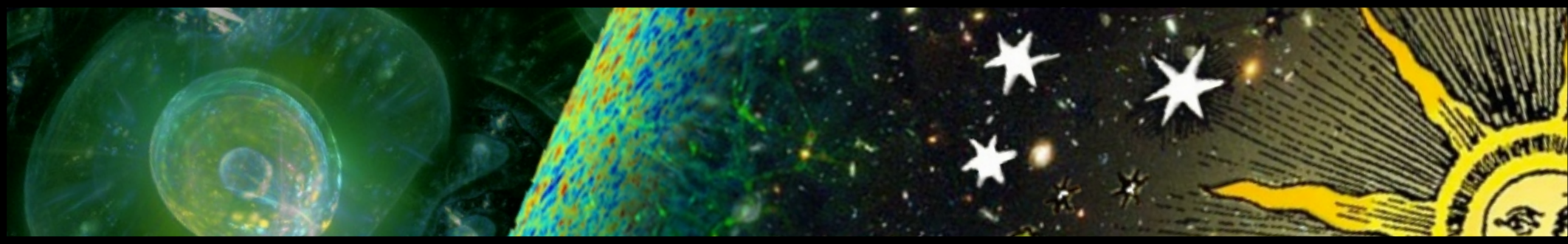


Towards fundamental physics from the cosmic microwave background

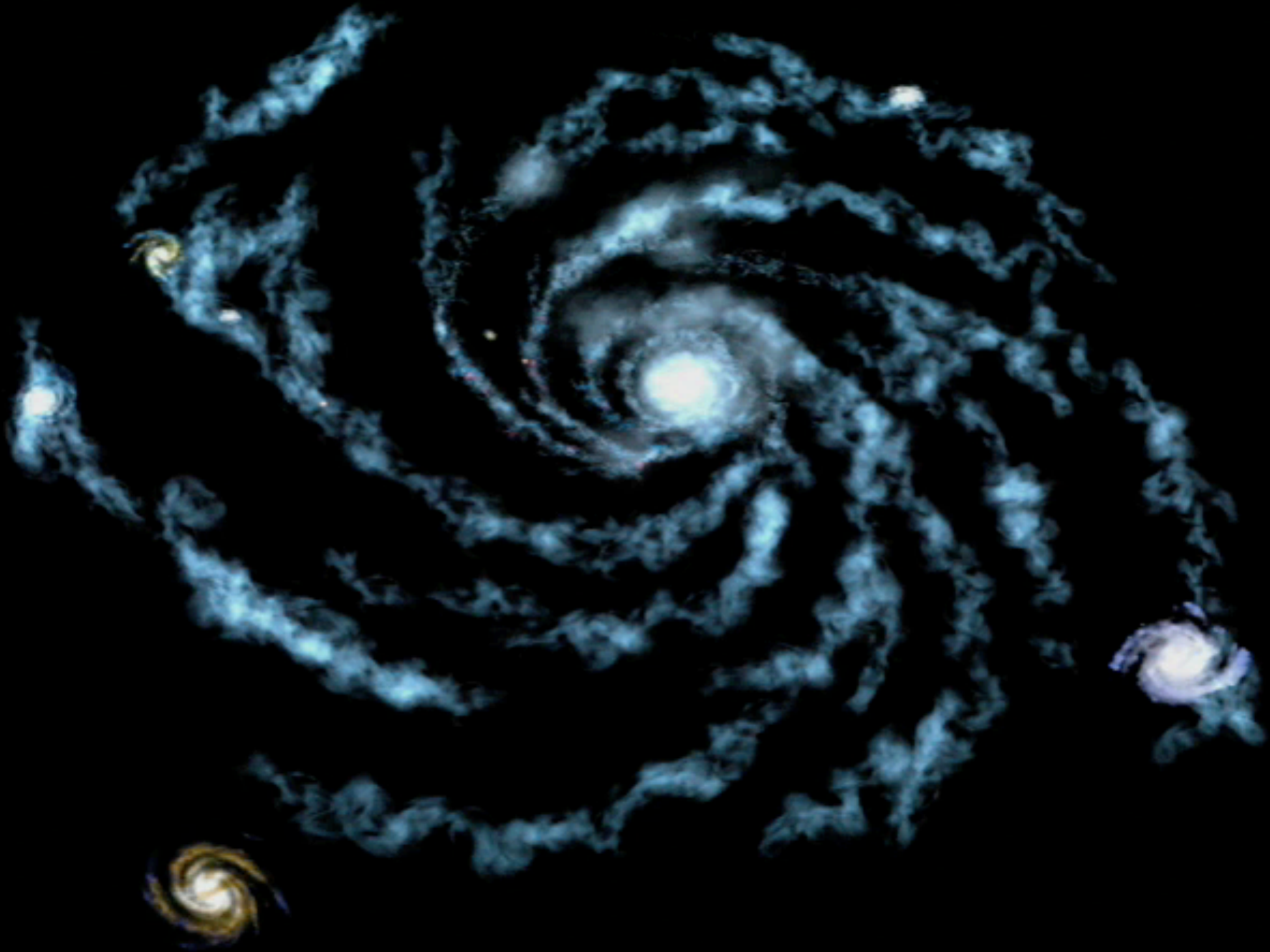
Hiranya V. Peiris
University College London





*“No one trusts a model except the person who wrote it;
everyone trusts an observation, except the person who made it”.*

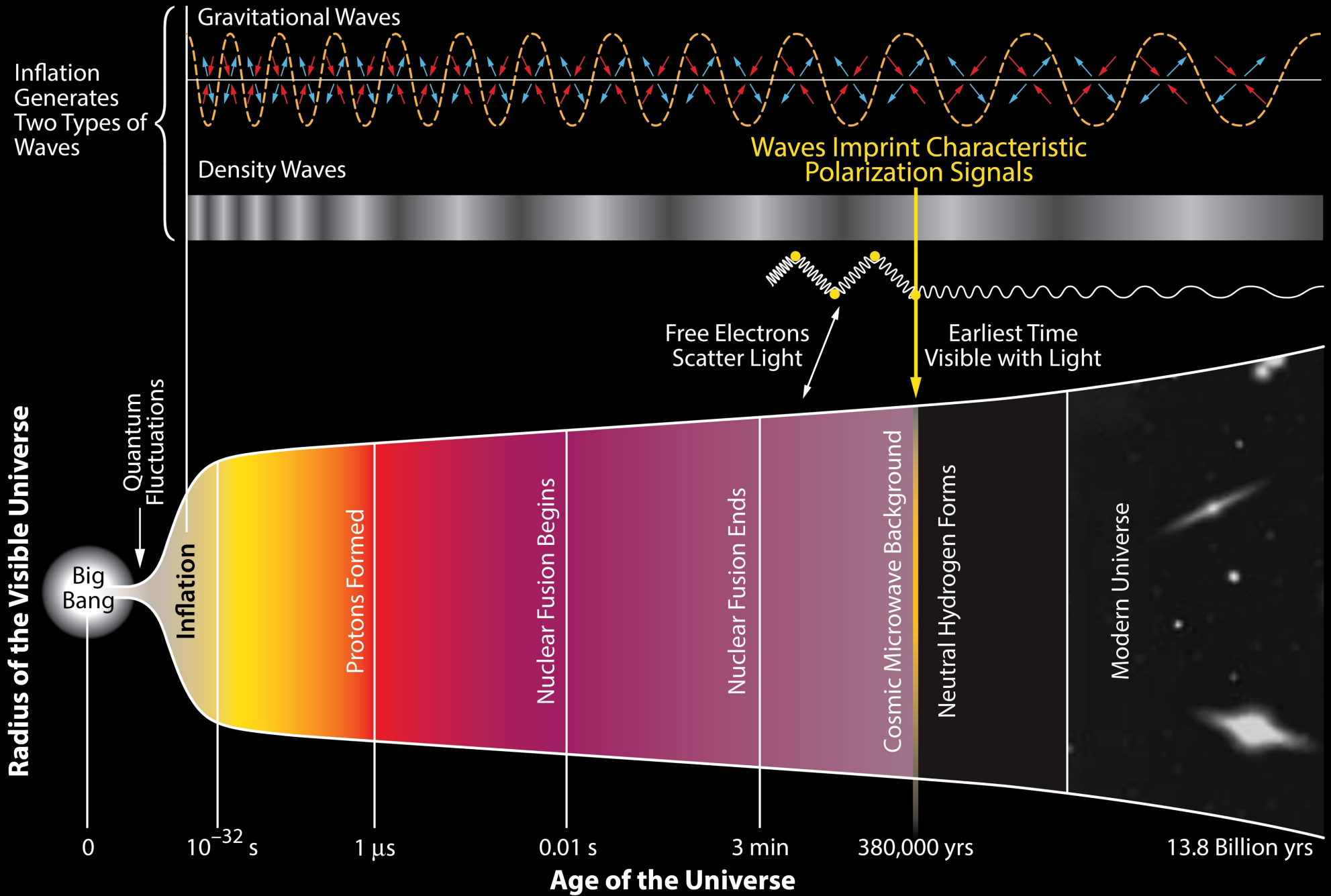
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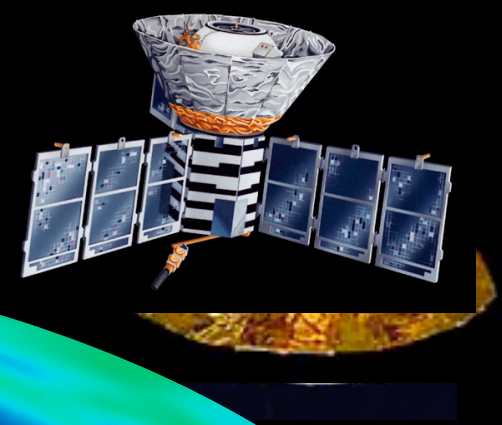
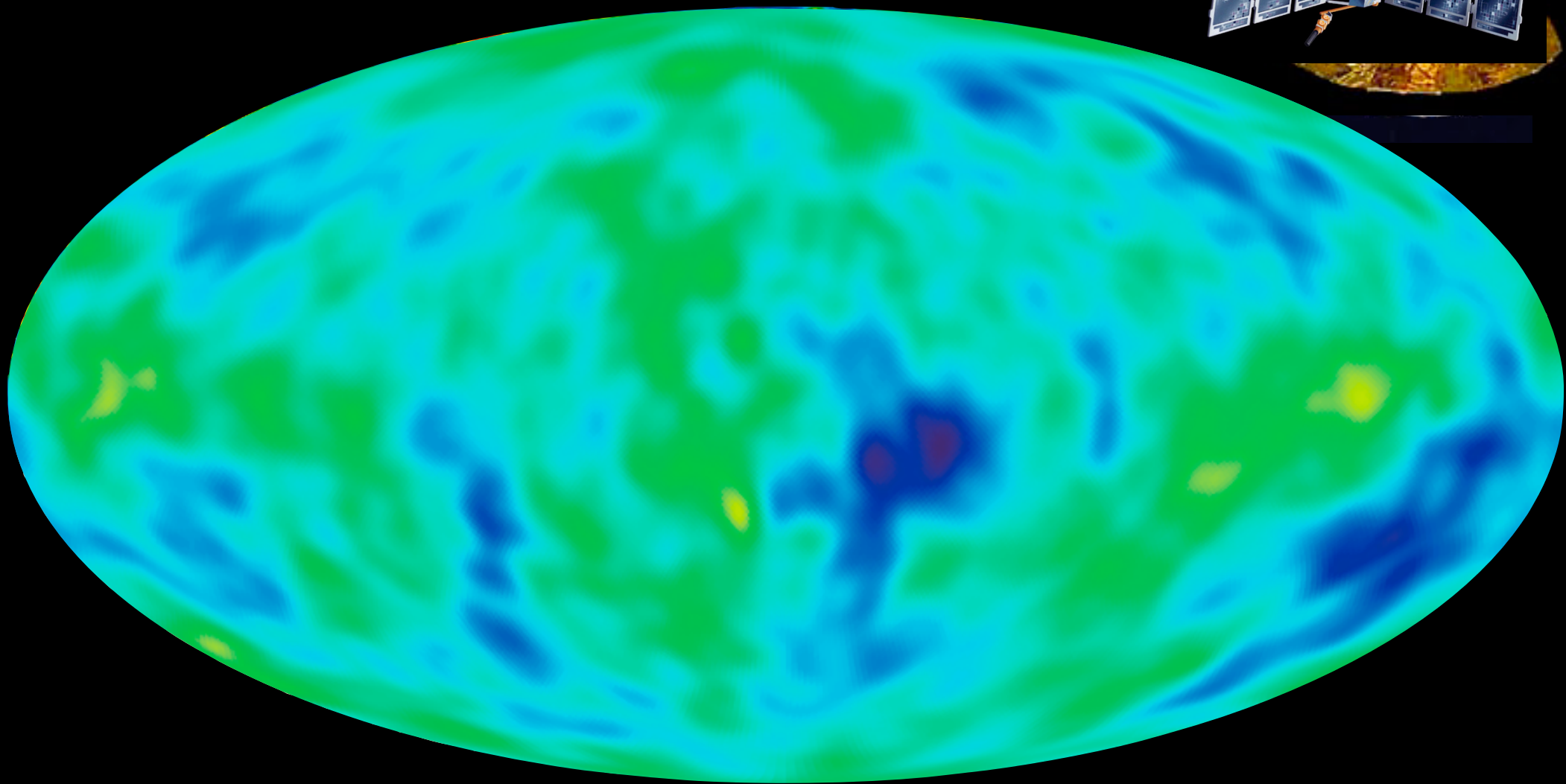


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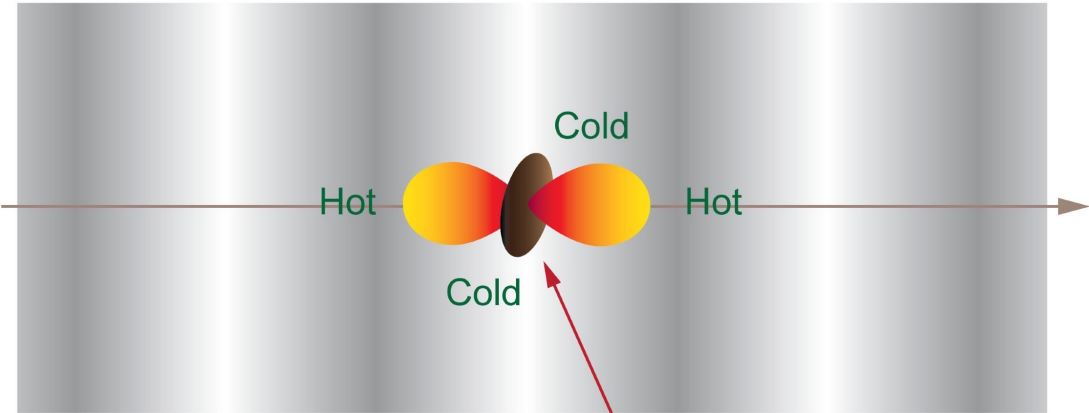
History of the Universe





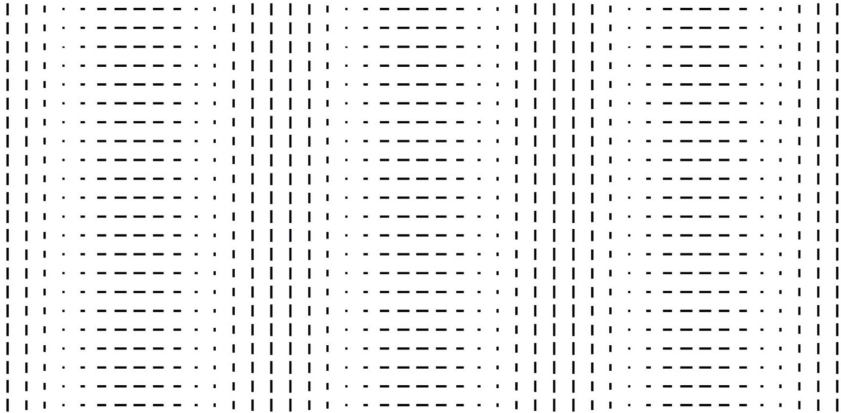
Temperature quadrupole at surface of last scattering creates polarisation...

Density Wave



Temperature
Pattern Seen
by Electrons

E-Mode Polarization Pattern



Radial (tangential) pattern around hot (cold) spots.

Measurement

Cold spot

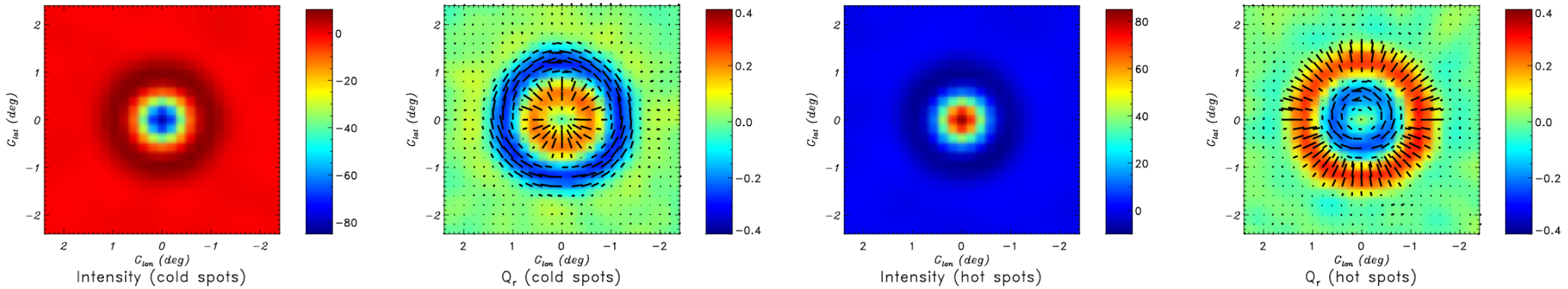
Hot spot

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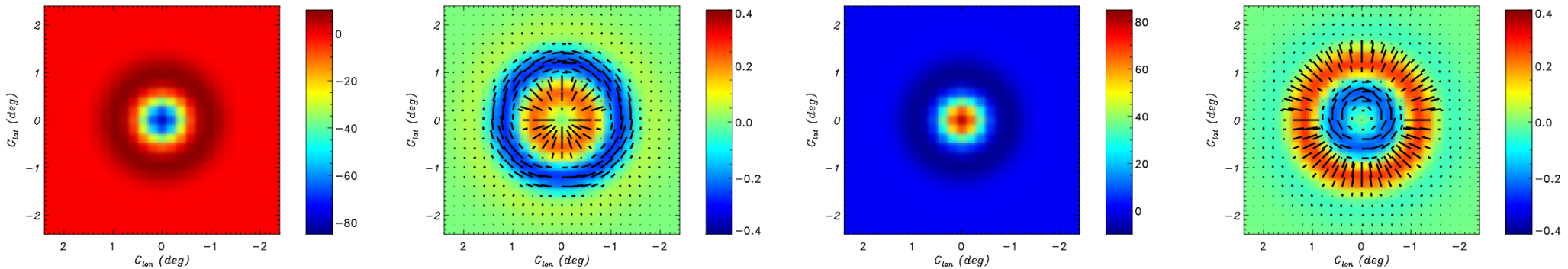
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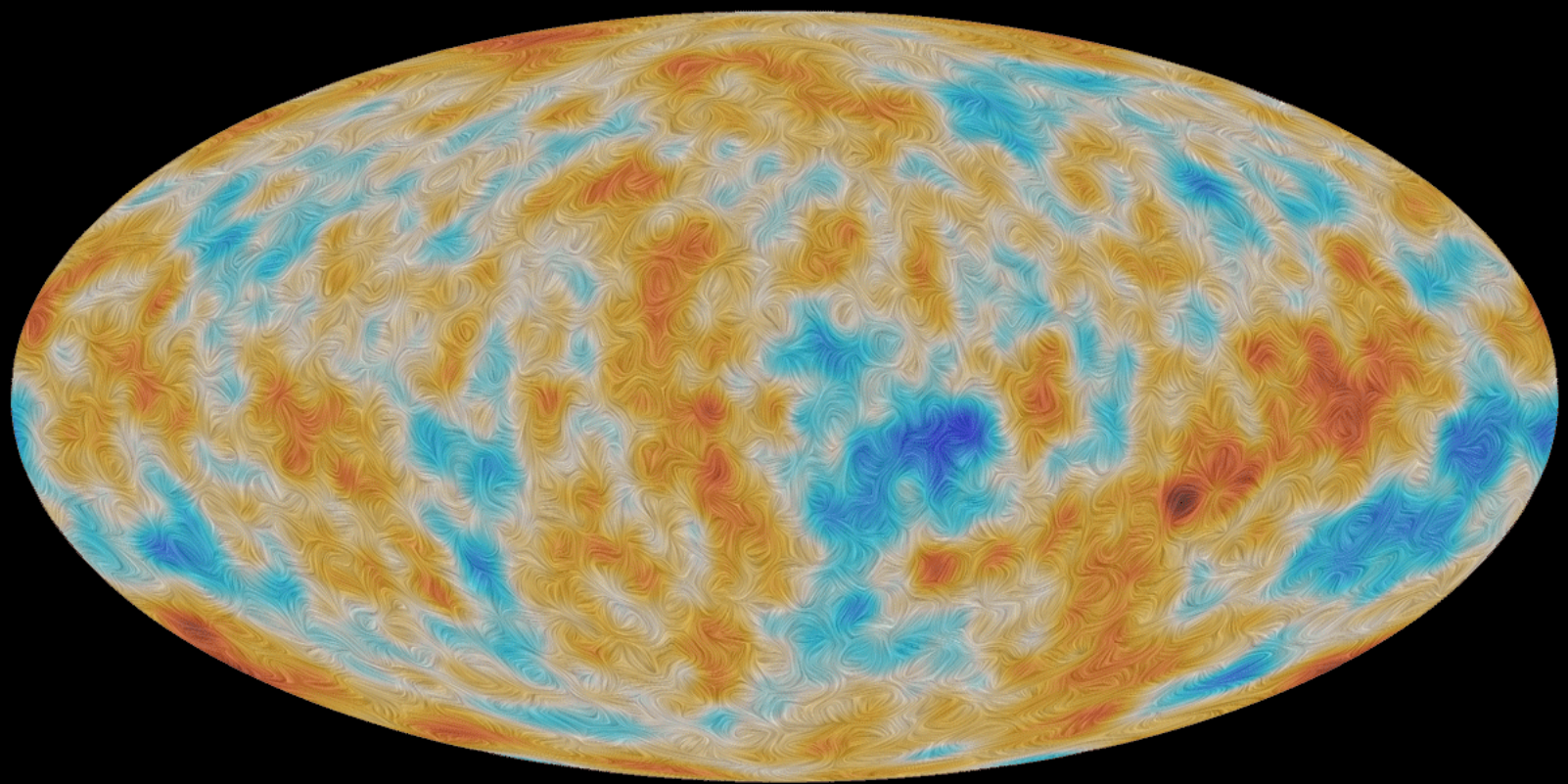


Cold spot

Hot spot

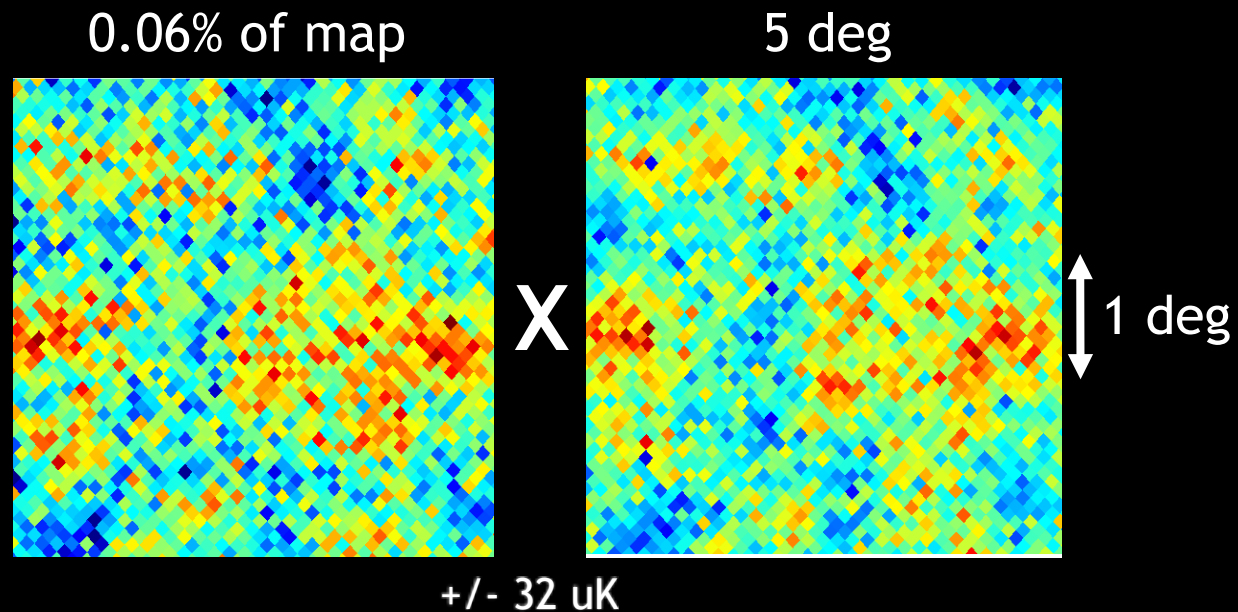
Theory prediction





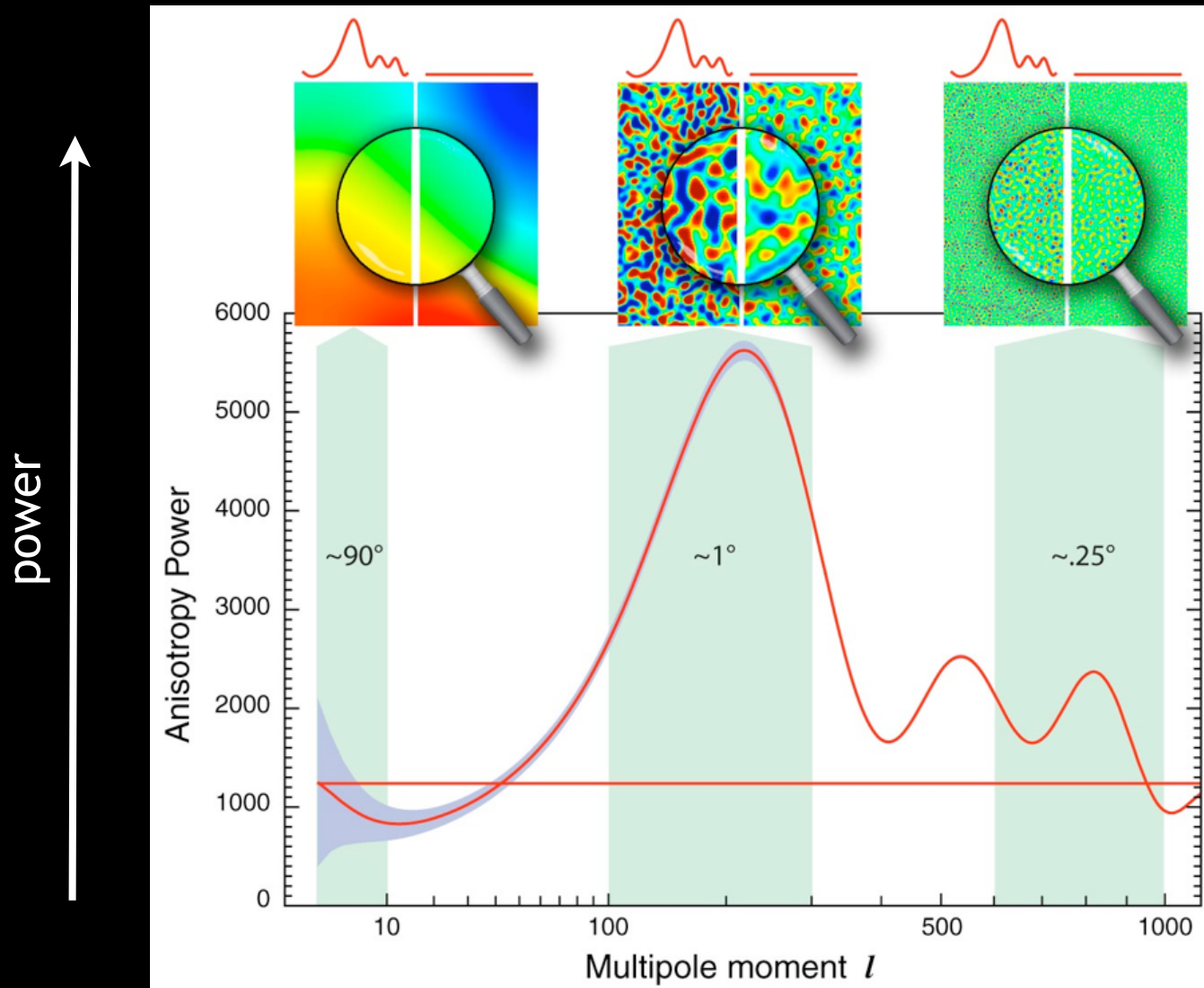
Compress the CMB map to study cosmology

Express sky as:
$$\delta T(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l,m} a_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$



Angular power spectrum
$$C_l = \frac{1}{2l+1} \sum_m |a_{lm}|^2$$

Sound waves on the sky

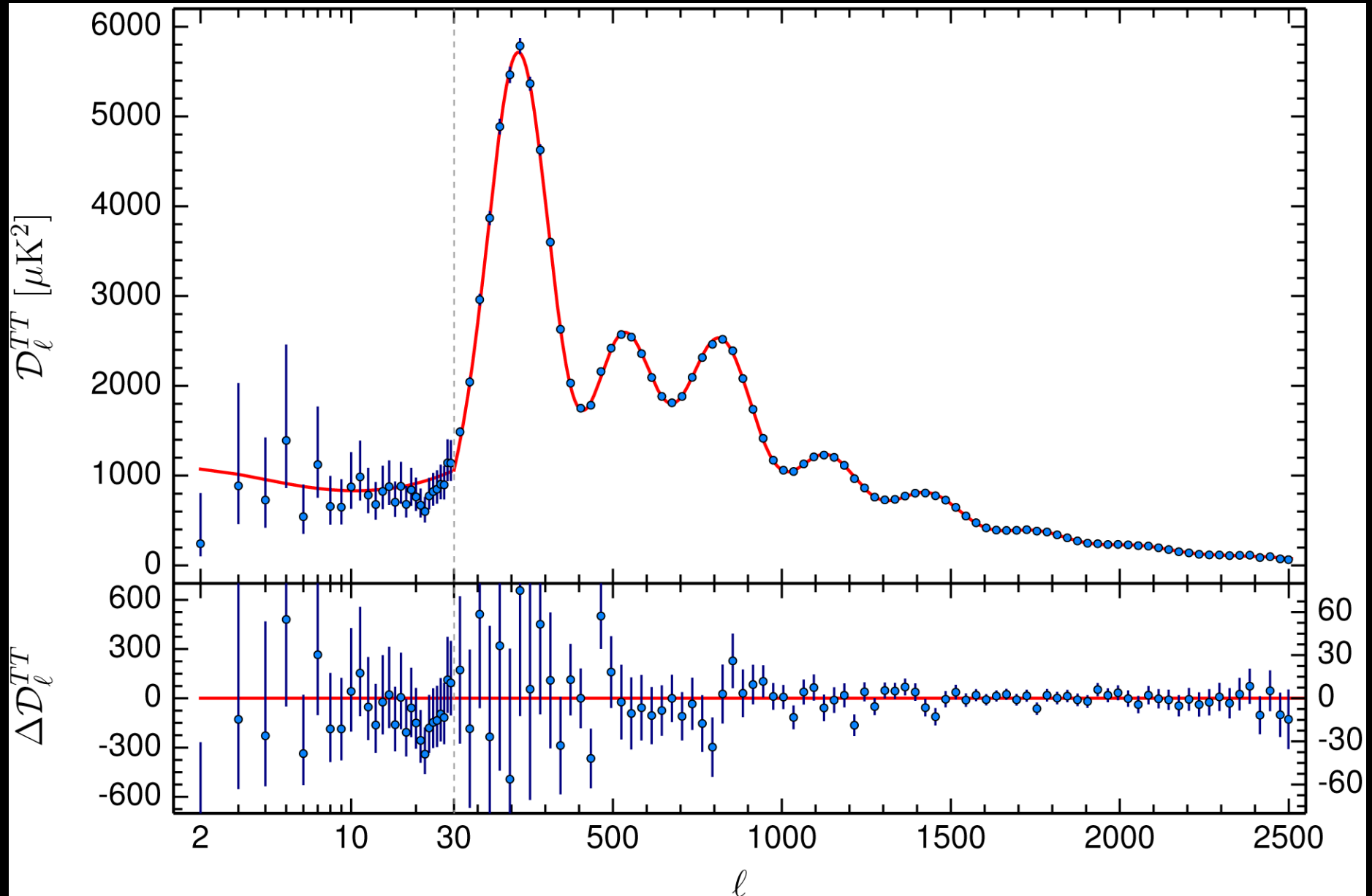


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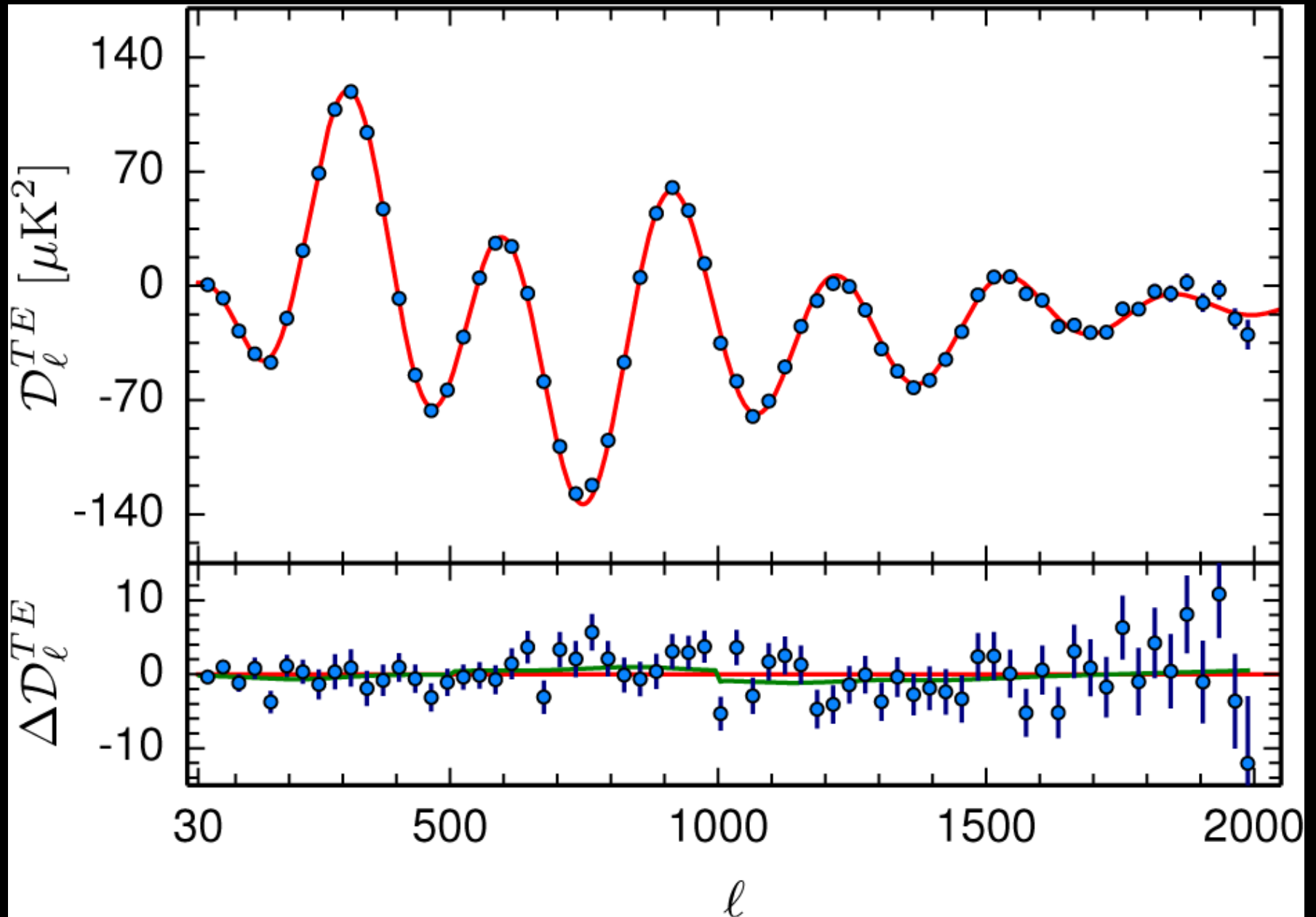
larger
scales

smaller
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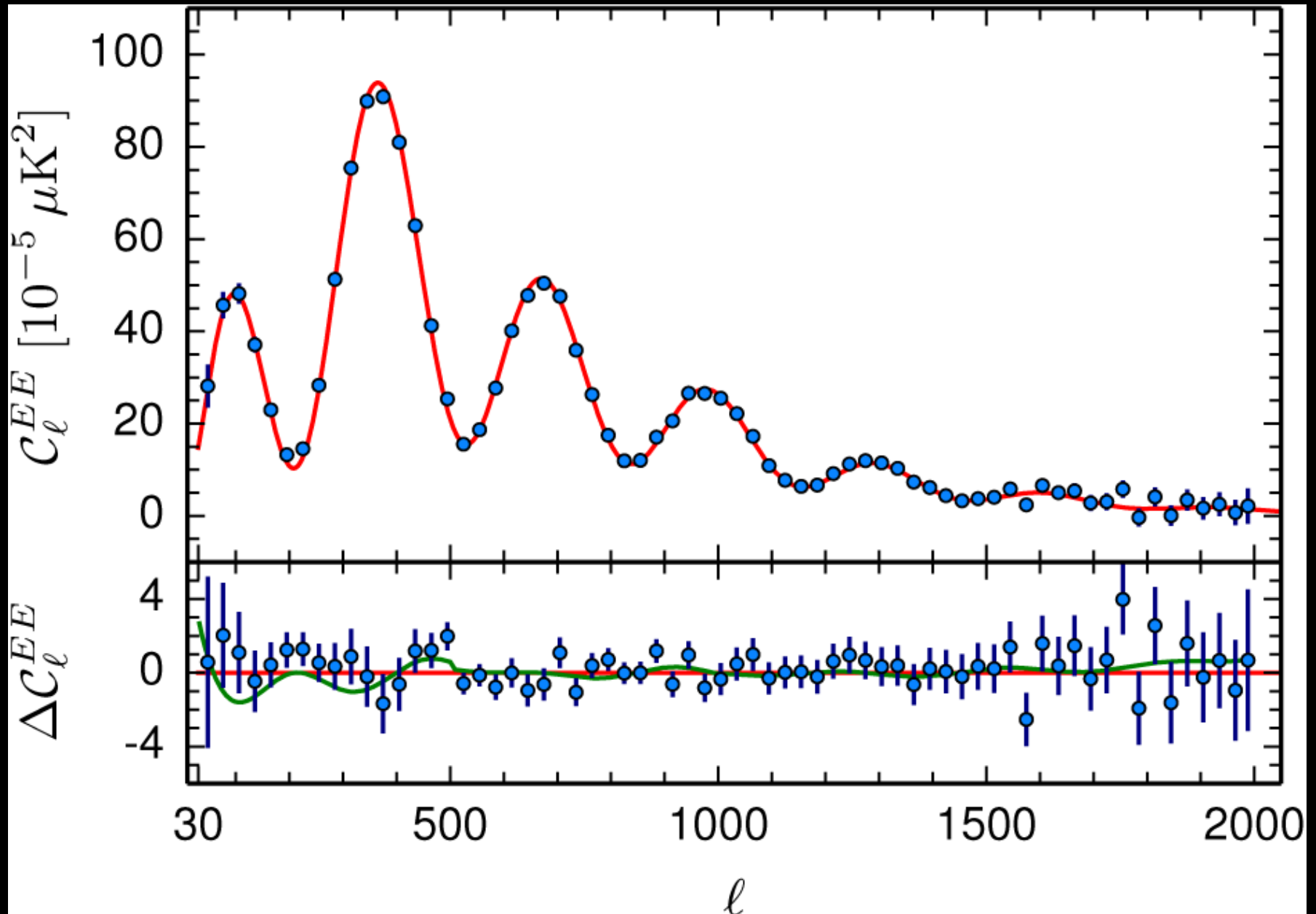
Planck 2015 Temperature



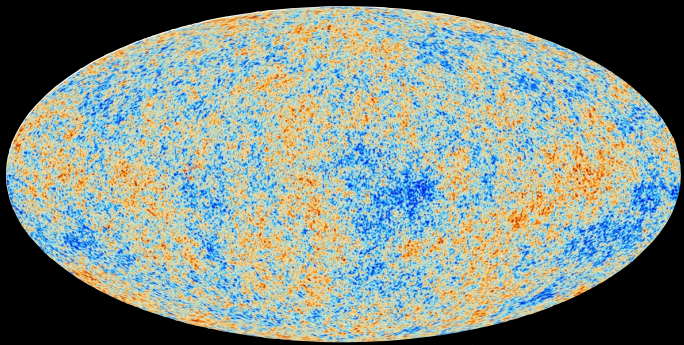
Planck 2015 TE Polarization



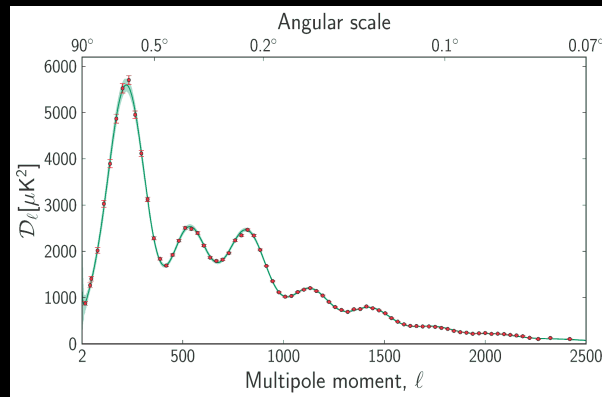
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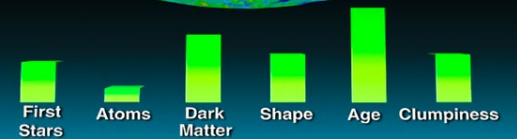
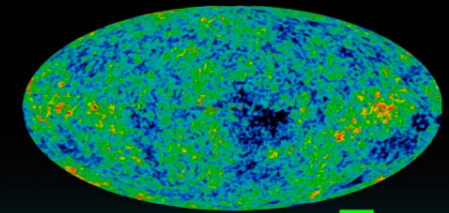
Radical data compression!



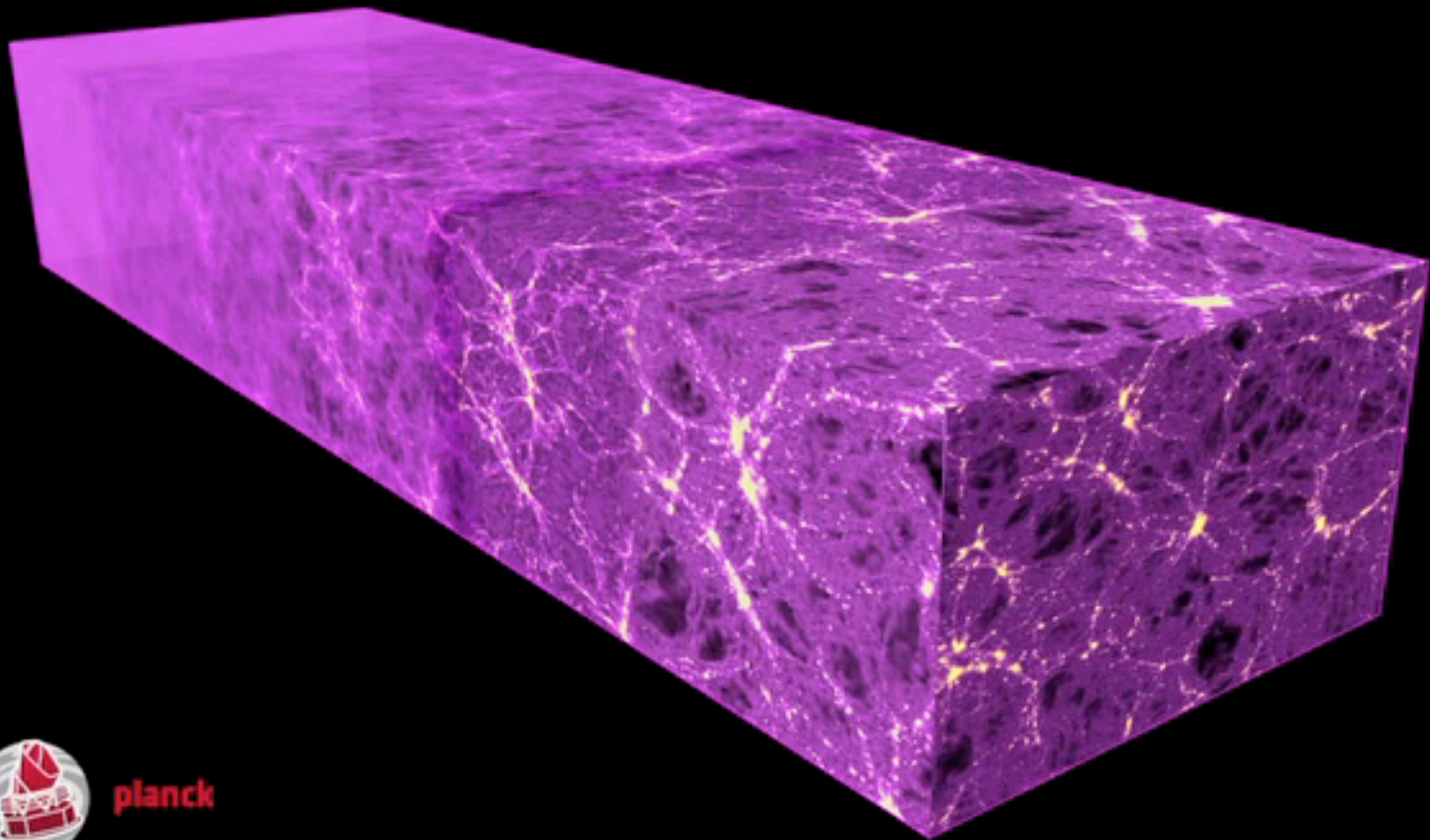
50 million pixels...



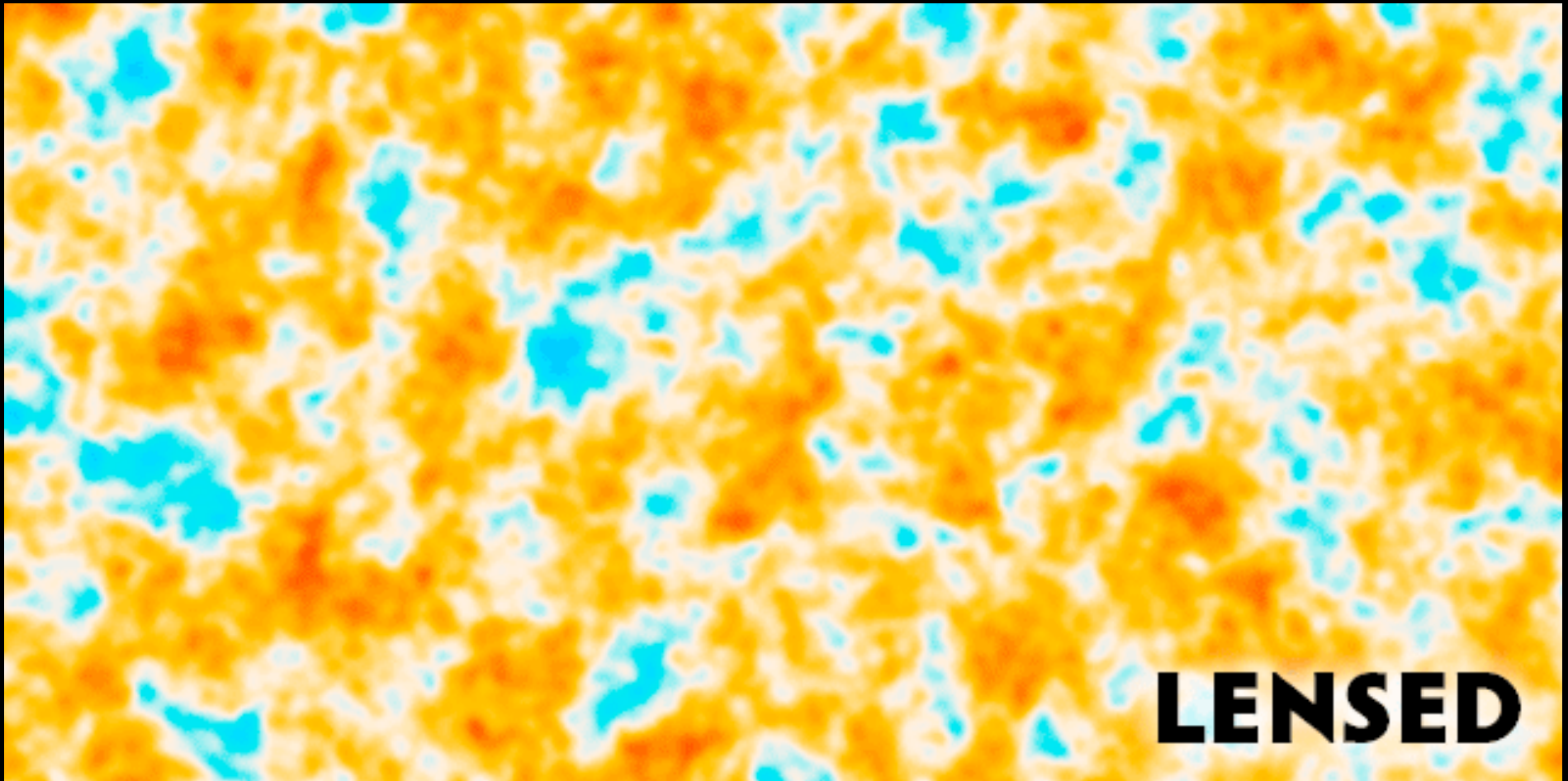
2500 multipoles...



six cosmological parameters!



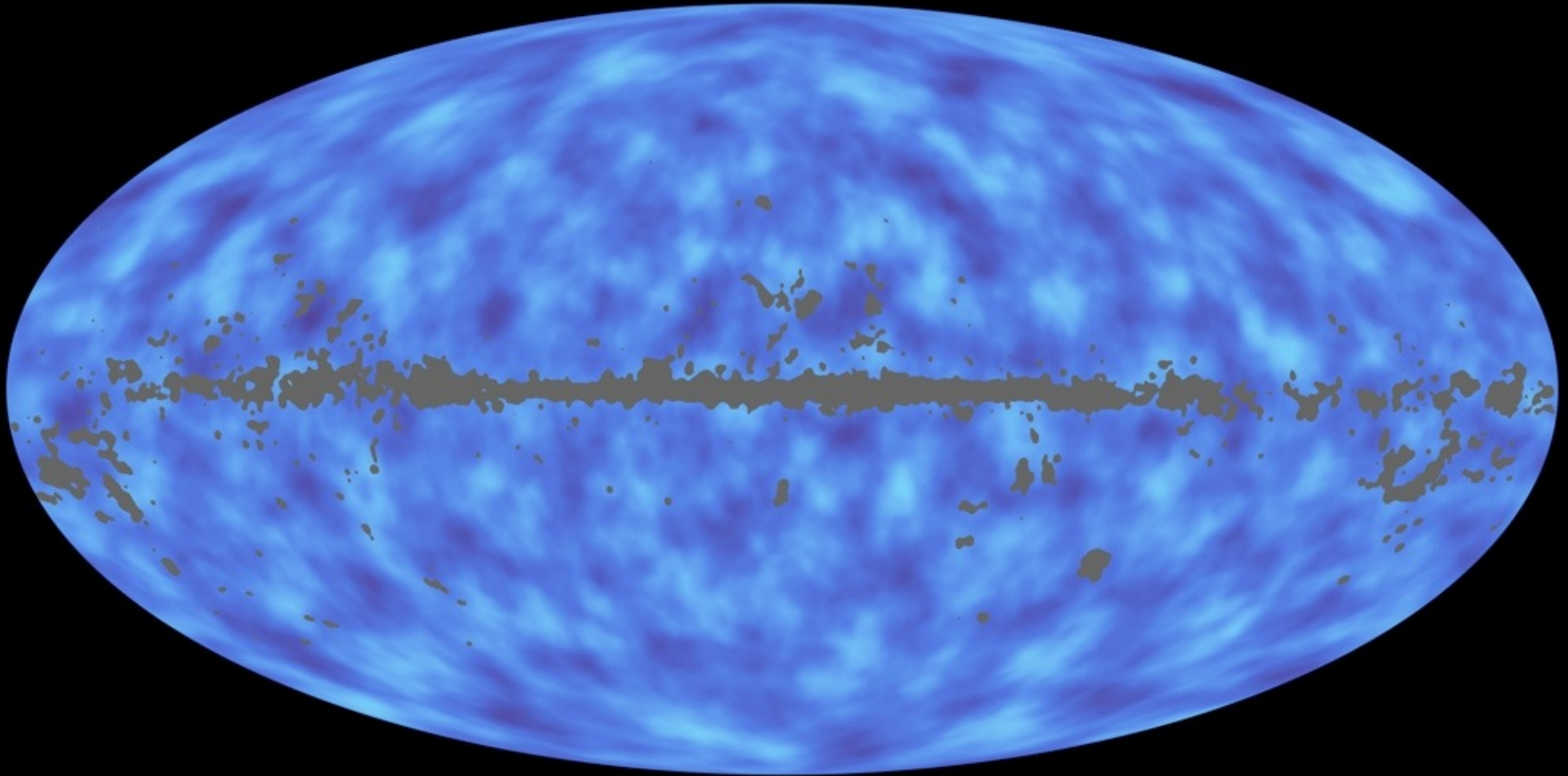
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LENSED

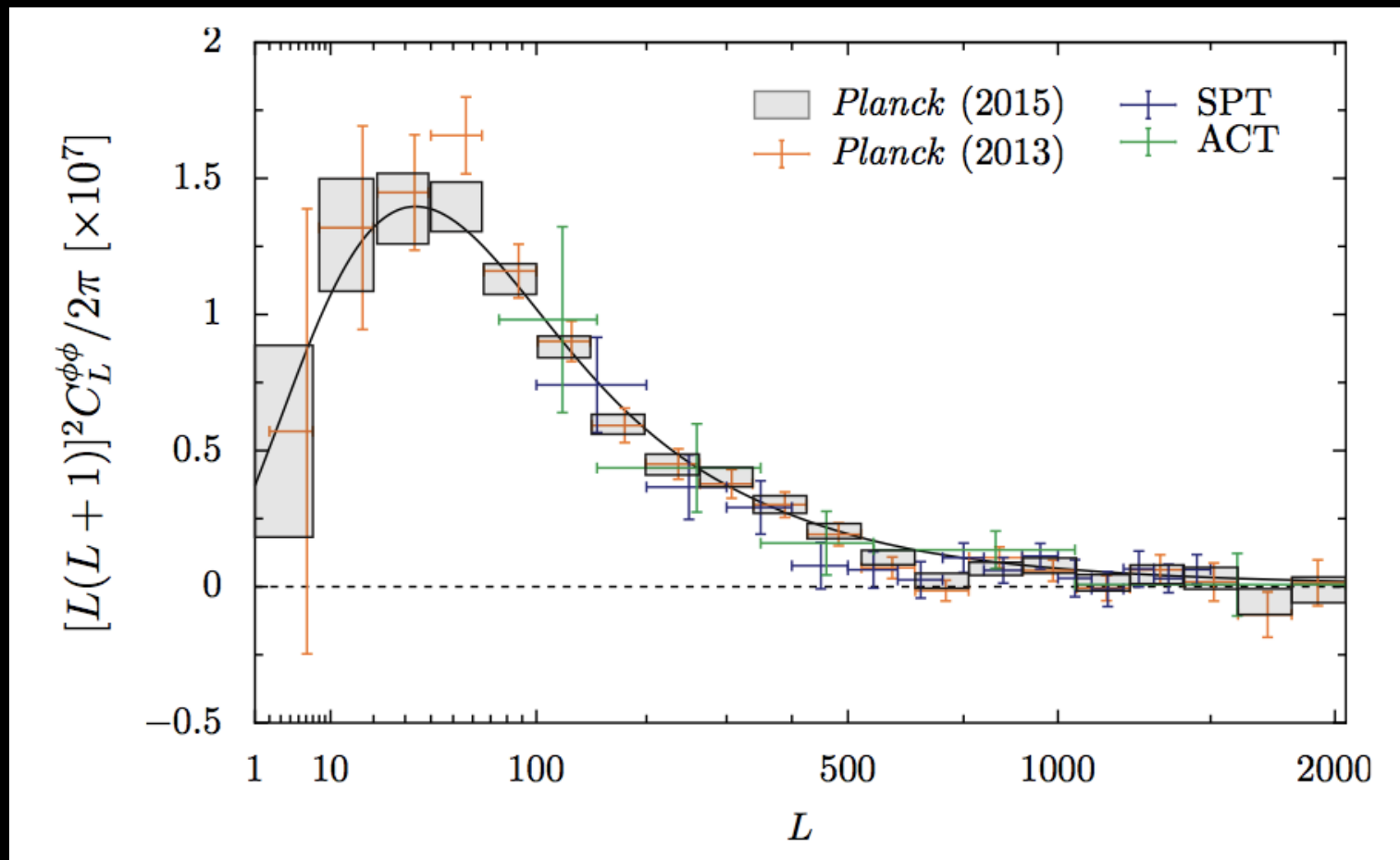
Deflections are ~ 2 arcmin

CMB lensing potential reconstruction



CMB lensing potential power spectrum

*Detected at $\sim 40\sigma$ (nearly doubled 2013 sensitivity):
breaks parameter degeneracies from primary CMB alone; new
window on growth of cosmic structure*

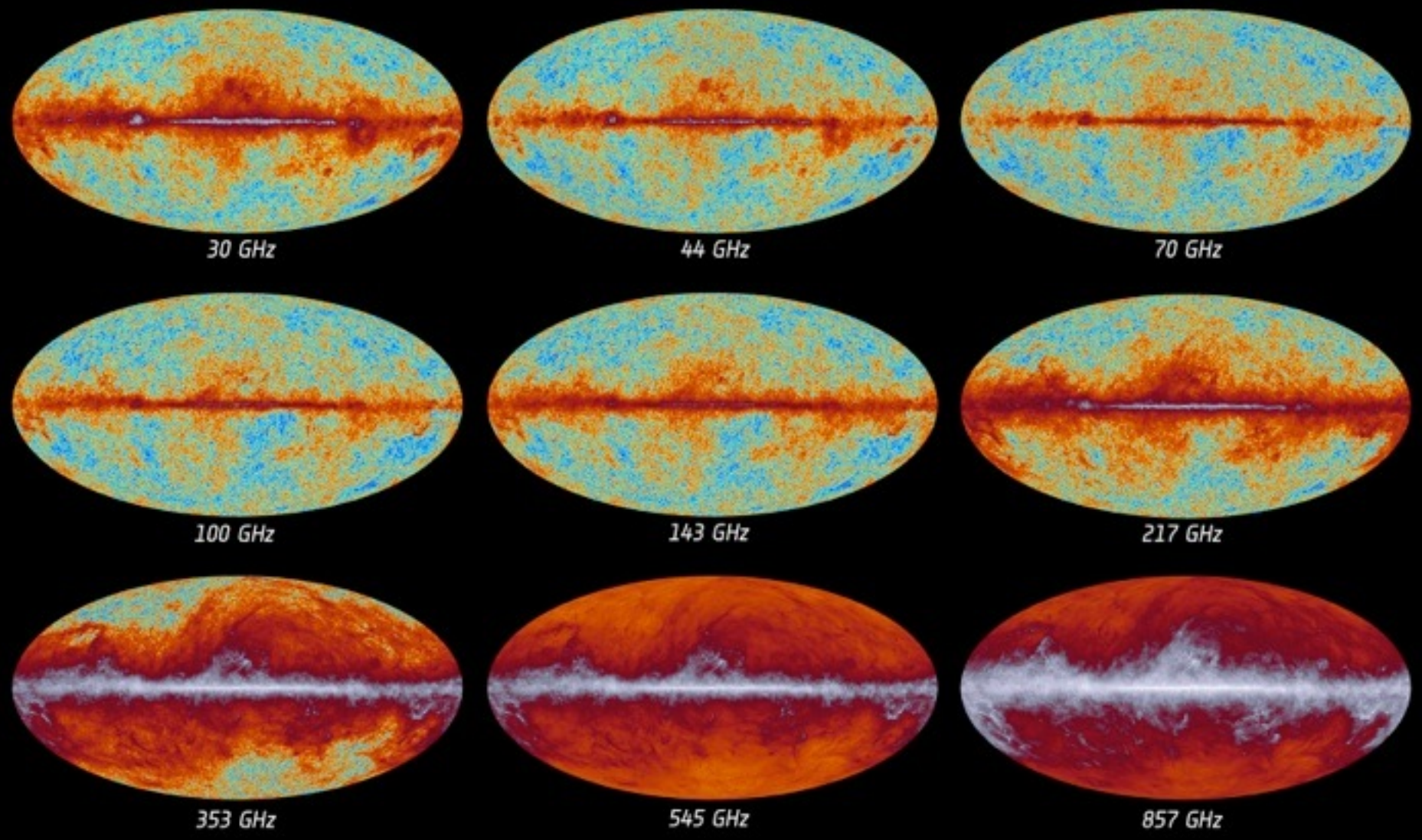


Raw data: ~quadrillion samples over
29 months (HFI), 50 months (LFI)

Maps: ~50 million pixels over 9 frequencies

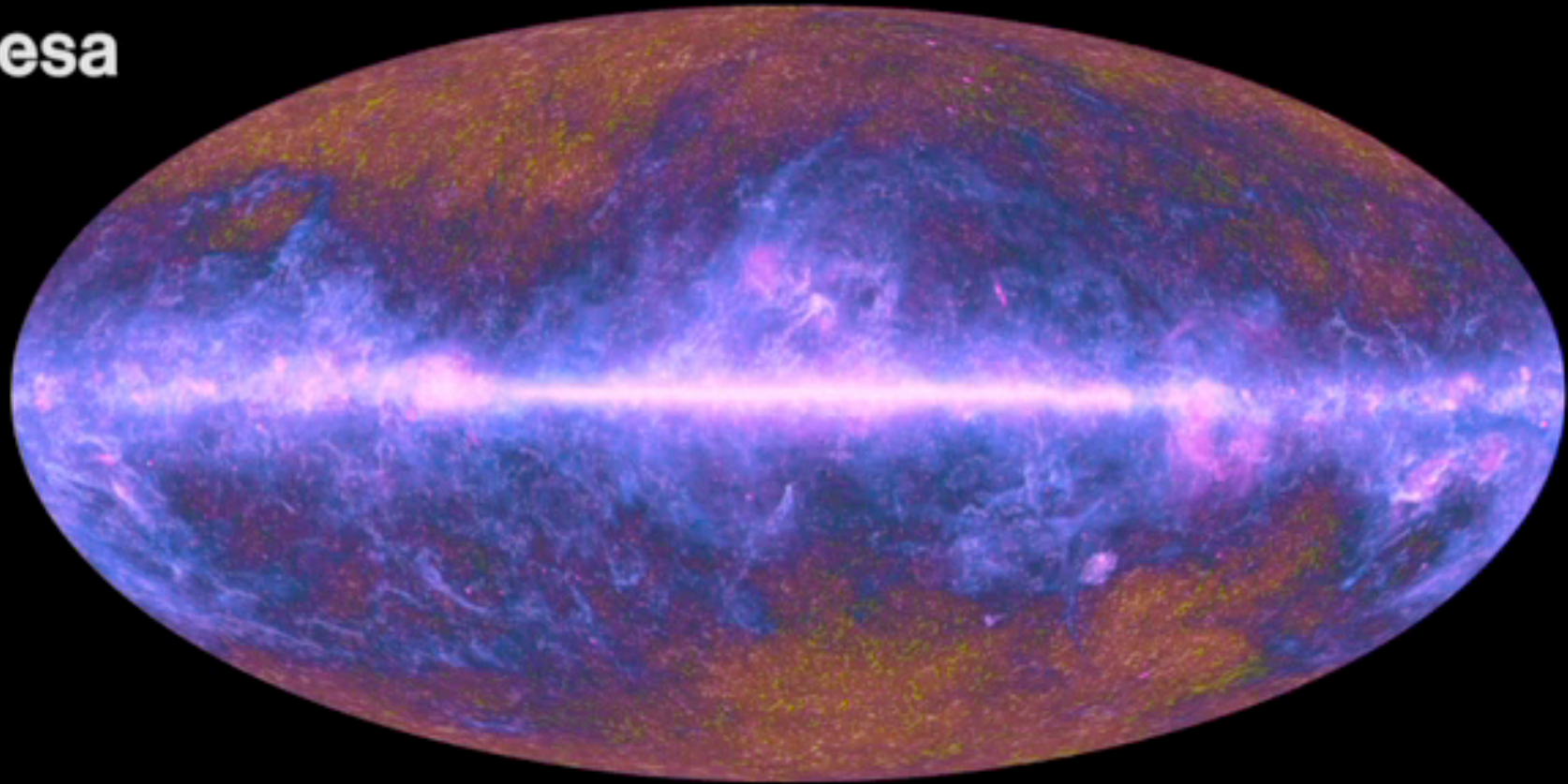


Planck (2015)



Emission at frequency = CMB + astrophysical sources along line of sight.

Planck observes in 9 bands over 30–850 GHz to disentangle cosmology from astrophysics



Individual
sources

+

Radio emission
from the Milky Way

+

Dust emission
from the Milky Way

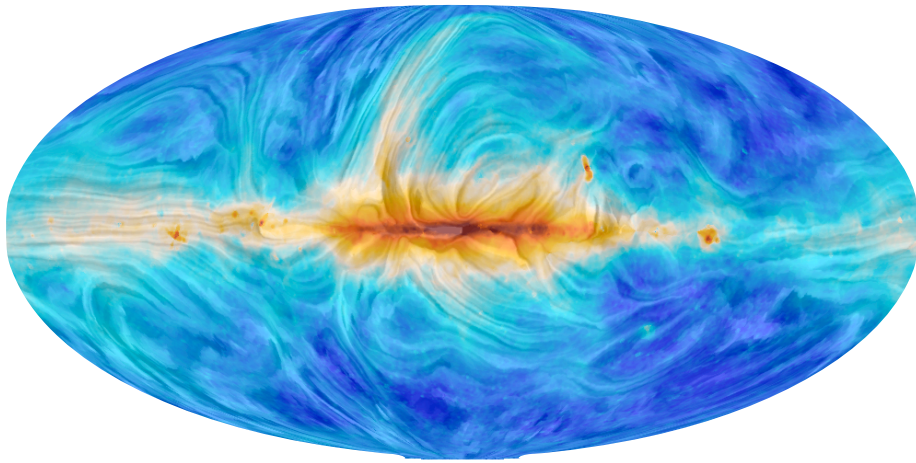
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Cosmic Microwave
Background

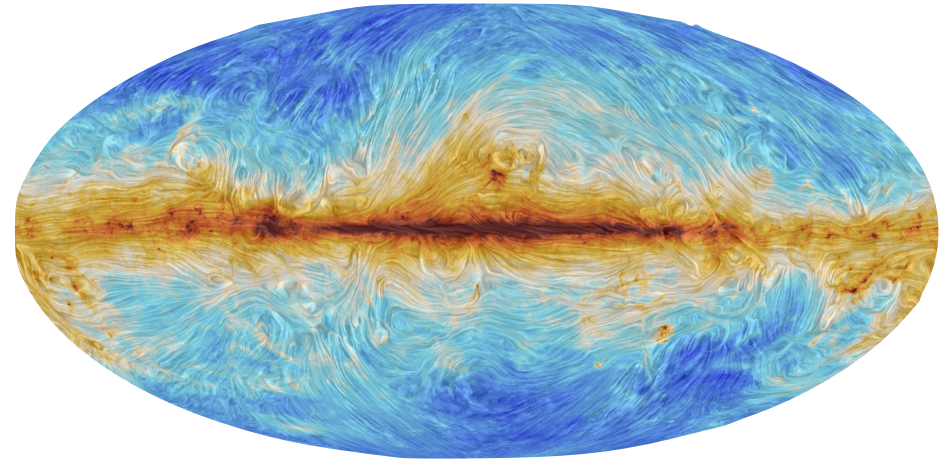
All emissions at microwave & submillimetre wavelengths

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Just beginning to characterise polarised foregrounds



polarised
synchrotron



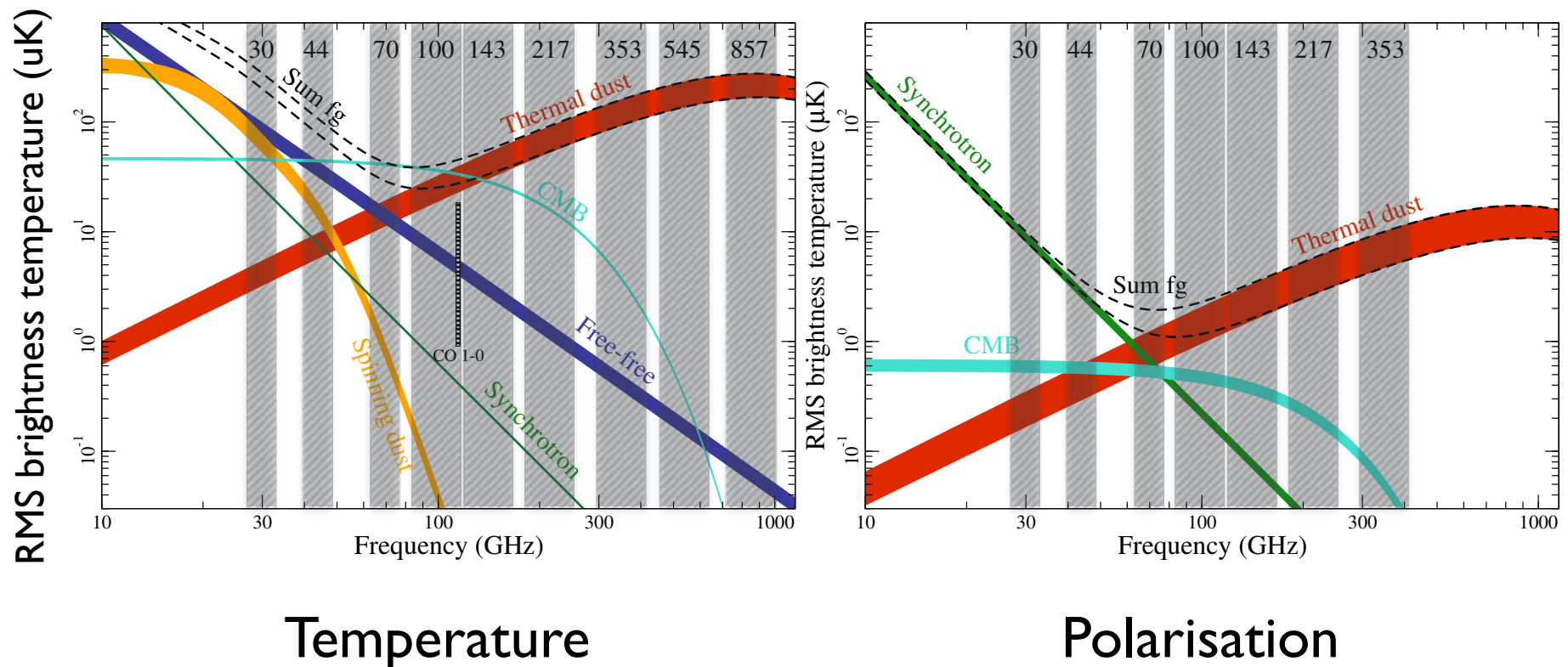
polarised
dust

Polarised FG **complex & filamentary**

Frequency dependence of Galactic foregrounds

CMB obscured by astrophysical foregrounds at all frequencies

Orders of magnitude worse for polarisation



What do we know about cosmic initial conditions?

- Background:

- ▶ Spatial flatness (tested at <1% level!)

- Perturbations:

- ▶ scalar fluctuations in the CMB temperature

- ✓ nearly but not exactly scale-invariant ($>5\sigma!$)

- ✓ approximately Gaussian (at the 10^{-4} level!)

- ✓ Adiabatic fluctuations

- ✓ Superhorizon perturbations

- ? primordial tensor fluctuations (stochastic gravitational waves)

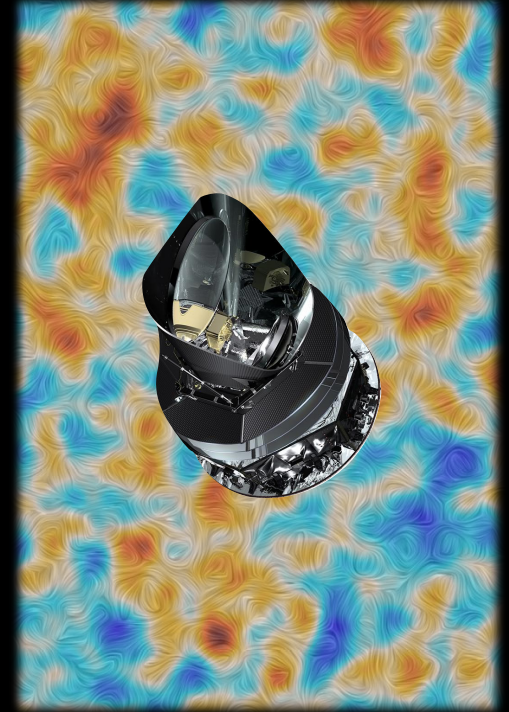
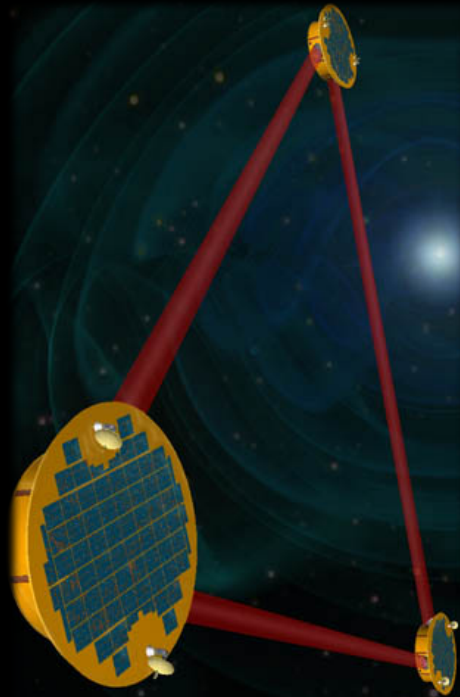
Gravitational Wave Periods

Milliseconds

Minutes to Hours

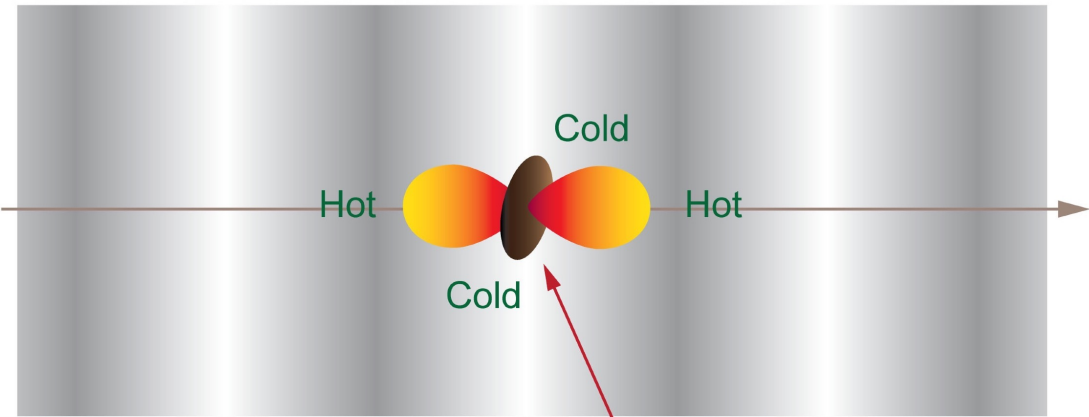
Years to Decades

Billions of Years

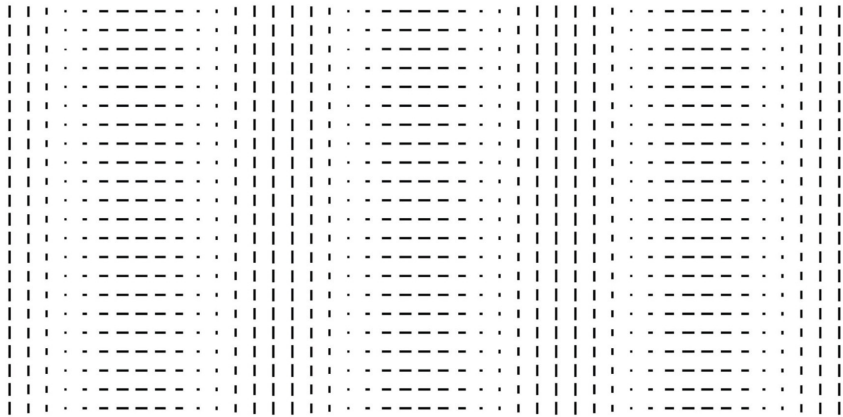


Gravitational waves also create polarisation.... lensing creates *B*-mode polarisation from *E*-mode polarisation even if no tensors.

Density Wave

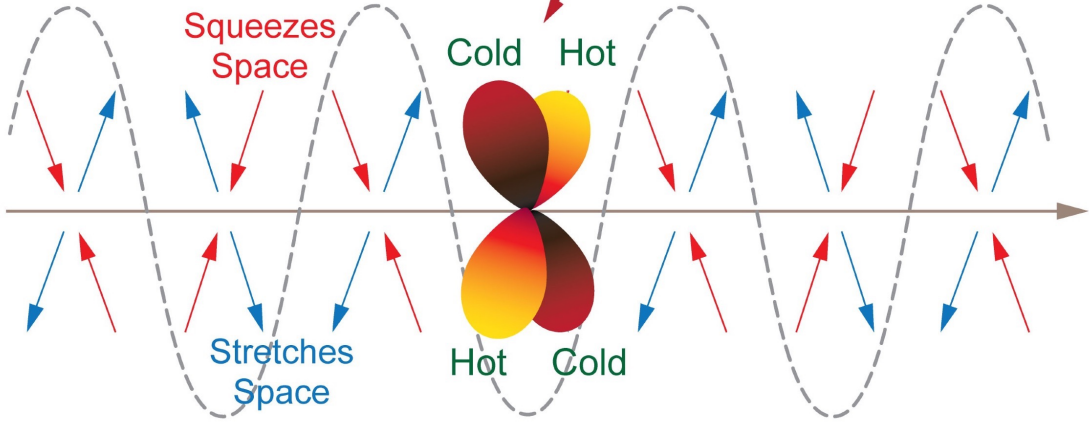


E-Mode Polarization Pattern

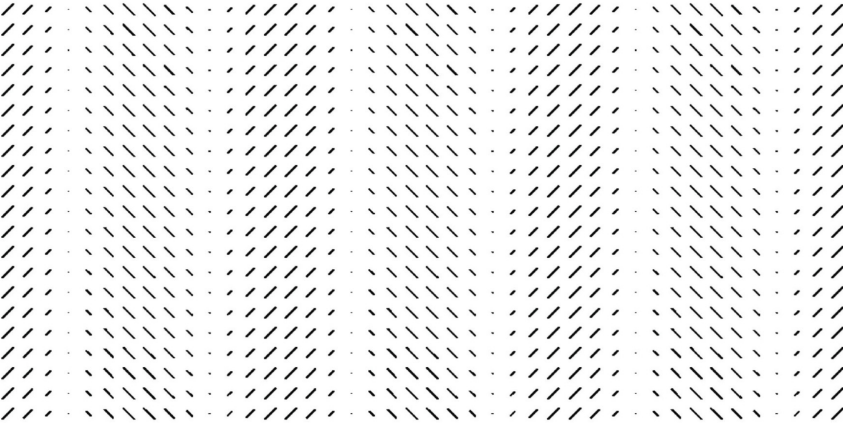


Temperature Pattern Seen by Electrons

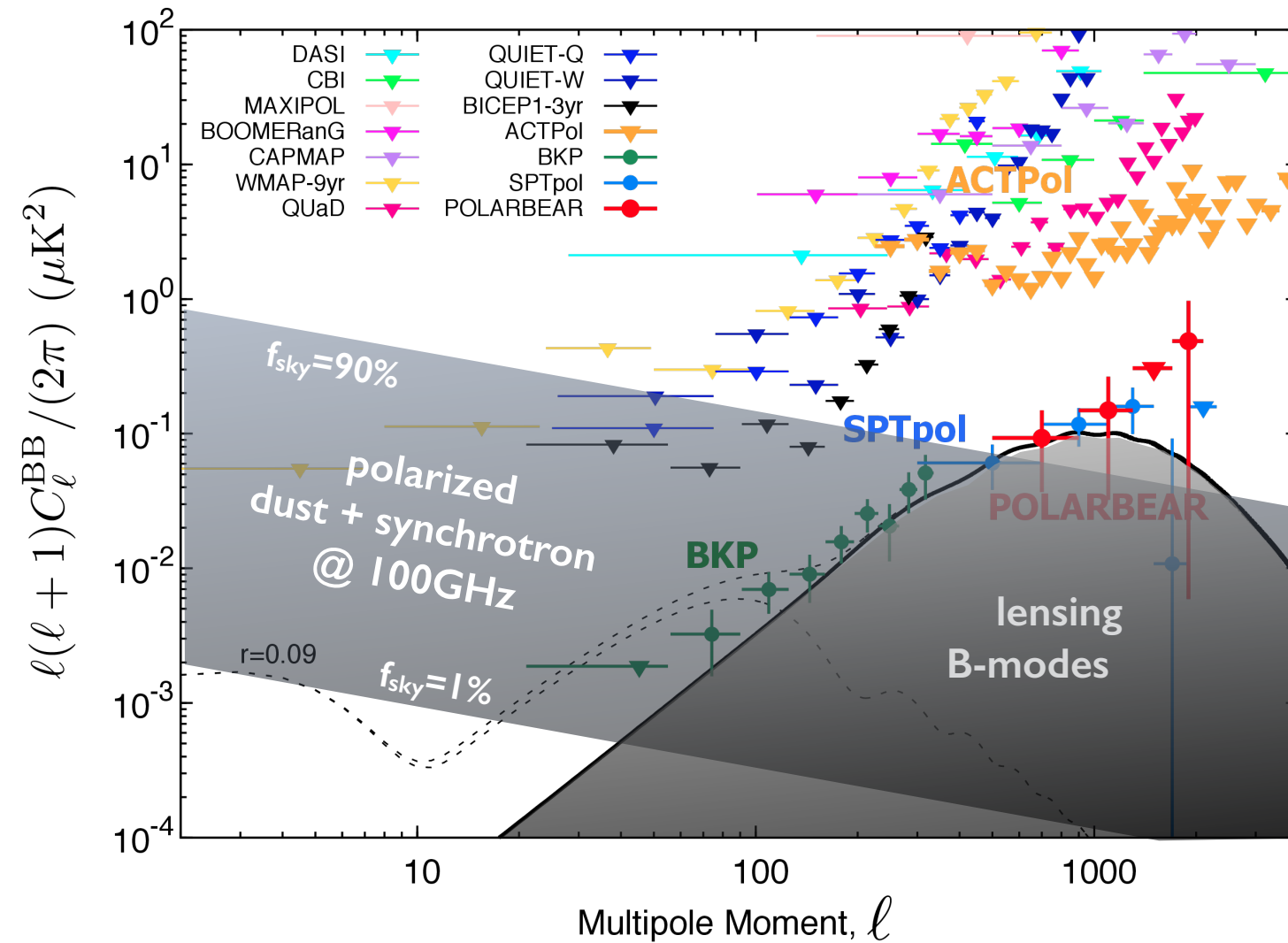
Gravitational Wave



B-Mode Polarization Pattern



CMB polarisation status



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The Astrophysical Journal (2014)

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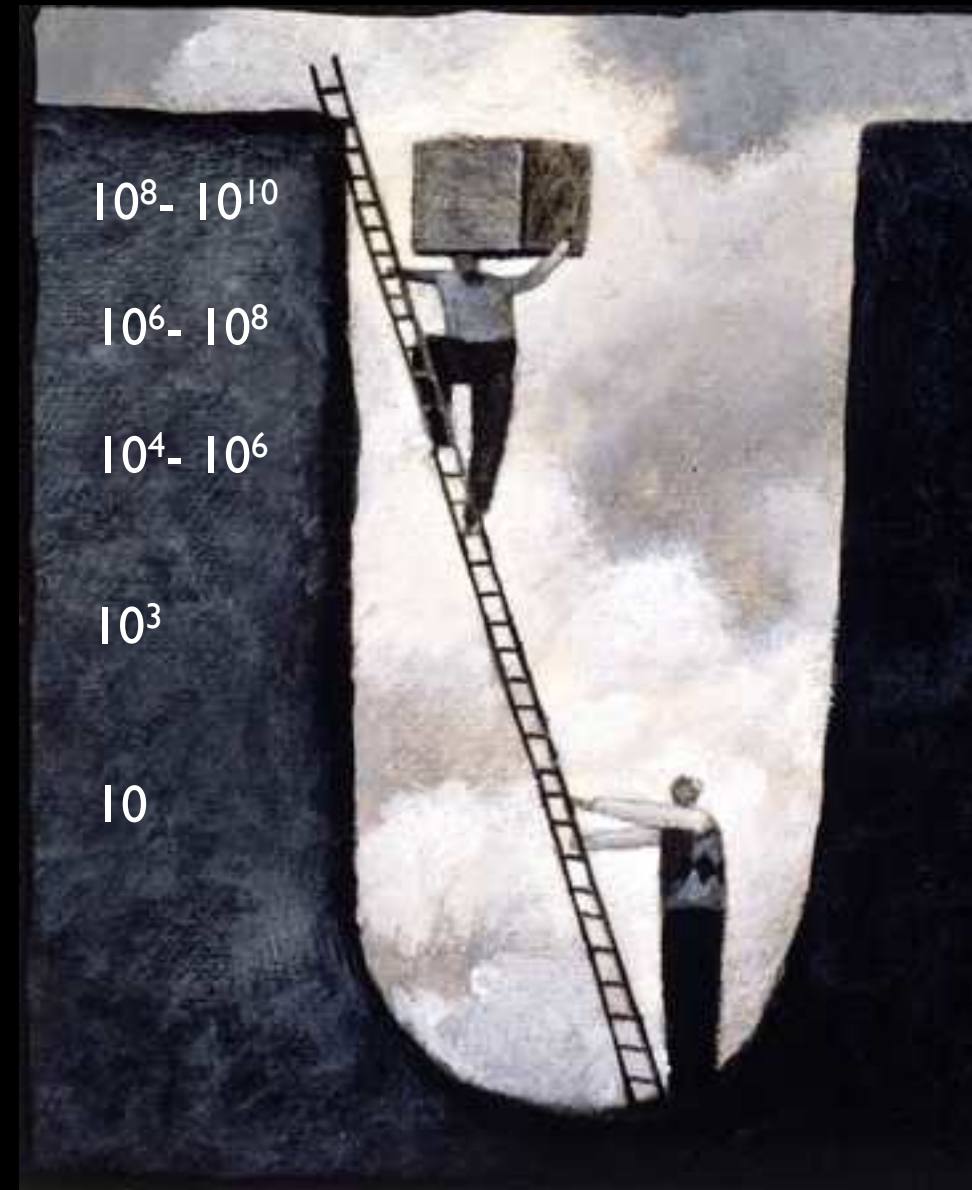
BICEP/Keck Array 95 GHz (2015)
 $r < 0.09$ (95%)

The challenge

Typical degree-scale brightness fluctuations (150GHz)

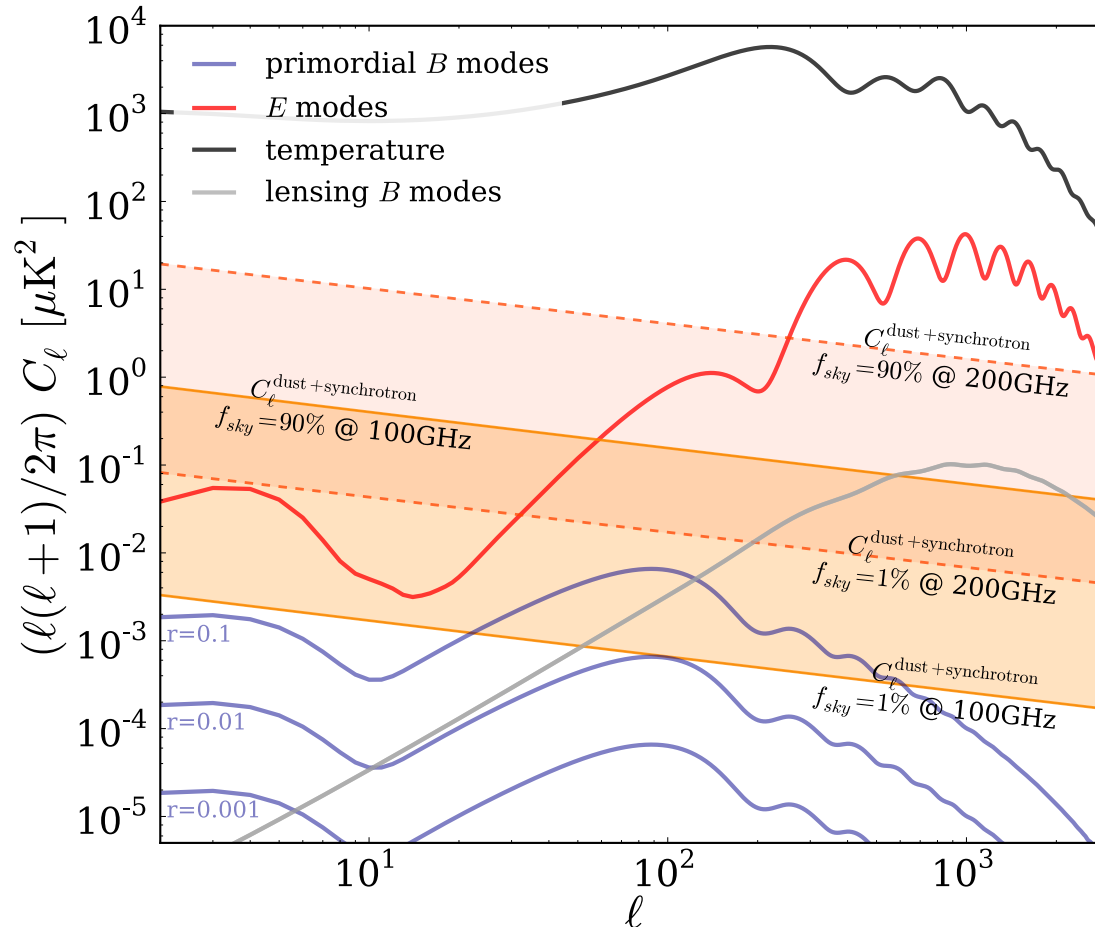
T → P

Ground, Telescope mount etc	3-300 K
Atmosphere	30 mK - 3 K
Galaxy	0.3-30mK
CMB T anisotropies	30 μ K
Lensing B modes (at arcmin)	300 nK
r=0.01 B-modes	30 nK
noise you want to reach	<10 nK



Adapted from C. Pryke

Polarisation is not going to be easy.



- Planck/BICEP2/Keck: polarised dust and/or synchrotron important at all Galactic latitudes ([1502.00612](#), [1502.01588](#))
- Lensing additional “foreground” for tensors

Errard, Feeney (joint first authors), Peiris, Jaffe ([1509.06770](#))

Robust CMB polarisation forecasts

- Degree-scale B-modes: inflation
- Arc-minute scale B-modes: gravitational lensing
 - late-time physics: sum of neutrino masses
 - geometry: break geometric degeneracy, measure curvature
- EE and TE more constraining than TT (Galli+ 1403.5271)
- Huge investment!
AdvACTPol, BICEP3, CLASS, Simons Array, SPT-3G, EBEX10K, PIPER, SPIDER, COrE+, LiteBIRD, PIXIE, Stage IV, ...

Time to revisit forecasts!

Josquin Errard



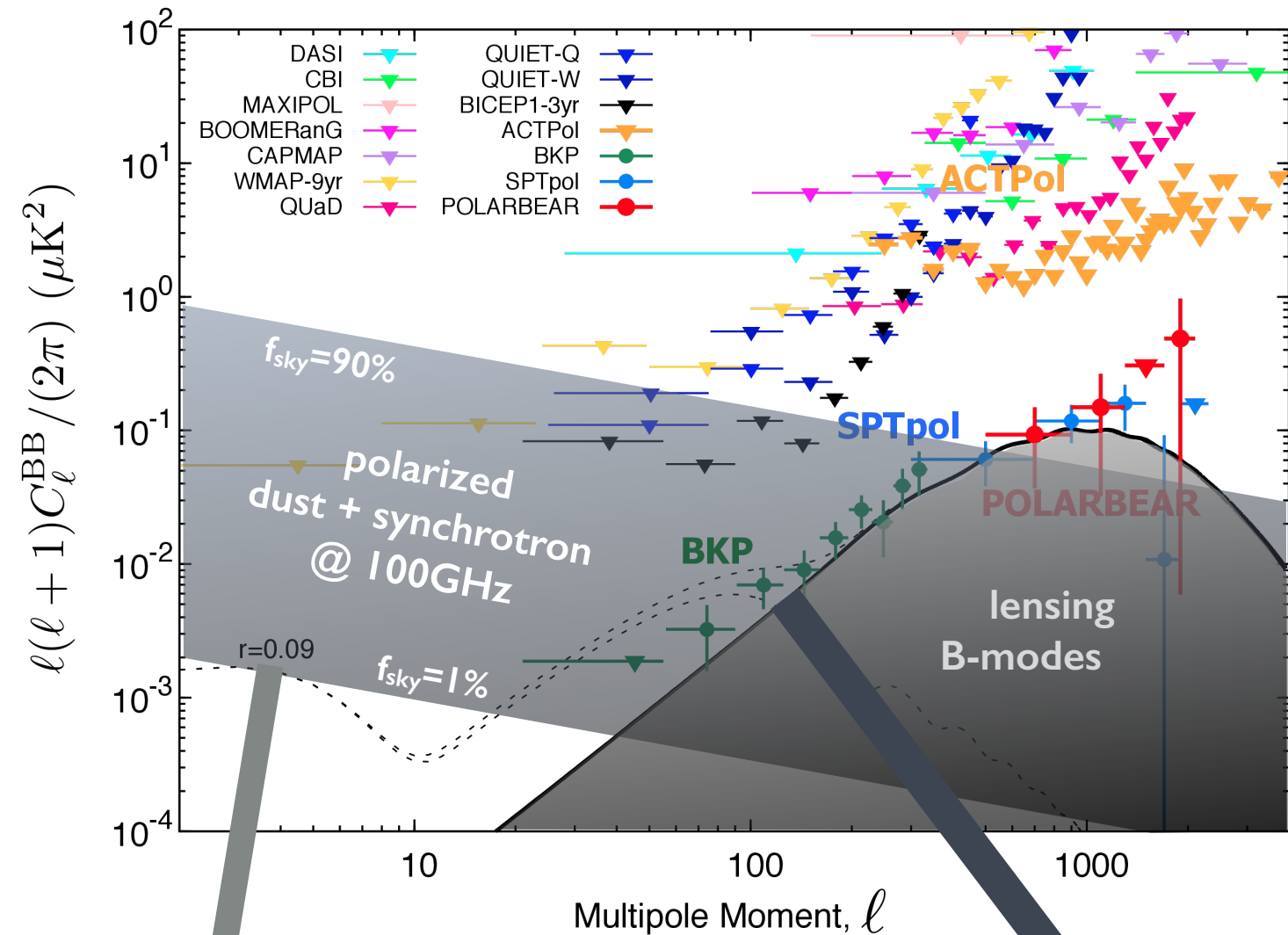
- latest foreground information
(e.g. *Planck Collaboration 1502.01588*)
- propagate component-separation uncertainties through delensing to forecast

Stephen Feeney



- Can we find **synergy** between different experiments?
- Released as online tool: <http://turkey.lbl.gov>

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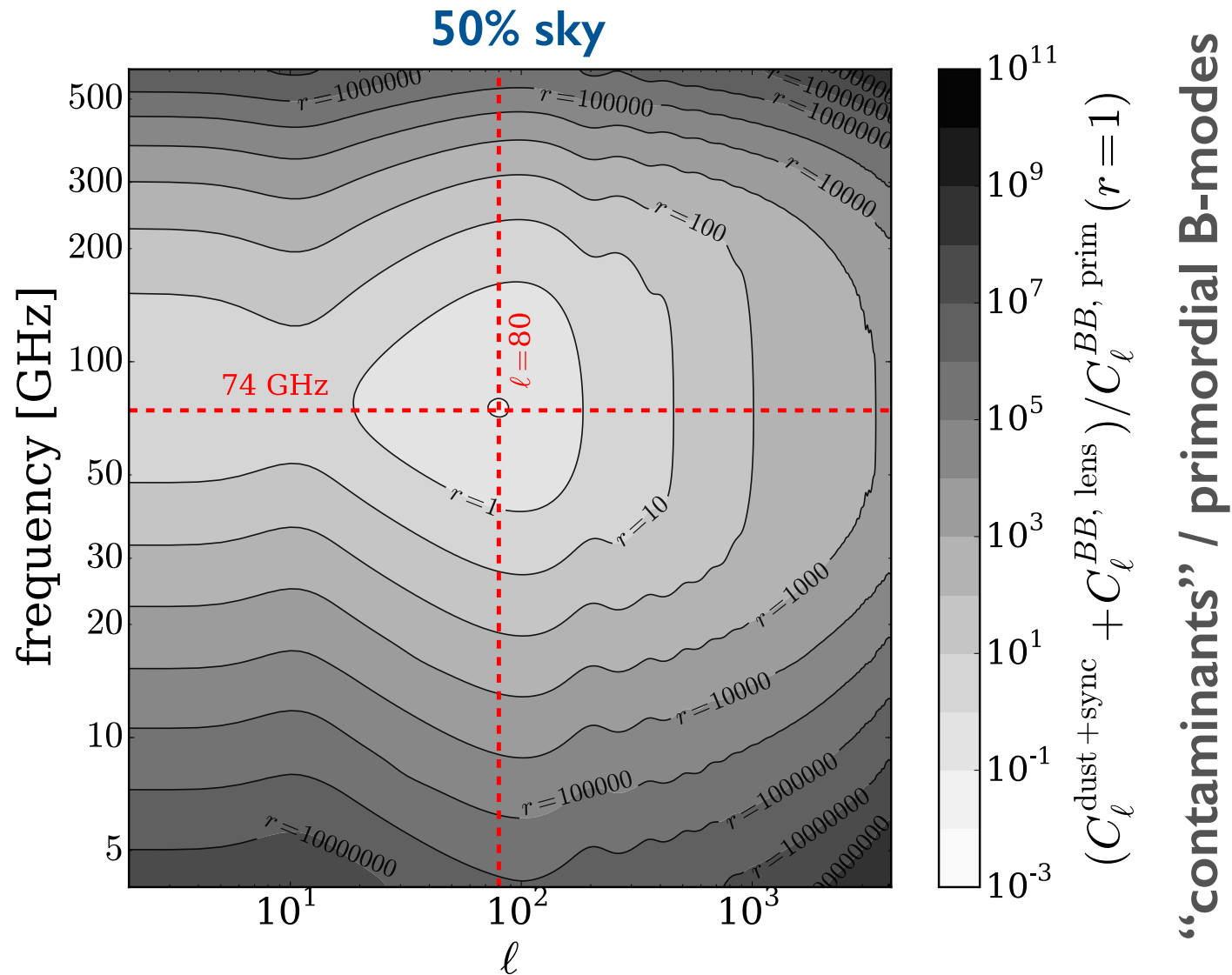
foregrounds cleaning

[Stompor et al (2009),
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Errard et al (2011+2012)]

delensing

[Seljak & Hirata (2004),
Smith et al (2012),
Sherwin & Schmidtfull (2015)]

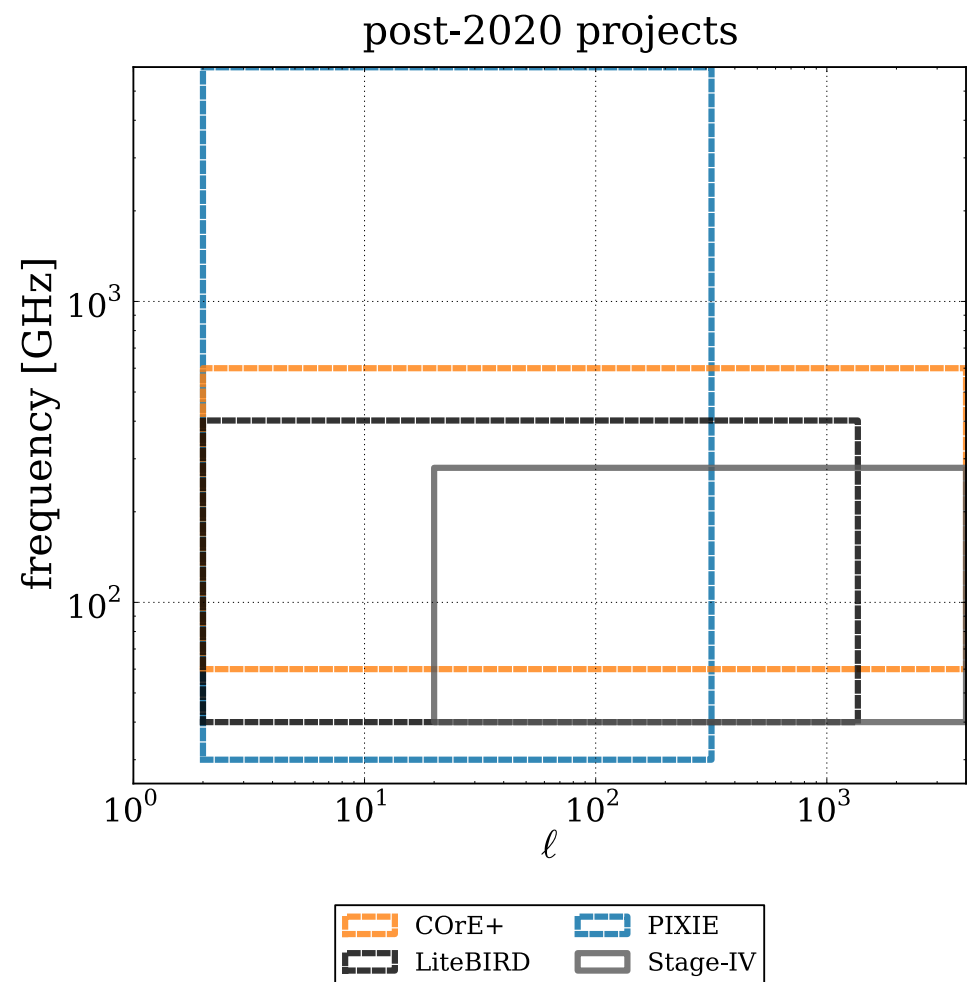
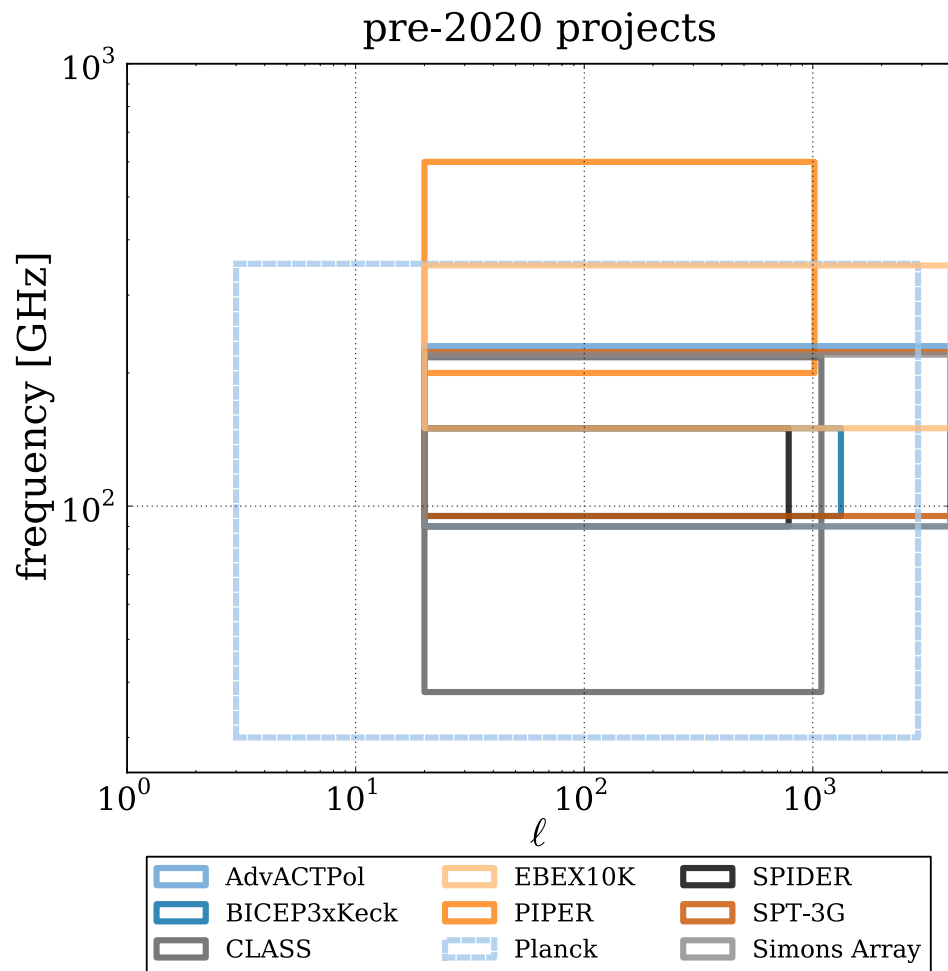
Polarisation is not going to be easy.



- Half-sky minimum for tensors: $\ell \sim 80$, 75 GHz

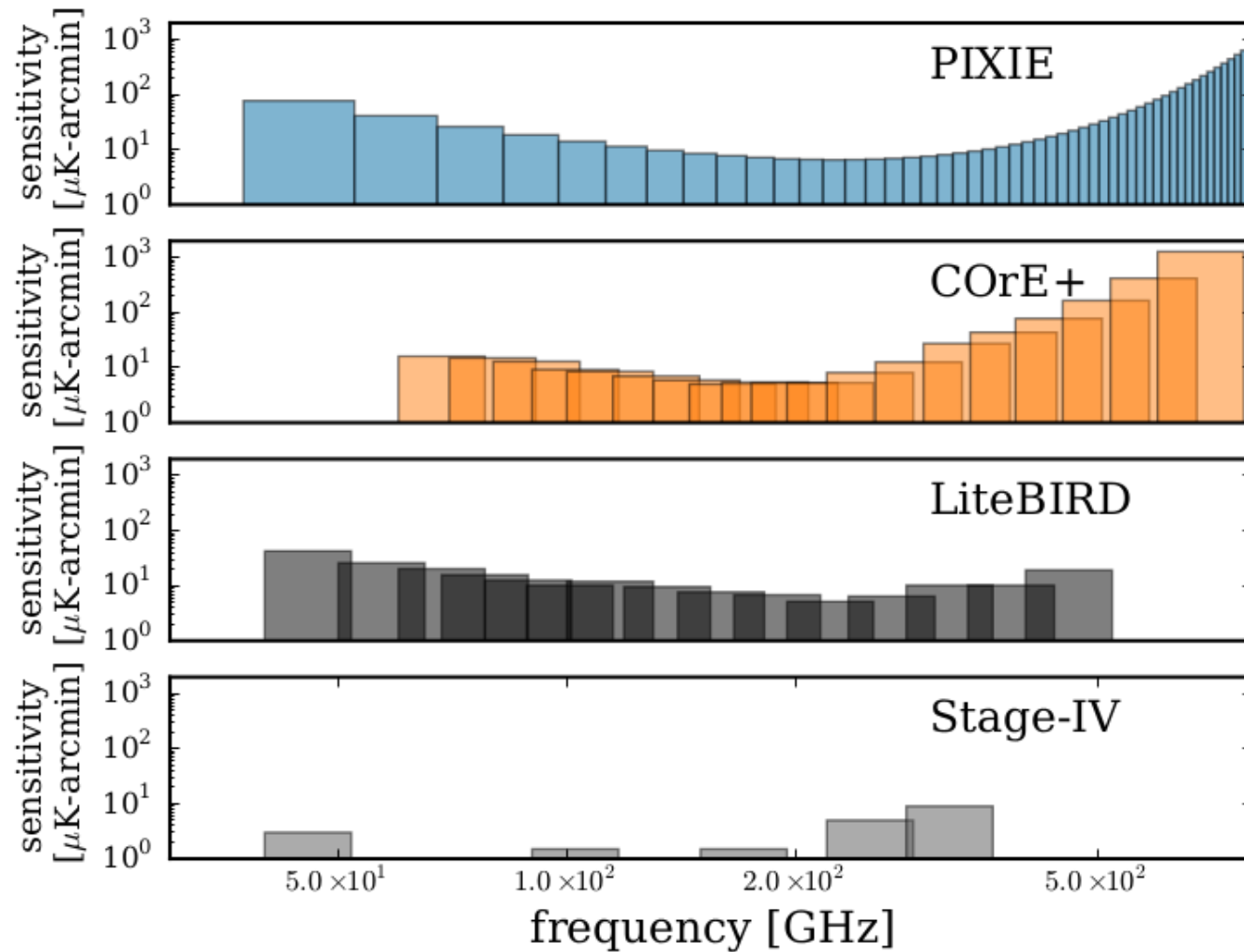
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Experiments



- Frequency bands, polarisation noise, beams and fsky
- Pre-2020 all crossed with Planck

Experiments (post-2020 examples)



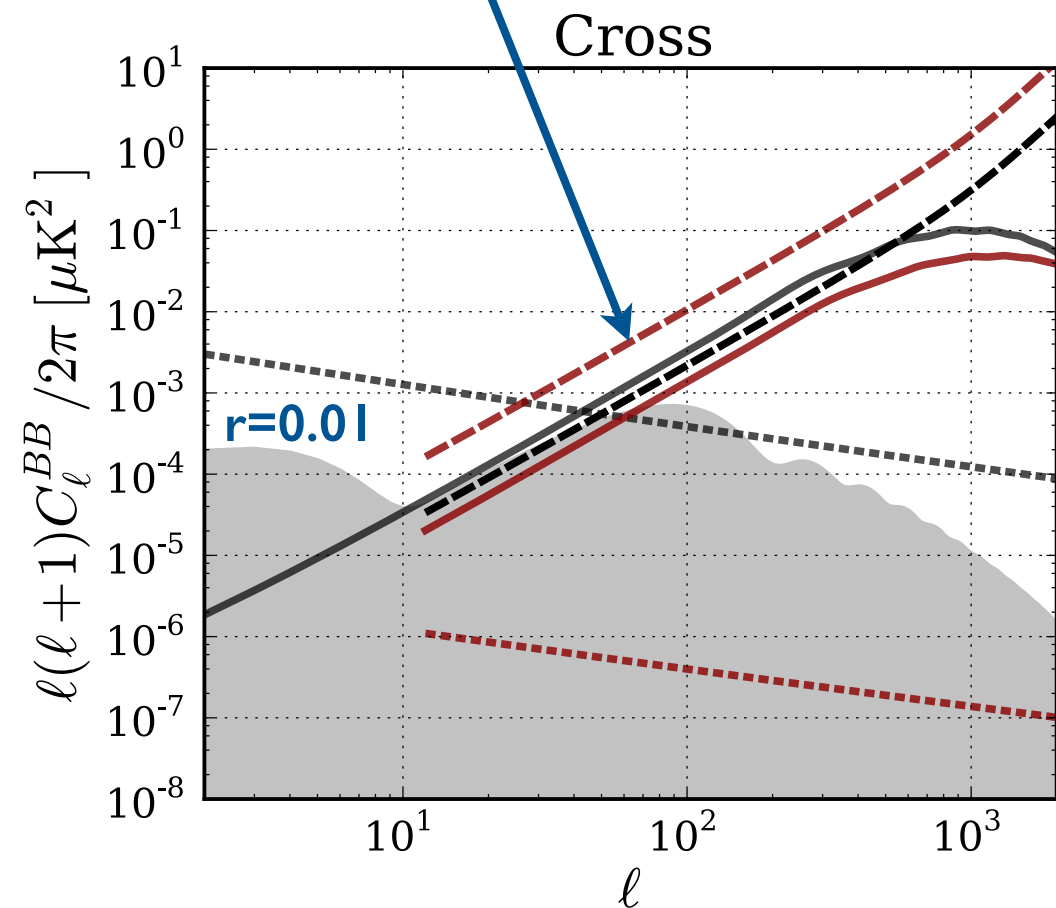
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Foregrounds: selected real experiments

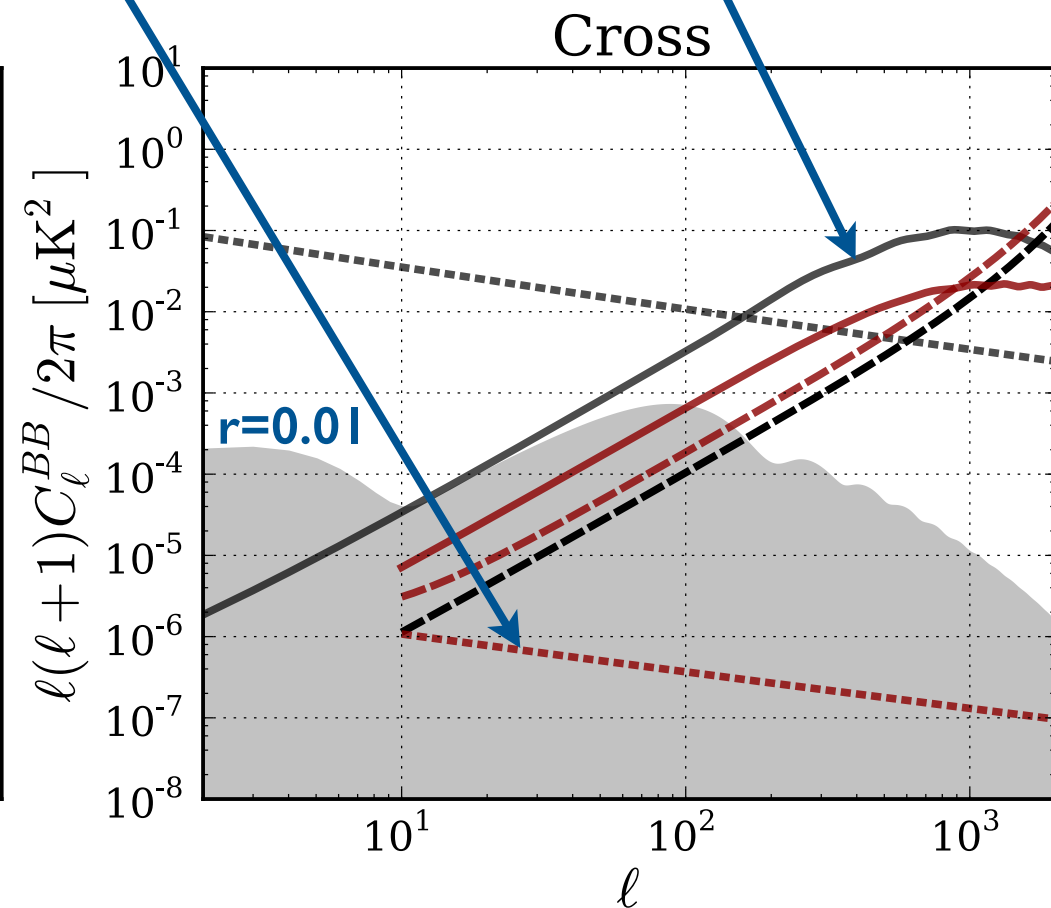
cleaned B-modes
noise-dominated

residuals
important

cleaned B-modes
lensing-dominated

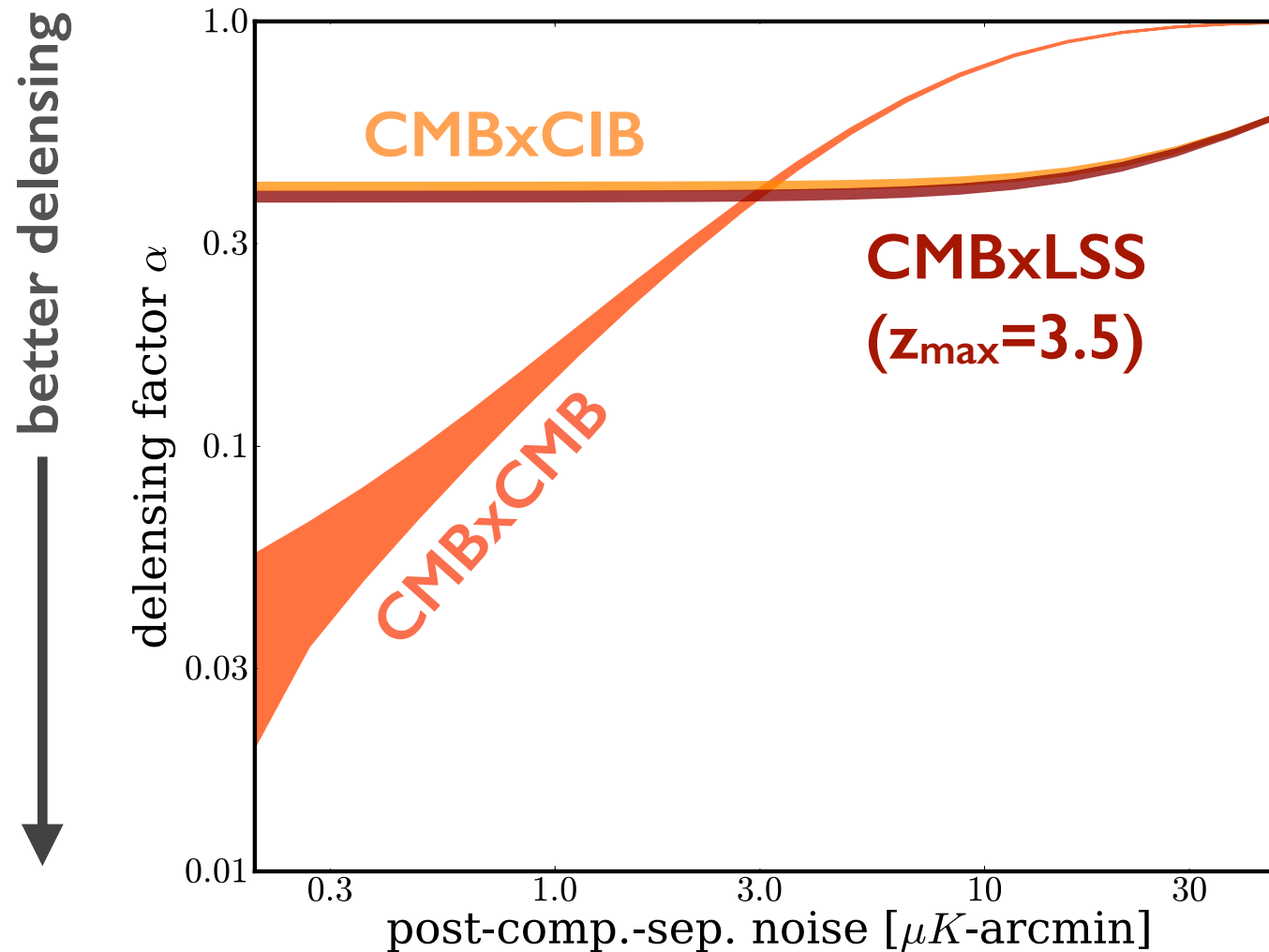


Pre-2020: ground x balloon



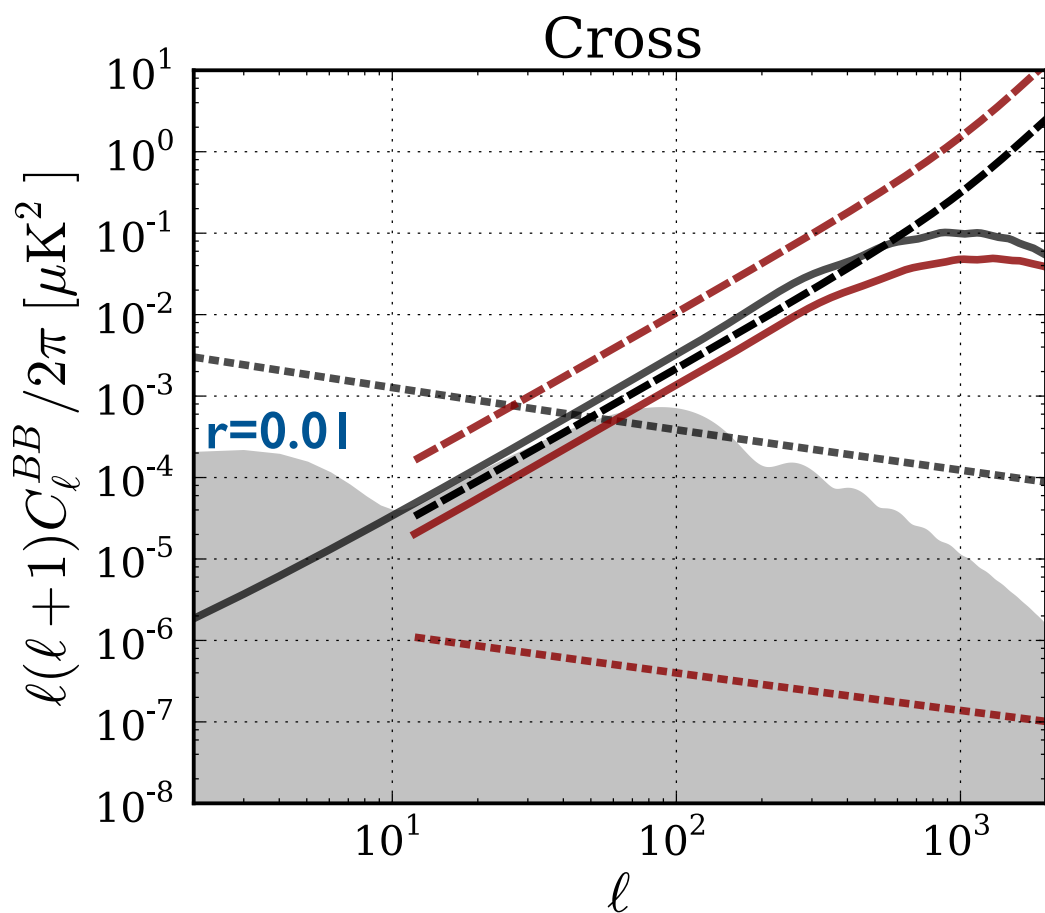
Post-2020: ground x satellite

Delensing: toy experiment

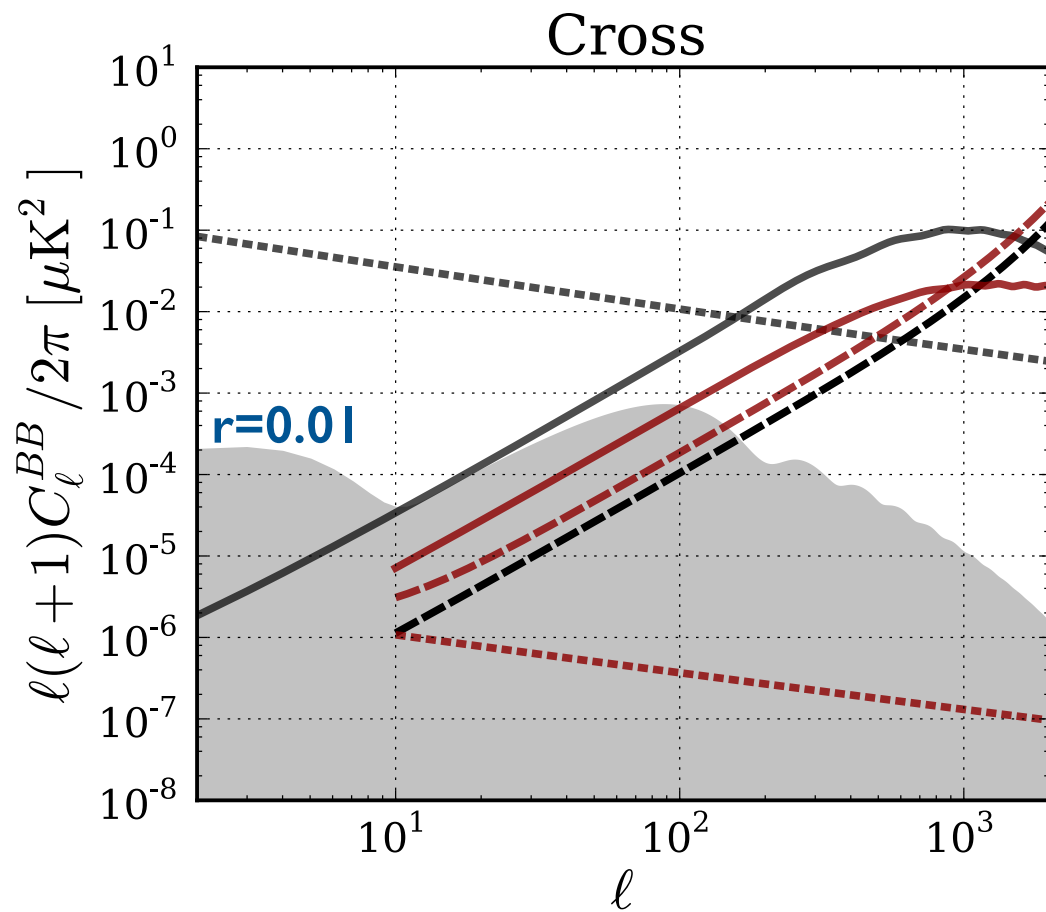


- 3' beam, $0.01 < f_{\text{sky}} < 1.0$ (f_{sky} floor without delensing)
- CIB/LSS better for noisy expts; CMB delenses to zero if noiseless.

Delensing: selected real experiments



Pre-2020: ground x balloon
CIB delensing



Post-2020: ground x satellite
CMB delensing

Cosmological Highlights

Pre-2020:

- **inflation:**

- $\sigma(r=0.001) \sim 0.003$
- $\sigma(n_t) \sim 0.2$ ($r = 0.1$)

- **neutrinos:**

- $\sigma(M_\nu) \sim 60$ meV
CMBxCIB deflection estimate

Post-2020:

- **inflation:**

- $\sigma(r=0.001) \sim 2 \times 10^{-4}$
5- σ measurement (<80% delensing)
- $\sigma(n_t) \sim 0.03$ ($r = 0.1$)

- **neutrinos:**

- $\sigma(M_\nu) \sim 30$ meV
(normal vs inverted hierarchies...)
- $\sigma(N_{\text{eff}}) \sim 0.024$
(thermal history 1 sec after Big Bang!)

Summary

- *Next generation CMB surveys: discovery potential for new physics if systematics under control*

Transition between precision and accuracy

