



# Component separation for CMB polarization data using neural networks

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# Introduction

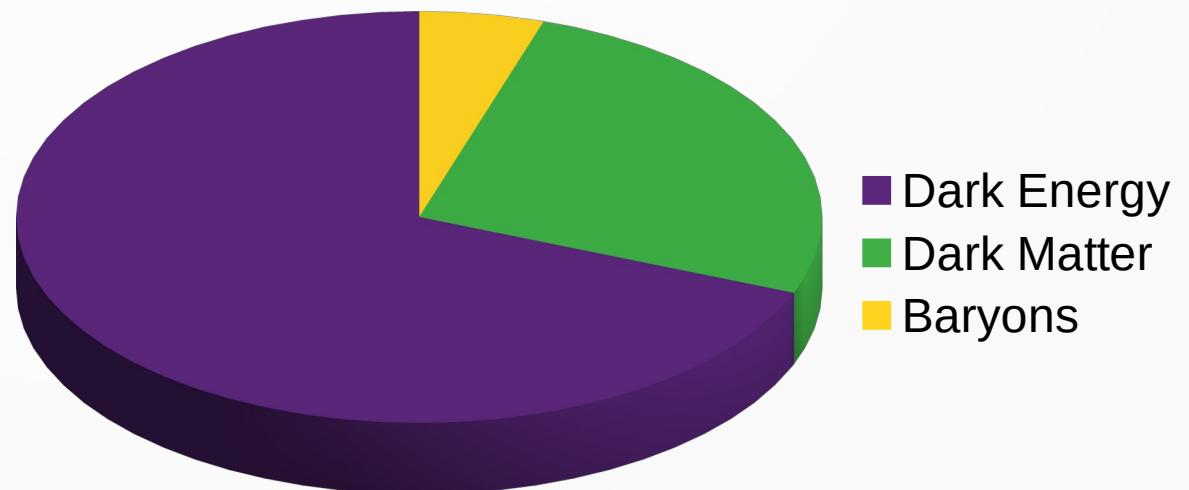
**Standard cosmological model ( $\Lambda$ CDM):** Big Bang with a short period of inflation

Based on General Relativity, flat geometry and accelerated expansion

**Composition:** Dark energy (69%), CDM (26%), baryonic (5%)

**Homogeneous** and **isotropic**  
Universe at large scales

Cosmological observables:  
Cosmic microwave background  
**(CMB)**, large scale structure,  
etc.



# Introduction: CMB

Started propagating 380,000 yrs after Big Bang, last scattering surface

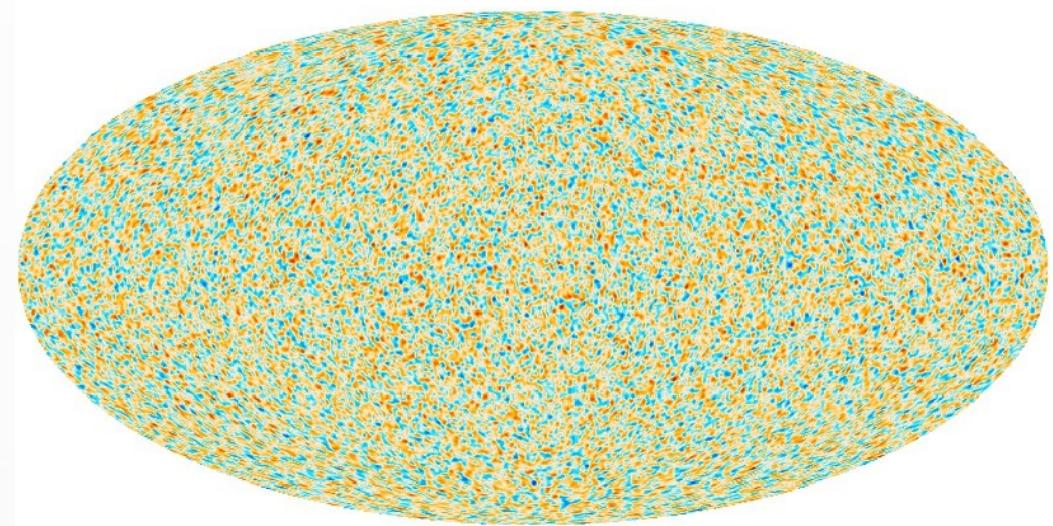
**Black body radiation** with mean  $T_0 = (2.72548 \pm 0.00057) \text{ K}$

Fluctuations of the order of  $\Delta T/T_0 \approx 10^{-5}$

**Primary:** during or before last scattering,  
due to inflation

- **Scalar:** already detected and well known
- **Tensor:** Primordial gravitational waves, very weak. Could be detected in the B-mode

**Secondary:** after last scattering.  
Lensing, Sunyaev–Zel'dovich



# Introduction: CMB

Temperature fluctuations expanded to  
**spherical harmonics**

$$\Delta T(\hat{n}) \equiv T(\hat{n}) - T_0 = \sum_{\ell m} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell}^m(\hat{n})$$

The CMB radiation is **polarized** due to Thomson scattering

$$Q(n) \pm iU(\hat{n}) = \sum_{\ell m} a_{\pm 2, \ell m} Y_{\ell}^m(\hat{n})$$

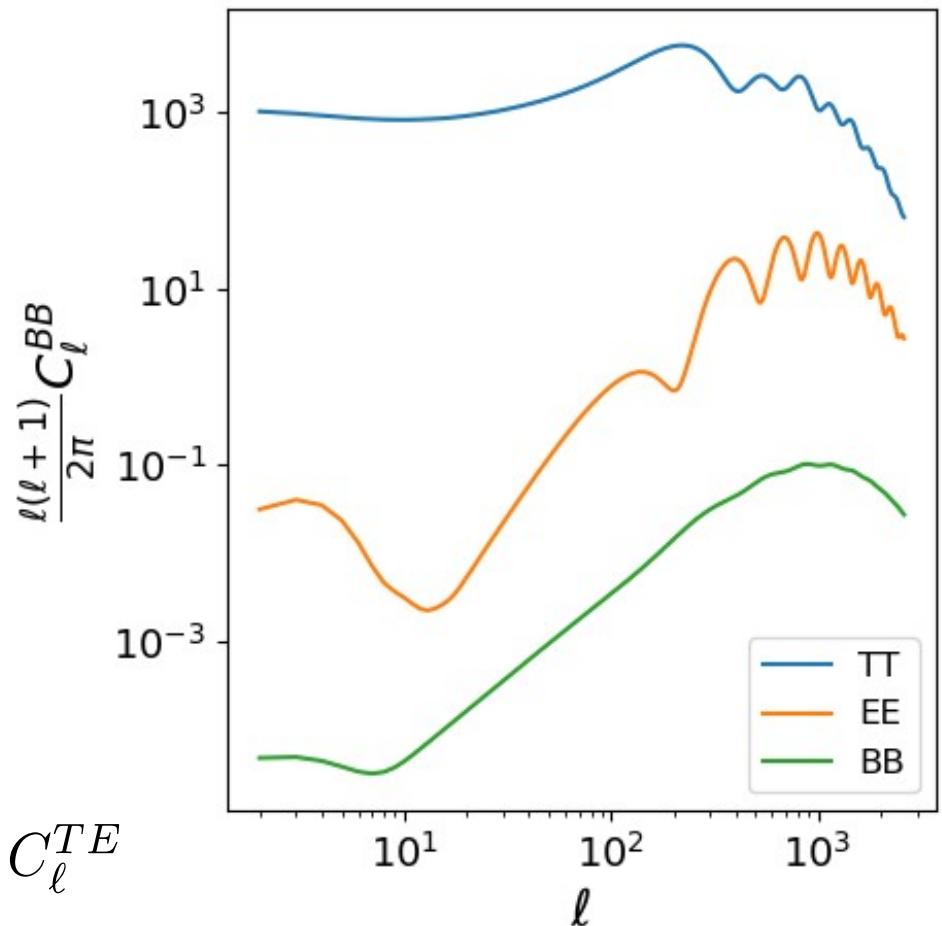
$$a_{E, \ell m} = -(a_{2, \ell m} + a_{-2, \ell m})/2$$

$$a_{B, \ell m} = i(a_{2, \ell m} - a_{-2, \ell m})/2$$

The **multipole coefficients**  $C_{\ell}$  constitute the power spectrum

$$\langle a_{T, \ell m}^* a_{T, \ell' m'} \rangle = \delta_{\ell \ell'} \delta_{mm'} C_{\ell}^{TT} \quad \langle a_{T, \ell m}^* a_{E, \ell' m'} \rangle = \delta_{\ell \ell'} \delta_{mm'} C_{\ell}^{TE}$$

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# Introduction: CMB

**Inflation:** period of exponentially accelerated expansion

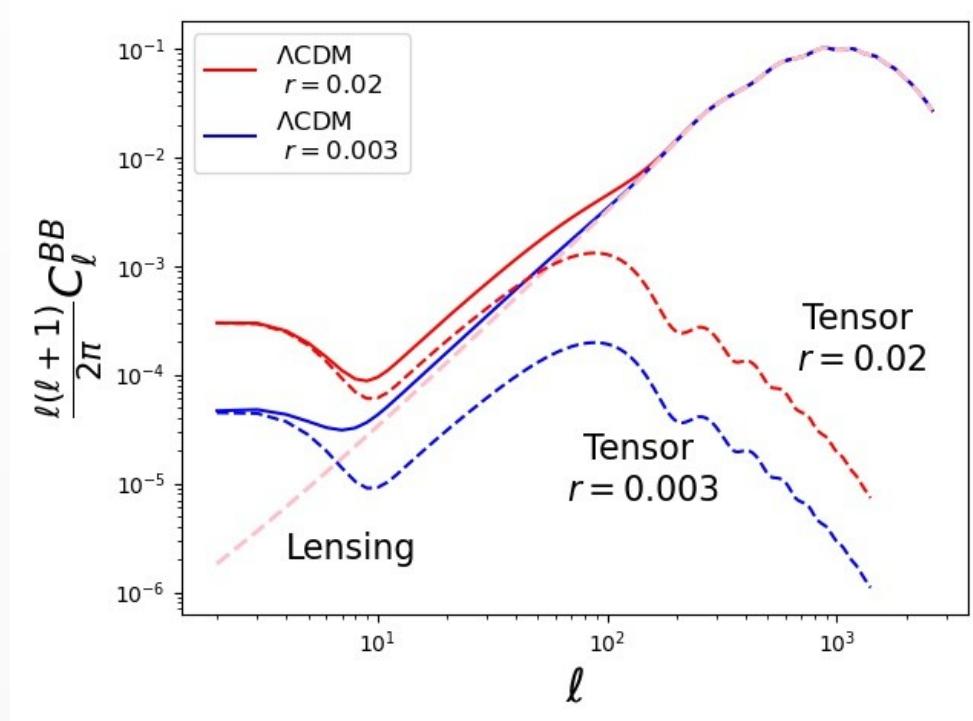
**Predicts tensor perturbations** in the metric

Thomson scattering with tensor perturbations produces both E- and B-modes, unlike with scalars that produces only E

Strength of GWs given by **tensor-to-scalar ratio**  $r = A_t / A_s$

Relevant **models predict  $r = 0.003$**   
others from  $r \sim 0.1$  to  $r \sim 10^{-52}$

Most recent **constraint  $r < 0.044$**   
by *Planck* and *BICEP/Keck*



# Introduction: Foregrounds

## Thermal dust:

Dust particles with  $T_d \approx 20$  K  
Modified black body

## Synchrotron:

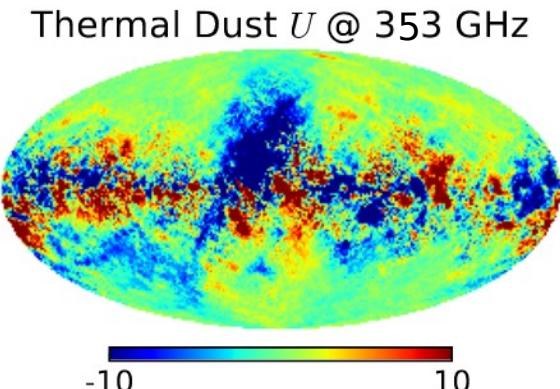
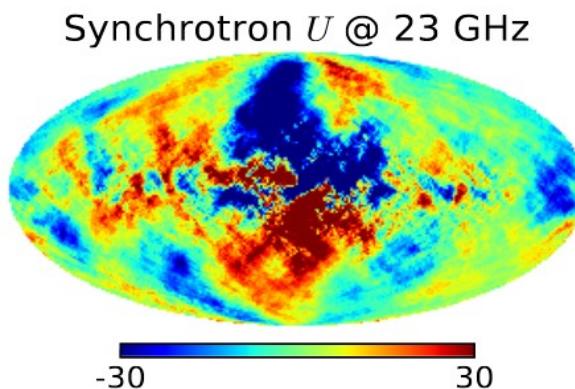
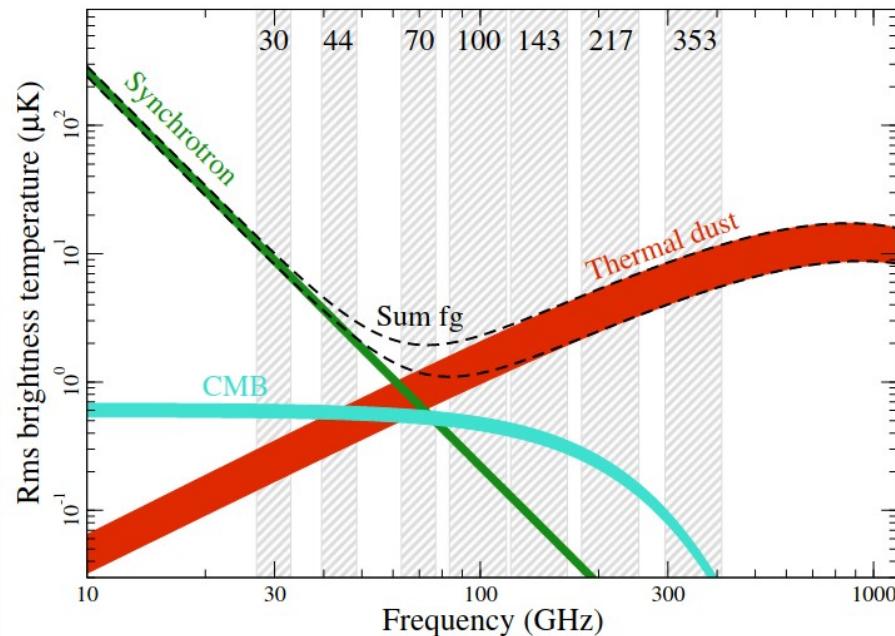
Charged particles accelerated in magnetic field  
Approximated by power law

Component separation methods to remove foregrounds:

Commander, SMICA, SEVEM, NILC  
(we use ILC for comparison)

Our goal is to **create a new method using Neural Networks**

(Planck Collaboration 2016)

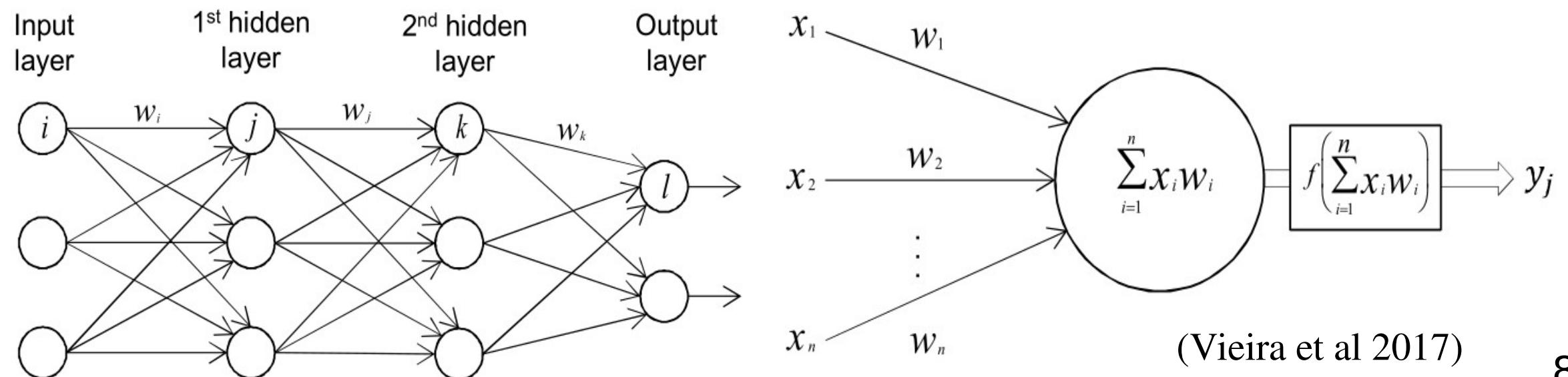


# Introduction: Neural Networks

Function that **makes predictions** given input data

During training tries to guess **labels** from **features**

- Number of **layers** and **nodes**: complexity of function
- **Activation** function (ReLU, Softmax): introduces non-linearity
- **Loss** function (MAE, SCCE): function to minimize
- **Optimizer** (Adam): minimization, stochastic gradient descent



(Vieira et al 2017)

# Simulations

Freq. (GHz)	$\omega_p^{-1/2}$ ( $\mu\text{K arcmin}$ )	$\theta_{\text{FWHM}}$ (arcmin)
40	37.5	69
50	24.0	56
60	19.9	48
68	16.2	43
78	13.5	39
89	11.7	35
100	9.2	29
119	7.6	25
140	5.9	23
166	6.5	21
195	5.8	20
235	7.7	19
280	13.2	24
337	19.5	20
402	37.5	17

Simulations of Japanese mission  
**LiteBIRD**

Best resolution equivalent to  $N_{\text{side}} = 512$

Total sensitivity of **2.5  $\mu\text{K arcmin over 3 years}$**

Being made to measure the B-modes  
**between  $\ell=2$  and  $\ell=200$**

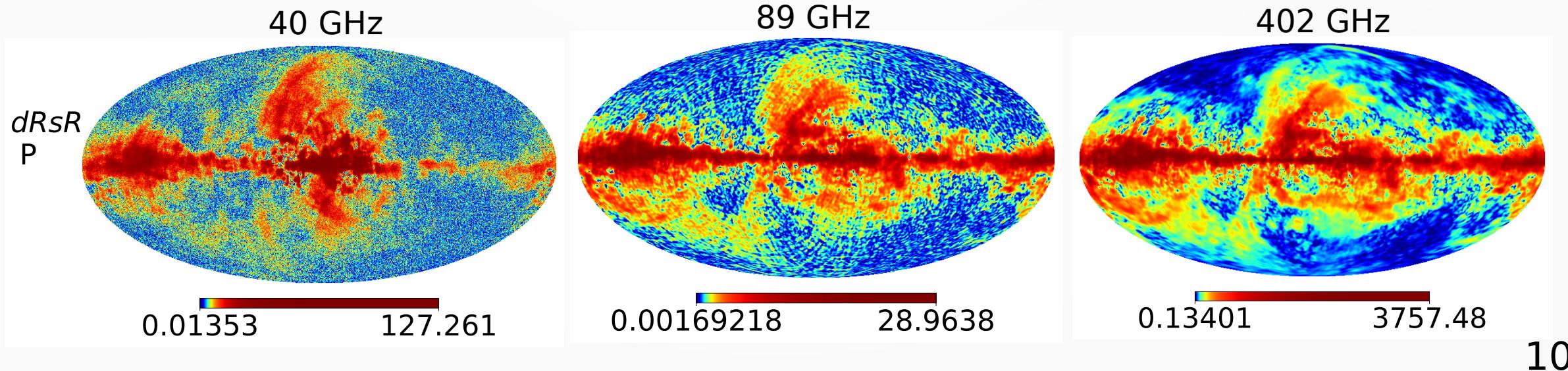
If detected the expected **uncertainty  $\delta r = 0.001$**

If not, expected **upper limit  $r < 0.002$**   
at 95% C.L.

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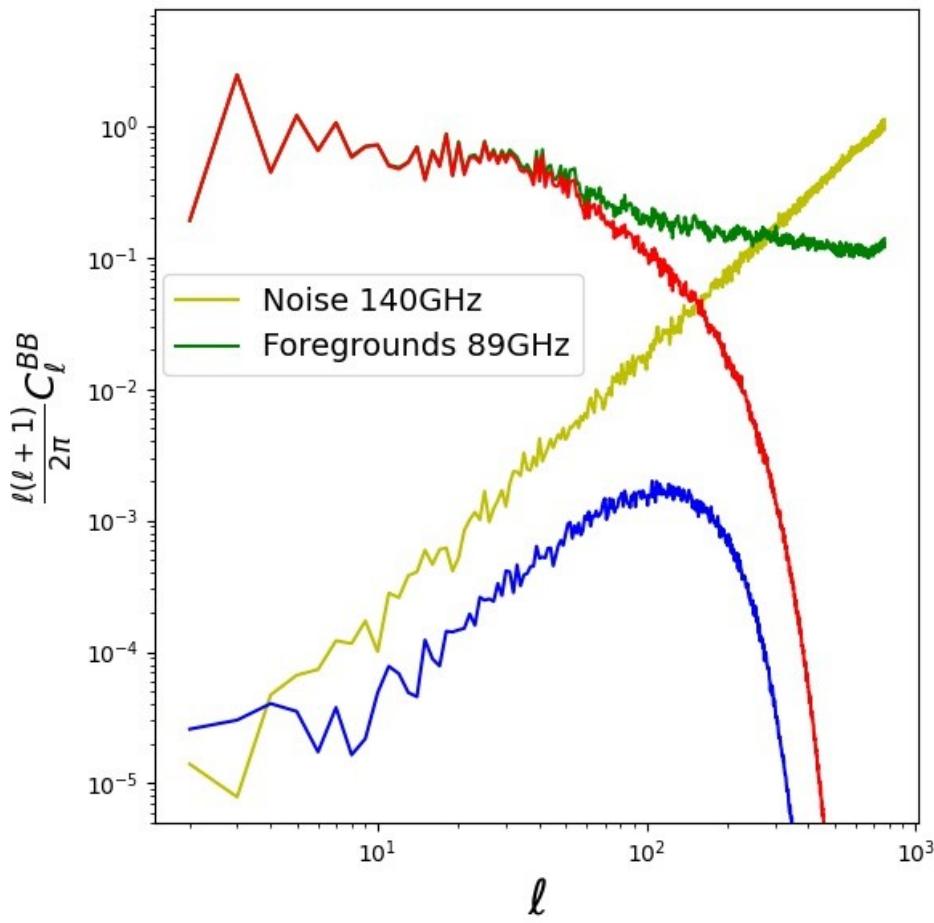
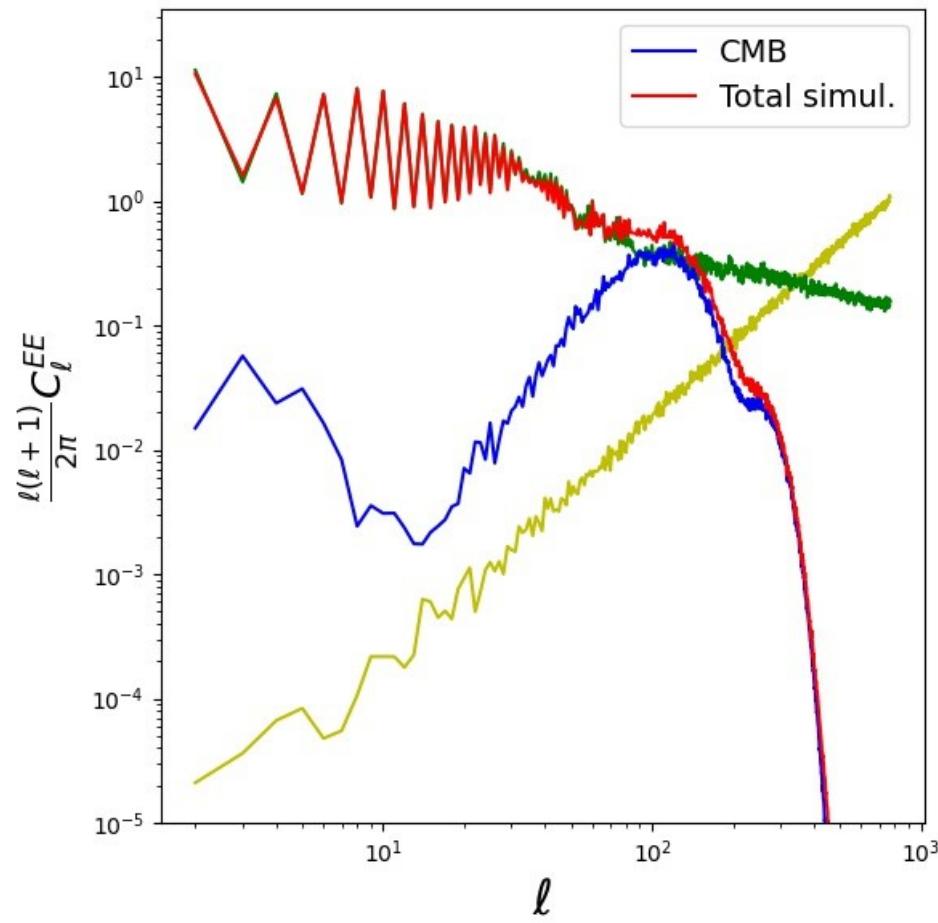
Foreground maps simulated with PySM

- ***d1***: Templates from *Planck* using Commander
- ***s1***: Templates from WMAP 9-year  
Both with spatially varying spectral indexes ( also  $T_d$  )
- ***dRsR***: Change spectral index of *d1* and *s1* for random values from Gaussian distribution  
Dust  $\beta_d = ( 1.55 \pm 0.05 )$  ; Synchrotron  $\beta_s = ( -3.1 \pm 0.3 )$



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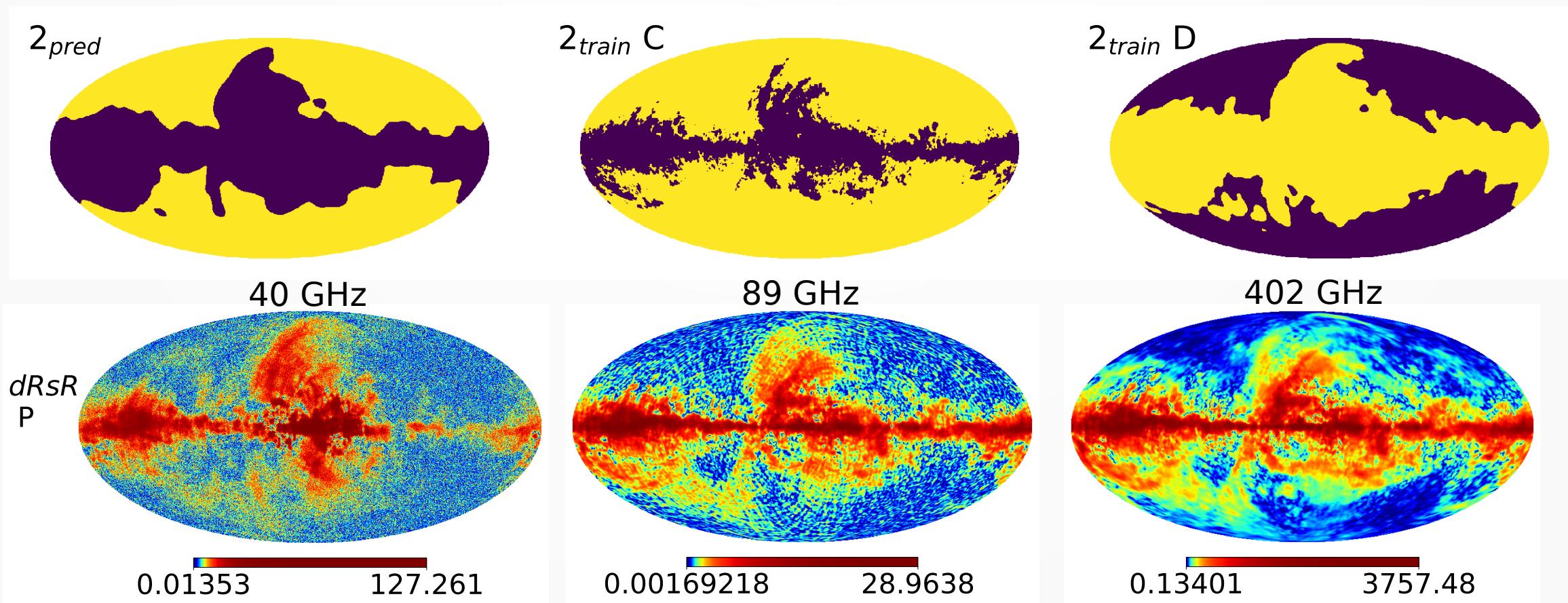
Angular power spectrum of the CMB calculated using CAMB  
Best-fit parameters from *Planck 2018* with  $r = 0.003$



Foregrounds  
and noise  
without  
Gaussian  
filter

# Simulations

Masks for training and predictions based on  $P = \sqrt{Q^2 + U^2}$   
Threshold in foreground intensity and Gaussian smoothing



# Methodology

Data at hand: values of pixels at 15 frequencies (*features*)  
values of CMB at the same pixels (*labels*)

Create training (70%), validation (15%) and test (15%) sets

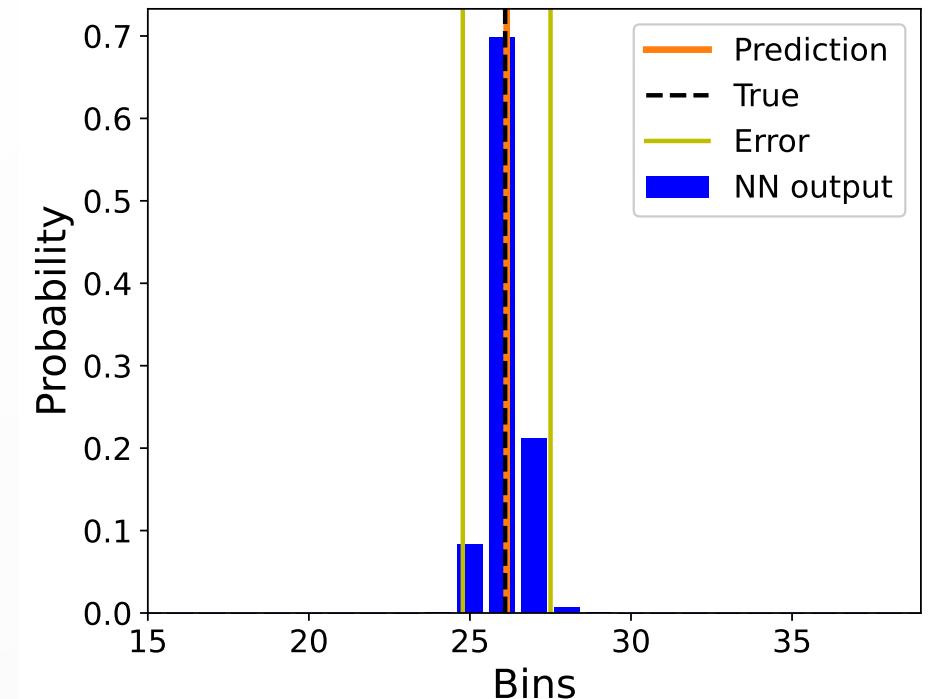
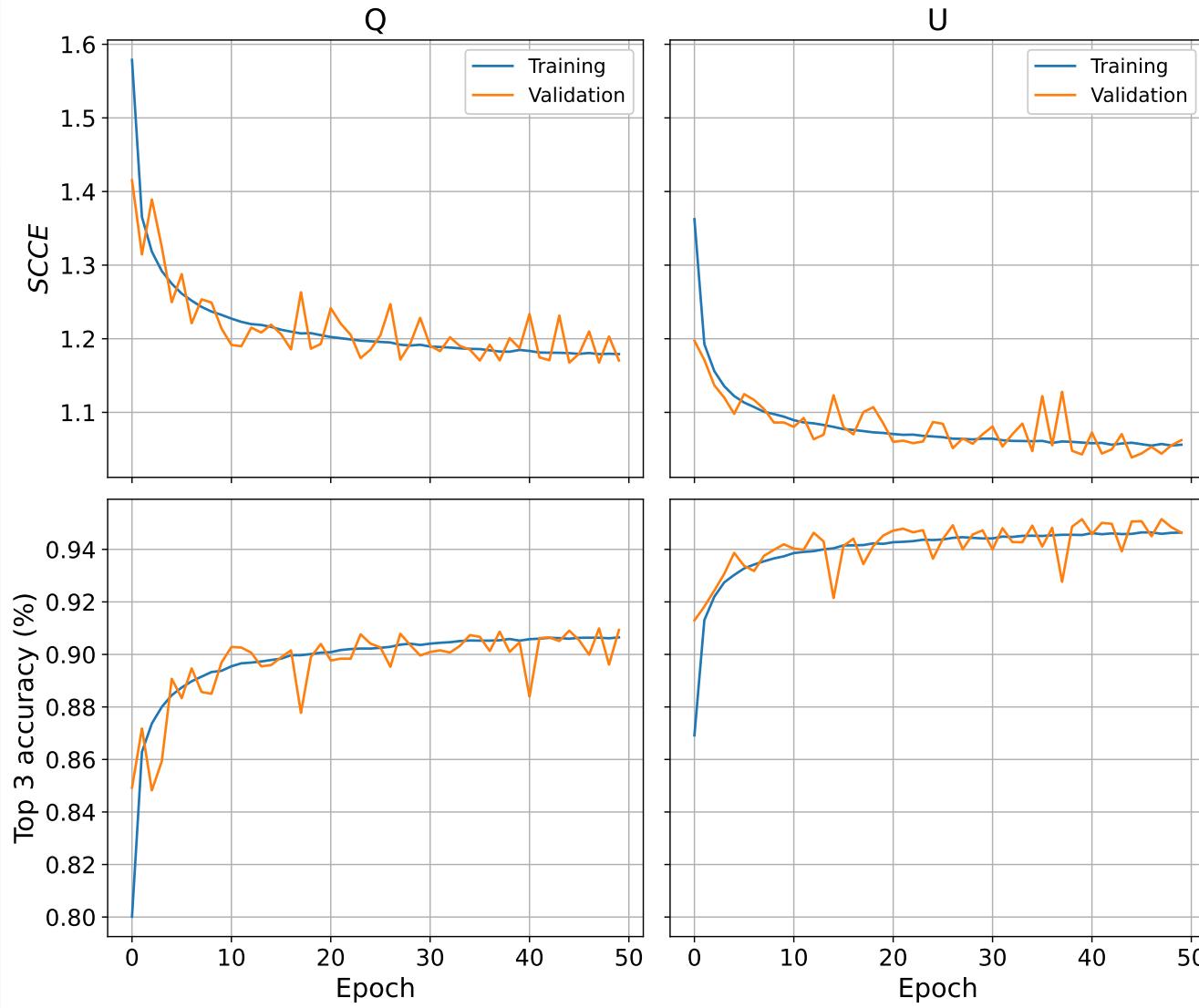
**Normalization** of features:  $(x_\nu - \bar{x}_\nu)/\sigma_{x_\nu}$

**Regression:** Predict the true value of the CMB at that pixel

**Classification:** Give probabilities of true value of CMB at pixel corresponding to temperature bins (0.1  $\mu$ K)

Using  $N_{\text{SIDE}} = 256$  HEALPix maps,  $N_{\text{PIX}} = 786,432$

# Methodology



Classification gives an estimation of the error  
Not correct but good approximation

# Results and Analysis

Relative error of 10 maps

Average and dispersion

Various configurations tested,  
only best shown

Regression and classification  
similar

No improvement in training:

- Separating Q and U
- Using mask
- With double features ( $d1s1$ )

	$Q_c$ (%)	$U_c$ (%)	$Q_g$ (%)	$U_g$ (%)
Reg. $d1s1$	12.11 $\pm 0.19$	11.7 $\pm 0.2$	28.4 $\pm 0.3$	20.5 $\pm 0.5$
Clas. $d1s1$	12.14 $\pm 0.17$	11.8 $\pm 0.3$	28.4 $\pm 0.3$	21.1 $\pm 0.4$
$d1s1$ w/ $dRsR$	12.08 $\pm 0.17$	11.9 $\pm 0.2$	28.0 $\pm 0.5$	21.1 $\pm 0.5$
ILC $d1s1$	14.8 $\pm 1.6$	15.2 $\pm 1.9$	36.7 $\pm 0.5$	25.2 $\pm 0.7$
Reg. $dRsR$	11.1 $\pm 0.3$	10.9 $\pm 0.5$	26.5 $\pm 0.5$	18.8 $\pm 0.8$
Clas. $dRsR$	11.3 $\pm 0.4$	11.2 $\pm 0.4$	26.9 $\pm 0.7$	19.2 $\pm 1.1$
ILC $dRsR$	$14 \pm 3$	$13.7 \pm 1.7$	$23 \pm 7$	$19 \pm 4$

# Results and Analysis

$dRsR$  models equal or better with  $d1s1$  simulations

$U$  better than  $Q$  in Galactic region

ILC clearly worse

$dRsR$  1% less error than  $d1s1$

Classification needs CMB x 1.2

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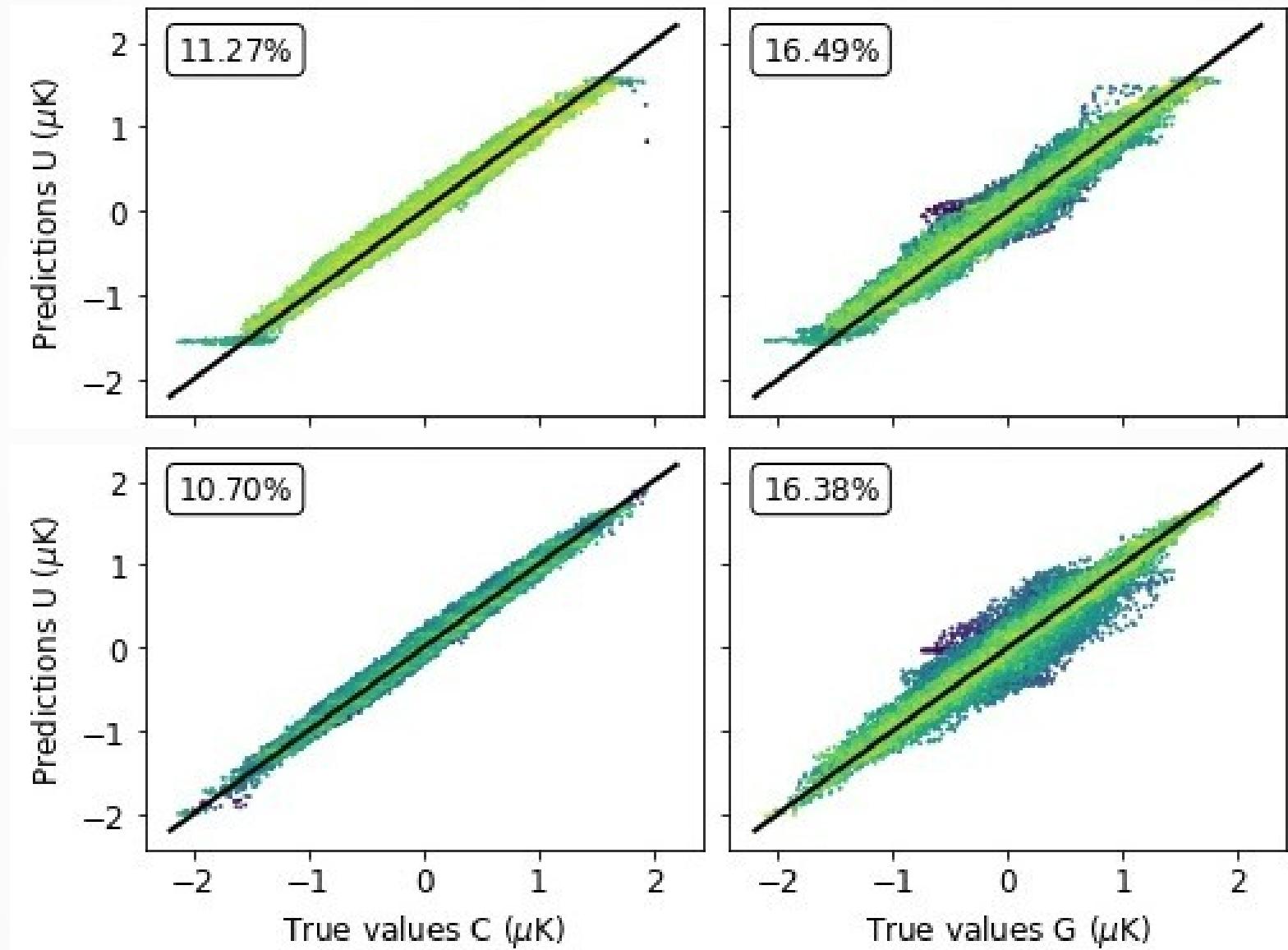
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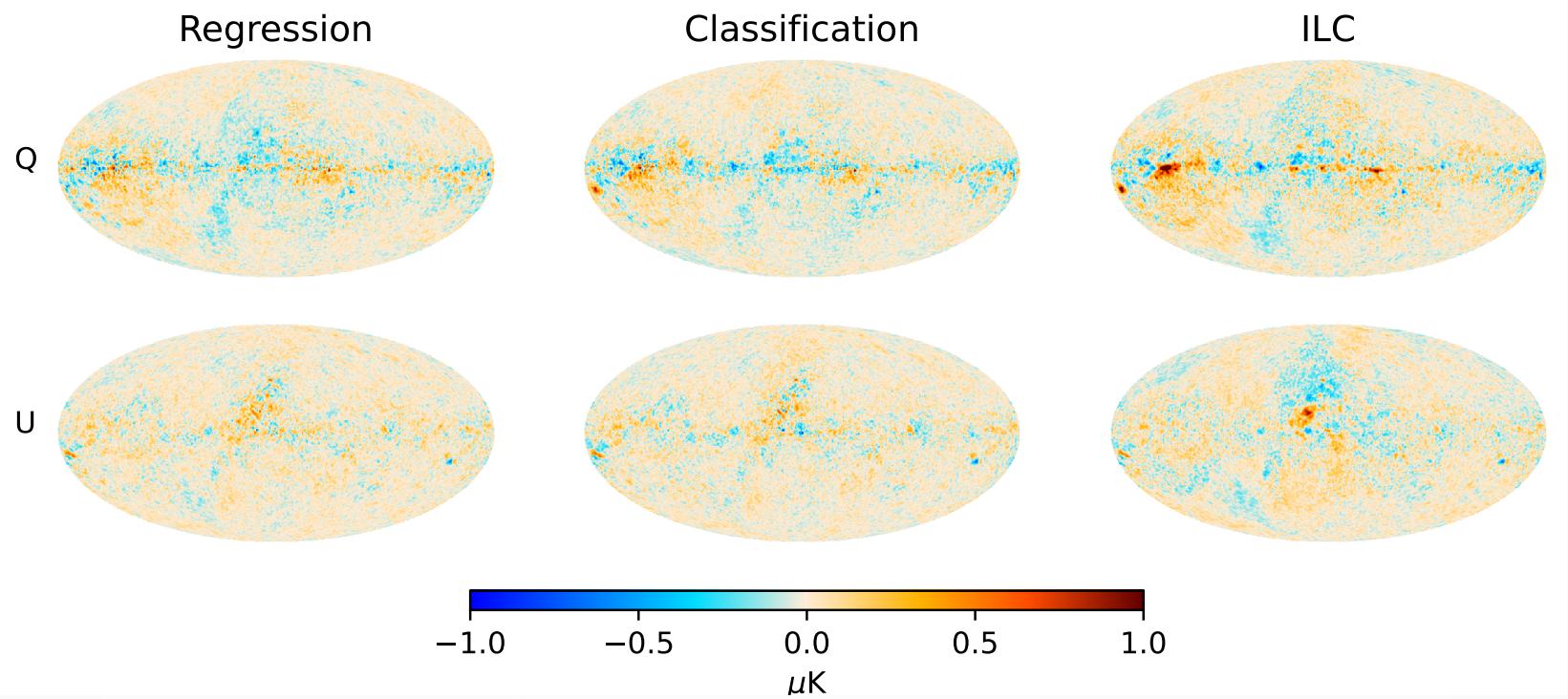
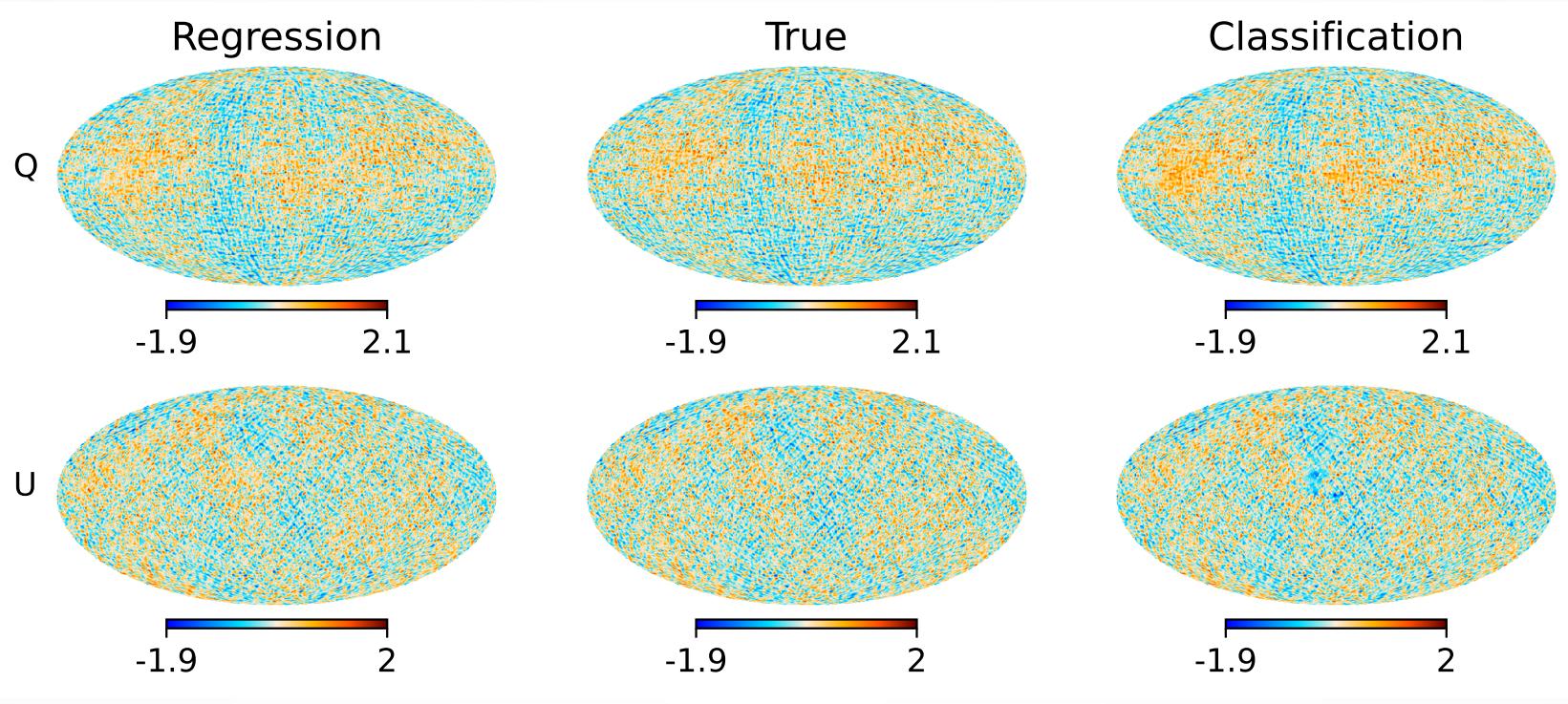
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Top: without multiply by 1.2  
Bottom: multiply by 1.2

Light: low uncertainty  
Dark: high uncertainty



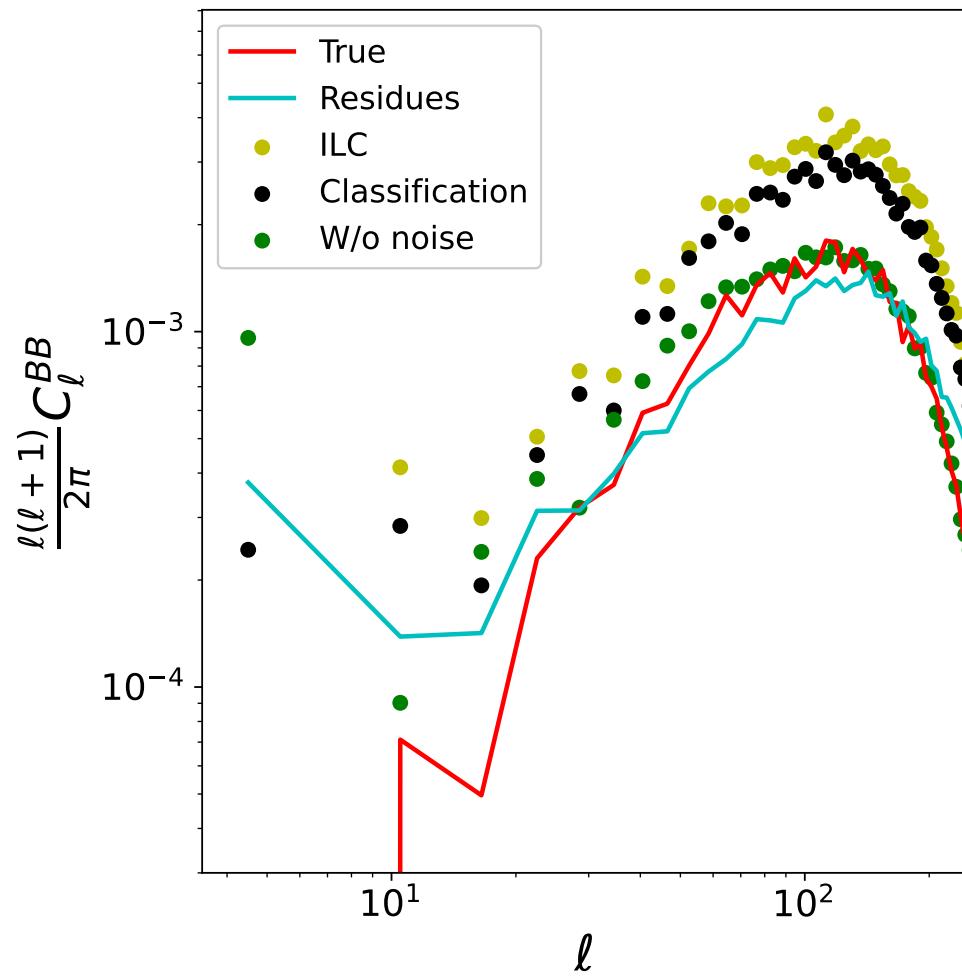
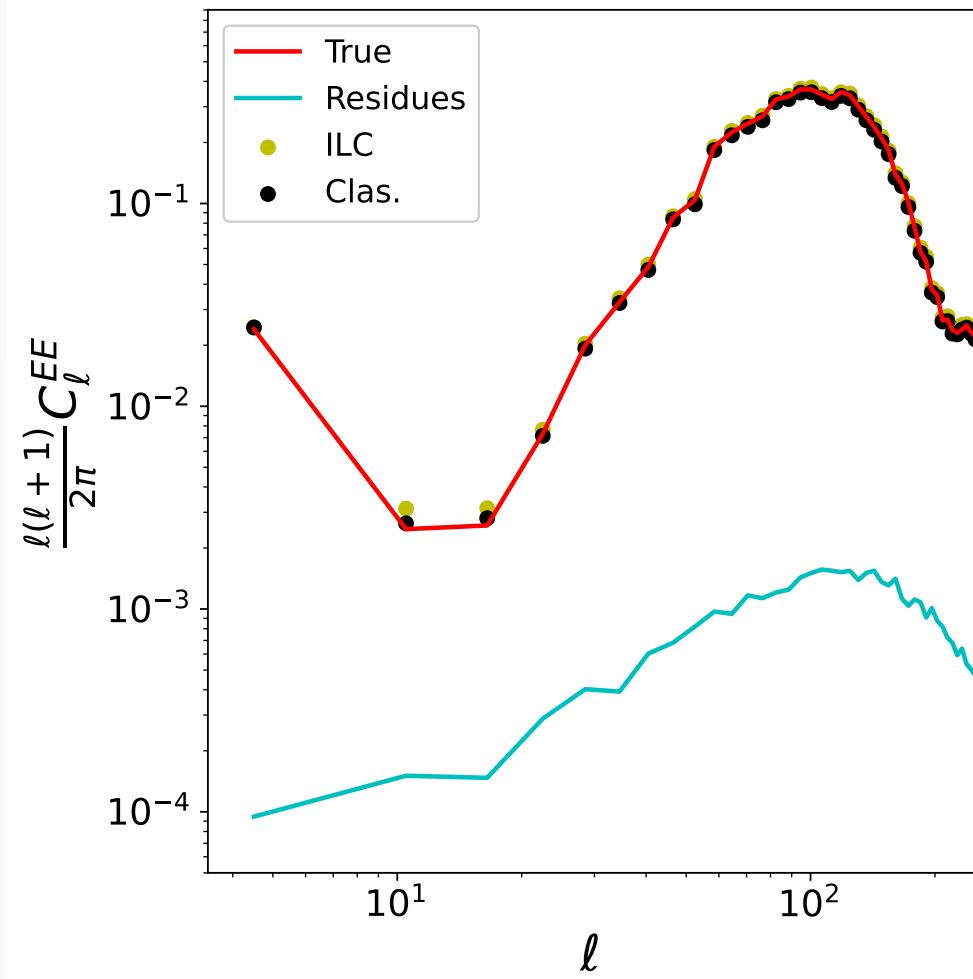


# Results and Analysis

Estimated with  $f_{\text{SKY}} = 0.55$

Regression  $\approx$  Classification

$dRsR$



# Conclusions

- **Medium-low complexity** networks work better
- Regression and classification **similar** results
- Classification can give an **approximation of the errors**
- Best results:  $dls1$  **12%** and >21% ;  $dRsR$  **11%** and >18%
- Real-space ILC errors around 14%, **3% worse than NNs**
- NNs are a good prospect for a component separation method
- **More analysis needed** regarding classification errors, training with more features, etc.

# **EXTRA SLIDES**

