

Spectral Imaging with QUBIC :

Component separation using Bolometric Interferometry



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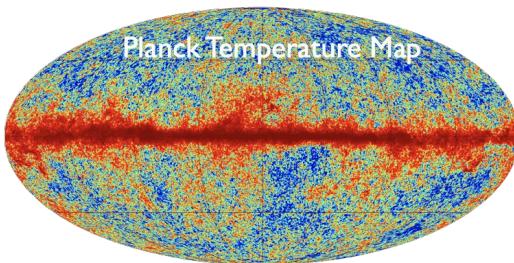
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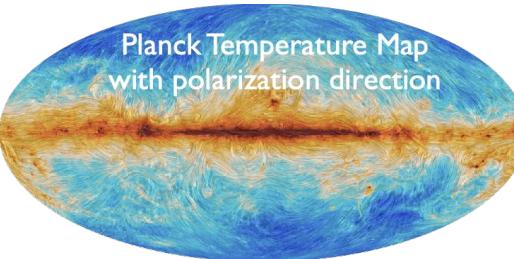
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Scientific context

Fluctuations
in the CMB



Planck Temperature Map
with polarization direction



Density
fluctuations in the
primordial plasma



E-modes:
Well measured



B-modes:
Not observed

Expected from
Primordial
Gravitational Waves
 \Leftrightarrow Inflation

Scientific purpose

QUBIC goal : Constraints on cosmic inflation by the detection of primordial polarization B modes in the cosmic microwave background



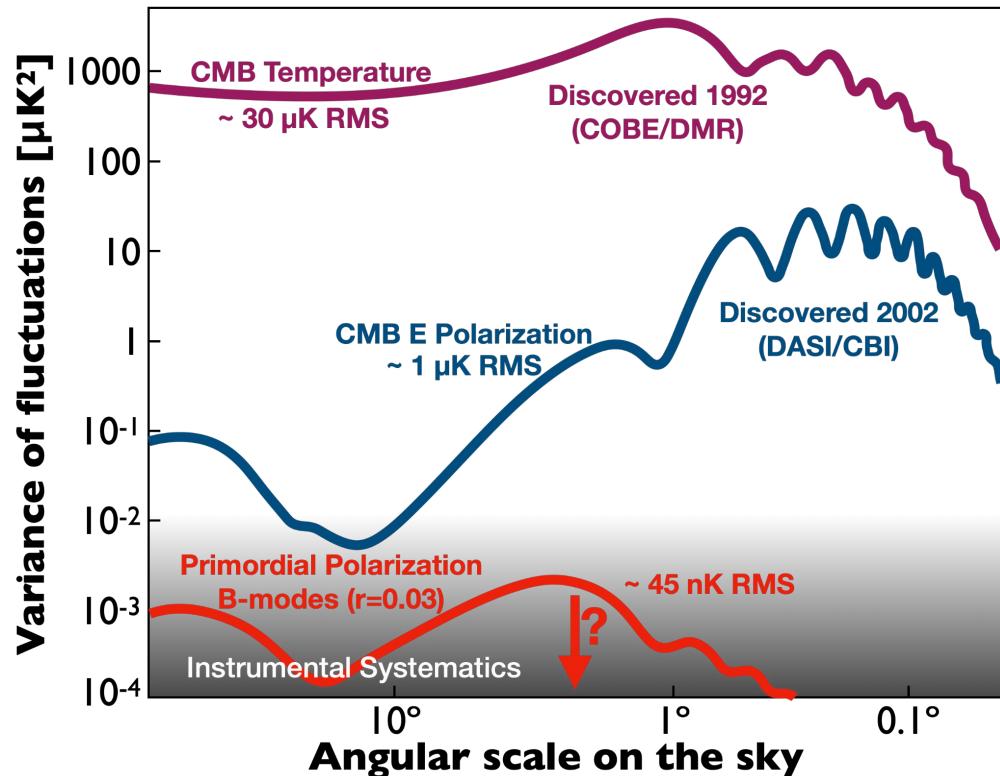
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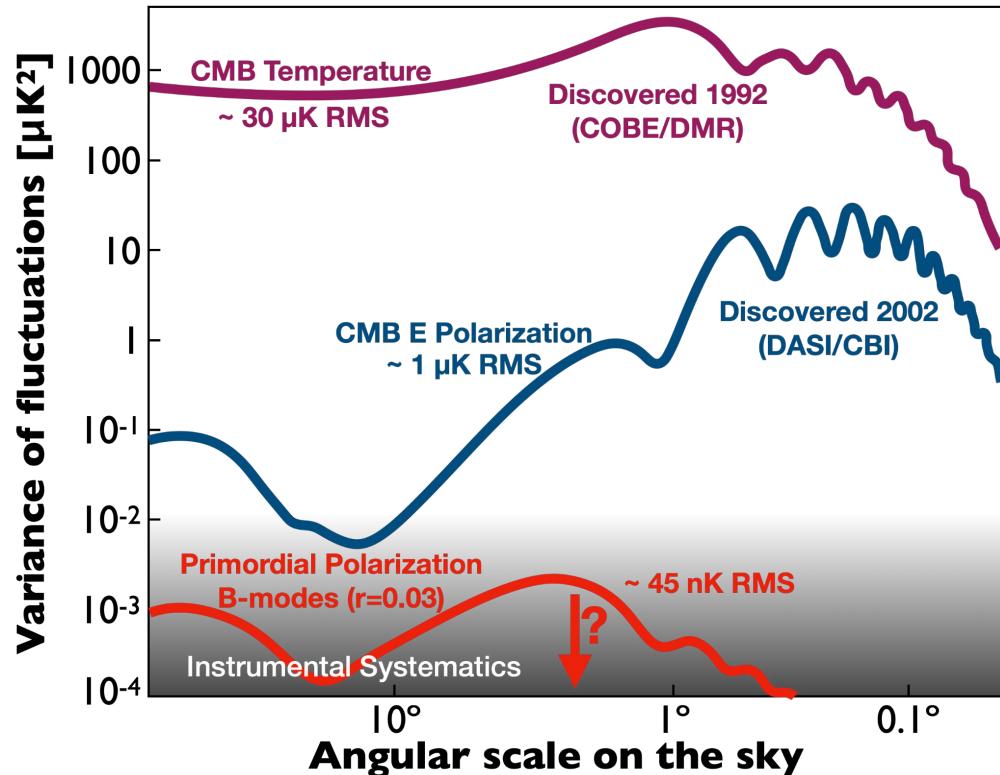
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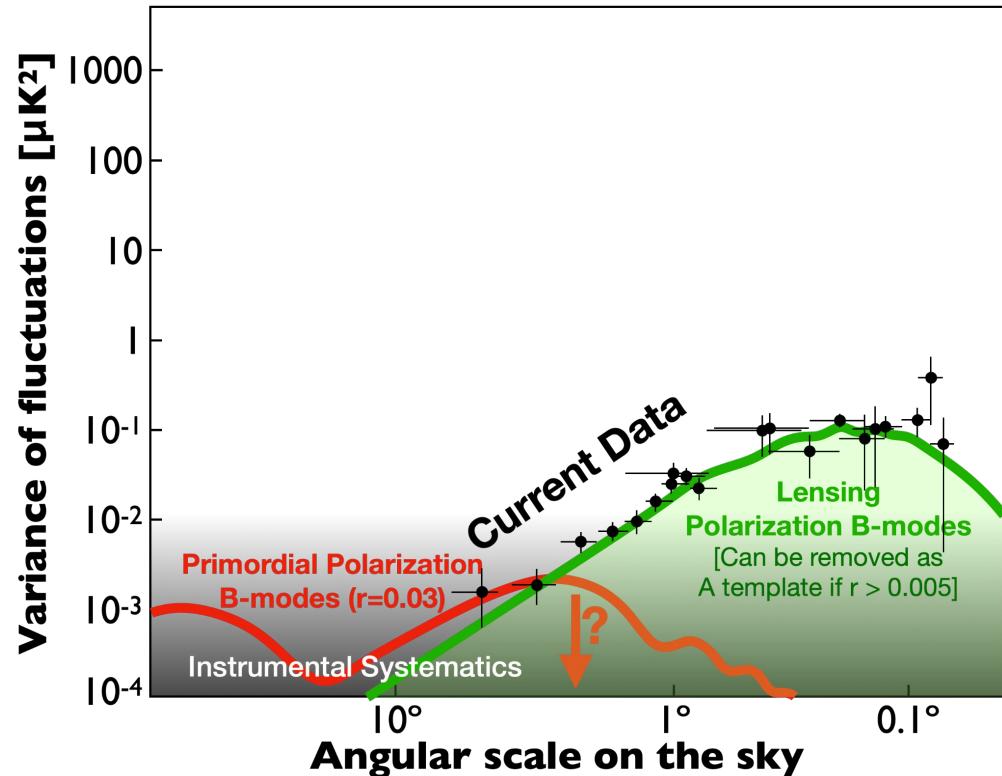
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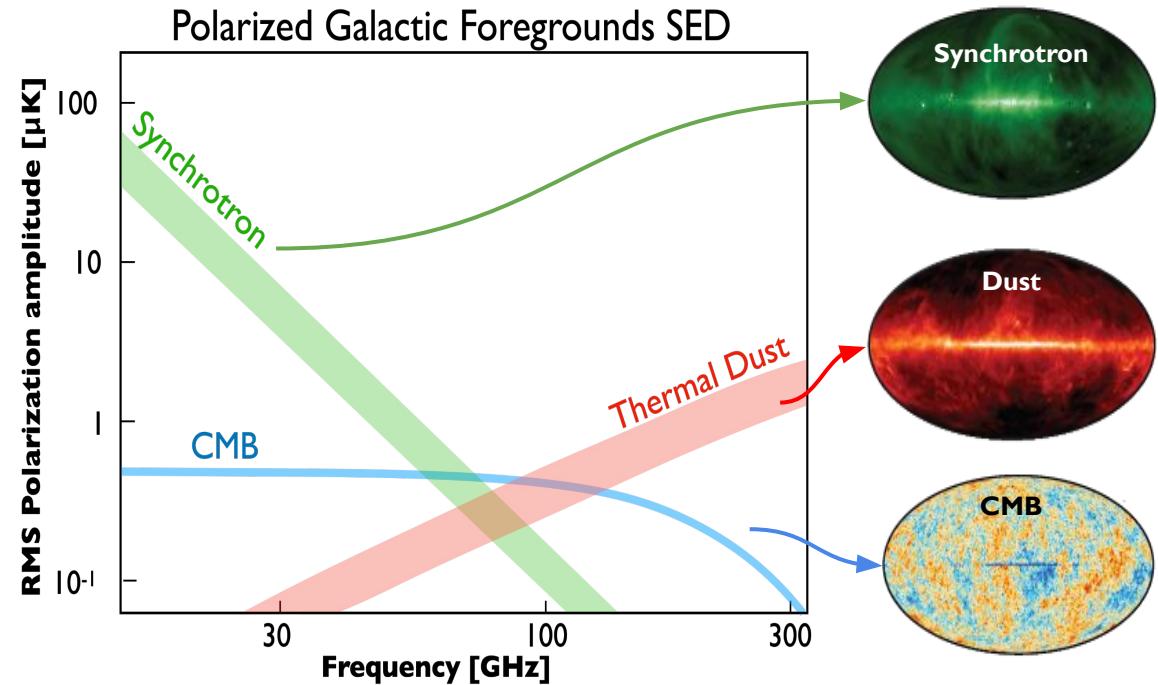
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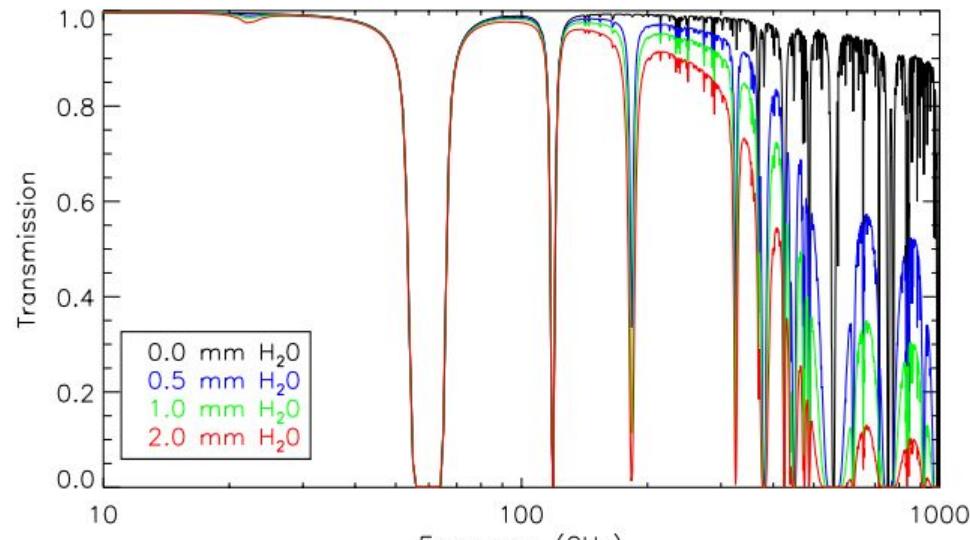


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- Atmospheric contamination



Contribution to the
temperature of the
detectors

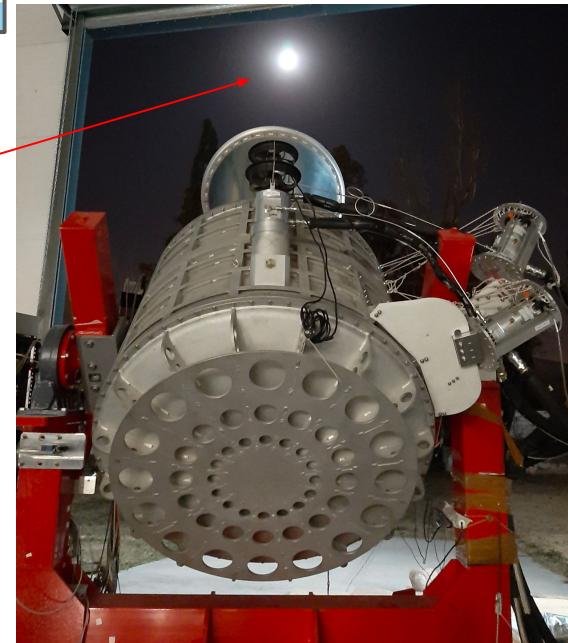
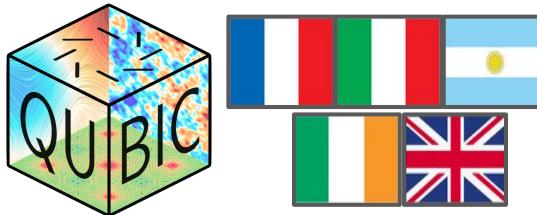
Water vapor distribution is
inhomogeneous and moving:
⇒ Temporal and spatial
correlations

[J. Errard et al., arXiv:1501.07911]

QUBIC: Q & U Bolometric Interferometer for Cosmology

The collaboration

- 130 collaborators
- Observing site: Argentina (5000m a.s.l.)
- **First light: July 2022 (Moon from Salta)**
- **QUBIC is cold !!**

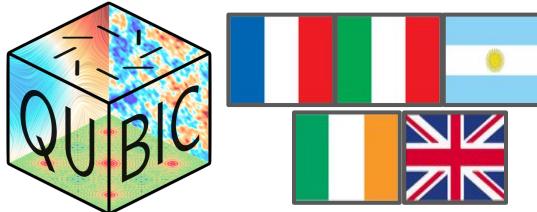


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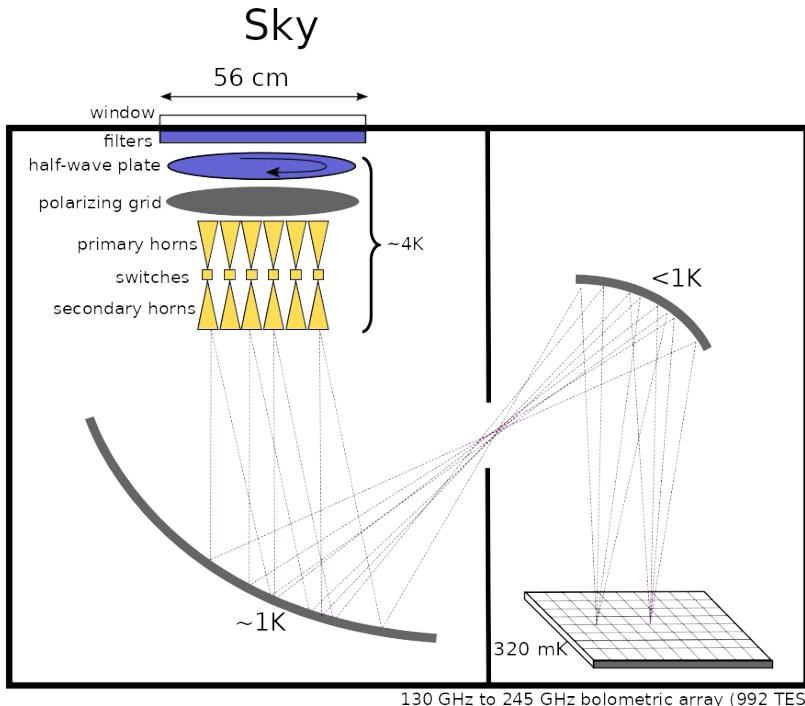


The first Bolometric Interferometer

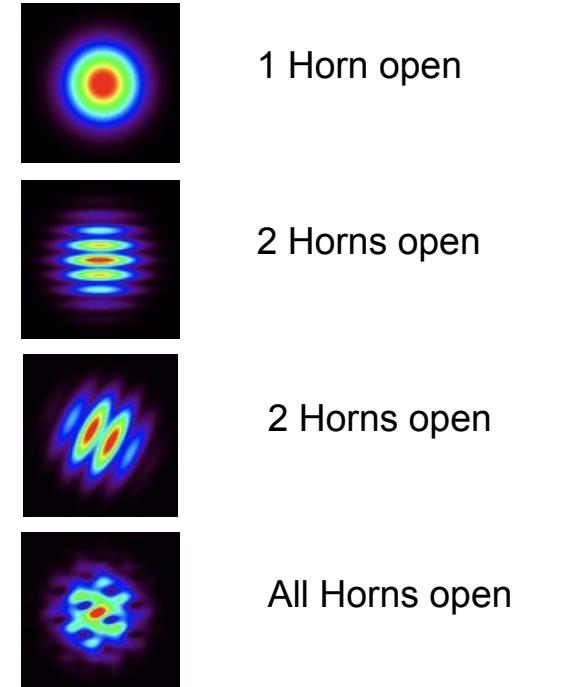
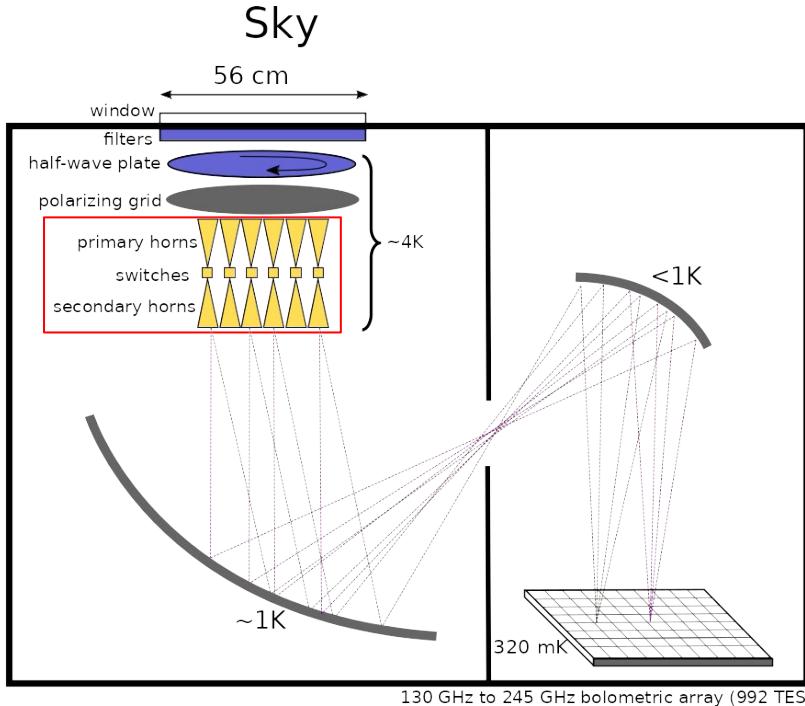
- Bolometers** → - High Sensitivity (Transition-Edge-Sensor)
- Interferometry** → - Instrumental Systematics control (Self-Calibration)
- Polarized Galactic foregrounds separation (High spectral resolution)



Bolometric Interferometry: Spectral Imaging



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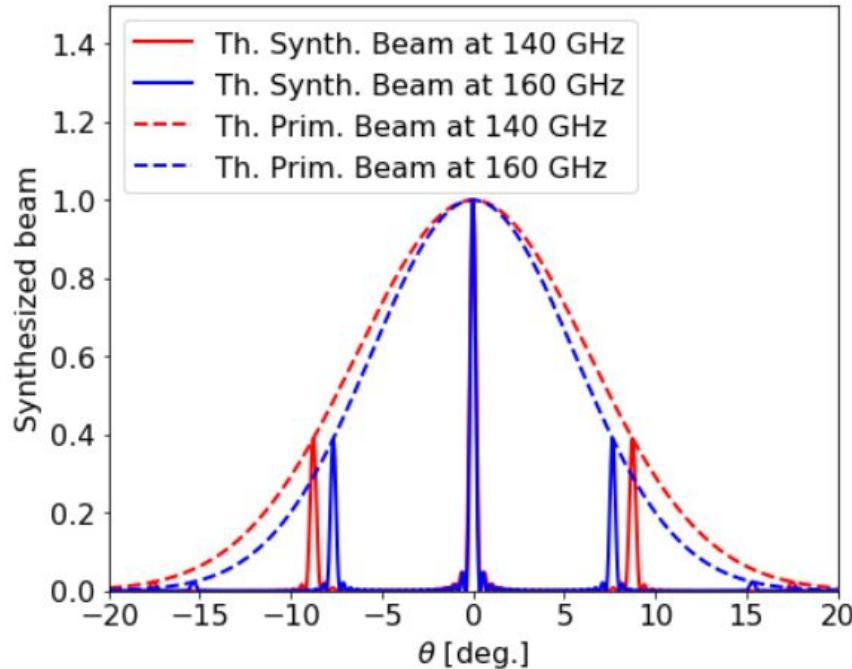


Fringe and Synthesized Beam data: [\[Torchinsky et al., QUBIC III, arXiv:2008.10056v3\]](#) (JCAP 2022)



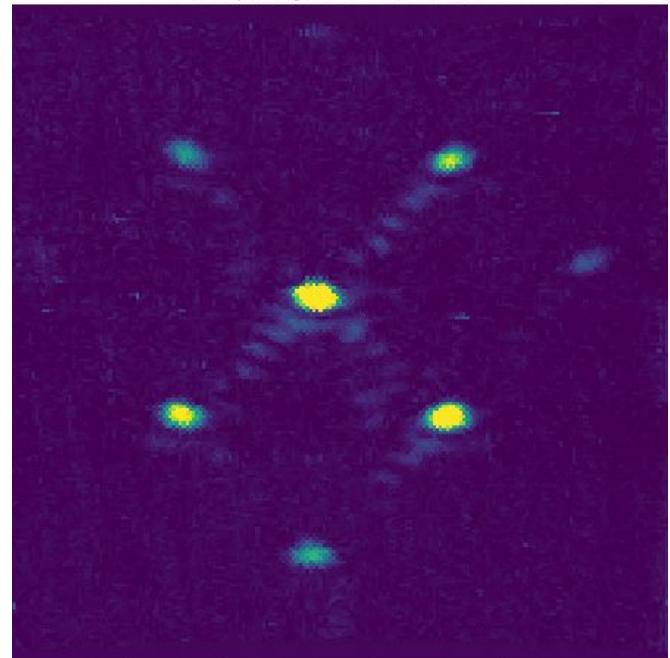
Bolometric Interferometry: Spectral Imaging

Monochromatic source (Diagram)



Monochromatic source (Laboratory)

Frequency: 130 GHz - Data



[Louise Mousset et al., arXiv:2010.15119]

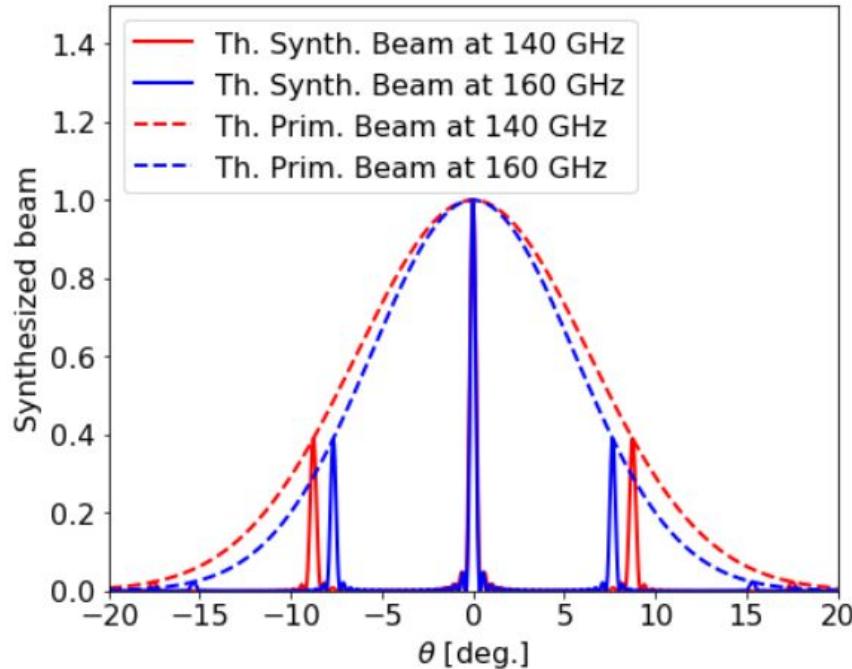
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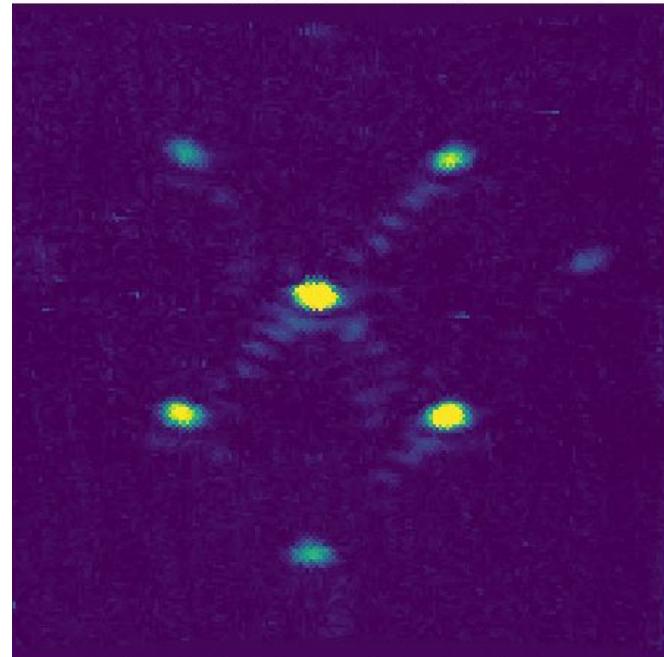
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We can increase our spectral sensitivity by using the secondary peaks data

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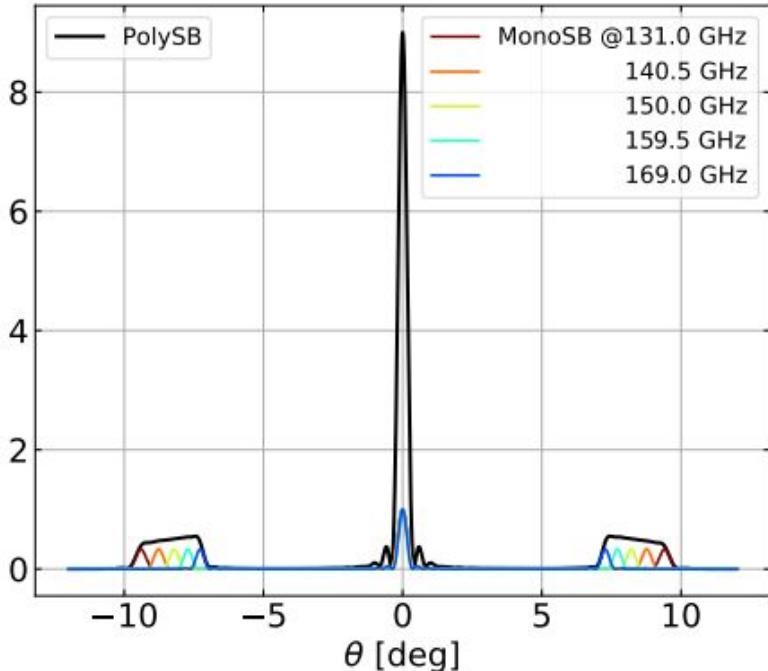
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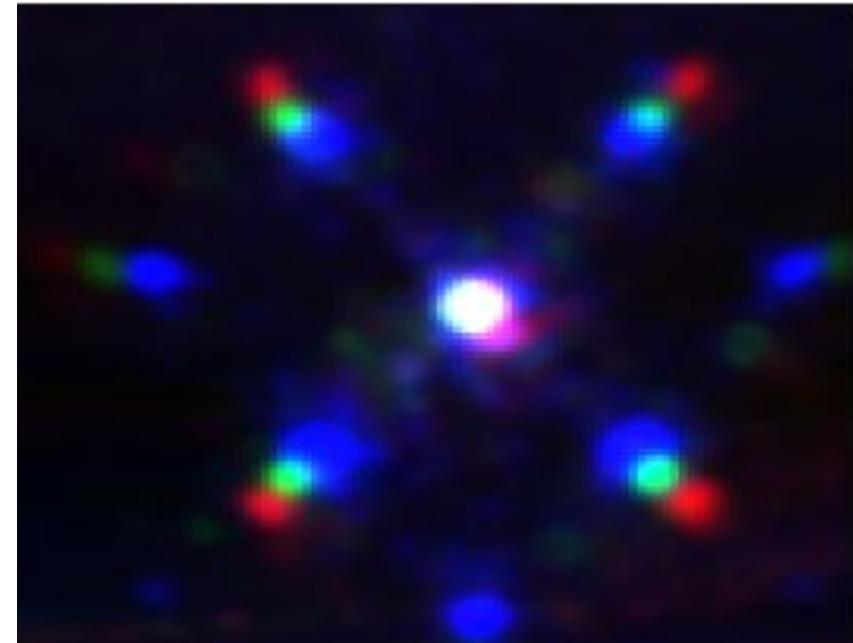
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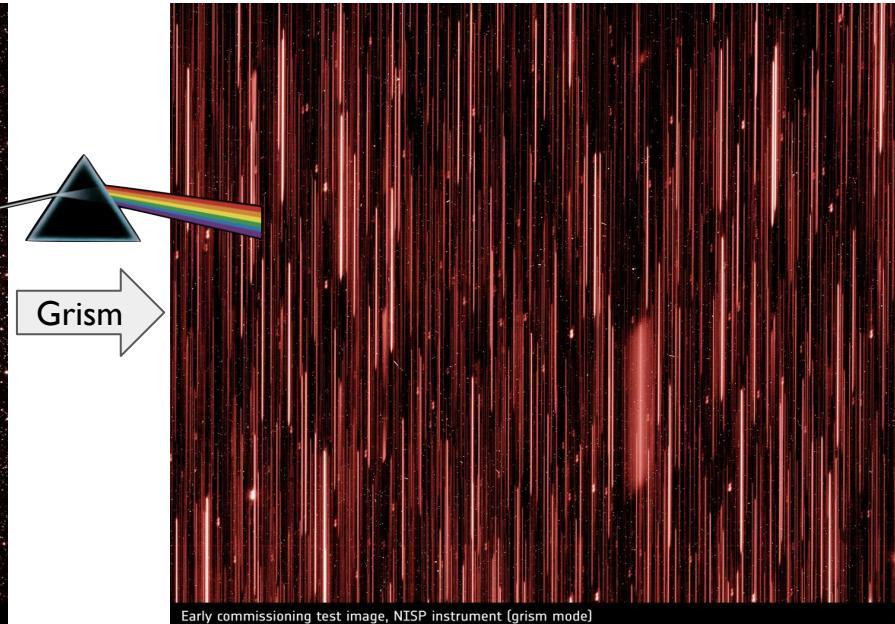
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Bolometric Interferometry: Spectral Imaging

Perfect analogy with “grism spectroscopy” (Euclid test images)



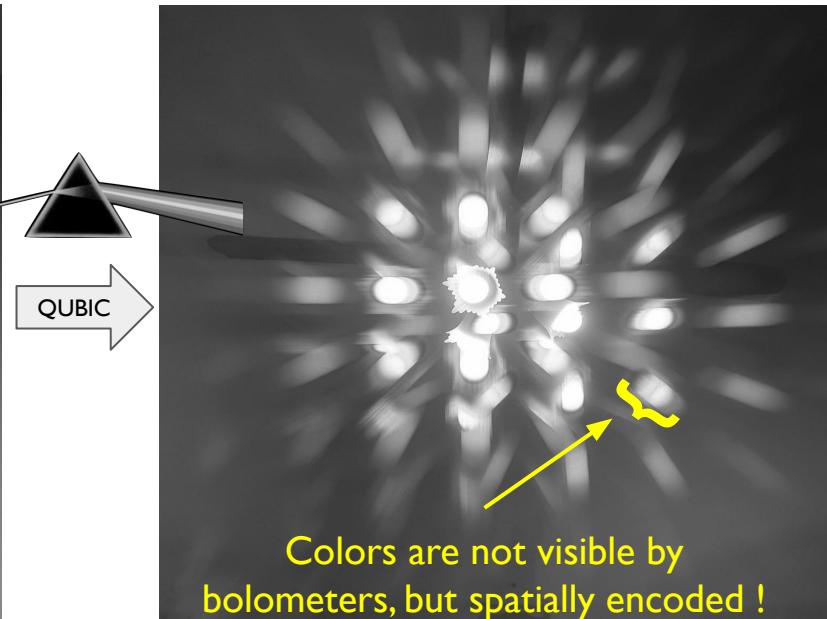
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Seeing the world like QUBIC



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Frequency Map-Making

$$\vec{y} = H \cdot \vec{s} + \vec{n}$$

Bolometer
data (TOD)

Inst. model

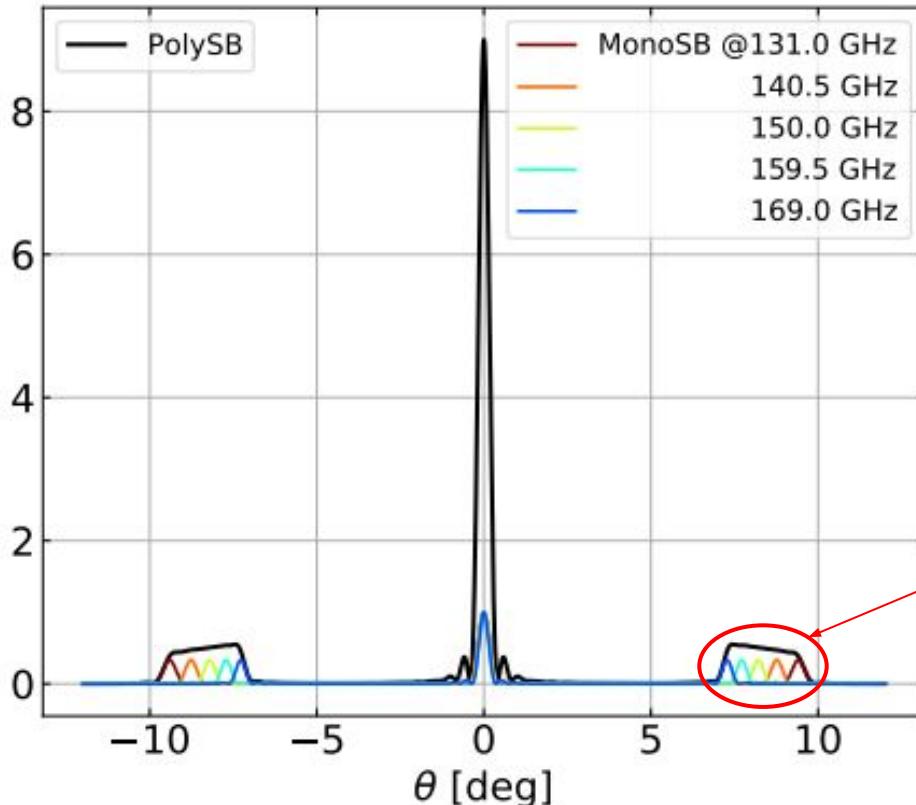
Sky

noise

[Chania, Régnier, et al., A&A submitted, arXiv:2409.18698]



Frequency Map-Making



$$\vec{y} = \sum_{\text{bands}} H_b \cdot \vec{s}_b + \vec{n}$$

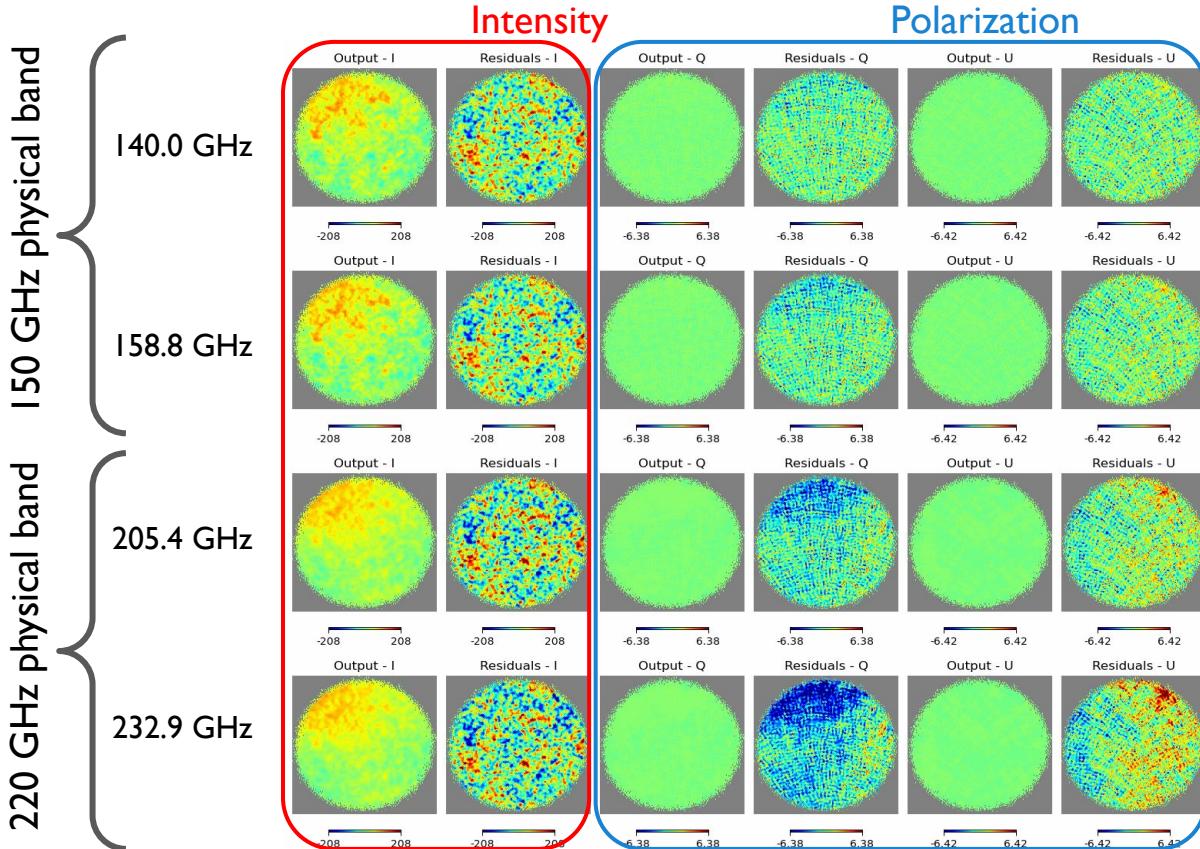
Bolometer data (TOD)
Inst. model
Sky in sub-bands noise

A diagram illustrating the equation for Frequency Map-Making. It shows the total signal \vec{y} as a sum of instrument models $H_b \cdot \vec{s}_b$ for different frequency bands, plus noise \vec{n} . Arrows point from each term in the equation to its corresponding component: Bolometer data (TOD) points to \vec{y} , Inst. model points to $H_b \cdot \vec{s}_b$, Sky in sub-bands points to \vec{s}_b , and noise points to \vec{n} .

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Solution for \vec{s}_b :
Preconditioned Gradient
Descent (PCG)

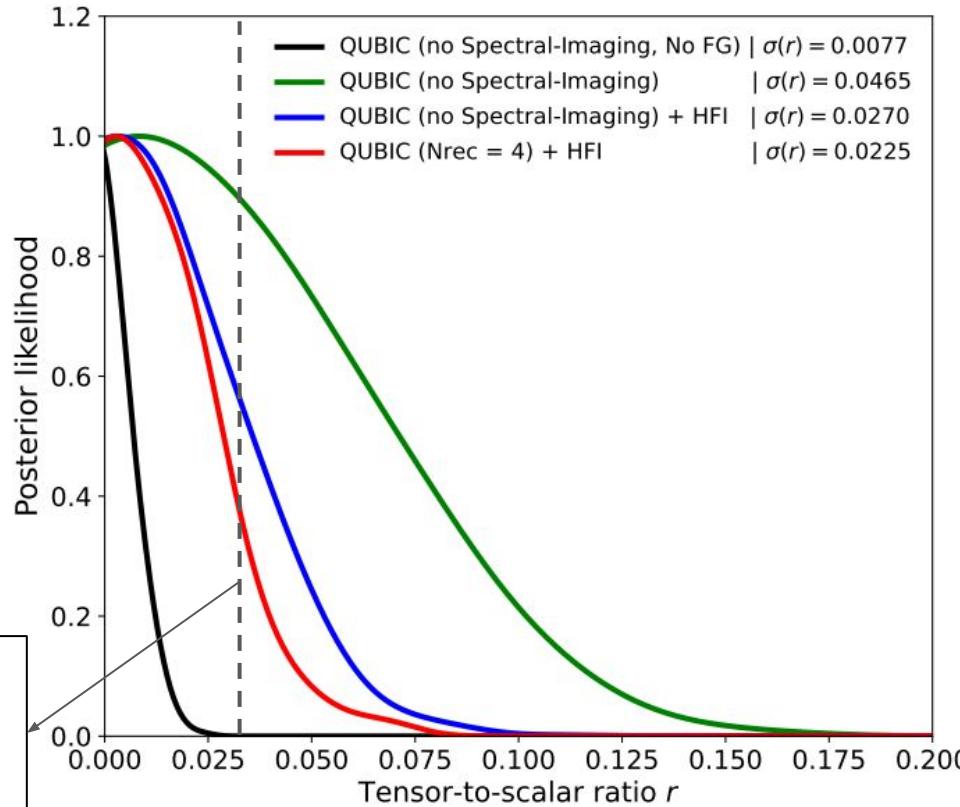
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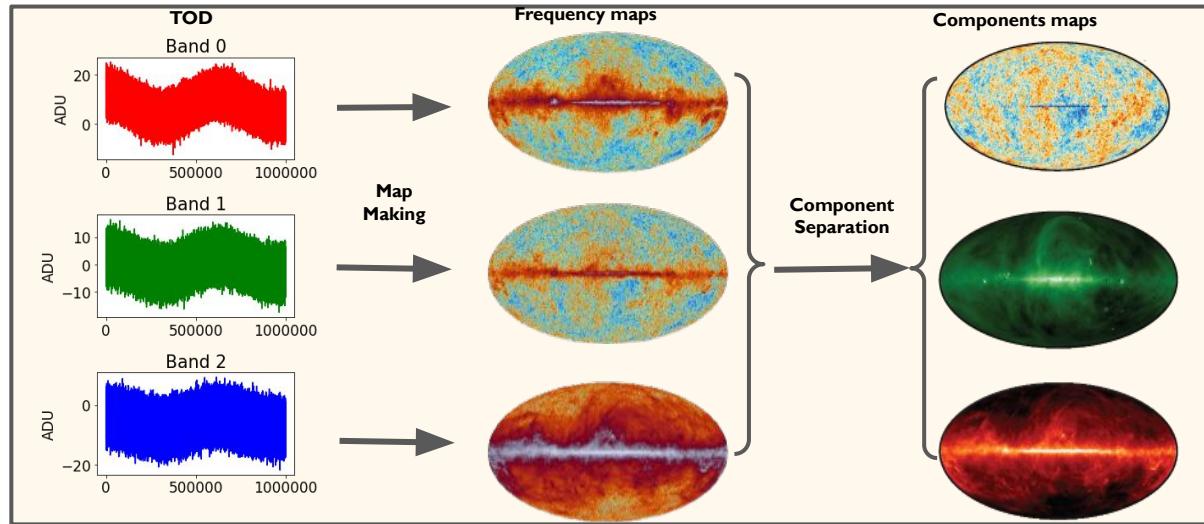


Frequency Map-Making: Forecasts



From Frequency to Component Map-Making

$$\vec{d}_i = H_i \cdot \vec{s}_i + \vec{n}_i$$

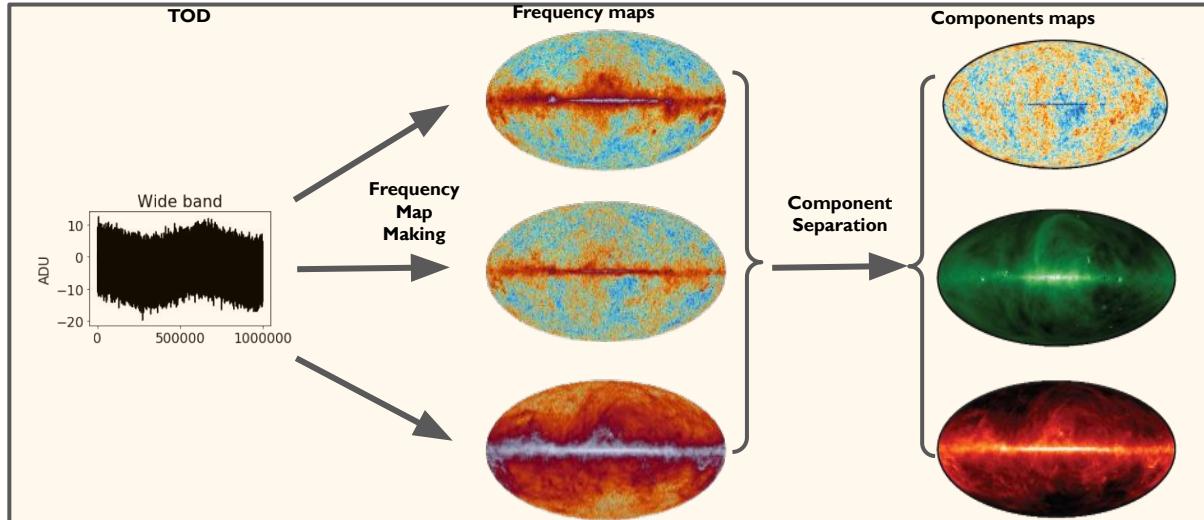


Classical Imager Pipeline



From Frequency to Component Map-Making

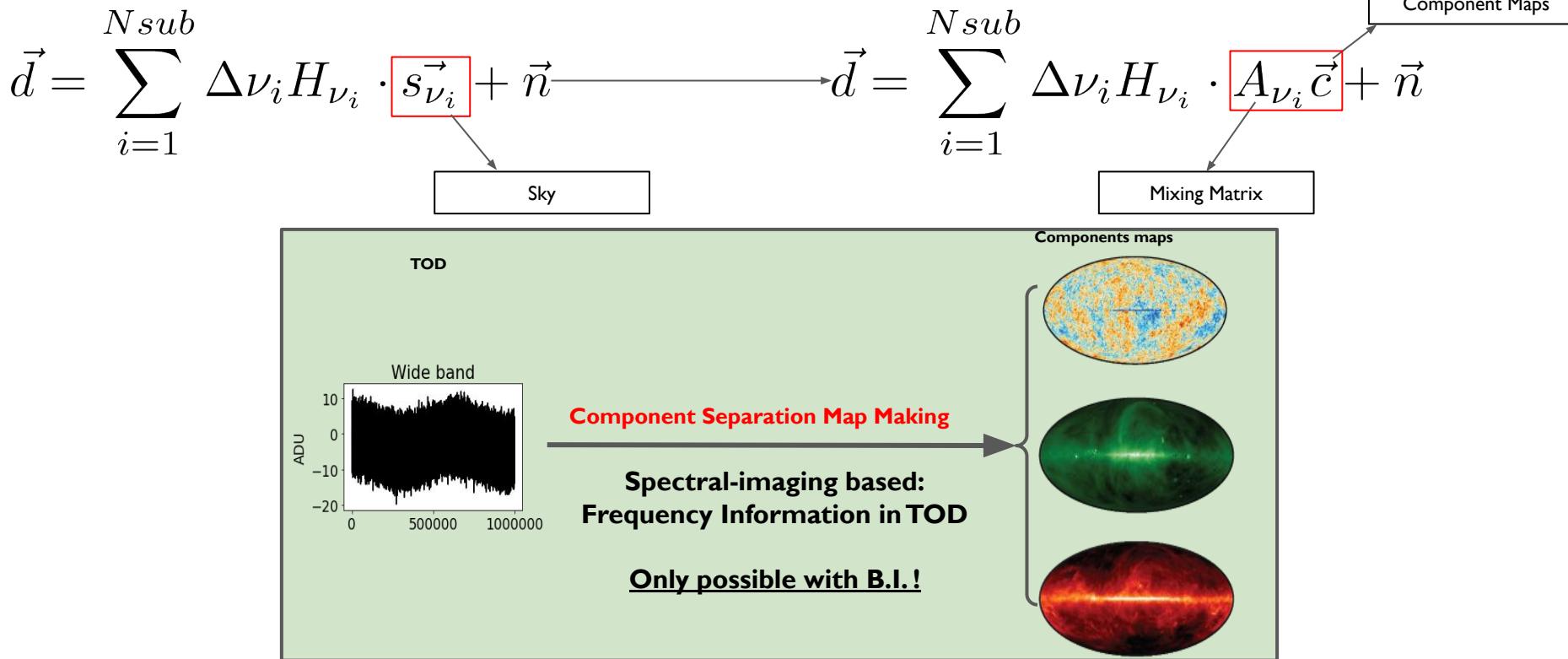
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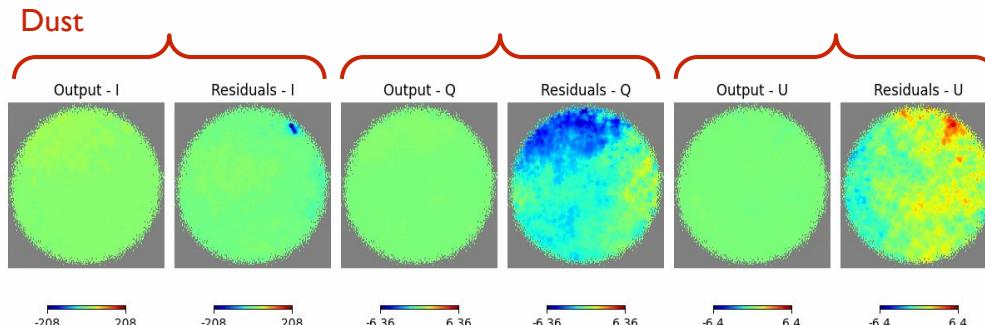
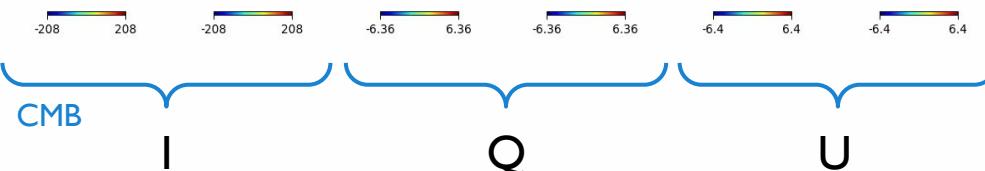
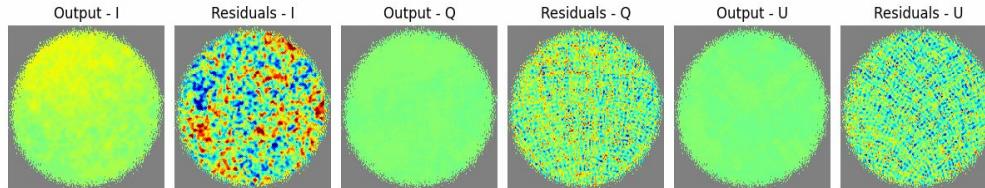
**Bolometric Interferometer Pipeline
Frequency Map-Making**



Component Map-Making



Component Map-Making



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Mixing Matrix

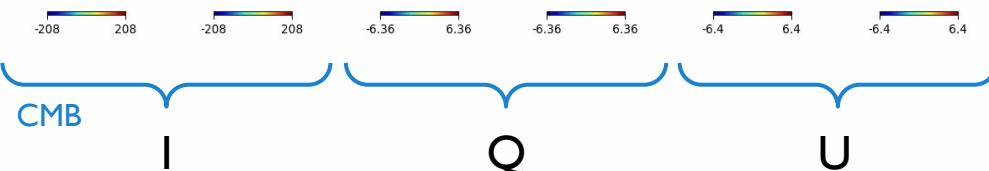
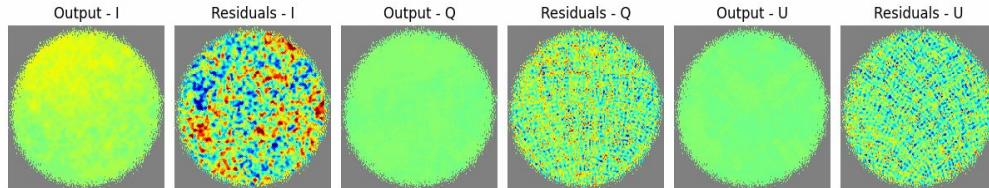
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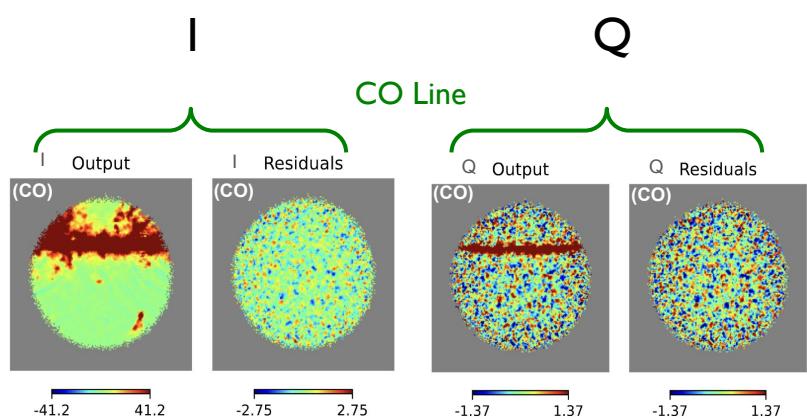
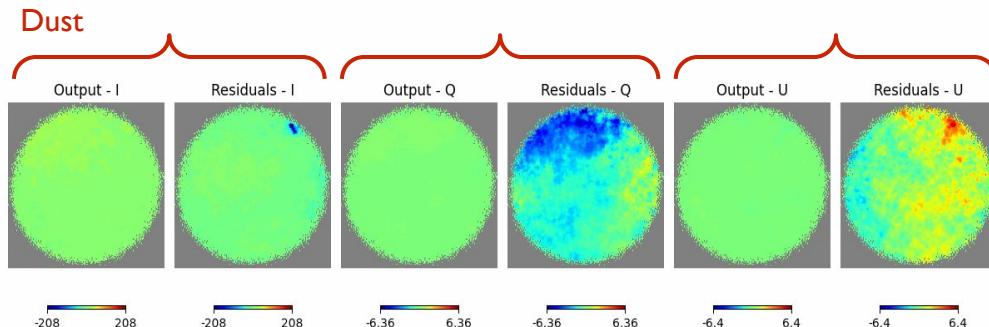
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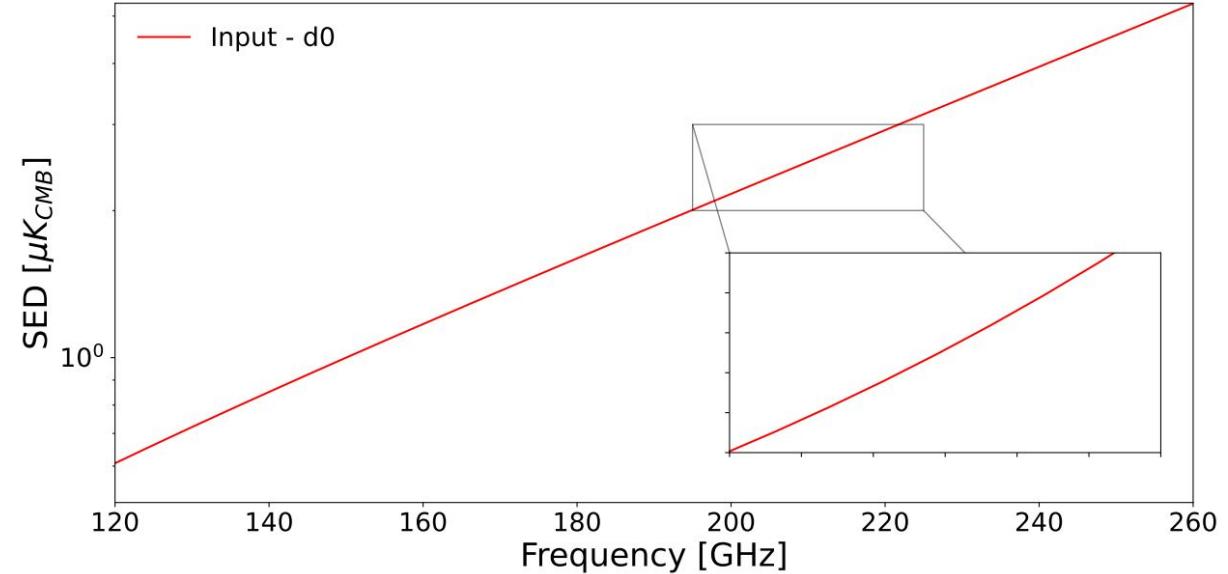
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Component Map-Making: Parametric or Blind



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Parametric
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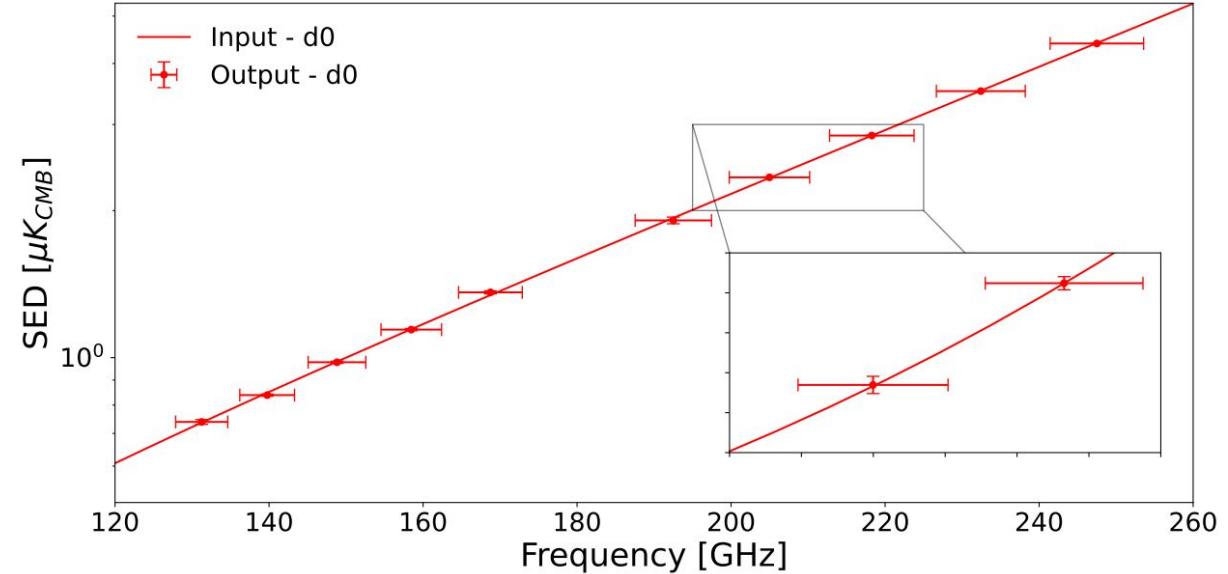
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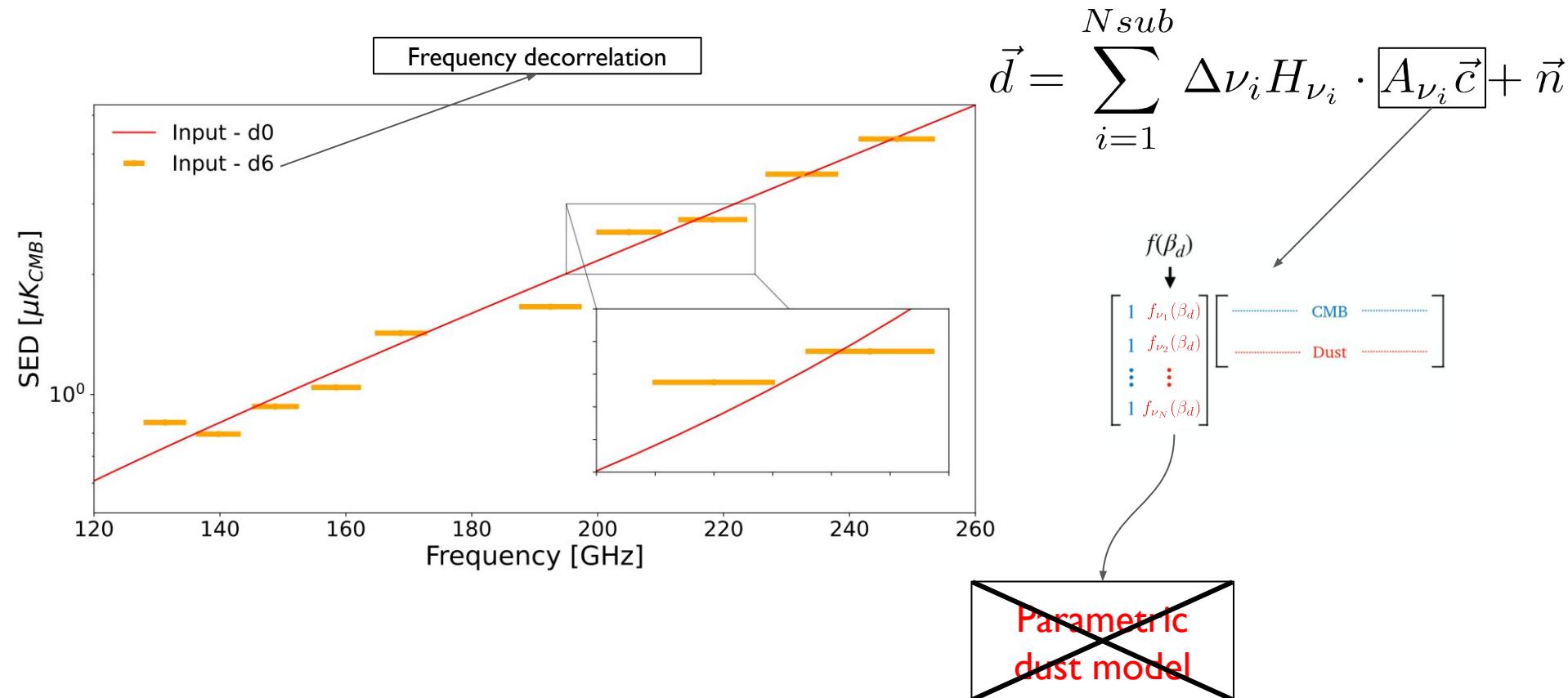
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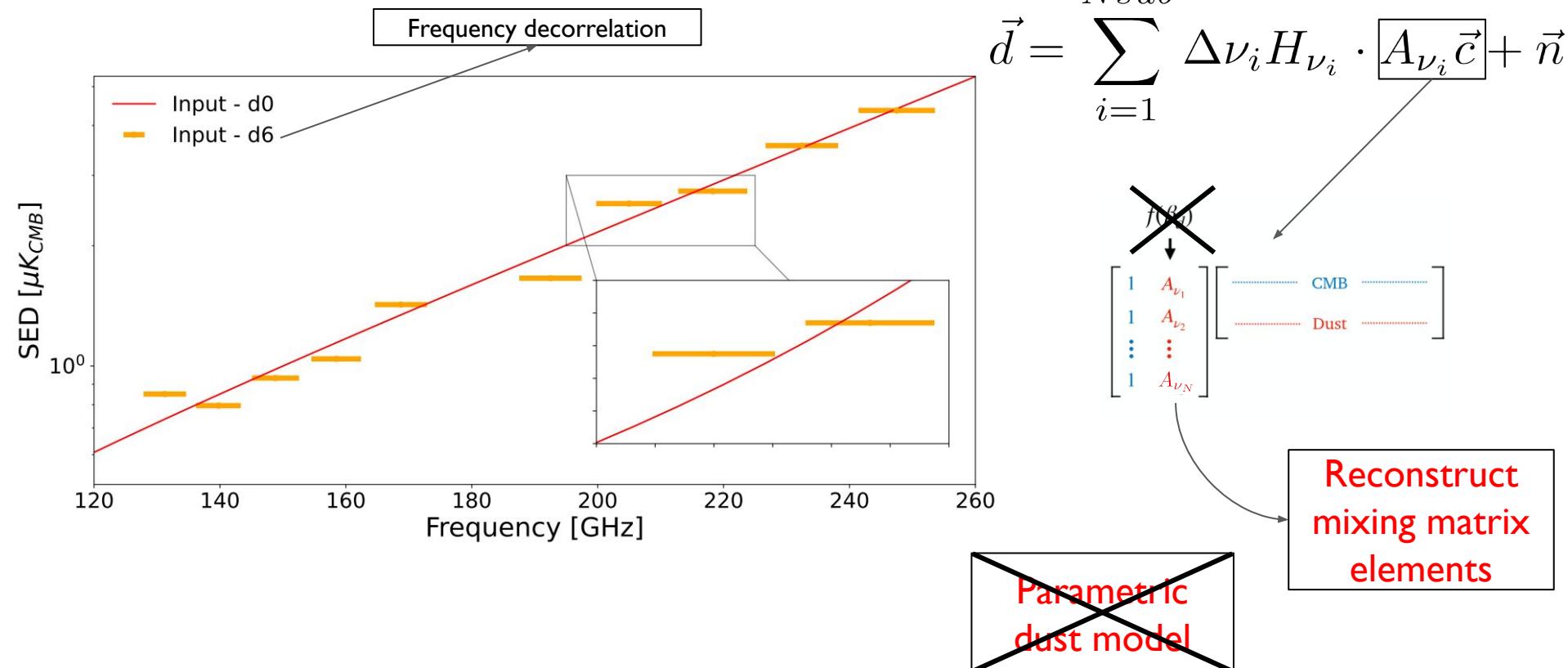
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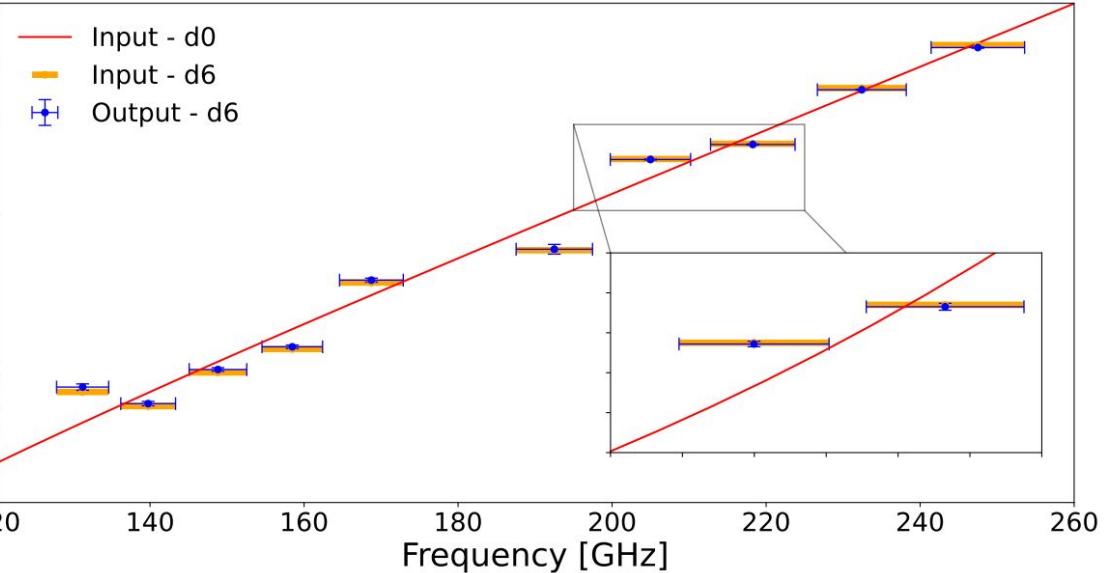
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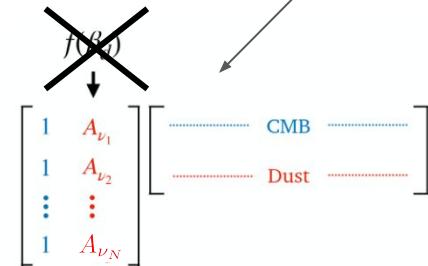


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Reconstruct
mixing matrix
elements

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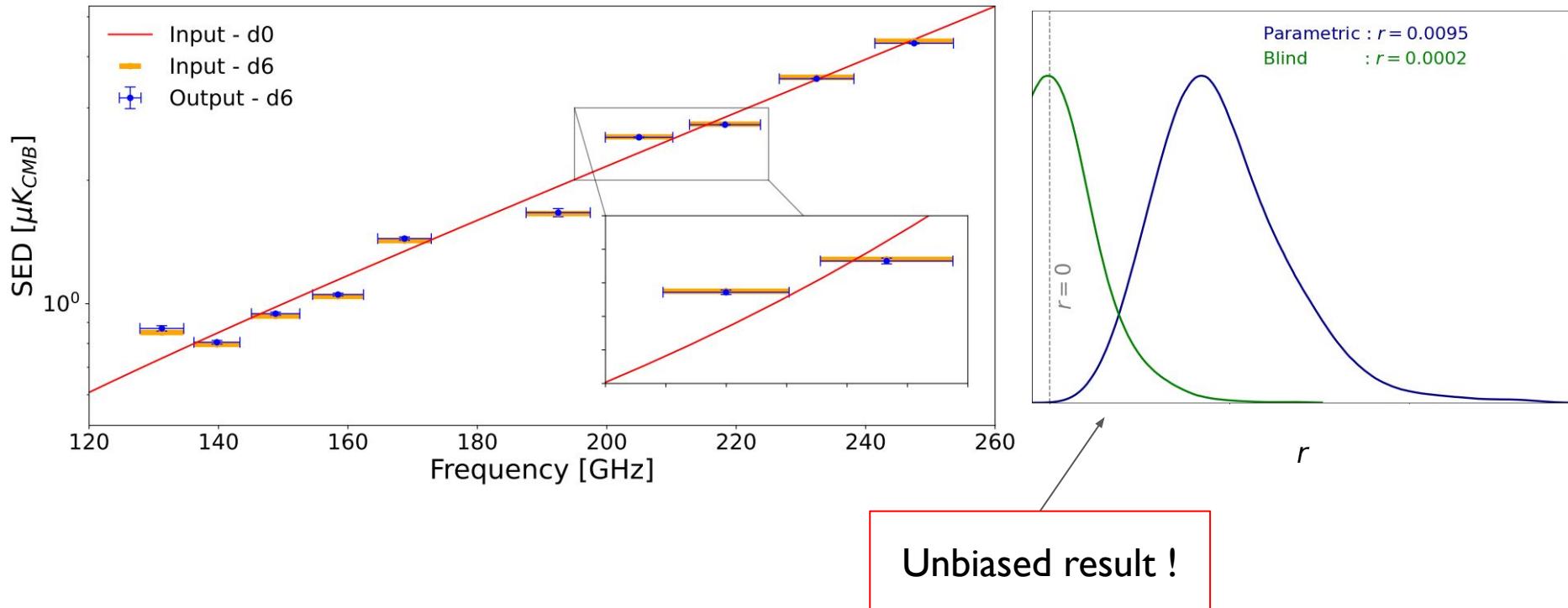
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[Bl with enhanced sensitivity assumed]



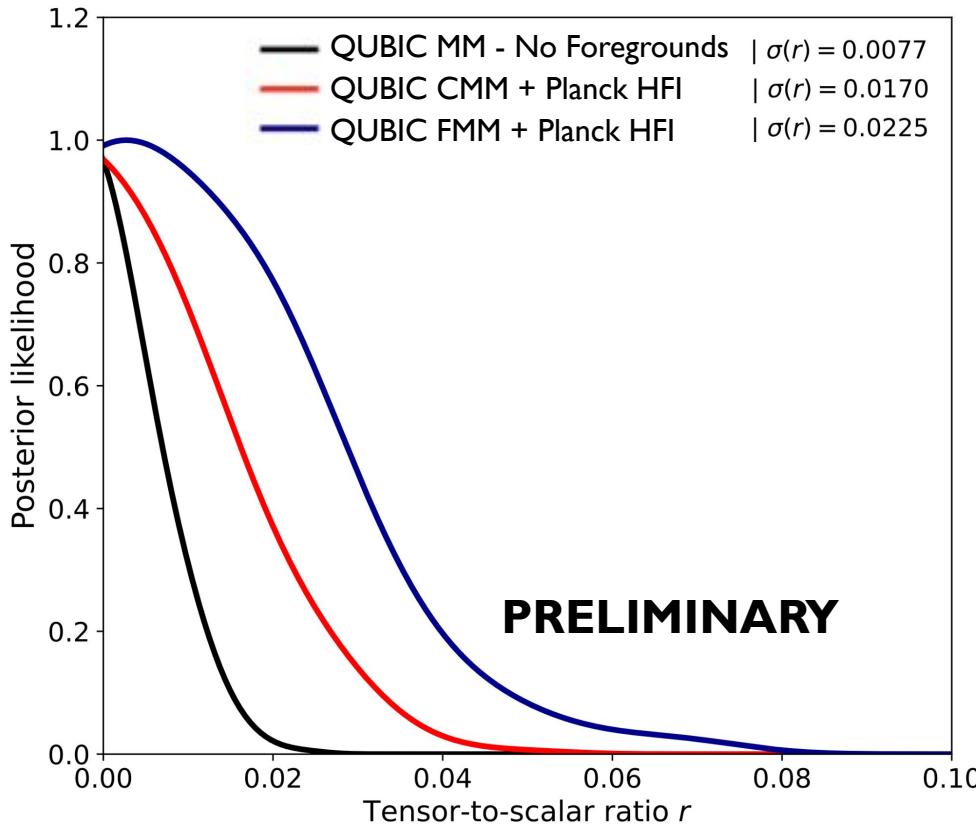
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QUBIC Forecasts (end-to-end simulations)



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Atmosphere Map-Making

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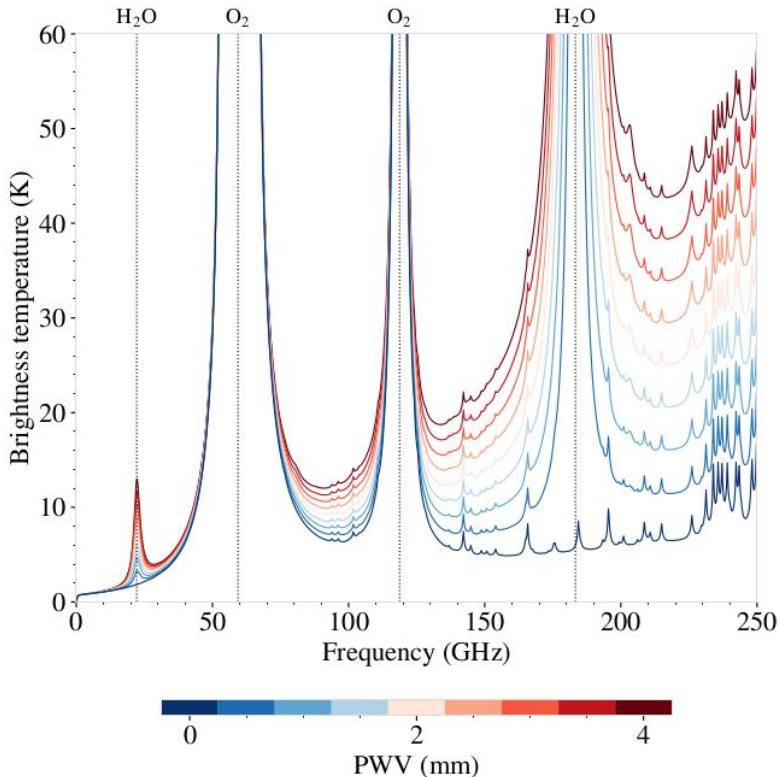


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⇒ Limited by observing through 150 GHz and 220 GHz windows
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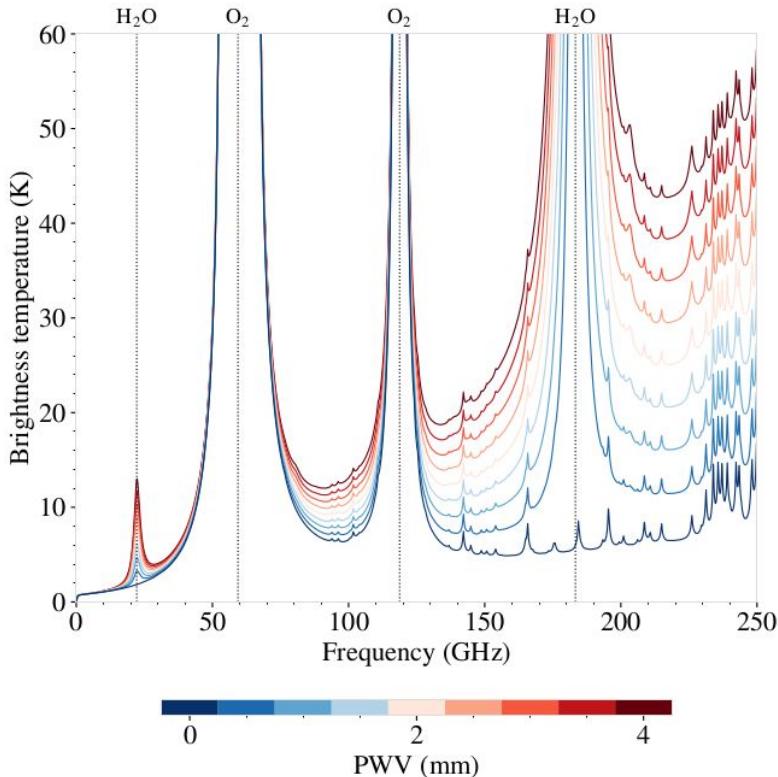
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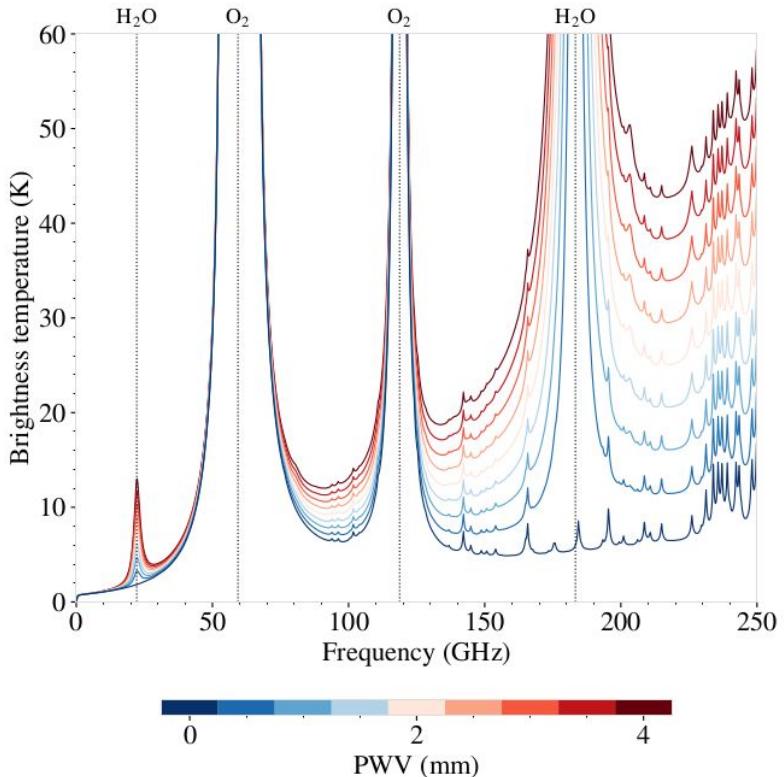
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- 1
- 2
- 3

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Specific spectrum depending on water vapor density
⇒ Can be used for component separation

Atmosphere Map-Making

Water vapor density fluctuations :

↪ modeled by Kolmogorov power spectrum :

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2D 3D

$$P_{adj}(\mathbf{k}) \propto (r_0^{-2} + |\mathbf{k}|^2)^\alpha$$

r0 : max size of
turbulences

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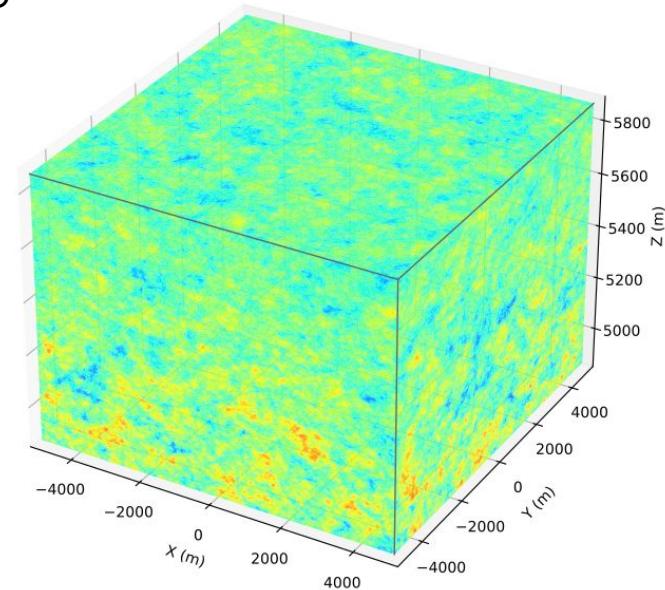
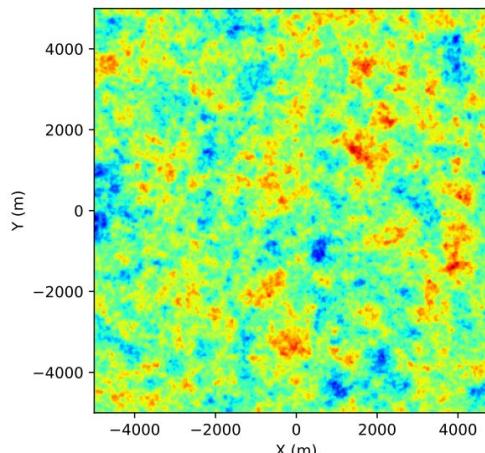
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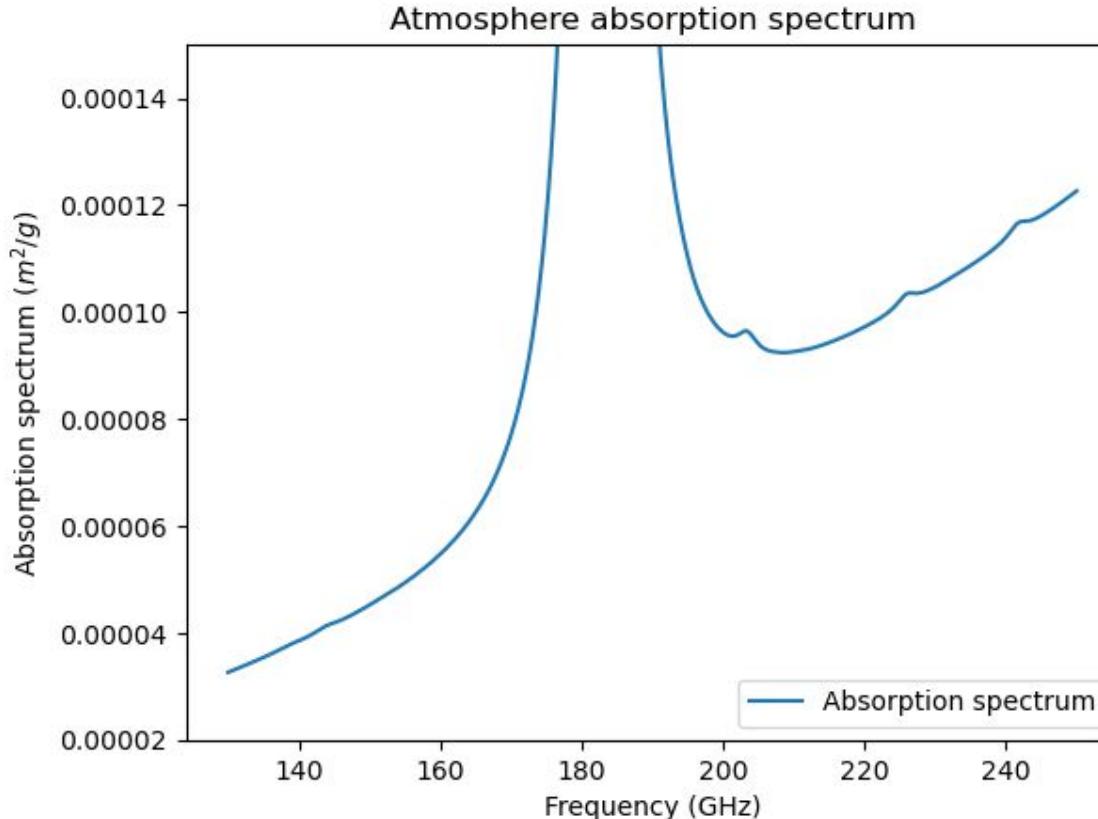
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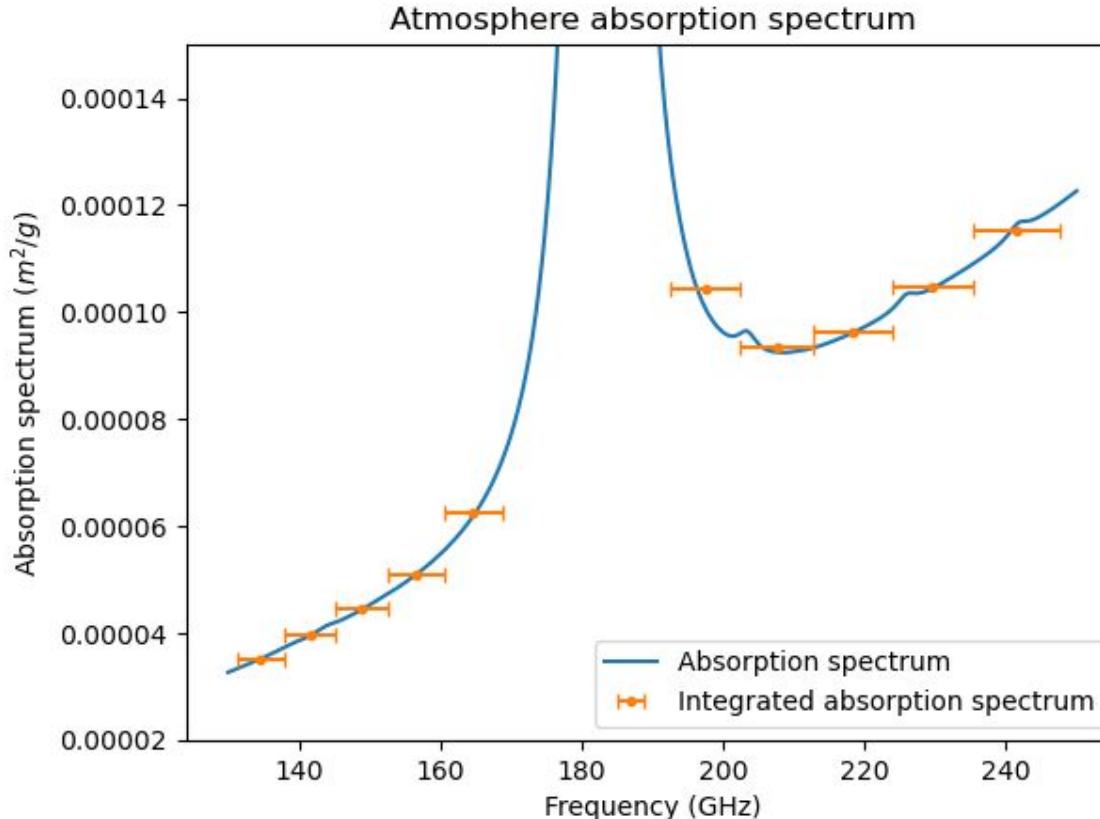
[T. W. Morris et al., The Atacama Cosmology Telescope: Modeling Bulk Atmospheric Motion, 2021]

Atmosphere Map-Making



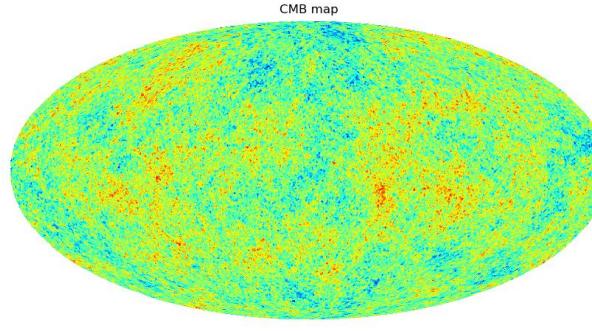
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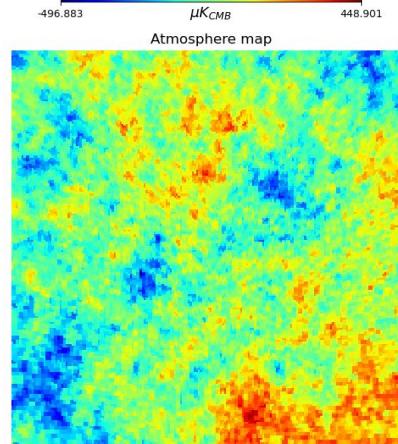


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Galactic
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Local
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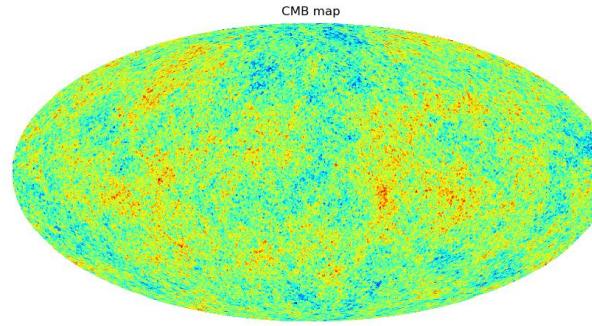


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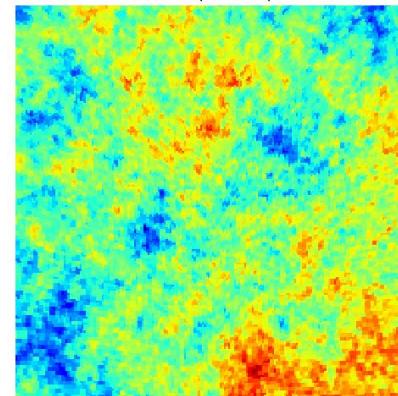
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Simplifying hypothesis:

- Atmosphere = 2d plane
- Stable Atmosphere Spectrum
- No wind



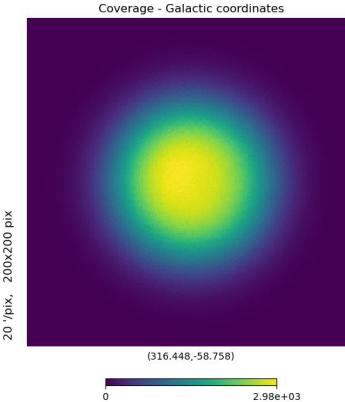
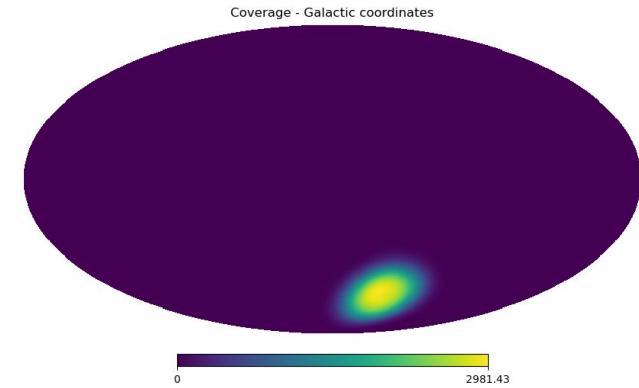
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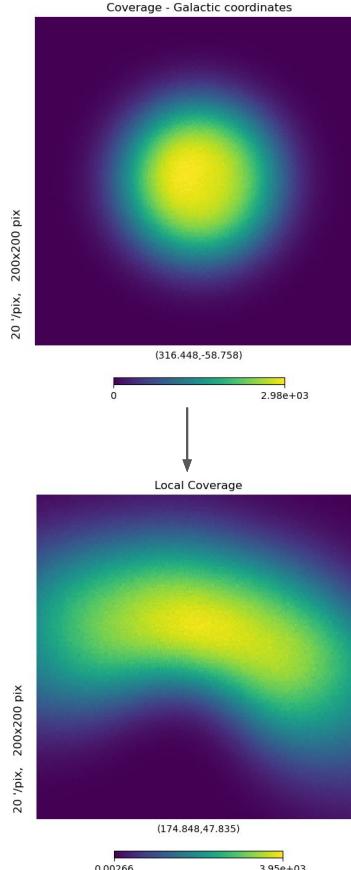
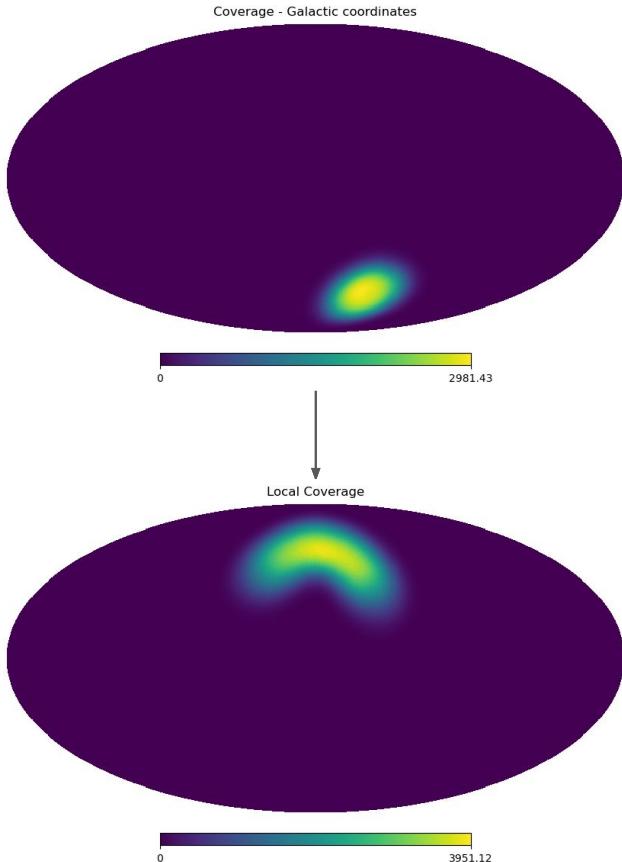


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Uniform pointing in
15° radius circle
centered on the
QUBIC patch position

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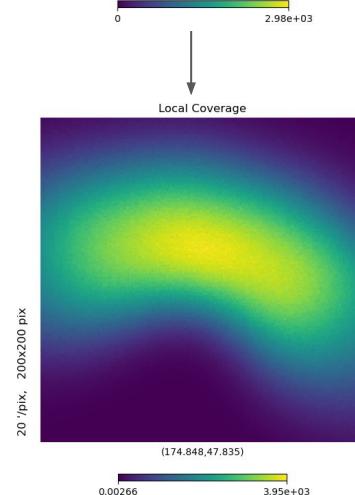
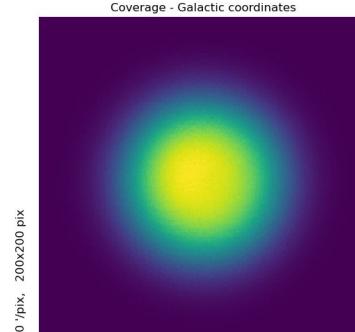
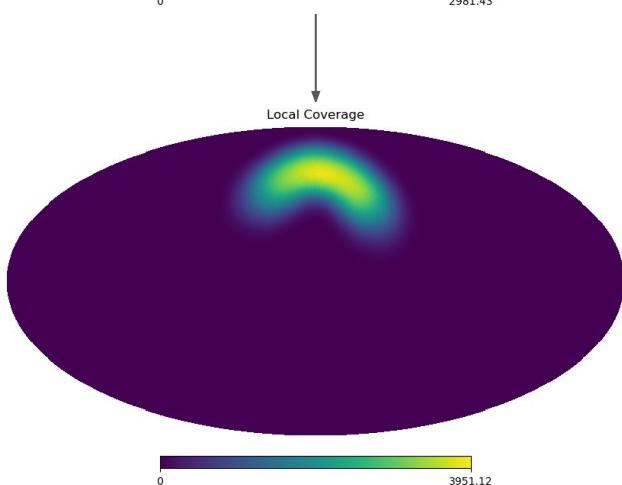
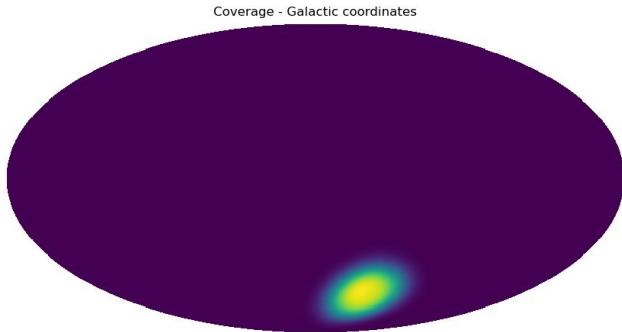


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No longer a circle in
local coordinates, as
the patch moves in
the sky



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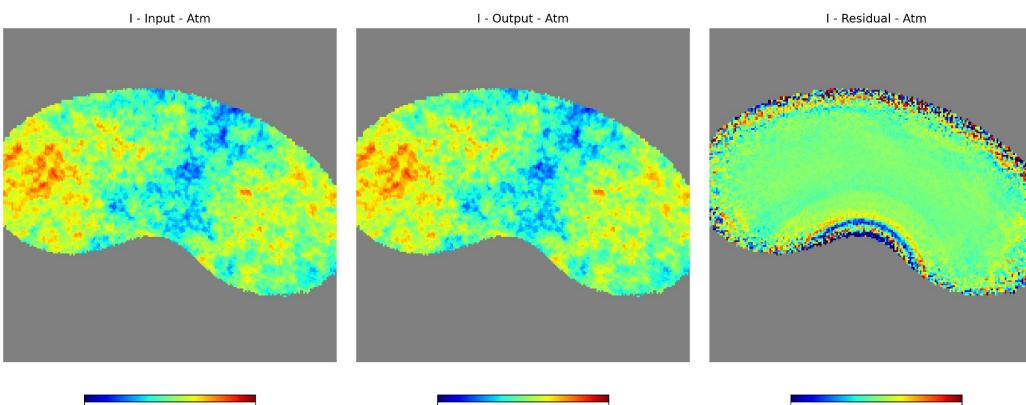
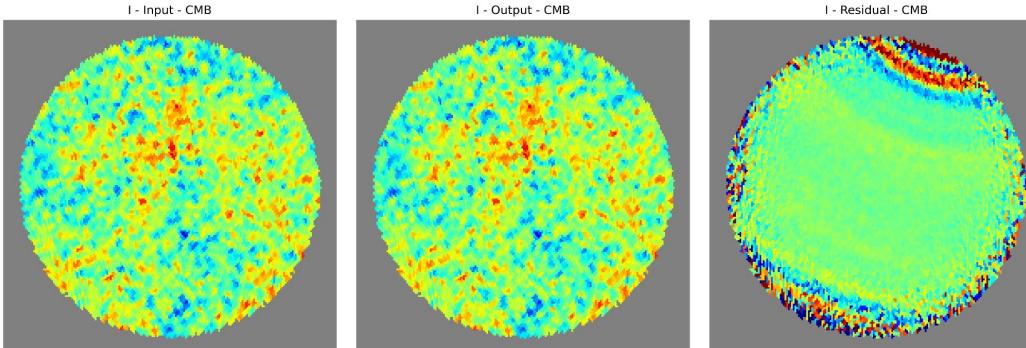


$$\begin{aligned} \vec{TOD} &= H_{gal} \vec{s}_{cmb} + H_{local} \vec{s}_{atm} \\ &= \vec{TOD}_{cmb} + \vec{TOD}_{atm} \end{aligned}$$



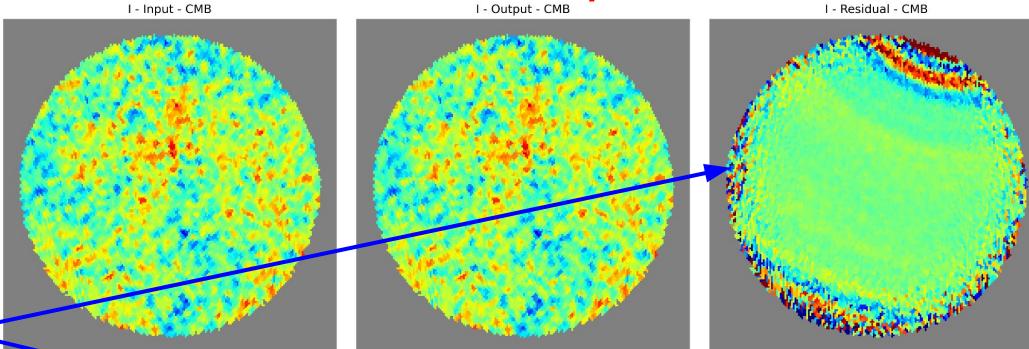
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Intensity



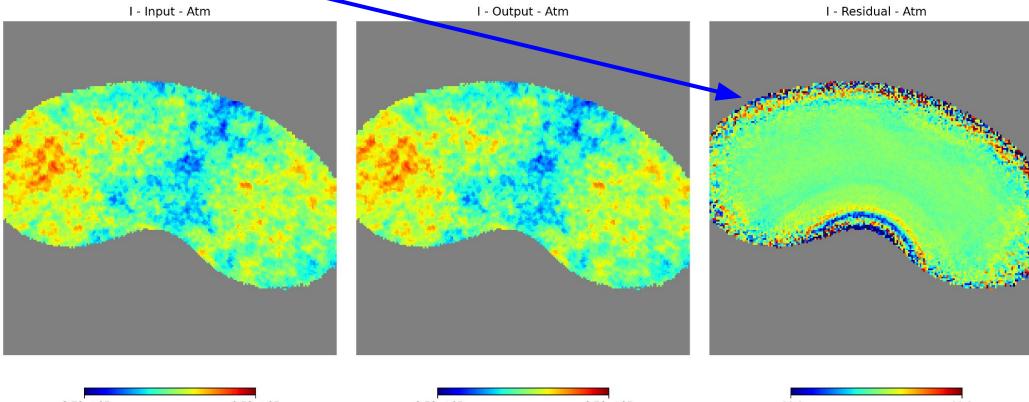
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Intensity



Edge effect:
secondary peaks
falling outside the
patch

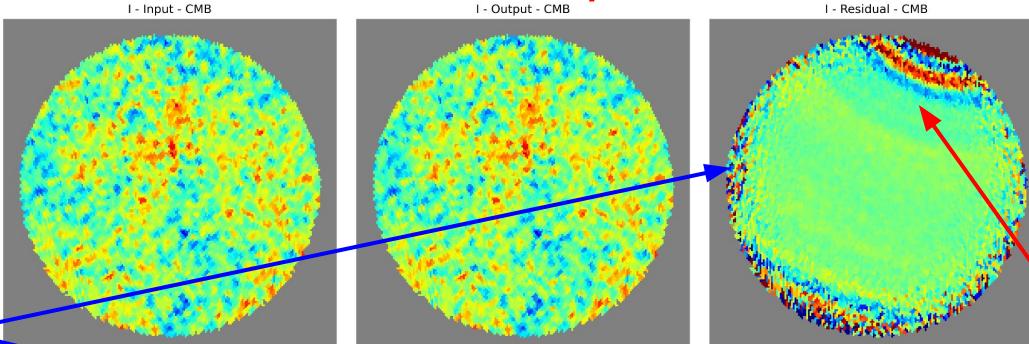
⇒ Adding
external data
(Planck)



[Chanal, Régnier, et al.,
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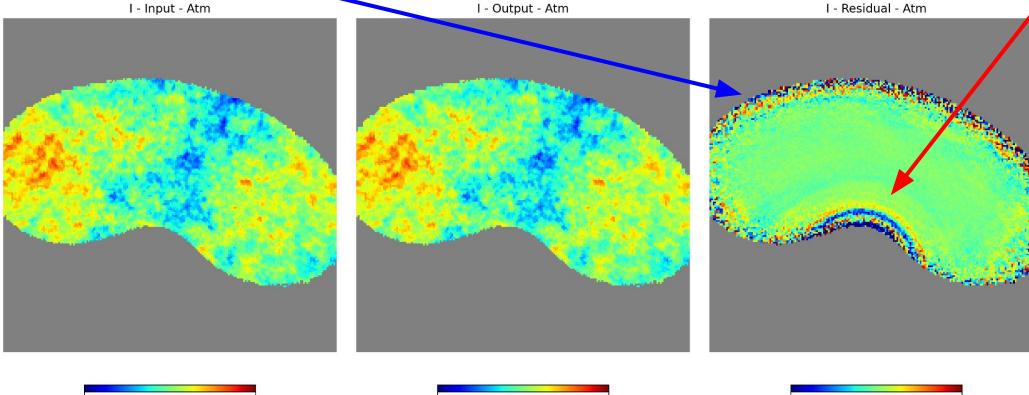


Edge effect:
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Stripes:
Movement of the
atmosphere

⇒ Improve
convergence



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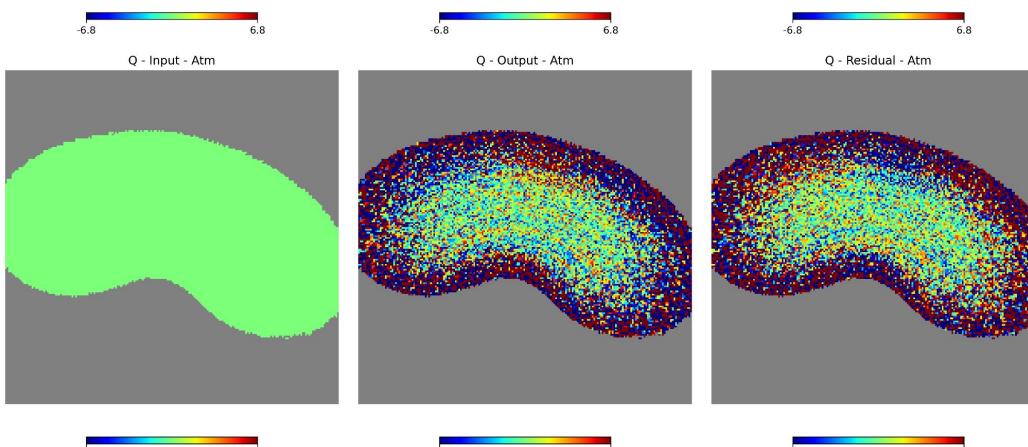
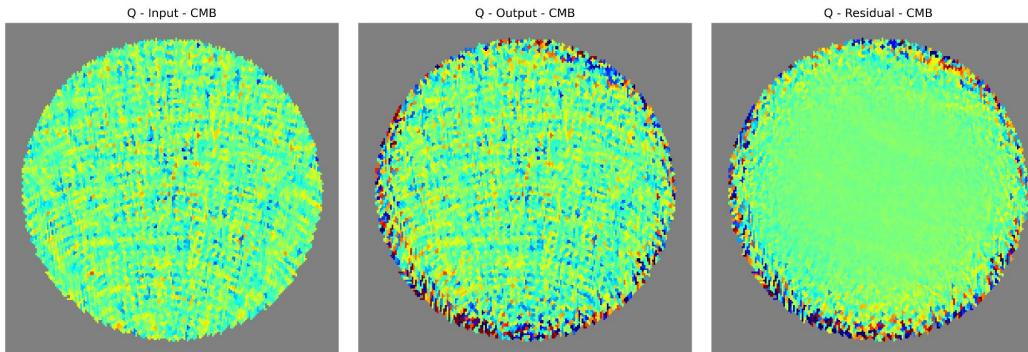
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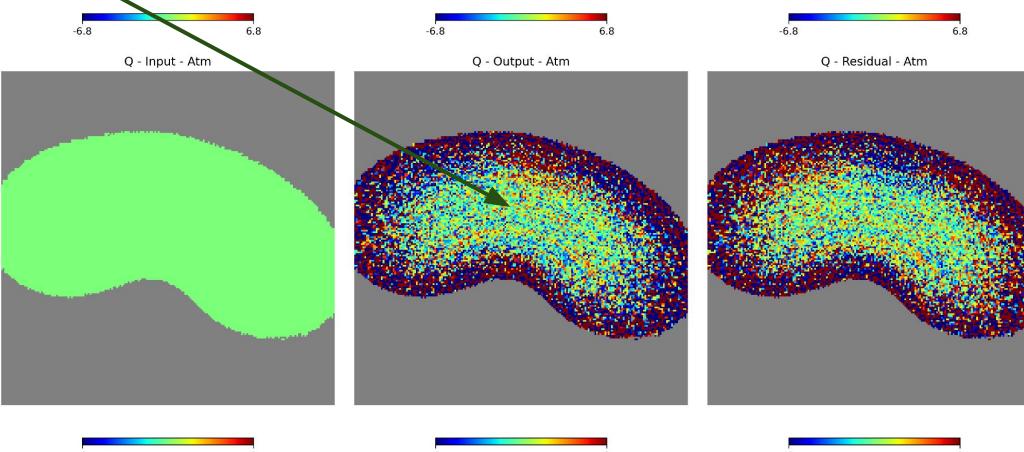
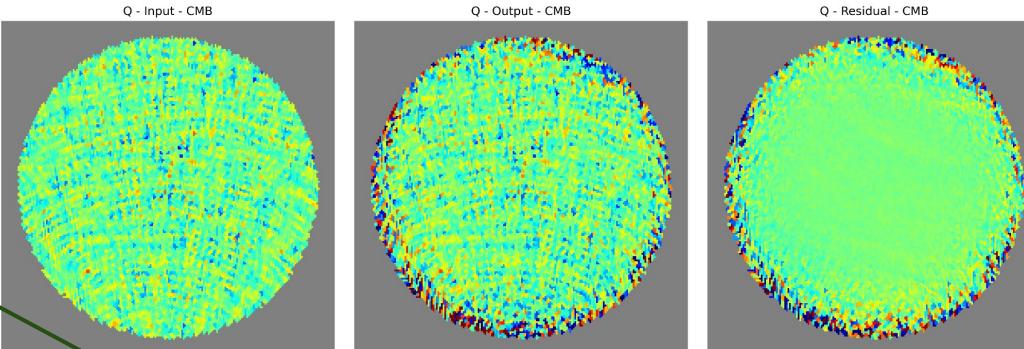
Polarisation



Atmosphere Map-Making

Polarisation

Lack of
convergence ?



Atmosphere Map-Making

Next steps :

1. Fix edge effect : add external data outside patch
2. Improve convergence : compute proper preconditioner
3. Add constraints : CMB Intensity, Atm Polarisation
4. External Atm information : weather station, camera
5. Add wind
6. 3d atmosphere



Spectral Imaging with QUBIC :

Component separation using Bolometric Interferometry



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Back-up Slides

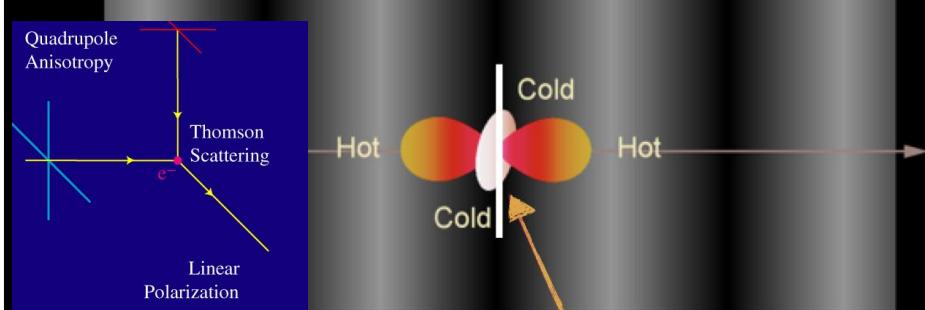


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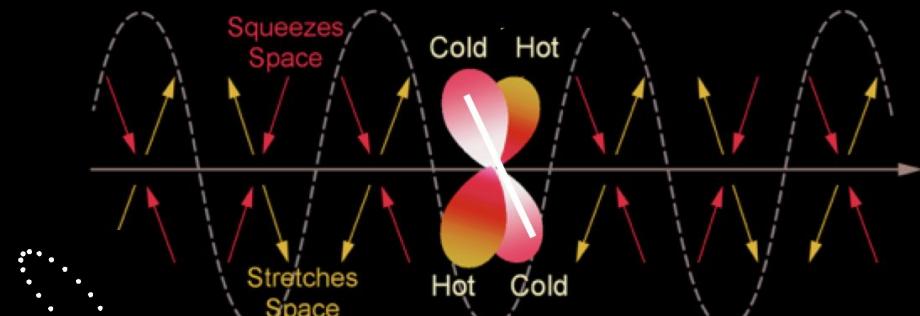


Anisotropic fluxes on the Last Scattering Surface

Density Wave (Scalar Perturbations)



Gravitational Wave (Tensor Perturbations)



Credit: BICEP Collaboration



QUBIC

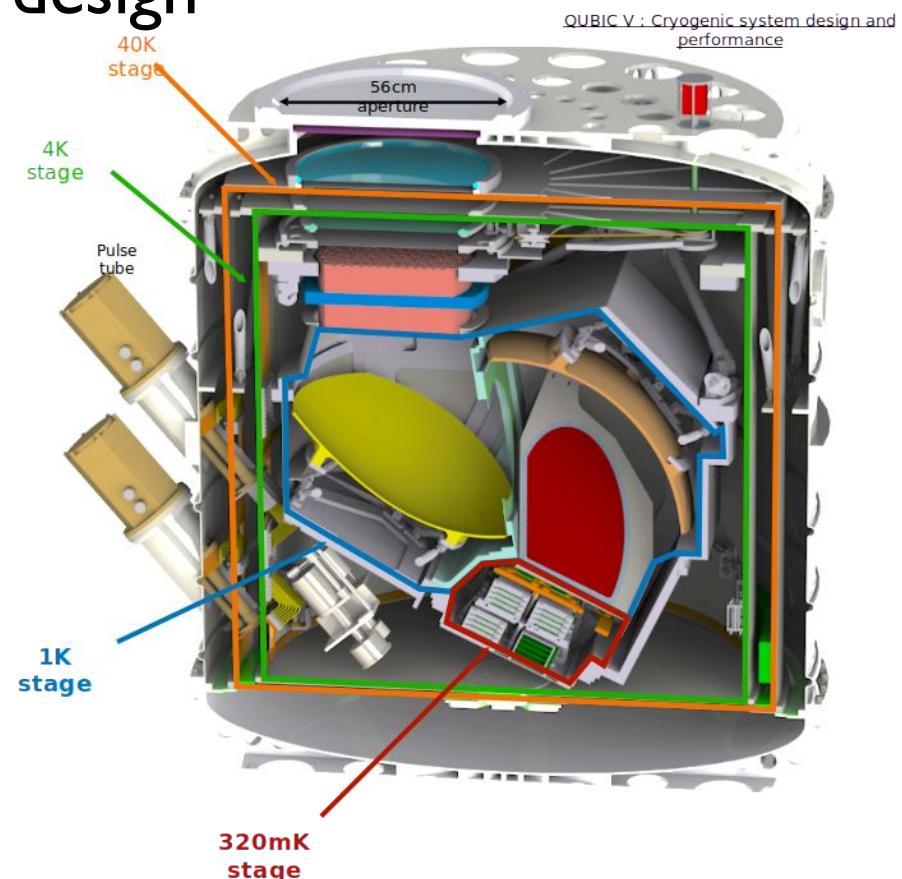
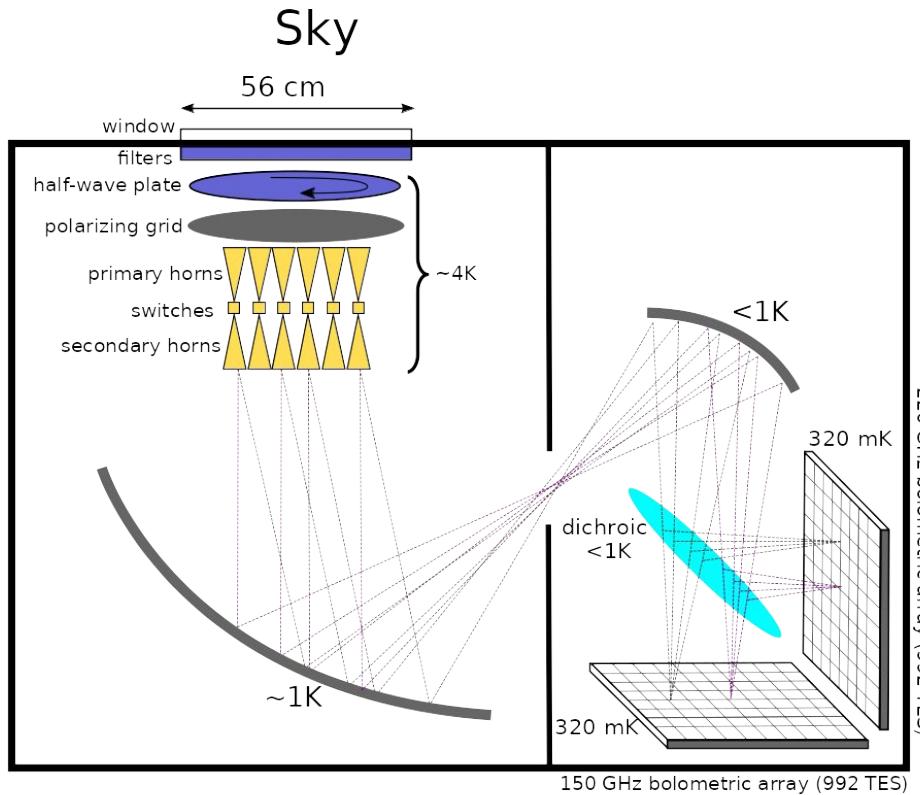


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QUBIC design



Instrumental model

$$H(\beta) = \mathcal{R}_{\text{det}} \mathcal{T}_{\text{inst}} \mathcal{I}_{\text{det}} \mathcal{P}_{\text{ol}} [\mathcal{H}_{\text{WP}} * \mathcal{P}_{\text{proj}}] \mathcal{F}_{\text{ilt}} \mathcal{A}_p \mathcal{T}_{\text{atm}} \mathcal{U}_{\text{nit}} \mathcal{D}_{\text{ist}} \mathcal{A}_{\text{comp}}$$

Time domain

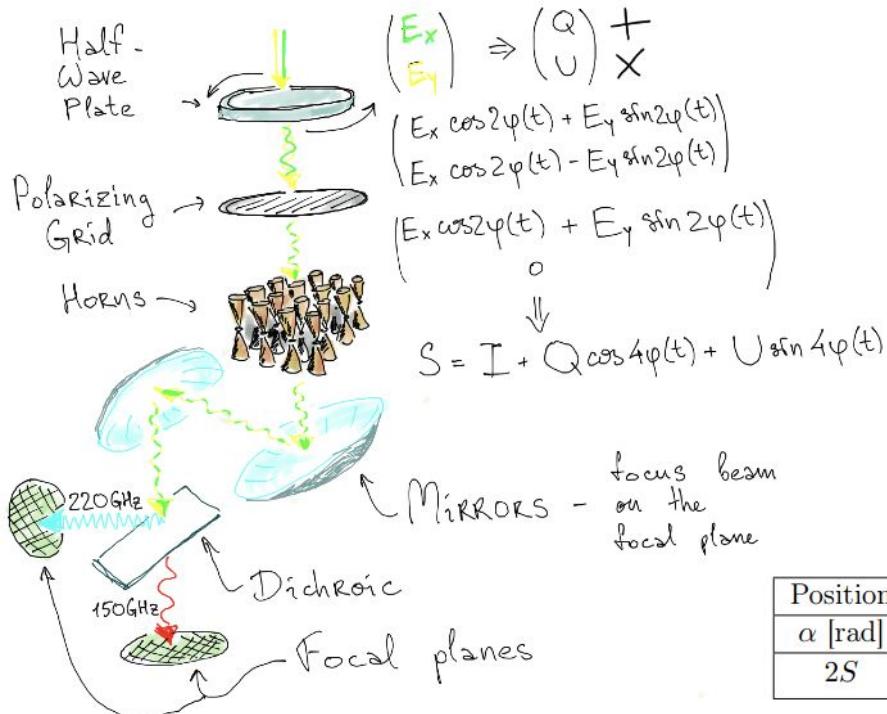
- *Instrumental systematics determination*

Pixels domain

Various foregrounds model :

- *Parametric methods*
 - *constant spectral index*
 - *Varying spectral indices*
- *Blind methods*

Polarisation



Stokes parameter

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} I = |\underline{E}_x|^2 + |\underline{E}_y|^2. \quad |+| \\ Q = |\underline{E}_x|^2 - |\underline{E}_y|^2. \quad |-| \\ U = 2 \operatorname{Re}(E_x E_y^*). \quad /|-/ \end{array} \right.$$

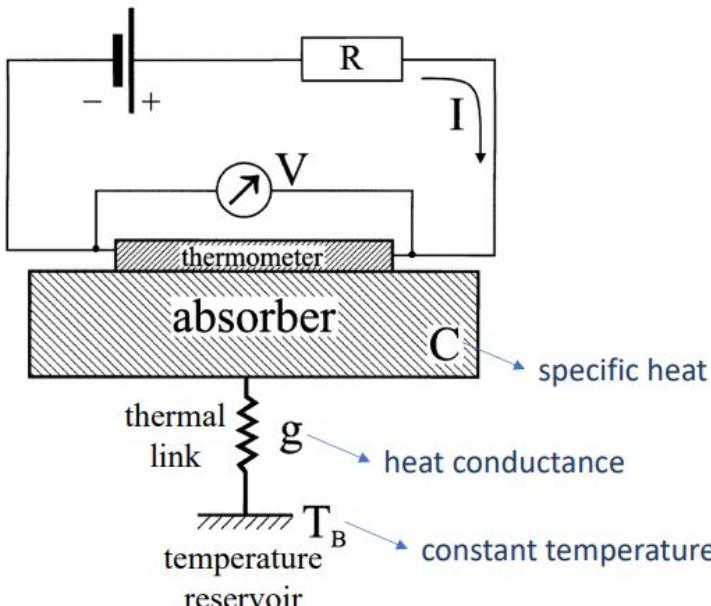
Position	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
α [rad]	0	$\frac{\pi}{16}$	$\frac{\pi}{8}$	$\frac{3\pi}{16}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{5\pi}{16}$	$\frac{3\pi}{8}$	$\frac{7\pi}{16}$
$2S$	$I + Q$	$I + \frac{Q+U}{\sqrt{2}}$	$I + U$	$I - \frac{Q-U}{\sqrt{2}}$	$I - Q$	$I - \frac{Q+U}{\sqrt{2}}$	$I - U$	$I + \frac{Q-U}{\sqrt{2}}$

Table 1.1: Intensity measured as function of I , Q , U for the eight HWP steps of QUBIC.

[Drawing: M. Stolpovskiy]

[Louise Mousset, <https://hal-cea.archives-ouvertes.fr/tel-03783687/>]

TES



Absorbed photon \Rightarrow
 Absorber temperature increases \Rightarrow
 Thermometer resistance increases \Rightarrow
 Voltage decreases

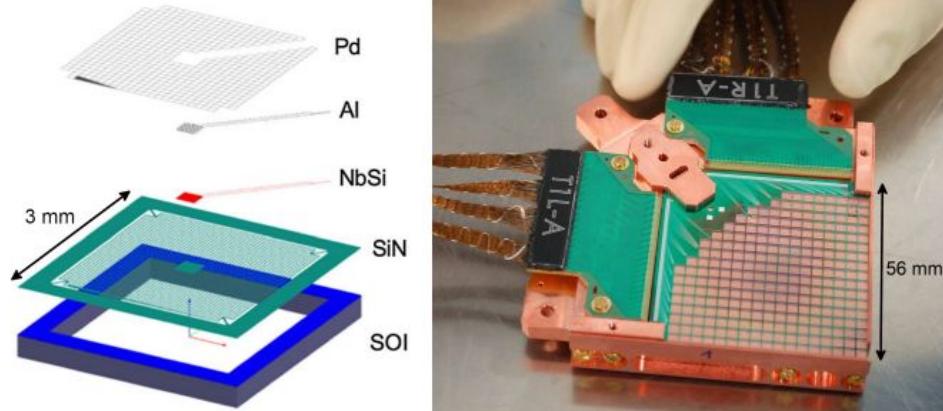
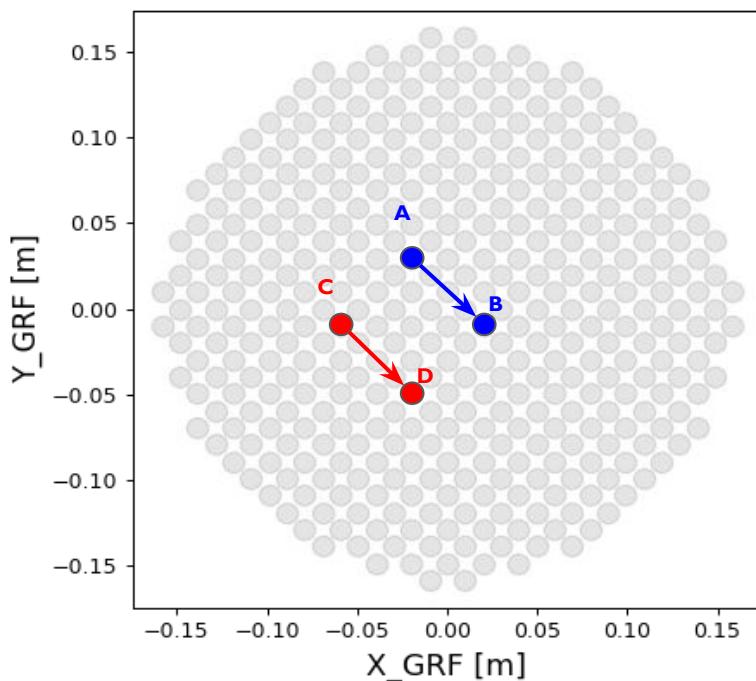


Figure 3. *Left:* Layout of the 3-mm pitch pixel structure. Pd grid for light absorption, NbSi for temperature sensing, SiN structure for decoupling the sensor from the cold bath and Al for routing the signal to the SQUID amplifiers *Right:* A 256 TES array being integrated.

[Diagram bolometer : NPAC detector physics courses, A. Tonazzo]
 [M. Piat et al., arXiv:2101.06787]

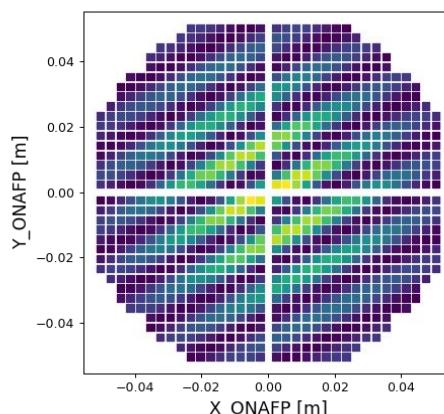
Self-Calibration

Interferometer aperture array

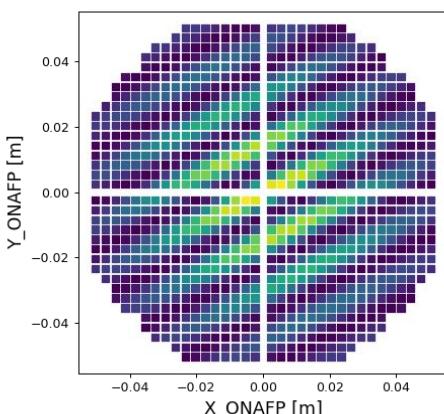


Fringe differences for **baselines** on focal plane can only come from **instrumental systematics** (cross-polarization, differential beams, intercalibration, ...)

Fringe from (A,B)



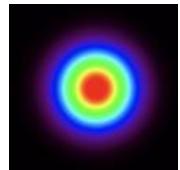
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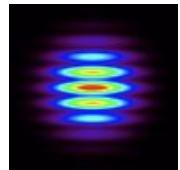
Focal Plane signal (Simulation)

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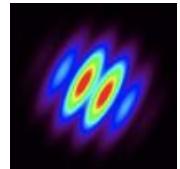
The QUBIC Synthesized beam from baselines



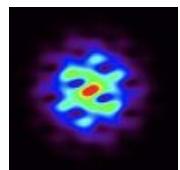
1 Horn open



2 Horns open

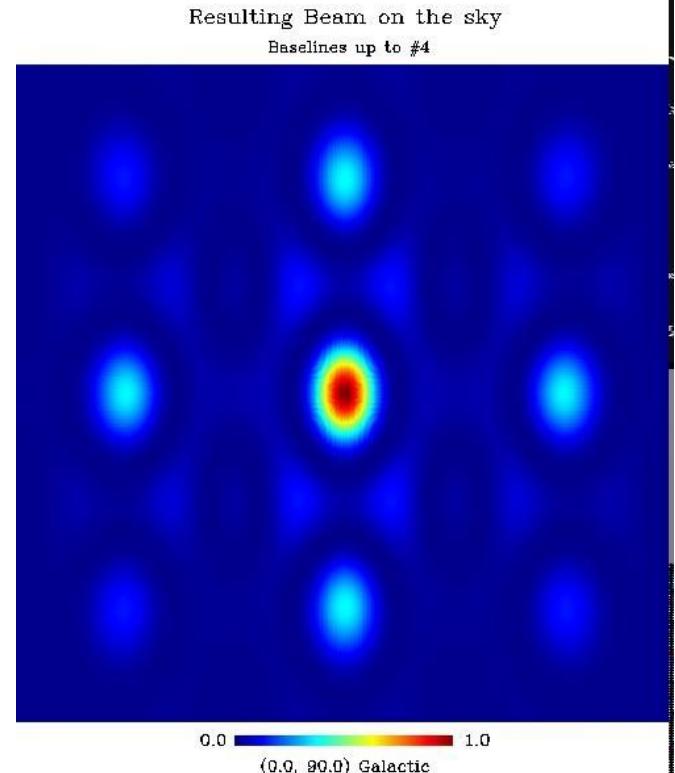
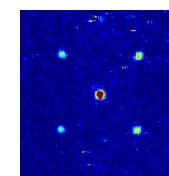
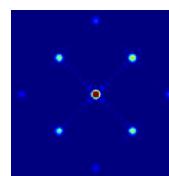
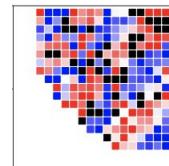
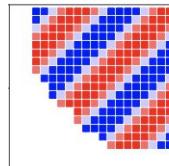
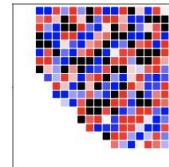
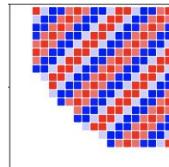


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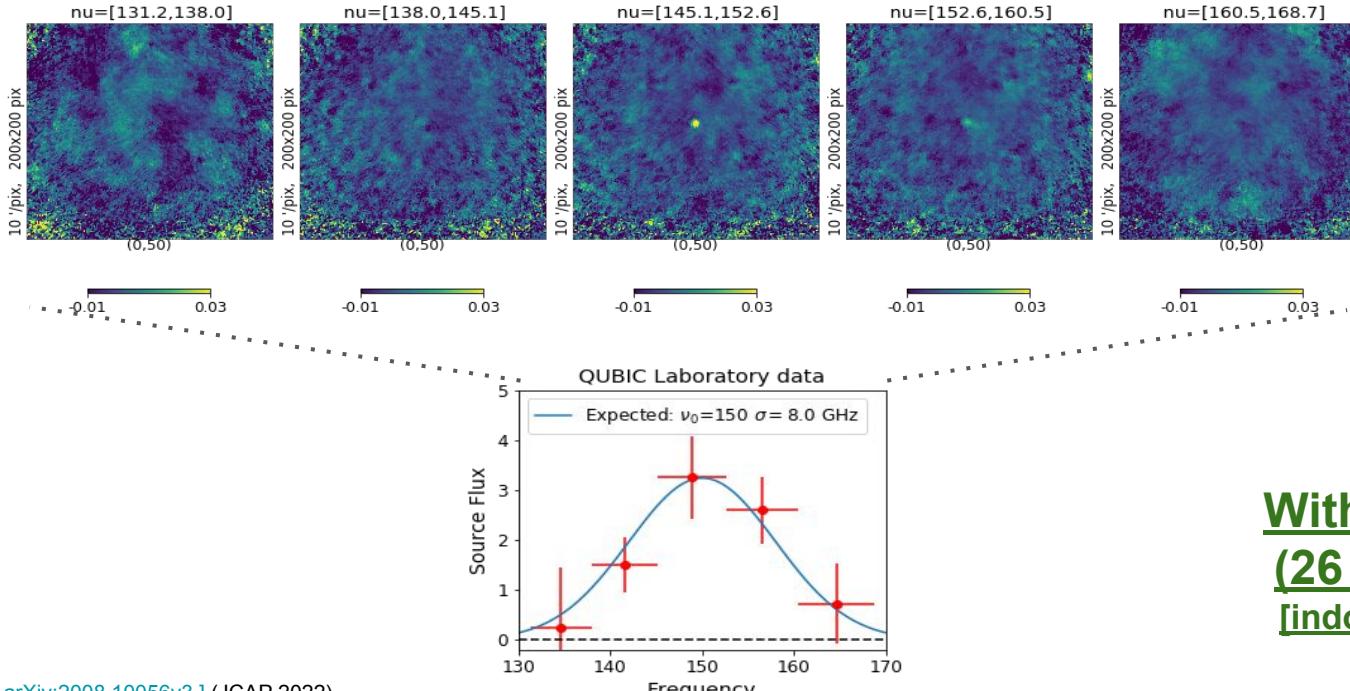
All Horns open

[L. Mousset, PhD, 2021]
QUBIC Sim. QUBIC Cal Data



Bolometric Interferometry: Spectral Imaging

First Spectral Imaging reconstruction with real data (Calibration Source operating at 150 GHz at APC)



With Real Data
(26 detectors)
[indoor calibration
source]

[Torchinsky et al., QUBIC III arXiv:2008.10056v3] (JCAP 2022)

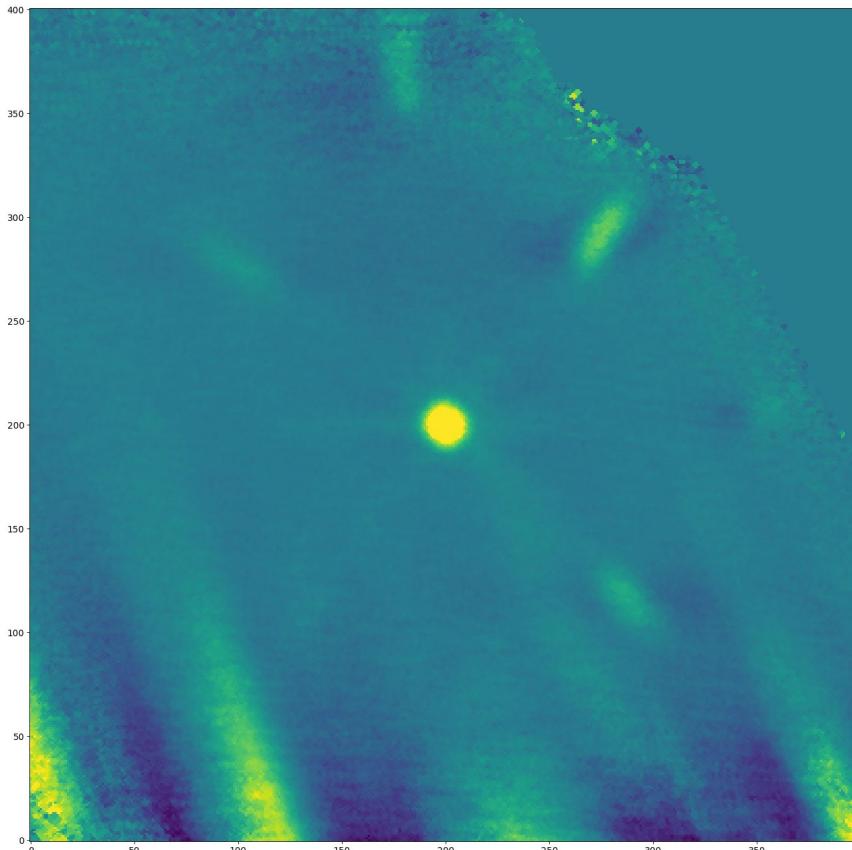


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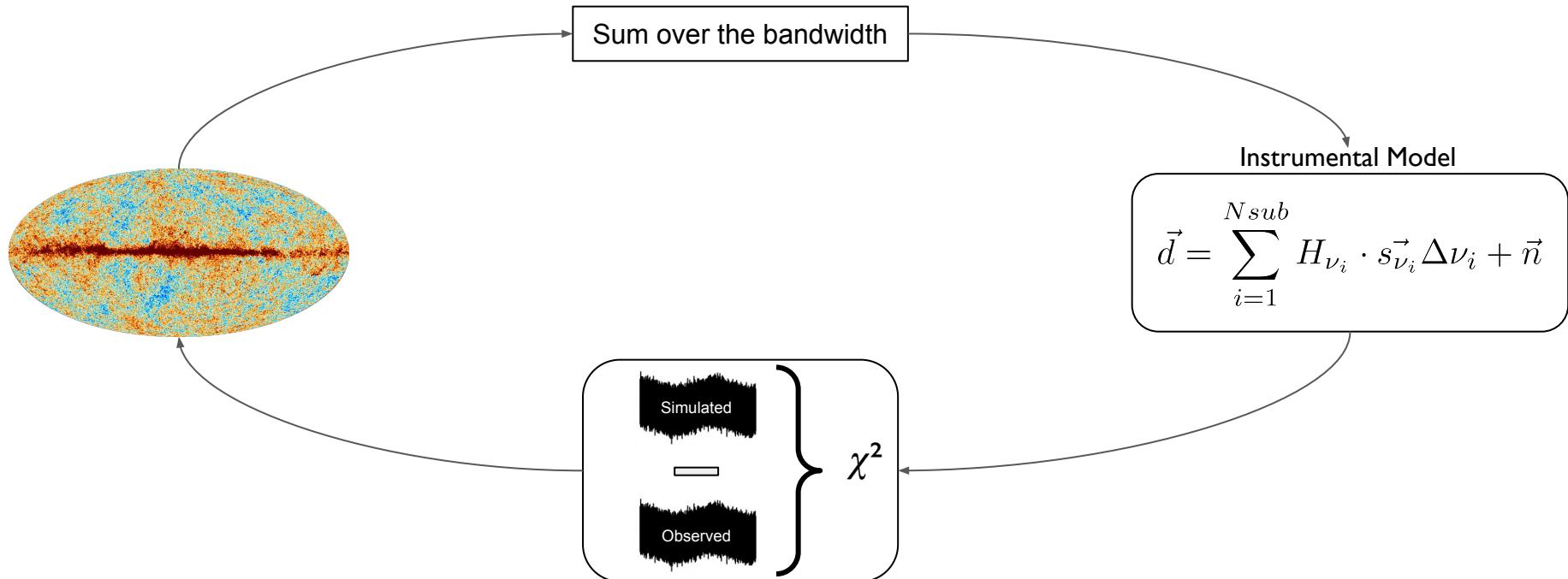
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Moon observation

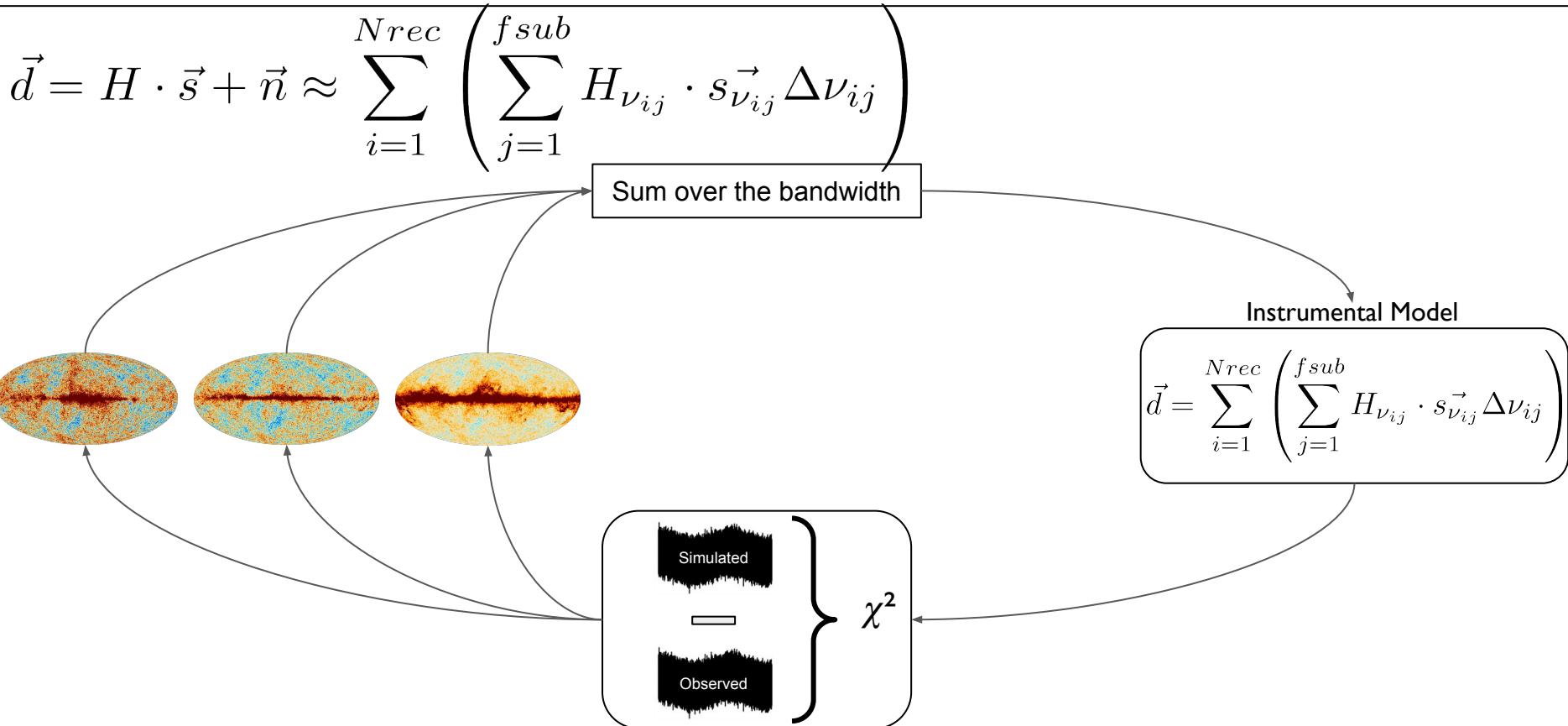


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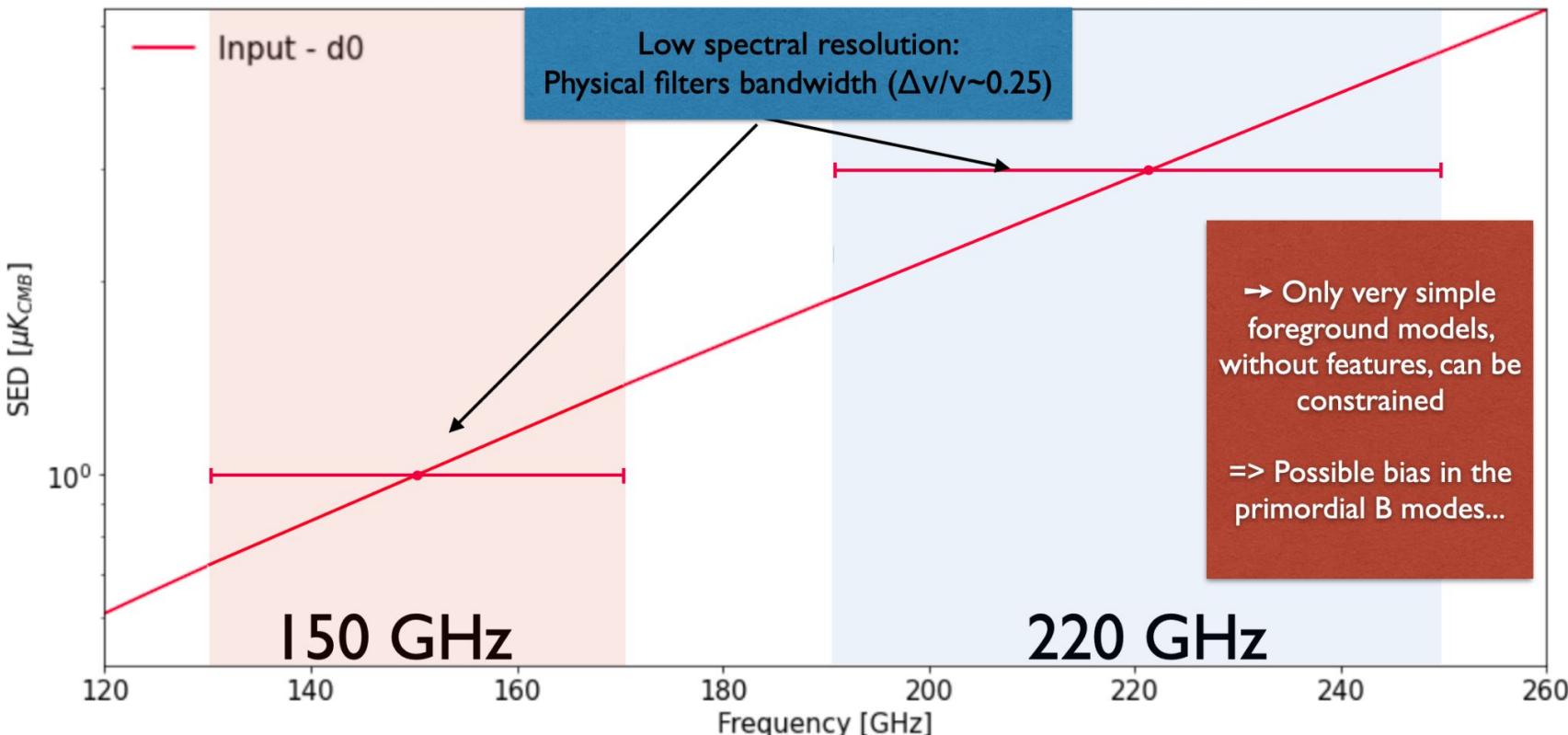
$$\vec{d} = H \cdot \vec{s} + \vec{n} \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N_{sub}} H_{\nu_i} \cdot \vec{s}_{\nu_i} \Delta\nu_i + \vec{n}$$



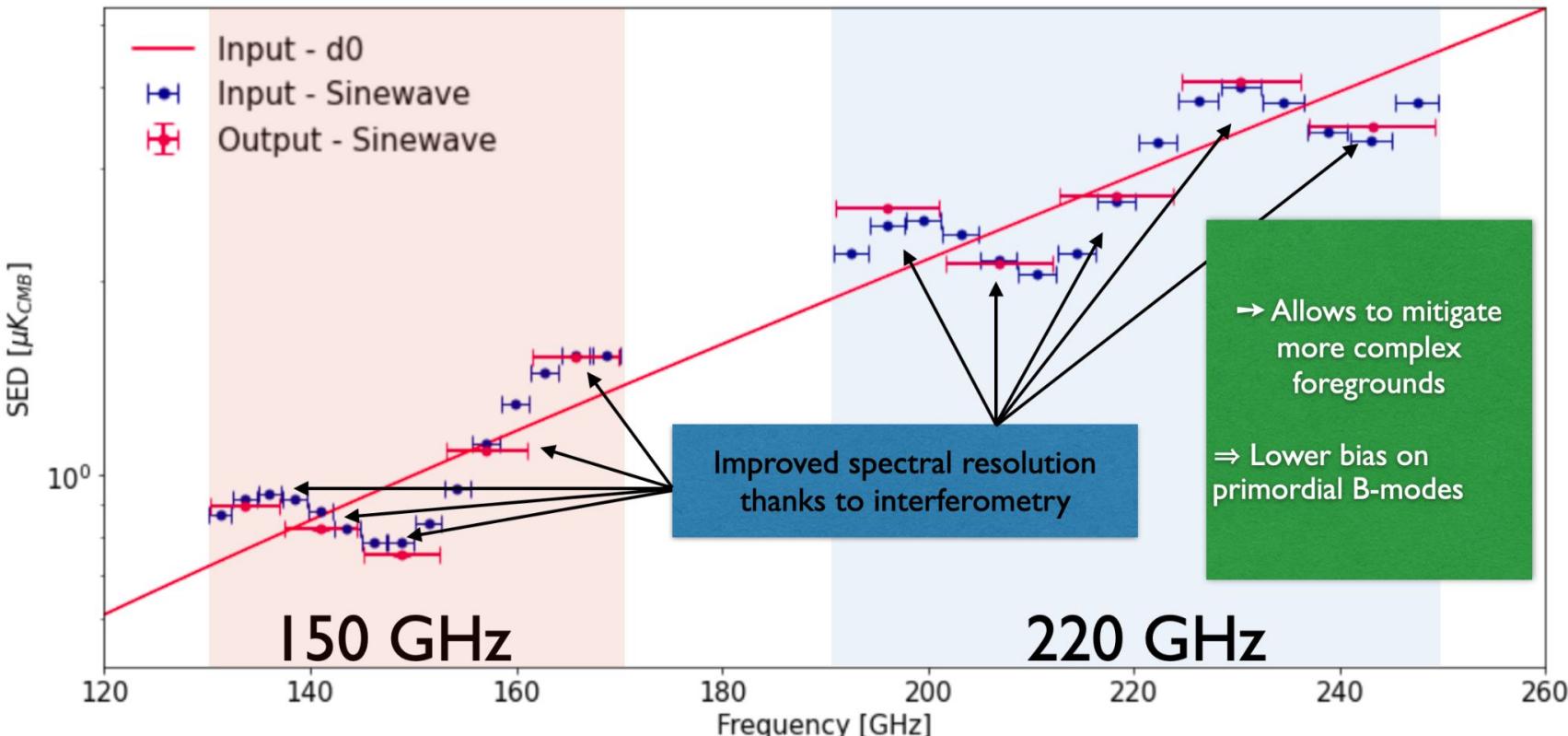
Frequency Map-Making



Frequency Map-Making: improve spectral resolution

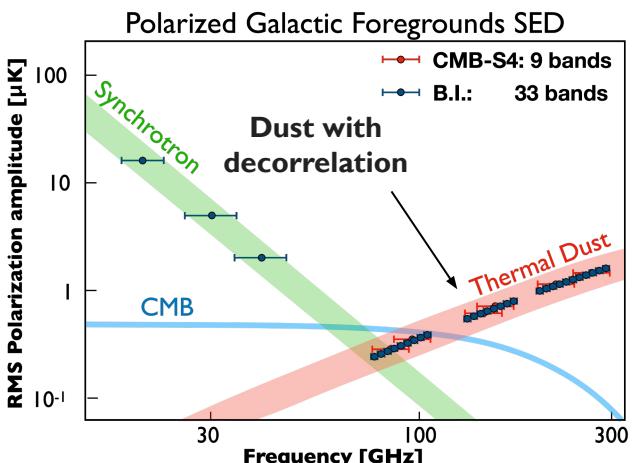


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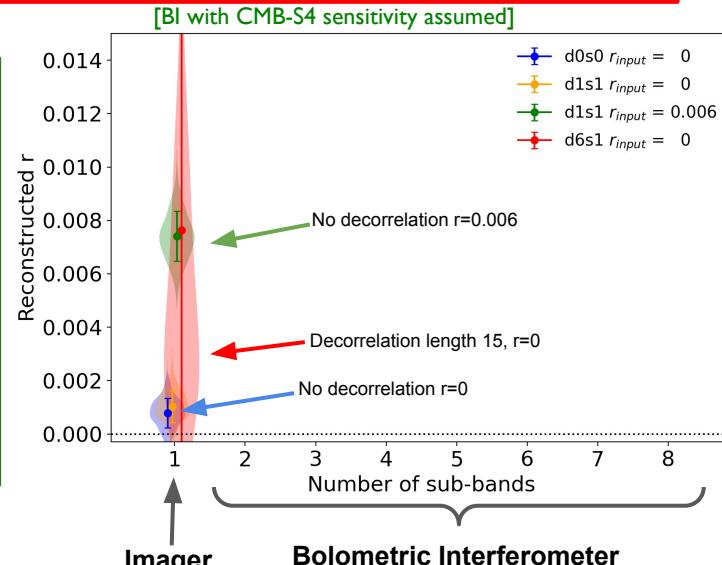


Frequency Map-Making: improve spectral resolution

Non-minimal dust model: Dust SED decorrelation (Corr_length = 15: 3x smaller than current constraints)



⇒ Decorrelation undetected by direct imager
⇒ Dust residuals in CMB
⇒ **Wrong r detection!**



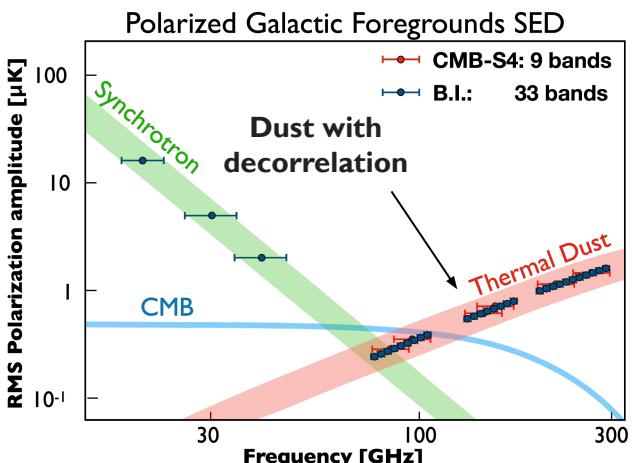
[\[Régnier et al. A&A 2024\]](#)

B.I. is needed to complement direct imaging: Dust decorrelation is to be expected from realistic dust



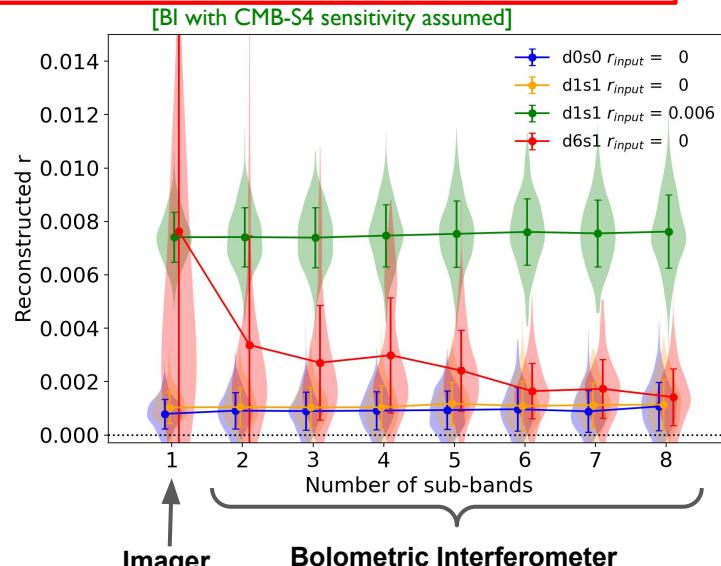
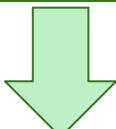
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Multi-band analysis with B.I. reveals the effect



[Régnier et al. A&A 2024]

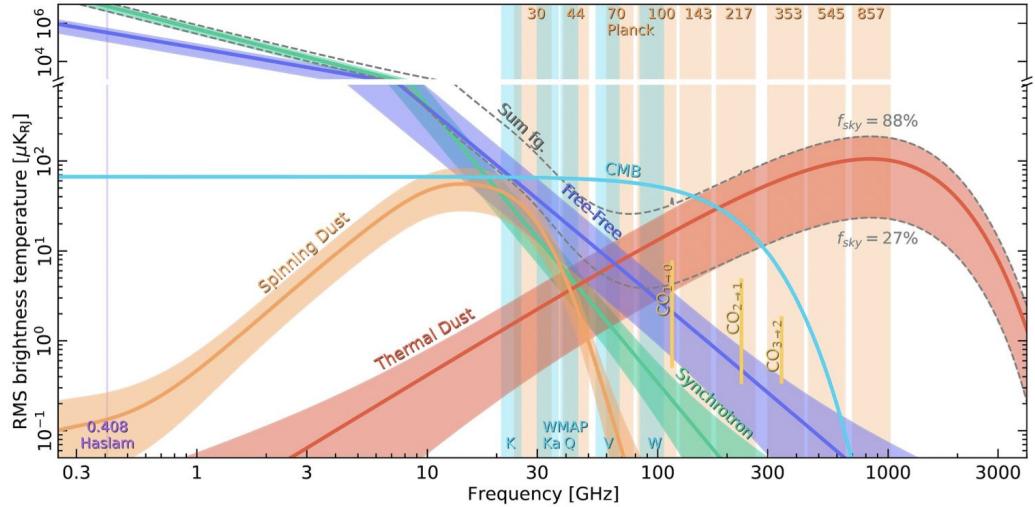
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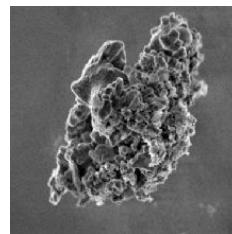


Astrophysical components



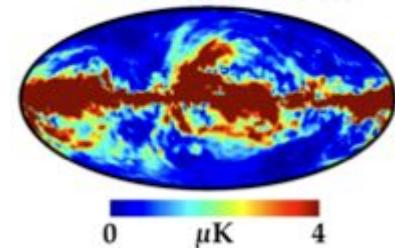
$$c_{dust} = A_d \frac{\nu}{\exp(h\nu/kT_d) - 1} \frac{\exp(h\nu_0/kT_d) - 1}{\nu_0} \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_0}\right)^{\beta_d}$$

Dust grains

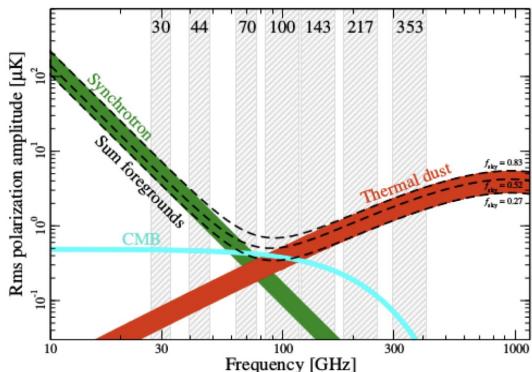


Thermal dust

From Planck-353 rescaled @100GHz



0 μK 4

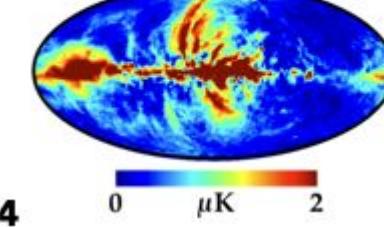


Synchrotron



Synchrotron

From WMAP-K rescaled @100GHz



4 0 μK 2

[K. J. Andersen et al., arXiv:2201.08188]

Atmosphere



Atmospheric contribution to one detector (aligned with the line of sight)

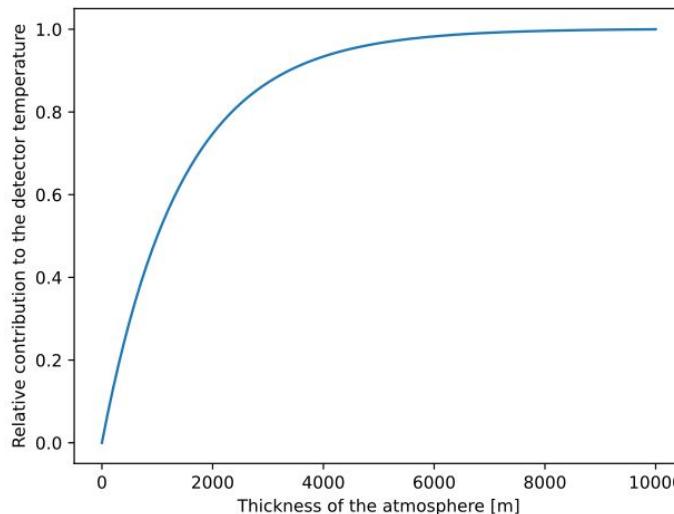
$$\langle T(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \rangle = \alpha_b(\nu) \iiint \langle \rho(h(\mathbf{r})) \rangle T_{atm}(h(\mathbf{r})) B_{n,\nu}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$\langle \rho(h) \rangle = \rho_0 e^{-\frac{h}{h_0}}$$

$$\rho_0 \approx g.m^{-3} \quad h_0 \approx 1km$$

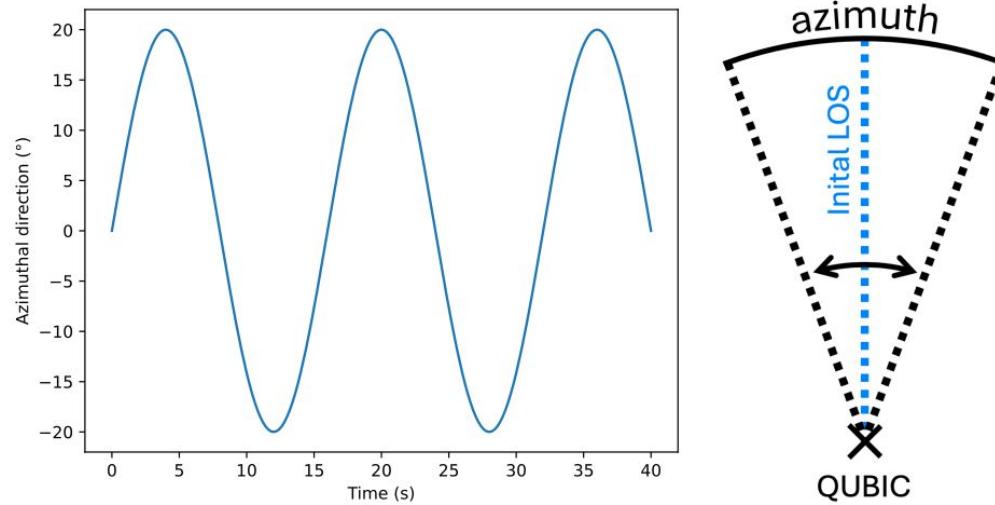
$$T_{atm}(h) = T_{ground} e^{-\frac{h}{h_{atm}}}$$

$$T_{ground} \approx 280K \quad h_{atm} \approx 40km$$



$$C_{ij}^{tt'} = \alpha_b(\nu)^2 \iiint \iiint D(r_{ij}) \langle \rho(h(\mathbf{r}_i)) \rangle T_{atm}(h(\mathbf{r}_i)) B_{n,\nu}^i(\mathbf{r}_i) \langle \rho(h(\mathbf{r}_j)) \rangle T_{atm}(h(\mathbf{r}_j)) B_{n,\nu}^j(\mathbf{r}_j) d\mathbf{r}_i d\mathbf{r}_j$$

Let's simulate a simple scanning strategy : $az(t) = \frac{\Delta az}{2} \sin \left(2\pi \frac{ss_{5^\circ/\text{s}}}{2\Delta az} t \right)$



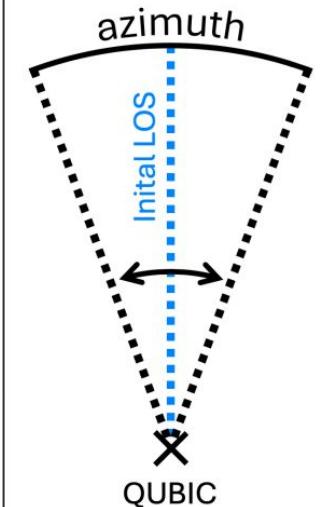
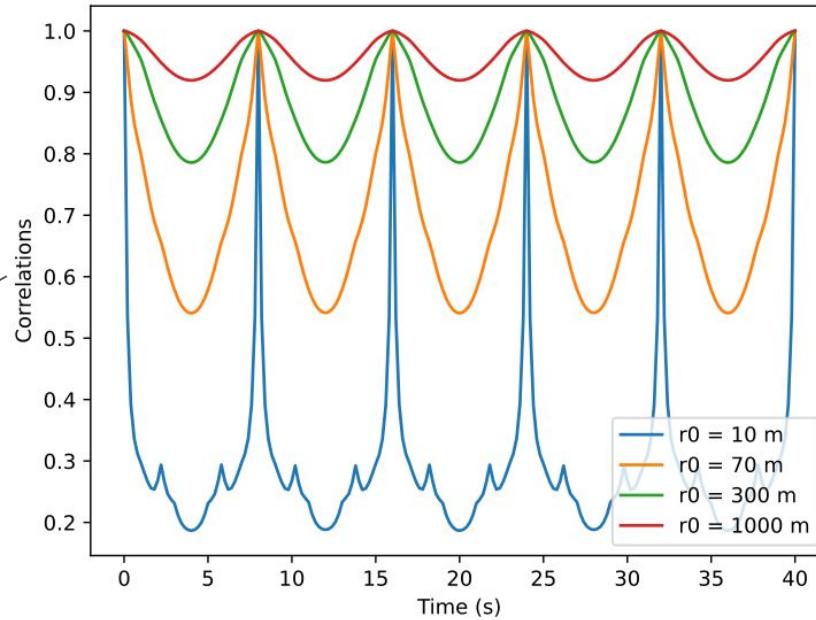
[Errard, 2015]



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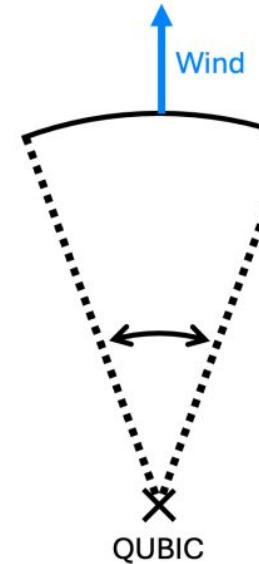
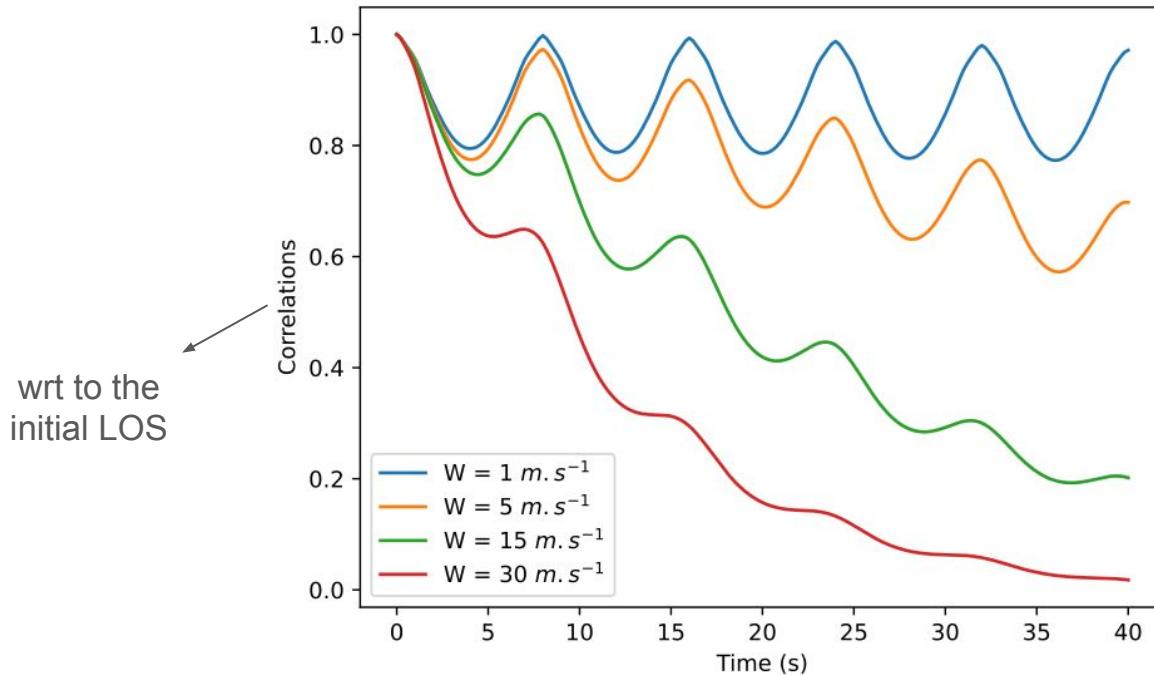
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wrt to the
initial LOS



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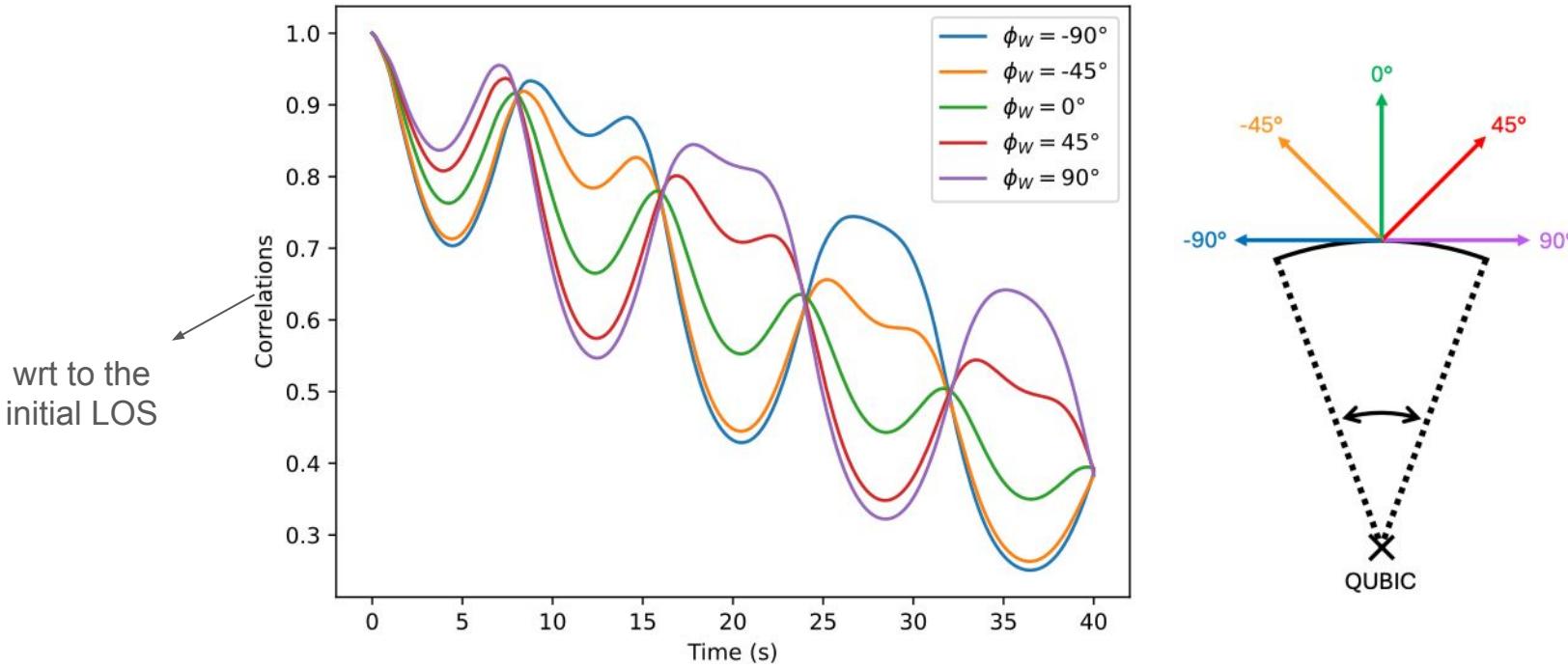
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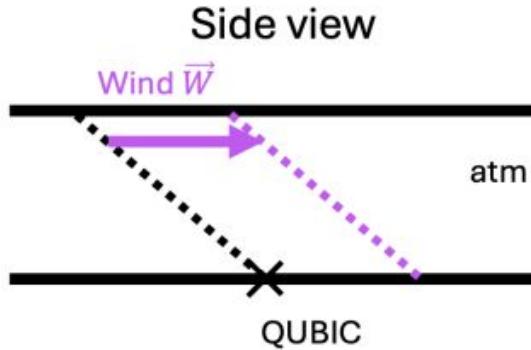
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Parallax effect of the atmosphere



Atmosphere is a 3d system:

- We will lost the correlation information with time due to the wind
- It will be even worse if we consider that wind is altitude-dependent