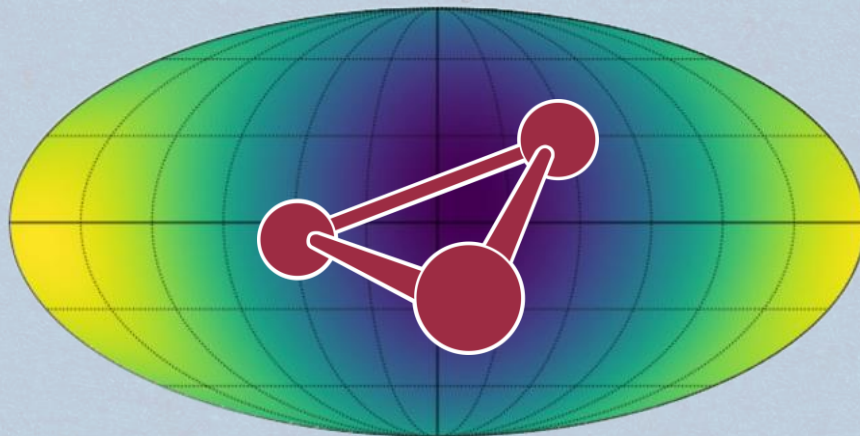




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Observing Kinematic Anisotropies of a Stochastic Gravitational Waves Background with LISA

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Scope and objectives



- Main challenge of the search for SGWB signal with LISA:

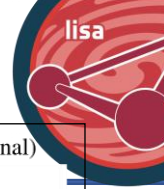
How do we distinguish a potential cosmological signal from instrumental noise (with a single interferometer in space)

(+ from galactic confusion noise, astrophysical background..)

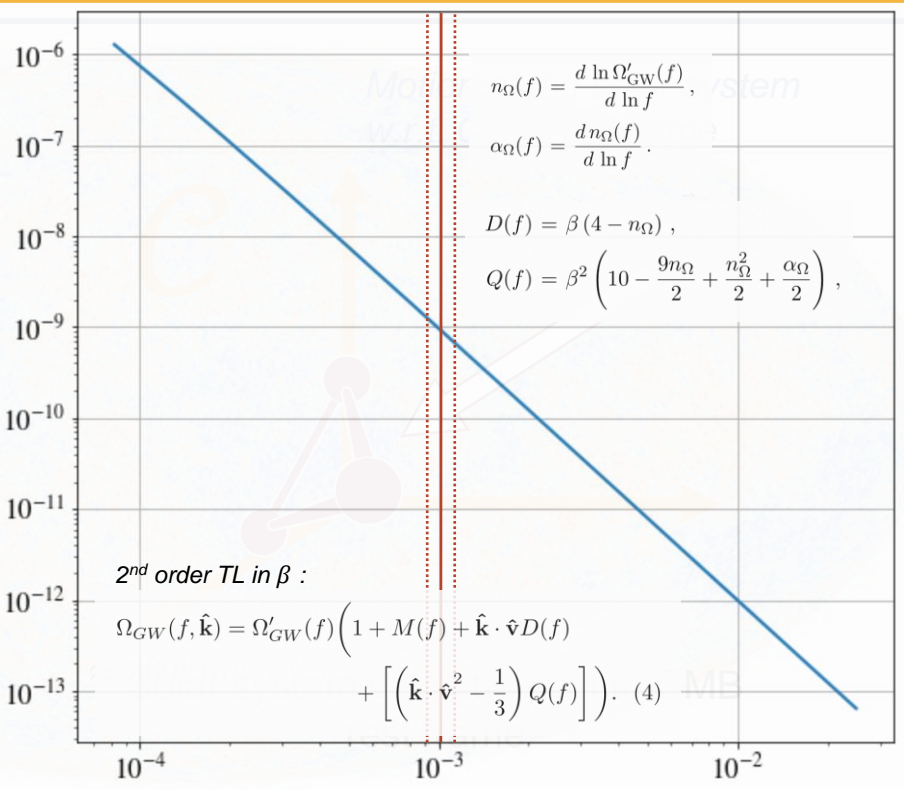
On what kind of evidence can we claim an apparent excess of power is cosmological ?

1. ~~The instrument response projects differently noise and signal on data.~~
The spectrum shapes differ and are distinguishable (relying on assumptions).
[\[Baghi et al. 2023\]](#)
2. The signal has distinctive features (e.g. anisotropy) not shared with the noise.
[\[Heisenberg et al. 2024\]](#)

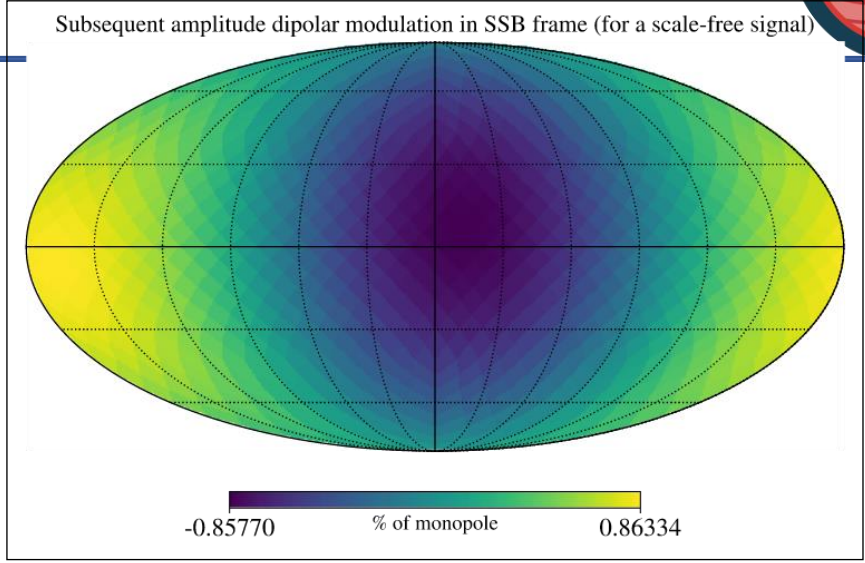
→ **Kinematic anisotropy is a signature of an extragalactic origin**



Principle: Doppler boosting of the SGWB



$\rightarrow \beta = 1.23 \times 10^{-3}$



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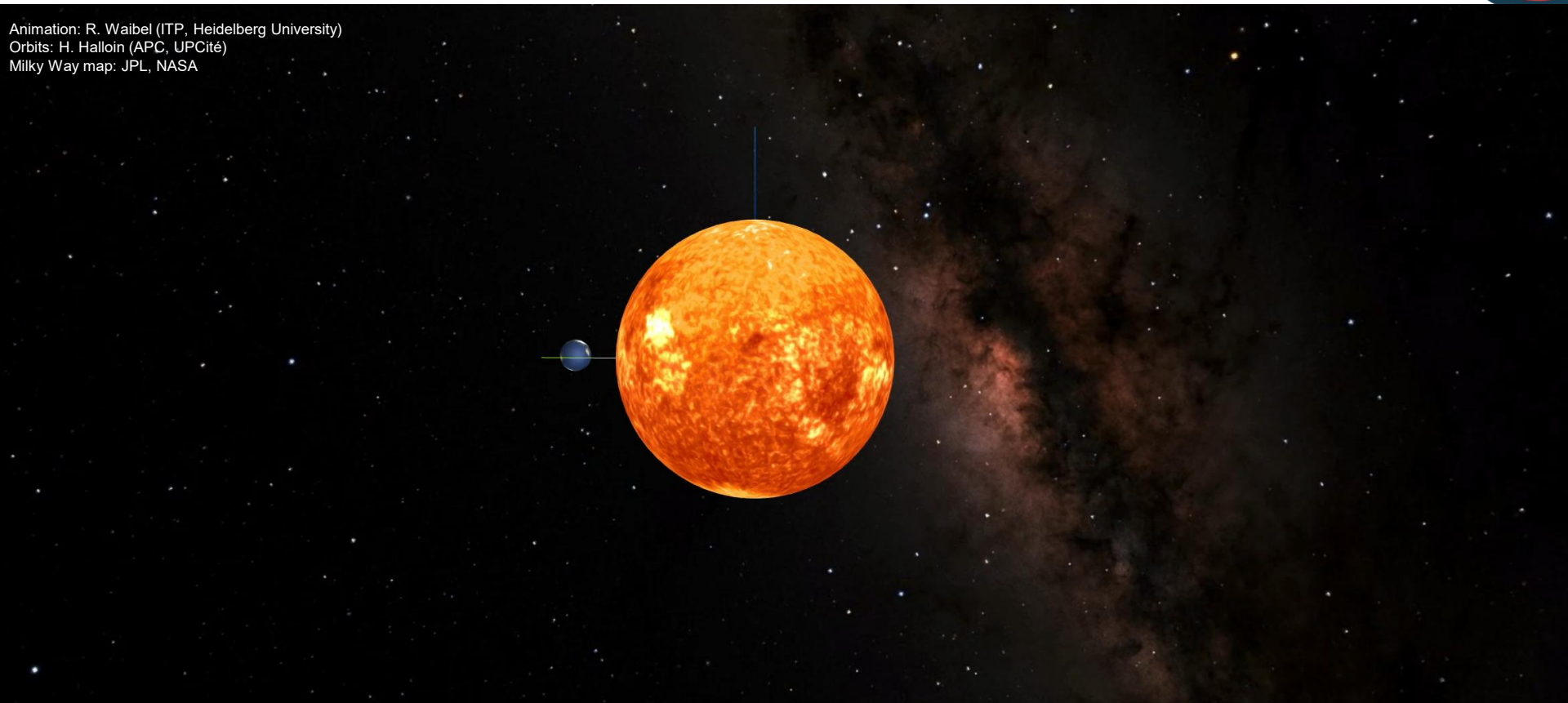
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LISA orbital motion \rightarrow angular scanning

<https://www.thphys.uni-heidelberg.de/~waibel/>

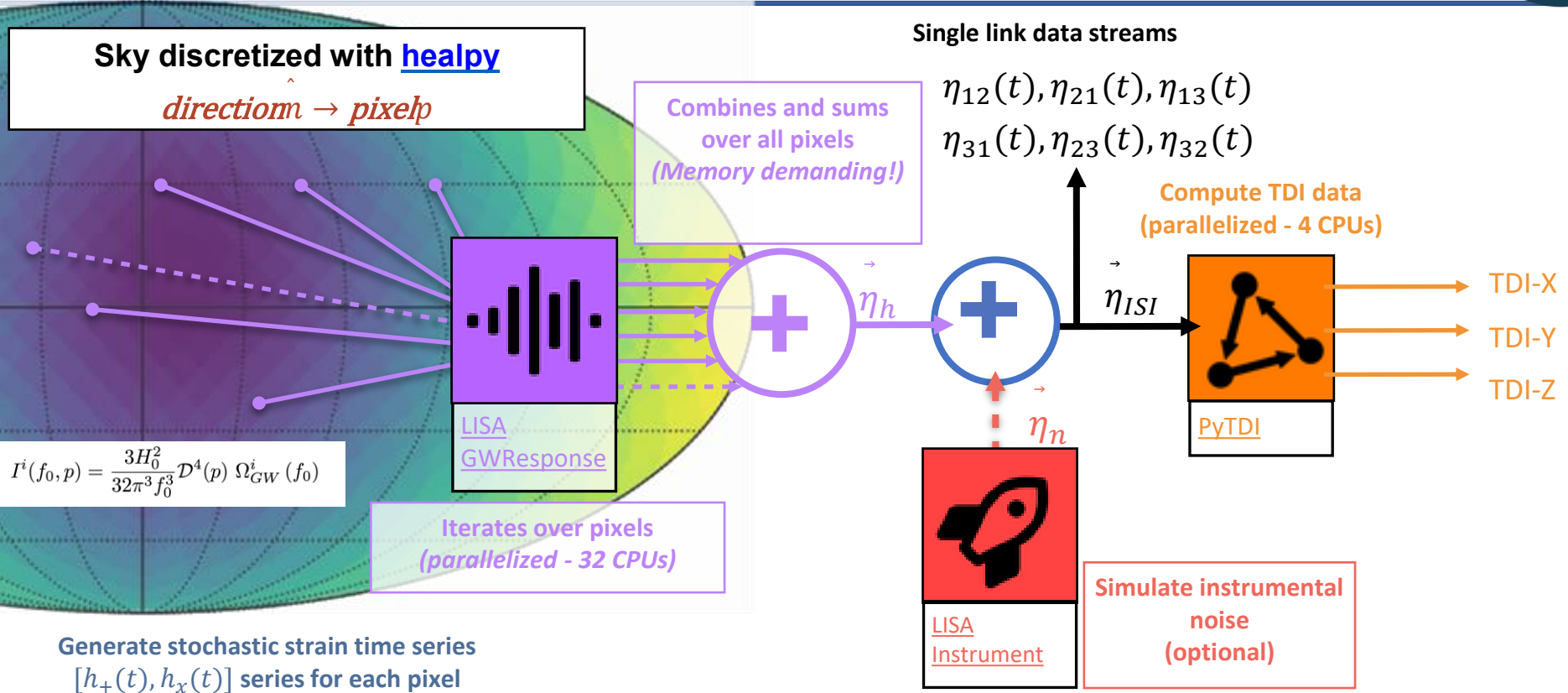


Animation: R. Waibel (ITP, Heidelberg University)
Orbits: H. Halloin (APC, UPCité)
Milky Way map: JPL, NASA





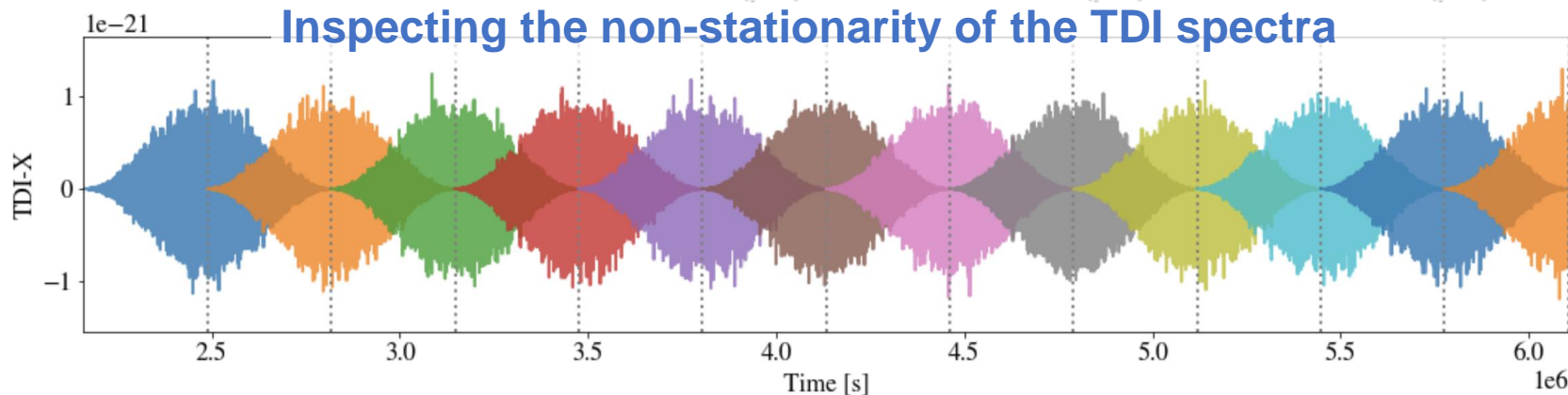
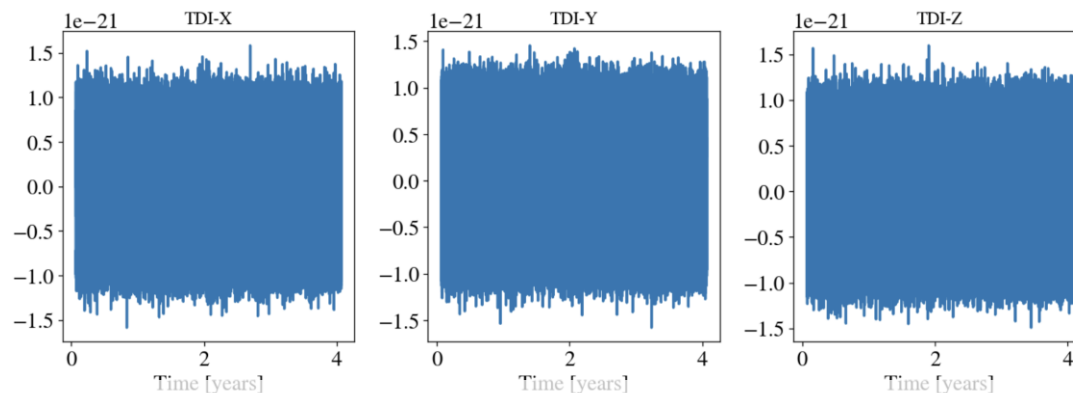
DATA generation: full **time-domain** simulation of GW anisotropic sky, via LISA Simulation Suite

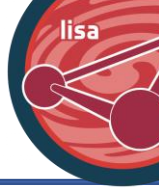




Map-making strategy: time-frequency analysis with SFT

Output of the simulation:
3 interferometer channels
[X, Y, Z] 4-years long time series

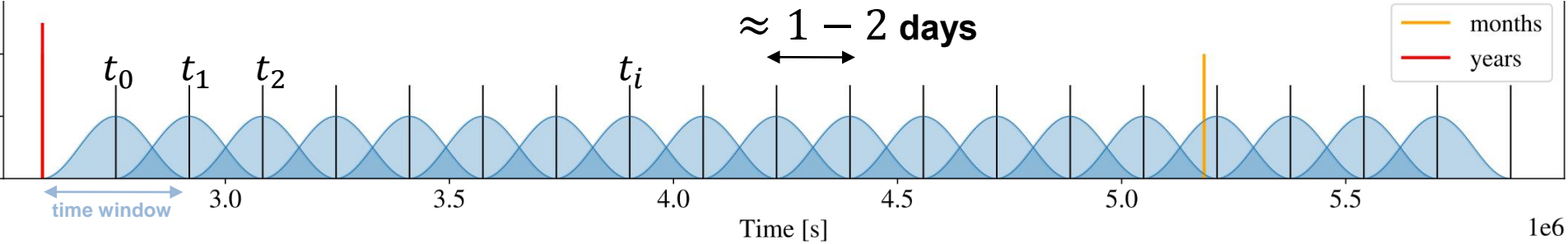




Map-making strategy: pre-processing the DATA

Contaldi et al. 2020, "Maximum likelihood map making with the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna"

- Time-splitting the 3 years long TDI data streams
Hanning window, 50% overlapping segments



- Short-time Fourier transforms + Frequency averaging (data compression) :

$$\bar{\mathbf{D}}(t_i, f_j) \equiv \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{k=j-\frac{n_j}{2}}^{j+\frac{n_j}{2}} \tilde{\mathbf{d}}(t_i, f_k) \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{d}}(t_i, f_k)$$

Baghi et al. 2023, "Uncovering gravitational-wave backgrounds from noises of unknown shape with LISA"

TDI X, Y, Z data streams

- DA problem: we're solving for the covariance C_d of the signal \mathbf{d} , that is, the expectation of $\bar{\mathbf{D}}(t_i, f_j)$



Covariance **MODEL** and max likelihood map-making strategy

Contaldi et al. 2020, "Maximum likelihood map making with the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna"

- Covariance model:

$$\mathbf{C}_d(t_i, f_j) = \mathbf{A}(t_i, f_j, \mathbf{p}) I(f_j, \mathbf{p}) + \mathbf{N}(t_i, f_j)$$

LISA (+TDI)
quadratic response
(Freq. domain
model)
Pixel Map to
solve for
Instrumental
Noise

Ultimate parameters to solve for

$$I(f, \mathbf{p}) = \mathcal{D}(\vec{\beta}, \mathbf{p}) I' \left(\mathcal{D}^{-1}(\vec{\beta}, \mathbf{p}) f \right)$$

$$\mathcal{D}(\vec{\beta}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1 - \beta^2}{1 - \hat{\beta} \hat{n}(\mathbf{p}) \cdot \hat{\beta}}$$

- log-Likelihood, Wishart statistics:

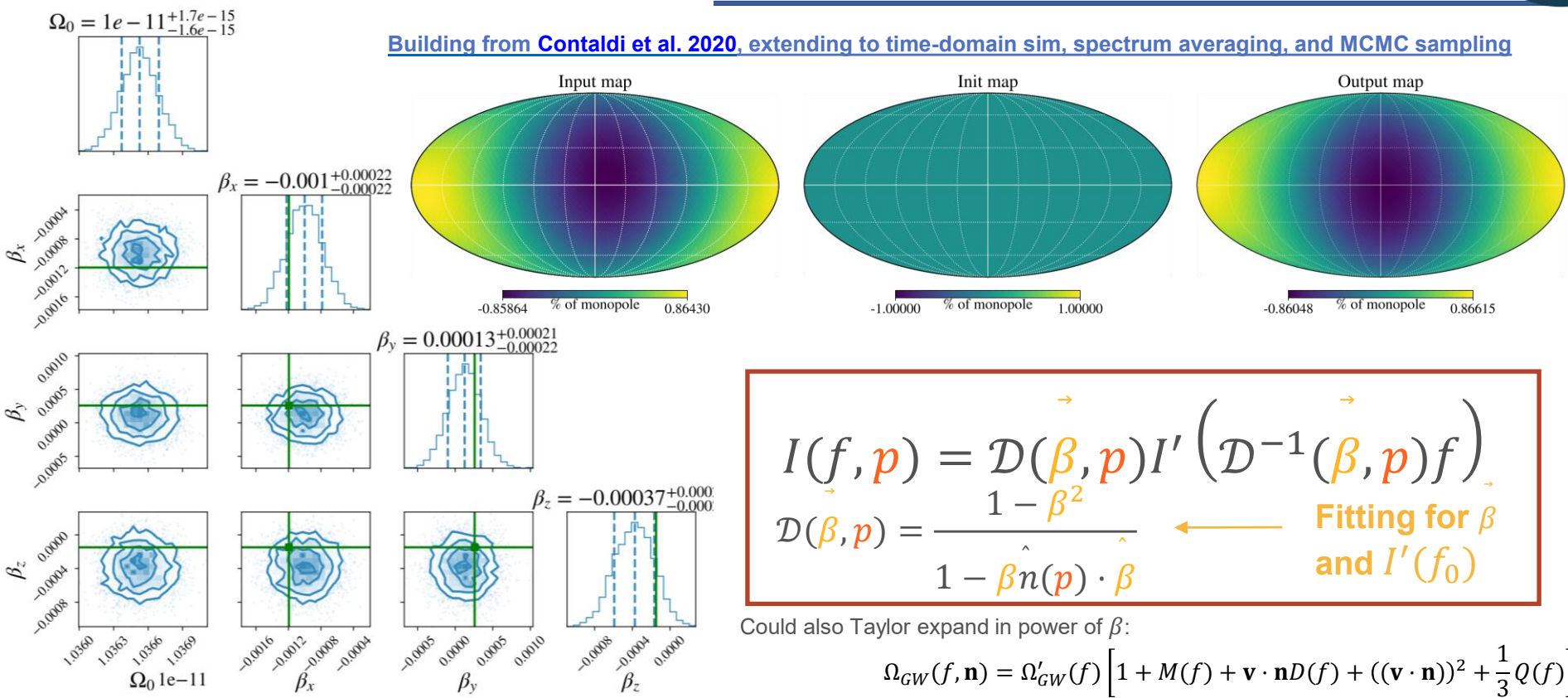
$$\log \mathcal{L} = \sum_{t_i} \sum_{f_j} \left[-\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}_d^{-1} \mathbf{D}(t_i, f_j)) - \nu \log |\mathbf{C}_d(\mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{f}_j)| \right]$$

Baghi et al. 2023



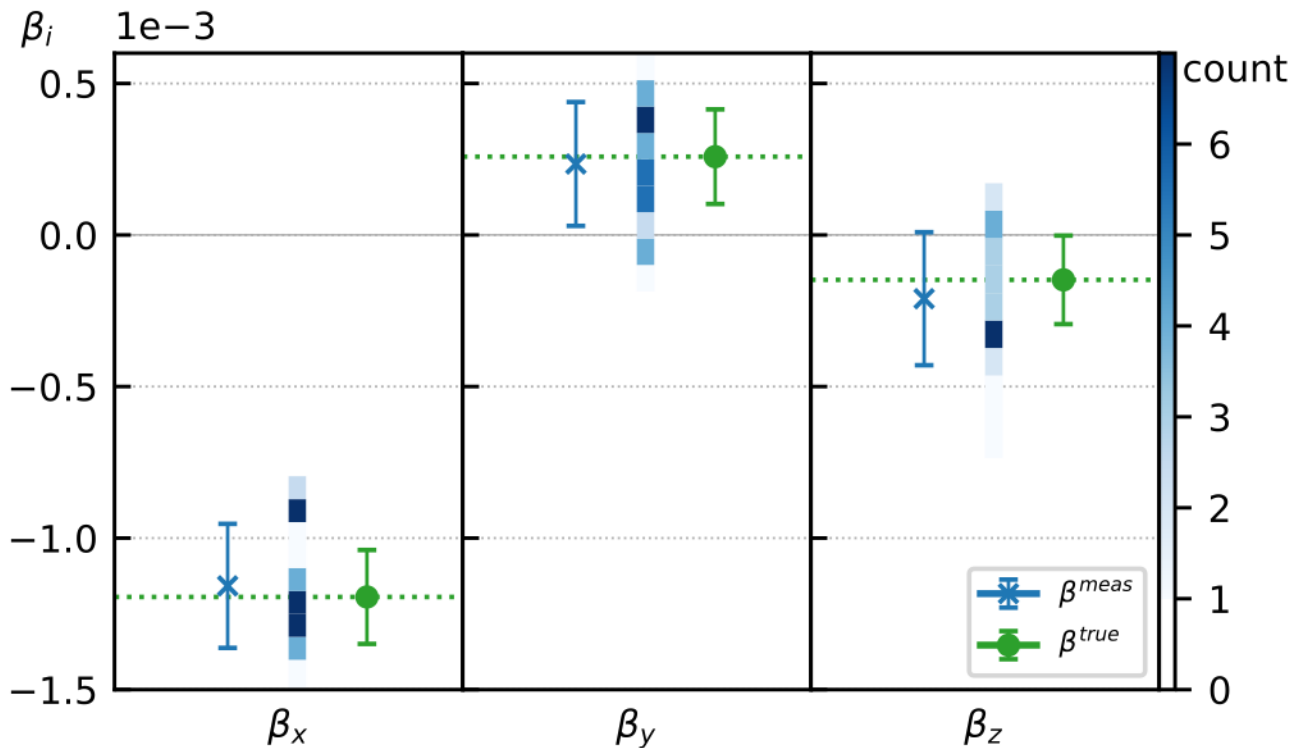
MCMC sampling the velocity: recovered sky maps

Building from [Contaldi et al. 2020](#), extending to time-domain sim, spectrum averaging, and MCMC sampling



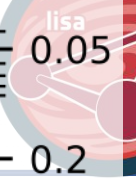
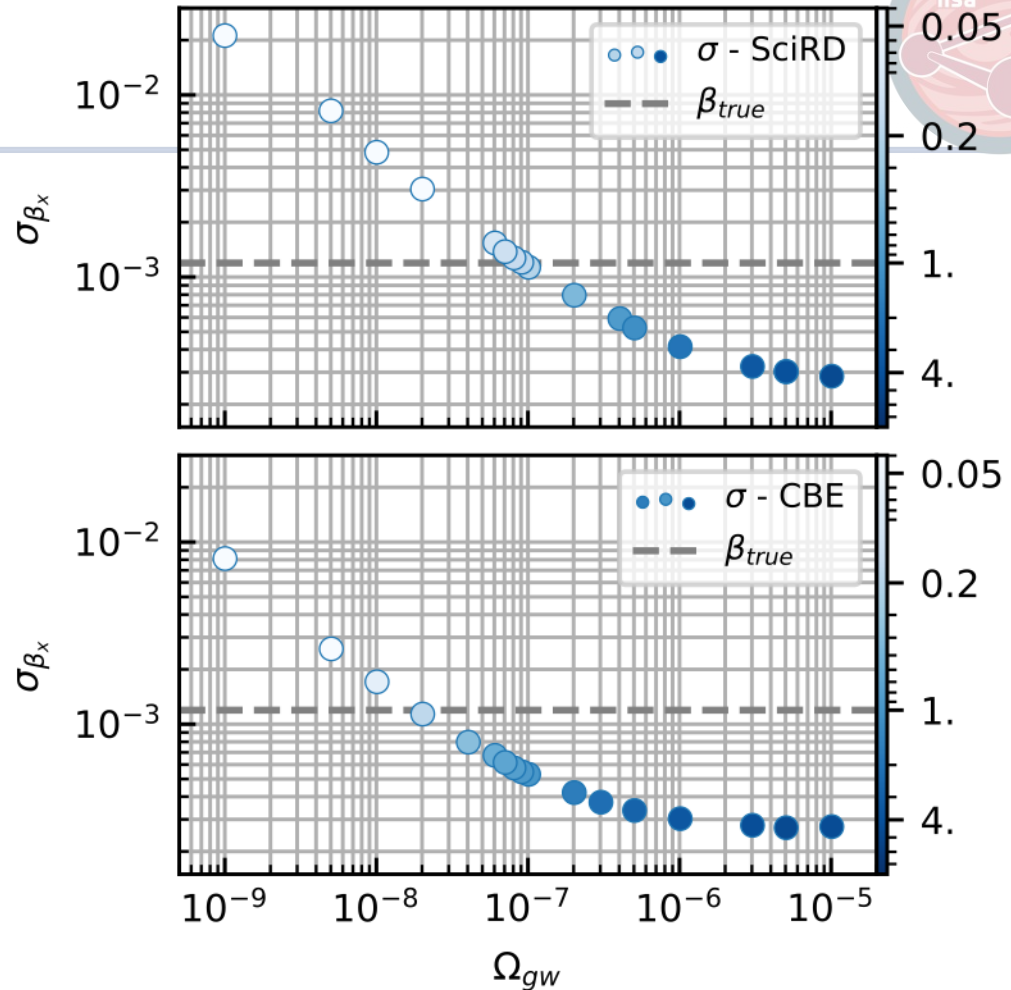
30 sky realization statistical test - velocity β

- 30 measured
→ β^{meas} : mean values and standard deviations
- β^{true} with theoretical error bars from MCMC
- Histogram of β^{meas} values
→ β_x resolved !

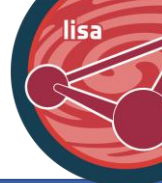


Impact of instrumental noise

- At this stage, only source of uncertainty: sample noise \rightarrow independent of amplitude of signal Ω_{gw} .
- Precision on β_x as a function of the source Ω_{gw}
- 2 noise configuration:
 - Noise specification from SciRD (conservative baseline)
 - Current Best Estimate Models (optimistic baseline)
- Need of high amplitude (scale-invariant) signal to detect anisotropy.



Conclusion & Perspectives



- End-to-end simulation and analysis of an anisotropic GW sky with LISA.
- With up-to-date and most complete simulation tools of the consortium to date (LISA GWResponse, LISA Instrument, PyTDI)
- Validation of the method to recover kinematic anisotropy, induced on scale-free SGWB signal (spectral index $\alpha = 0$), **for noiseless instrument.**
- What's next ?

1. Investigate time-frequency data representation (wavelets).

2. Apply the method to SGWB with **richer spectrum profiles** (broken power laws, peaks)

Sharp spectrum transition, breaks, peaks...

→ can boost the SNR a lot (dipole AND quadrupole)

$$D(f) = \beta(4 - n_{\Omega}) ,$$

$$Q(f) = \beta^2 \left(10 - \frac{9n_{\Omega}}{2} + \frac{n_{\Omega}^2}{2} + \frac{\alpha_{\Omega}}{2} \right) ,$$

3. Apply the method to **the mapping of the galactic foreground** (on LDC data!)

PBHs

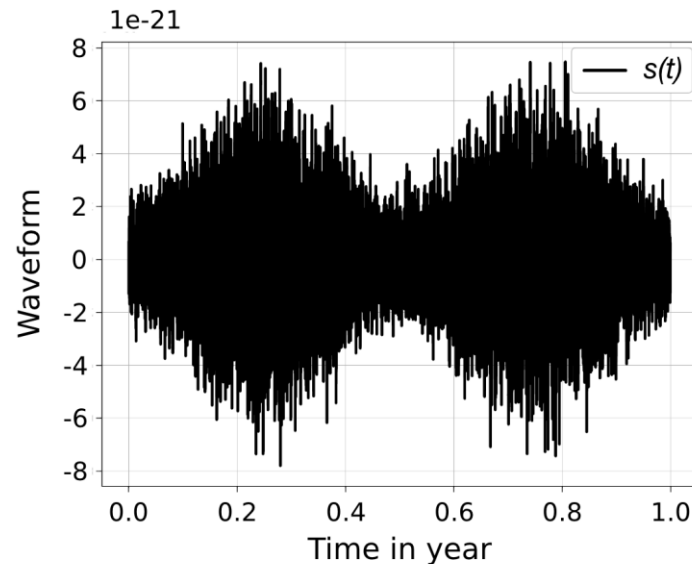
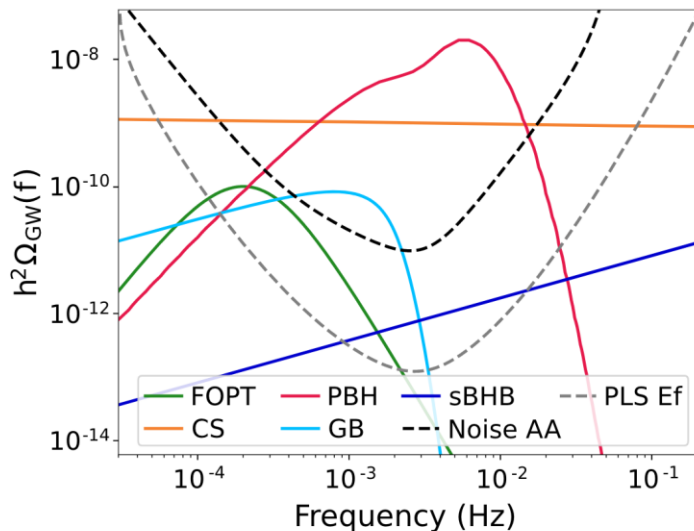


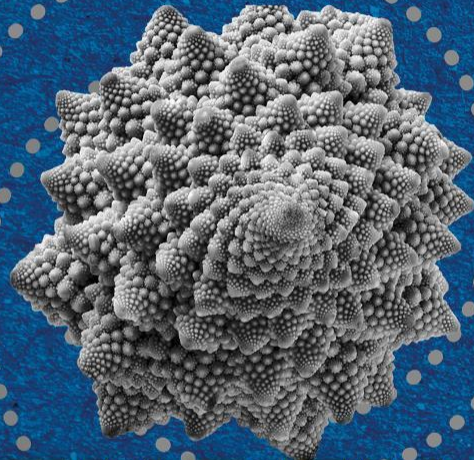
Figure 3.8: **Left panel:** Examples of $SGWBs$ in the LISA band, together with the instrument sensitivity in the A -channel (*black, dashed*) and the effective Power Law Sensitivity [399] (*grey, dashed*). The cosmological $SGWBs$ are: in *red*, the $SGWB$ from Primordial Black Holes (PBHs) in a mass range for which they could constitute the totality of the Dark Matter today [77]; in *orange*, the $SGWB$ from Cosmic Strings (CSs) with tension providing a signal that would account for the $SGWB$ detection by PTAs [25]; in *green*, the $SGWB$ from a primordial First-Order Phase Transition (FOPT) at the Electroweak (EW) scale, in the context of a singlet extension of the Standard Model of particle physics, testable at particle colliders. The astrophysical $SGWB$ from unresolved stellar-mass Black Hole binaries (sBHBs), taken from [54] assuming GWTC-3 population constraints [396] is shown in *dark blue*. The Galactic foreground is shown in *light blue*, taken from [251], averaged over time. **Right panel:** The stochastic Galactic foreground in the time domain, where the periodic time variability of the signal amplitude is apparent (figure taken from [104]).

from [LISA Definition Study Report](#)
[\[arXiv:2402.07571\]](#)

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CMB Dipole

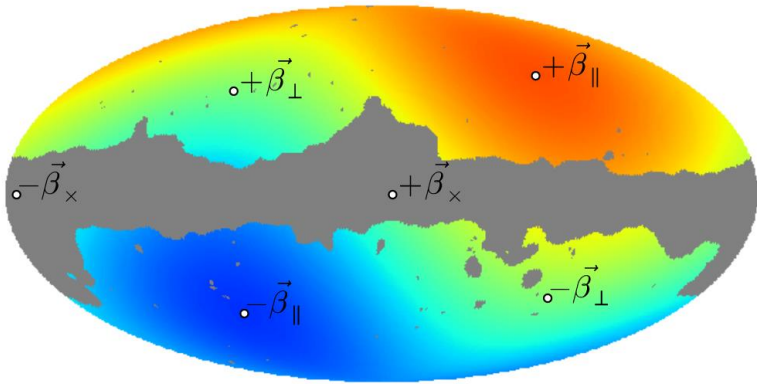


Fig. 2. Specific choice for the decomposition of the dipole vector β in Galactic coordinates. The CMB dipole direction $(l, b) = (263^\circ 99, 48^\circ 26)$ is given as β_{\parallel} , while two directions orthogonal to it (and each other) are denoted as β_{\perp} and β_x . The vector β_x lies within the Galactic plane.

From: [Planck 2013 results. XXVII. Doppler boosting of the CMB](#)

$$\rightarrow \beta = 1.23 \times 10^{-3}$$

If T' and \hat{n}' are the CMB temperature and direction as viewed in the CMB frame, then the temperature in the observed frame is given by the Lorentz transformation (see, e.g., [Challinor & van Leeuwen 2002](#); [Sollom 2010](#)),

$$T(\hat{n}) = \frac{T'(\hat{n}')}{\gamma(1 - \hat{n} \cdot \beta)}, \tag{1}$$

where the observed direction \hat{n} is given by

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\hat{n}' + [(\gamma - 1)\hat{n}' \cdot \hat{v} + \gamma\beta]\hat{v}}{\gamma(1 + \hat{n}' \cdot \beta)}, \tag{2}$$

and $\gamma \equiv (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2}$. Expanding to linear order in β gives

$$T'(\hat{n}') = T'(\hat{n} - \nabla(\hat{n} \cdot \beta)) \equiv T_0 + \delta T'(\hat{n} - \nabla(\hat{n} \cdot \beta)), \tag{3}$$

so that we can write the observed temperature fluctuations as

$$\delta T(\hat{n}) = \underbrace{T_0 \hat{n} \cdot \beta}_{\text{Doppler Modulation}} + \underbrace{\delta T'(\hat{n} - \nabla(\hat{n} \cdot \beta))(1 + \hat{n} \cdot \beta)}_{\text{Aberration}}. \tag{4}$$

Doppler Modulation Aberration

30 sky realization statistical test -

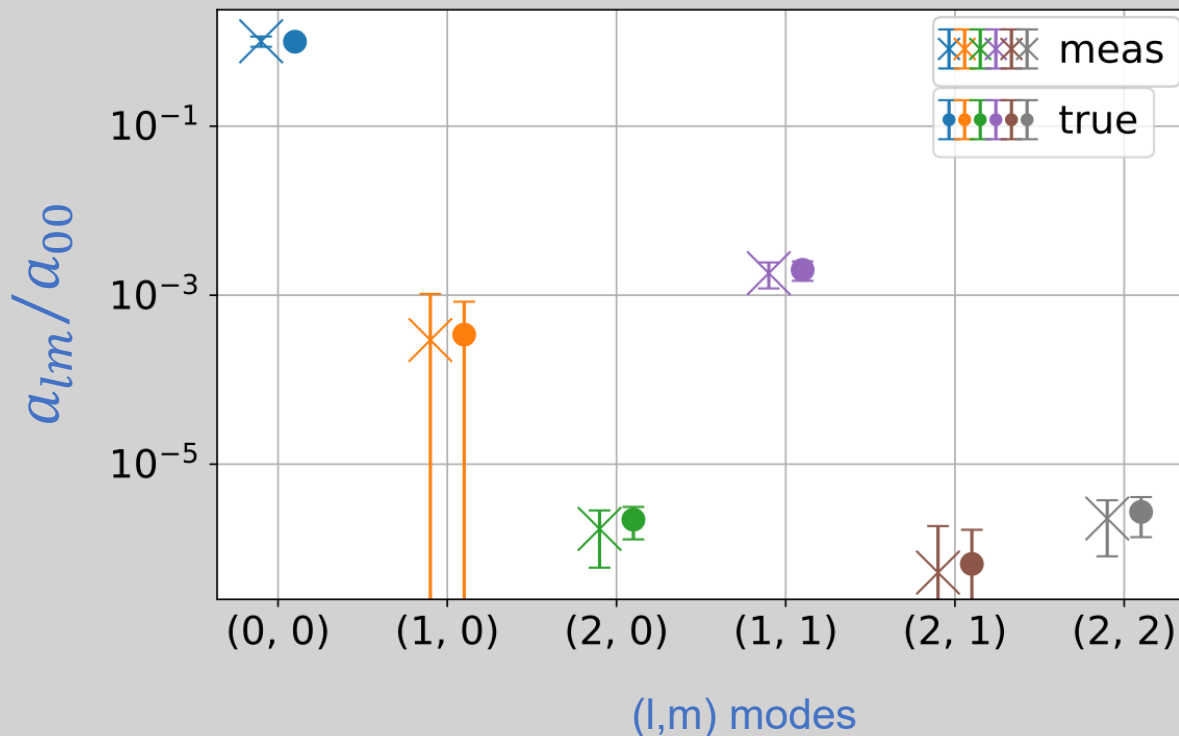
$a_{\ell m}$

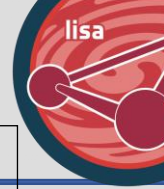


- Conversion of β^{meas} statistics to $a_{\ell m}$ counterpart
- Main mode resolved (1,1)
- Start to be sensitive to (2,0) and (2,2) !

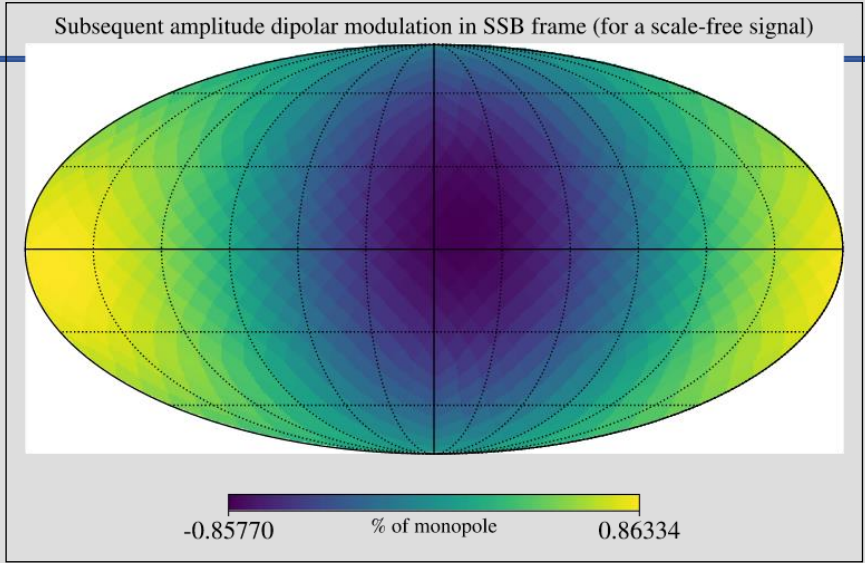
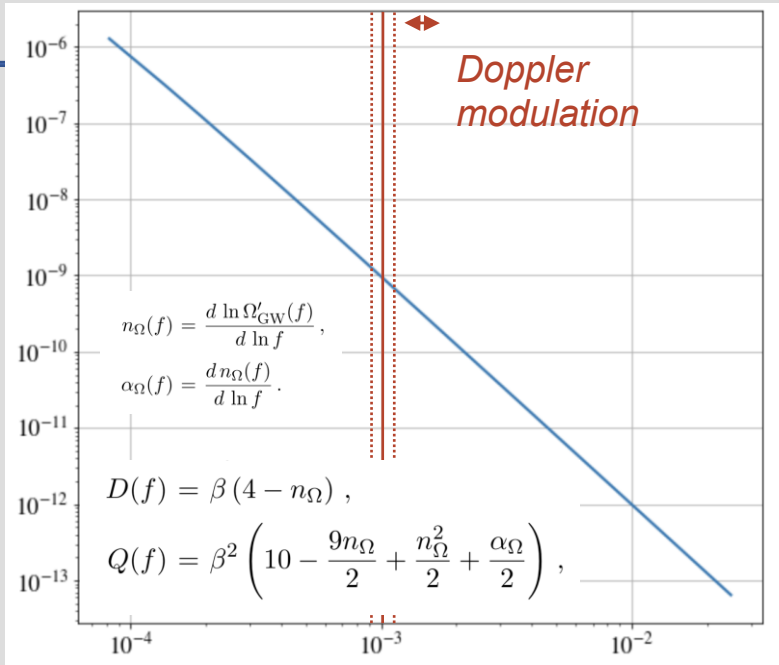
Dipole: higher signal, but less responsive

Quadrupole: reduced signal, but more responsive





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DATA generation: full **time-domain** simulation of GW anisotropic sky, via LISA Simulation Suite



- Physical assumptions:
 - ✓ Pixel stochastic strain time series uncorrelated
 - ✓ *Equal arm* or *keplerian* orbits.
 - ✓ TDI 2.0
 - ✓ **Arm propag. delays in TCB time**
 - ✓ Secondary noise only (when noise on)
- Simulation settings
 - 3 years, sampling frequency = [0.05 Hz / 0.2 Hz]
 - Number of pixels: [12288 / 3072]
 - Cosmological signal: $\alpha = 0$, $\Omega = [10^{-12}, 10^{-7}]$



$$G_{lm,p}(f', t, \hat{\mathbf{k}}) = \frac{\xi_p(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k, \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{lm})}{2(1 - \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{lm}(t))} \left[e^{-\frac{2\pi i f'}{c}(L_{lm}(t) + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{x}_m(t))} - e^{-\frac{2\pi i f'}{c} \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{x}_l(t)} \right]. \quad (\text{B.5})$$

From [Baghi et al. 2023](#)

$$X_2 = X_1 + \mathbf{D}_{13121}y_{12} + \mathbf{D}_{131212}y_{21} + \mathbf{D}_{1312121}y_{13} + \mathbf{D}_{13121213}y_{31} \\ - [\mathbf{D}_{12131}y_{13} + \mathbf{D}_{121313}y_{31} + \mathbf{D}_{1213131}y_{12} + \mathbf{D}_{12131312}y_{21}],$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{ij}\tilde{x}(f) \approx \tilde{x}(f)e^{-2\pi i f L_{ij}}.$$



Covariance **MODEL** and max likelihood map-making strategy

- Covariance model:

$$\mathbf{C}_d(t_i, f_j) = \mathbf{A}(t_i, f_j, p)I(p) + \mathbf{N}(t_i, f_j)$$

LISA quadratic response Pixel Map to solve for Instrumental Noise

Contaldi et al. 2020, "Maximum likelihood map making with the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna"

$$I(f, \hat{n}) = \Omega_{\text{GW}}(f, \hat{n}) \frac{3H_0^2}{4\pi^2 f^3}$$

Sky discretized with **healpy**
direction $\hat{m} \rightarrow$ pixel p

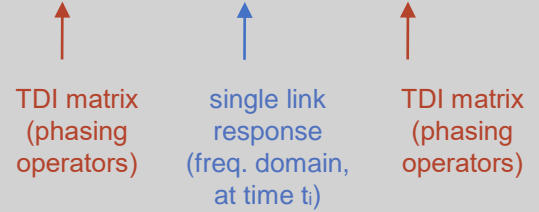
- LISA quadratic response:

$$A(t_i, f_j, p) = R_+(t_i, f_j, p) \otimes R_+(t_i, f_j, p)^* + R_\times(t_i, f_j, p) \otimes R_\times(t_i, f_j, p)^* R_P(t_i, f_j, p) = M_{\text{TDI}}(t_i, f_j) G_P(t_i, f_j, p) M_{\text{TDI}}(t_i, f_j)^{\dagger}$$

- log-Likelihood, Wishart statistics:

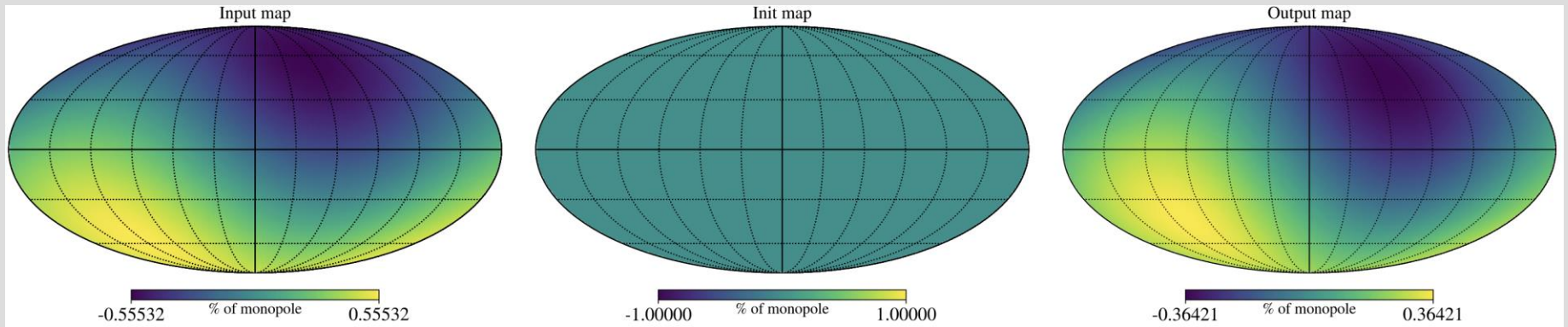
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Baghi et al. 2023





MCMC sampling the alms: **artificially rotated input** - *Sanity check*



*Work from D. Maibach
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