



PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Canadian Institute for
Theoretical Astrophysics

CENTER FOR ASTROPHYSICS
HARVARD & SMITHSONIAN

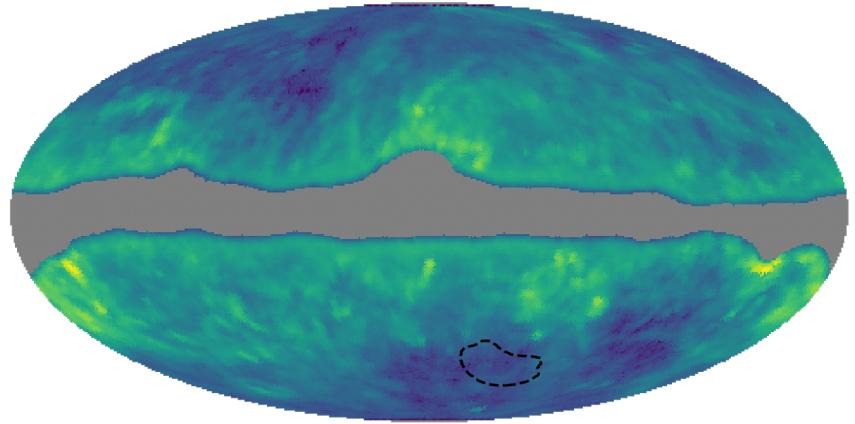
Detection and Removal of CMB B-mode Dust Foregrounds with Signatures of Statistical Anisotropy

OLIVER PHILCOX (PRINCETON)

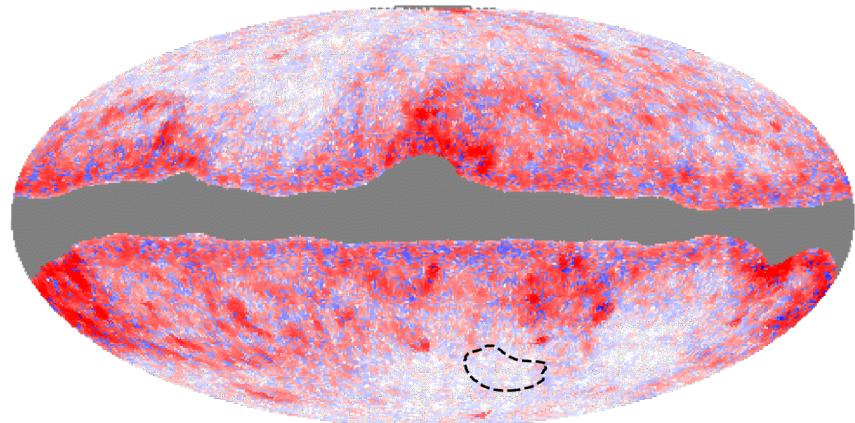
BLAKE SHERWIN (CAMBRIDGE)

ALEX VAN ENGELEN (TORONTO)

DECEMBER 6, 2019 - GRAVITY GROUP



-1.8 1.0 3.7
 $\log_{10}(A [\mu K^2])$

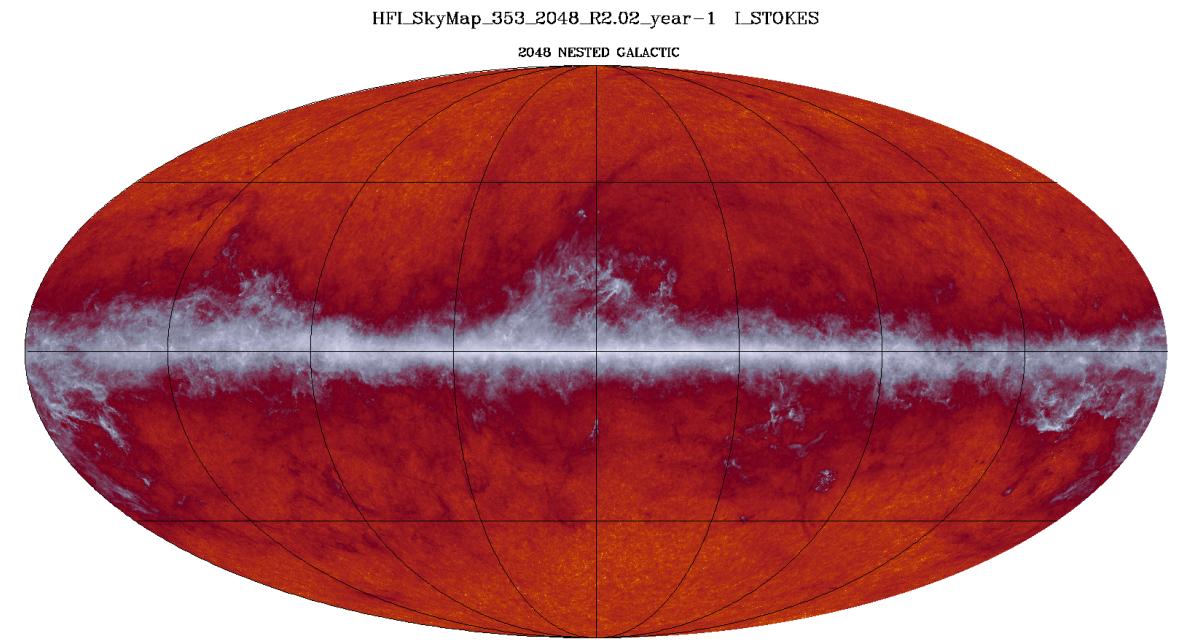
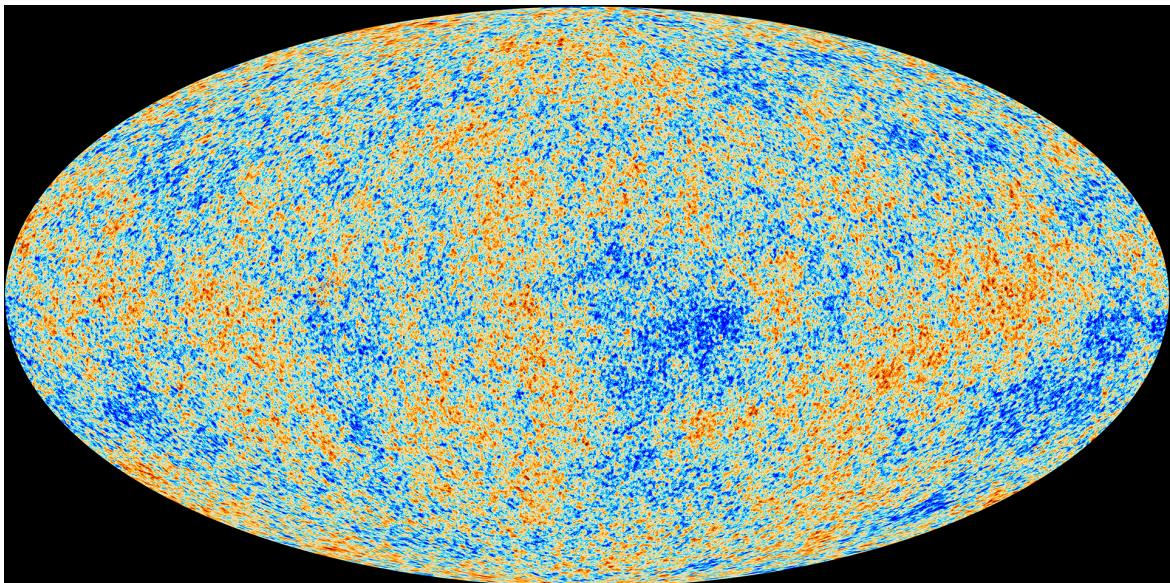


-10³ -1 0 1 10³
 $H^2 [\mu K^4]$

Outline

- 1. Introduction to B-modes & Polarized Dust**
- 2. Detecting dust with anisotropy**
- 3. How can this be used?**
 - 1. Null Tests**
 - 2. Dedusting**

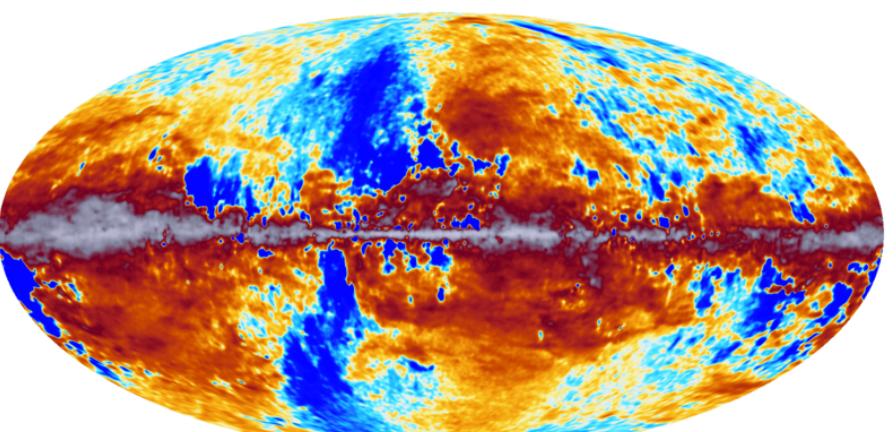
The Cosmic Microwave Background



Raw

[Planck Data Release 2]

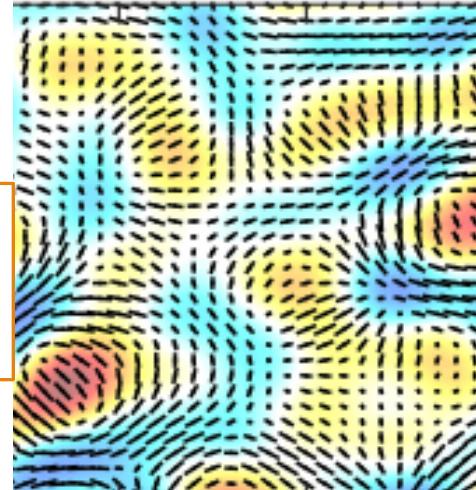
Polarized CMB



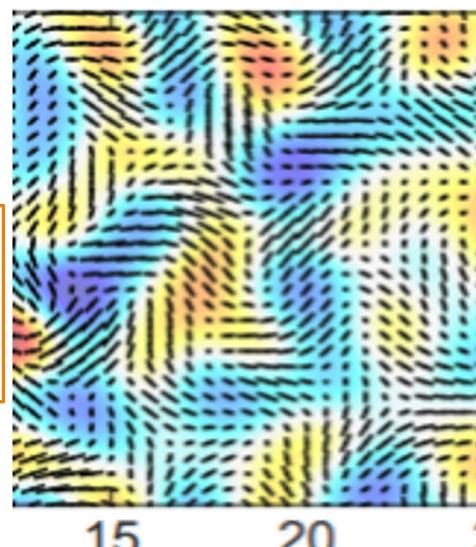
Observed
Q and **U** modes
(Stokes maps)

*Spherical Harmonic
Transforms*

E-modes
(Grad)



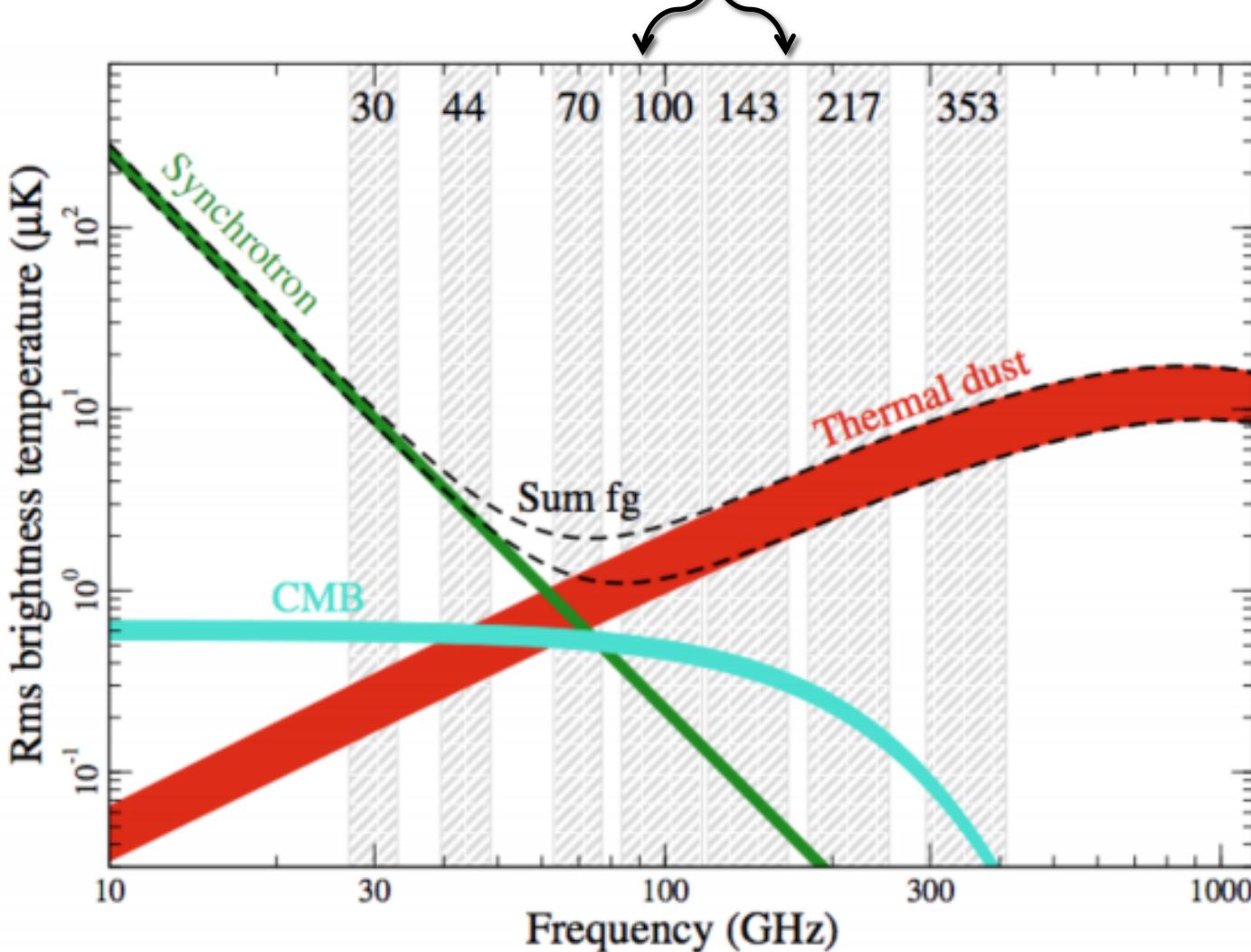
B-modes
(Curl)



Planck DR2 353 GHz Q-map

[Kamionkowski & Kovetz 2016]

Ground Based Experiment Frequency



[Dickinson, 2016]

What Generates CMB Polarization?

- Scattering from electrons at recombination ($z \sim 1100$)
- Weak lensing from large-scale structure
- Foregrounds**
 - Synchrotron Radiation ($\nu < 100 \text{ GHz}$)
 - Thermal Dust Emission ($\nu > 100 \text{ GHz}$)

Primordial gravitational wave discovery heralds 'whole new era' in physics

Gravitational waves could help unite general relativity and quantum mechanics to reveal a 'theory of everything'

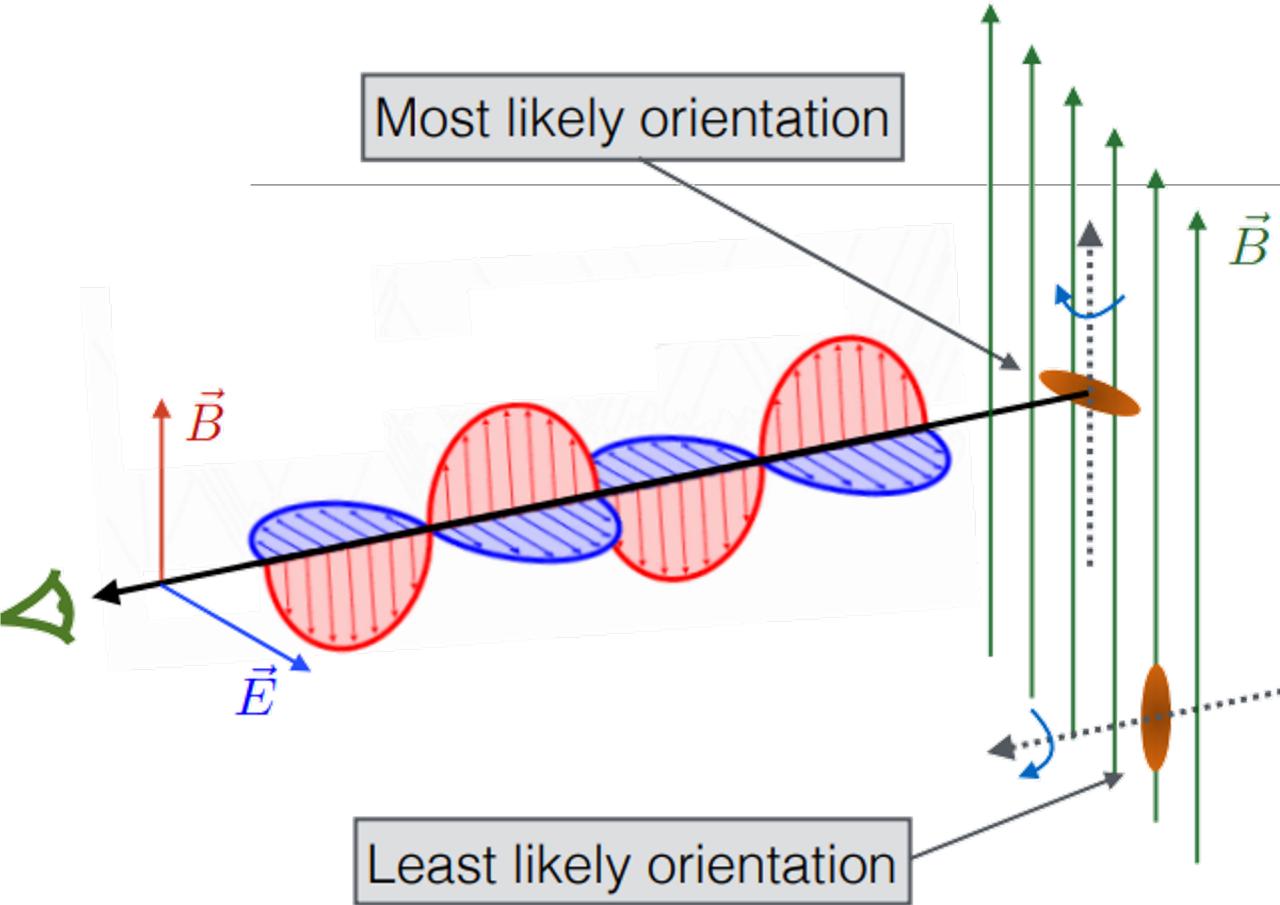


[*The Guardian*, 17 March, 2014]

The Search for Inflation

- Inflation predicts gravitational waves with $\lambda \sim \text{Mpc}$
- Search for these in the CMB?
 - Best to look in clean B-modes
- BICEP2 (2014) – ‘Discovery of IGWs’
 - Later showed to be residual dust...

Thermal Dust Emission



- ❑ Asymmetric dust grains in the interstellar medium radiate through thermal emission
- ❑ Alignment with the Galactic magnetic field induces polarization
- ❑ This depends on the shape, composition and size of the grains
- ❑ On few-degree scales we expect the polarization direction to be roughly **coherent**

[Credit: Levrier 2015]

Dust Subtraction

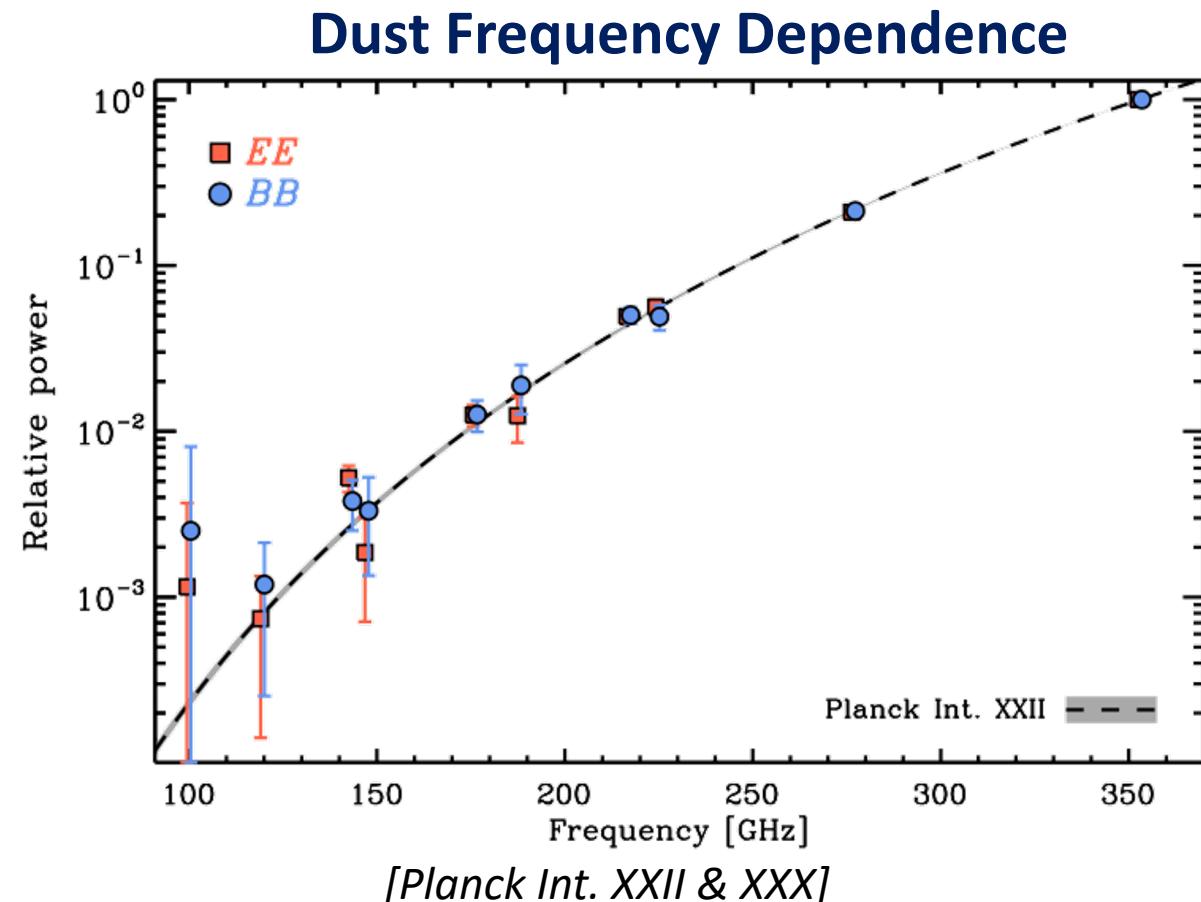
Standard Approach:

1. Assume a dust frequency dependence
2. Use multi-frequency data to remove dust

But:

- ❑ Multi-temperature dust?
- ❑ Decorrelation?
- ❑ Harder to apply from the ground

Can we develop a single-frequency approach?



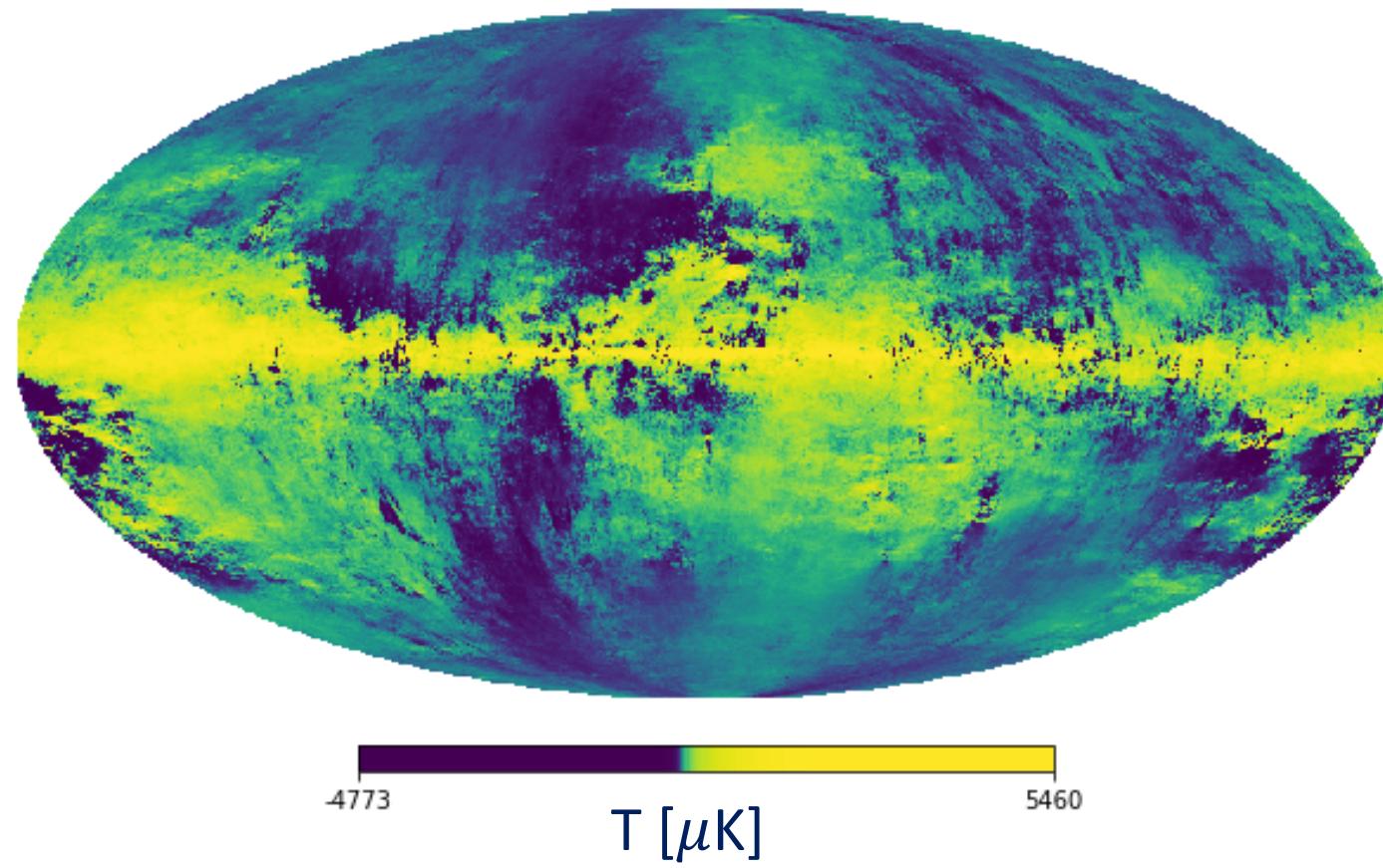
Outline

1. Introduction to B-modes & Polarized Dust

2. Detecting dust with anisotropy

3. How can this be used?
 1. Null Tests
 2. Dedusting

Vansyngel+ Dust Simulations – Q map

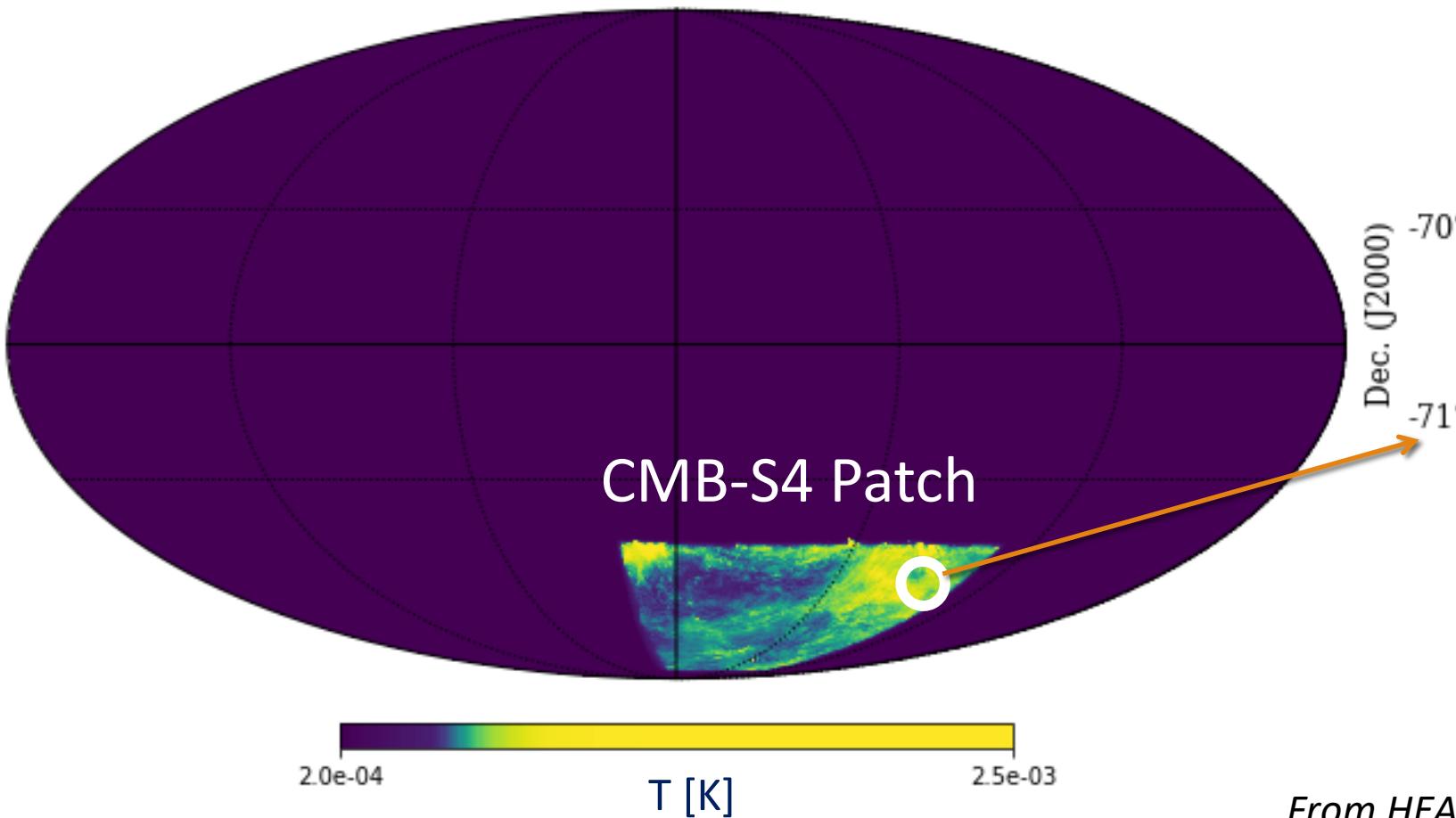


Aims & Simulations

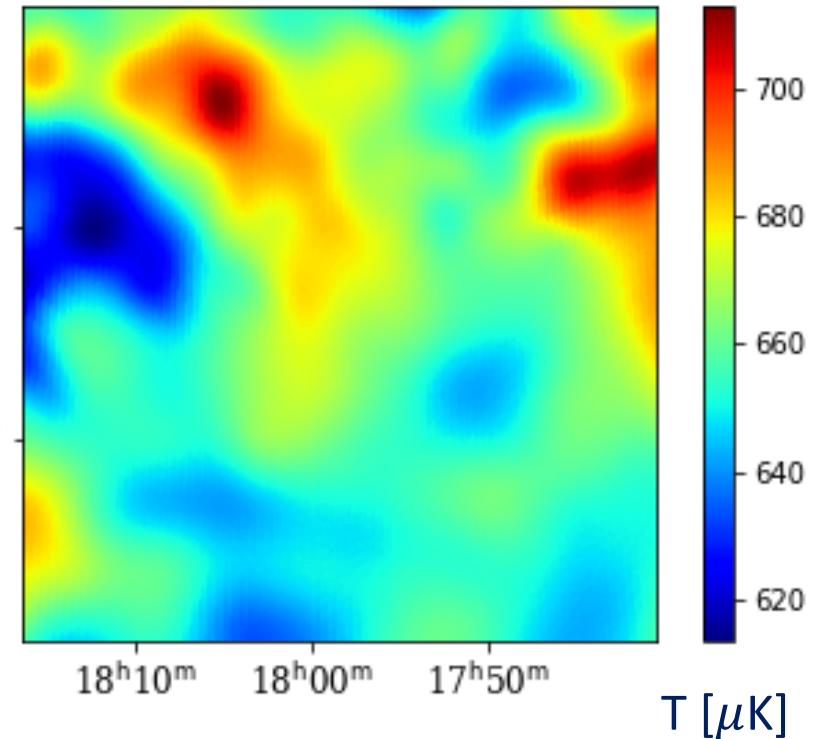
- Detect & characterise **dust anisotropy**
- Apply this to the **CMB-S4** experiment (mid-2020s)
- Dust data is full-sky simulations of Vansyngel+ (2017)

Splitting Up the Sky

CMB Thermal Dust Map at 353 GHz [Vansyngel+ 2017 Simulations]



3° cut-out map ('tile')



From HEALPix [Górski+ 2005] & Flipper [Das+ 2010]

Creating Mock Data

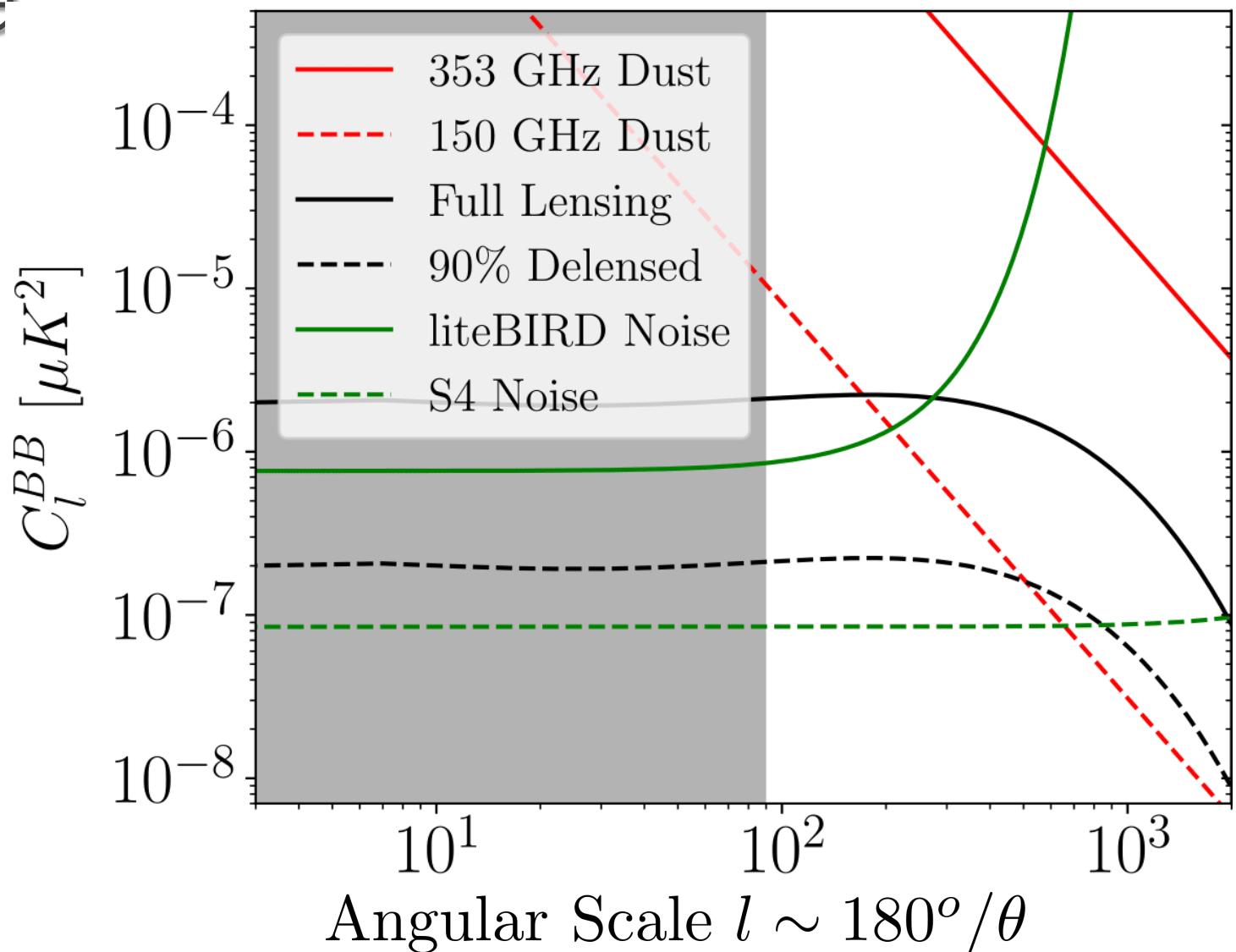
- ☐ Reduce frequency to 150 GHz [via modified blackbody frequency scalings]
- ☐ Add weak lensing signal [computed from Planck FFP10 Simulations]
- ☐ Add instrument noise

$$C_l^{\text{noise}} = \Delta_P^2 \exp\left(\frac{l(l+1)\theta_{\text{FWHM}}^2}{8 \ln 2}\right)$$

[using $\Delta_P = 1\mu K'$, $\theta_{\text{FWHM}} = 1.5'$ for CMB-S4]

[Philcox+ 2018b]

C_l^{BB} Contributions



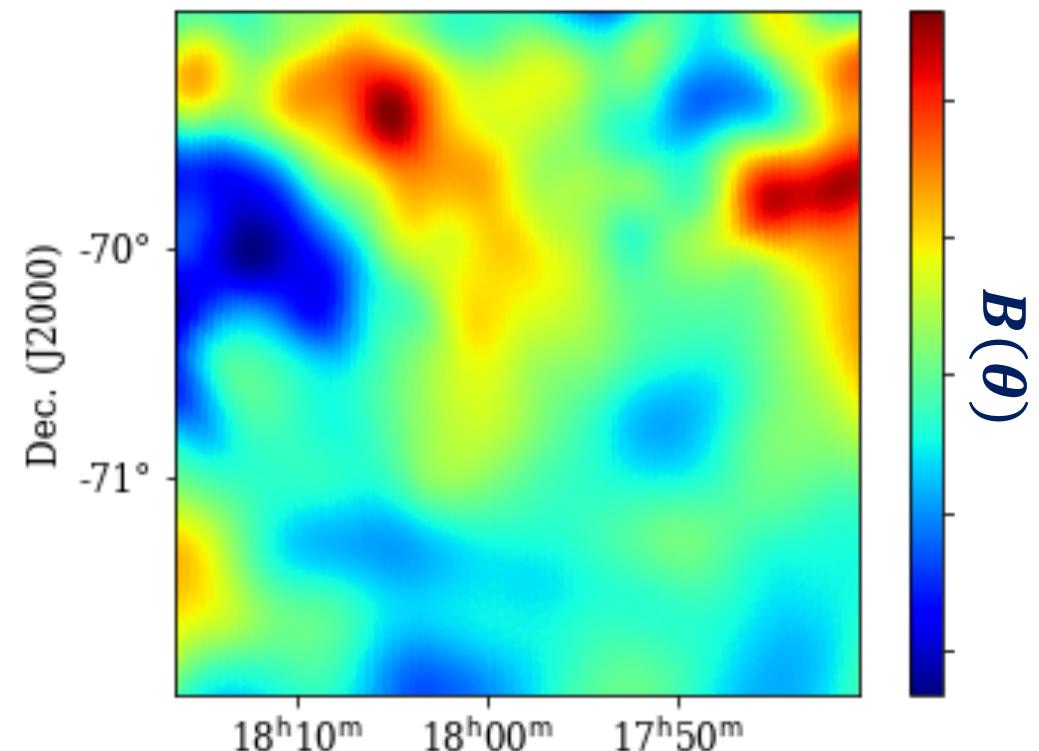
Hexadecapolar Anisotropy (I)

- Small regions of dust should show **hexadecapolar** anisotropy in 2D power spectra

$$\left| \tilde{B}(\vec{l}) \right|^2 = Al^{-2.42} [1 - f_c \cos 4\phi_{\vec{l}} - f_s \sin 4\phi_{\vec{l}}]$$

[Kamionkowski & Kovetz, 2014]

3° B-mode Real-Space Map



Hexadecapolar Anisotropy (I)

- Small regions of dust should show **hexadecapolar** anisotropy in 2D power spectra

$$\left| \tilde{B}(\vec{l}) \right|^2 = Al^{-2.42} [1 - f_c \cos 4\phi_{\vec{l}} - f_s \sin 4\phi_{\vec{l}}]$$

[Kamionkowski & Kovetz, 2014]

- IGWs do **not** have this structure.

- **Idealized 2D power spectrum**



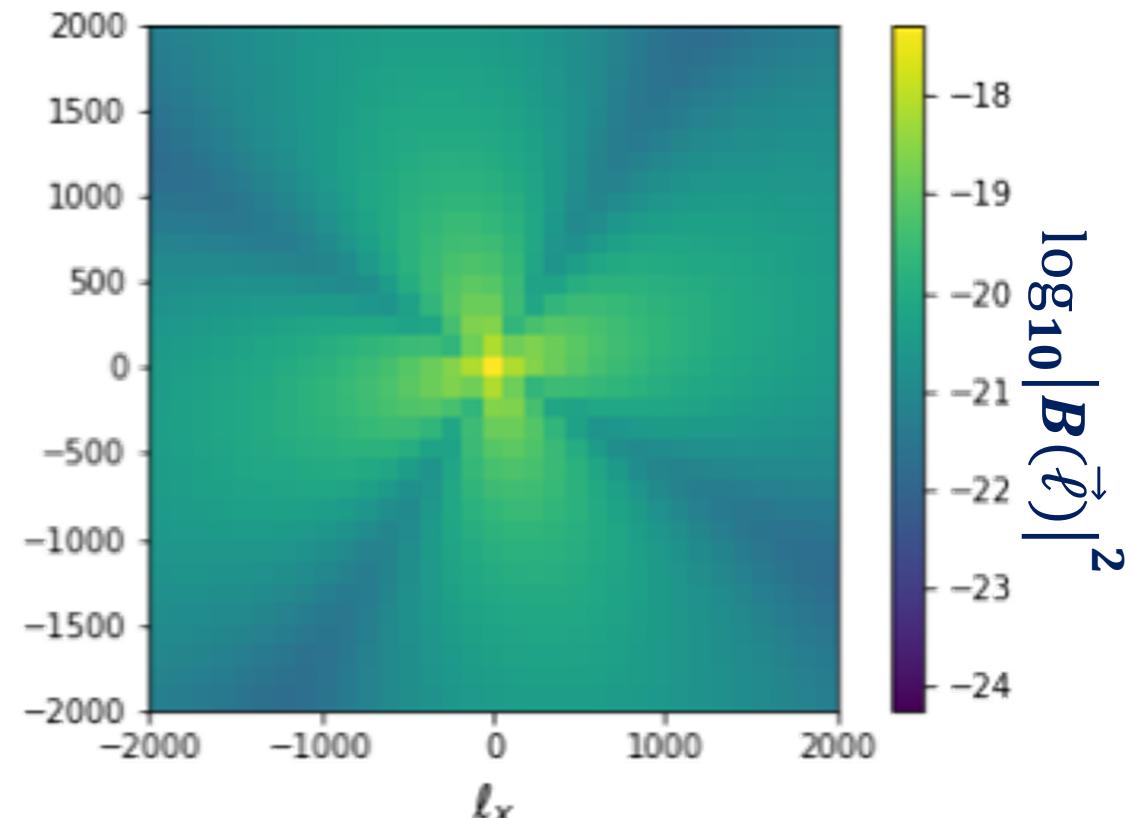
- Define the **hexadecapole power and angle**:

$$H^2 = (Af_s)^2 + (Af_c)^2$$

$$\tan 4\alpha = \frac{Af_s}{Af_c}$$

$$2\alpha = \arctan \frac{U}{Q}$$

Idealized 2D B-mode Power



Hexadecapolar Anisotropy (II)

- Small regions of dust should show **hexadecapolar** anisotropy in 2D power spectra

$$\left| \tilde{B}(\vec{\ell}) \right|^2 = Al^{-2.42} [1 - f_c \cos 4\phi_{\vec{\ell}} - f_s \sin 4\phi_{\vec{\ell}}]$$

[Kamionkowski & Kovetz, 2014]

- IGWs do **not** have this structure.

- **True 2D power spectrum**



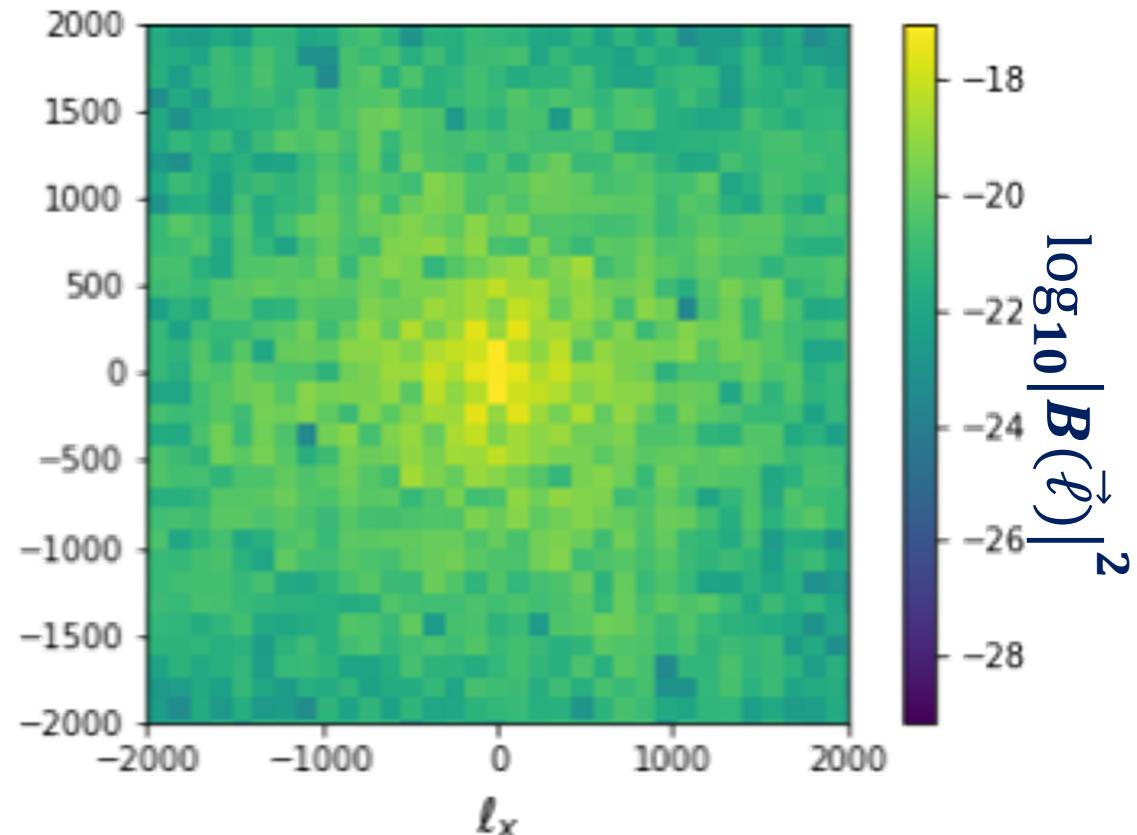
- Define the **hexadecapole power and angle**:

$$H^2 = (Af_s)^2 + (Af_c)^2$$

$$\tan 4\alpha = \frac{Af_s}{Af_c}$$

$$2\alpha = \arctan \frac{U}{Q}$$

True 2D B-mode Power



Statistical Estimators

$$\hat{A} = \frac{\sum_{\vec{l}} \mathcal{B}^2(\vec{l}) \Lambda_l^2 / C_l^{\text{fid}}}{\sum_{\vec{l}} \Lambda_l^2}$$

$$\widehat{Af_c} = \frac{\sum_{\vec{l}} \mathcal{B}^2(\vec{l}) \Lambda_l^2 \cos 4\phi_{\vec{l}} / C_l^{\text{fid}}}{\sum_{\vec{l}} (\Lambda_l \cos 4\phi_{\vec{l}})^2}$$

$$\widehat{Af_s} = \frac{\sum_{\vec{l}} \mathcal{B}^2(\vec{l}) \Lambda_l^2 \sin 4\phi_{\vec{l}} / C_l^{\text{fid}}}{\sum_{\vec{l}} (\Lambda_l \sin 4\phi_{\vec{l}})^2}$$

[cf. Kamionkowski & Kovetz, 2014]

Dust B-mode power:

$$\mathcal{B}^2(\vec{l}) = |B(\vec{l})|^2 - (C_l^{\text{lens}} + C_l^{\text{noise}})$$

Signal-to-noise ratio:

$$\Lambda_l = \frac{AC_l^{\text{fid}}}{AC_l^{\text{fid}} + C_l^{\text{noise}} + C_l^{\text{lens}}}$$

Fiducial slope: [Planck Int. XXX, 2014]

$$C_l^{\text{fid}} = l^{-2.42}$$

Dealing with Bias (I)

- ❑ The hexadecapole power statistic, $H^2 = (Af_s)^2 + (Af_c)^2$ is intrinsically biased.
- ❑ Even an *isotropic* dust map will have $H^2 > 0$

- ❑ To remove bias we must use **Monte Carlo simulations**
 - ❑ These are computed from the same power spectra in each tile as the data.
 - ❑ But, they are *isotropic* by construction

- ❑ Create a *debiased* hexadecapole statistic:

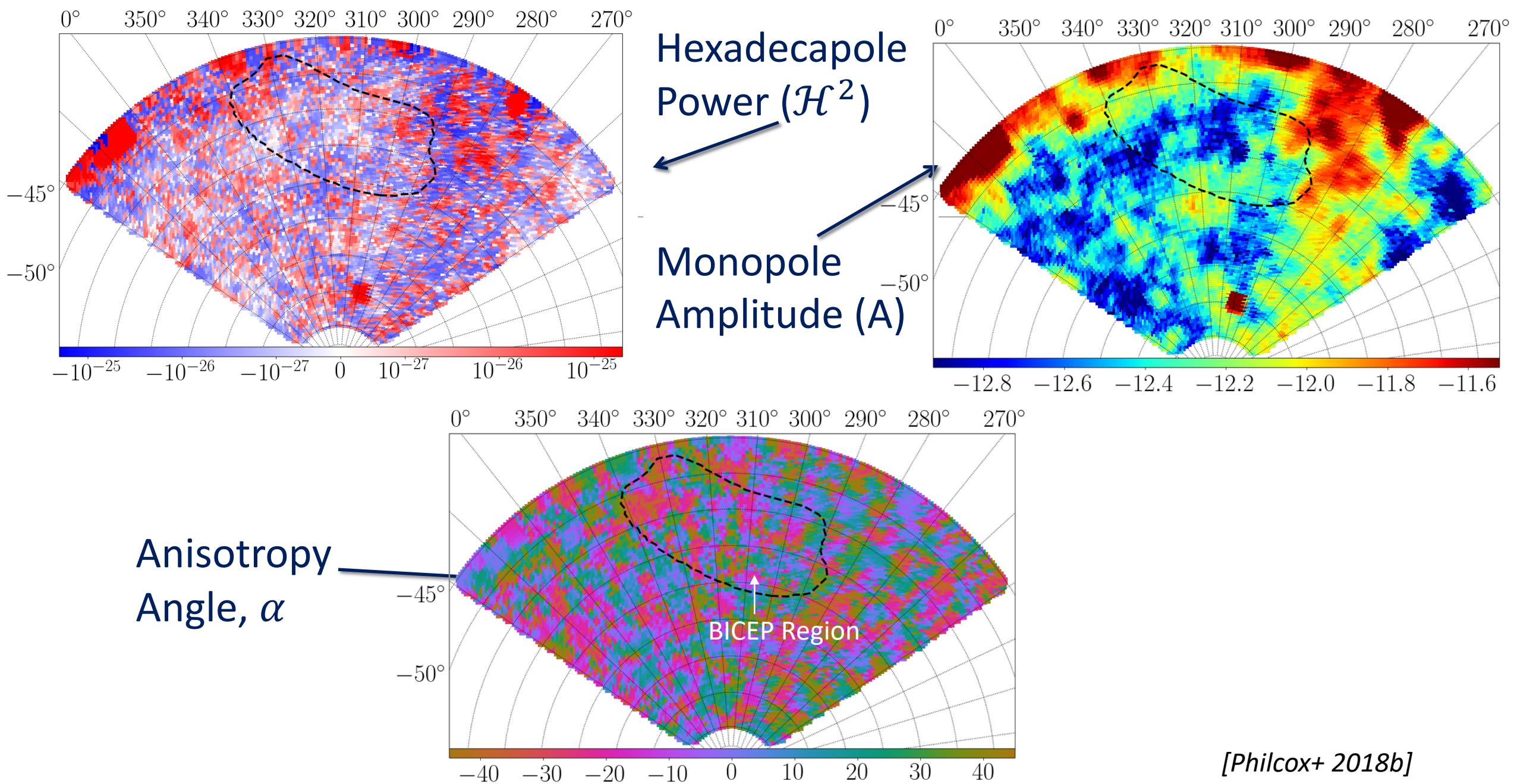
$$\mathcal{H}^2 = H^2 - H_{\text{bias, iso}}^2$$

Dealing with Bias (II)

- ❑ Use ‘realization dependent debiasing’ combining data and simulations via cross-correlations
- ❑ Remove bias in each tile using 500 MC simulations:

$$H_{\text{bias,iso}}^2 = \begin{cases} 4\langle H^2 \rangle_{\text{DS}} - \langle H^2 \rangle_{\text{SS}} & (\text{Data}) \\ \langle H^2 \rangle_{\text{SS}} & (\text{MC Simulations}) \end{cases}$$

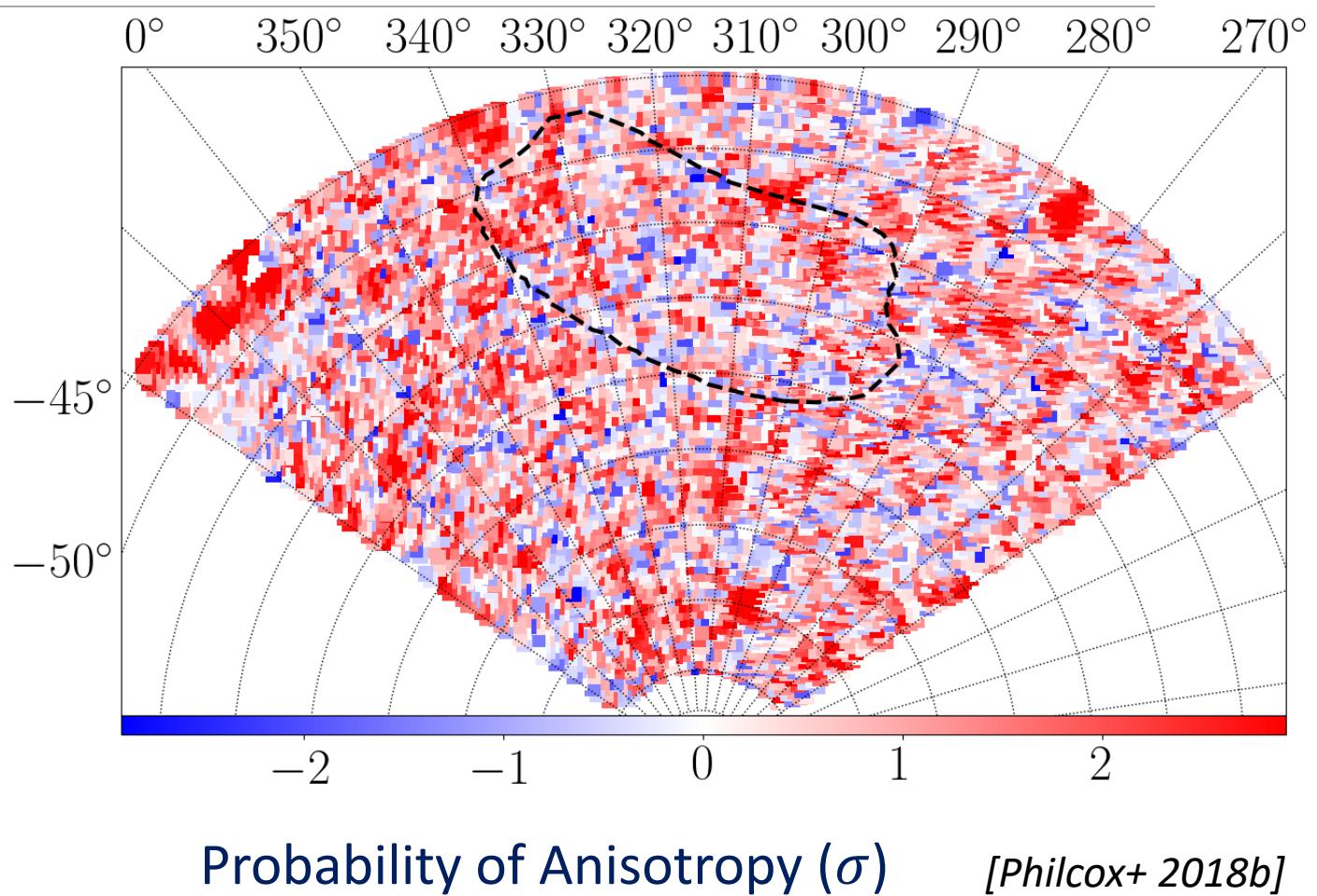
- ❑ Also:
 - ❑ Remove small residual ‘lensing bias’ using a patch with only noise + lensing present
 - ❑ Remove pixellation biases by tile rotations



[Philcox+ 2018b]

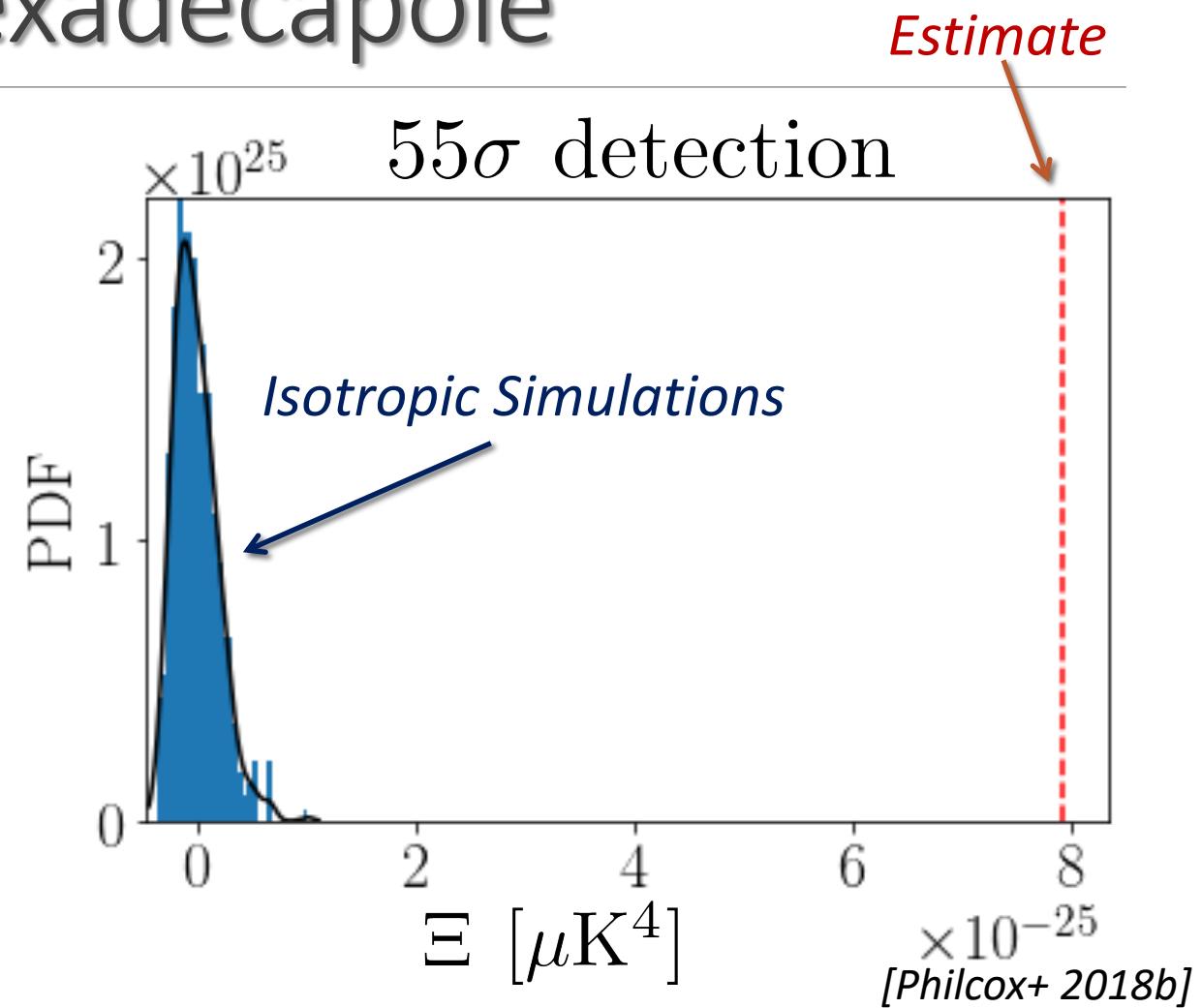
Anisotropy Probability

- Convert the hexadecapole power to a (Gaussian) **anisotropy likelihood**
- Only weak detection significances on this scale



Patch Averaged Hexadecapole

- Define average hexadecapole
 $\Xi = \langle \mathcal{H}^2 \rangle_{\text{patch}}$
- Compute Ξ for data and MC simulations
- A 55σ detection of anisotropy



IGW Contamination

- ❑ If inflationary gravitational waves were present, would we mistake them for dust?
- ❑ Using a full-sky realisation of IGWs with current constraints:
[Using Planck FFP10 Simulations with BICEP2/Keck collaboration limits]

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{tensor bias}}^{r=0.1} = -0.04 \pm 0.58$$

- ❑ No significant detection of hexadecapole anisotropy from IGWs

[Philcox+ 2018b]

Outline

1. Introduction to B-modes & Polarized Dust
2. Detecting dust with anisotropy
3. How can this be used?
 1. Null Tests
 2. Dedusting

A Null Test for Dust: Motivation

Scenario:

- ❑ We think our experiment has detected inflationary gravitational waves at a tensor-to-scalar ratio $r = r_0$
 $(r \lesssim 0.07; \text{BICEP2 Collaboration 2016})$
- ❑ Are these true IGWs or just a detection of poorly-subtracted dust?
- ❑ **Test if we can detect dust at this level**

A Null Test for Dust: Application

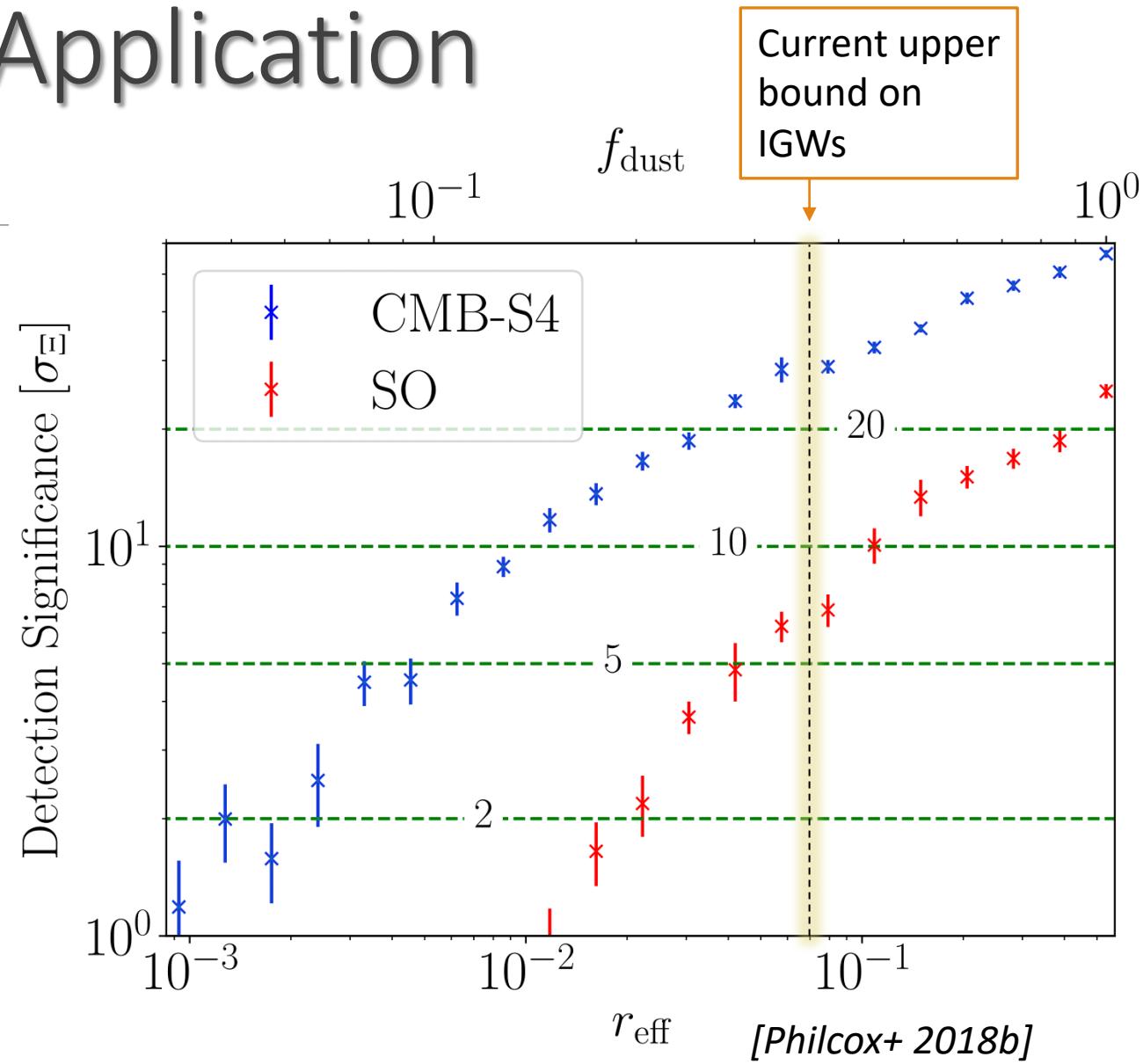
- ☐ Artificially reduce the dust level in the simulation by some factor.

$$r_{\text{eff}}(f_{\text{dust}}) = \frac{\langle A_{80} \rangle}{C_{80}^{\text{tensor}}(r=1)} f_{\text{dust}}^2$$

- ☐ Can we still detect dust?

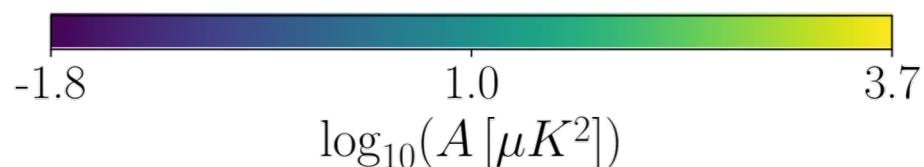
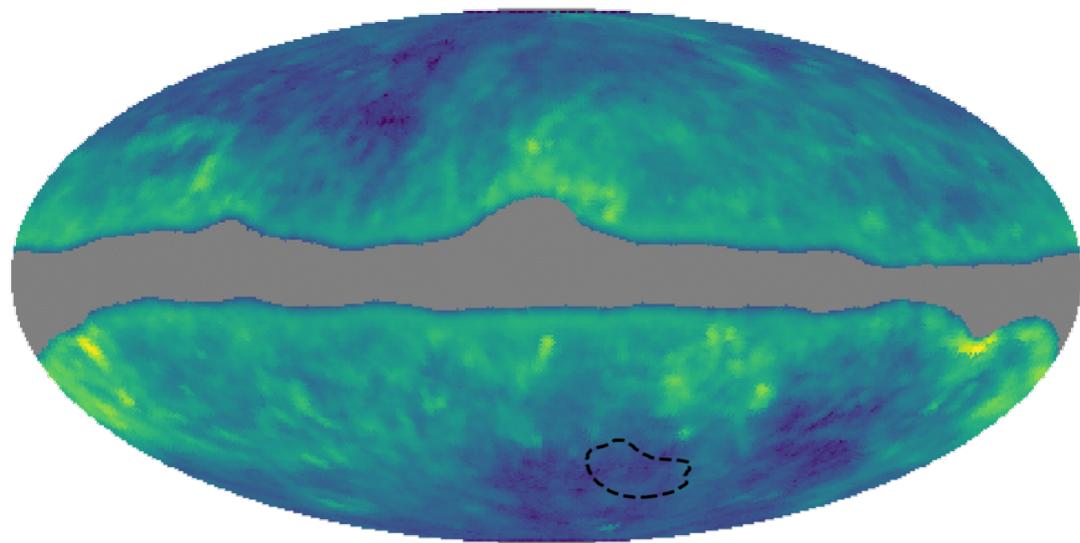
CMB S4:
55 σ detection
 2σ limit:
 $r_{\text{eff}} = 0.001$

Simons Observatory (SO):
25 σ detection
 2σ limit:
 $r_{\text{eff}} = 0.02$

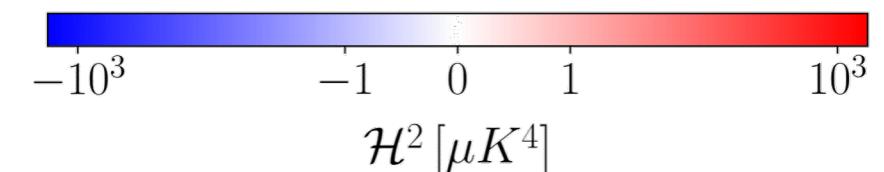
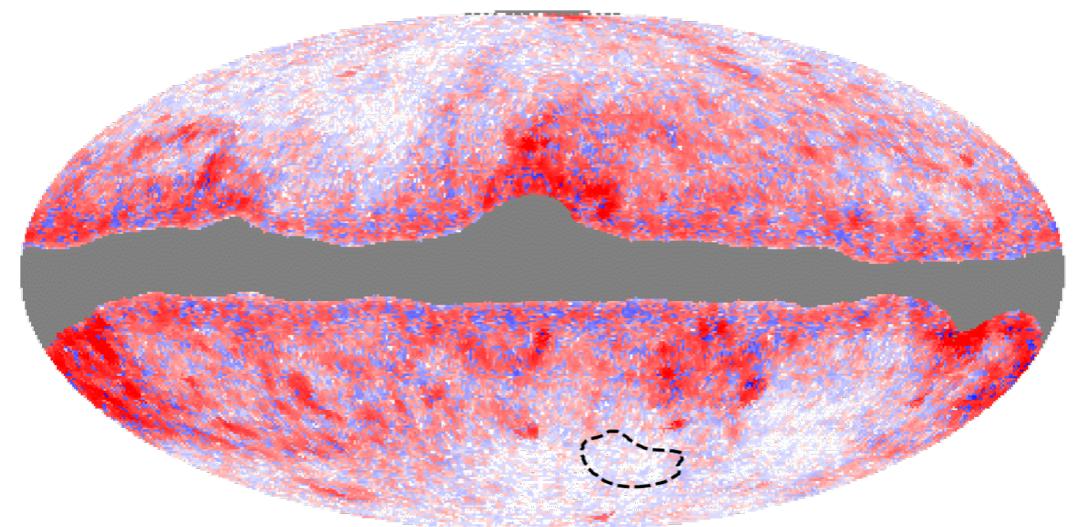


Full Sky Correlations

Monopole Amplitude A

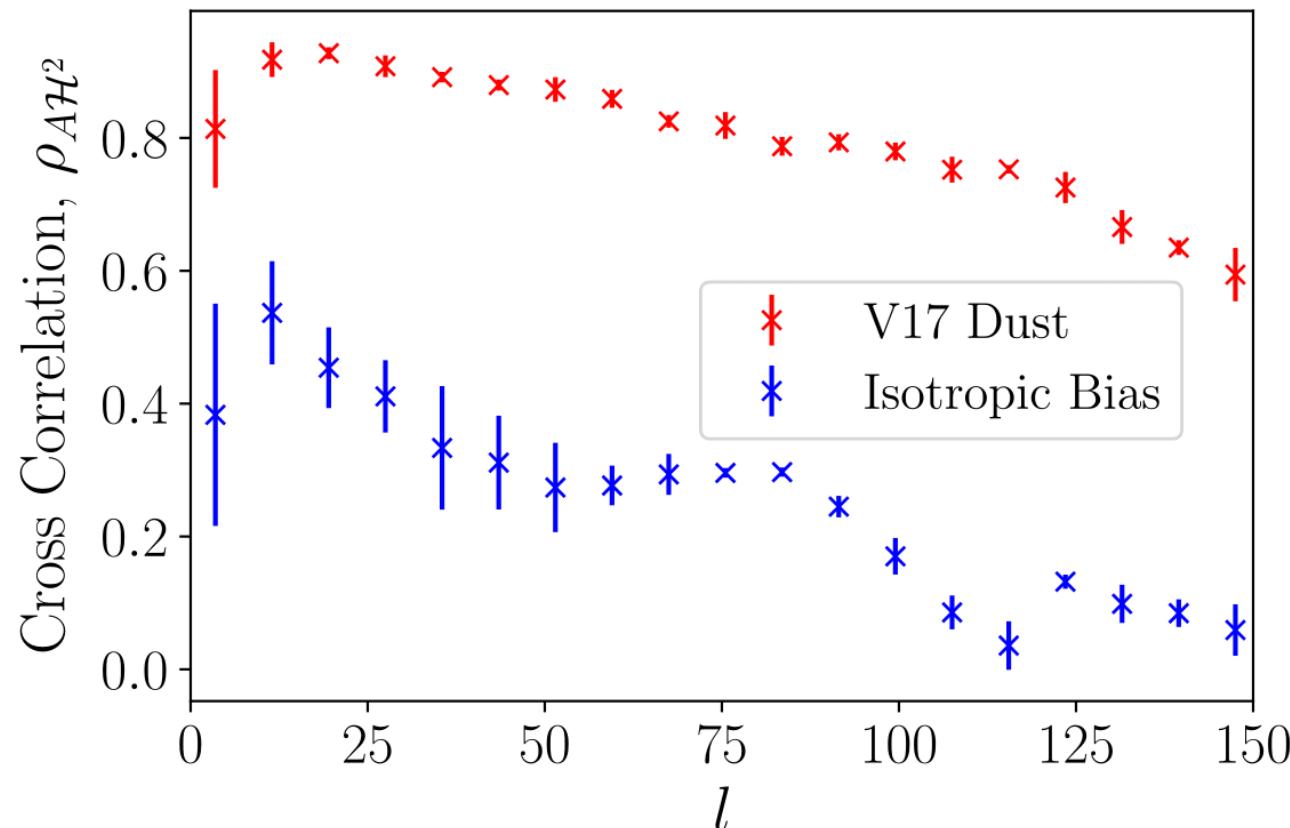


Hexadecapole Amplitude \mathcal{H}^2



Using Planck GAL80 Mask + CMB-S4 [Abazajian+ 2016] Noise Parameters with HEALPix [Górski+ 2005] for visualisation

Full Sky Correlation Coefficient



Power Spectra Estimated with POLSPICE (Chon+ 2004)

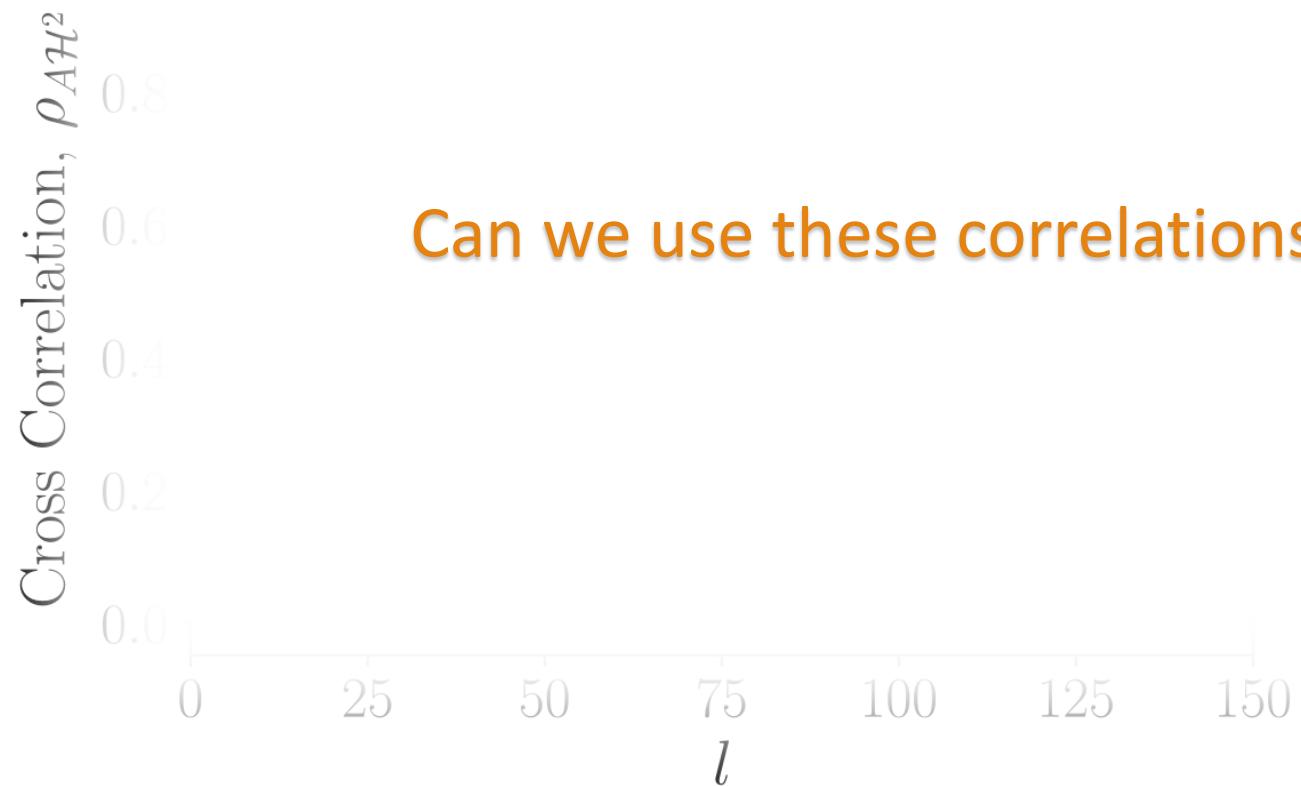
[Philcox+ 2018b]

- Compute the correlation function between **monopole** and **hexadecapole**:

$$\rho_{A\mathcal{H}^2}(l) = \frac{C_l^{A\mathcal{H}^2}}{\sqrt{C_l^A C_l^{\mathcal{H}^2}}}$$

- Very strong correlations on large angular scales!

Full Sky Correlation Coefficient



Can we use these correlations to reconstruct the dust?

pole:

[Philcox+ 2018b]

Power Spectra Estimated with POLSPICE (Chon+ 2004)

Dedusting Techniques (I)

- Using the anisotropy angle we can reconstruct Q, U maps:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{U}(\mathbf{r}) &\propto I(\mathbf{r})R(\mathbf{r})\sin(2\alpha(\mathbf{r})), \\ \hat{Q}(\mathbf{r}) &\propto I(\mathbf{r})R(\mathbf{r})\cos(2\alpha(\mathbf{r})).\end{aligned}$$

Intensity Map

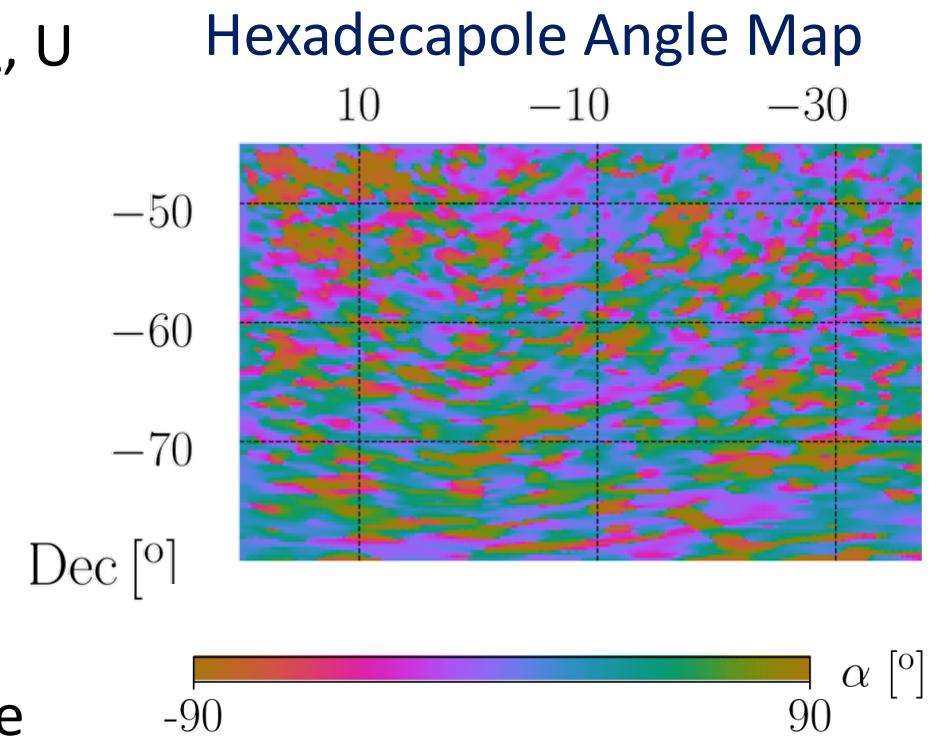
Angle Map

with anisotropy fraction proxy

$$R(\mathbf{r}) = \left(\frac{\mathcal{H}^2(\mathbf{r})}{\langle I^4 \rangle_{\text{tile}}(\mathbf{r})} \right)^{1/4}$$

Hexadecapole Strength

- Use these to compute **approximation** for B-mode map from dust



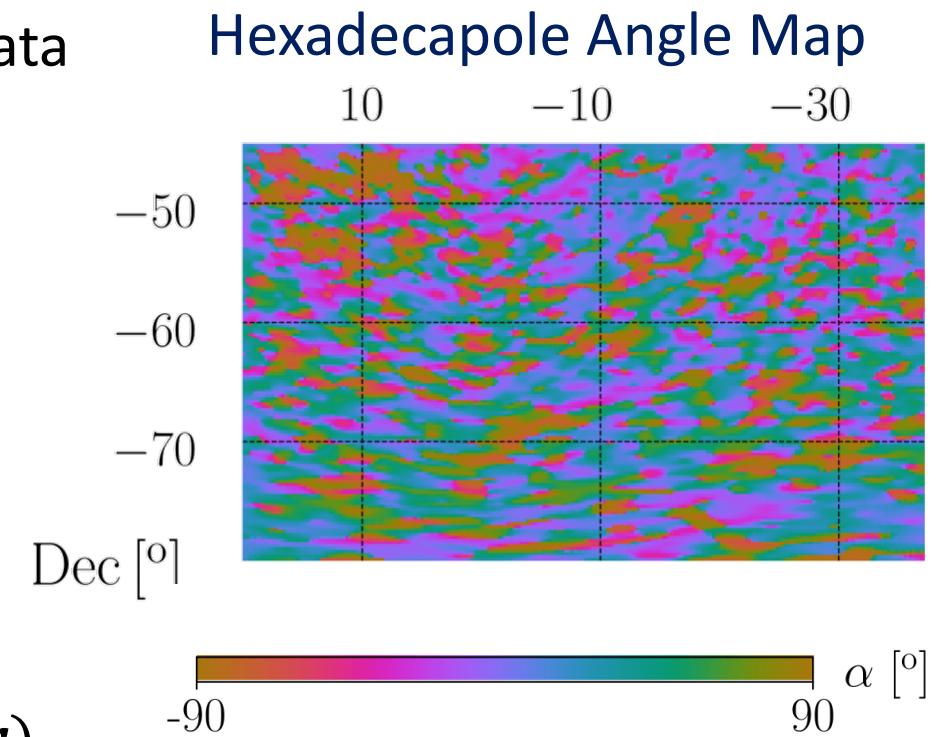
[Philcox+ 2018b]

Dedusting Techniques (II)

- Scaling is found via *cross-correlations* with the data

$$a_c(l) = \frac{C_l^{\hat{B}B}}{C_l^{\hat{B}\hat{B}}}$$

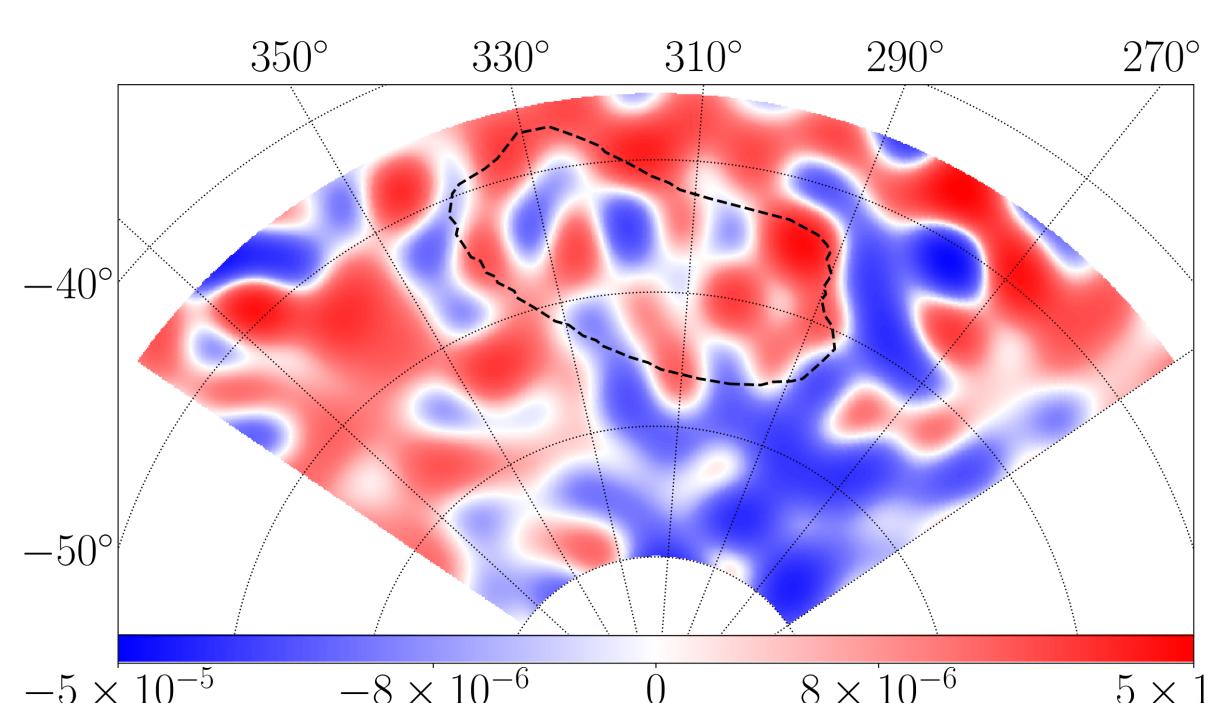
Scaling Factor *Model x Data Power Spectrum* *Model x Model Power Spectrum*



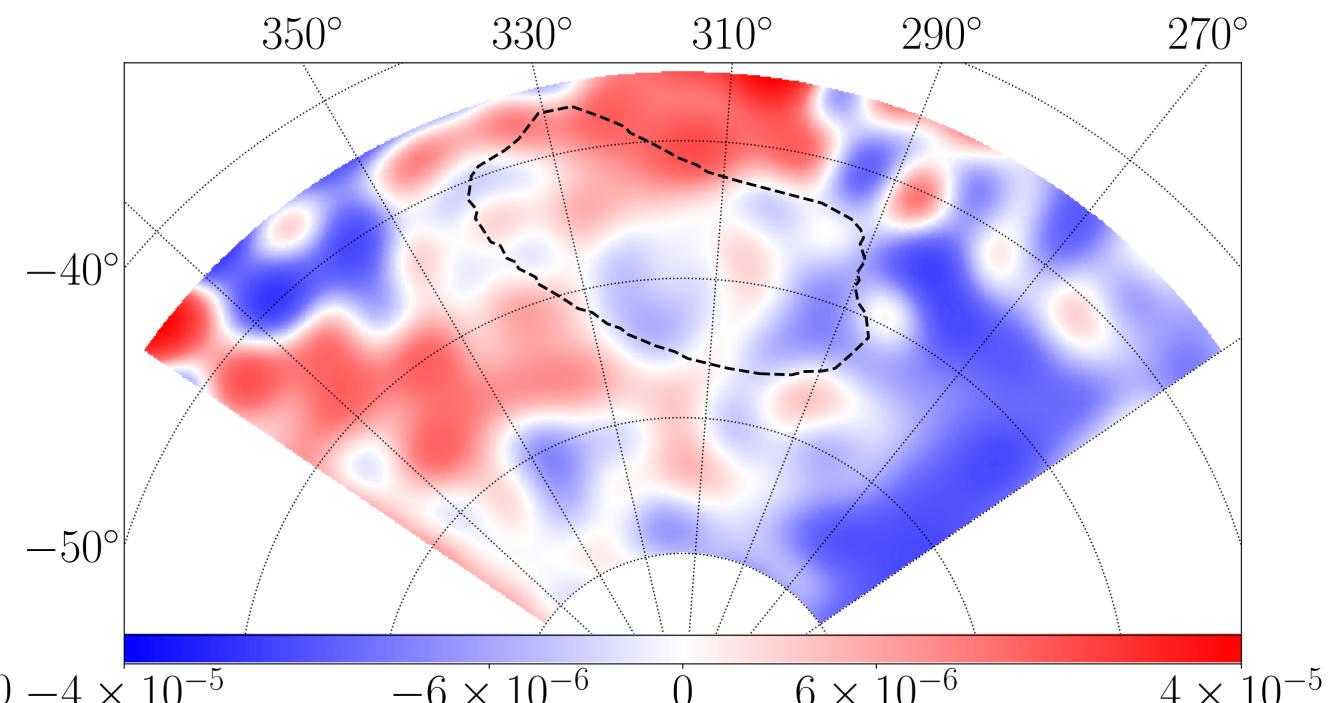
- Cross-correlations are also used to avoid information loss in conversion from $4\alpha(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow 2\alpha(\mathbf{r})$ polarization angles

[Philcox+ 2018b]

Dedusting in Practice



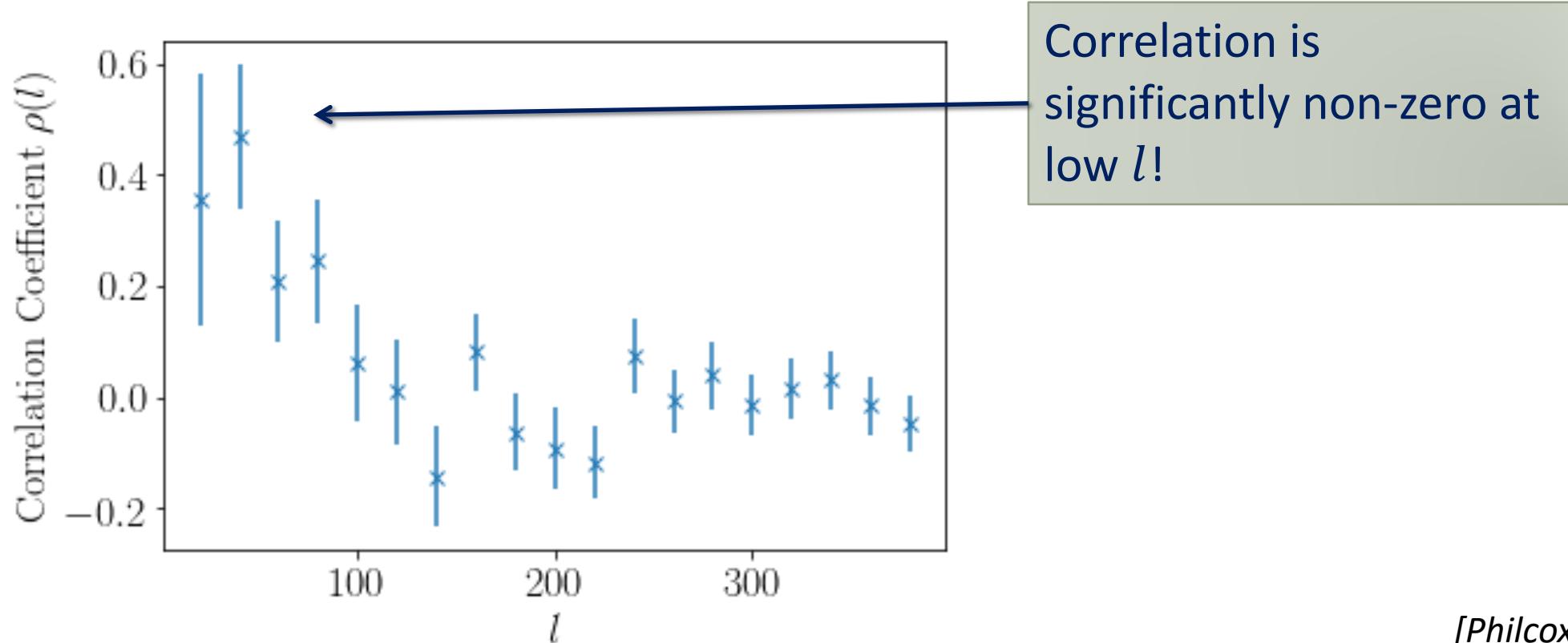
Estimated B-mode Map



True B-mode Map
[Philcox+ 2018b]

Dedusting Correlations

Correlation of estimated & true B-mode power:



Summary

- ❑ Hexadecapolar anisotropy is **detectable** in futuristic CMB-experiments
- ❑ Use this as a **null test** for dust
 - ❑ 55σ detection for CMB S4 noise
 - ❑ $r_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{O}(0.001)$ detected at **95% confidence**
- ❑ Possibility of single frequency '**dedusting**'

Future Work

- ❑ Include E-modes
- ❑ Use continuous angle distribution
[Kamionkowski/Kovetz 2014]
- ❑ Combine with multi-frequency cleaning
- ❑ Apply to real data



Detection and removal of B-mode dust foregrounds with signatures of statistical anisotropy

Oliver H. E. Philcox,^{1,2}★ Blake D. Sherwin^{2,3} and Alexander van Engelen⁴

¹*Institute of Astronomy, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0HA, UK*

²*Kavli Institute for Cosmology Cambridge, Cambridge CB3 0HA, UK*

³*Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, Cambridge CB3 0WA, UK*

⁴*Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics, 60 St. George Street, Toronto M5S 3H8, Canada*

Accepted 2018 June 30. Received 2018 June 30; in original form 2018 June 8

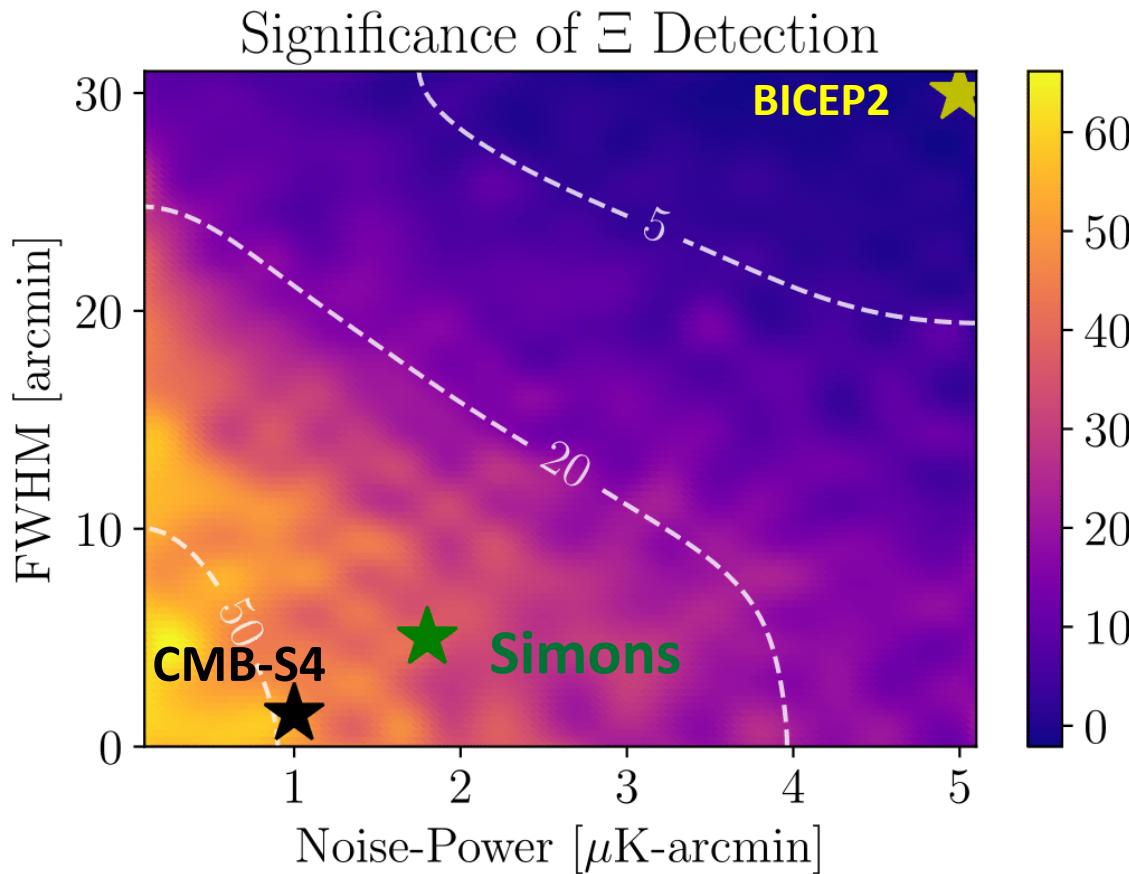
arXiv: 1805.09177

Thanks for your attention

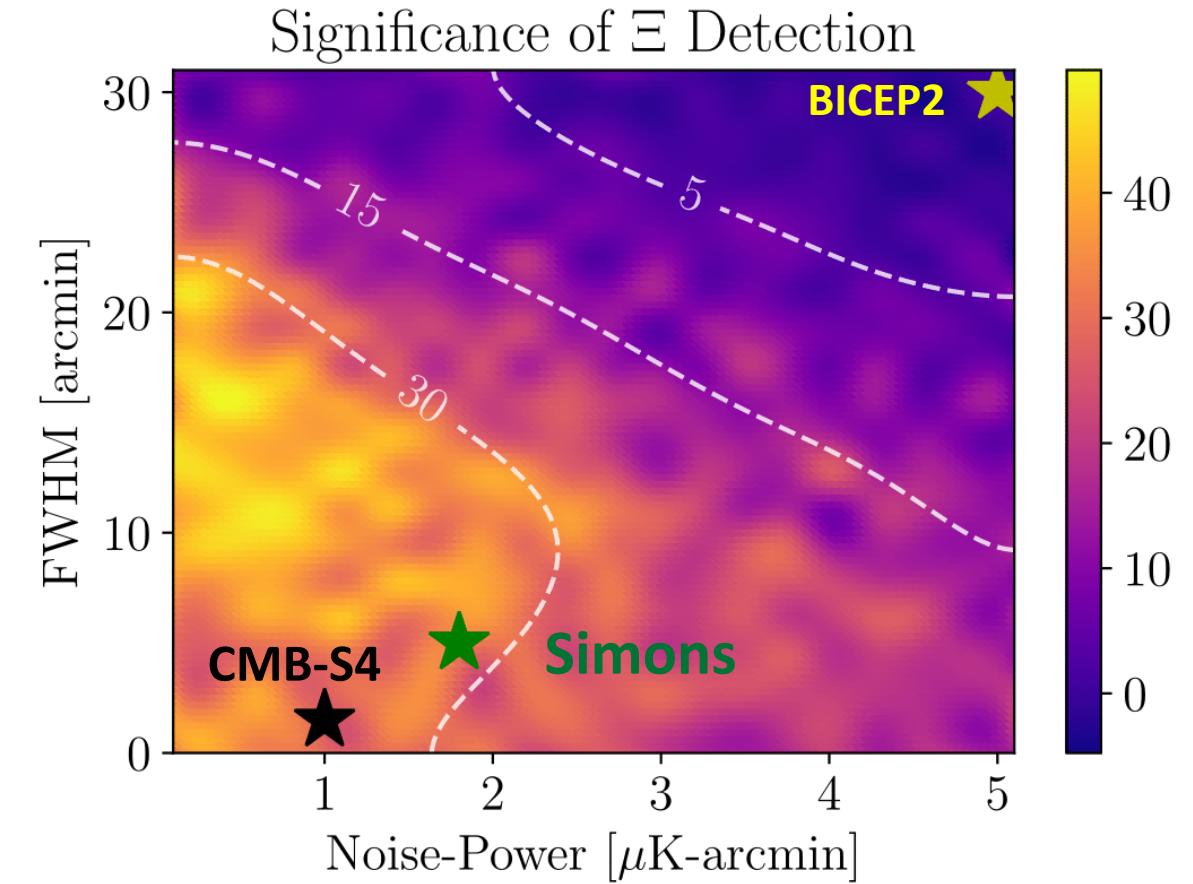
ophilcox@princeton.edu

Noise Parameters

90% Delensing



No Delensing



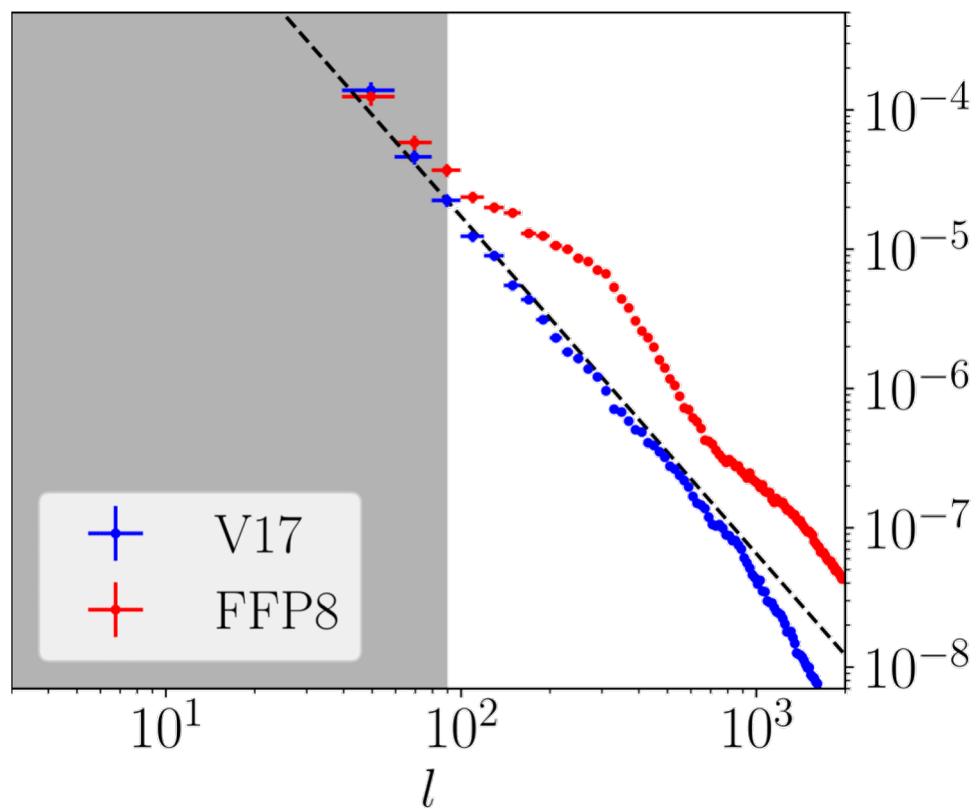
[Philcox+ 2018b]

FFP8 simulations

Differences may result from:

1. Older base-maps
2. Unphysical small-scale power
3. Different C_l^{BB} slope

$C_l^{BB} [\mu\text{K}^2]$ Spectra



Null Tests

