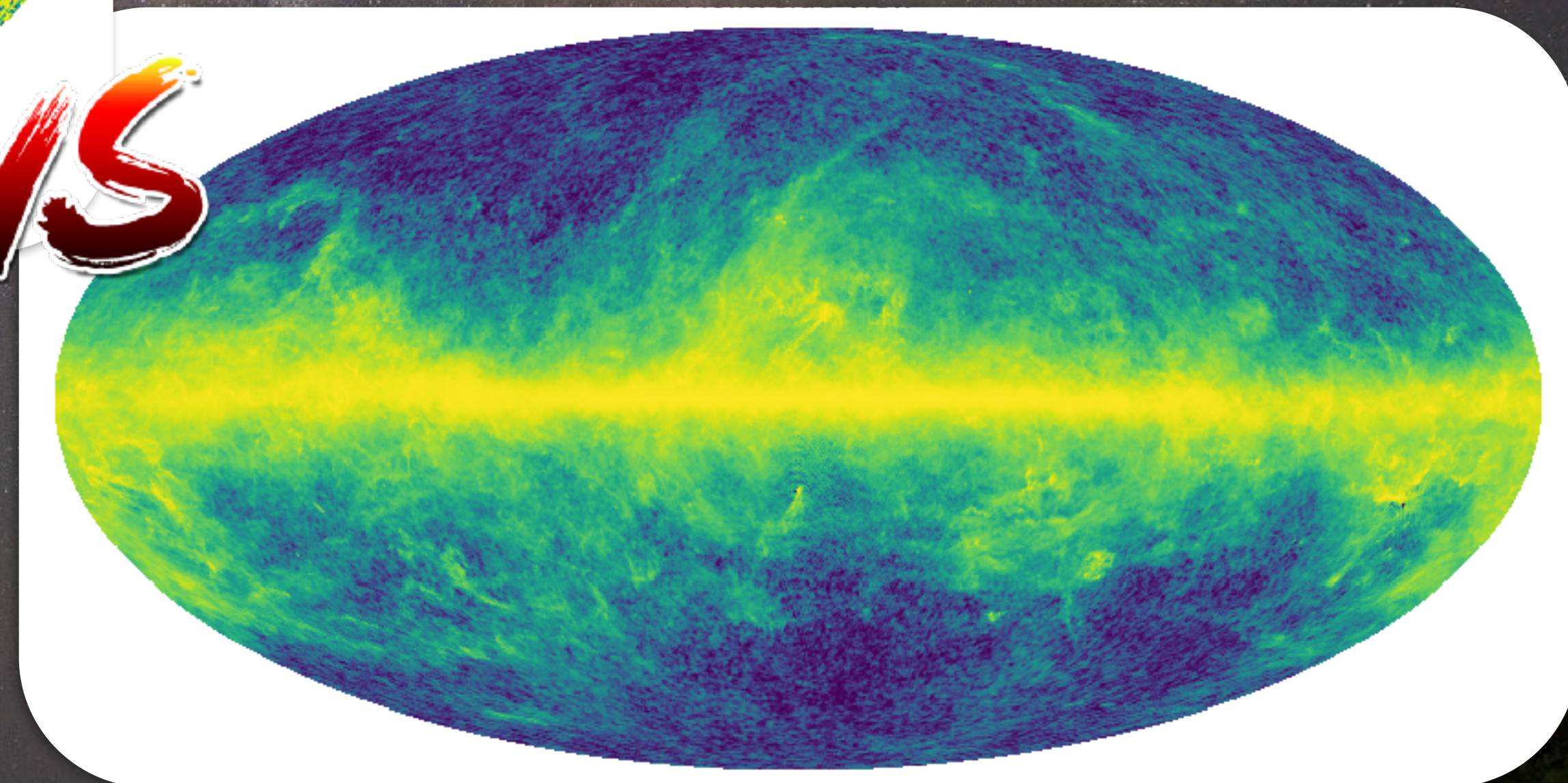
# Galactic foregrounds

Polarized astrophysical sources emitting mainly in CMB's wavelength interval:

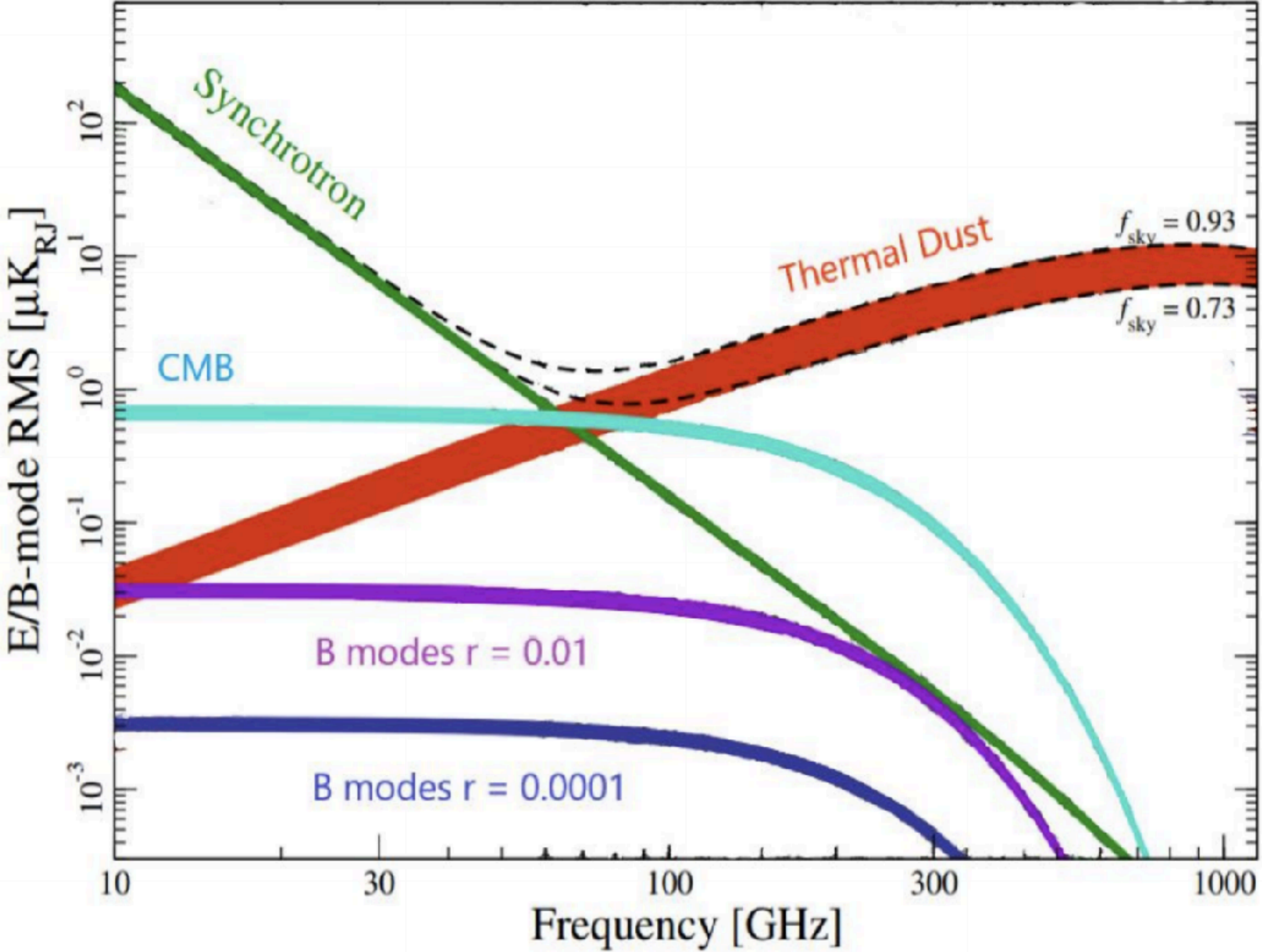
- ★ Dust thermal emission
- ★ Synchrotron
- ★ Spinning dust (AME)



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# Galactic foregrounds



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