

# On the Detection of Primordial CMB B-modes from Ground at Low Frequency

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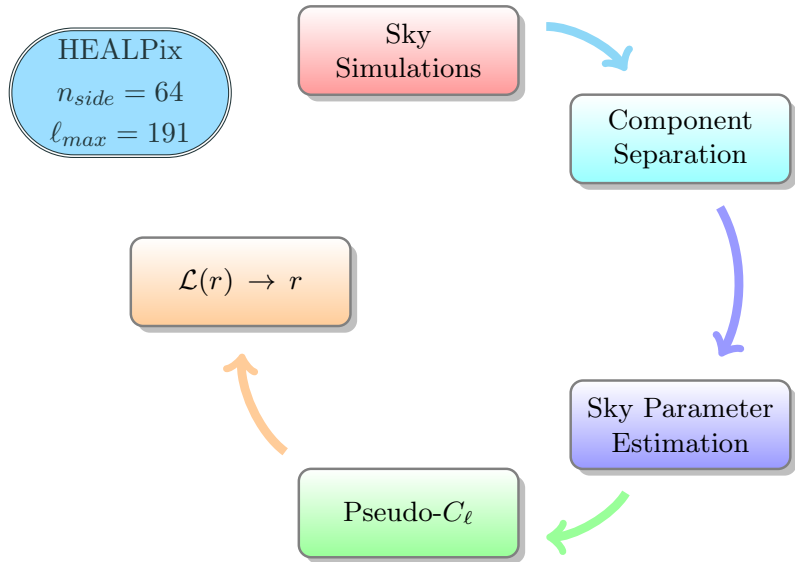
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- ▶ As a first step we have conducted this study for an experiment located at the Teide Observatory (**Northern Hemisphere**), although the long-term purpose is to cover the full-sky from ground.

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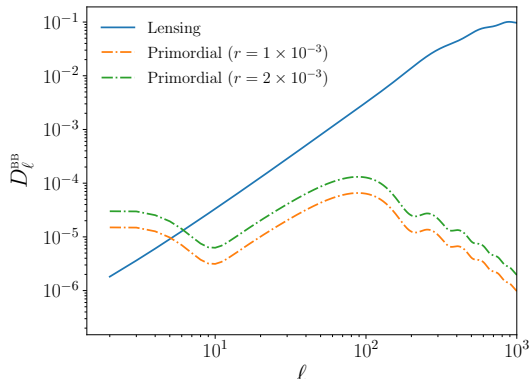
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# Methodology Approach



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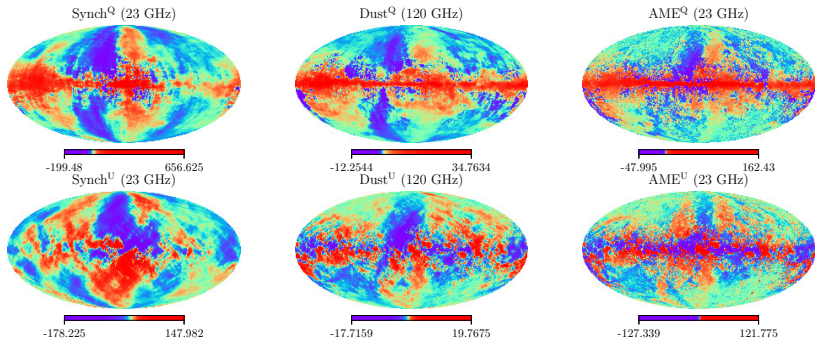


Lewis et al., astro-ph/9911177

Parameter	TT,TE,EE+lowE +lensing+BAO
$\Omega_b$	$0.02242 \pm 0.00014$
$\Omega_c$	$0.11933 \pm 0.00091$
$100\theta_{MC}$	$1.04101 \pm 0.00029$
$\tau$	$0.0561 \pm 0.0071$
$\ln(10^{10}A_s)$	$3.047 \pm 0.014$
$n_s$	$0.9665 \pm 0.0038$

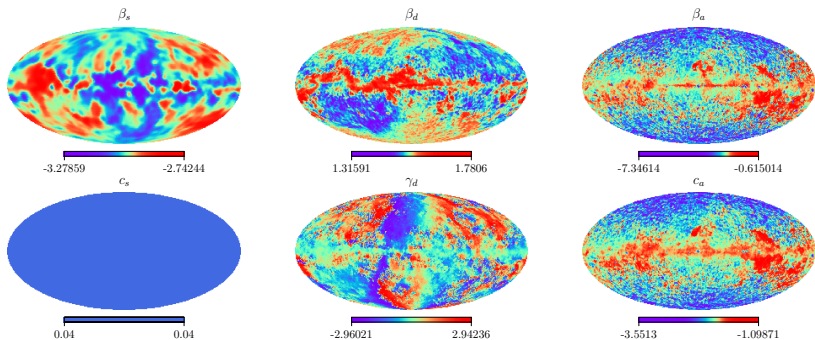
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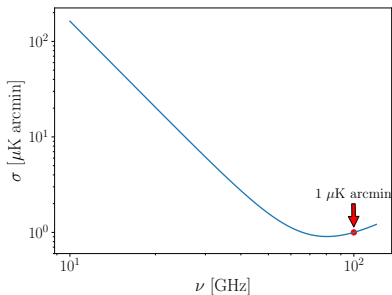
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- ▶ Mimics the frequency dependence of the major contaminants: synchrotron and thermal dust
- ▶  $1 \mu\text{K arc min}$  @ 100 GHz  
synch contribution = dust contribution @ 70 GHz



Notice that, at this stage, we are not including **atmospheric noise**.

# Component Separation Approach

- ▶ Full-parametric pixel-based maximum likelihood method.
- ▶ Affine invariant MCMC sampler.<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ Signal model

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} S^Q \\ S^U \end{bmatrix} &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}^Q \\ \mathbf{c}^U \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{CMB}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_s^Q \\ \mathbf{a}_s^U \end{bmatrix} \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_s} \right)^{\beta_s + \mathbf{c}_s(\nu/\nu_{cs})}}_{\text{Synchrotron}} \\ &+ \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_d^Q \\ \mathbf{a}_d^U \end{bmatrix} \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_d} \right)^{\beta_d}}_{\text{Dust}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_a^Q \\ \mathbf{a}_a^U \end{bmatrix} \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_a} \right)^{\beta_a + \mathbf{c}_a(\nu/\nu_{ca})}}_{\text{AME}} \end{aligned}$$

<sup>1</sup>Foreman-Mackey et al., “emcee: the MCMC hammer”.

# Results

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▶ Ground-based Telescope

- Telescope Configurations:

**LOWBAND**  
10-20 GHz

**MIDBAND**  
26-46 GHz

**HIGHBAND**  
75-120 GHz

E.g., [4,4,8].

- Model Comparison:

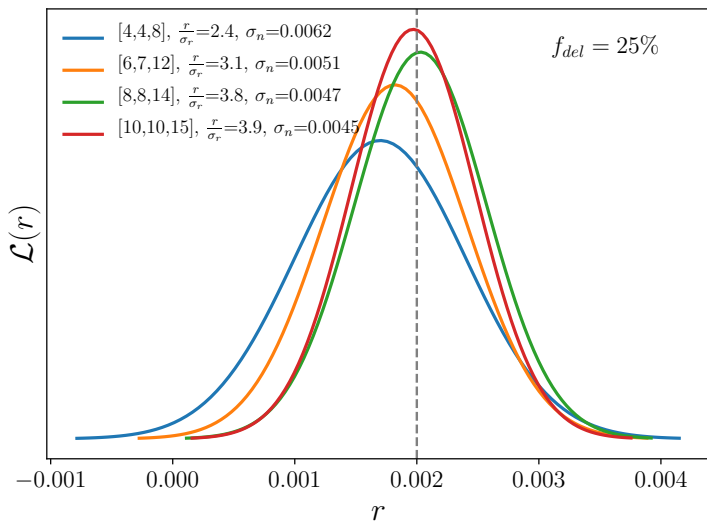
Synchrotron + Dust vs. Synchrotron + Dust + AME

▶ Ground-based Telescope + LiteBIRD

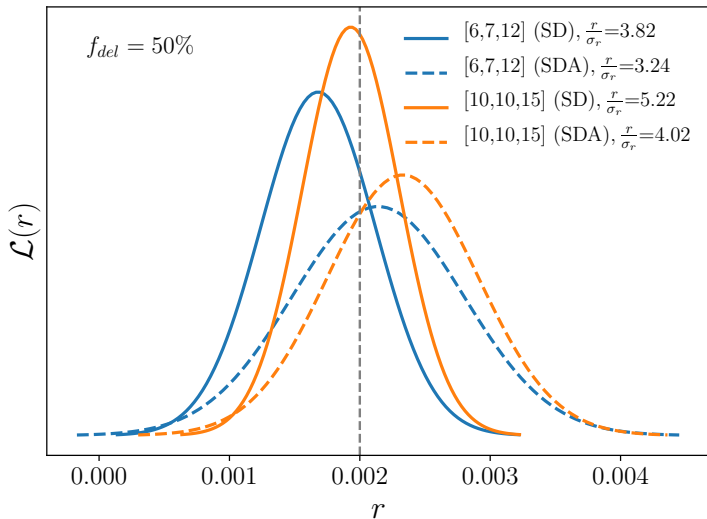
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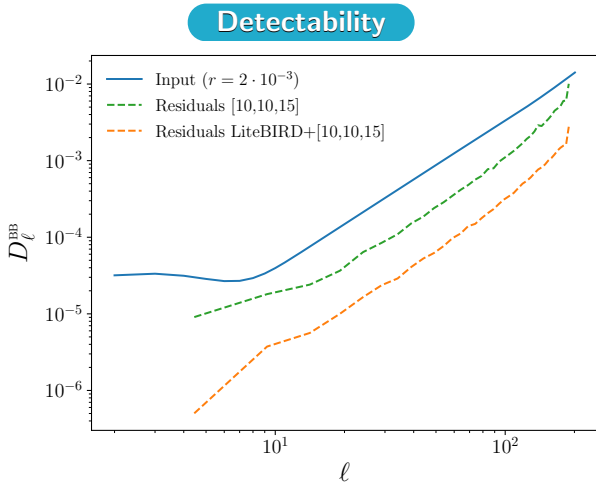
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# LiteBIRD + Ground-Based Telescope

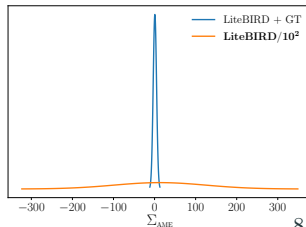
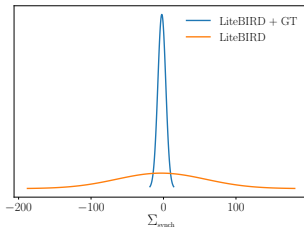
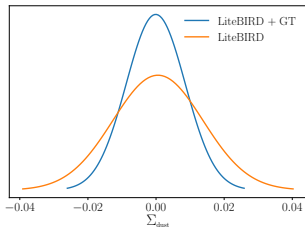
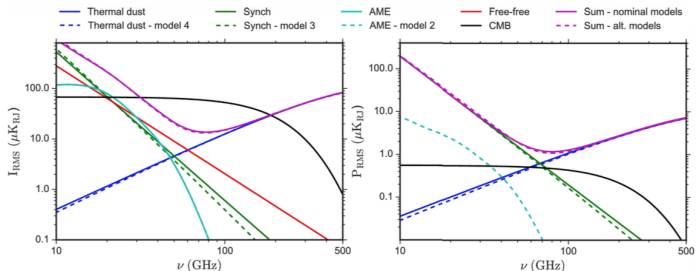


$r_{in} \times 10^3$	model	configuration	$f_{del}(\%)$	$r \times 10^3$	$\sigma_r \times 10^3$	$(r/\sigma_r)$
2	SD	[10,10,15]	0	2.28	0.68	3.36
2	SD	LB + [10,10,15]	0	2.31	0.50	4.63

# LiteBIRD + Ground-Based Telescope

## Improvements on the Foreground Estimation

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- ▶ The **low-frequency** range covered presents several **advantages**:
  - Opens a **frequency range** with **sensitivities** never achieved before.
  - **Synchrotron and AME** well-characterized to reduce their contribution at  $\sim 100$  GHz.