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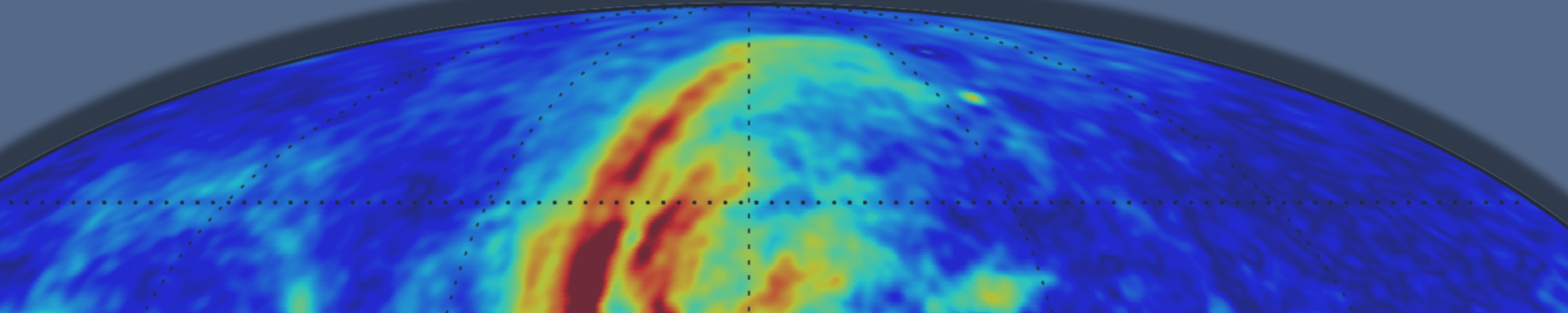
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# Foreground at low frequency: a brief overview

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# Outline

- Planck results on foregrounds
- Status of current experiments
- Overview of S-PASS results
- Open problems for forthcoming experiments

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**2014**

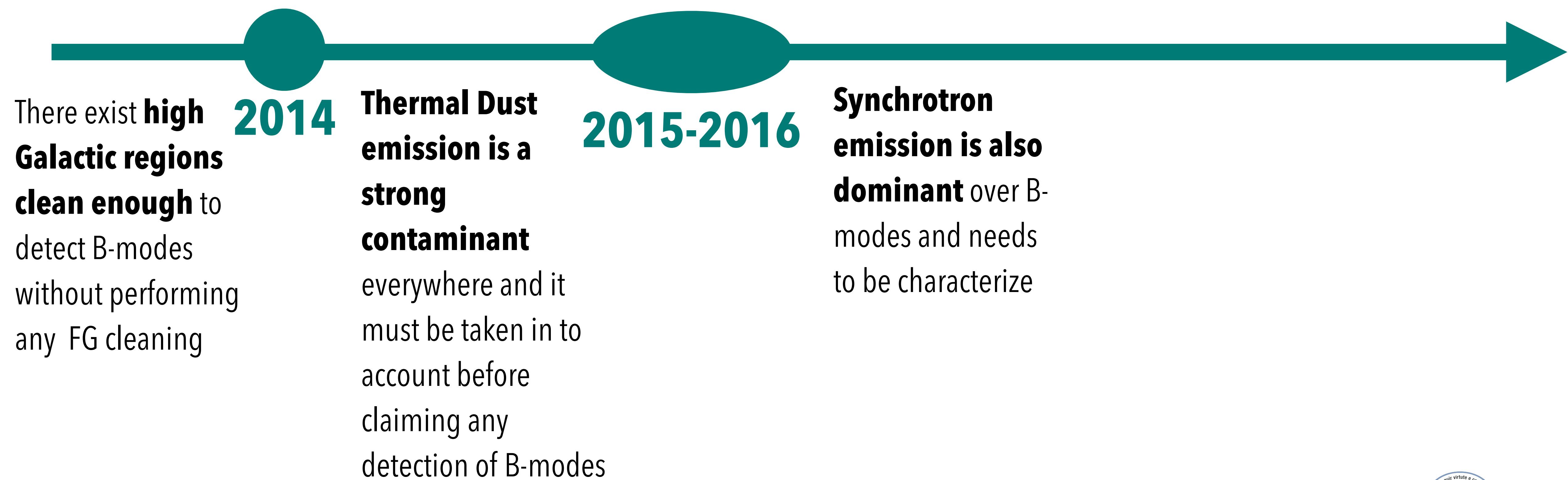
**Thermal Dust  
emission is a  
strong  
contaminant**  
everywhere and it  
must be taken in to  
account before  
claiming any  
detection of B-modes

# Foreground contamination to B-modes

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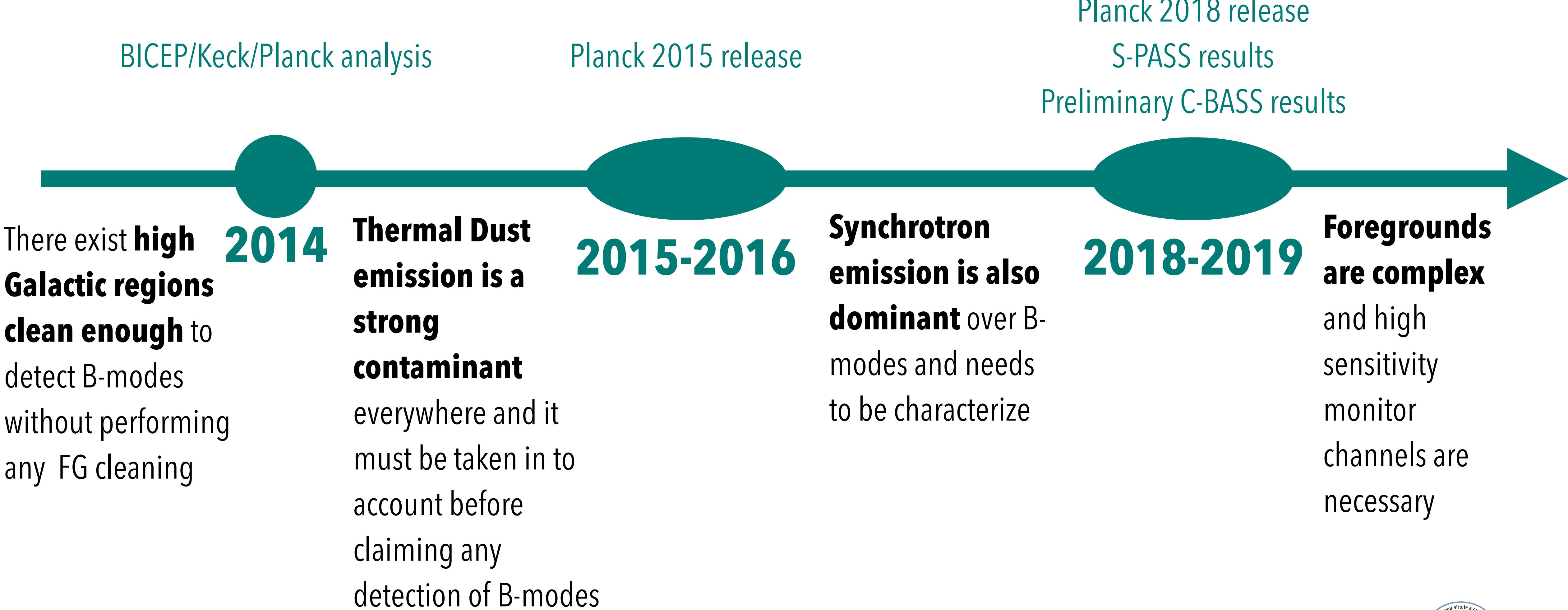
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Planck 2015 release

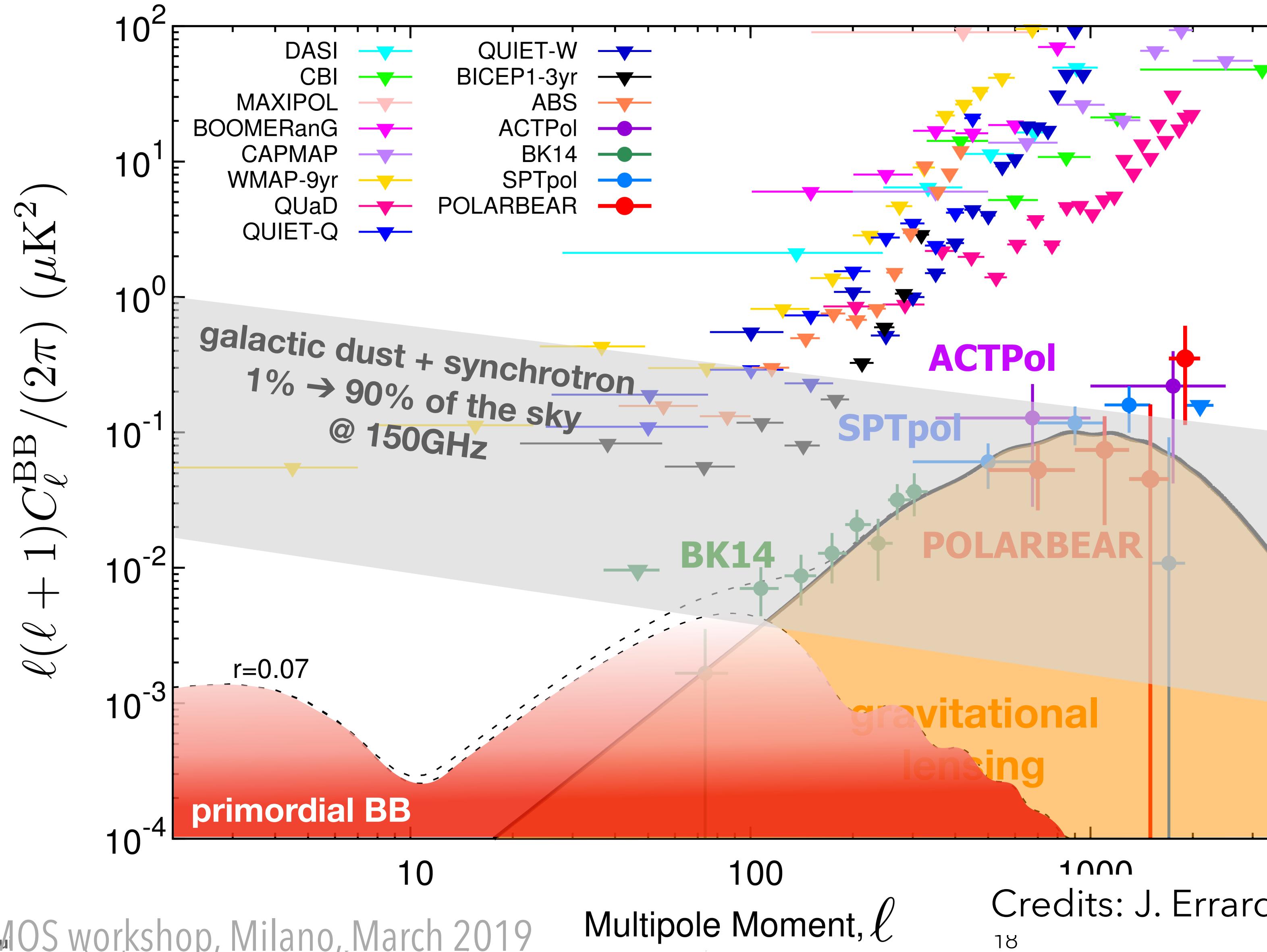


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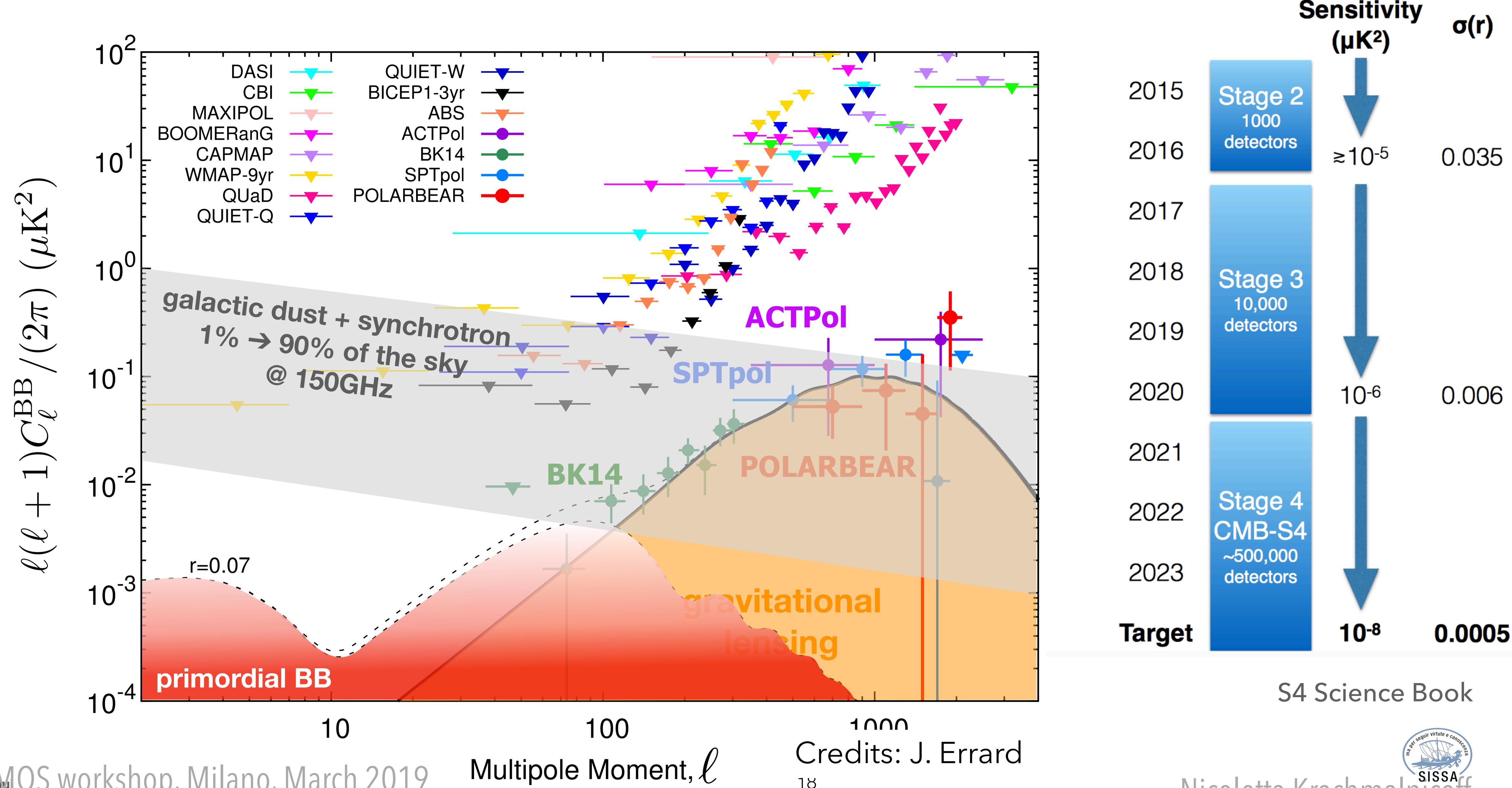
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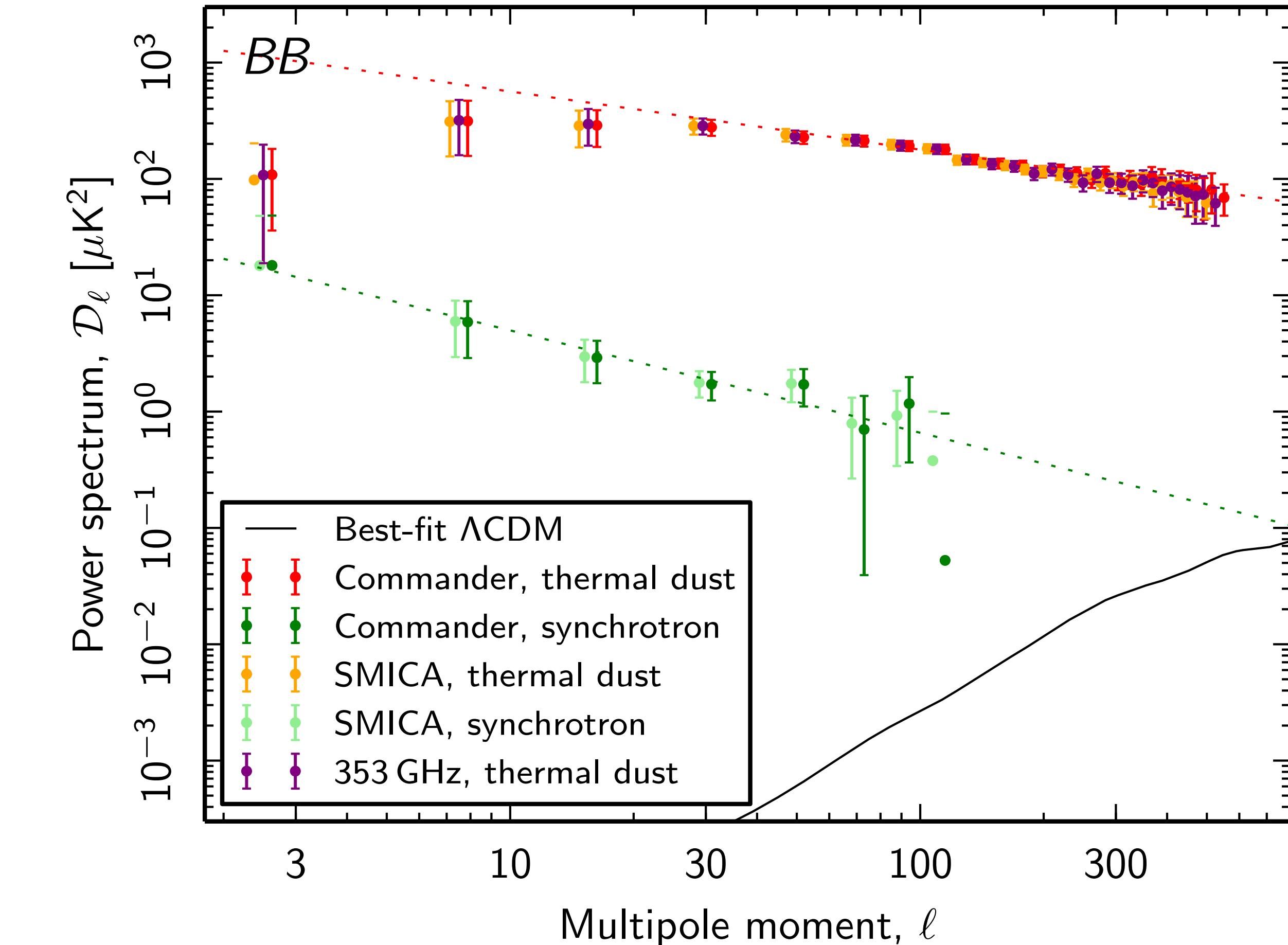
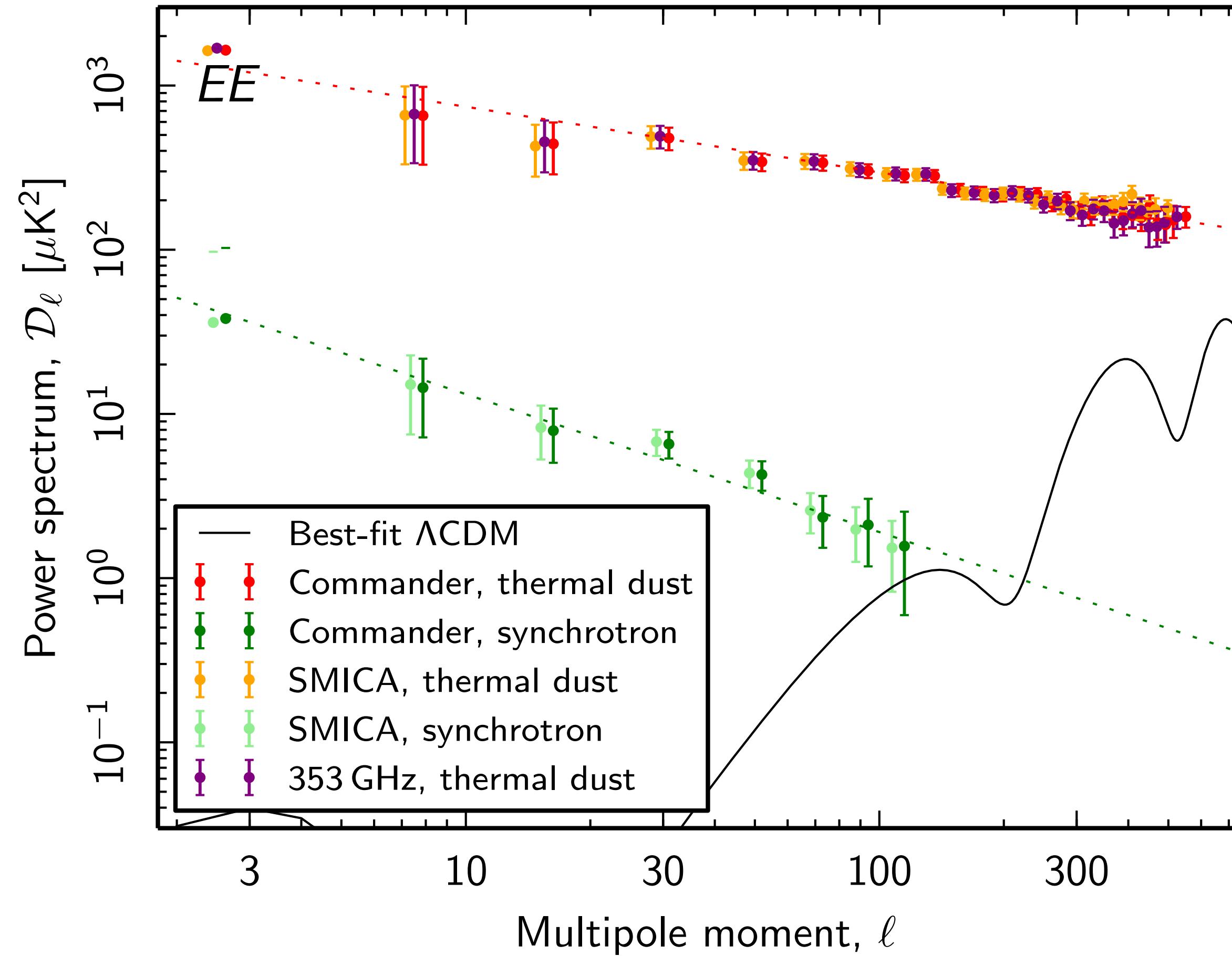
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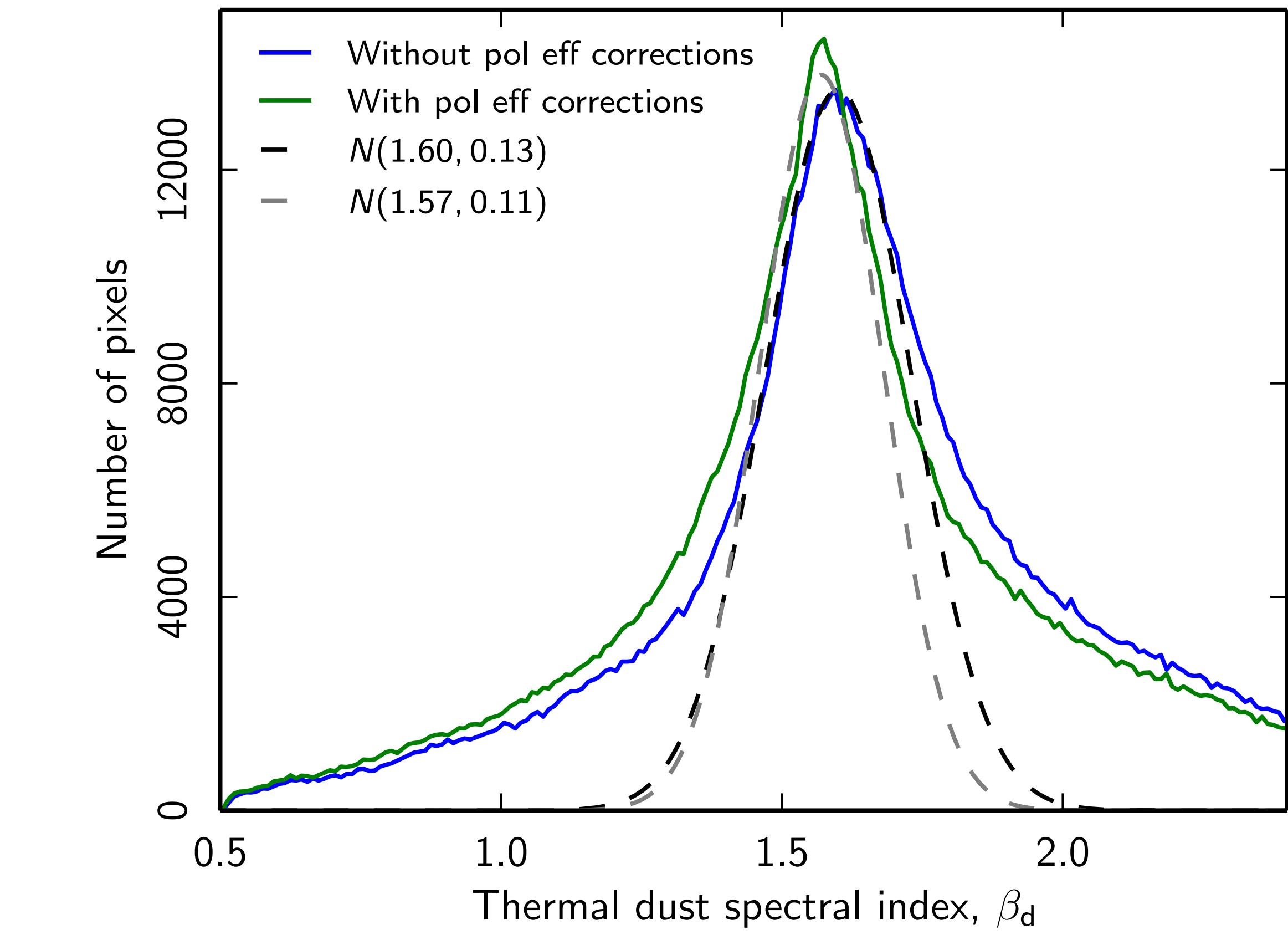
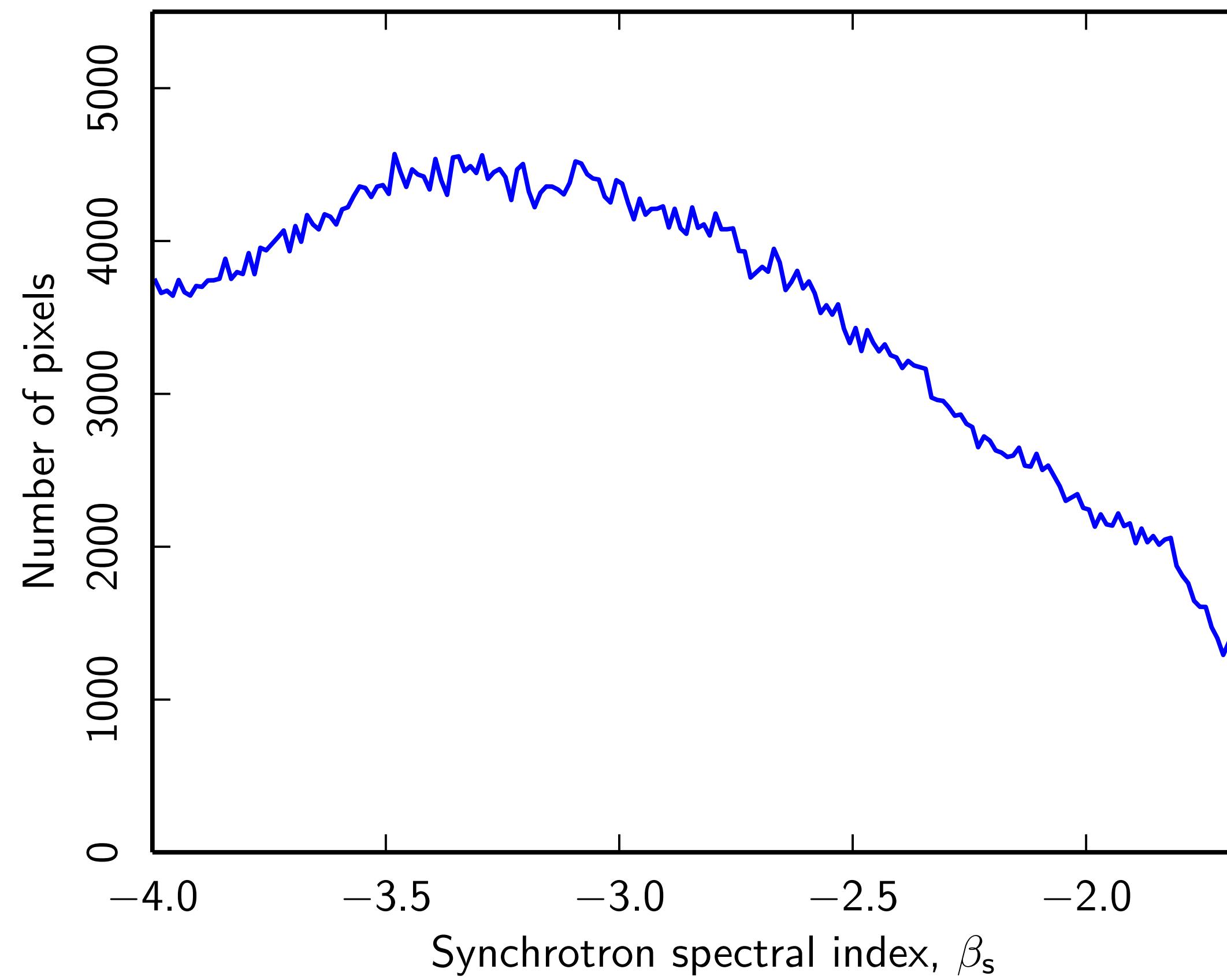


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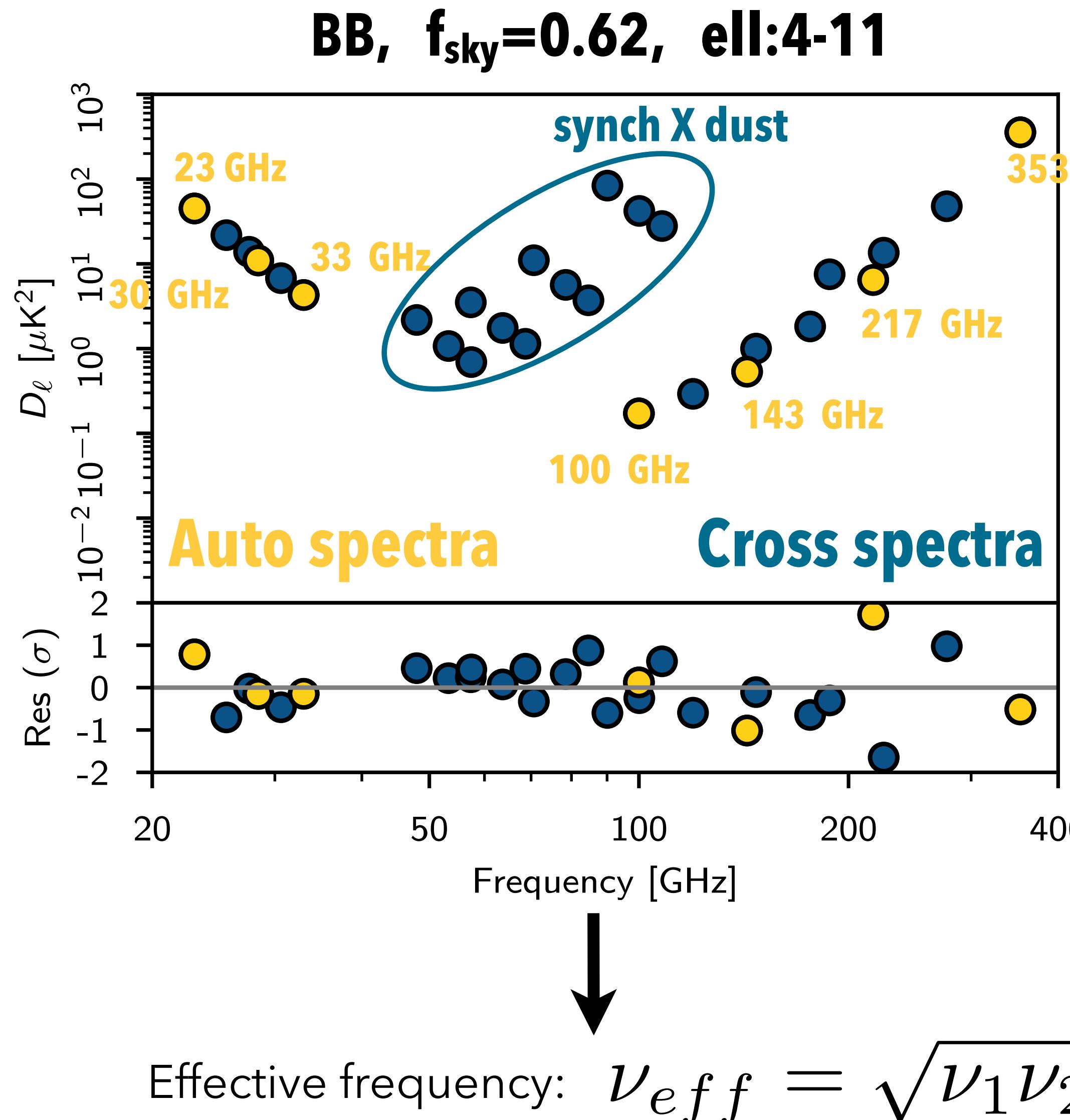
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Spectral indices variation in the sky, FWHM=5° for synch, 3° for dust



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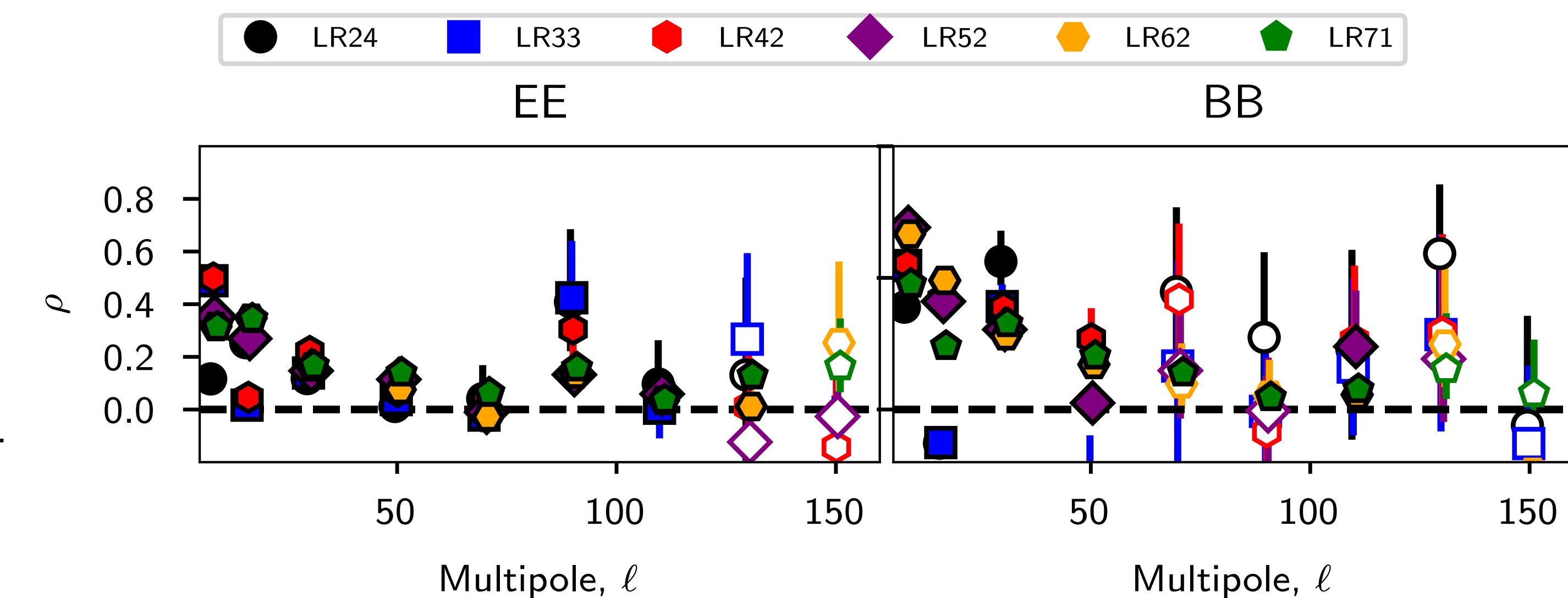
Planck XI, 2018



Fit for synch and dust spectral indices and their correlation in 5 masks, 9 multipole bins for both E and B-modes

$$\beta_d = 1.53 \pm 0.02$$

$$\beta_s = -3.13 \pm 0.13$$



# Foreground observations

- The majority of current and planned CMB experiments are focusing mostly on the high frequency obervations:
  - **BICEP/Keck**: 95, 150, 220 GHz + 30 GHz being installed
  - **POLARBEAR/Simons Array**: 95, 150, 220, 270 GHz
  - **ACTpol/advACT**: 95, 145, 220 GHz + 28, 41 GHz being designed
  - **LSPE**: 43, 140, 220, 240 GHz
  - **QUBIC**: 90, 150 GHz
  - **CLASS**: 38, 93, 148, 217 GHz
  - **Simons Observatory**: 27, 39, 93, 145, 225, 280 GHz

# LiteBIRD specification

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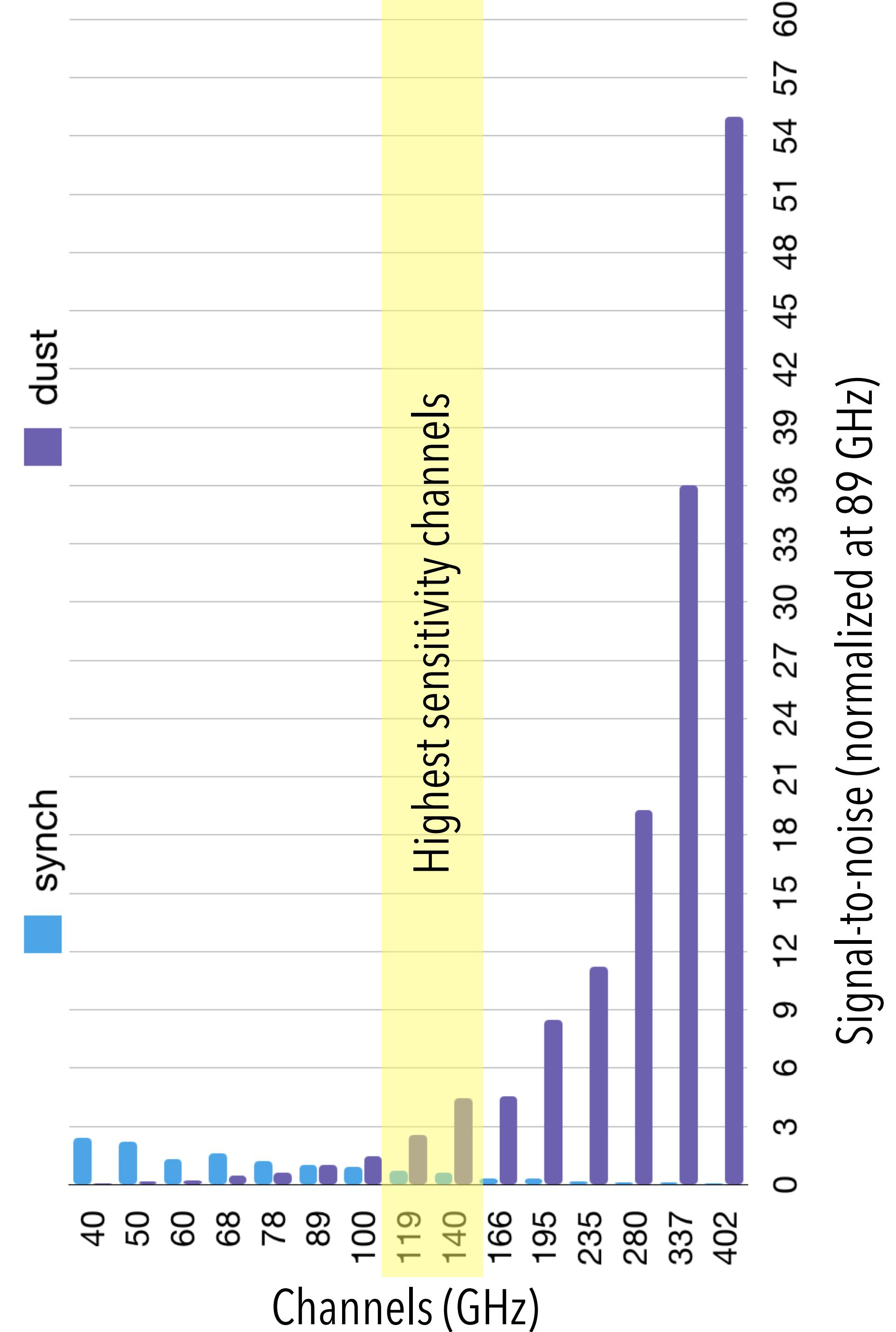
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# Low frequency observations

- To reach high sensitivity in synchrotron observations very low frequency (<30 GHz) observations are needed:
  - **QUIJOTE**: 11, 13, 17, 19, 30, 40 GHz North
  - **C-BASS**: 5 GHz North & South
  - **S-PASS**: 2.3 GHz South

# The QUIJOTE experiment

From José Alberto Rubiño-Martín  
slides (Tenerife, Oct. 2018)

**QT-1 and QT-2:** Cross-Dragone telescopes, 2.25m primary, 1.9m secondary.

**QT-1. Instrument: MFI.**

11, 13, 17, 19 GHz.

FWHM=0.92°-0.6°

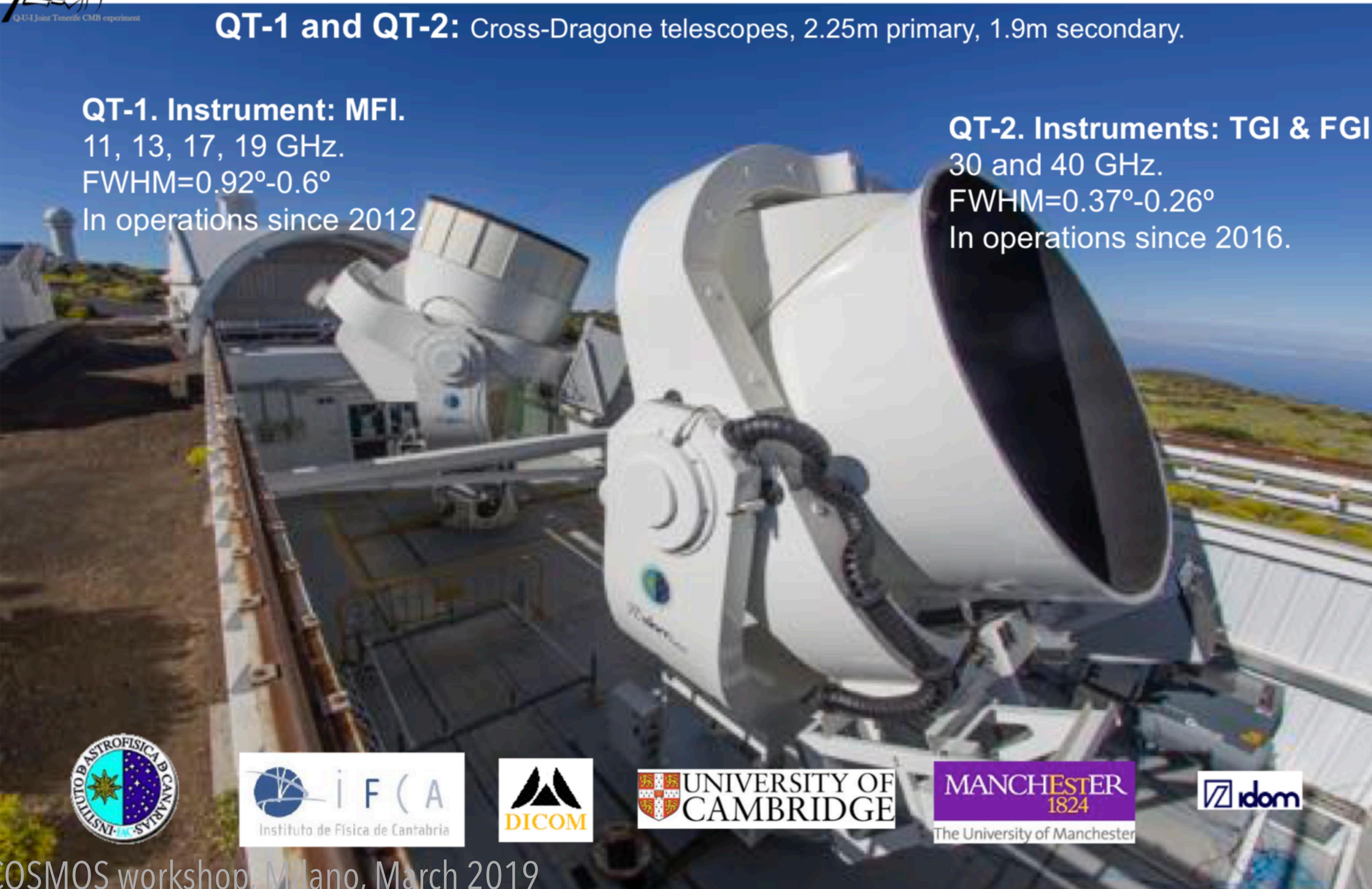
In operations since 2012.

**QT-2. Instruments: TGI & FGI**

30 and 40 GHz.

FWHM=0.37°-0.26°

In operations since 2016.



# QUIJOTE overview

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## Wide survey with the QUIJOTE MFI (10-20 GHz)

PRELIMINARY MAPS

(Note: Q, U defined in Galactic coords.)

QUIJOTE I 11GHz

QUIJOTE Q 11GHz

QUIJOTE U 11GHz

QUIJOTE I 13GHz

QUIJOTE Q 13GHz

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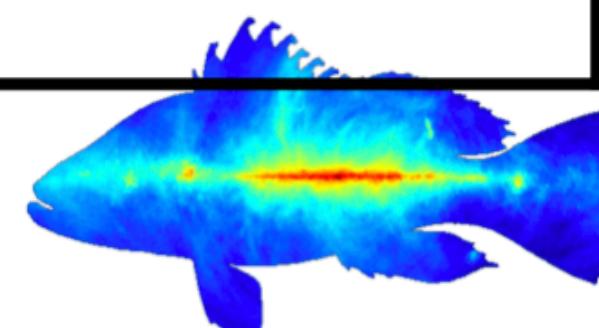
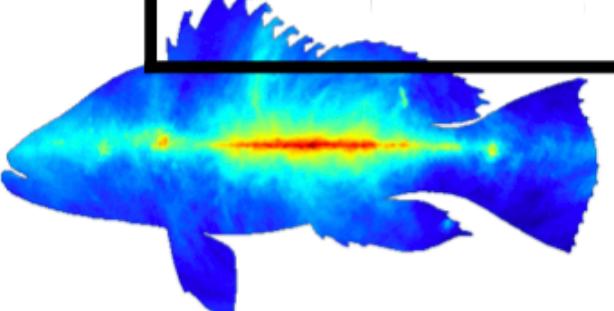
First release of papers and data in 2019, will include:

- Synchrotron spectral index, curvature, correlation with dust
- Component separation of polarized synch, combined with Planck+WMAP
- Constraints on AME in more than 40 regions
- Radiosources
- Characterization of the North Polar Spur and FAN region

# C-BASS overview

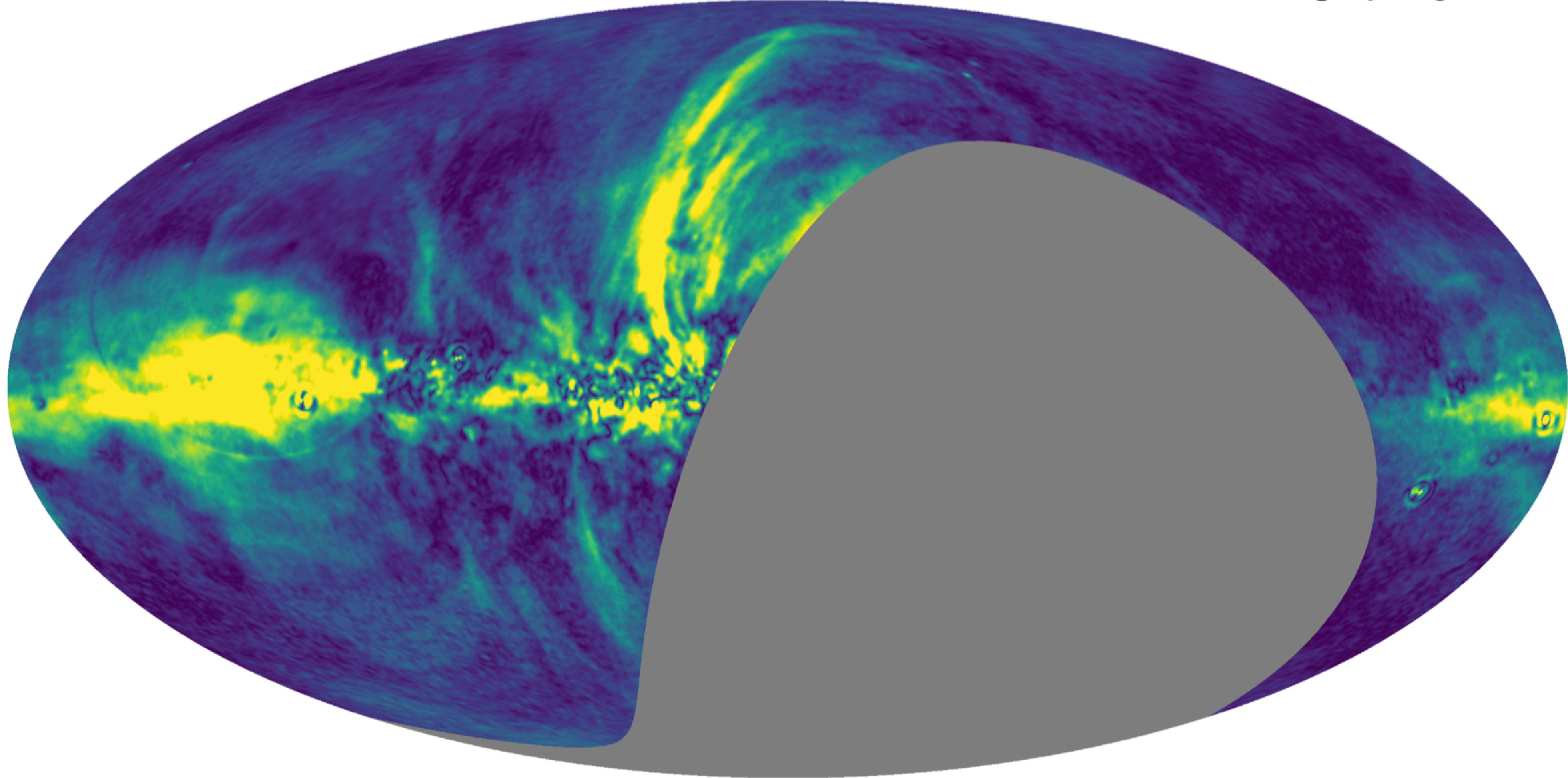
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Sky-coverage	All-sky
Angular resolution	0.75 deg (45 arcmin)
Sensitivity	< 0.1mK r.m.s in 1 deg beam (confusion limited in I) 6000 $\mu\text{K}\text{-arcmin}$ @ 5GHz == 0.75 $\mu\text{K}\text{-arcmin}$ @ 100 GHz, $\beta = -3$
Stokes coverage	I, Q, U, (V)
Frequency	
Northern site	
Southern site	MeerKAT/SKA site, Karoo, South Africa Latitude -30.7 deg

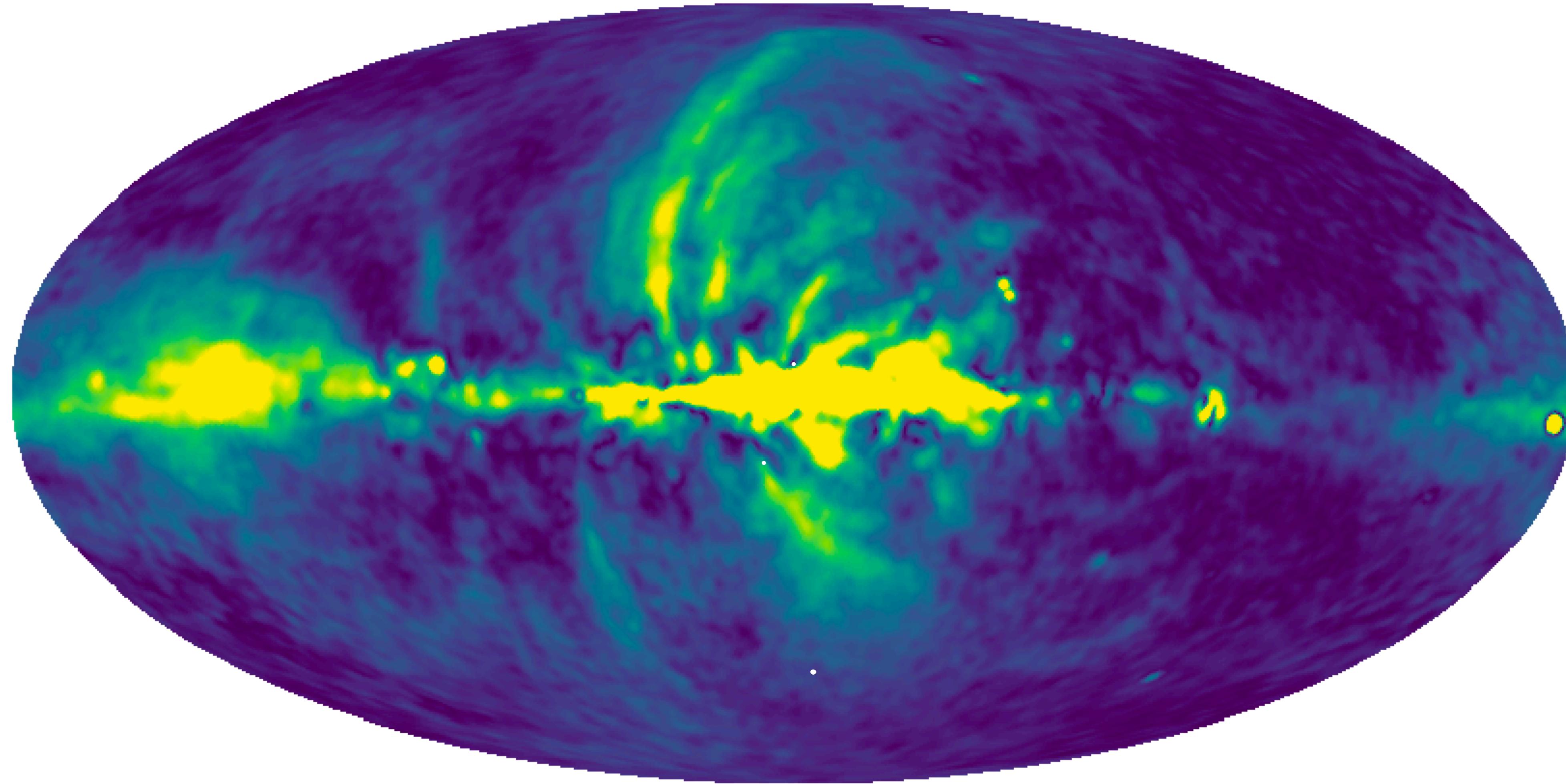


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# C-BASS polarized intensity map @5 GHz



# WMAP-K polarized intensity map @23 GHz



# The S-PASS survey

**PARKES radio telescope:** 64 m  
Frequency: **2.3 GHz** (224 MHz BW)  
**Sky coverage** ~ 50% (South hemisphere)  
Angular resolution ~ **9 arcmin**

## S-PASS team:

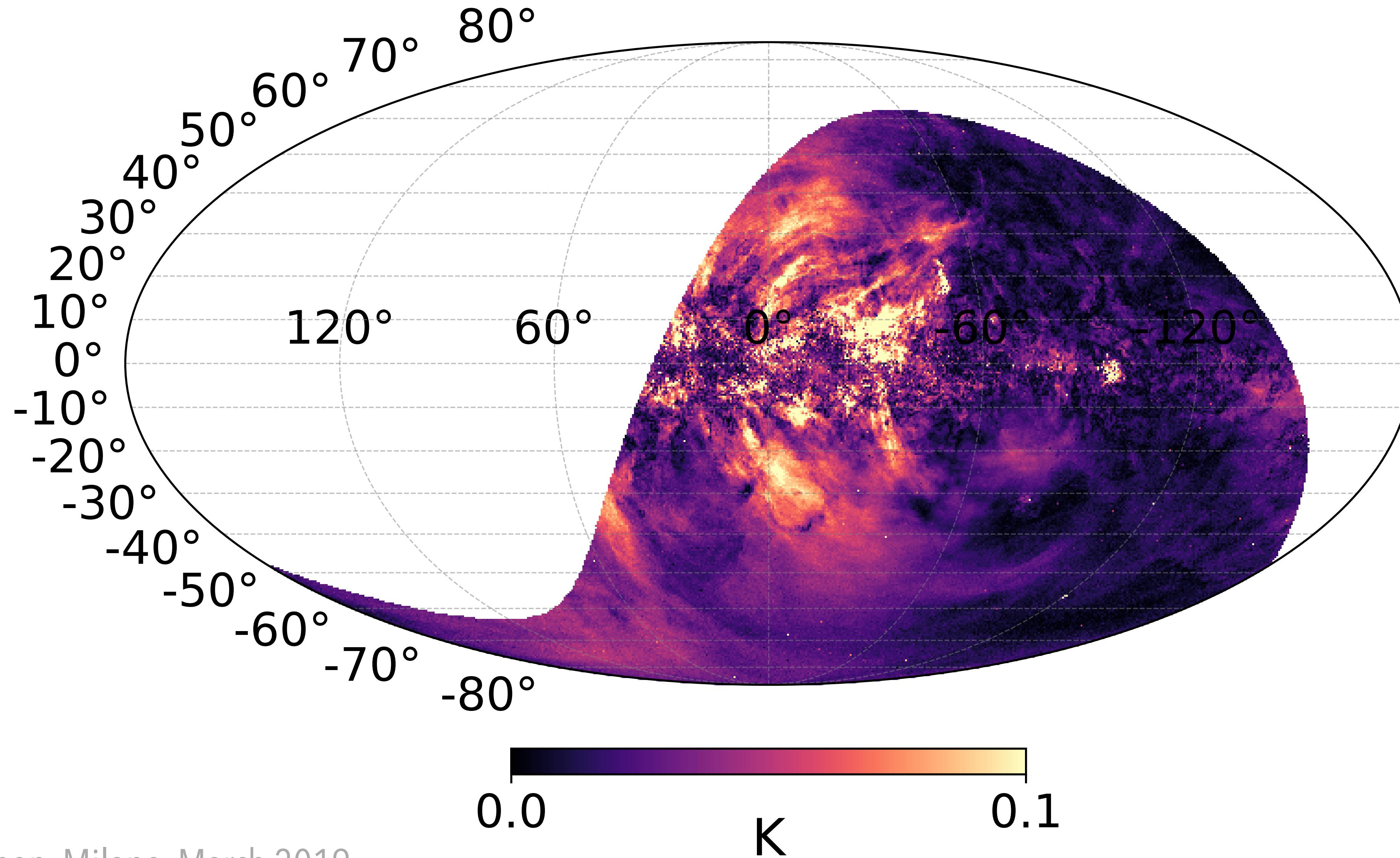
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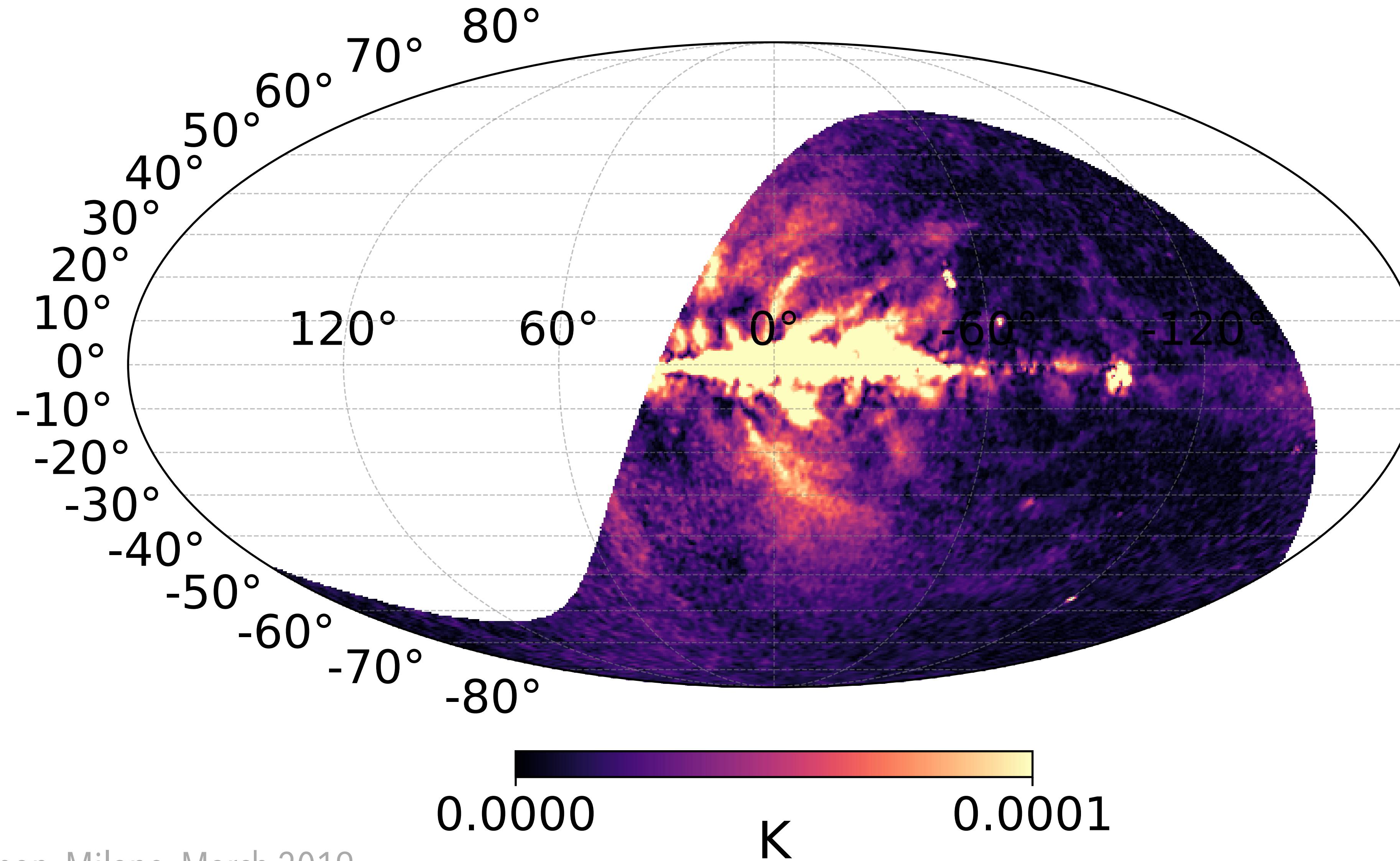
## S-PASS science:

- Galactic Magnetic field
- Fermi Bubbles and Galactic structure
- ISM turbulence
- Gum Nebula
- ICM of galaxy clusters
- Extragalactic source properties
- CMB foregrounds
- ...

# S-PASS polarized intensity map @2.3 GHz



# WMAP-K polarized intensity map @23 GHz



# Synchrotron SED

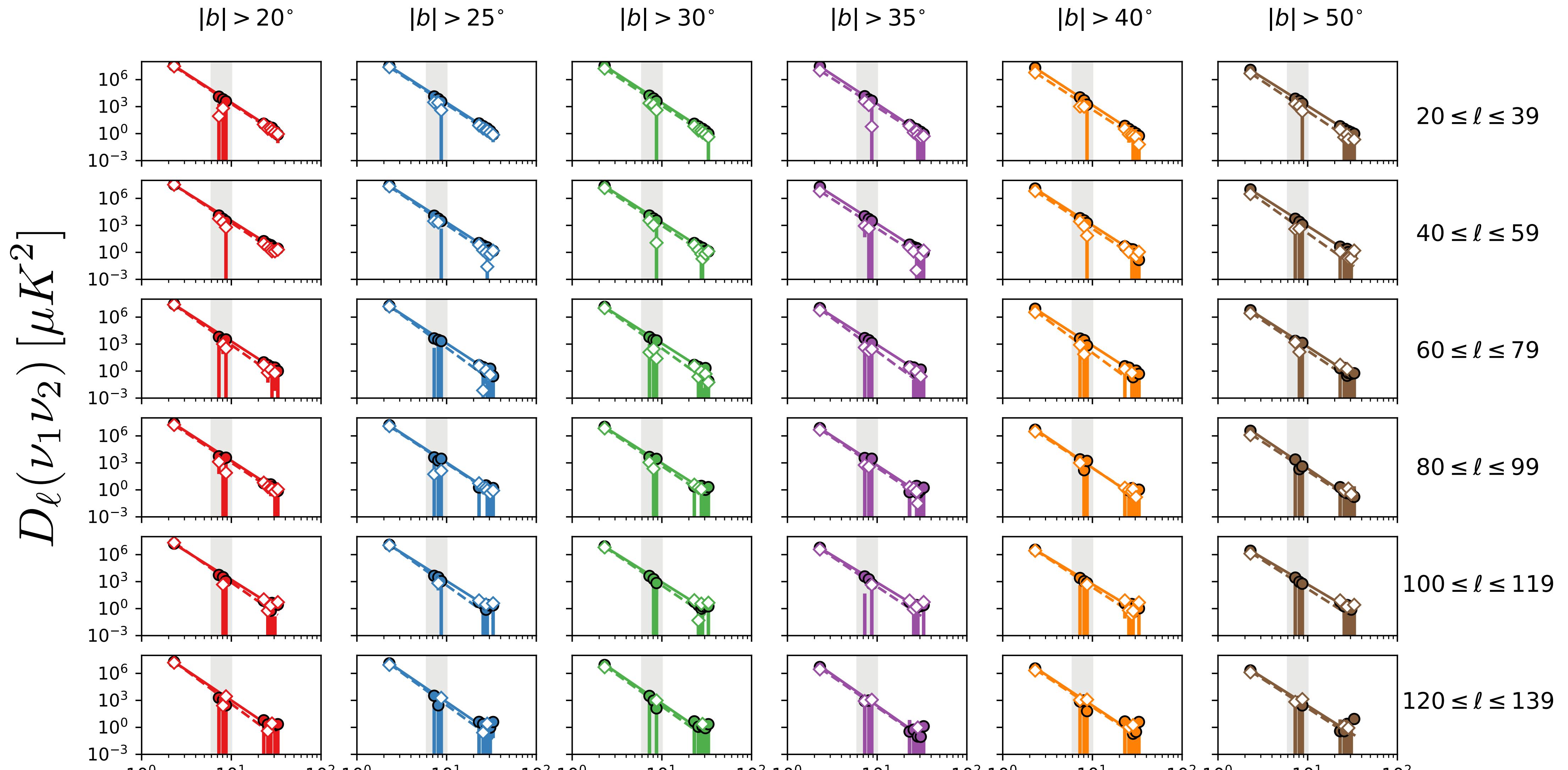
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2.3 GHz

23 GHz

28.4 GHz

33 GHz



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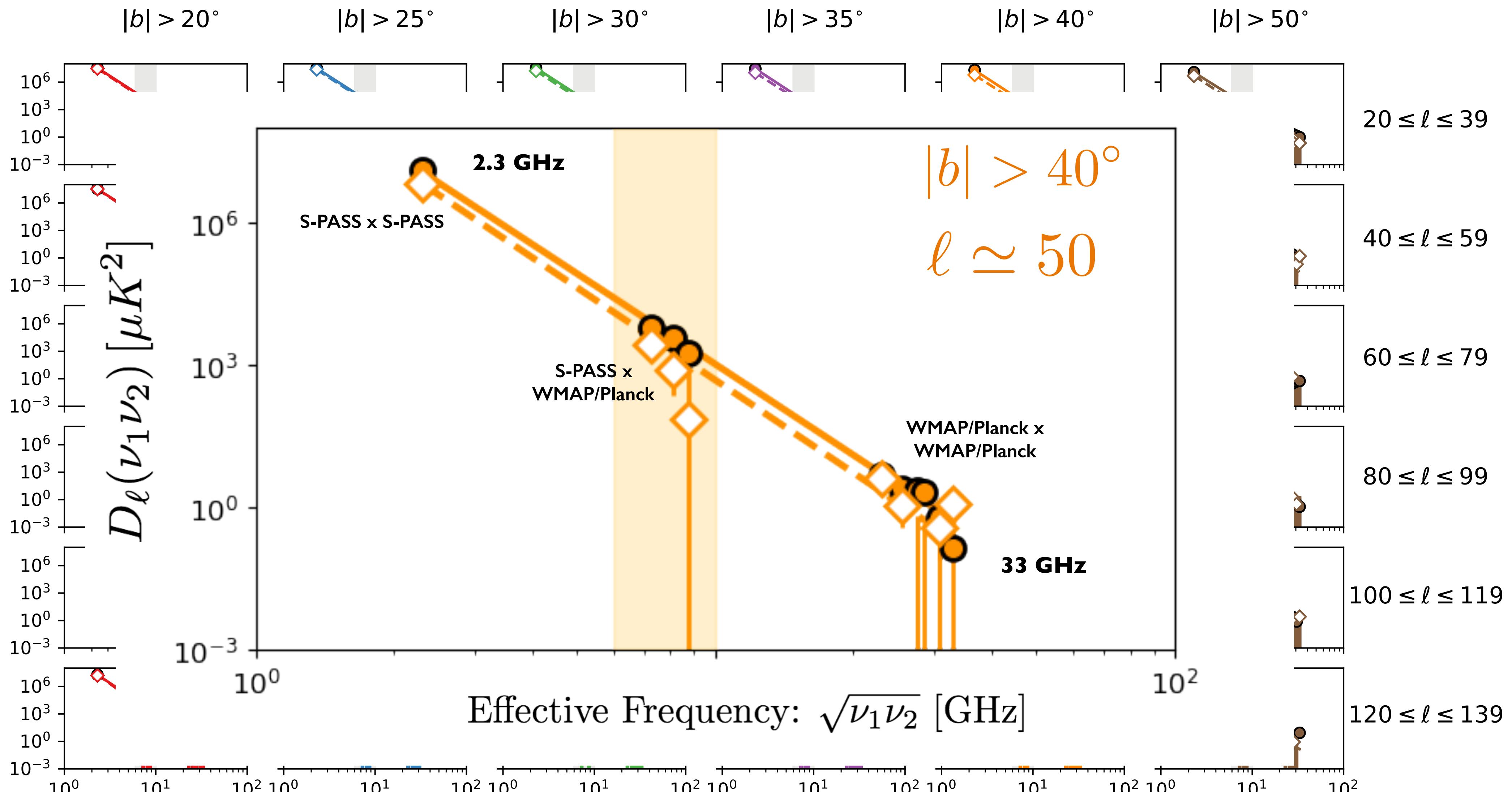
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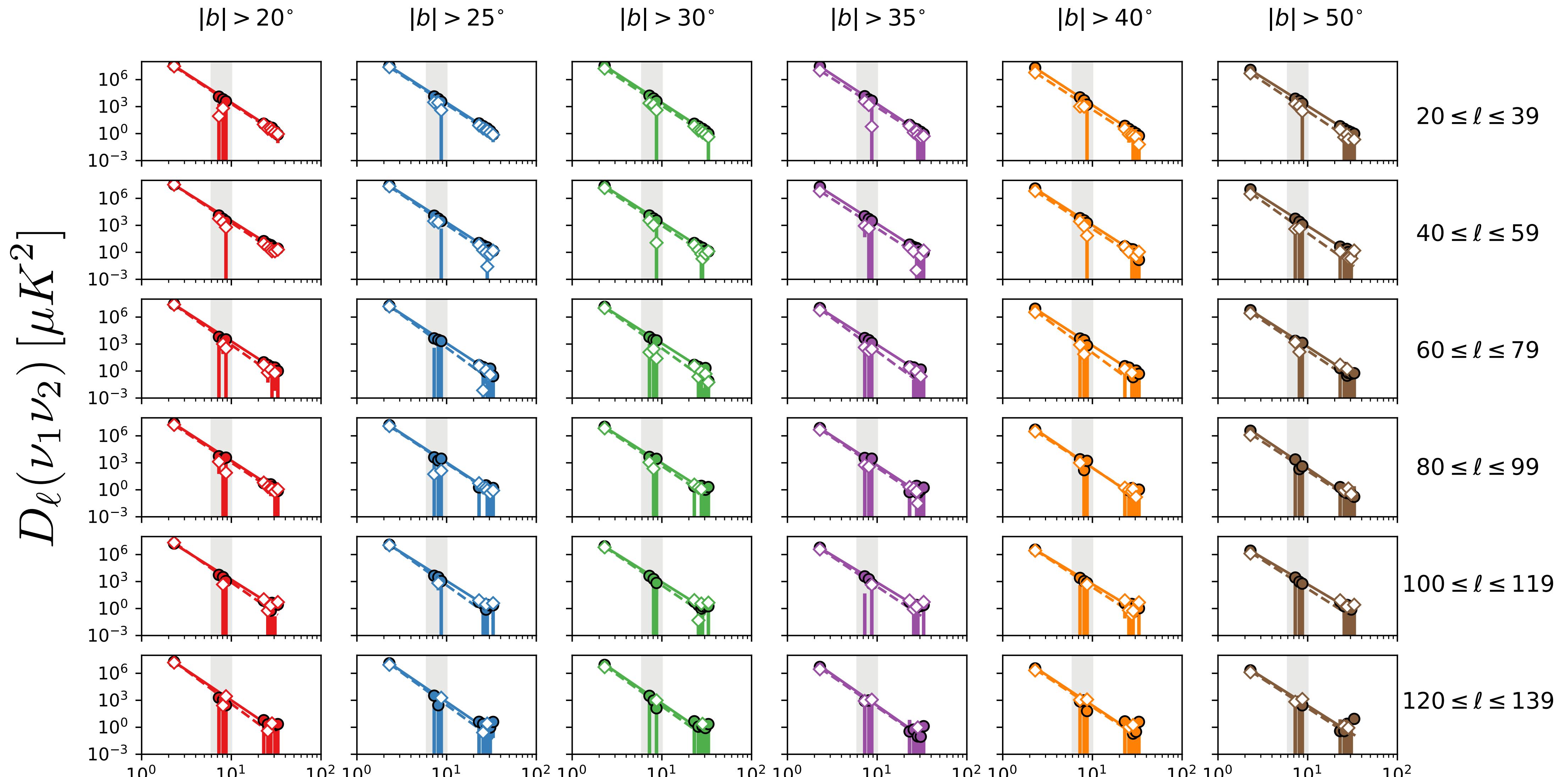
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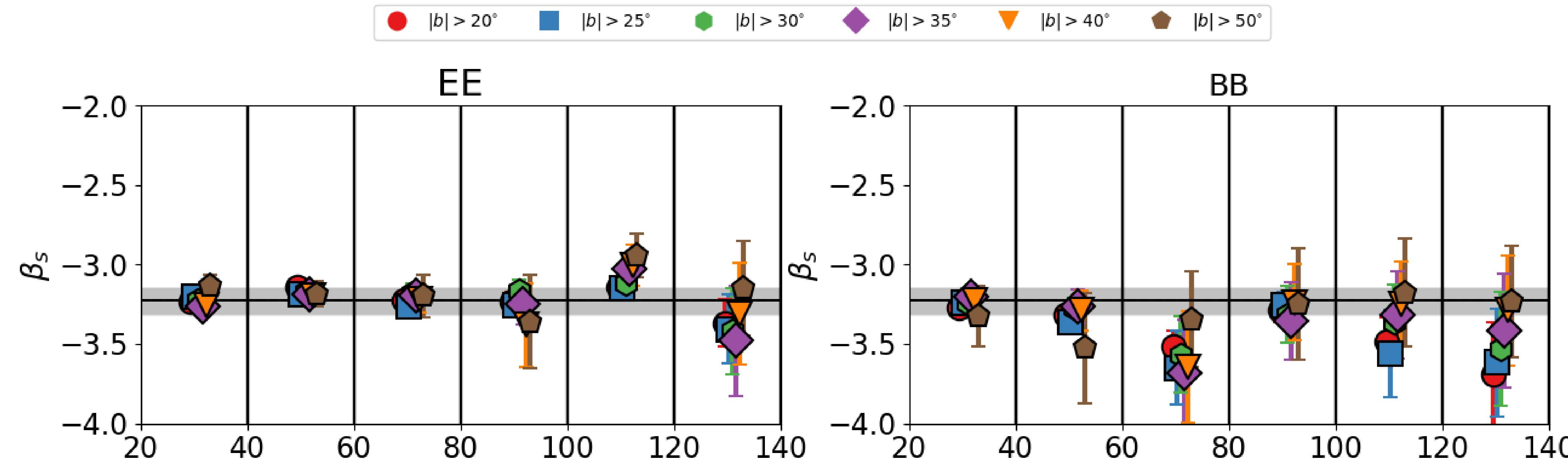
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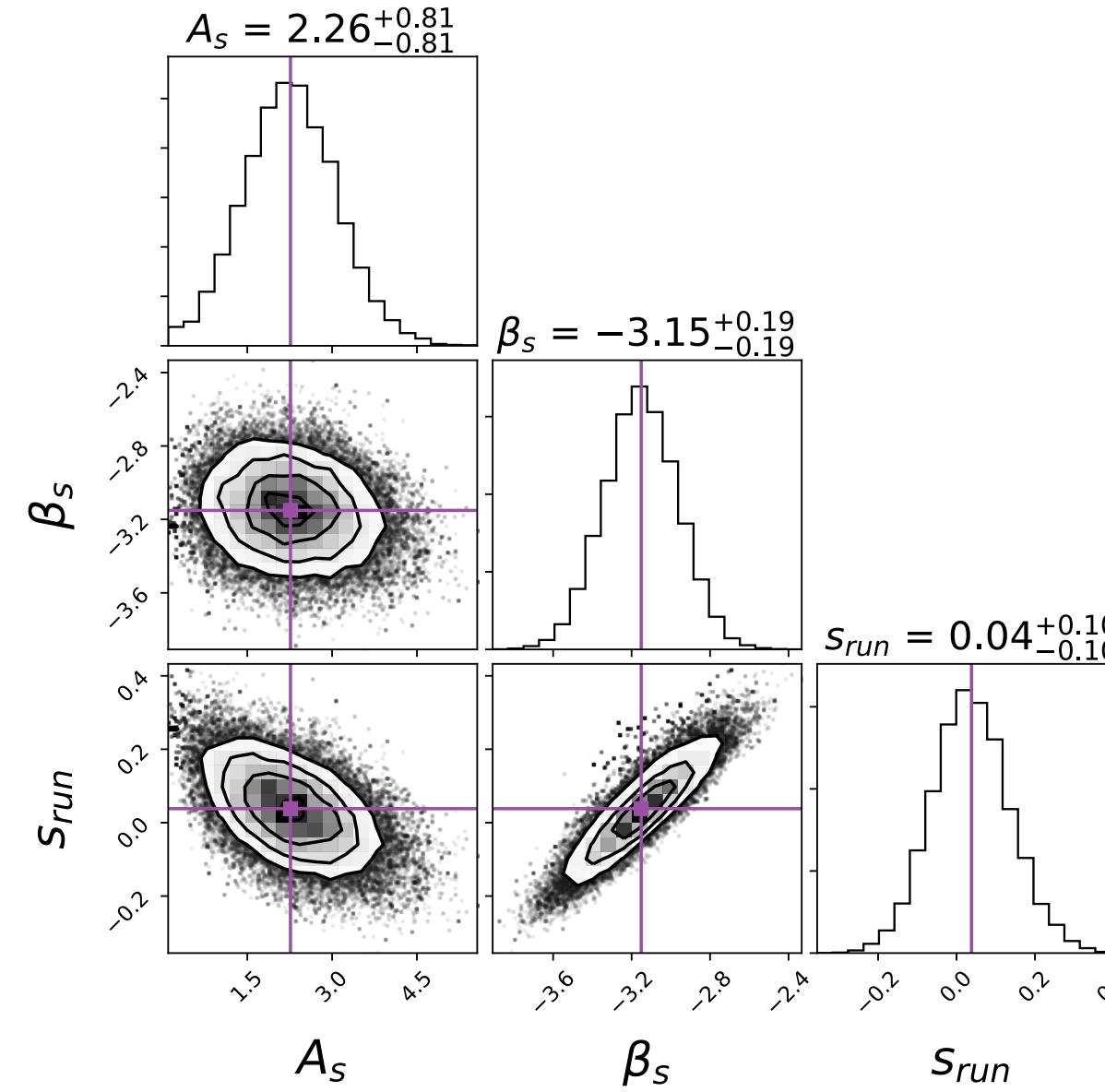


$$\beta_s = -3.22 \pm 0.08$$

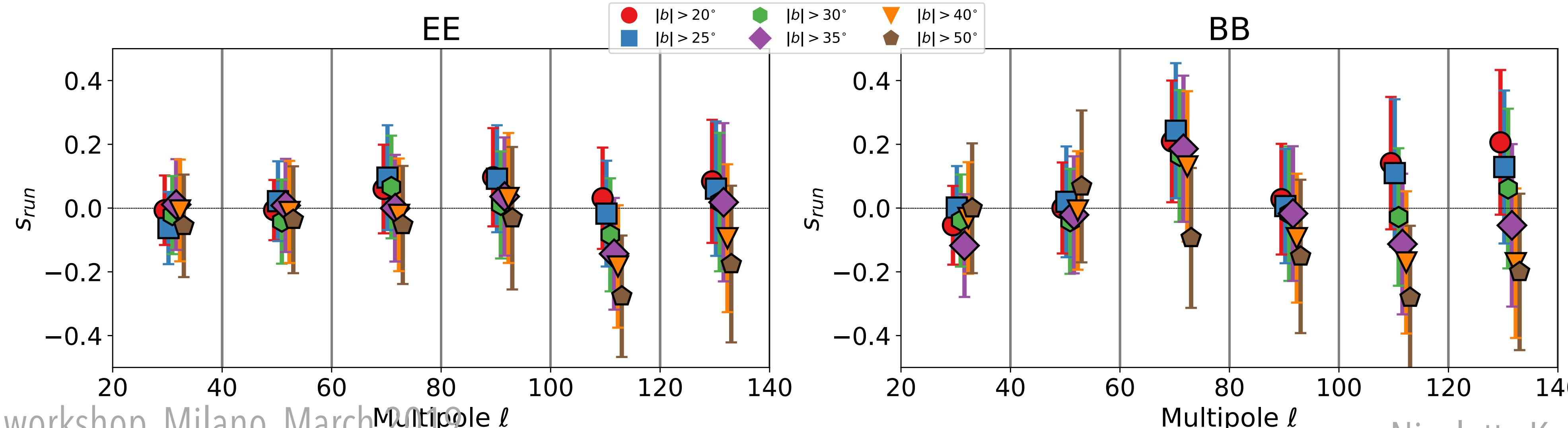
- ◆ Constant along the multipole range and for E and B-modes
- ◆ In agreement with constraints coming from WMAP and Planck

# Constraints on curvature

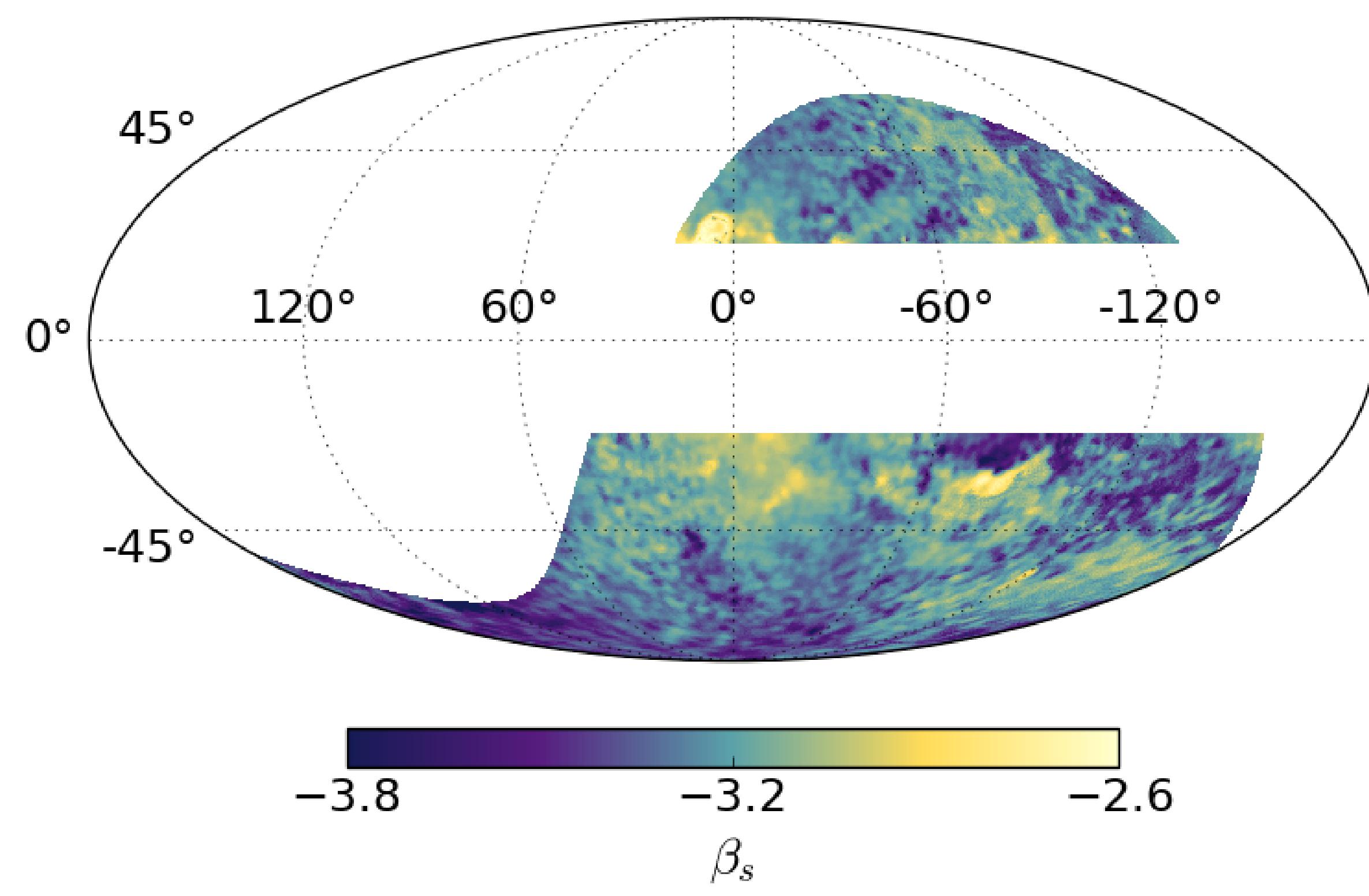
$$D_\ell(\nu_1 \times \nu_2) = A_s \left( \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_0} \right)^{\beta_s + s_{run} \log(\nu_1/\nu_0)} \left( \frac{\nu_2}{\nu_0} \right)^{\beta_s + s_{run} \log(\nu_2/\nu_0)}$$



- ◆ Strong degeneracy between  $\beta_s$  and  $s_{run}$
- ◆ Gaussian prior on spectral index from WMAP and Planck:  $\beta_s = -3.13 \pm 0.13$
- ◆  $s_{run}$  compatible with zero, with  $1\sigma$  errors between 0.07 and 0.14
- ◆ More data at intermediate frequencies are needed (C-BASS in south, QUIJOTE and C-BASS in north)

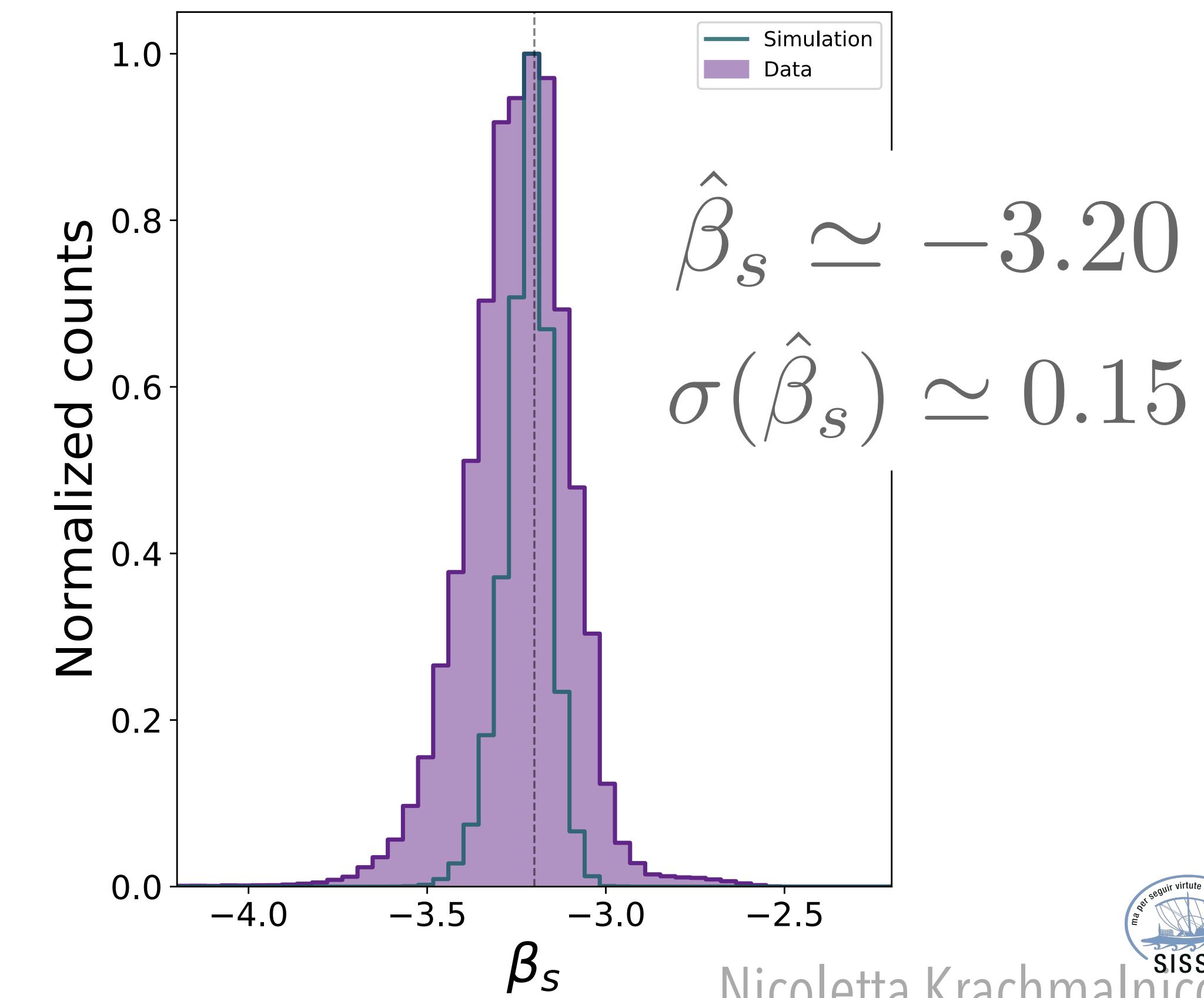
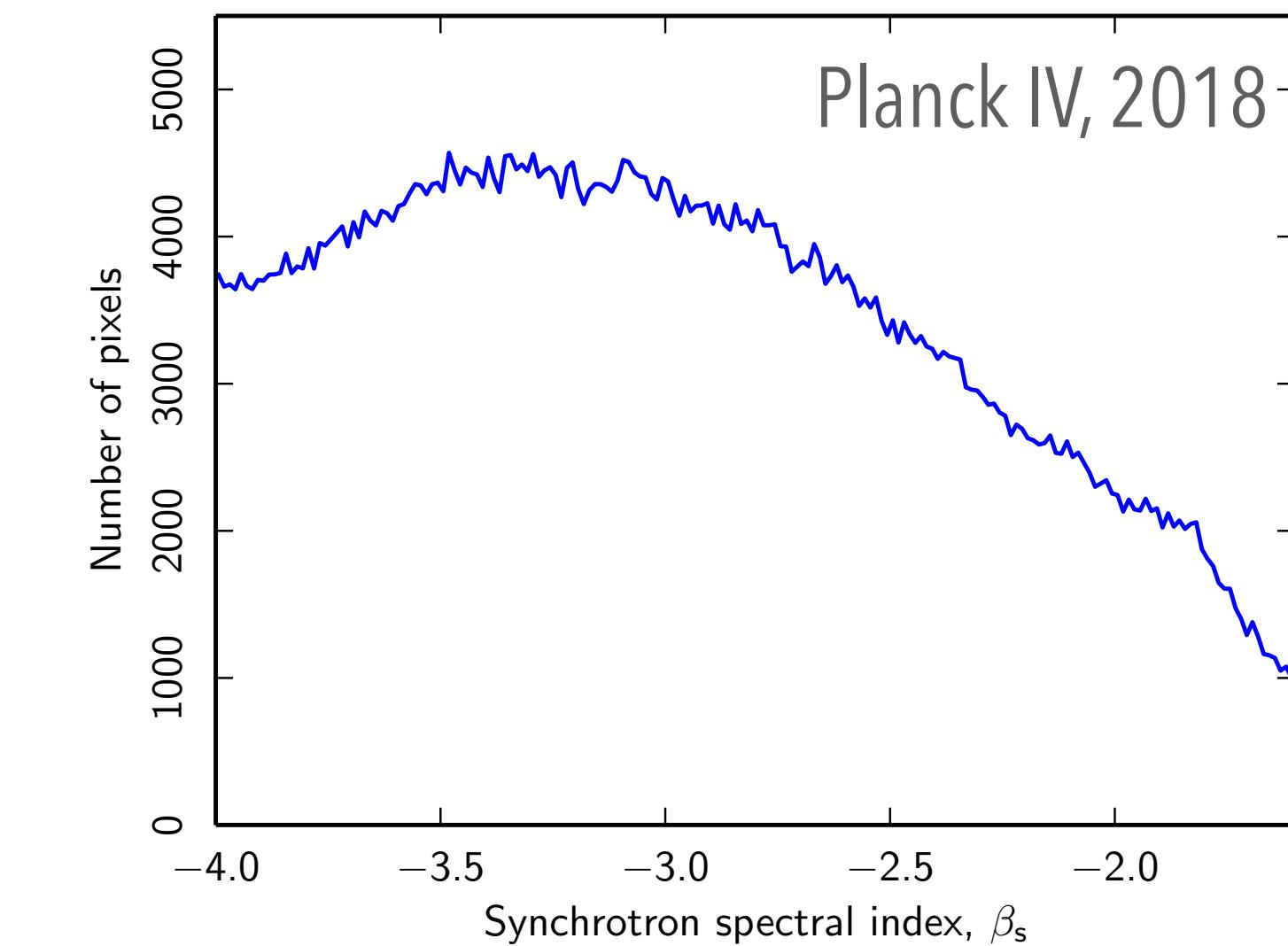


# Synchrotron spectral index map



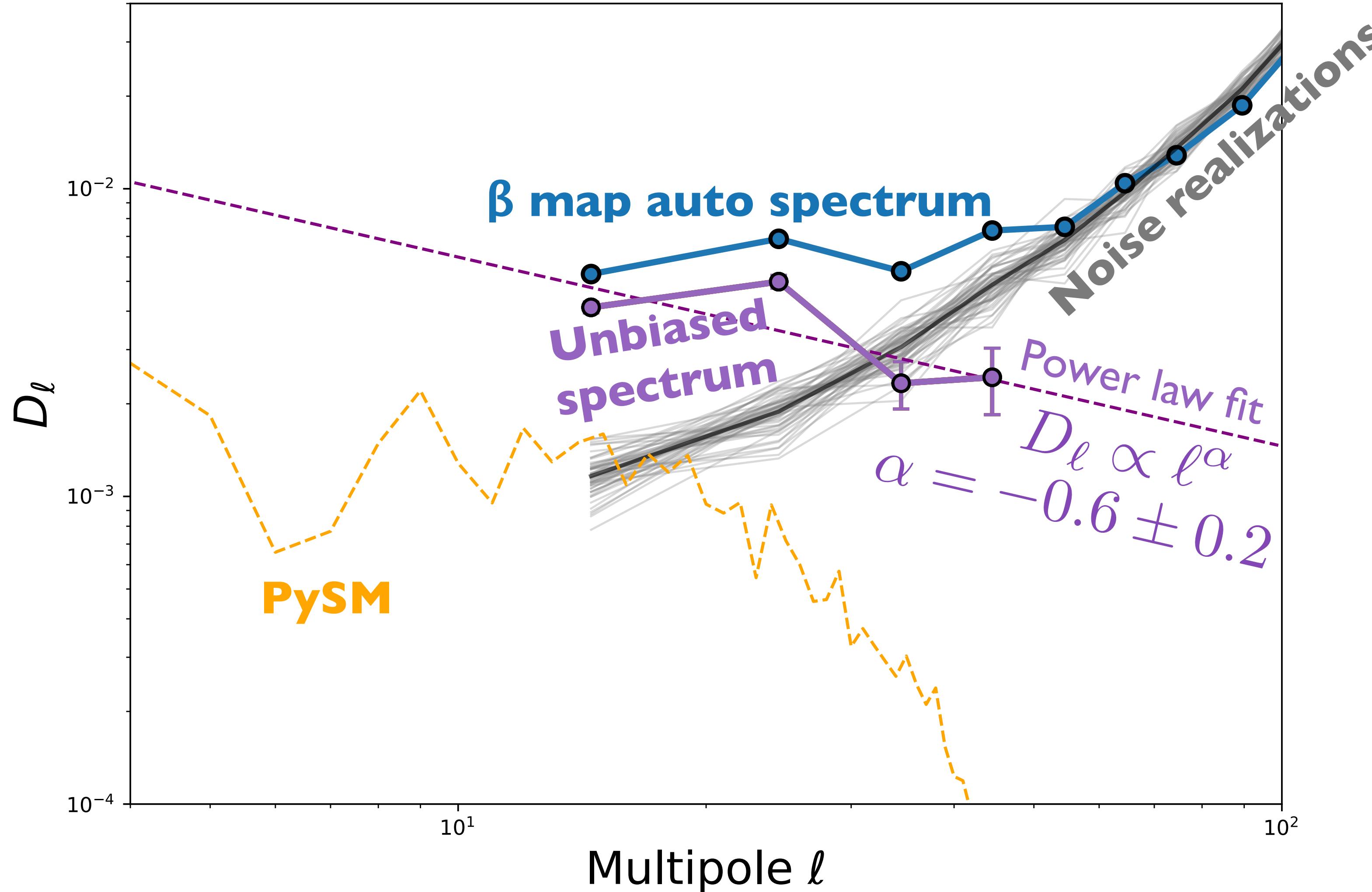
- ◆ Power law fit in range 2.3 - 33 GHz
- ◆ Fit in each pixel in **total polarized intensity** taking into account the noise bias
- ◆ **Angular resolution of 2°**
- ◆ Sky coverage  $\sim 30\%$
- ◆ No prior

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# Power spectrum of spectral index map

**Noise realizations:**



S-PASS maps @ 2.3 GHz

Extrapolate in frequency using  $\beta$  map at  
WMAP-K/Ka, LFI-30 frequencies

Add noise on extrapolated maps

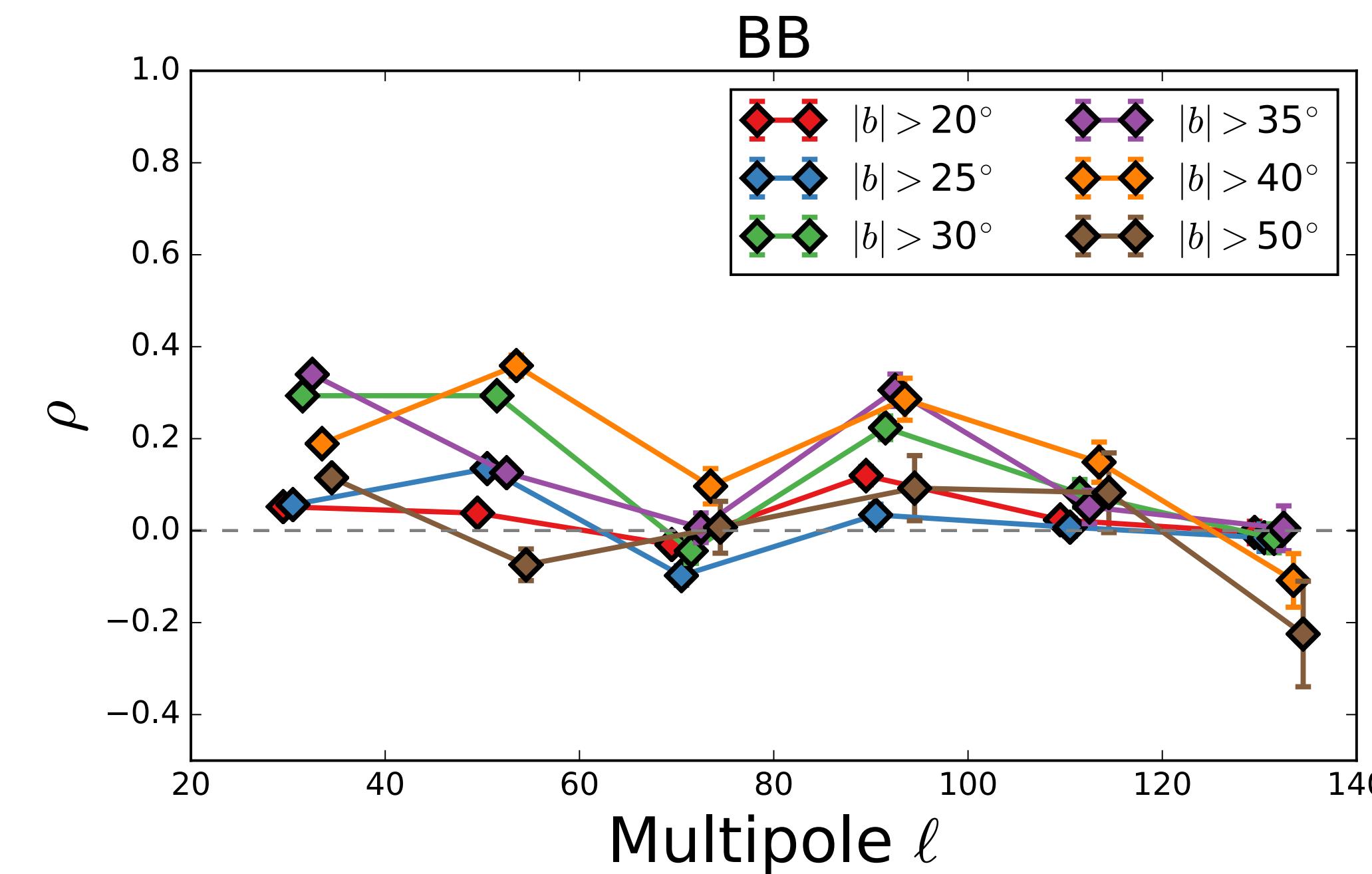
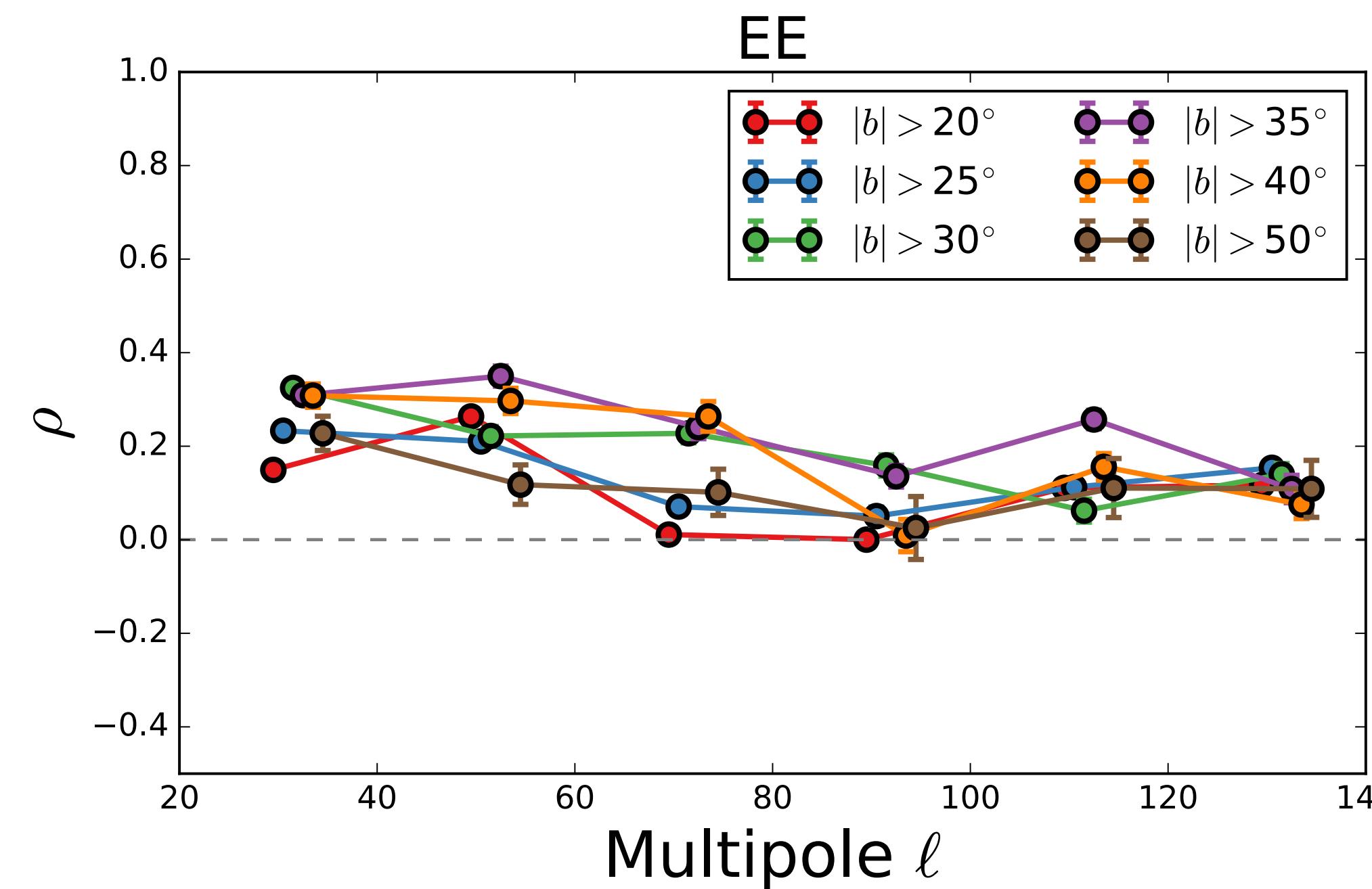
Estimate  $\beta^*$

Compute spectrum of  $(\beta^* - \beta)$

# Synch x Dust

$$\rho_\ell = \frac{C_\ell(2.3 \times 353)}{\sqrt{C_\ell(2.3)C_\ell(353)}}$$

◆ level of correlation between 2.3 and 353 GHz is compatible with what measured with WMAP and Planck channels



# Conclusions and open questions

- In the recent years great progress in the analysis and characterization of synchrotron
- Very low frequency (< 20 GHz) observations are needed
- More data are coming soon
- Open problems:
  - Synchrotron spectral index variation: decorrelation, impact on component separation
  - Curvature?