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# A novel method for joint systematic correction and foreground cleaning and its application to the estimation of cosmic birefringence in Simons Observatory and LiteBIRD.

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# Cosmic Birefringence

**Cosmic Birefringence:** rotation of polarisation angle of CMB

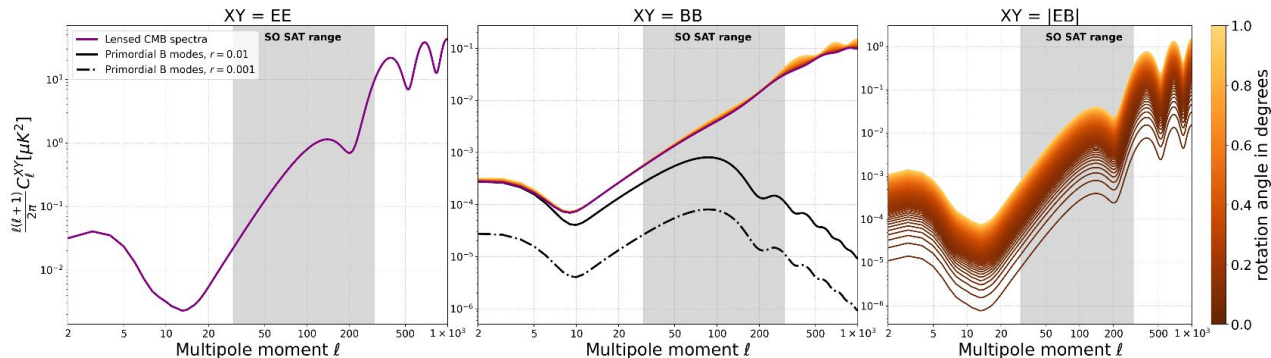
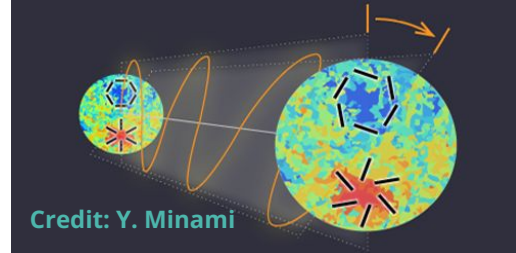
Correlation between E- and B-modes: window into parity violation mechanism, e.g. Chern-Simons coupling from axion-like particles

Focus on **spatially constant** and **time independent** cosmic birefringence: isotropic birefringence  $\beta_b$

Hints  $\beta_b = 0.35^\circ \pm 0.14^\circ$  from Planck data ([Minami et al. 2020](#) & [Diego-Palazuelos et al. 2022](#)) based on assumptions about foreground EB correlations for calibration.

My goals:

- How and with what precision can we measure  $\beta_b$
- Requirements on calibration
- What is the effect on the measurement of r

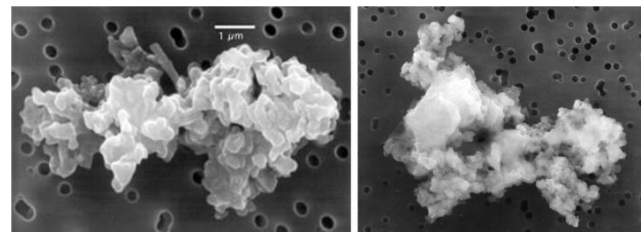


# Problem 1: Galactic Foregrounds, Dust & Synchrotron

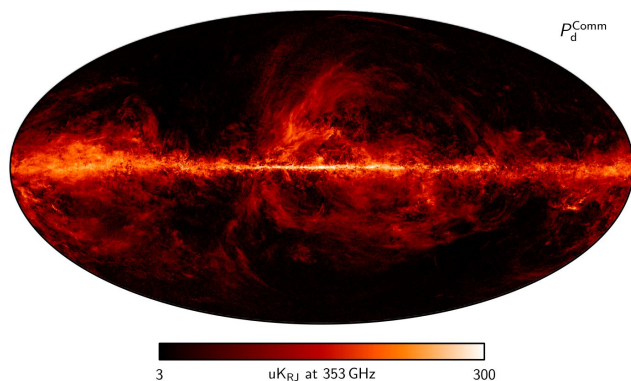
Dust emission: Asymmetric dust grains in the galaxy aligned with magnetic fields.

Synchrotron emissions: charged particles accelerated along Galactic magnetic fields.

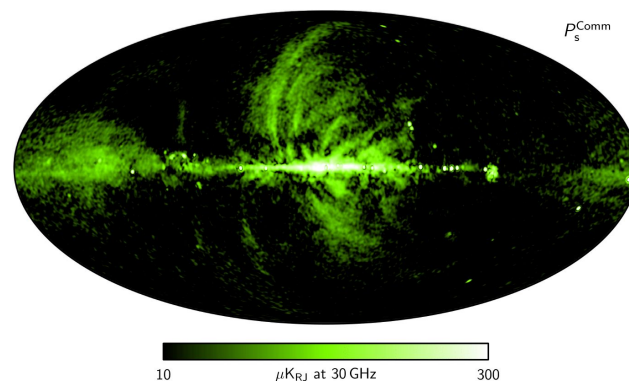
No EB correlation measured yet. But physical motivation for it ([Clark et al. 2021](#)).



Credit: B. T. Draine



Credit: Planck



# Problem 2: Polarisation Angle Miscalibration

Miscalibration of telescope polarisation angle leads to the same effect on the spectra as isotropic birefringence!

Simons Observatory Small Aperture Telescopes (SAT) baseline:

- 3 Small Aperture Telescopes, refractive, 42 cm aperture: for large angular scales
- 6 frequency bands from 27 to 280 GHz.
- Atacama desert: high and dry.
- 30 000 detectors.
- 10% of the sky observed
- Baseline white noise and optimistic 1/f noise from [Ade et al 2018](#)

We will use SO SAT specifications for testing thanks to high polarisation sensitivity and promising calibration methods.



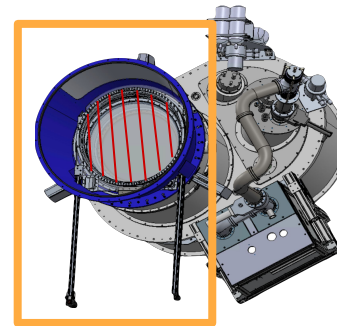
# Polarisation Angle Calibrations

Several methods are explored for polarisation angle calibration:

- Measurements of the crab nebula (tau A)  $\sigma(\alpha) \approx 0.27^\circ$  **Aumont et al. 2020**
- Wire-grid  $\sigma(\alpha) \lesssim 1^\circ$  **Bryan et al. 2018**
- Drone with polarised source  $\sigma(\alpha) \lesssim 0.1^\circ$  **Nati et al. 2017**

Analysis based:

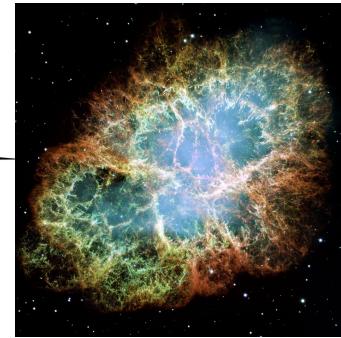
- Self-calibration **Keating et al. 2012**
- Foreground calibration  
**Minami et al. 2020**



Wire grid

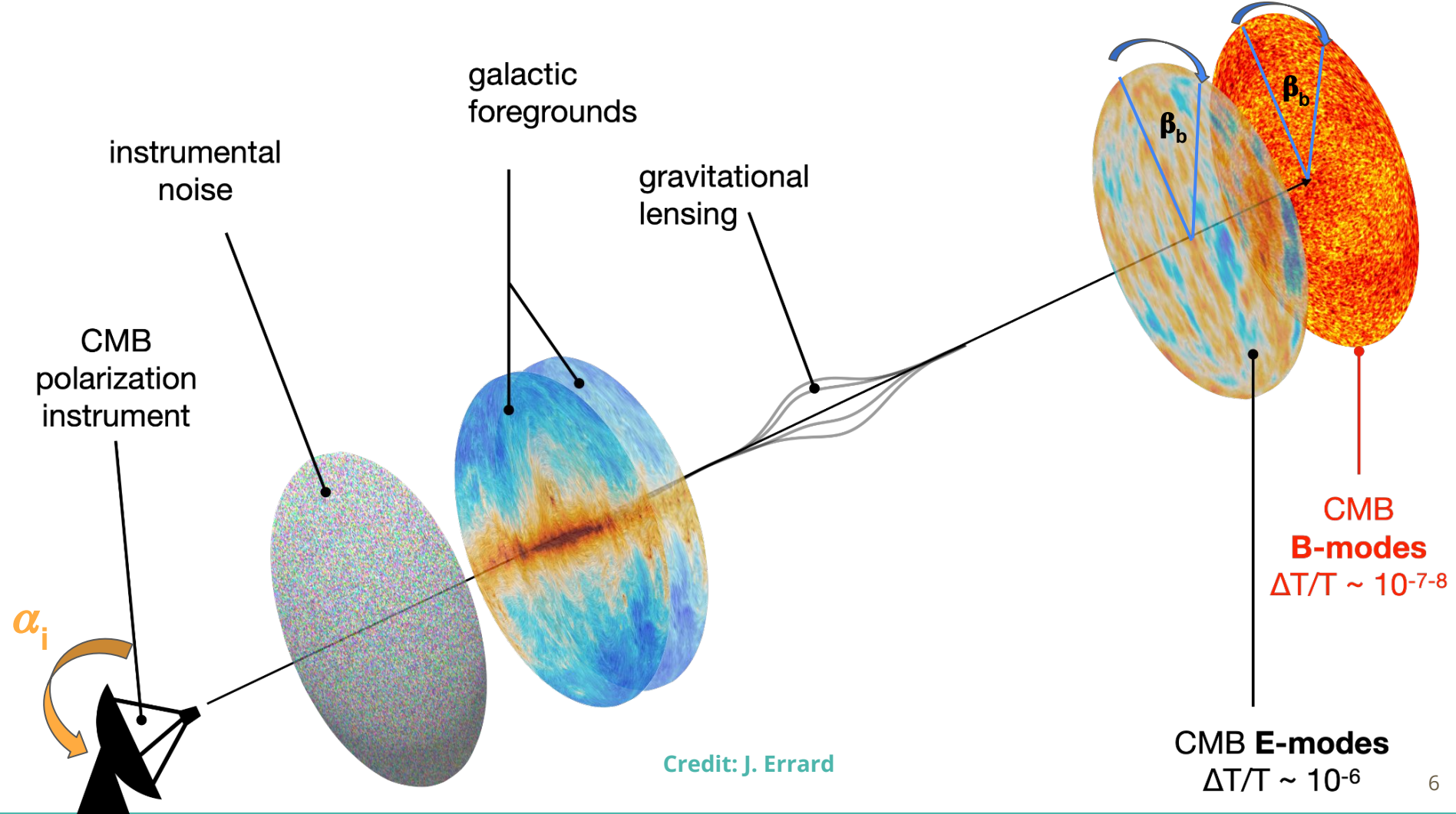


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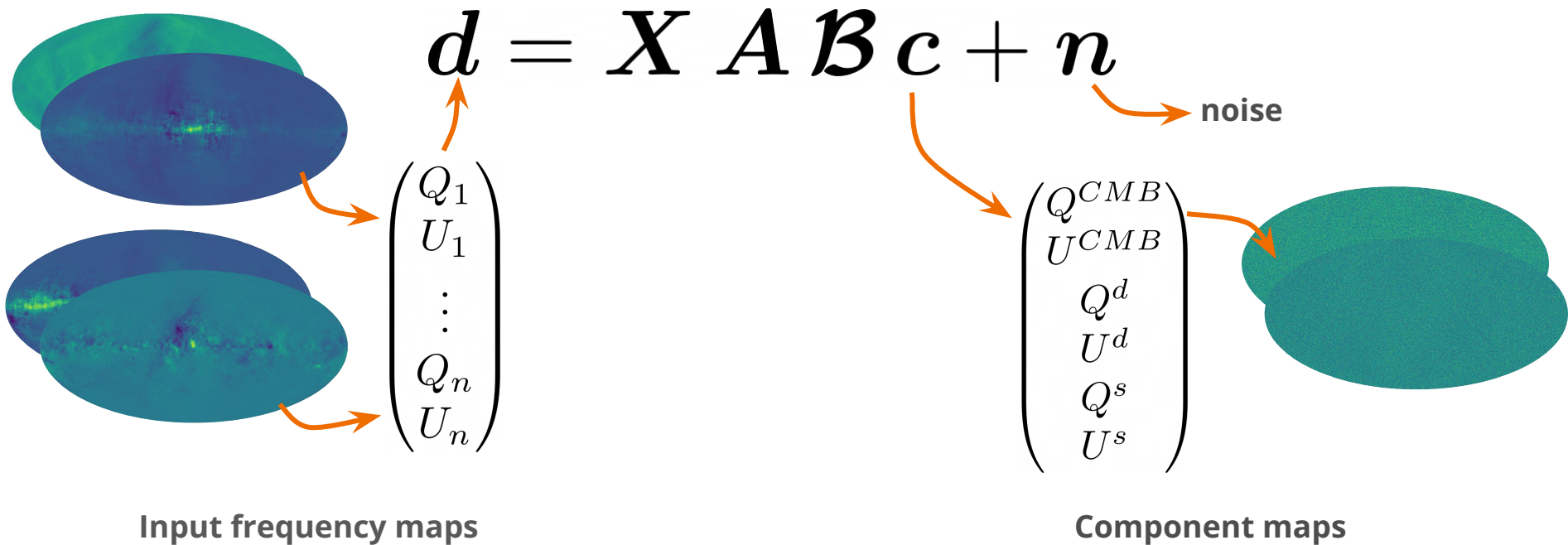


Credit: Nasa/Hubble





# Map-Based Parametric Component Separation



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$$\mathbf{X}(\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n_f}\}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\alpha_1) & \sin(2\alpha_1) & & & & 0 \\ -\sin(2\alpha_1) & \cos(2\alpha_1) & & & & \\ & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & \cos(2\alpha_{n_f}) & \sin(2\alpha_{n_f}) & \\ 0 & & & -\sin(2\alpha_{n_f}) & \cos(2\alpha_{n_f}) & \end{pmatrix}$$

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

The miscalibration matrix

The birefringence matrix

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{n}$$

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

CMB
Dust  
 $T_d = 20K, \beta_d$ 
Synchrotron  
 $\beta_s$

The mixing matrix



# The Generalised Spectral Likelihood

I generalise the spectral log likelihood from [Stompor et al. 2009](#), similarly as in [Vergès et al. 2020](#):

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

For forecasting purposes we **average over CMB and noise** realisations.

To lift the degeneracy we add priors to the likelihood:

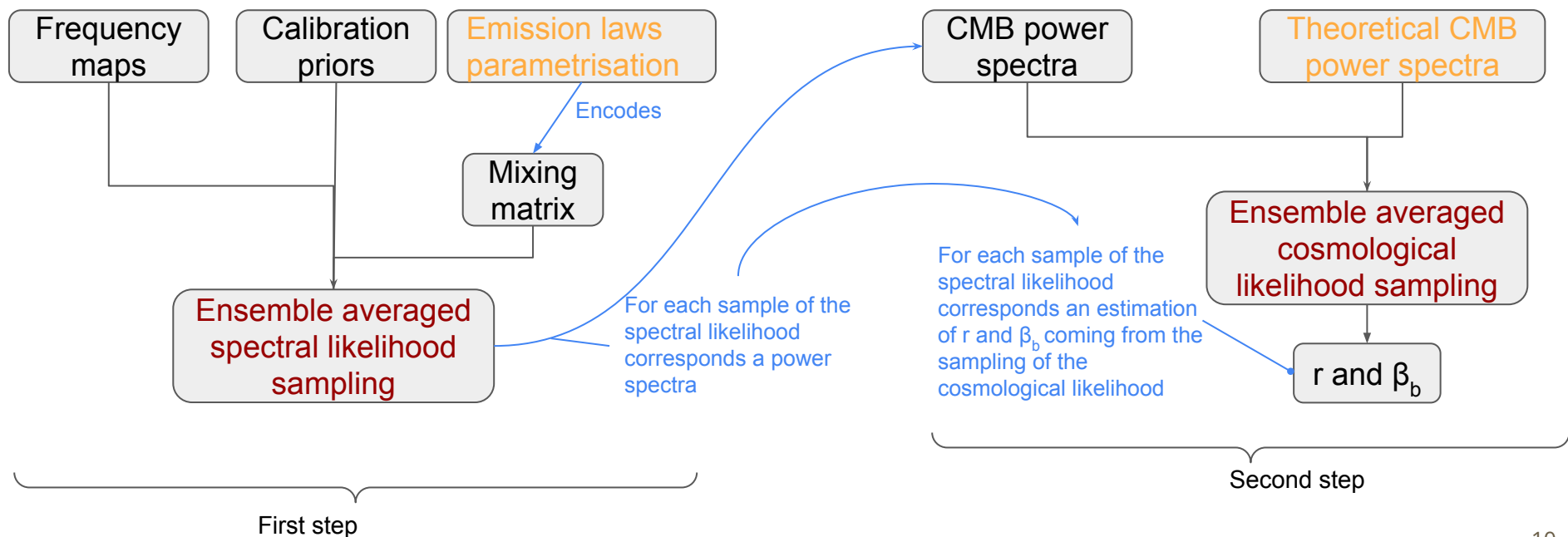
$$S' \equiv \langle S \rangle + \sum_{\alpha_i} \frac{(\alpha_i - \hat{\alpha}_i)^2}{2\sigma_{\alpha_i}^2}$$



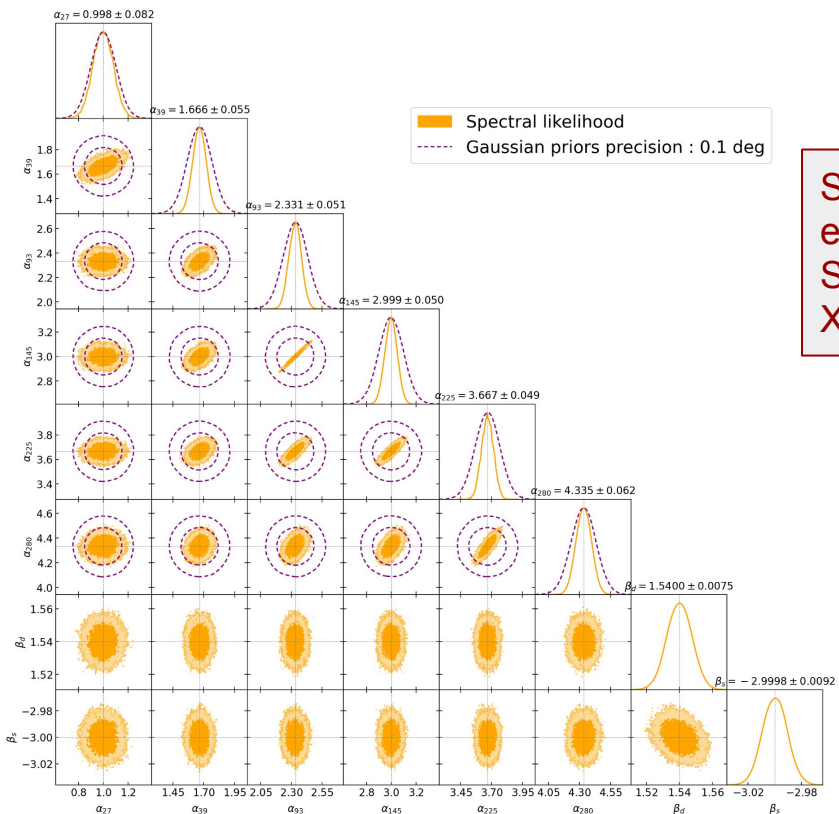
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# Pipeline Summary: A 2 Step Analysis

Jost et al. 2212.08007

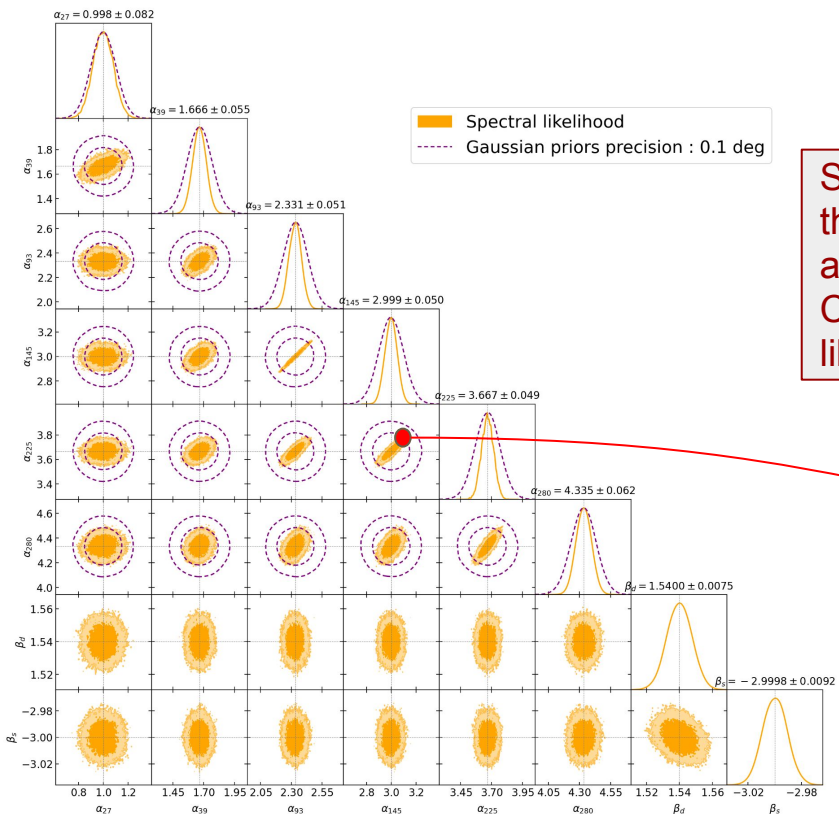


# How to Have a Statistically Robust Method ?

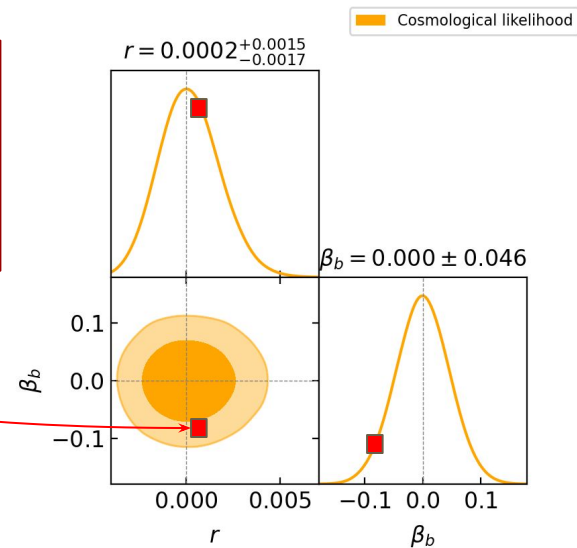


Step 1 : Sampling the ensemble averaged Spectral likelihood  $X\{\alpha\}.A\{\beta_{fg}\}$

# How to Have a Statistically Robust Method ?



Step 2 : Draw from the ensemble averaged Cosmological likelihood

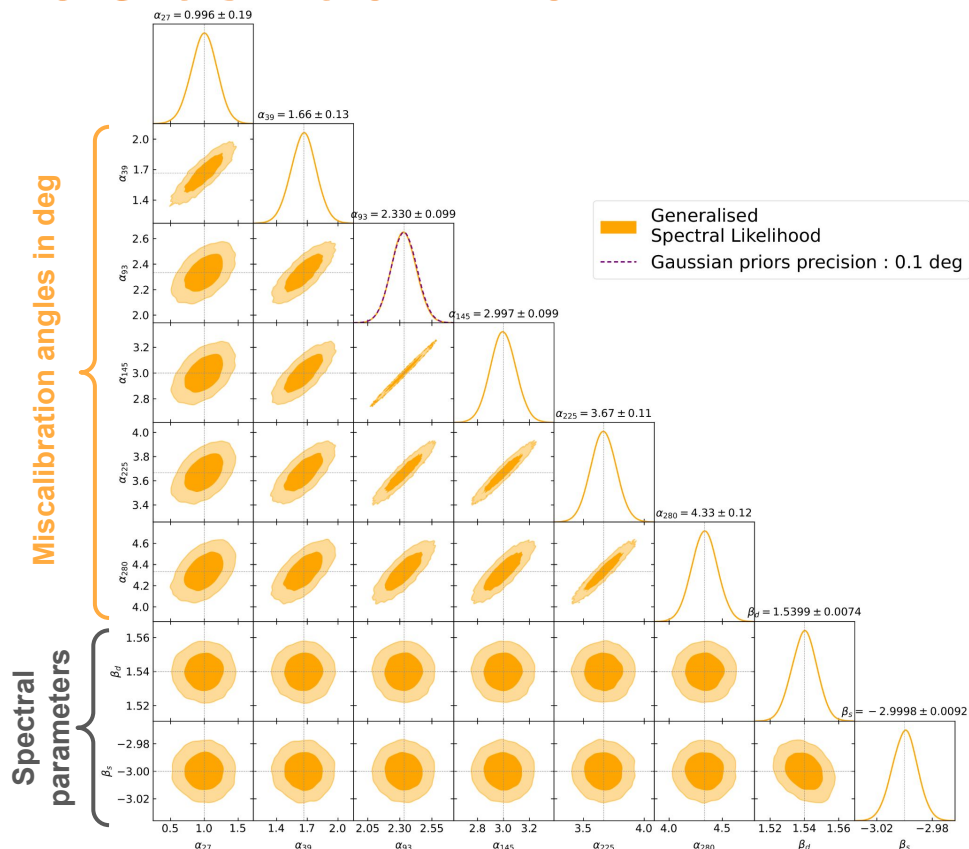


# Simple Foregrounds and One Calibration Prior

- Input CMB:  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0.0}$  ;  $\beta_b = 0.0^\circ$
- Input fg: **PySM** models (Thorne et al 2016, Zonca et al. 2021) d0s0:
  - dust: MBB, spatially constant spectral indices
  - synchrotron: power law, spatially constant spectral indices
- 1 prior on 93 GHz:  $\sigma(\alpha_i) = 0.1^\circ$

Foreground cleaning is ok

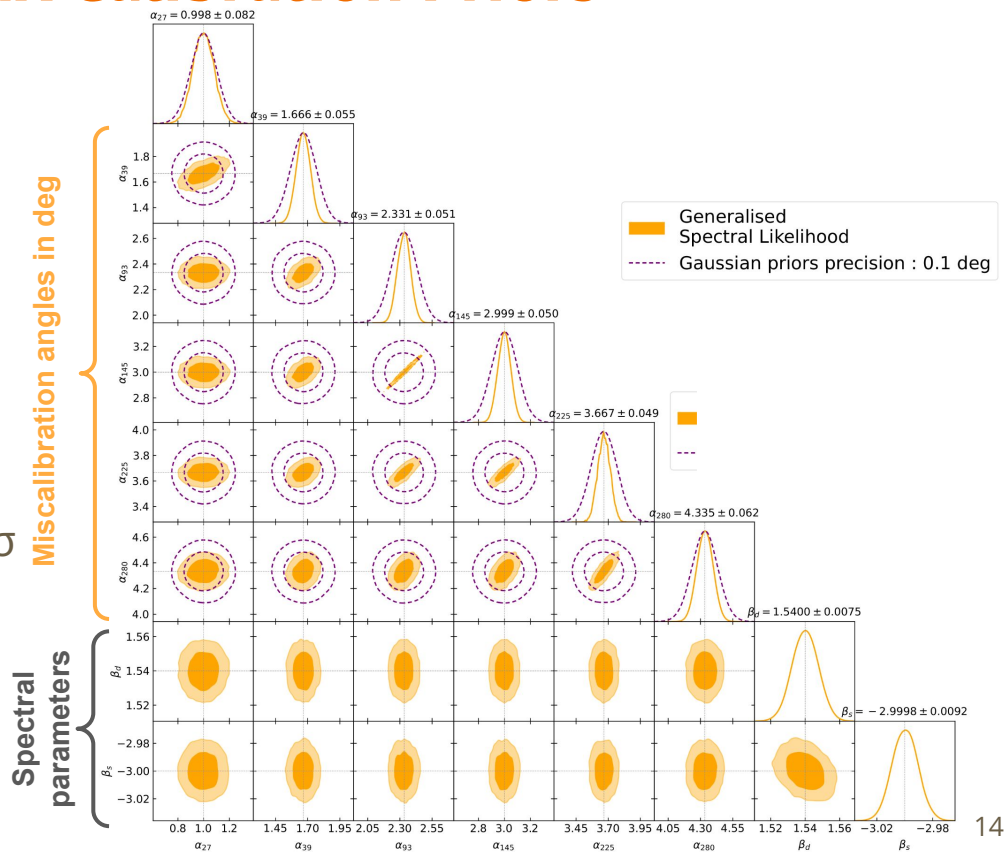
Miscalibration: one prior enough



# Simple Foregrounds and Six Calibration Priors

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  - dust: MBB, spatially constant spectral indices
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- **Prior on all frequency channels:**  $\sigma(\alpha_i) = 0.1^\circ$

Overall  $\sigma(\alpha)$  improved wrt priors precisions!





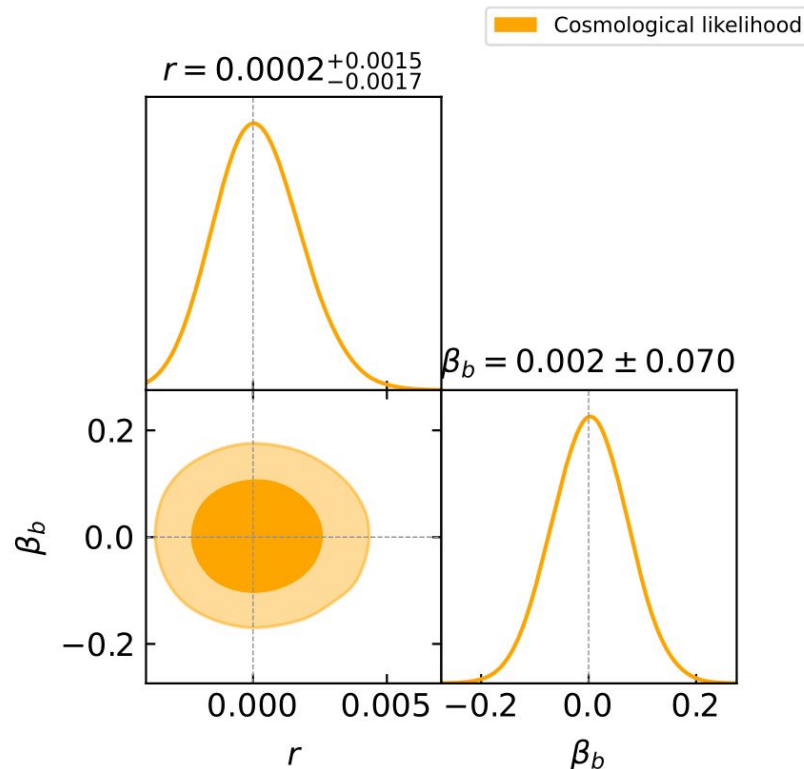
# Simple Foregrounds and Six Calibration Priors

- Simple foregrounds: **d0s0**
- **Prior on all frequency channels**

$r$  and  $\beta_b$  correctly estimated

$\sigma(r)$ : same order as SO SAT forecast with  $\sigma(r) = 2.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$  ([Ade et al. 2018](#))

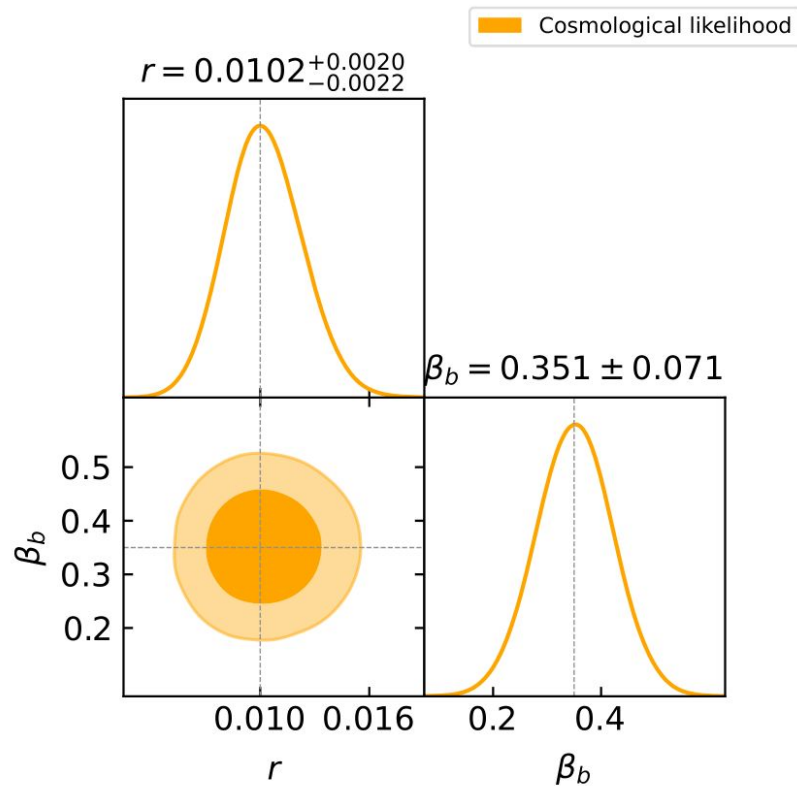
$\sigma(\beta_b)$ : improved wrt prior precision!



# Simple Foregrounds and Six Calibration Priors

- Simple foregrounds: **d0s0**
- **Prior on all frequency channels**
- **$r = 0.01$ ,  $\beta_b = 0.35^\circ$**

For SO SAT if  $\sigma(\alpha_i) = 0.1^\circ \Rightarrow 5\sigma$  detection of  $\beta_b = 0.35^\circ$



# Complex Foregrounds and Six Calibration Priors

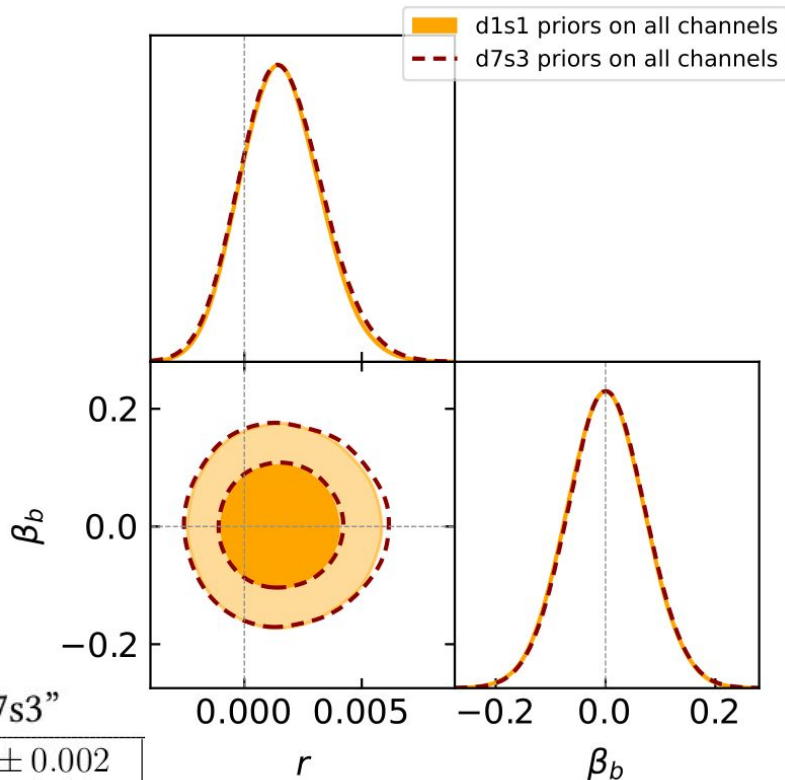
Foreground emissions **don't follow** the assumption used in the mixing matrix:

- **d1s1**: spatially varying foreground spectral indices
- **d7s3**: dust emission is non parametric and synchrotron has a curvature term
- **Prior on all frequency channels**:  $\sigma(\alpha_i) = 0.1^\circ$

$r$ : biased due to foreground residuals

$\beta_b$ : no noticeable effect

	“d1s1”	“d7s3”
$r$	$0.002 \pm 0.002$	$0.002 \pm 0.002$
$\beta_b [^\circ]$	$0.00 \pm 0.07$	$0.00 \pm 0.07$



# Results: Simple Foregrounds and Six Calibration Priors

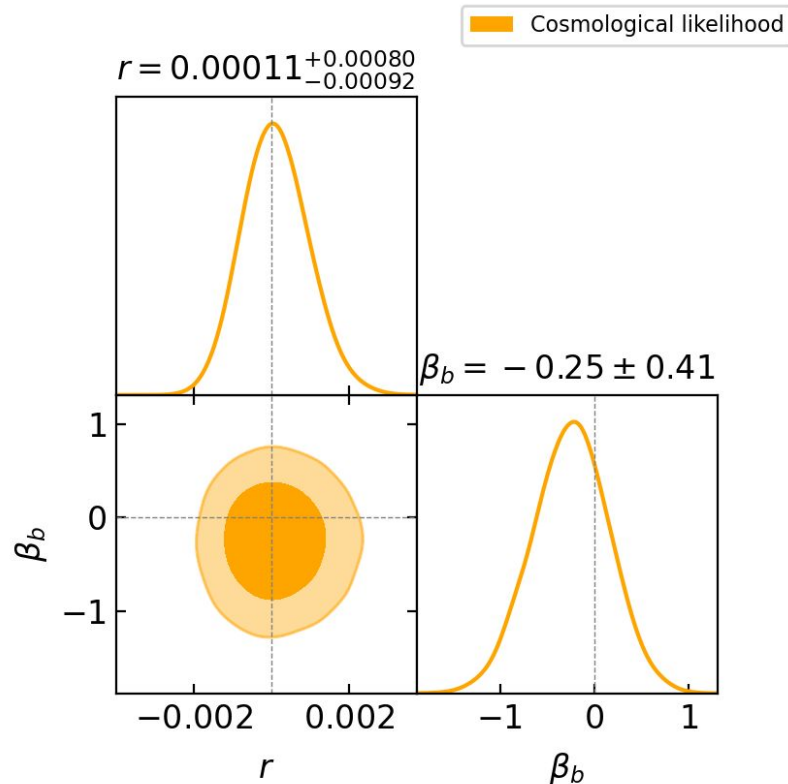
- Simple foregrounds **d0s0**:
  - dust: MBB, isotropic spectral indices
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- **Prior on all channels**,  $\sigma(\alpha_i) = 1^\circ$
- **Priors randomly biased by  $N(0,1^\circ)$**

$\beta_b$  biased by the same value as  $\alpha_i$

For  $\beta_b$  trade-off between statistical uncertainty and possible bias.

$r$  is unbiased: we marginalise over a global angle, removing any E→B leakage either from  $\alpha_i$  or  $\beta_b$

We can always be confident that  $r$  is not affected by  $\alpha_i$  and  $\beta_b$ .



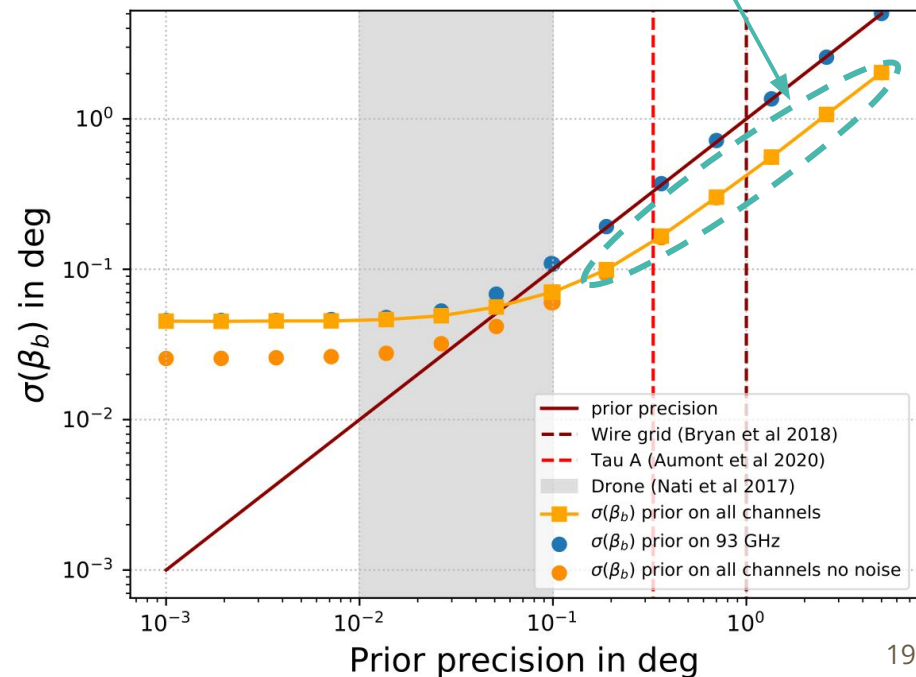
# Evolution of Uncertainty wrt Prior Precision

$$\sigma(\beta_b) \approx \left( \sum_1^6 \frac{1}{\sigma_{\alpha_i}^2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$= \frac{\sigma_{\alpha_i}}{\sqrt{6}}$$

We can set calibration requirement.

- Simple Foregrounds: d0s0
- 3 cases:
  - 1 prior
  - 6 priors ■
  - 6 priors and no noise ●

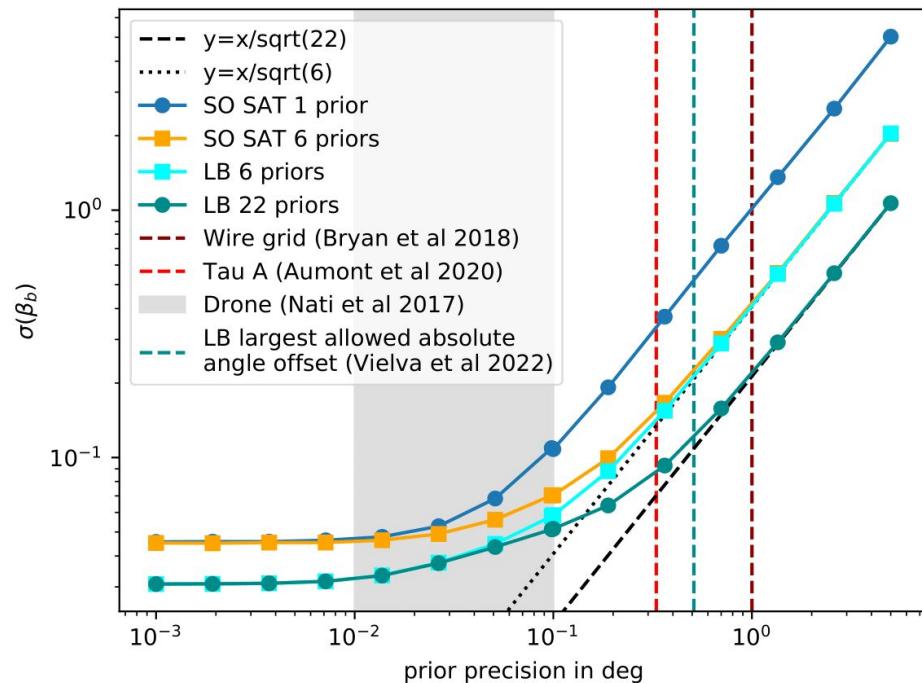
Noise represents ~42% of  $\sigma(\beta_b)$  in SO SATs



# Results: Evolution of Uncertainty wrt Prior Precision

LiteBIRD space mission:

- Simple Foregrounds: **d0s0**
- 49% sky observed **PTEP 2022**
- Noise levels from **PTEP 2022**
- 22 frequency channels
- $l_{\min} = 2; l_{\max} = 125$





# Conclusion and Future Prospects

- Estimating  $\beta_b$  and  $\alpha_i$  doesn't significantly impact r measurements wrt standard parametric component separation
- Birefringence can be efficiently constrained using calibration priors in a multifrequency observation, provided no pathological bias on priors
- We can set requirements on calibration prior precisions :

## Prospects:

- Pipeline development:
  - realistic priors from wire grid and drone
  - observation matrices
- Studying the impact of other effects: bandpasses, gain, HWP systematics etc

**THANK YOU !**



Source : Deborah Kellner



An aerial photograph of a research station in a high-altitude, mountainous region. The landscape is rugged and rocky, with patches of snow or ice. In the foreground, a large, circular, white structure, possibly a water tank or a specialized habitat, is visible. The station consists of several small, white buildings and equipment. The background features large, dark mountains under a sky with a gradient from pink to blue. The text "BACKUP SLIDES" is overlaid in the center of the image.

# BACKUP SLIDES

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# Polarisation Power Spectra

primordial B-modes spectrum parameter:  $r$

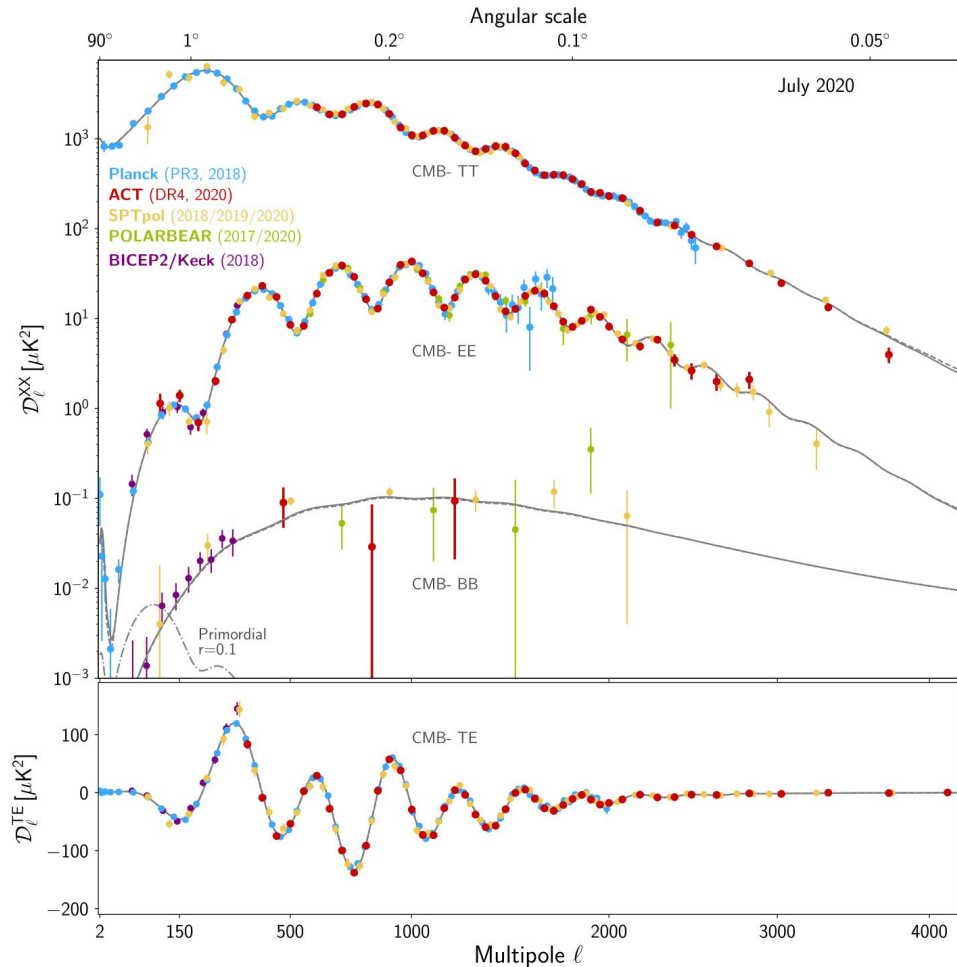
$r$  constraints  $r < 0.032$  (95 C.L.) (Tristram et al. 2021)

E and B modes are also affected by other non-primordial effects:

- Contribution from Sunyaev-Zel'dovich
- Gravitational lensing converts E to B
- **Birefringence**

And contaminants:

- **Instrumental Effects**
- **Galactic Foregrounds**



Credit: ACT

# Cosmic Birefringence

I focus in particular on **spatially constant** and **time independent** cosmic birefringence:

$$\tilde{C}_\ell^{EE} = C_\ell^{EE} \cos^2(2\beta_b) + C_\ell^{BB} \sin^2(2\beta_b)$$

$$\tilde{C}_\ell^{BB} = C_\ell^{EE} \sin^2(2\beta_b) + C_\ell^{BB} \cos^2(2\beta_b)$$

$$\tilde{C}_\ell^{EB} = (C_\ell^{EE} - C_\ell^{BB}) \frac{\sin(4\beta_b)}{2},$$

Hints  $\beta_b = 0.35^\circ \pm 0.14^\circ$  from Planck data (Minami et al. 2020 & Diego-Palazuelos et al. 2022) based on assumptions about foreground EB correlations for calibration.

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- Requirements on calibration
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# The Cosmological Likelihood

With  $\{\beta_{fg}\}$  and  $\{\alpha_i\}$  we estimate a CMB map. Imperfect component separation will lead to residuals.

Its power spectra is used to estimate cosmological parameters:

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

 Data after generalised component separation

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



# Method Validation

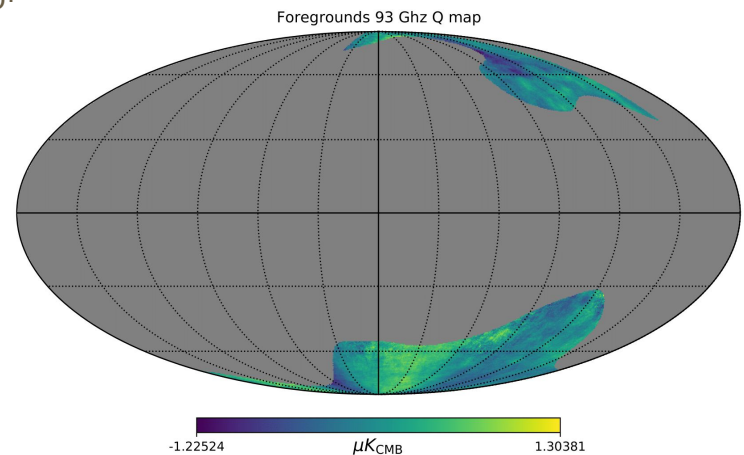
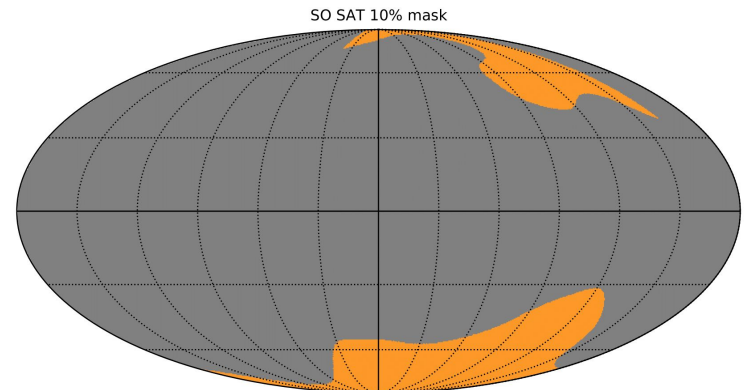
SO SAT characteristics noise, 10% sky coverage,  $I_{\min} = 30$ ,  $I_{\max} = 300$ , 30 000 detectors, first light by the end of the year

Priors:

- as a benchmark we use  $\sigma(\alpha_i) = 0.1^\circ$
- Unless precised otherwise, priors are centred at the true value of polarisation angles.
- Different calibration methodology explored e.g. one vs multiple priors.

Forecast input sky:

- average over CMB maps generated from Planck power spectra with  $r = 0.0$ ,  $\beta_b = 0.0^\circ$
- PySM foreground maps with different degrees of complexity (d0s0, d1s1, d7s3 in order of complexity...) (Thorne et al 2016, Zonca et al. 2021)



# Foreground Models

Dust template: maps at 545 GHz in intensity and 353 GHz in polarisation from the 2015 Commander Planck+WMAP+Haslam 408 MHz (Plank 2016)

d1, spectral index map from commander (assumes same spectral index for temperature and polarisation)

d7 Hensley and Draine 2012 + Hensley 2015: Emission modeled after dust size, shape temperature and ferromagnetic iron inclusion

$$\log_{10} \mathcal{U}_p = (4 + \beta_{d,p}) \log_{10} \left( \frac{T_{d,p}}{\langle T_d \rangle} \right),$$

$$Q_{\nu,p}^{d7} = A_{d,p}^Q \frac{f_{\nu}(\mathcal{U}_p)}{f_{\nu_0}(\mathcal{U}_p)}$$

$$U_{\nu,p}^{d7} = A_{d,p}^U \frac{f_{\nu}(\mathcal{U}_p)}{f_{\nu_0}(\mathcal{U}_p)}.$$

Synchrotron template: 23 GHz map from WMAP 9 yr (Bennett et al. 2013)

s1, Miville-Deschênes et al. (2008): combination of WMAP (Hinshaw et al. 2007) and Haslam 408 MHz data (Haslam et al. 1982)

s3, global curvature index  $C = -0.052$  (Kogut et al 2012)

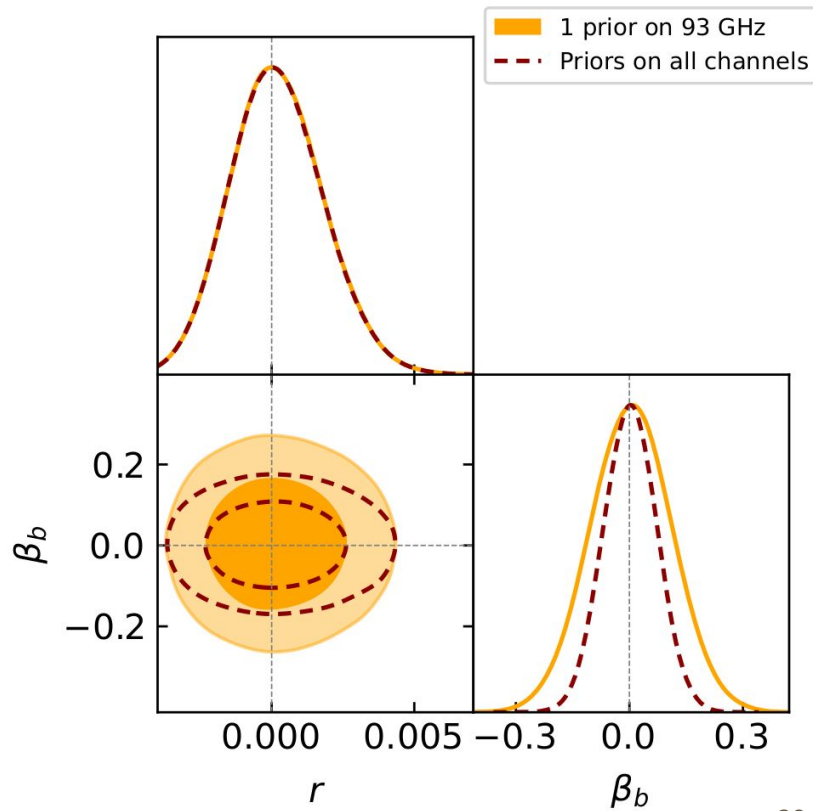
$$Q_{\nu,p}^{s3} = A_{s,p}^Q \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_0} \right)^{\beta_{s,p} + 2 + C \ln(\nu/\nu_0)}$$

$$U_{\nu,p}^{s3} = A_{s,p}^U \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_0} \right)^{\beta_{s,p} + 2 + C \ln(\nu/\nu_0)},$$

# Results: Simple Foregrounds and Six Calibration Priors

- d0s0
- Prior on all frequency channels

$\sigma(\beta_b)$ : improved wrt prior precision!



# Results: Simple Foregrounds and Biased Priors

- Back to simple foregrounds **d0s0**:
  - dust: MBB, spatially constant spectral indices
  - synchrotron: power law, spatially constant spectral indices
- **Prior on all channels,  $\sigma(\alpha_i) = 1^\circ$**
- **Priors randomly biased by  $N(0, 1^\circ)$**

$\alpha_i$  biased by the same value: the mean of the biases

