

# litebird\_sim tutorial

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# Introduction

- The LiteBIRD Simulation Framework (litebird\_sim) is a set of Python modules capable of simulating the instruments onboard the LiteBIRD spacecraft
- litebird\_sim is a library: users should write scripts using the litebird\_sim modules
- Constantly maintained by many members of the LiteBIRD collaboration
- [GitHub repository](#)
- [Documentation](#)

## Installing the framework - regular user

1. Create a directory for your scripts, notebooks, etc.

```
mkdir -p ~/litebird && cd ~/litebird
```

2. Create a virtual environment

```
conda create -n lbs_env python=3.8
```

or with `virtualenv lbs_env`

or with `python3 -m venv lbs_env`

3. Activate the environment

```
conda activate lbs_env
```

or with `. lbs_env/bin/activate`

4. Install litebird\_sim with pip

```
pip install litebird_sim
```

## Installing the framework - developer

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or with `. lbs_env/bin/activate`

4. Clone GitHub repository

```
git clone https://github.com/litebird/litebird_sim litebird_sim
```

5. Install litebird\_sim

```
cd litebird_sim && pip install -e .
```

## Installing the framework

In order to use MPI functions (parallelization):

1. Activate the environment (if you have not already)

```
conda activate lbs_env    or    . lbs_env/bin/activate
```

2. Install mpi4py

```
pip install mpi4py
```



if mpi4py installation fails, try:

```
$ sudo apt update  
$ sudo apt-get install libopenmpi-dev
```

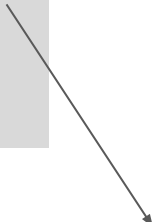
## Tutorial - A «Hello world» example

1. Go in the directory you created for your scripts, notebooks, etc.
2. Activate the environment (if you have not already)
3. Create a file called `tut01.py`
4. Write:

```
import litebird_sim as lbs # import litebird_sim

print("Starting the program...")
sim = lbs.Simulation(base_path="./tut01") # create instance of Simulation
sim.append_to_report("Hello, world!") # add something to the report
sim.flush() # write report to disk
print("Done!")
```

5. Run the script




Here an empty  
report is created!

# Tutorial - A «Hello world» example

The output is a folder named `tut01` containing some files:

```
$ ls ./tut01
report.html    report.md    sakura.css
```

Open the file `report.html` using your browser  
(e.g., `firefox tut01/report.html`)



See [here](#) and [here](#) for more info about reports

The simulation starts at `t0=None` and lasts `None` seconds.

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  - [Source code used in the simulation](#)

Hello, world!

## **Instrument model objects**

## **Source code used in the simulation**

- Main repository: [github.com/litebird/litebird\\_sim](https://github.com/litebird/litebird_sim)
- Version: 0.9.0, by The LiteBIRD simulation team



## Tutorial - Interacting with the IMO

1. Real simulations use information stored in the Instrument MOdel database, a collection of information about the satellite
2. Download the IMO from [this link](#) or [this link](#) and run the following to configure the IMO (the name of the file should be `schema.json`)

```
python -m litebird_sim.install_imo
```

3. Choose «local copy» (option 3) and specify the folder where the file `schema.json` resides (e.g. `.../litebird_imo/IMO`)
4. Provide a descriptive name, e.g. “IMO”
5. Save the changes with `s`

Now the Simulation class can read the database content!

## Tutorial - Interacting with the IMO

Let's build another report but including some IMO information

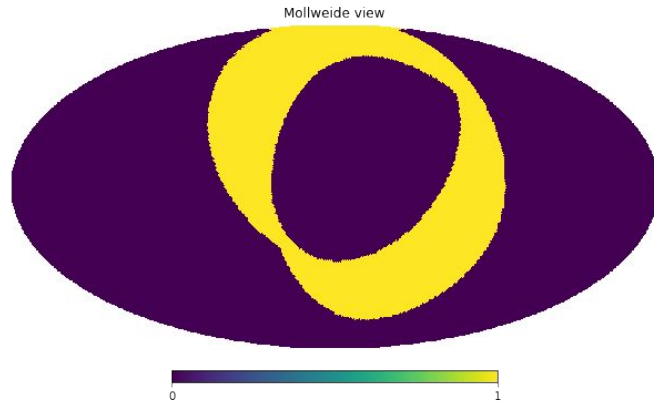
```
import litebird_sim as lbs
imo = lbs.Imo() # initialize IMO

sim = lbs.Simulation(base_path="./tut02")
lft_file = lbs.InstrumentInfo.from_imo( # get LFT info
    imo=imo,
    url="/releases/v1.3/satellite/LFT/instrument_info",
)
sim.append_to_report(
    "The instrument {{ name }} has {{ num }} channels.",
    name=lft_file.name,
    num=lft_file.number_of_channels,
)
sim.flush()
```

`lbs.InstrumentInfo.from_imo()` retrieves instrument info (such as LFT/MFT/HFT) and `append_to_report()` fills the report with info stored in the `DataFile` object `lft_file`

# Tutorial - Creating a coverage map

**Goal:** compute the sky coverage of a scanning strategy over some time. Try to run the code at [this link](#).



What the code does:

1. Define specific scanning strategy `sim.set_scanning_strategy(...)` and compute set of quaternions (orientation of the spacecraft)
2. Create instance of `InstrumentInfo` and register the quaternions using the method `sim.set_instrument()`
3. Add ideal HWP with `sim.set_hwp()`
4. Create observation `sim.create_observations()`, i.e. allocate TODs for the simulation
5. Compute pointings (direction of each detector)
6. Produce coverage map: all the visited pixels set to 1 based on the pointing information matrix

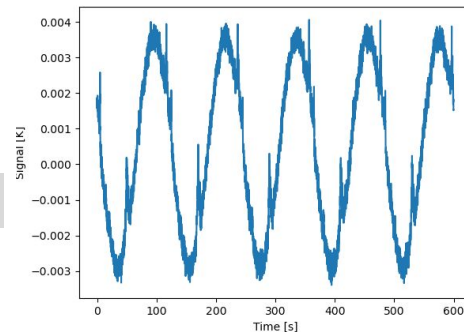
# Tutorial - Creating a signal plus noise timeline

**Goal:** generate a 10 minutes timeline containing dipole, CMB, galactic dust, and correlated noise. Try to run the code at [this link](#).

What the code does:

1. Create Simulation `sim = lbs.Simulation()`
2. Set scanning strategy `sim.set_scanning_strategy(...)`
3. Set instrument info with `lbs.InstrumentInfo()` and `sim.set_instrument()`
4. Add ideal HWP `sim.set_hwp()`
5. Choose detector parameters `lbs.DetectorInfo()`
6. Create CMB+fg map with `lbs.MbsParameters()`, `lbs.Mbs()` and `mbs.run all()`
7. Create observation `sim.create_observations()`
8. Compute pointings `sim.compute_pointings()`
9. Add dipole `sim.add_dipole()` and noise `sim.add_noise()`
10. Scan the map `sim.fill_tods()`
11. Write report with `sim.append_to_report()` and `sim.flush()`

Have a look at the report produced by the script!



# Simulations - Handling parameters in a simulation (naively)

You can pass these parameters to the `Simulation` constructor:

1. `base_path`: path where to save the results of the simulation
2. `start_time`: start time of the simulation
3. `duration_s`: simulation duration (either a float, interpreted in seconds, or a string such as `"1 hour"`, `"60 min"`, `"3600 s"`)
4. `name`: a string containing the name of the simulation
5. `description`: a string containing a (possibly long) description of what the simulation does

```
sim = lbs.Simulation(  
    base_path="./tut03",  
    start_time=astropy.time.Time("2020-02-01T10:30:00"),  
    duration_s=3600.0,  
    name="My simulation",  
    description="A long description should be put here"  
)
```

## Simulations - Handling parameters in a simulation (responsibly)

You can achieve the same with a TOML file (e.g. `foo.toml`) containing the following lines:

```
[simulation]
base_path = "./tut03"
start_time = 2020-02-01T10:30:00
duration_s = 3600.0
name = "My simulation"
description = "A long description should be put here"
```

Then you instantiate the `Simulation` as follows:

```
sim = lbs.Simulation(parameter_file="foo.toml")
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You can also use other sets of parameters:

```
[general]
nside = 512
imo_version = "v1.3"

[sky_model]
components = ["synchrotron", "dust", "cmb"]
```

Try this and check the folder: a copy of the toml file is there!

```
import litebird_sim as lbs

sim = lbs.Simulation(parameter_file="foo.toml")

print("NSIDE =", sim.parameters["general"]["nside"])
print("The IMO I'm going to use is",
      sim.parameters["general"]["imo_version"])

print("Here are the sky components I'm going to simulate:")
for component in sim.parameters["sky_model"]["components"]:
    print("-", component)
```

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description = "A long description should be put here"
```

Use this for parallelisation:

```
import litebird_sim as lbs
import mpi4py
sim = lbs.Simulation(parameter_file="foo.toml",
                    mpi_comm=lbs.MPI_COMM_WORLD)
```

```
$ mpiexec -n 4 python my_script.py
```

Then you instantiate the Simulation as follows:

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sim = lbs.Simulation(parameter_file="foo.toml")
```

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```

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```



# Detectors, channels and instruments - hard coded

## Detectors

```
import litebird_sim as lbs

detectors = [
    lbs.DetectorInfo(
        name="Dummy detector #1",
        net_ukrts=100.0,
        bandcenter_ghz=123.4,
        bandwidth_ghz=5.6,
    ),
    lbs.DetectorInfo(
        name="Dummy detector #2",
        net_ukrts=110.0,
        fwhm_arcmin=65.8,
    ),
]

# Now simulate the behavior of the two detectors
# ...
```

Three ways to include information:

1. Fill the information **manually** (*Missing information is usually initialized with zero or a sensible default*)
2. Read info from the **IMO** (next slides)
3. Read info from a **file** (next slides)

# Detectors, channels and instruments - hard coded

## Channels

Detectors are grouped according to their central frequency in *frequency channels*. The `FreqChannelInfo` class can produce a mock `DetectorInfo` object by taking out the «average» of the frequency channel:

```
import litebird_sim as lbs

chinfo = lbs.FreqChannelInfo(
    bandcenter_ghz=40.0,
    net_channel_ukrts=40.0, # Taken from Sugai et al. 2020 (JLTP)
    number_of_detectors=64, # 32 pairs
)

# Return a "mock" detector that is representative of the
# frequency channel
mock_det = chinfo.get_boresight_detector(name="mydet")

# Look, ma, a detector!
assert isinstance(mock_det, lbs.DetectorInfo)
assert mock_det.name == "mydet"

print("The NET of one detector at 40 GHz is {0:.1f}  $\mu\text{K}\cdot\sqrt{\text{s}}$ ".format(mock_det.net_ukrts))
```

The NET of one detector at 40 GHz is 320.0  $\mu\text{K}\cdot\sqrt{\text{s}}$

# Detectors, channels and instruments - from IMO

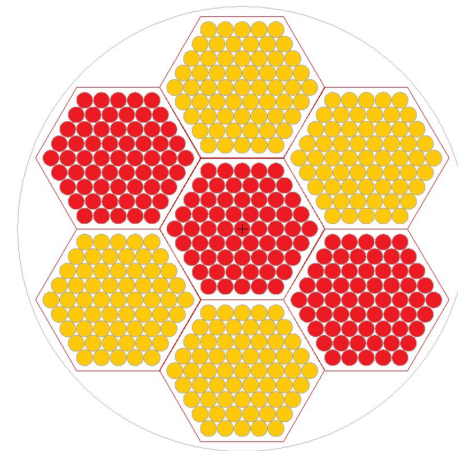
[IMO wiki here](#)

```
import litebird_sim as lbs

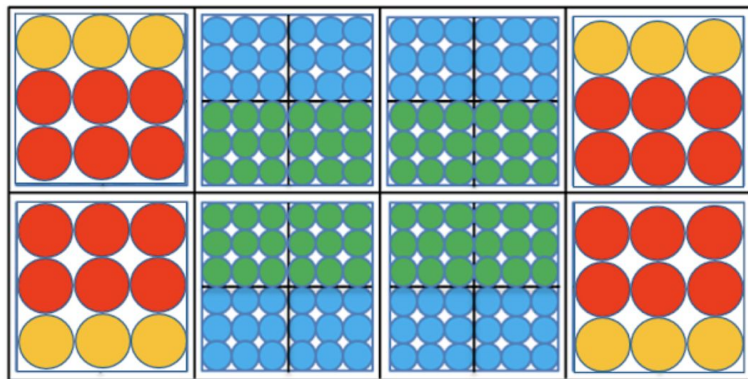
# You must have configured the IMO before using this!
imo = lbs.Imo()

det = lbs.DetectorInfo.from_imo(
    imo=imo,
    url="/releases/v1.3/satellite/LFT/L1-040/"
        "000_000_003_QA_040_T/detector_info",
)

freqch = lbs.FreqChannelInfo.from_imo(
    imo=imo,
    url="/releases/v1.3/satellite/LFT/L1-040/channel_info",
)
```



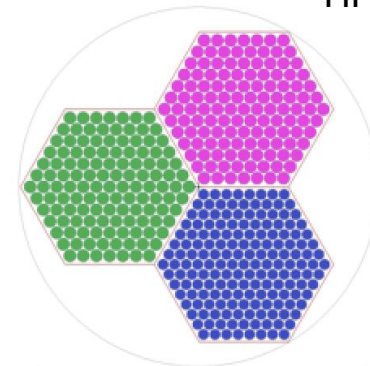
MFT



LFT

Reading info from the  
IMO is similar to the  
precedent cases

```
DetectorInfo.from_imo()
FreqChannelInfo.from_imo()
```



HFT

# Detectors, channels and instruments - from file

"det\_list1.toml"

```
[[detectors]] # First element: take the parameters for the detector from a mock IMO using UUID
detector_info_obj = "/data_files/78fe75f1-a011-44b6-86dd-445dc9634416"
```

```
[[detectors]] # Append a few more elements
# Take the parameters for the set of detectors from the channel information in the mock IMO with UUID
channel_info_obj = "/data_files/ff087ba3-d973-4dc3-b72b-b68abb979a90"
# Generate two detectors (default is to generate all the detectors in the frequency channel)
num_of_detectors_from_channel = 2
```

```
[[detectors]] # Append one more element
channel_info_obj = "/data_files/ff087ba3-d973-4dc3-b72b-b68abb979a90"
# Generate *one* mock detector associated with a specified frequency channel, aligned with the boresight
of the focal plane, and using the «average» detector parameters for this channel
use_only_one_boresight_detector = true
detector_name = "foo_boresight"
```

There is a mock imo in  
litebird\_sim/test/mock\_imo

```
[[detectors]] # Add one last element, setting up every parameter manually
name = "planck30GHz"
channel = "30 GHz"
fwhm_arcmin = 33.10
fknee_mhz = 113.9
bandwidth_ghz = 9.89
bandcenter_ghz = 28.4
sampling_rate_hz = 32.5
```

```
[[detectors]] # Take the parameters from the IMO but fix one parameter by hand
detector_info_obj = "/data_files/78fe75f1-a011-44b6-86dd-445dc9634416"
sampling_rate_hz = 1.0 # Fix this parameter
```

# Detectors, channels and instruments - from file

"det\_list1.toml"

Let's load the mock IMO

```
from pathlib import Path
import litebird_sim as lbs

# Load a mock IMO that actually defines the UUID listed above
imo = lbs.Imo(
    flatfile_location=Path(".").parent / ".." / "test" / "mock_imo",
)

# Tell Simulation to load the TOML file shown above
sim = lbs.Simulation(imo=imo, parameter_file="det_list1.toml")

det_list = lbs.detector_list_from_parameters(
    imo=sim.imo,
    definition_list=sim.parameters["detectors"],
)

for idx, det in enumerate(det_list):
    print(f"{idx + 1}. {det.name}: band center at {det.bandcenter_ghz} GHz")
```

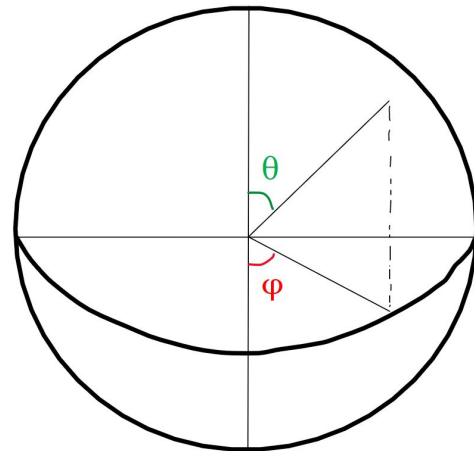
# Observations - serial

Observation: data acquired by the telescope during a scanning period

```
sim.create_observations(  
    detectors=[det1, det2, det3],  
    tods=[lbs.TodDescription(name="tod", description="TOD", dtype=np.float64),  
          lbs.TodDescription(name="noise", description="1/f+white noise", dtype=np.float32)]  
)  
  
for cur_obs in sim.observations:  
    print("Shape of 'tod': ", cur_obs.tod.shape)  
    print("Shape of 'noise': ", cur_obs.noise.shape)
```

Important fields:

- `Observation.tod` with shape  $(n_{\text{det}}, N_{\text{samp}})$
- `Observation.pointings` with shape  $(n_{\text{det}}, N_{\text{samp}}, 2)$   
for **colatitude** ( $\theta$ ) and **longitude** ( $\varphi$ )
- `Observation.pointing_coords` for **CoordinateSystem**
- `Observation.psi` with shape  $(n_{\text{det}}, N_{\text{samp}})$  for polarization angles ( $\psi$ )



# Observations - parallel

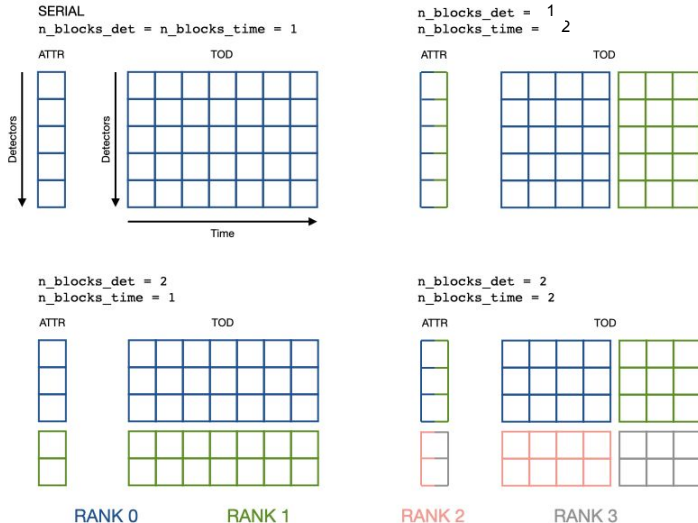
You can distribute the computation among different MPI ranks!  
Detector attributes are divided accordingly

```
import litebird_sim as lbs
from mpi4py import MPI
```

```
comm = MPI.COMM_WORLD
```

```
[...]
```

```
(obs_multitod,) = sim.create_observations(detectors=[det1, det2, det3],
                                         n_blocks_det=2, # Split detector axis in 2
                                         n_blocks_time=3) # Split time axis in 3
```



```
descr = sim.describe_mpi_distribution()

print(descr)
```

```
# MPI rank #1

## Observation #0
- Start time: 0.0
- Duration: 21600.0 s
- 1 detector(s) (0A)
- TOD(s): tod
- TOD shape: 1x216000
- Types of the TODs: float64
```

```
## Observation #1
- Start time: 43200.0
- Duration: 21600.0 s
- 1 detector(s) (0A)
- TOD(s): tod
- TOD shape: 1x216000
- Types of the TODs: float64
```

```
# MPI rank #2
```

```
## Observation #0
- Start time: 21600.0
- Duration: 21600.0 s
- 1 detector(s) (0A)
- TOD(s): tod
- TOD shape: 1x216000
- Types of the TODs: float64
```

```
## Observation #1
```

# Observations - read and write

You can save and read an Observation through an HDF5 file containing:

- Time format
- TODs
- pointings, psi, pixidx
- Flags

Save with `write_observations()` or `write_list_of_observations()`

Read with `read_observations()` or `read_list_of_observations()`

```
#save tods (parallel case)
tod_filename_dict = [{ "myvalue": "LB_LFT_50_obs_rank"+str(rank).zfill(4) }]

lbs.io.write_list_of_observations(obs=obs,          #Observation
                                path=obs_path,    #where to store the file
                                file_name_mask="{myvalue}.hdf5",
                                custom_placeholders=tod_filename_dict,
                                collective_mpi_call=True,
                                tod_fields=["tod", "tod_noise"])
```



# Map-making

The framework provides the following 3 solutions:

1. **binner**, assuming only uncorrelated noise

```
map, cov = lbs.make_bin_map(obs, nside=128, do_covariance=True)
```

2. **destriper**, able to remove correlated noise (work in progress) → TOAST

```
params = lbs.DestriperParameters(  
    nside=16,  
    return_hit_map=True,  
    return_binned_map=True,  
    return_destriped_map=True,  
)
```



```
result = lbs.destripe(sim, params)
```

Use `np.float64` for this case !\

3. save data in Madam-friendly format with `save_simulation_for_madam()` and run **Madam** (`$ madam madam.par`). See [here](#) for memory-saving tricks when producing several maps

# Synthetic sky maps - tools necessary to produce synthetic sky maps

The LiteBIRD Simulation Framework provides the tools necessary to produce synthetic maps of the sky!

```
import litebird_sim as lbs
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

sim = lbs.Simulation(base_path="./tut06")
params = lbs.MbsParameters(
    make_cmb=True,
    fg_models=["pysm_synch_0", "pysm_freefree_1"],
)
mbs = lbs.Mbs(
    simulation=sim,
    parameters=params,
    channel_list=[lbs.FreqChannelInfo.from_imo(
        sim.imo,
        "/releases/v1.3/satellite/LFT/L1-040/channel_info")]
)
(healpix_maps, file_paths) = mbs.run_all()

import healpy
healpy.mollview(healpix_maps["L1-040"][0])

sim.append_to_report("""
## Map
Here is the map:

""",
    figures=[(plt.gcf(), "map.png")],
)
sim.flush()
```

## Available emission models

PySM3 library to generate these sky maps

In the dictionary containing the maps, `Mbs` returns also two useful variables:

- The coordinates of the generated maps, in the key `Coordinates`
- The used parameters for the synthetic map generation, in the key `Mbs_parameters`

Try to click the UUID link in the Data Files section of the report 26

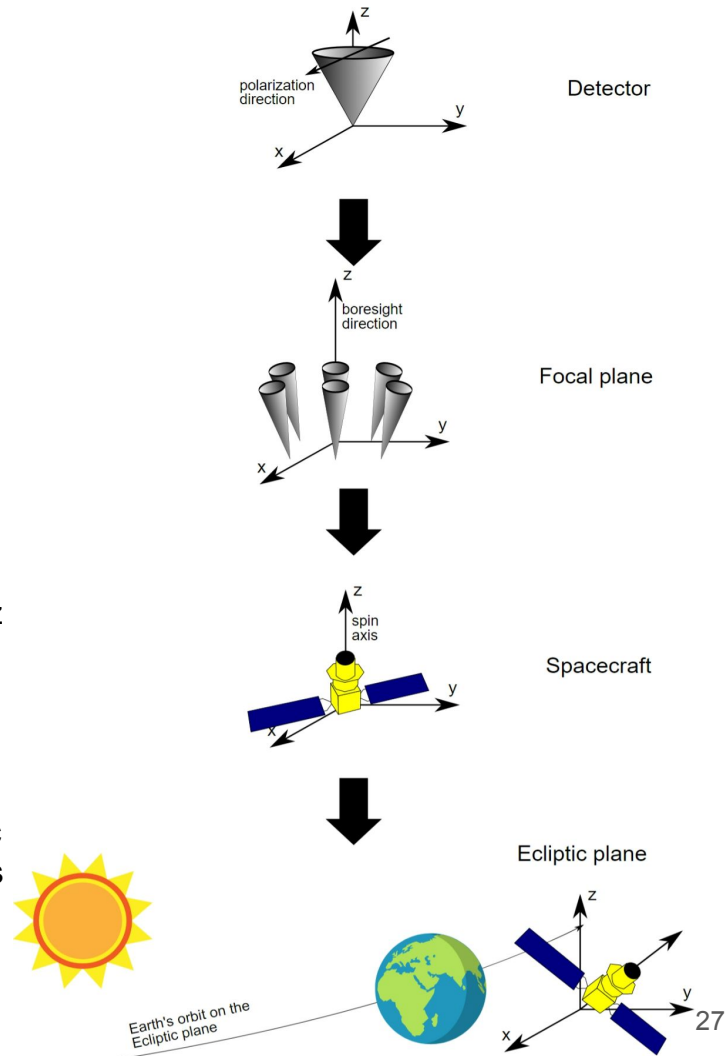
# Scanning strategy

To compute where a detector is looking at (*pointing*), there is a number of transformations that need to be carried out!

Pointings for a detector are computed with 3 kinds the quaternions:

1. From the detector (main beam of radiation pattern along z axis) to the focal plane. Included in the IMO, initialized with `DetectorInfo.from_imo()`
2. From the focal plane (z axis aligned with boresight) to the spacecraft (z axis aligned with spin axis); field `bore2spin_quat` of the class `InstrumentInfo`, initialized with `Simulation.set_scanning_strategy()`
3. From spacecraft to ecliptic reference frame (z axis aligned with Ecliptic North Pole); can be done assuming circular motion or with ephemeris tables

Another interesting reference [here](#) for quaternions!



# Scanning strategy - a practical example

```
import litebird_sim as lbs
import astropy.units as u
import numpy as np

sim = lbs.Simulation(
    start_time=0,
    duration_s=60.0,
    description="Simple simulation",
)

# We now simulate the motion of the spacecraft over one minute
sim.set_scanning_strategy(
    scanning_strategy=lbs.SpinningScanningStrategy(
        spin_sun_angle_rad=np.deg2rad(30), # CORE-specific parameter
        spin_rate_hz=0.5 / 60.0,
        # We use astropy to convert the period (4 days) in seconds
        precession_rate_hz=1.0 / (4 * u.day).to("s").value,
    )
)

# Here we specify the  $\beta$  angle of the focal plane of the instrument
sim.set_instrument(
    lbs.InstrumentInfo(
        name="core",
        spin_boresight_angle_rad=np.deg2rad(65),
    ),
)

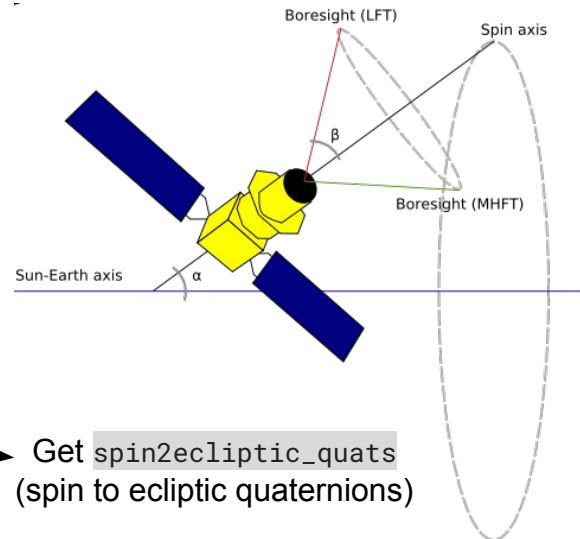
# The motion of the spacecraft is now encoded in a set of quaternions,
# in the field 'sim.spin2ecliptic_quats'. We use it to produce the
# pointing information for a fake boresight detector 'det', belonging to 'core'
det = lbs.DetectorInfo(name="foo", sampling_rate_hz=10)

# By default, 'create_observations' creates just *one* observation
obs, = sim.create_observations(detectors=[det])

# Compute the pointings at the same sampling frequency as the TOD
sim.compute_pointings()

pointings = obs.pointings

print("Shape:", pointings.shape)
print("Pointings:")
print(np.array_str(pointings, precision=3))
```



Get `spin2ecliptic_quats`  
(spin to ecliptic quaternions)

Set `spin_boresight_angle_rad`  
(boresight to spin angle)

Get  $\theta, \phi, \psi$

## A real example of litebird\_sim usage

- litebird\_sim has been used to produce the official Post-PTEP end-to-end simulations!
- Here you can find some details:

[LiteBIRD post-PTEP e2e simulations](#)

# Summary

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- 🌸 [Detectors, channels and Instruments](#): set detectors, channels, instrument properties by either manually inserting them, or reading from the IMO or from a file
- 🌸 [Observations](#): data acquired by the telescope during a scanning period
- 🌸 [Map-making](#): 3 possibilities (binner, destriper TOAST, MADAM)
- 🌸 [Synthetic sky maps](#): produce your own maps with different sky components (*PySM3*)
- 🌸 [Scanning strategy](#): set of transformations from the detector direction of observation to the spacecraft orientation in the ecliptic plane



ありがとうございます

Thank you

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# Additional material

- [Bandpasses](#)
- [Dipole anisotropy](#)
- [The Instrument Model Database \(IMO\)](#)
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- [Creating reports with litebird\\_sim](#)
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# Bandpasses

Through the class [BandPassInfo](#), one either can load bandapsses from the IMO or generate them by scratch, e.g. example below

```
import litebird_sim as lbs
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Generate the «model» (i.e., ideal band, with no wiggles)
band = lbs.BandPassInfo(
    bandcenter_ghz=43.0,
    bandwidth_ghz=10.0,
    bandtype="top-hat-cosine",
    normalize=True,
    nsamples_inband=100,
)
plt.plot(band.freqs_ghz, band.weights, label="Ideal band")

# Now generate a more realistic band with random wiggles
new_weights = band.bandpass_resampling()
plt.plot(band.freqs_ghz, new_weights, label="Random realization",
)

plt.xlabel("Frequency [GHz]")
plt.ylabel("Weight")
plt.legend()
```

## Essential parameters:

- central frequency
- bandwidth
- random component (to make the band more realistic)

