# A new method for constraining cosmic birefringence

in the presence of foregrounds and instrumental effects in the Simons



# Observatory

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#### Cosmic birefringence

- Standard cosmology conserves parity  $\Rightarrow$  EB=0
- Birefringence generates non-zero EB
- Generally: parity violating interactions such as Chern-Simons effect
- Could be a hint of photon/axion interaction





Credit: Minami / Keck



# The Simons Observatory Small aperture telescopes (SAT)

- 3 Small Aperture Telescopes (SAT) :
  - large angular scale
  - main scientific goal : large scales BB
  - 42 cm aperture
  - 6 frequency bands (30 280 GHz)
  - 30,000 dichroic TES
  - 10% of the sky observed splitted in 2 patches

# Baseline white noise, optimistic 1/f from Ade et al 2018:

Frequency channel [GHz]	27	39	93	145	225	280
sensitivity [ $\mu$ K-arcmin]	21	13	3.4	4.3	8.6	22
$\ell_{knee}$	15	15	25	25	35	40
FWHM [arcmin]	91	63	30	17	11	9



Source : Josquin Errard

#### The effects of foregrounds and systematics on r and $\beta_{h}$ Uncorrected polarisation misalignment and $r = 0.1399^{+0.0063}_{-0.0070}$ no foreground removal $10^{2}$ Synchrotron Dust CMB 10<sup>1</sup> SO SAT bands $\beta_b(^{\circ}) = -0.272 \pm 0.056$ $10^{0}$ 0.2 0.0 $\beta_b(^{\circ})$ $10^{-1}$ -0.210-2 -0.410<sup>2</sup> 10<sup>1</sup> v [GHz] $10^{-3}$ $10^{-2}$ $10^{-1}$ Source: Ade et al 2018 -0.30.0 Ensemble average over noise and **CMB** realisation 5 $\beta_b(^\circ)$

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#### The polarisation angle of the telescope problem

- Miscalibration of the polarisation angle of the telescope degenerate with birefringence angle
- Self calibration (Keating et al 2012) destroys isotropic birefringence signal
- Lift the degeneracy : Minami, Komatsu 2020 uses foregrounds
- Vanishing EB correlations are assumed to fit for miscalibration
- Hint of non-zero birefringence angle β=0.35 ± 0.14° from Planck data (Minami, Komatsu 2020, Diego-Palazuelos et al 2022)

• Clark et al 2021: non-zero foregrounds EB





#### Foreground cleaning and instrumental effects

- We investigate a method which is agnostic wrt foregrounds EB and uses calibration priors to lift degeneracy in the component separation step.
  - Tau A measurements  $\sigma(\alpha) \approx 0.27^{\circ}$  (Aumont et al 2020)
  - Wire grid on top of the window  $\sigma(\alpha) \approx 1^{\circ}$  (Bryan et al 2018)
  - Drone 0.01°≤  $\sigma(\alpha)$  ≤ 0.1°(Nati et al 2017, Gabriele Coppi's talk this morning)
- Frequency dependence of signals
  - Propagation of prior informations



Source: Nasa/Hubble





Wire grid

Source: Nati 2017



#### A new data model for generalised parametric component separation



**Miscalibration matrix** 

Mixing matrix

Birefringence matrix

#### Prior on spectral likelihood

We add calibration priors to the spectral likelihood from Stompor et al 2016 averaged of CMB and noise realisations to lift degeneracies :



- Sparse wire grid : 1 deg precision requirement (Bryan et al 2018)
- Drone :  $0.01^{\circ} \lesssim \sigma(\alpha) \lesssim 0.1^{\circ}$  precision (Nati et al 2017)



#### Pipeline summary : 2 steps analysis

#### Jost et al (2022) in prep



Spectral likelihood Gaussian priors precision : 0.1 deg

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#### Forecast case study : SO SAT 0.1 deg prior on 93 GHz

![](_page_16_Figure_1.jpeg)

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Step 1: Sampling the} \\ \text{ensemble averaged} \\ \text{Spectral likelihood} \\ X\{\alpha\}.A\{\beta_{fg}\} \end{array}$ 

- True sky model : d0s0 pysm model Zonca et al 2021
- Baseline white noise,
- Taking advantage of the foregrounds to constrain miscalibration angles : only one prior needed
- Only one prior needed but adding more is better and more robust

#### Forecast case study : SO SAT 0.1 deg prior on all channels

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### **Results : SO SAT 0.1 deg prior on all channels**

Step 2 : Sampling the ensemble averaged Cosmological likelihood

- True sky model : d0s0 pysm model Zonca et al 2021
- input parameters :
  - **r = 0.0**
  - β<sub>b</sub> = 0.0°

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![](_page_18_Figure_9.jpeg)

### **Results : SO SAT 0.1 deg prior on all channels**

Step 2 : Sampling the ensemble averaged Cosmological likelihood

![](_page_19_Figure_2.jpeg)

- input parameters :
  - **r = 0.01**
  - β<sub>b</sub> = 0.35° (Minami & Komatsu 2020)
- ~ 5 sigma

Noise and beam specifications from Ade et al 2018:

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![](_page_19_Figure_9.jpeg)

### **Results : SO SAT 0.1 deg prior on all channels**

Step 2 : Sampling the ensemble averaged Cosmological likelihood

![](_page_20_Figure_2.jpeg)

- True sky model : **d7s3** pysm model Zonca et al 2021
- input parameters :
  - **r = 0.0**
  - $\circ$   $\beta_{b} = 0.0^{\circ}$

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#### **Results : Evolution of precision wrt prior precision**

We are able to set requirements for future calibration missions

![](_page_21_Figure_2.jpeg)

- True sky model : d0s0
   pysm model Zonca et al
   2021
- Averaged over noise and CMB realisation
- input parameters :

$$\circ$$
  $\beta_{\rm b} = 0.0^{\circ}$ 

#### **Results : Evolution of precision wrt prior precision**

We are able to set requirements for future calibration missions

![](_page_22_Figure_2.jpeg)

- True sky model : d0s0 pysm model Zonca et al 2021
- Averaged over noise and CMB realisation
- input parameters :

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#### **Results : Evolution of precision wrt prior precision**

We are able to set requirements for future calibration missions

![](_page_23_Figure_2.jpeg)

- True sky model : d0s0 pysm model Zonca et al 2021
- Averaged over noise and CMB realisation
- input parameters :

$$\circ$$
  $\beta_{\rm b} = 0.0^{\circ}$ 

 $X(\{\alpha_1,...,\alpha_n\}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\alpha_1) & \sin(\beta_{cos}(2\alpha_1)) & \cos(\beta_{cos}(2\alpha_1)) & \cos(2\alpha_n) \\ 0 & \beta_{2\alpha_n} & \sin(2\alpha_n) \\ 0 & \beta_{2\alpha_n} & \cos(2\alpha_n) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{à la Vergès et al 2020}$   $d_p = X(\{\alpha_1,...,\alpha_n\}).A_p(\{\beta_{fg}\}).B(\{\beta_b\}).s_p + n_p$ 

 $X(\{\alpha_{1},...,\alpha_{n}\}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\alpha_{1}) & \sin(\beta_{a,n} - \sin(2\alpha_{1})) & \cos(\beta_{a,n} - \sin(2\alpha_{n})) \\ 0 & \beta_{2\alpha_{n}} & \sin(2\alpha_{n}) \\ 0 & \beta_{2\alpha_{n}} & \cos(2\alpha_{n}) \end{pmatrix}$ Systematic matrix  $d_{p} = X(\{\alpha_{1},...,\alpha_{n}\}).A_{p}(\{\beta_{fg}\}).B(\{\beta_{b}\}).s_{p} + n_{p}$ 

 $X(\{\alpha_{1},...,\alpha_{n}\}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\alpha_{1}) & i & 0 \\ -\sin(2\alpha_{1}) & \text{Polarisation efficiency} \\ 0 & 2\alpha_{n} & \sin(2\alpha_{n}) \\ 2\alpha_{n} & \cos(2\alpha_{n}) \end{pmatrix} \\ \uparrow \text{ Systematic matrix} \\ d_{p} = X(\{\alpha_{1},...,\alpha_{n}\}).A_{p}(\{\beta_{fg}\}).B(\{\beta_{b}\}).s_{p} + n_{p}) \\ \downarrow S_{p} = N(\{\alpha_{1},...,\alpha_{n}\}).A_{p}(\{\beta_{fg}\}).B(\{\beta_{b}\}).s_{p} + n_{p}) \\ \downarrow S_{p} = N(\{\beta_{1},...,\beta_{n}\}).A_{p}(\{\beta_{fg}\}).B(\{\beta_{b}\}).s_{p} + n_{p}) \\ \downarrow S_{p} = N(\{\beta_{1},...,\beta_{n}\}).A_{p}(\{\beta_{1},...,\beta_{n}\}).A_{p$ 

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### **Conclusion :**

• I developed a new method based on parametric component separation that

estimates the impact of foregrounds and systematic on the precision of r and  $\beta_{t}$  in multi-frequency CMB experiments assuming for now the simplest (constant over the sky) parametrisation of foreground parameters.

General and versatile framework :

other systematic such as HWP

other experiments CMB-S4 / LiteBIRD

![](_page_29_Picture_0.jpeg)

Source : Deborah Kellner

#### Parametric component separation

![](_page_30_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Example : The polarisation angle of the telescope, new data model

$$X(\{\alpha_{1},...,\alpha_{n}\}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\alpha_{1}) & \sin(2\alpha_{1}) & 0 \\ -\sin(2\alpha_{1}) & \cos(2\alpha_{1}) & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \cos(2\alpha_{n}) & \sin(2\alpha_{n}) \\ 0 & & -\sin(2\alpha_{n}) & \cos(2\alpha_{n}) \end{pmatrix}$$
  

$$Miscalibration matrix$$

$$d_{p} = X(\{\alpha_{1},...,\alpha_{n}\}).A_{p}(\{\beta_{fg}\}).B(\{\beta_{b}\}).s_{p} + n_{p}$$

$$B(\{\beta_{b}\}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\beta_{b}) & \sin(2\beta_{b}) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin(2\beta_{b}) & \cos(2\beta_{b}) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
Birefindence matrix

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Spectral likelihood Gaussian priors precision : 0.1 deg

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