

Component separation with GNILC for 21-cm line intensity mapping

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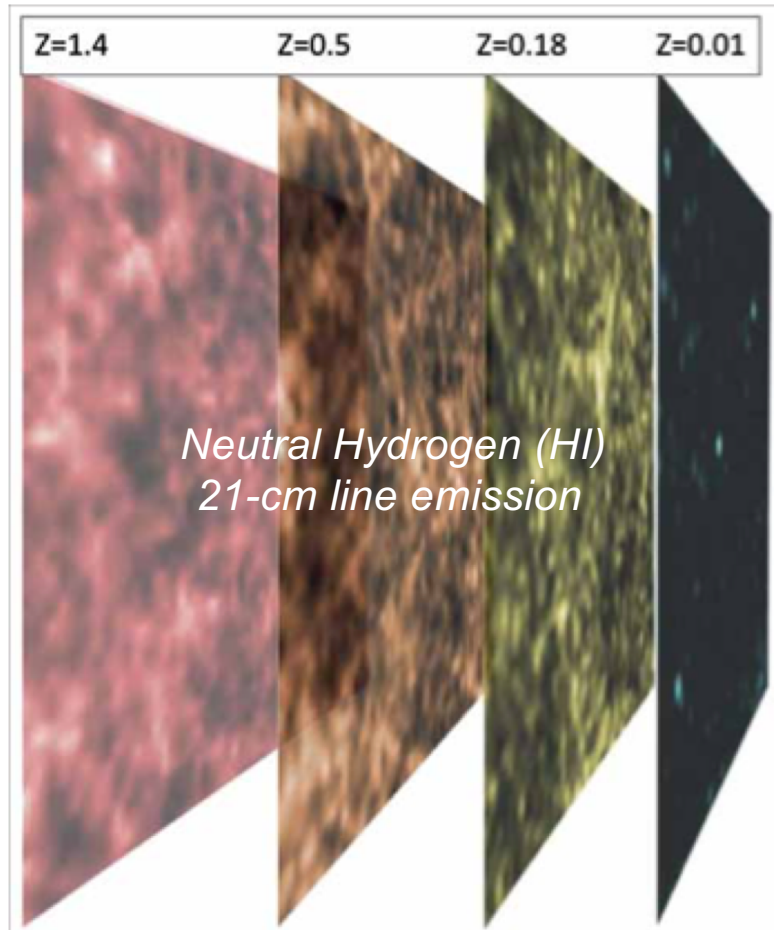
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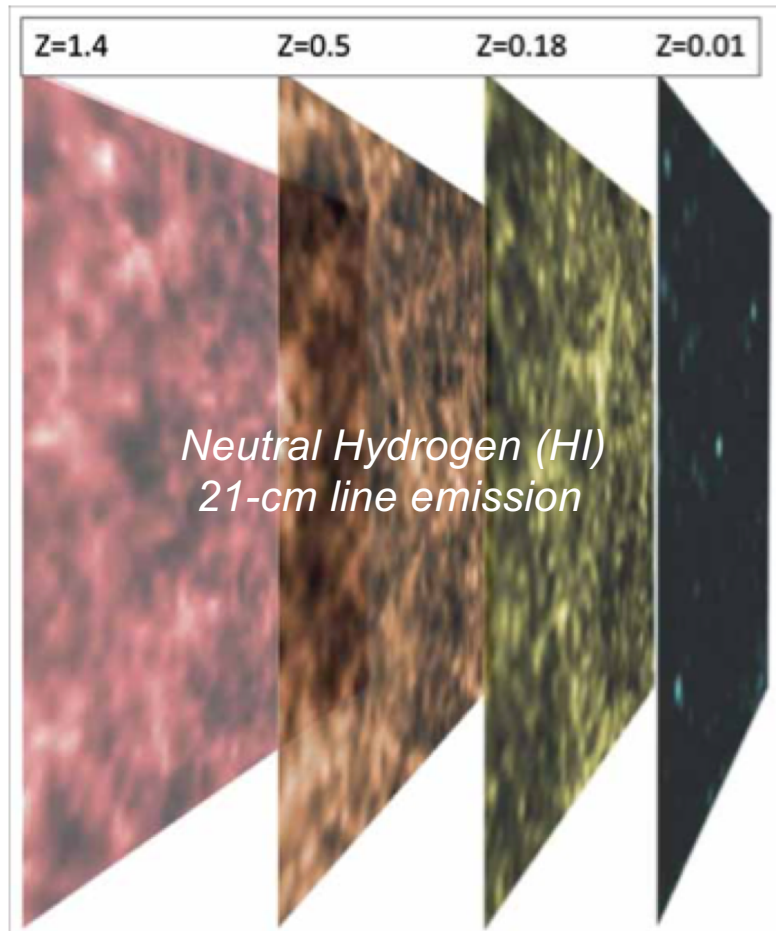
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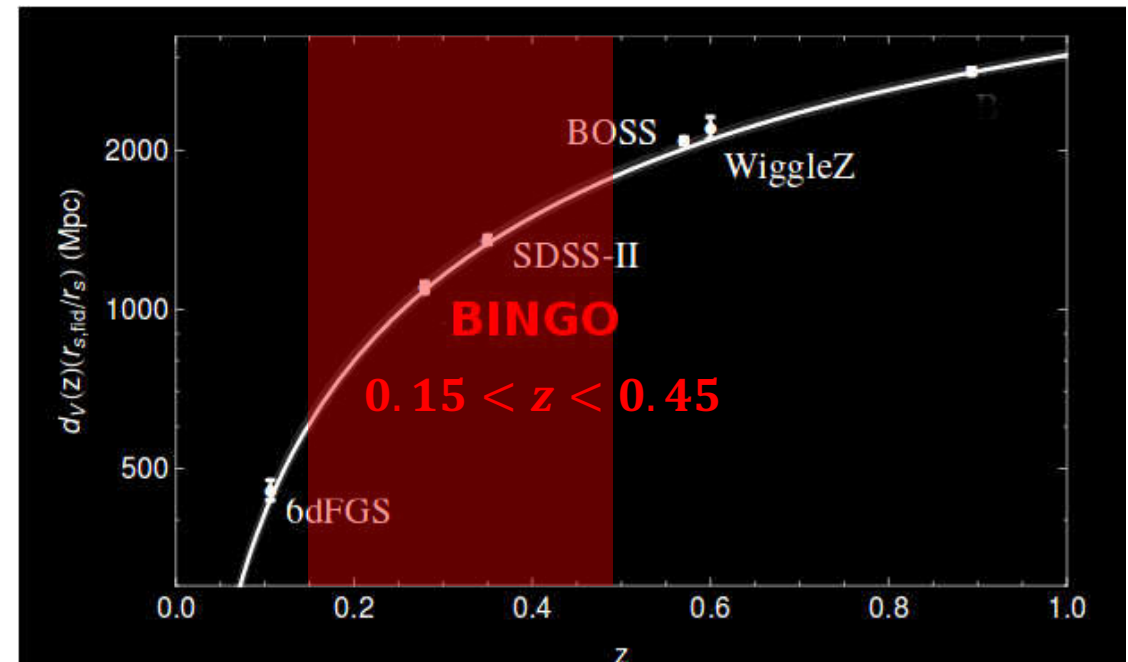
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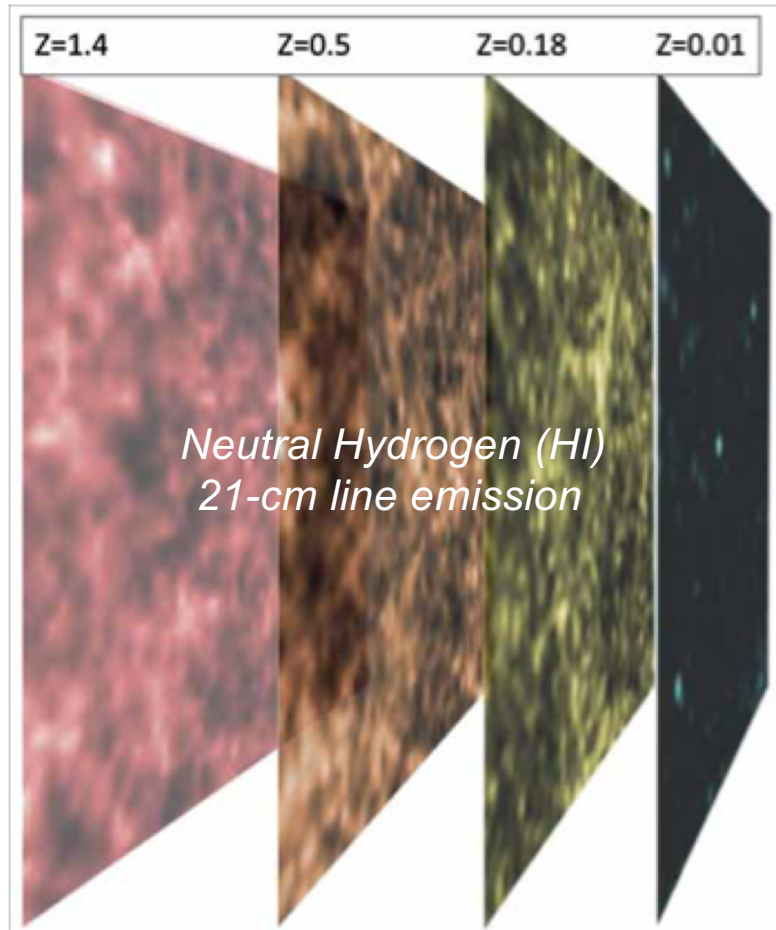
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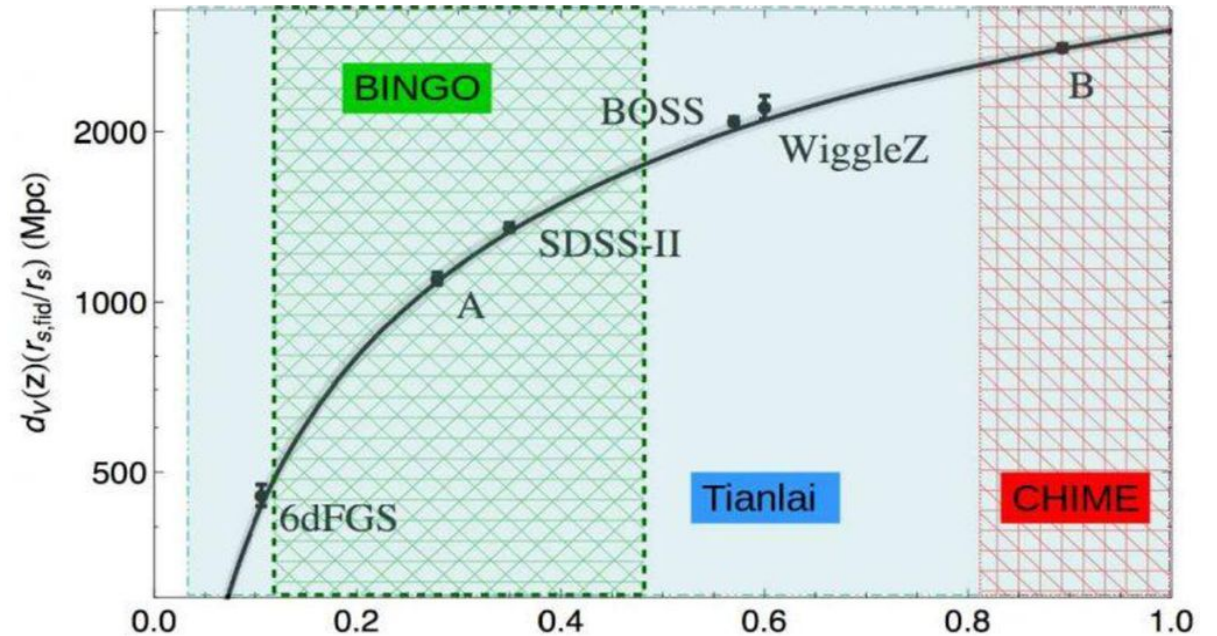
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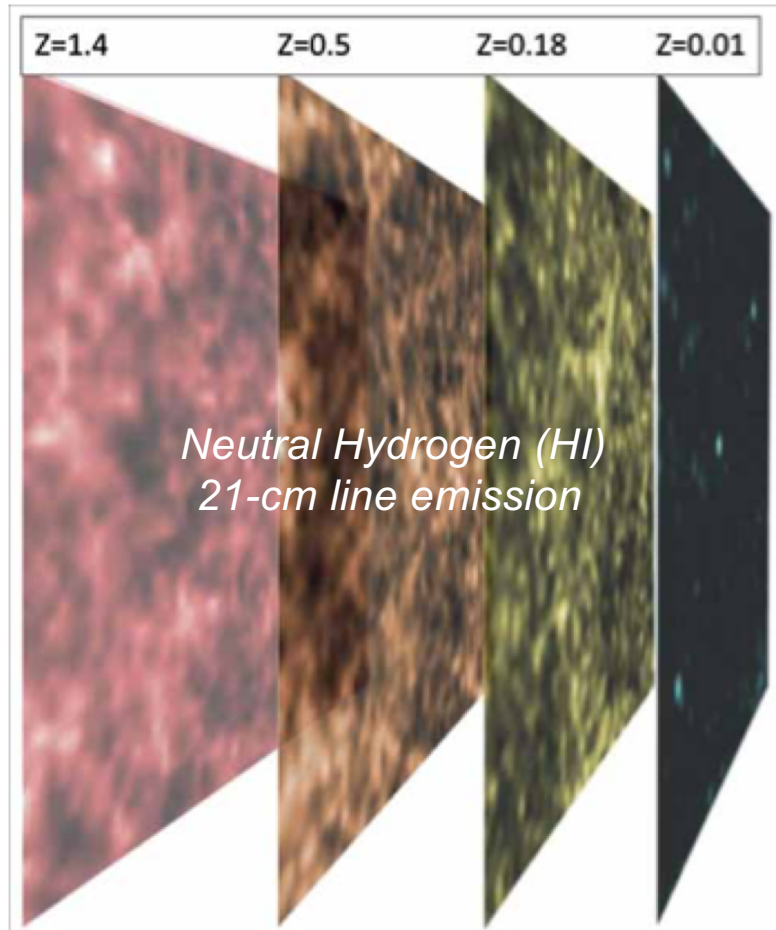
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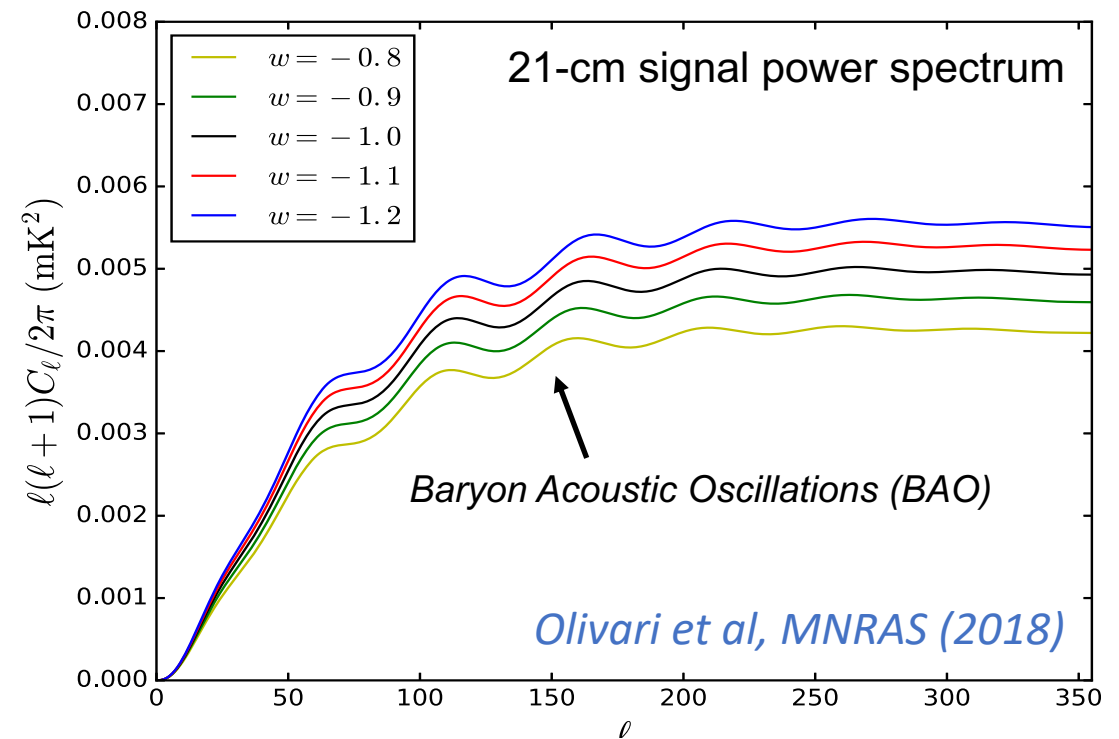
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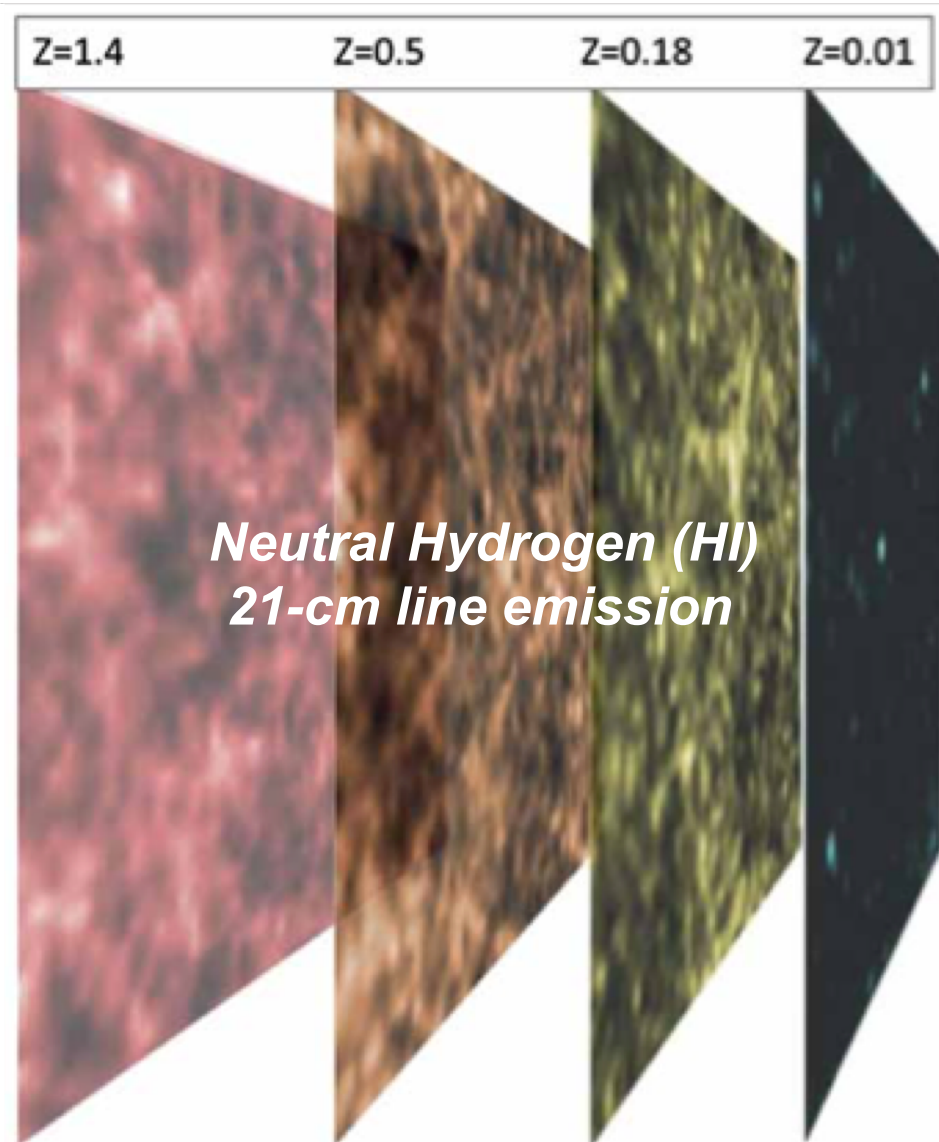
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**BINGO will probe BAO and dark energy
across redshifts $0.15 < z < 0.45$**

Galactic foregrounds obscure the 21-cm signal

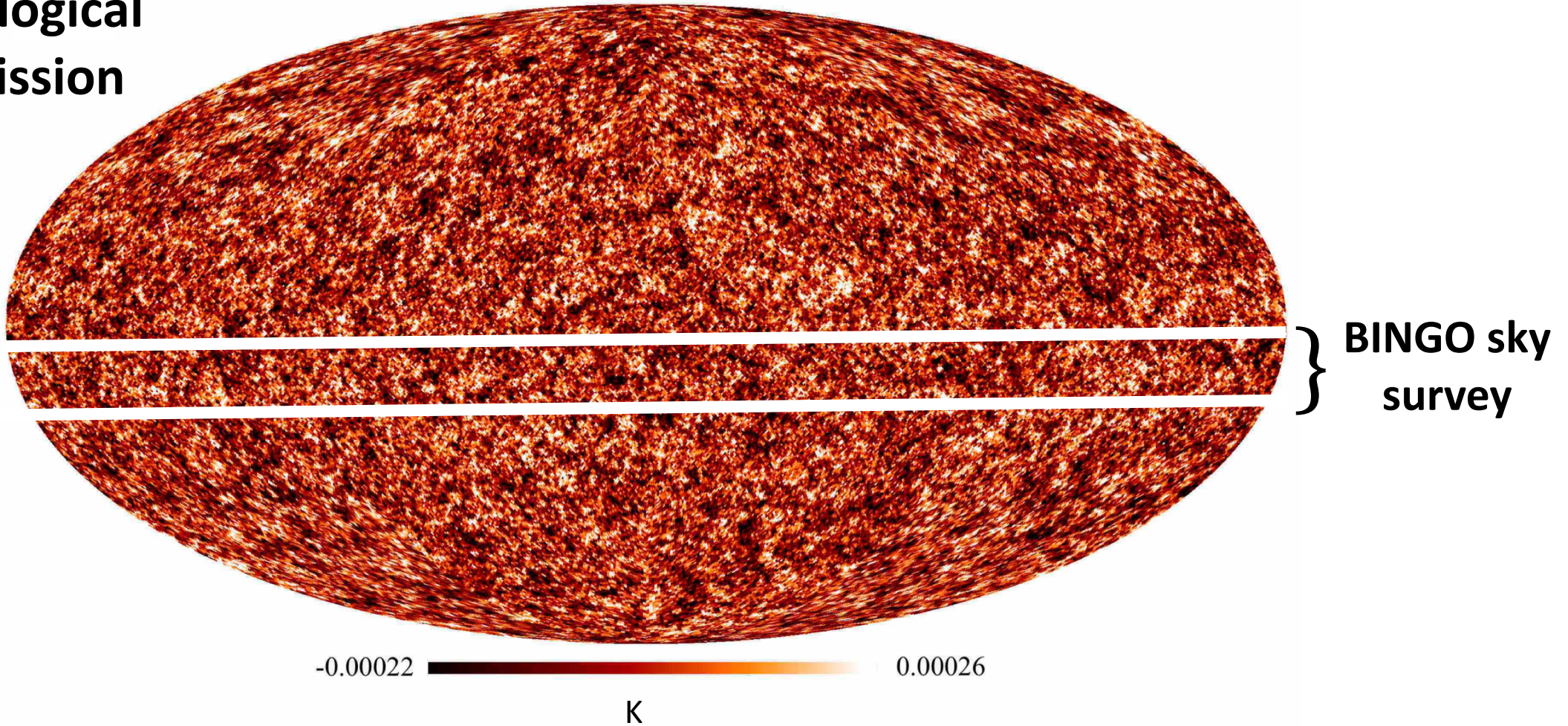


*Foreground
emission from
our Galaxy*



Temperature fluctuations of the 21-cm signal

Cosmological
HI emission

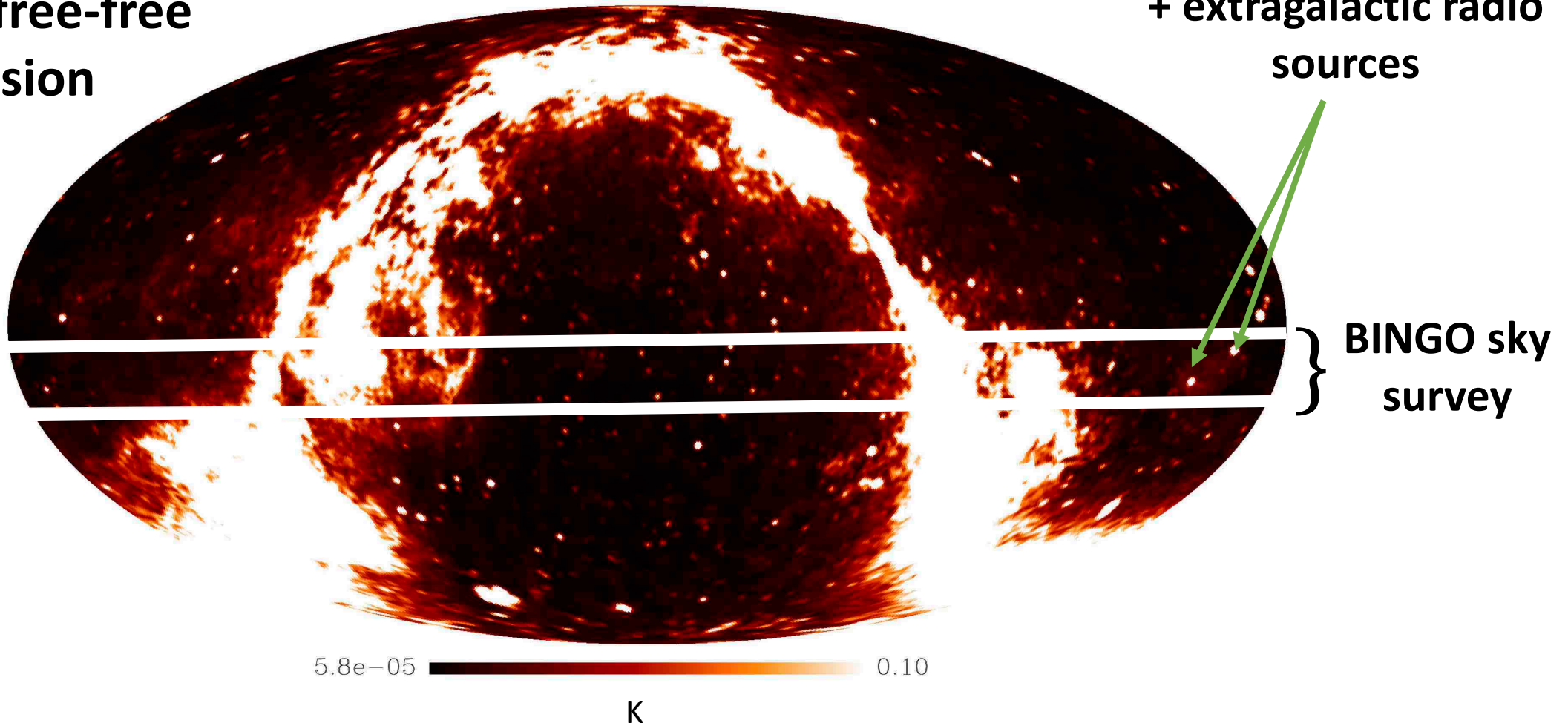


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Astrophysical foregrounds obscure the signal

**Galactic free-free
emission**

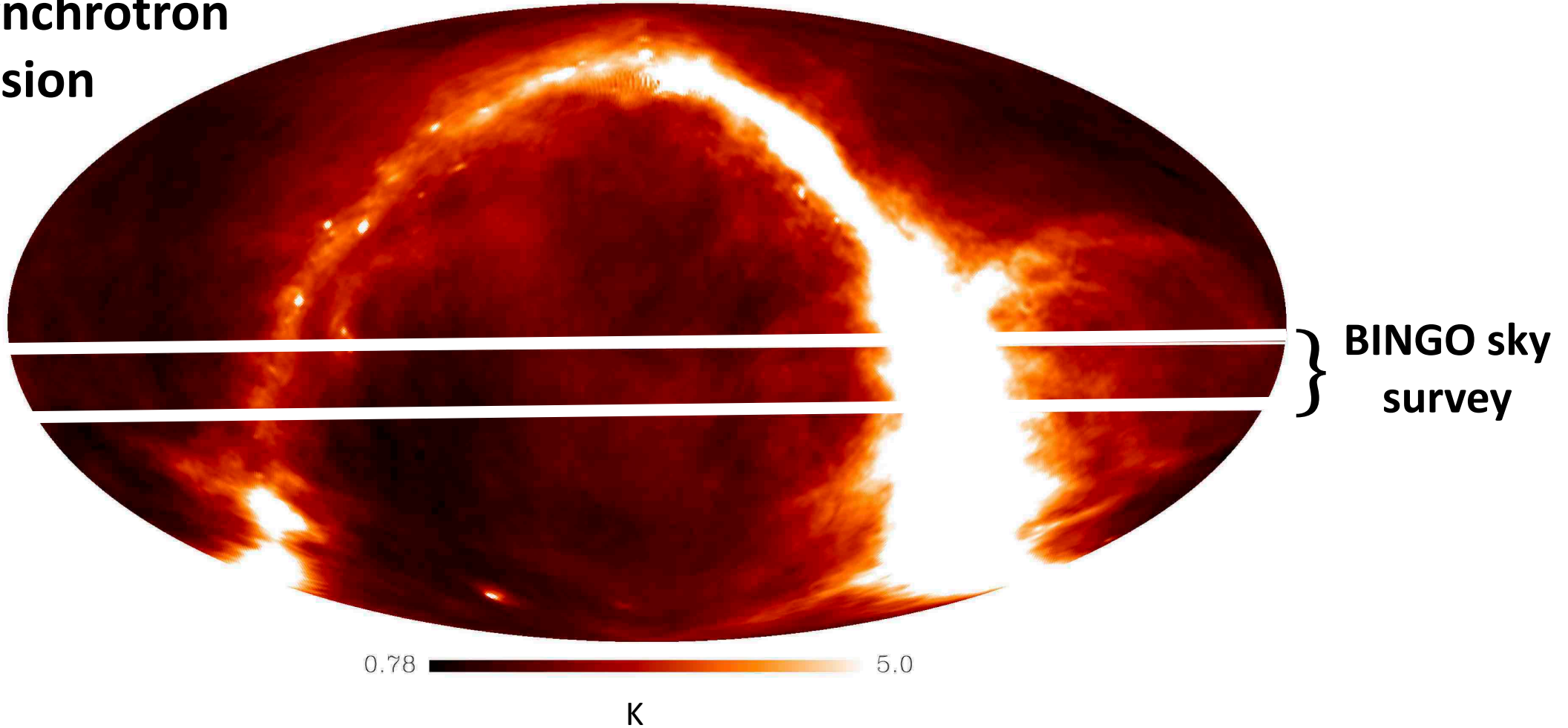
**+ extragalactic radio
sources**



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**Galactic synchrotron
emission**



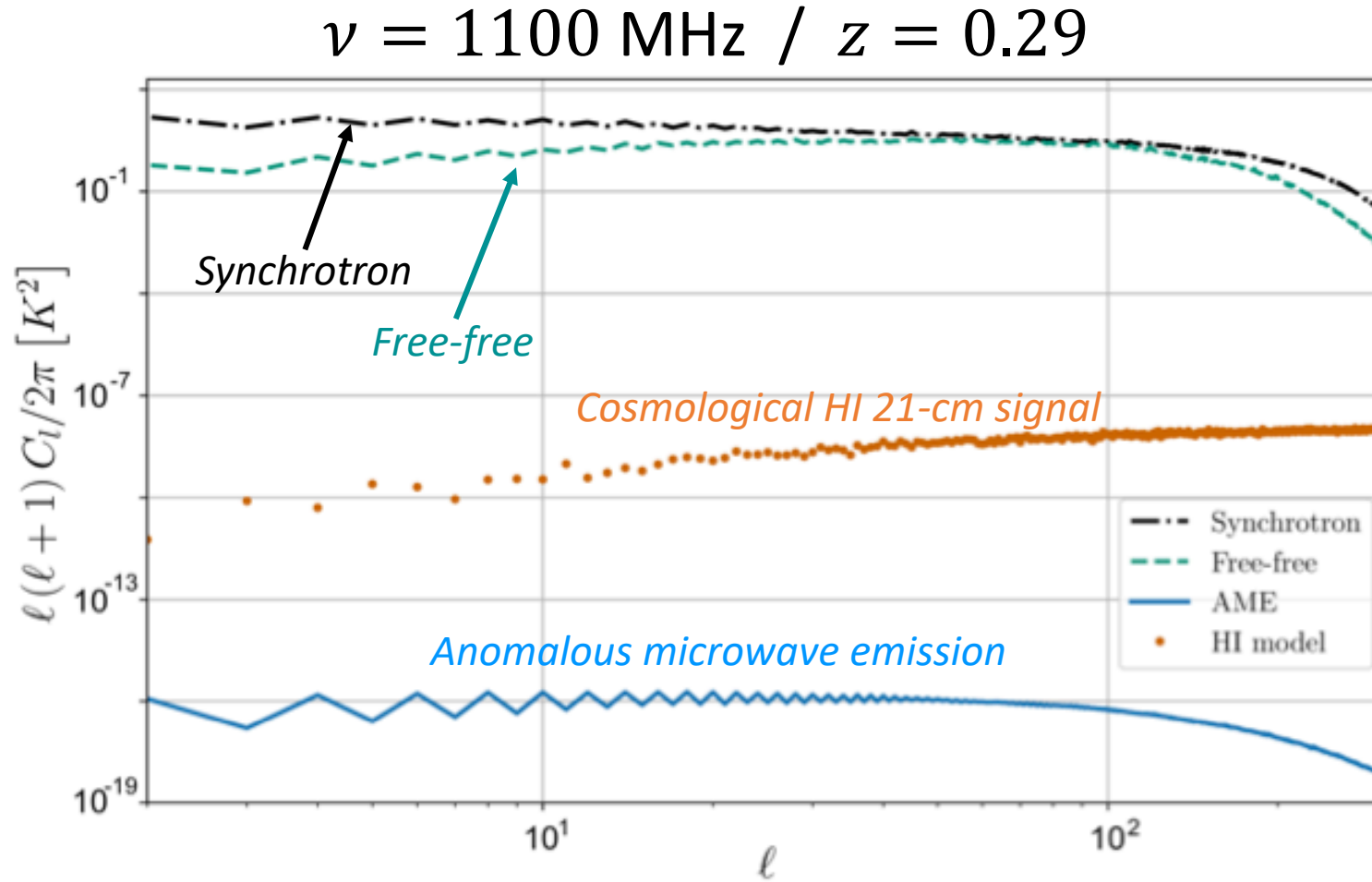
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Astrophysical foregrounds obscure the signal

Huge amplitude discrepancies!



8 to 9 orders of magnitude!



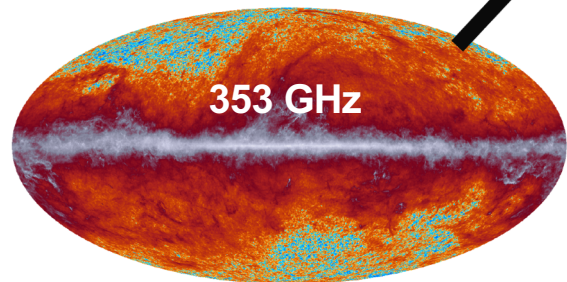
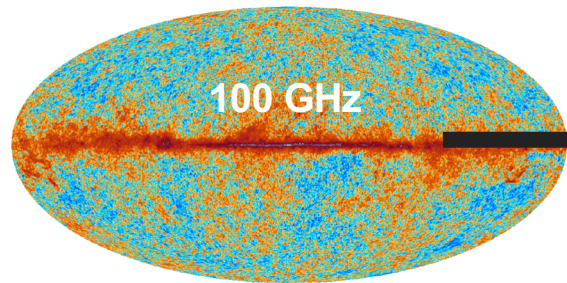
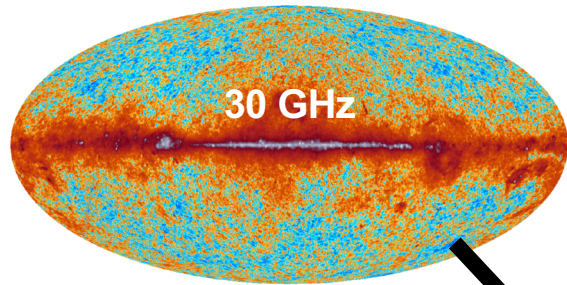
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Component Separation

Similar challenges to that of CMB data

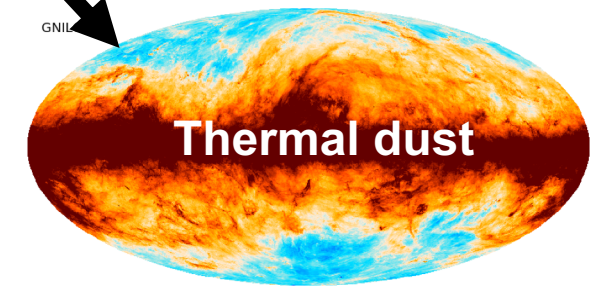
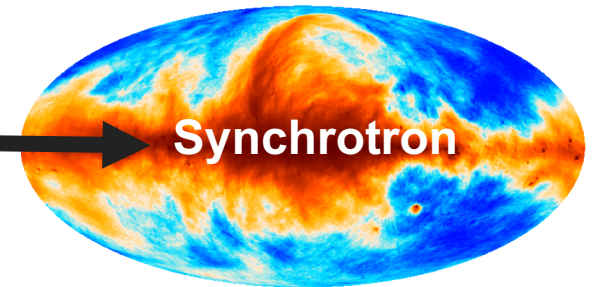
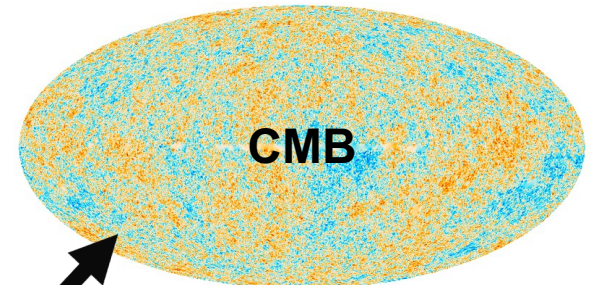
General idea: frequency information

Multi-frequency data



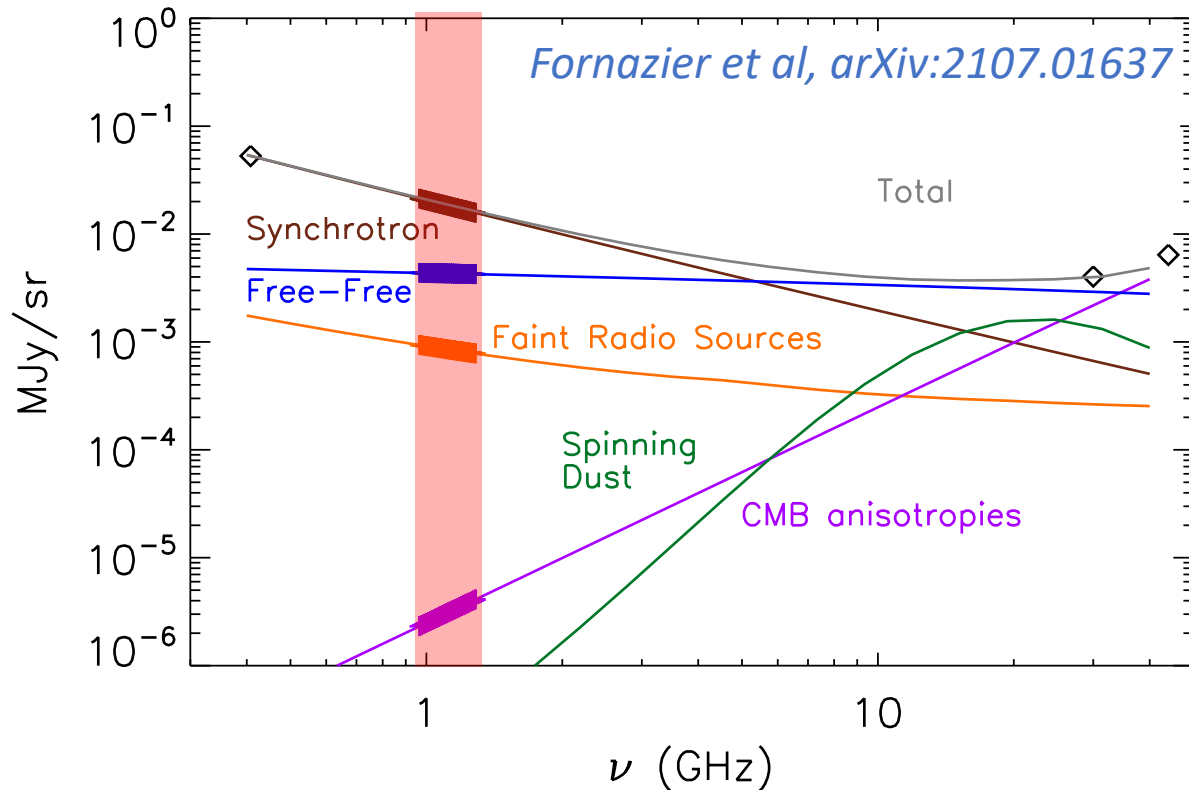
Inverse Problem

How to disentangle the various components of emission contributing to the set of observations?

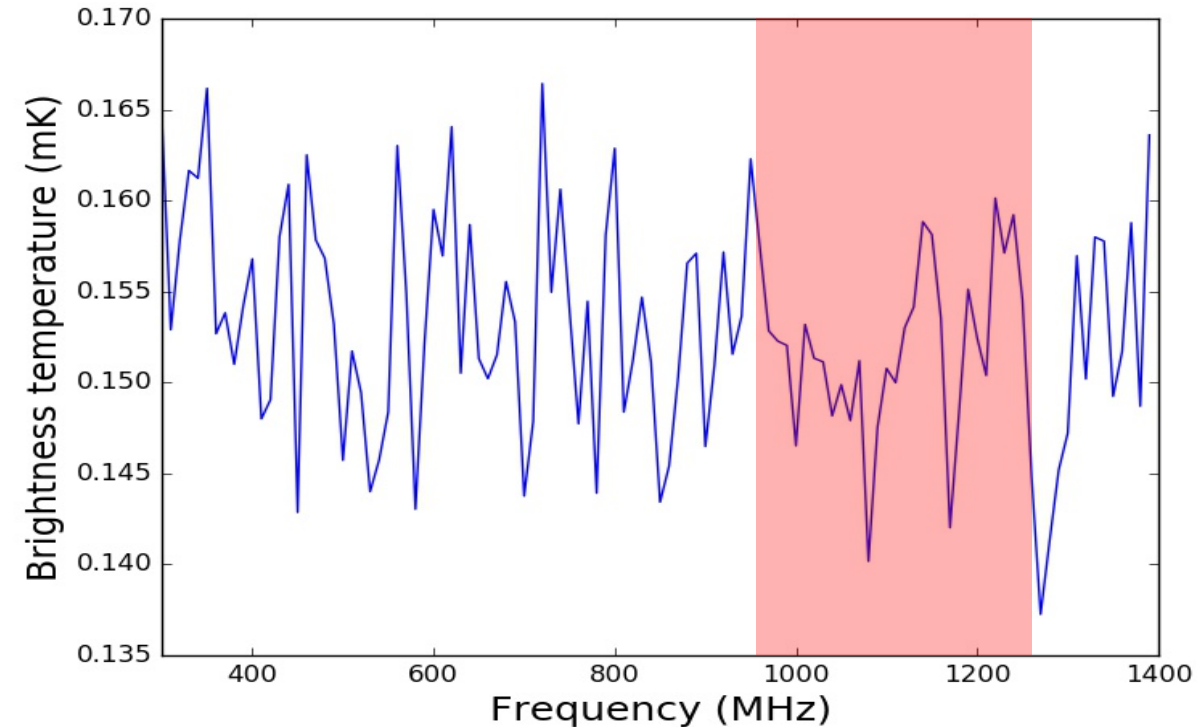


Distinct spectral signatures

Astrophysical foregrounds



Cosmological 21-cm signal



Multi-frequency BINGO observations should allow to disentangle cosmological 21-cm signal and astrophysical foregrounds

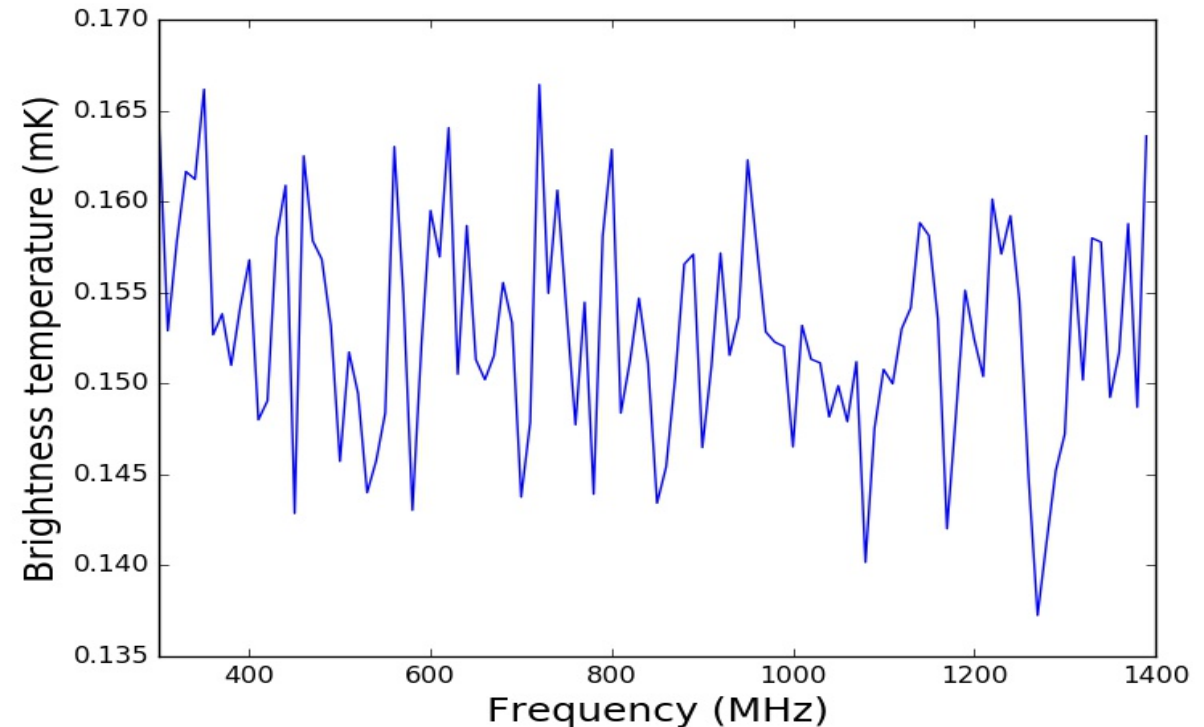
Peculiarities of 21-cm component separation

In contrast to CMB, the spectral signature of the 21-cm signal is unknown/random!

→ *21-cm component separation methods reduce to foreground subtraction techniques*

→ *risk of losing part of the 21-cm signal by oversubtracting foregrounds*

Cosmological 21-cm signal



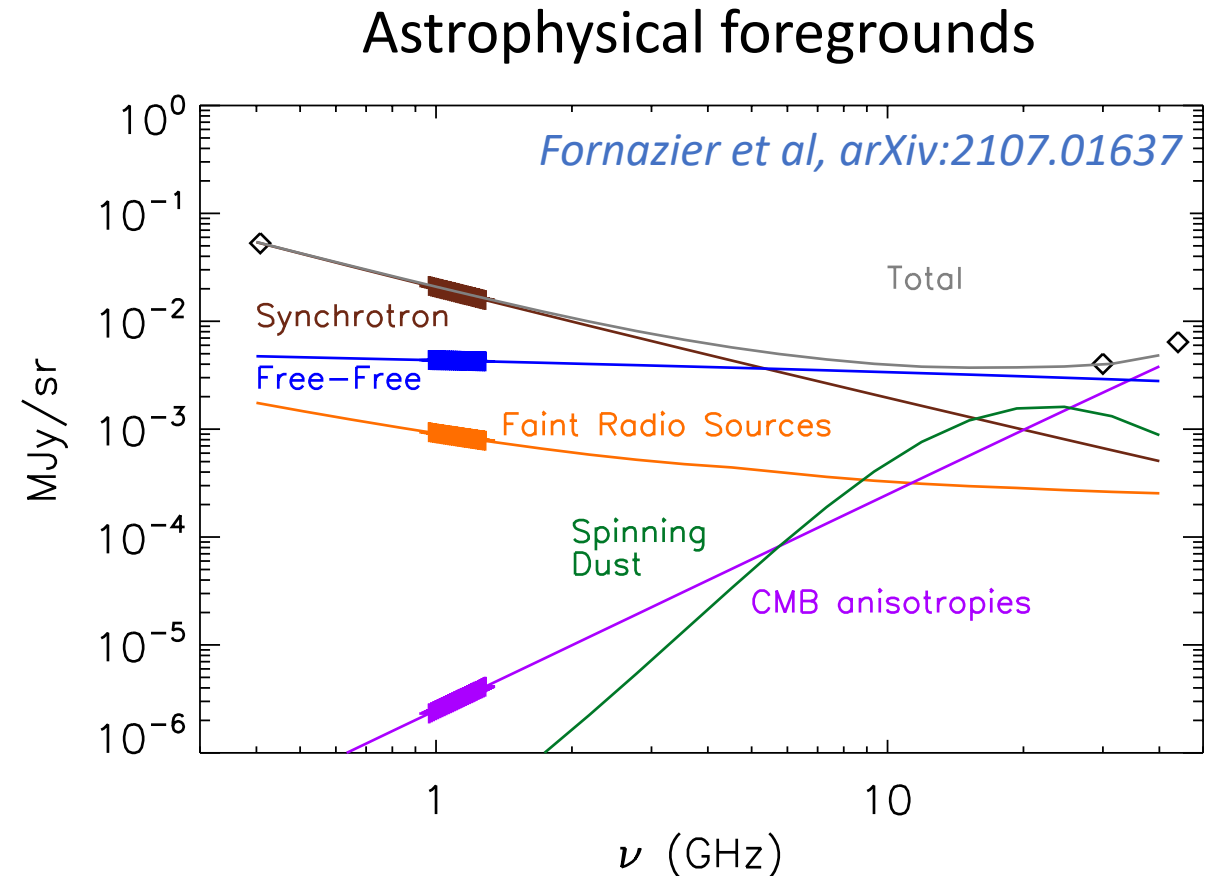
We need to think beyond spectral modelling to extract the 21-cm signal!

Peculiarities of 21-cm component separation

The so-called “spectral smoothness” of the foregrounds is a myth!

→ *Telescope systematics (e.g. standing waves) break the “smoothness” of the foregrounds*

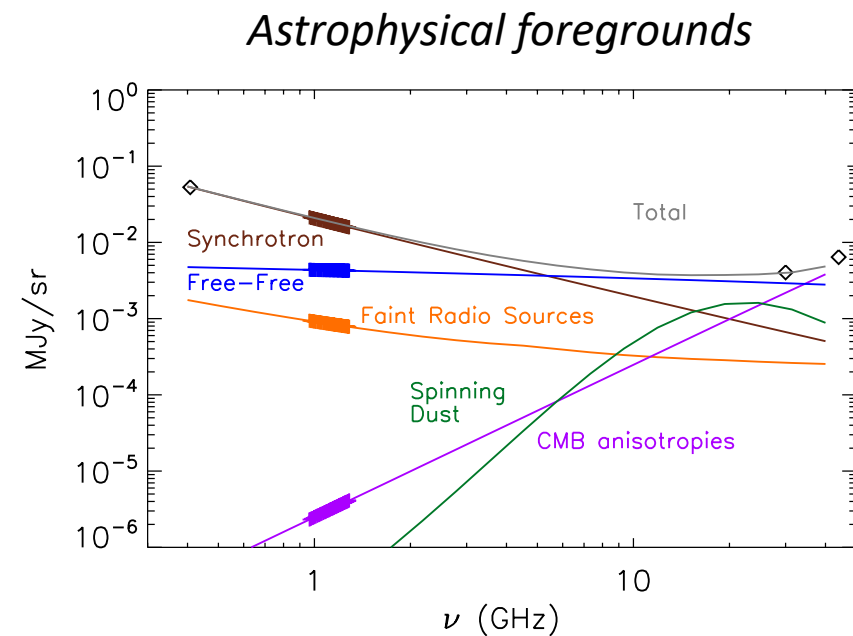
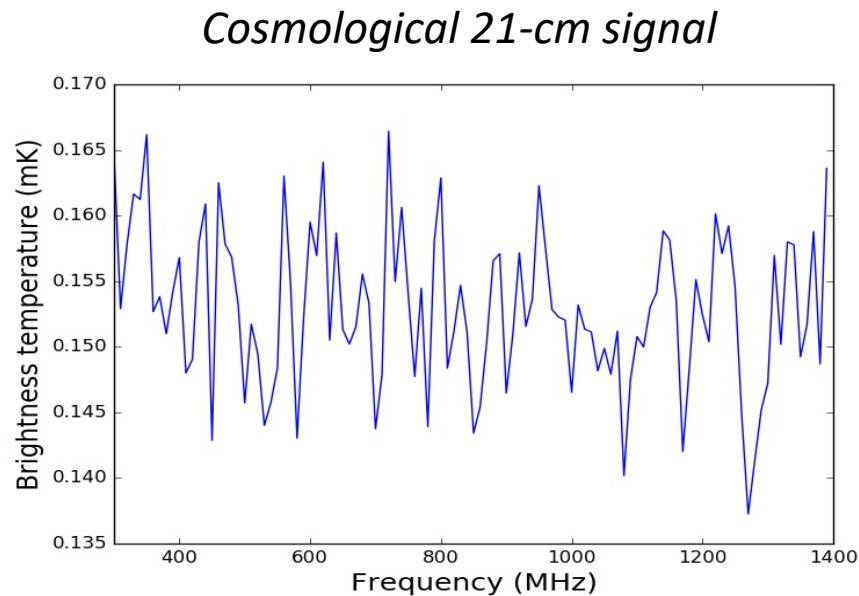
→ *Given the huge amplitude discrepancy between foregrounds and 21-cm signal, any small mismodeling of the foregrounds will result in large biases on the 21-cm signal*



We need to avoid making strong assumptions about foregrounds when the targeted signal is several orders of magnitude lower!

Peculiarities of 21-cm component separation

The 21-cm signal is mostly decorrelated between frequencies, while foreground emissions are strongly correlated across frequencies



(De)correlation properties should be exploited to discriminate between foregrounds and 21-cm signal!

GNILC

Remazeilles, Delabrouille, Cardoso, MNRAS 2011

Olivari, Remazeilles, Dickinson, MNRAS 2016

GNILC (“Generalized Needlet Internal Linear Combination”) is an extension of the blind ILC method which allows

- ❑ **to break spectral degeneracies**

e.g. cosmic infrared background (CIB) and Galactic thermal dust emissions

- ❑ **to overcome lack of spectral information**

e.g. cosmological 21-cm line emission

GNILC

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- ❑ **Use statistical / spatial information** (power spectrum) to compensate any lack of spectral information (e.g. unknown SED, spectral degeneracies)

- ❑ **Blind**, i.e. no assumption about astrophysical foregrounds

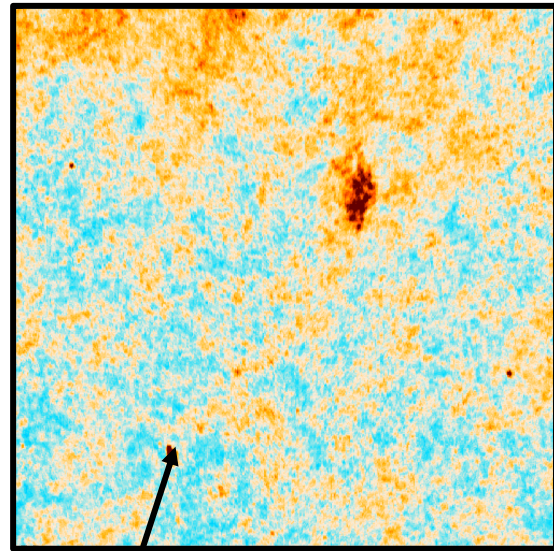
Sole prior assumption: power spectrum of the cosmological signal

- ❑ **Wavelet-based**

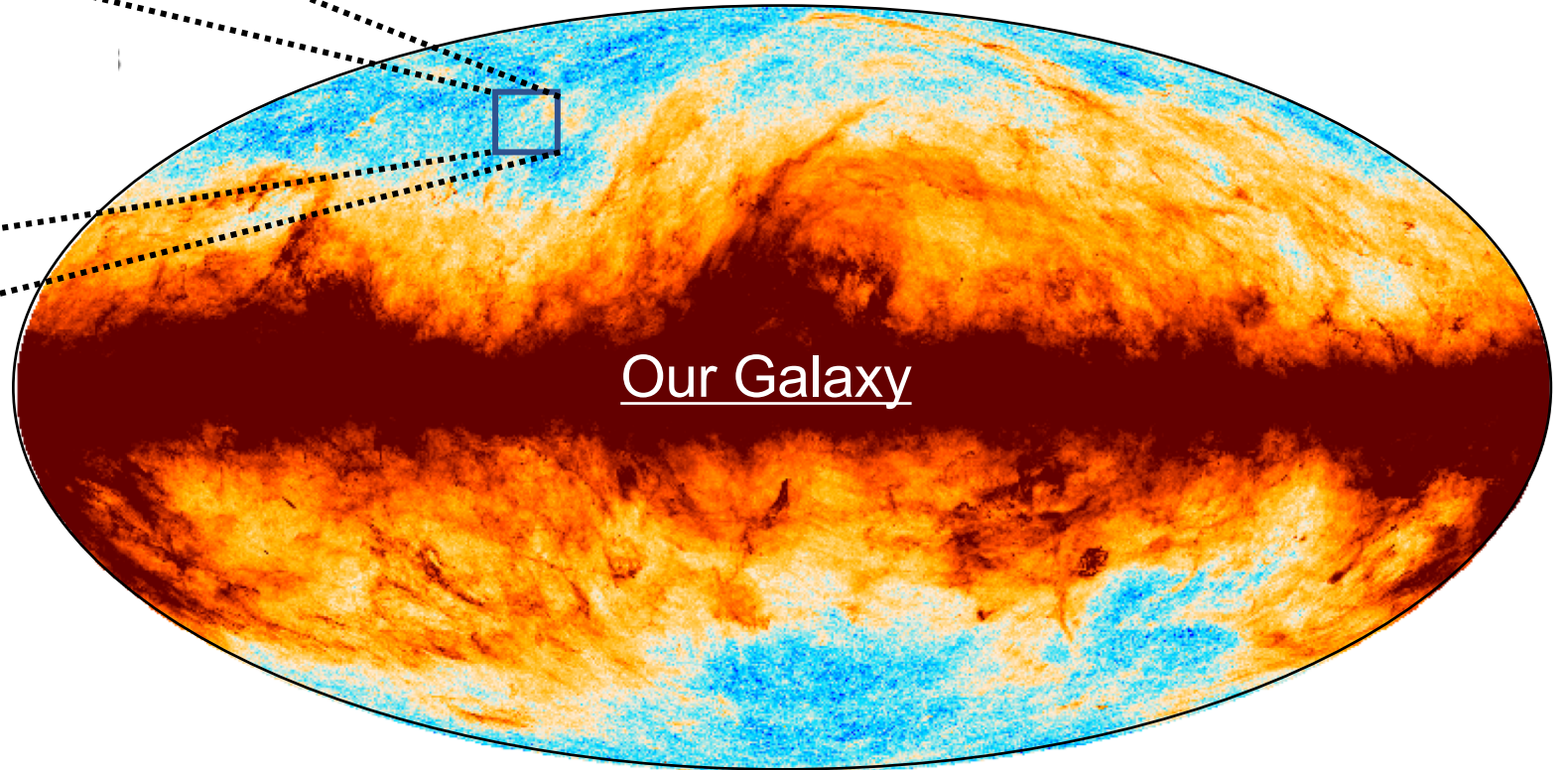
Allows to optimize component separation depending on the local variations of foregrounds and noise both across the sky and across angular scales

Planck 2013 map of Galactic dust

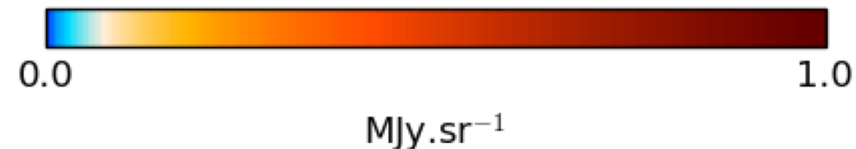
Planck 2013 results XI, A&A 2014



CIB contamination
at small scales!
(background galaxies)

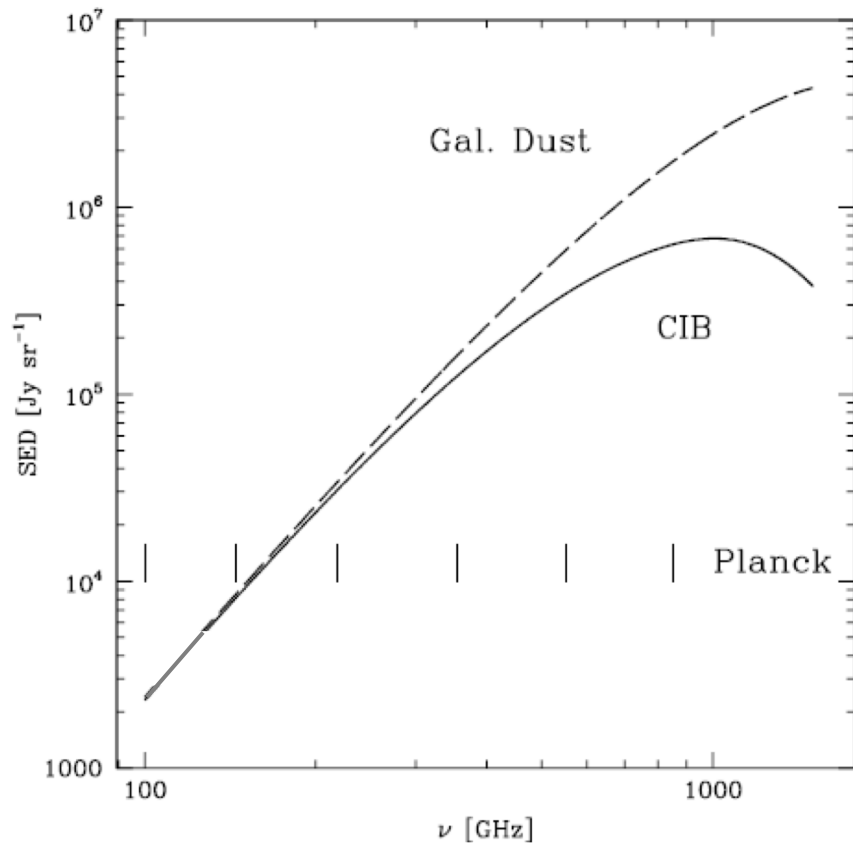


Our Galaxy



Dust-CIB spectral degeneracy

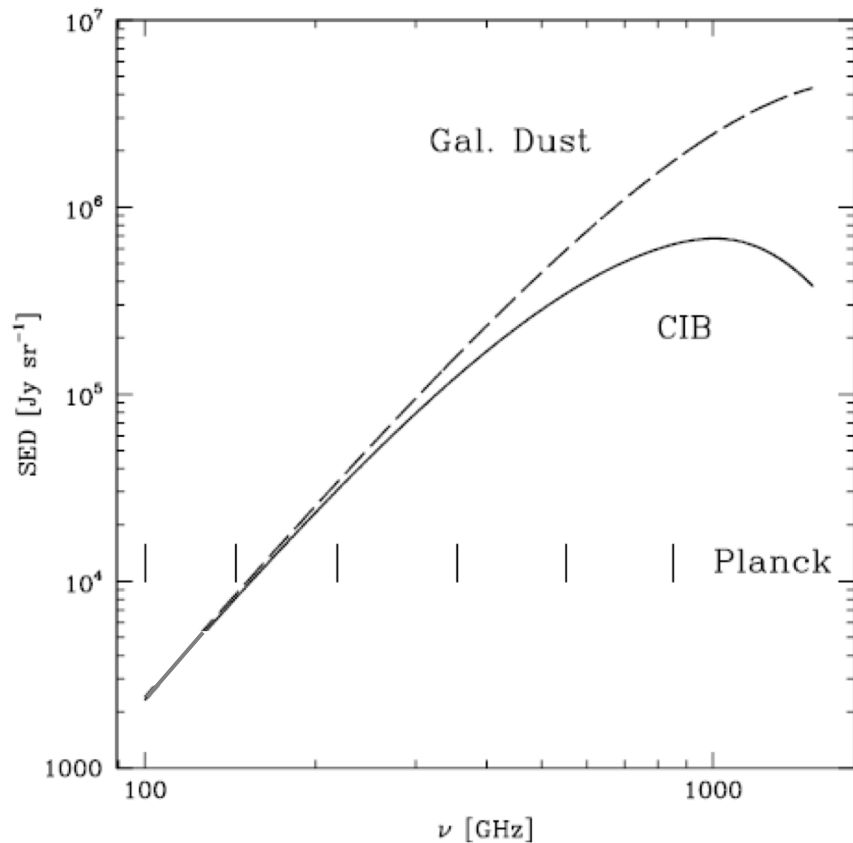
CIB and thermal dust have similar spectral signatures (modified blackbody)



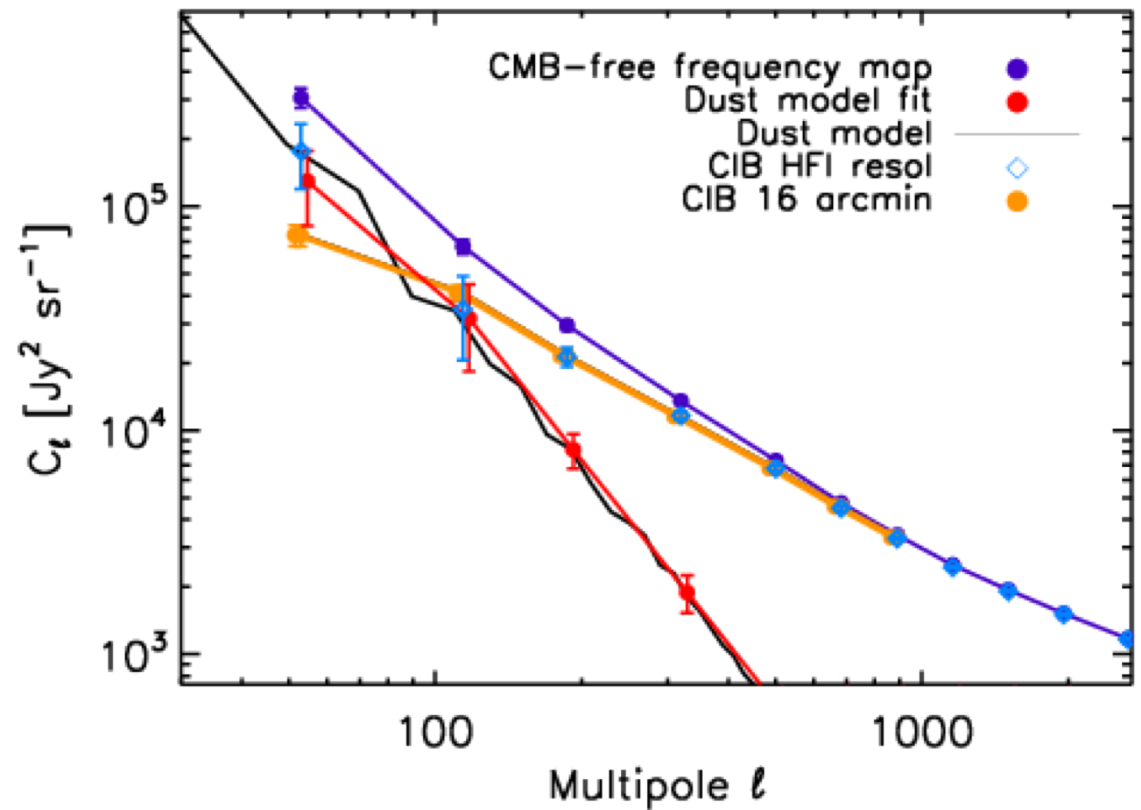
- ❑ Fitting a modified blackbody spectrum to *Planck* multi-frequency data can't help to disentangle thermal dust and CIB emissions
- ❑ GNILC goes beyond spectral modelling for component separation
- ❑ Unlike other methods which rely solely on spectral information, GNILC uses statistical information to discriminate dust and CIB

Breaking the dust-CIB spectral degeneracy

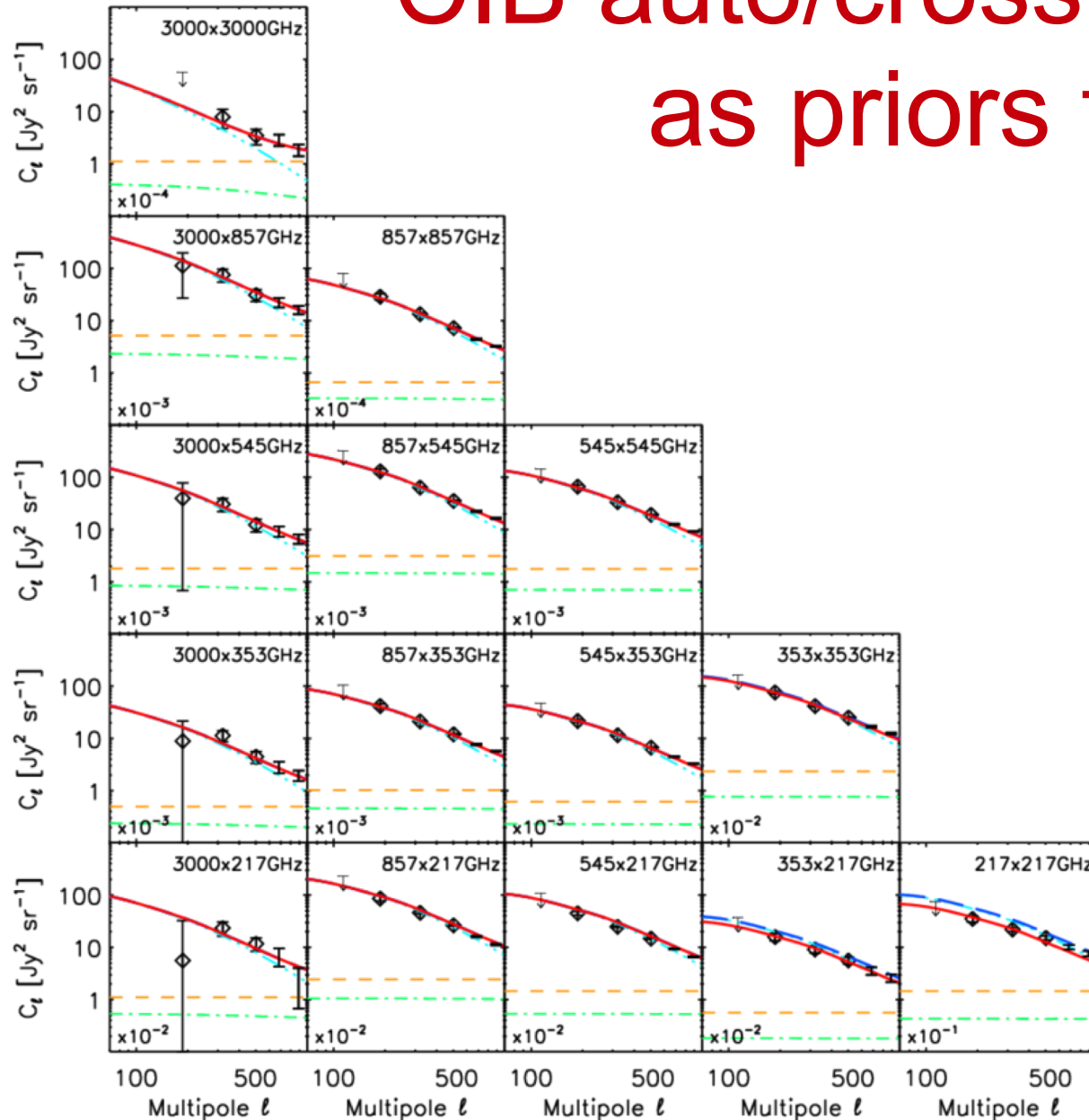
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But thermal dust and CIB have distinct angular power spectra!



CIB auto/cross power spectra as priors to GNILC



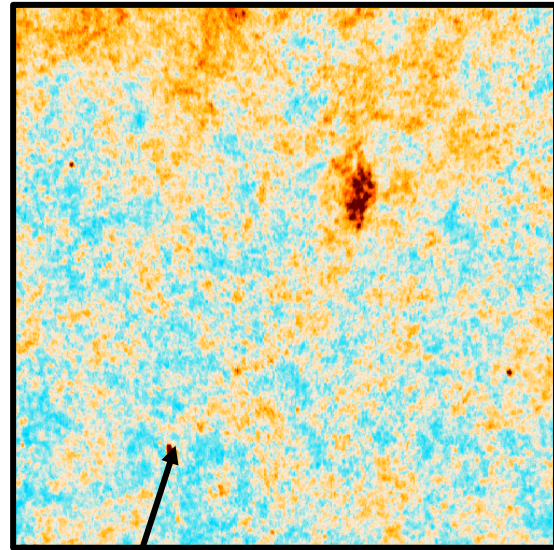
*The statistics of CIB is significantly
different from that of Galactic dust*

(no assumption about Galactic dust)

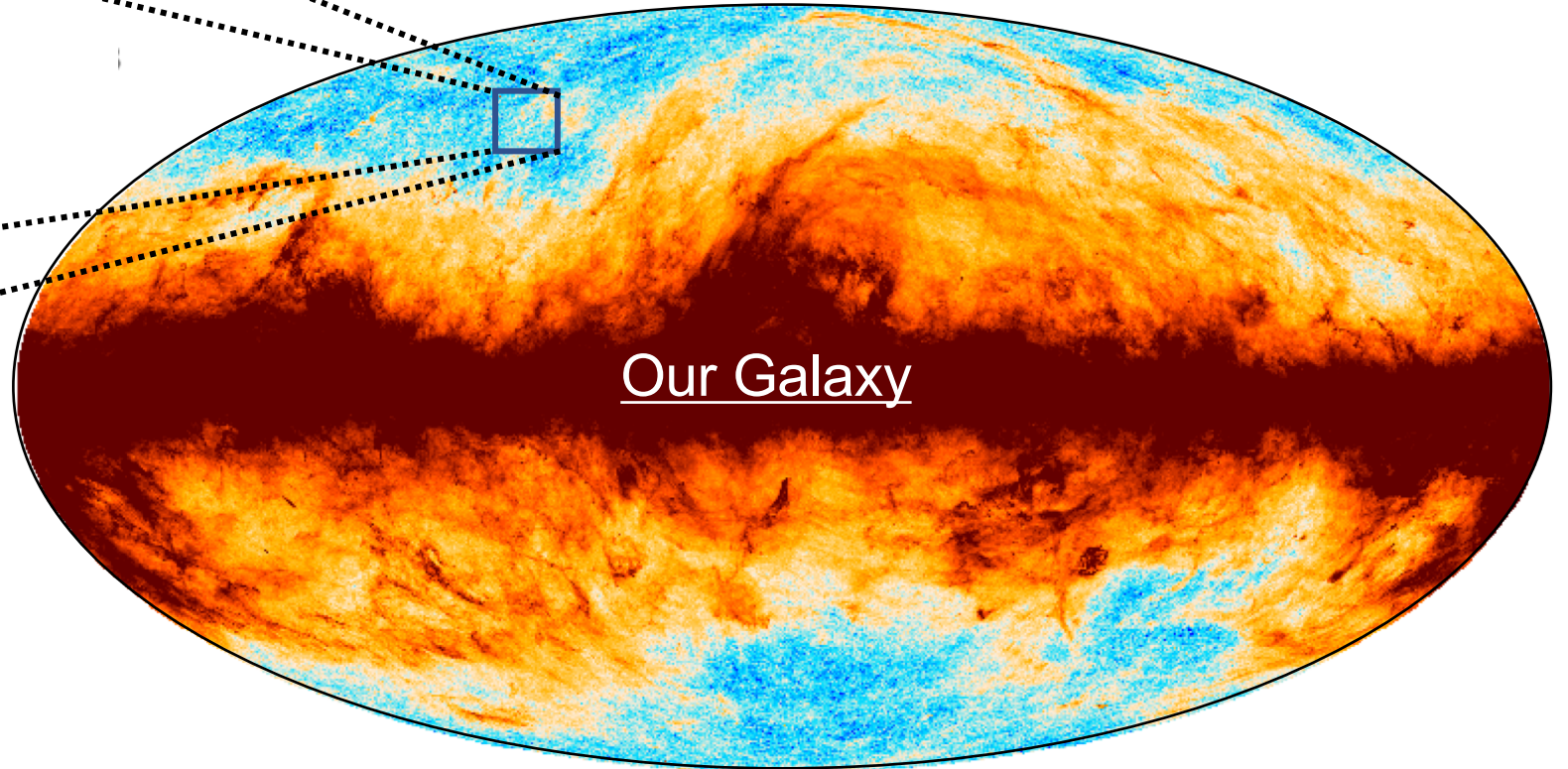
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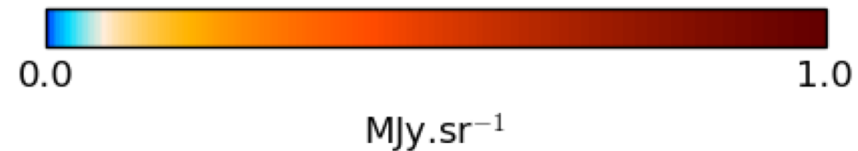
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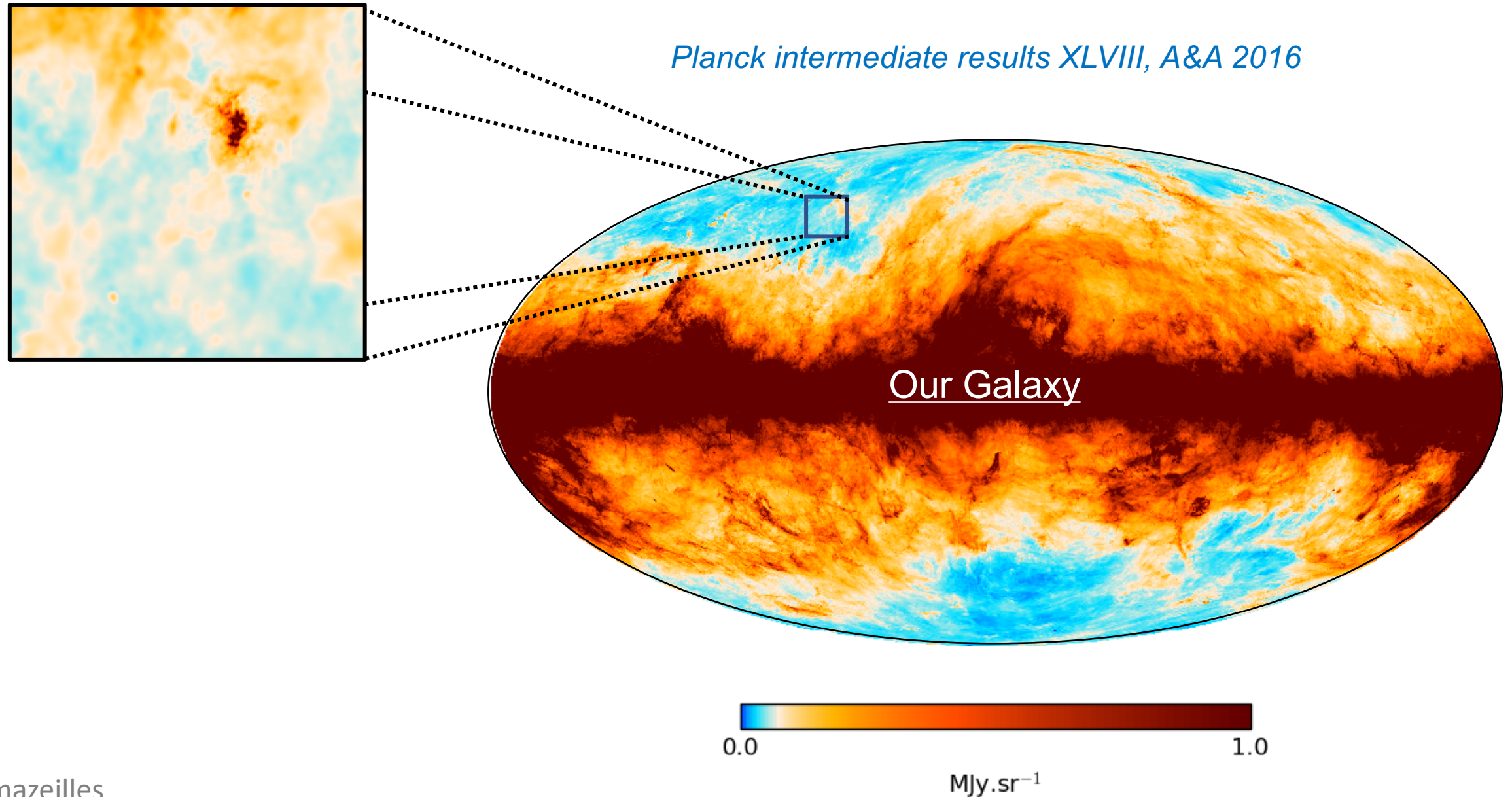
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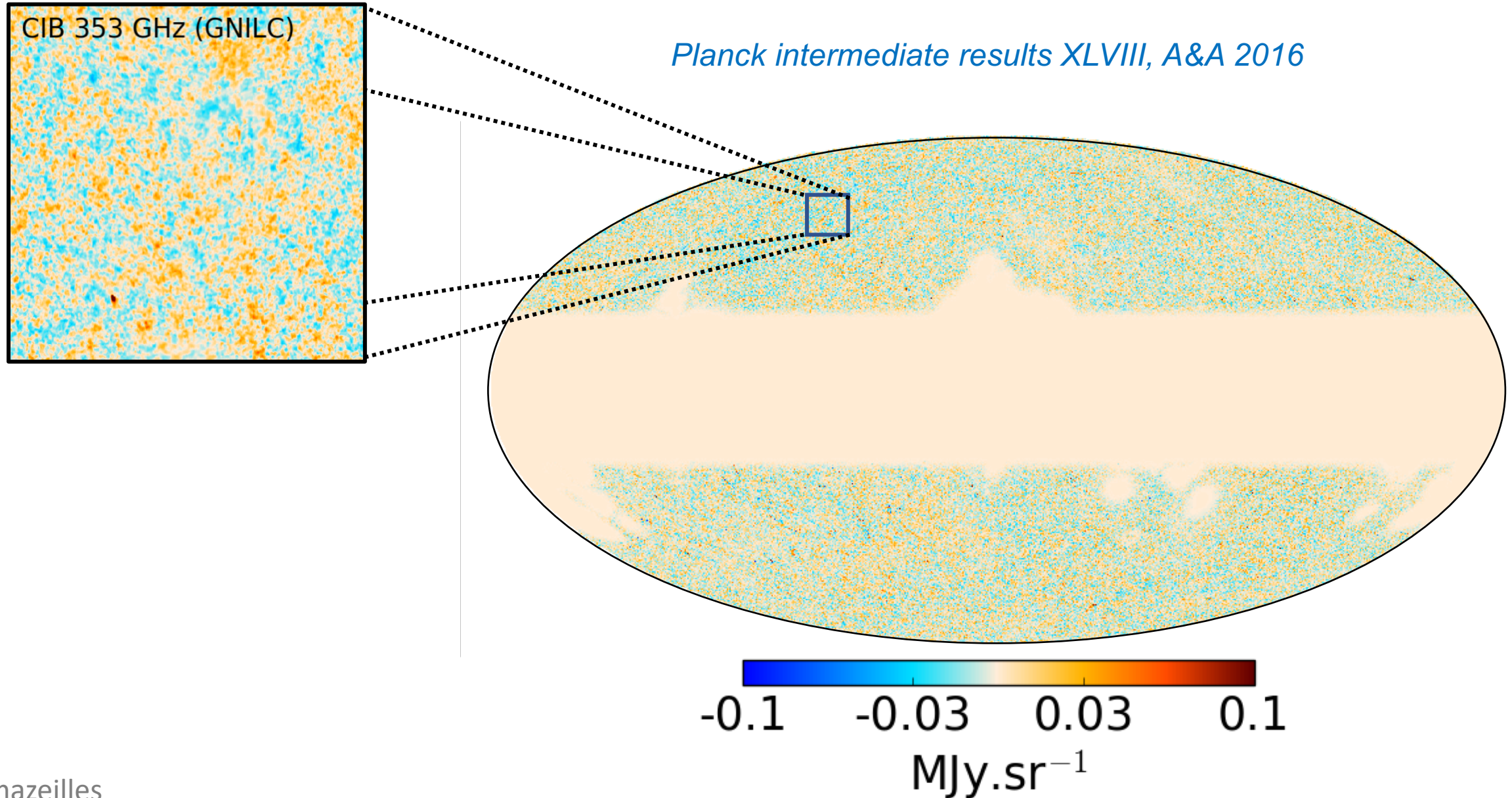
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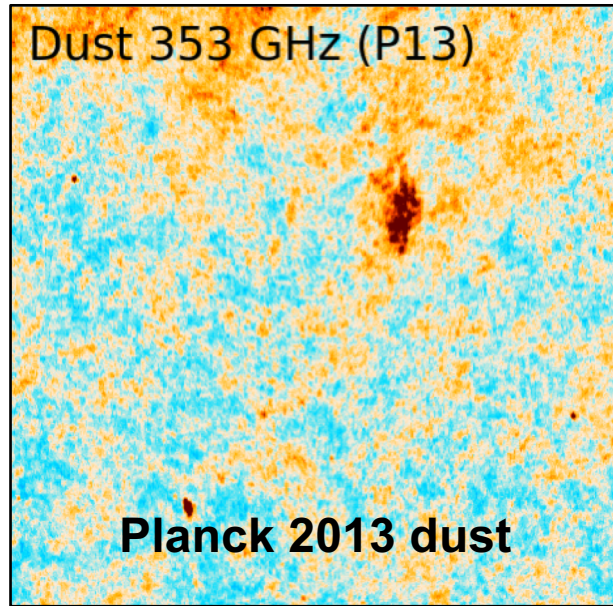
Planck GNILC map of Galactic dust



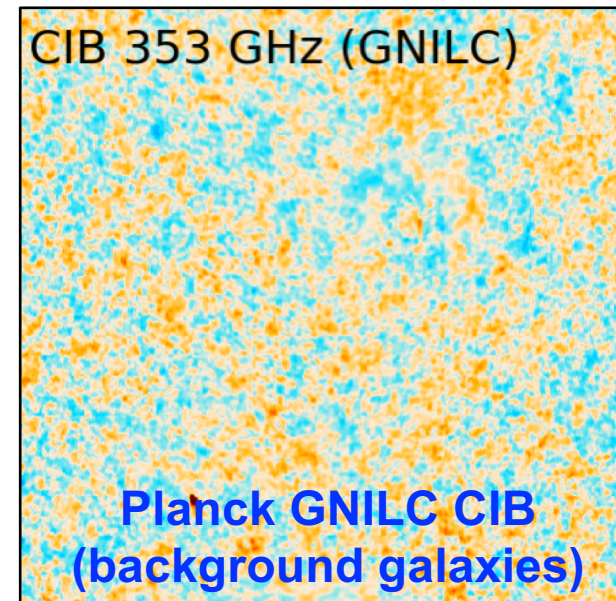
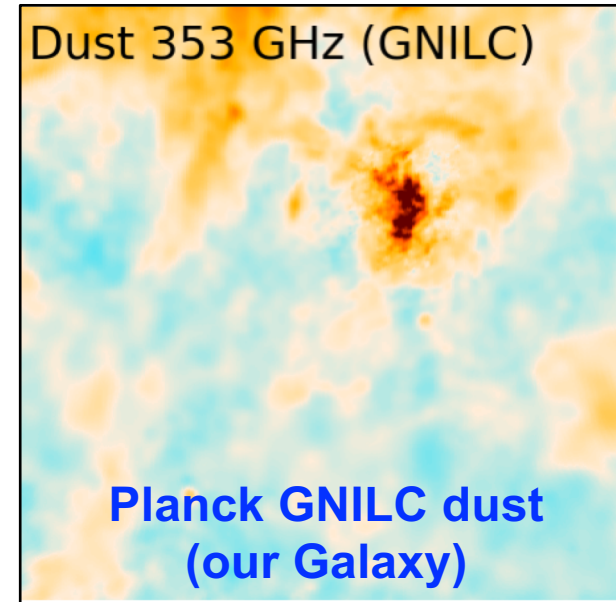
Planck GNILC map of CIB fluctuations



GNILC disentangles Galactic dust and CIB



GNILC



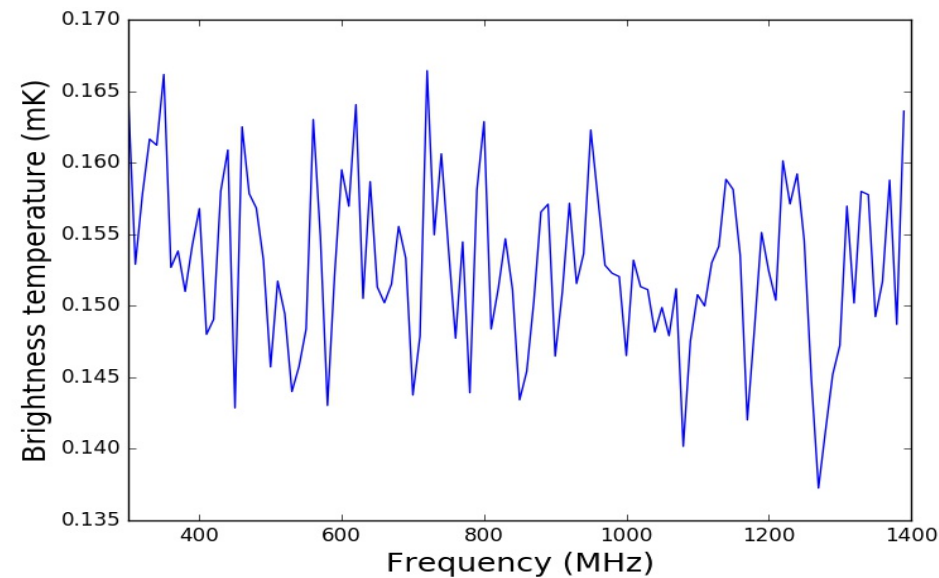
Planck intermediate results XLVIII, A&A (2016)

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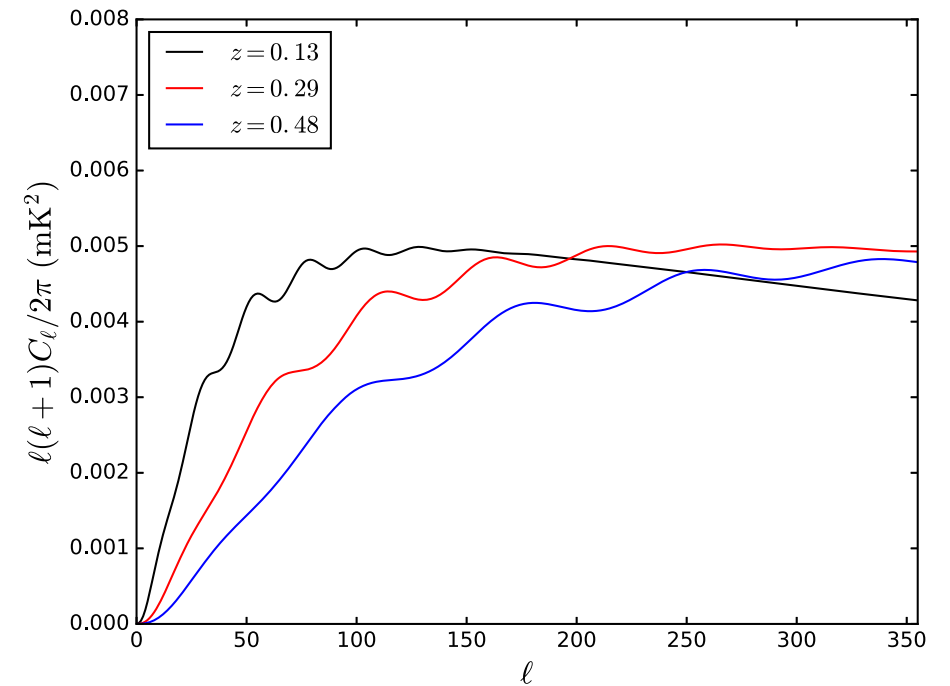
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*Non-trivial spectral response (SED) of 21-cm signal
(mostly decorrelated across frequencies)*



GNILC

*Use prior information on
21-cm power spectrum*

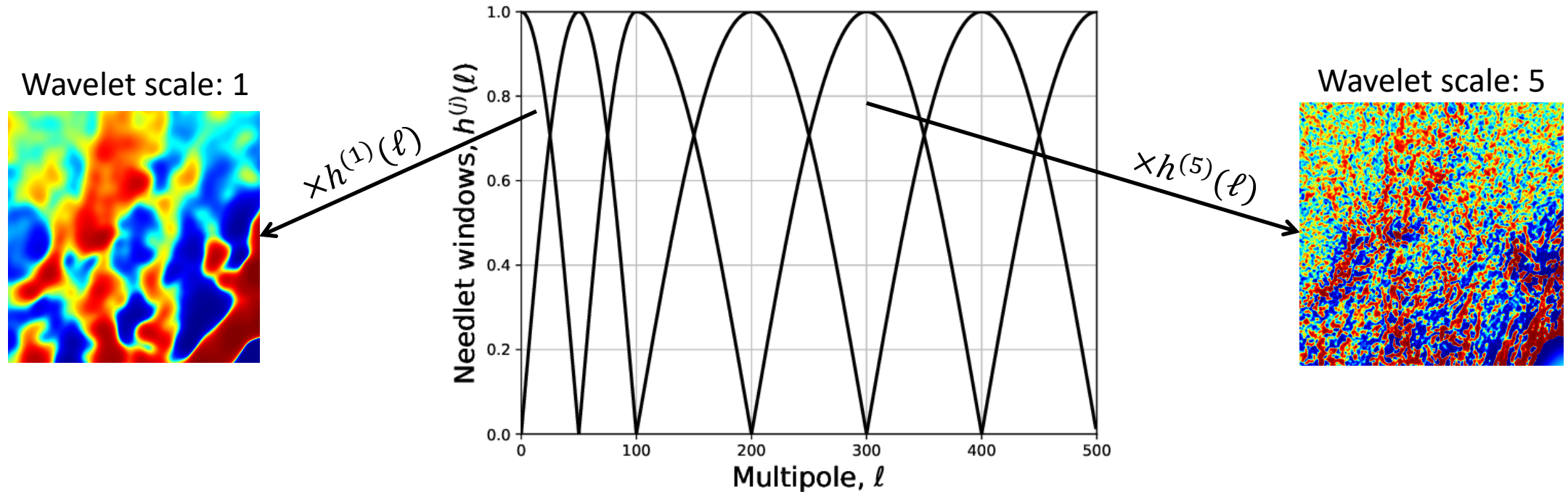


GNILC in 6 main steps

1. Needlet (spherical wavelet) decomposition of the BINGO sky maps

$$d_{\nu}(\vec{n}) \xrightarrow{\text{SHT}} d_{\nu}(\ell, m) \xrightarrow{\times h^{(j)}(\ell)} d_{\nu}(\ell, m) \times h^{(j)}(\ell) \xrightarrow{\text{SHT}^{-1}} d_{\nu}^{(j)}(\vec{n})$$

Bandpass filtering in harmonic space through needlet windows



Component separation performed locally both across the sky and across the scales

- 2. For each needlet scale (j) and pixel \vec{n} , compute the data covariance matrix across all pairs of frequencies a, b**

$$\mathbf{C}_{ab}^{(j)}(\vec{n}) = \sum_{\vec{n}' \in \mathfrak{D}(\vec{n})} d_a^{(j)}(\vec{n}') d_b^{(j)}(\vec{n}')$$

*For each pixel \vec{n} and scale (j), $\mathbf{C}^{(j)}(\vec{n})$ is a $N \times N$ matrix,
where N is the number of frequency channels*

3. Use theoretical priors on 21cm signal power spectra, $C_\ell^{21\text{cm,prior}}(\mathbf{v})$, across frequencies/redshifts to model the signal covariance matrix

- Use priors $C_\ell^{21\text{cm,prior}}(\mathbf{v})$ to simulate realisations of 21-cm signal maps $s_{\mathbf{v}}^{\text{prior}}(\vec{n})$
- Similarly to the data, the prior 21-cm realisations go through needlet decomposition: $s_{\mathbf{v}}^{\text{prior}}(\vec{n}) \rightarrow s_{\mathbf{v}}^{\text{prior},(j)}(\vec{n})$
- For each needlet scale (j) and each pixel \vec{n} , compute the **prior 21-cm signal covariance matrix**:

$$S_{ab}^{\text{prior},(j)}(\vec{n}) = \sum_{\vec{n}' \in \mathcal{D}(\vec{n})} s_a^{\text{prior},(j)}(\vec{n}') s_b^{\text{prior},(j)}(\vec{n}')$$

4. Eigenvalue decomposition of the whitened data covariance matrix:

$$\underset{\text{data}}{C} = \underset{\text{signal}}{S} + \underset{\text{foregrounds} + \text{noise}}{N} \Rightarrow (S^{\text{prior}})^{-\frac{1}{2}} C (S^{\text{prior}})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \simeq I + (S^{\text{prior}})^{-\frac{1}{2}} N (S^{\text{prior}})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

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Data are consistent with **21-cm signal**.

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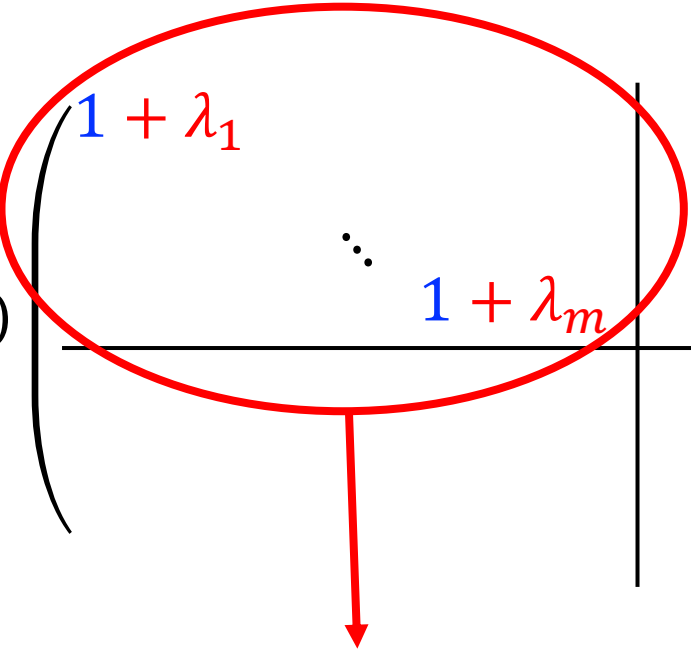
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Those eigenvalues contain significant power from the **foregrounds**.

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data signal foregrounds + noise

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As highly correlated components of emission, foregrounds can thus be decomposed on a subset of m independent templates

- 5. For each needlet scale (j) and pixel \vec{n} , estimate the effective dimension $m \equiv m_{\text{AIC}}^{(j)}(\vec{n})$ of the foreground subspace using Akaike Information Criterion (AIC)**

$m_{\text{AIC}}^{(j)}(\vec{n})$ is the minimizer of

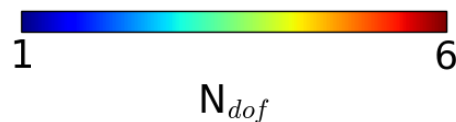
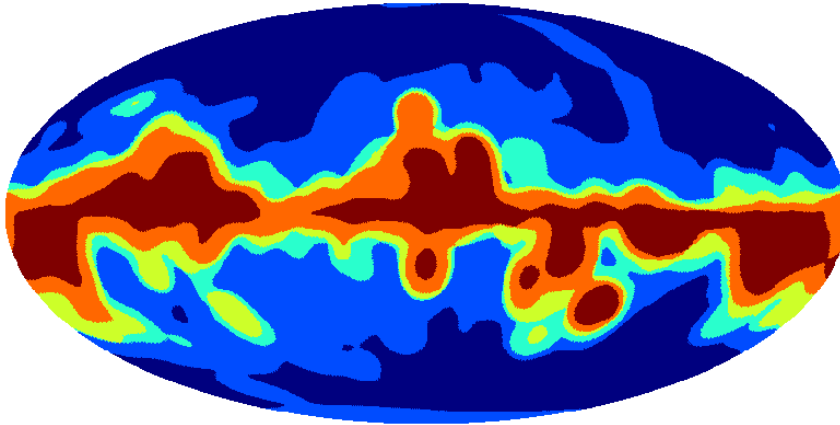
$$\text{AIC}[m] = 2m + \sum_{i=m+1}^N (\mu_i - \log \mu_i - 1)$$

where $\{\mu_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq N}$ are the eigenvalues of matrix $(S^{\text{prior}})^{-\frac{1}{2}} C (S^{\text{prior}})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

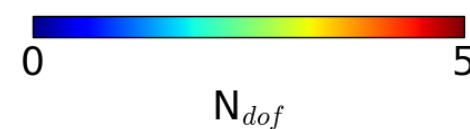
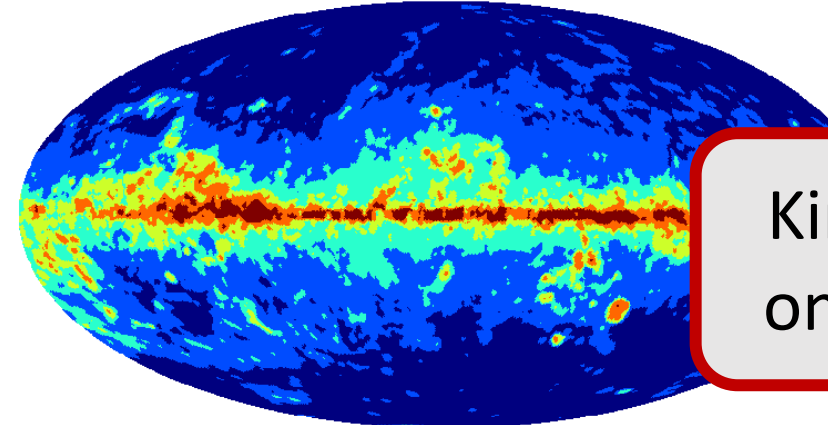
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Effective number m_{AIC} of foreground components

wavelet scale: 1



wavelet scale: 3



Kind of PCA
on steroids!

6. Perform a $(N - m_{\text{AIC}})$ -dimensional ILC in the “21-cm signal subspace” to estimate the GNILC 21-cm maps

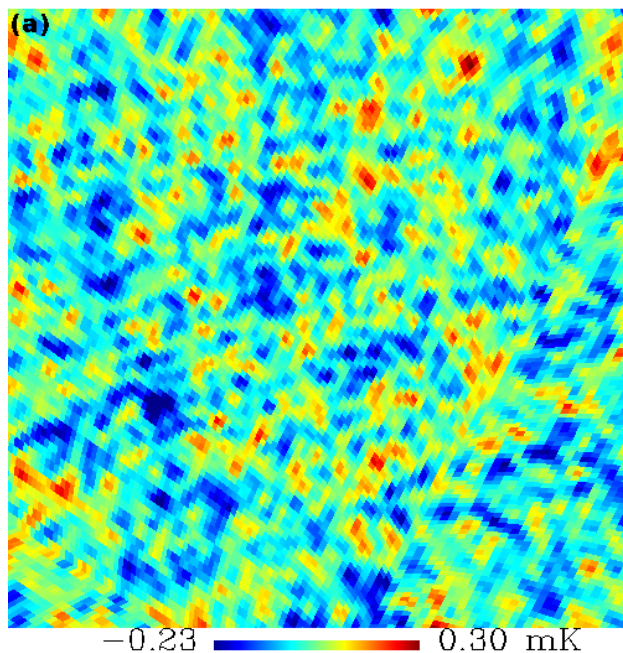
$$\hat{s}_{\nu}^{\text{GNILC}}(\vec{n}) = \sum_{\nu'} W(\nu, \nu') d_{\nu'}(p)$$

where $W = A(A^T C^{-1} A)^{-1} A^T C^{-1}$ and $A \equiv S^{1/2} U_s$

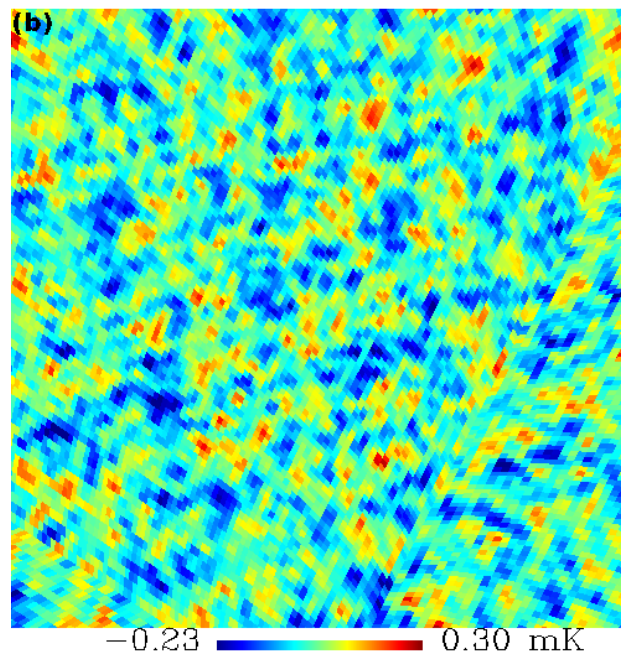
Foreground-cleaned estimates of 21-cm maps across frequencies!

GNILC reconstruction of 21-cm signal

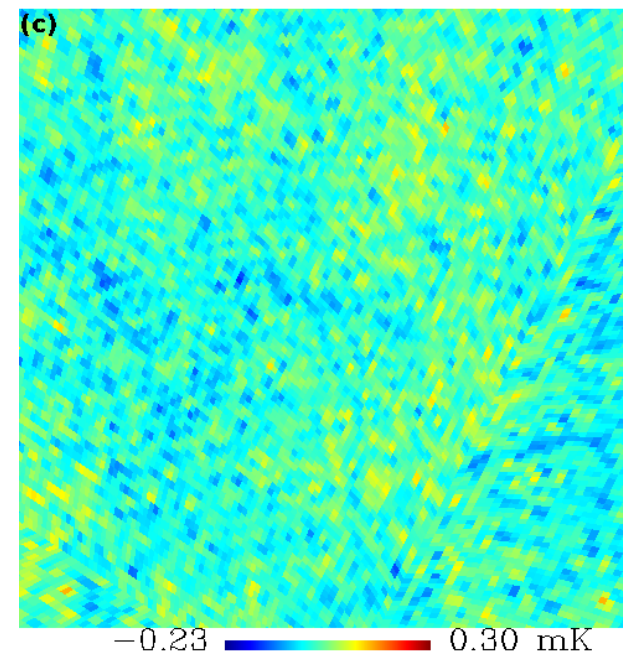
Input 21-cm map



GNILC 21-cm map



Residuals

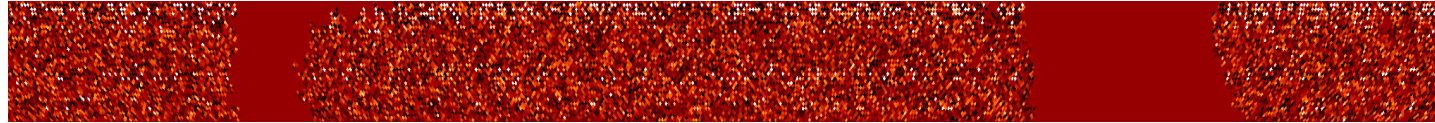


Olivari, Remazeilles, Dickinson, MNRAS 2016

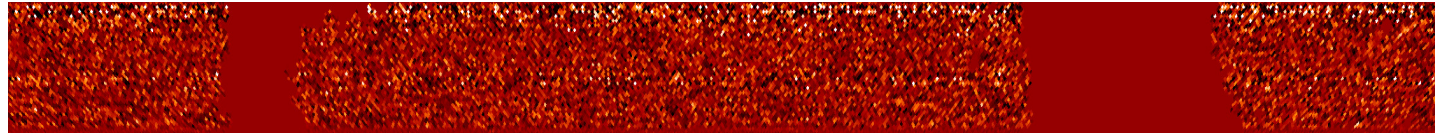
GNILC reconstruction of 21-cm signal

BINGO
simulations

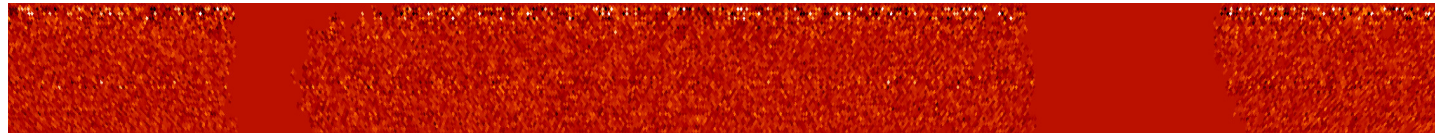
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Input 21-cm map



GNILC 21-cm map



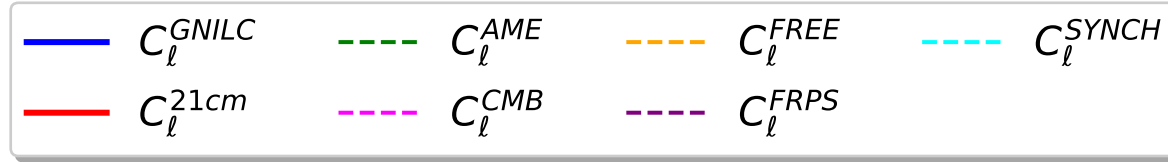
Residuals

-0.0005 0.0008

Liccardo et al, arXiv:2107.01636

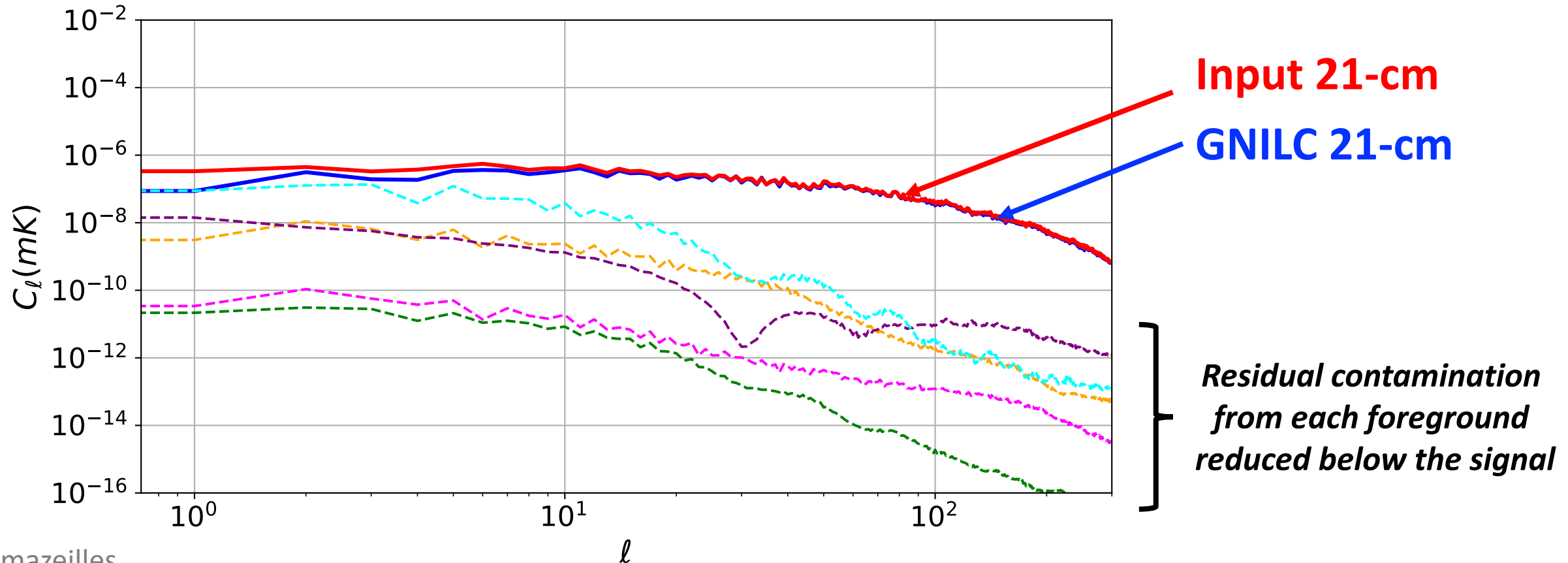
Power spectrum of GNILC 21-cm map

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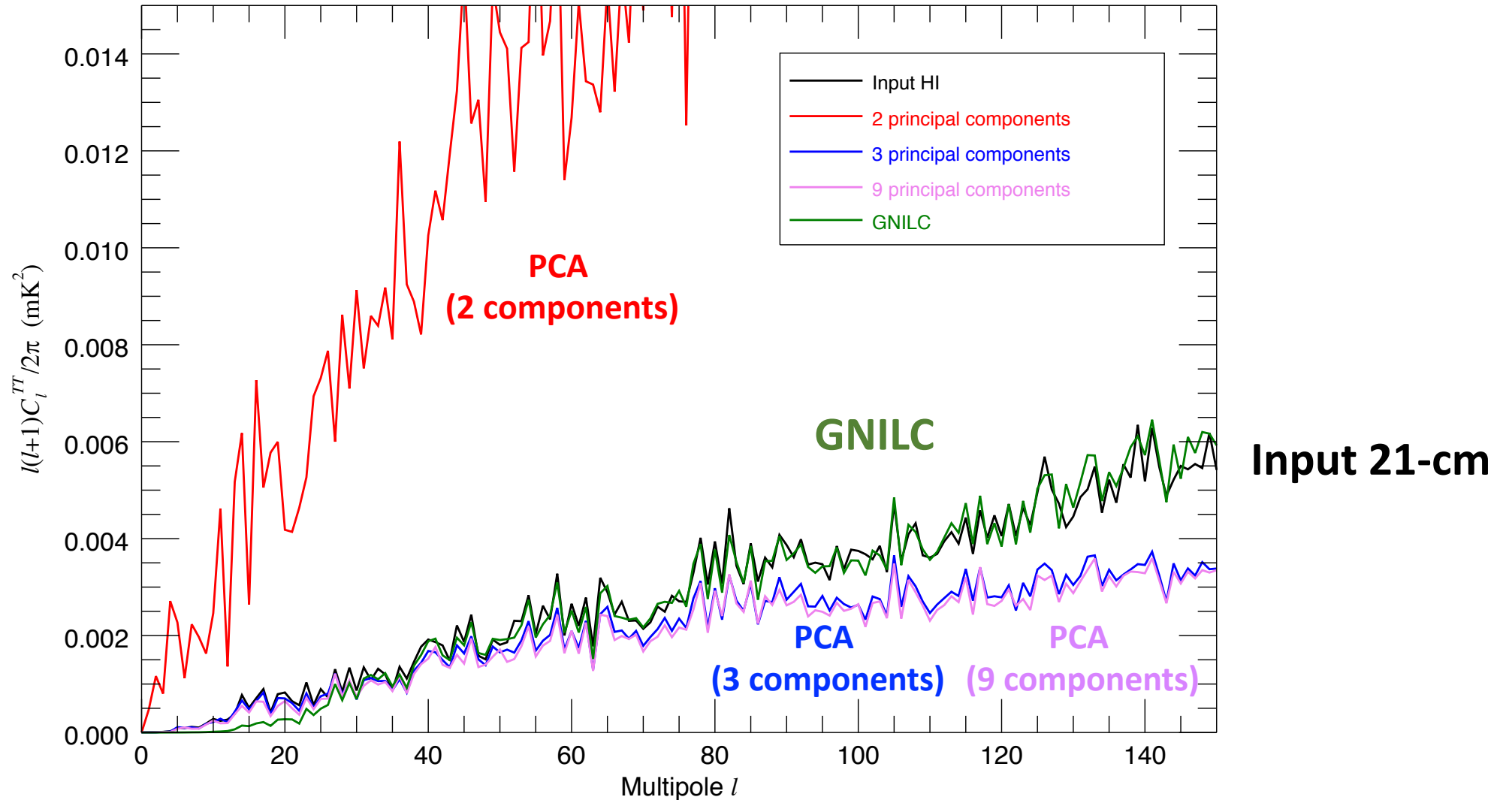
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No Noise Residuals for (m_{AIC})

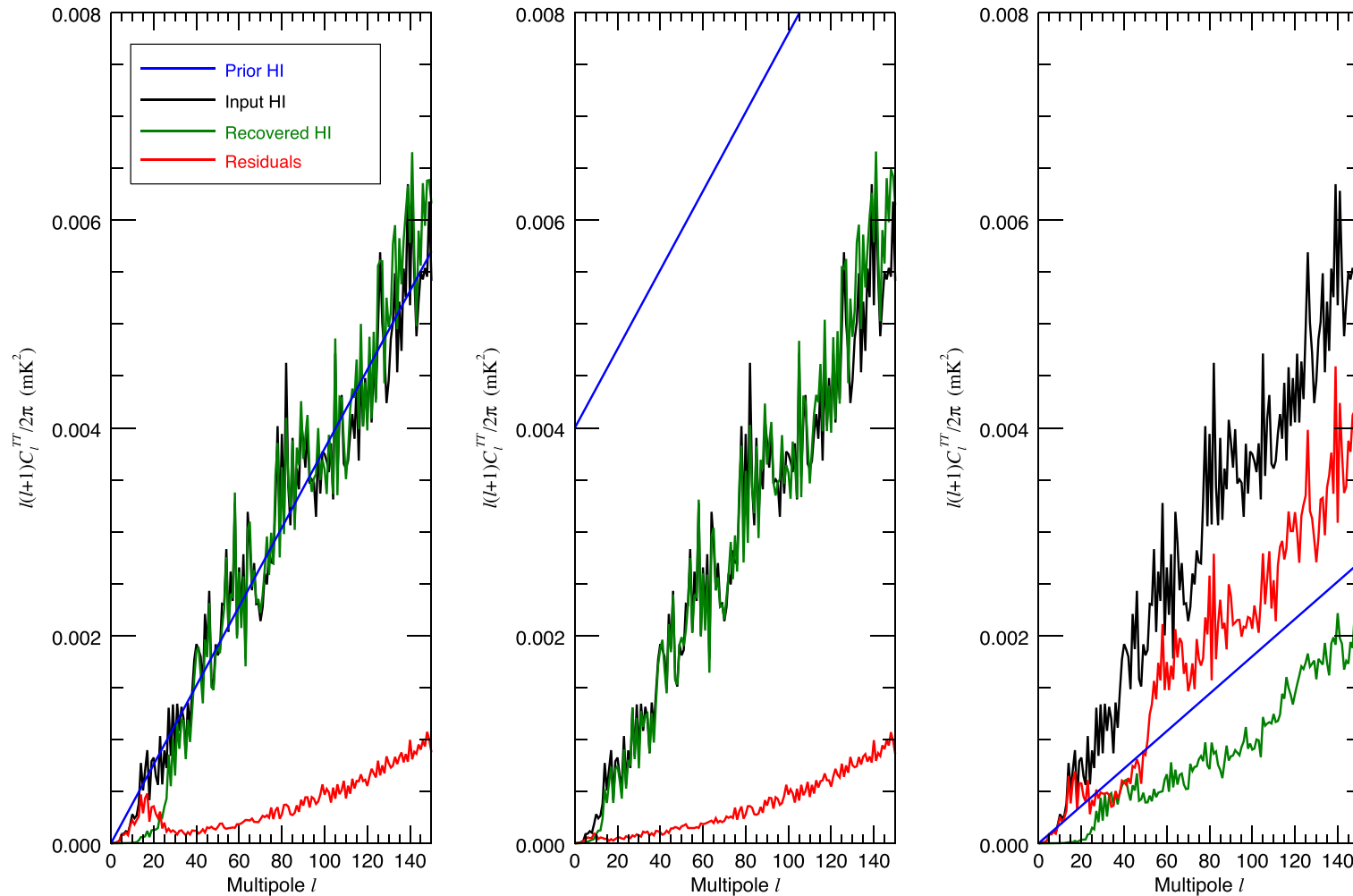


GNILC versus PCA

Olivari, Remazeilles, Dickinson, MNRAS 2016



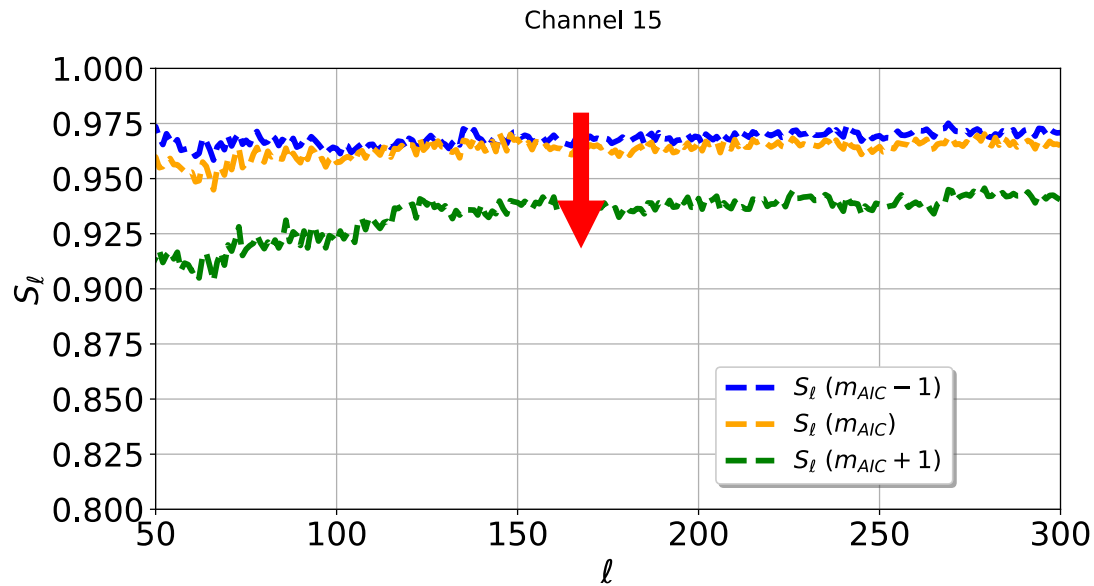
GNILC quite insensitive to 21-cm priors



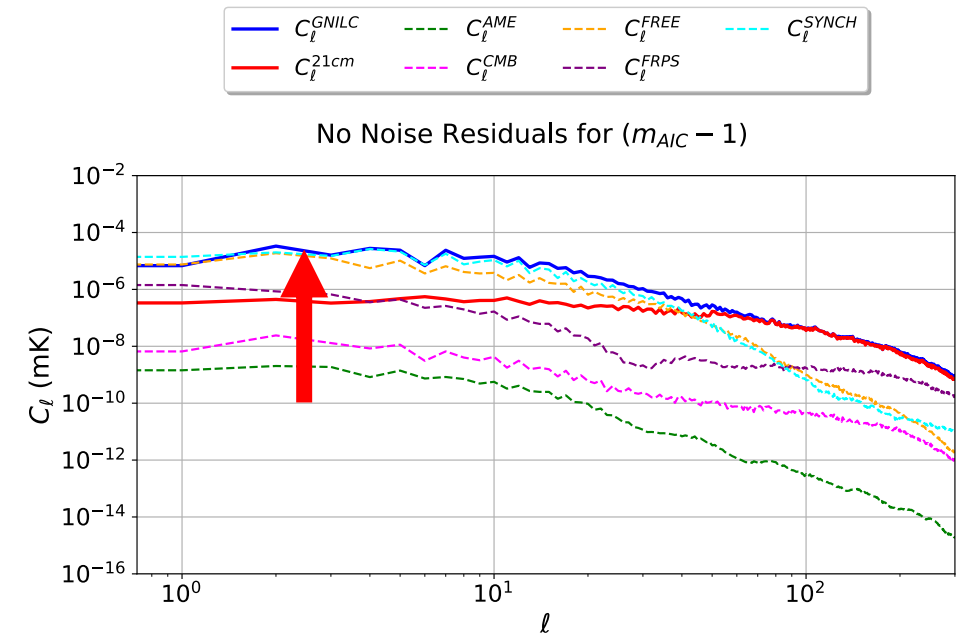
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Foreground subtraction vs 21cm signal loss

More aggressive foreground subtraction
increases loss of 21-cm signal



Less aggressive foreground subtraction
leaves residuals larger than the signal



GNILC with AIC value m_{AIC}
finds the sweet spot!

Fornazier et al
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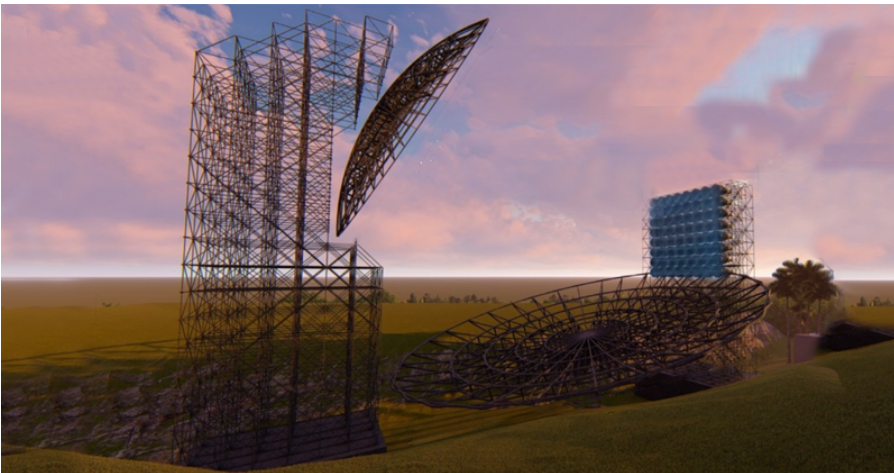
Takeaway

- ❑ GNILC goes beyond simple spectral modelling for component separation and 21-cm intensity mapping
- ❑ GNILC shows successful 21-cm signal reconstruction on various sky simulations of the BINGO experiment
- ❑ GNILC has already been intensively used on real *Planck* data and is at the heart of several *Planck* papers

Planck intermediate results XLVIII. Disentangling Galactic dust and cosmic infrared background anisotropies, A&A (2016)

Planck 2018 results IV. Diffuse component separation, A&A (2020)

Planck 2018 results XII. Galactic astrophysics using polarized dust emission, A&A (2020)



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return from BINGO with GNILC!