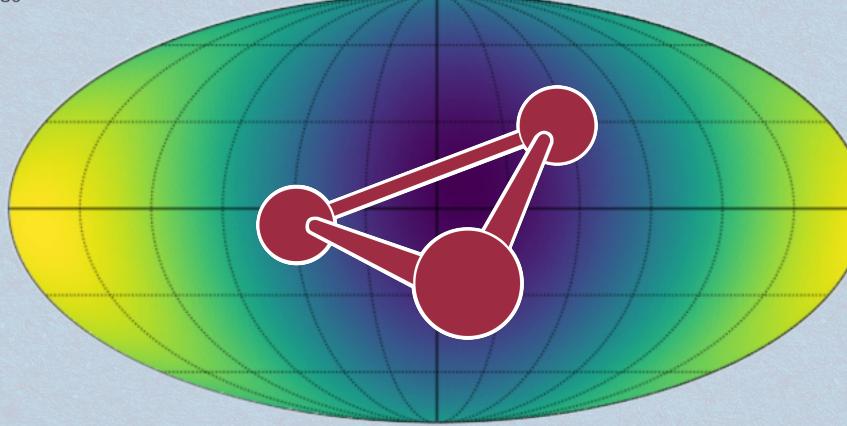




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# Doppler-boosted anisotropies of SGWB and LISA

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# Scope and objectives

- Main challenge of the search for SGWB signal with LISA:

**How do we distinguish a potential cosmological signal from instrumental noise ?**

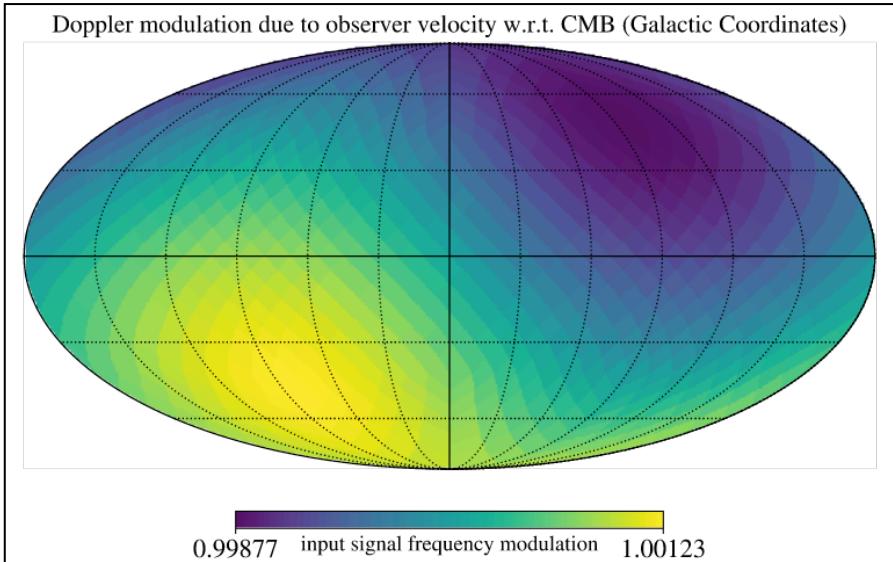
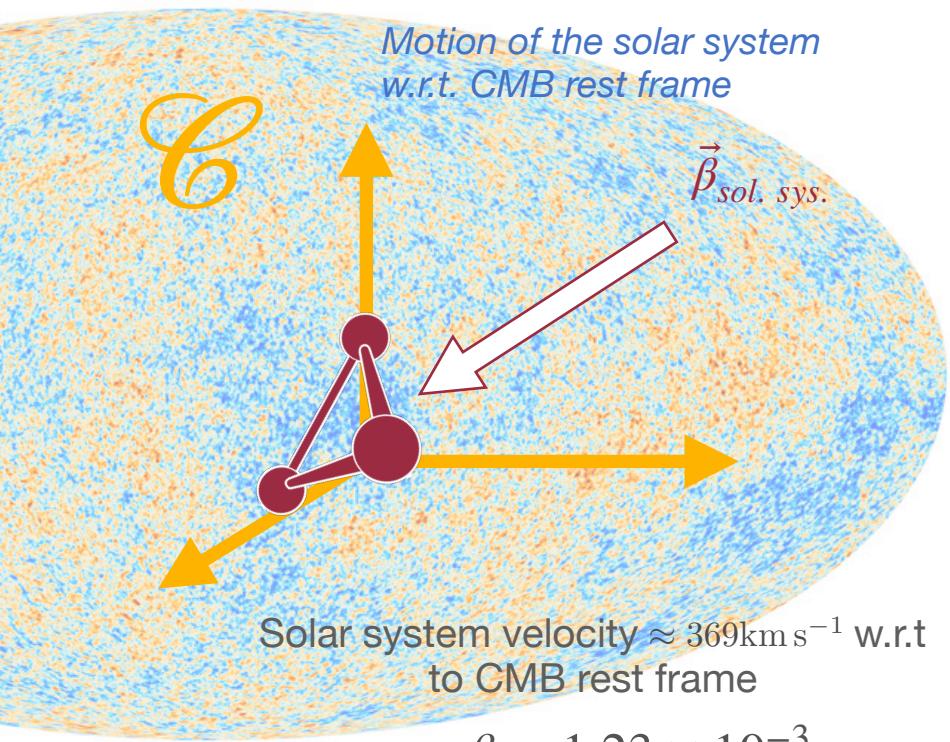
(+ from galactic confusion noise, astrophysical background..)

**On what kind of evidence can we claim an apparent excess of power is cosmological ?**

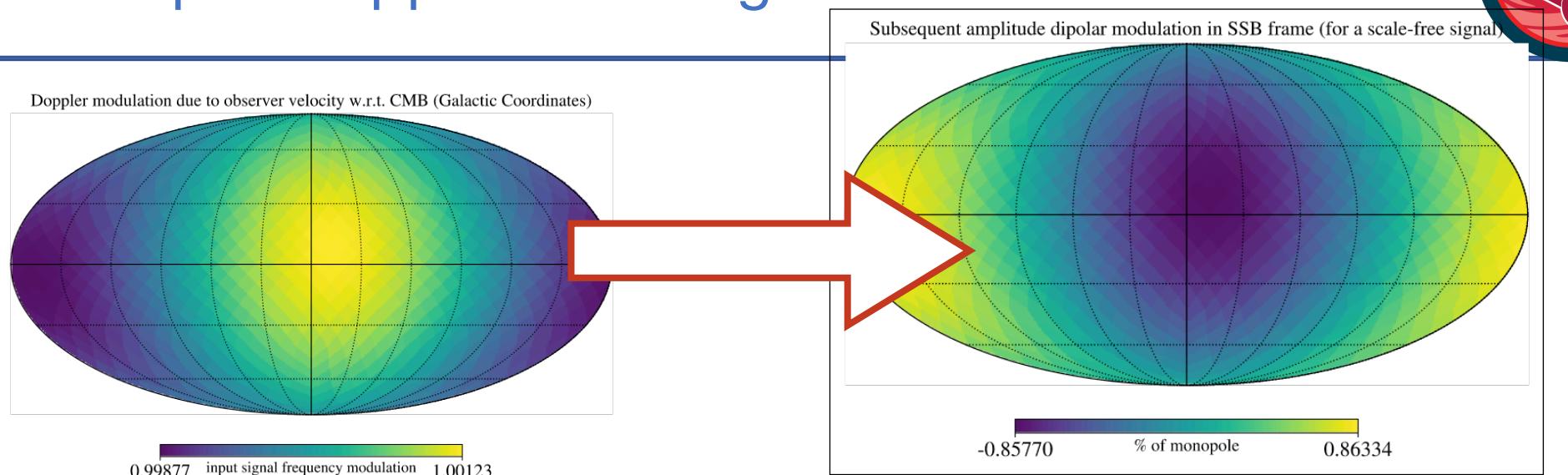
1. The instrument response projects differently noise and signal on data.
2. The signal has distinctive features not shared with the noise (anisotropy)

→ **Kinematic anisotropy is a signature of an extragalactic origin**

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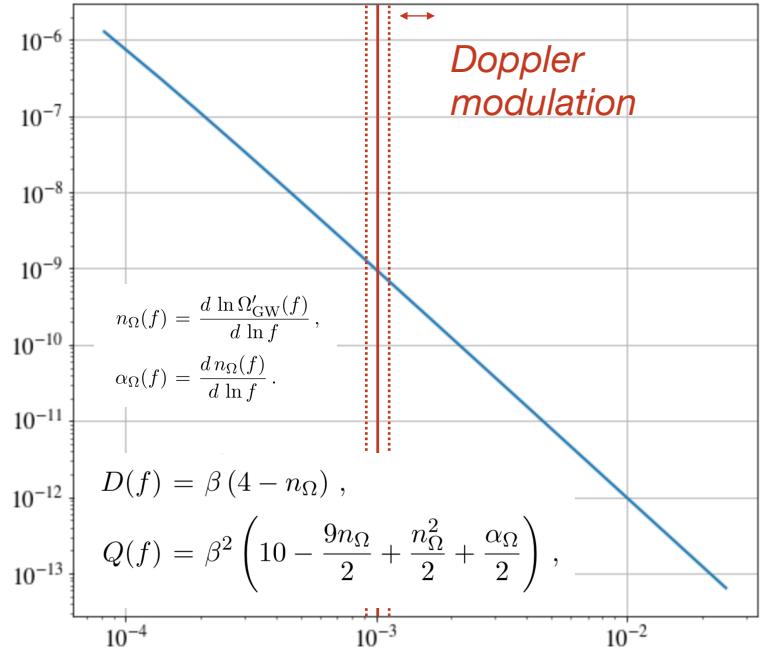


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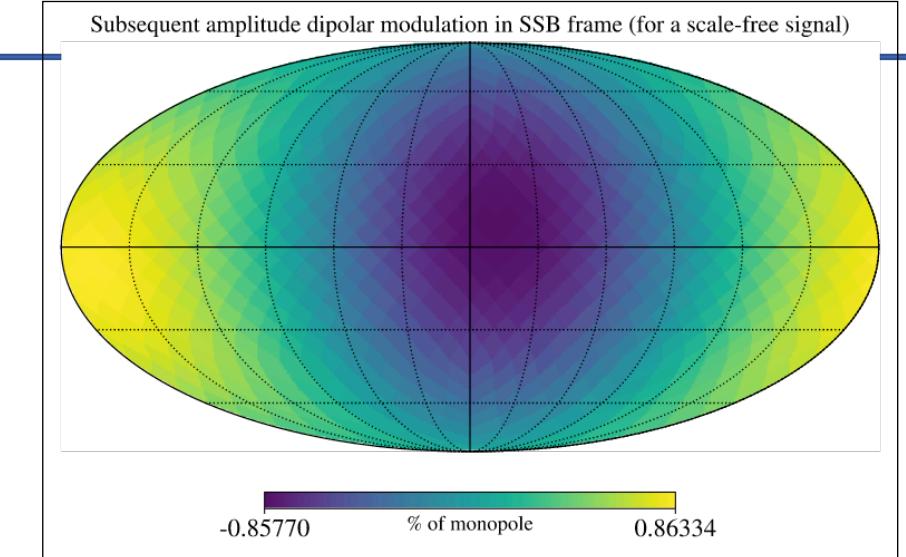
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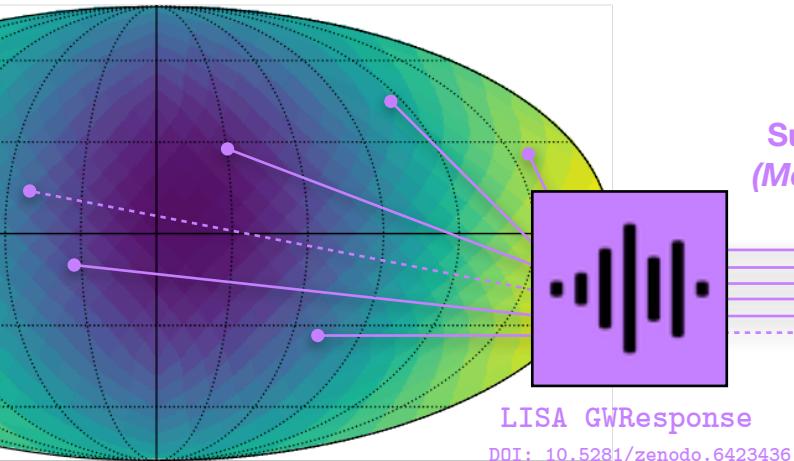


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# DATA generation: full **time-domain** simulation of GW anisotropic sky, via LISA Simulation Suite

Generate noise time series for each pixel



Sky discretized with [healpy](#)

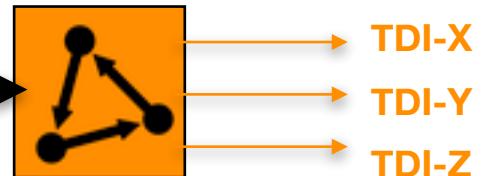
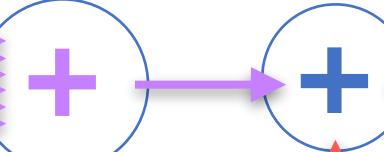
*direction  $\hat{n} \rightarrow$  pixel  $p$*

$\eta_{12}(t), \eta_{21}(t), \eta_{13}(t), \eta_{31}(t), \eta_{23}(t), \eta_{32}(t)$

Single link data streams

Sums over all pixels  
*(Memory demanding!)*

Compute TDI data  
*(parallelized - 4 CPUs)*



LISA  
Instrument



Simulate and add  
instrumental noise  
*(optional)*

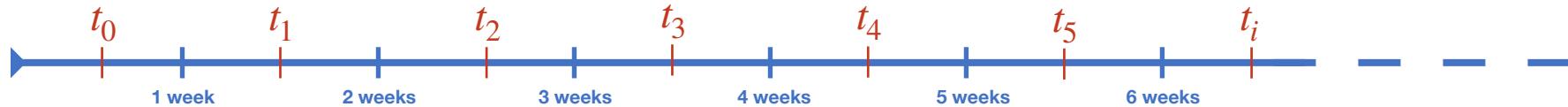
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- Physical assumptions:
  - ✓ Pixel stochastic strain time series uncorrelated
  - ✓ *Equal arm or keplerian* orbits.
  - ✓ TDI 2.0
  - ✓ **Arm propag. delays in TCB time**
  - ✓ Secondary noise only (when noise on)
- Simulation settings
  - 3 years, sampling frequency = [0.05 Hz / 0.1 Hz]
  - Number of pixels: [12288 / 3072]
  - Cosmological signal:  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\Omega = [10^{-12}, 10^{-7}]$

# Map-making strategy: pre-processing the DATA

- Time-splitting the 3 years long TDI data streams.  
—> *Will set the angular resolution of the analysis*



- Frequency averaging (data compression) :

$$\bar{\mathbf{d}}(t_i, f_j) \equiv \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{k=j-\frac{n_j}{2}}^{j+\frac{n_j}{2}} \tilde{\mathbf{d}}(t_i, f_k) \tilde{\mathbf{d}}(t_i, f_k)^\dagger.$$

TDI X, Y, Z data streams

- DA problem: we're solving for the covariance  $C_d$  of the signal  $\tilde{\mathbf{d}}$ .

[Contaldi et al. 2020, "Maximum likelihood map making with the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna"](#)

[Baghi et al. 2023, "Uncovering gravitational-wave backgrounds from noises of unknown shape with LISA"](#)

Decompose R in term of G and TDI transfer function. Point to Baghi et al. for details.

# Covariance MODEL and max likelihood map-making strategy



- Covariance model:

$$\mathbf{C}_d(t_i, f_j) = \mathbf{A}(t_i, f_j, p) I(p) + \mathbf{N}(t_i, f_j)$$

LISA quadratic response

Pixel Map to solve for

Instrumental Noise

$$I(f, \hat{n}) = \Omega_{\text{GW}}(f, \hat{n}) \frac{3H_0^2}{4\pi^2 f^3}$$

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- LISA quadratic response:

$$A(t_i, f_j, p) = R_+(t_i, f_j, p) \otimes R_+(t_i, f_j, p)^* + R_\times(t_i, f_j, p) \otimes R_\times(t_i, f_j, p)^*$$

$$R_P(t_i, f_j, p) = M_{TDI}(t_i, f_j) G_P(t_i, f_j, p) M_{TDI}(t_i, f_j)^\dagger$$

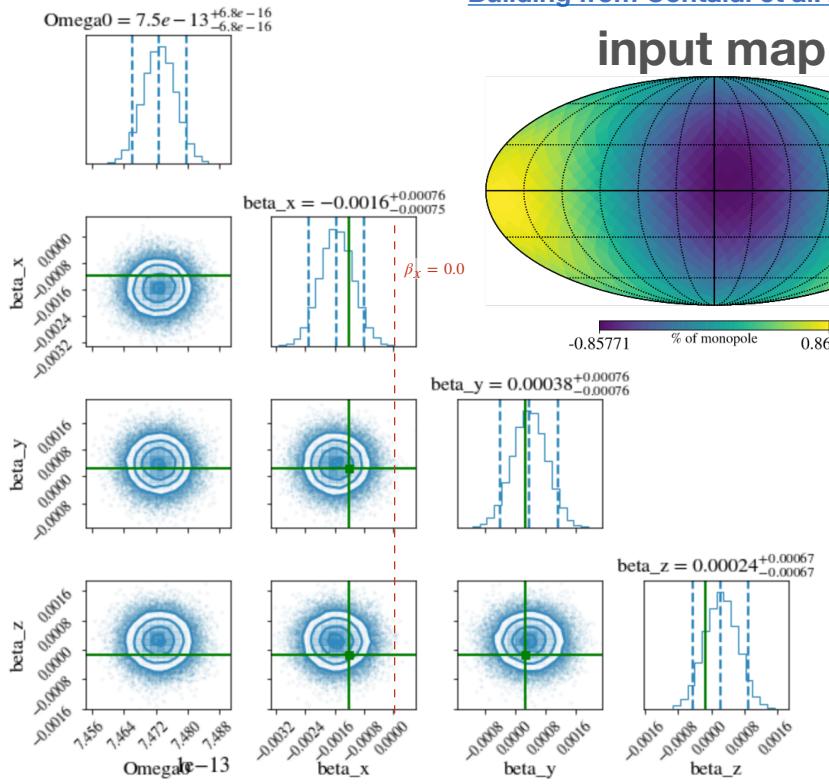
- log-Likelihood, Wishart statistics:

$$\log \mathcal{L} = \sum_{t_i} \sum_{f_j} \left[ -\text{tr}(\mathbf{C}_d^{-1} \mathbf{D}(t_i, f_j)) - \nu \log |\mathbf{C}_d(t_i, f_j)| \right]$$

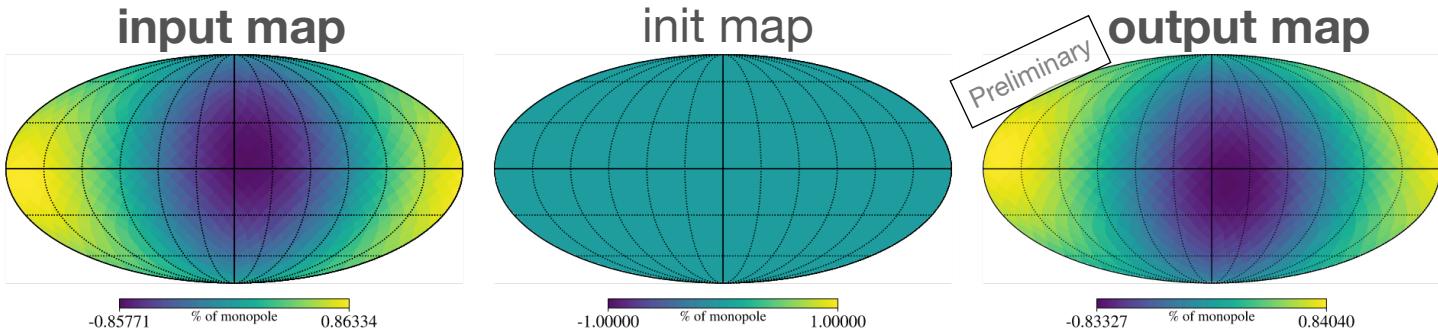
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TDI matrix (phasing operators)  
single link response (freq. domain, at time  $t_i$ )  
TDI matrix (phasing operators)

# MCMC sampling the velocity: recovered sky maps



Building from Contaldi et al. 2020, extending to time-domain sim, spectrum averaging, and MCMC sampling



$$\Omega_{GW}(f, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \mathcal{D}^4 \Omega'_{GW}(f) (\mathcal{D}^{-1} f, \hat{\mathbf{n}})$$

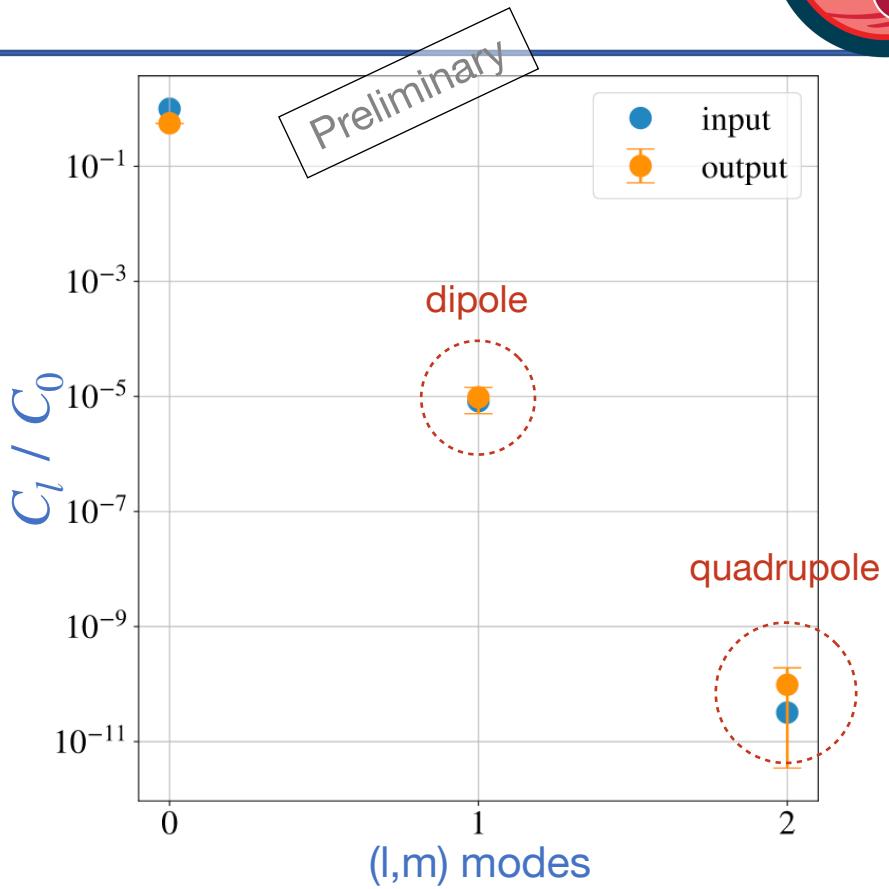
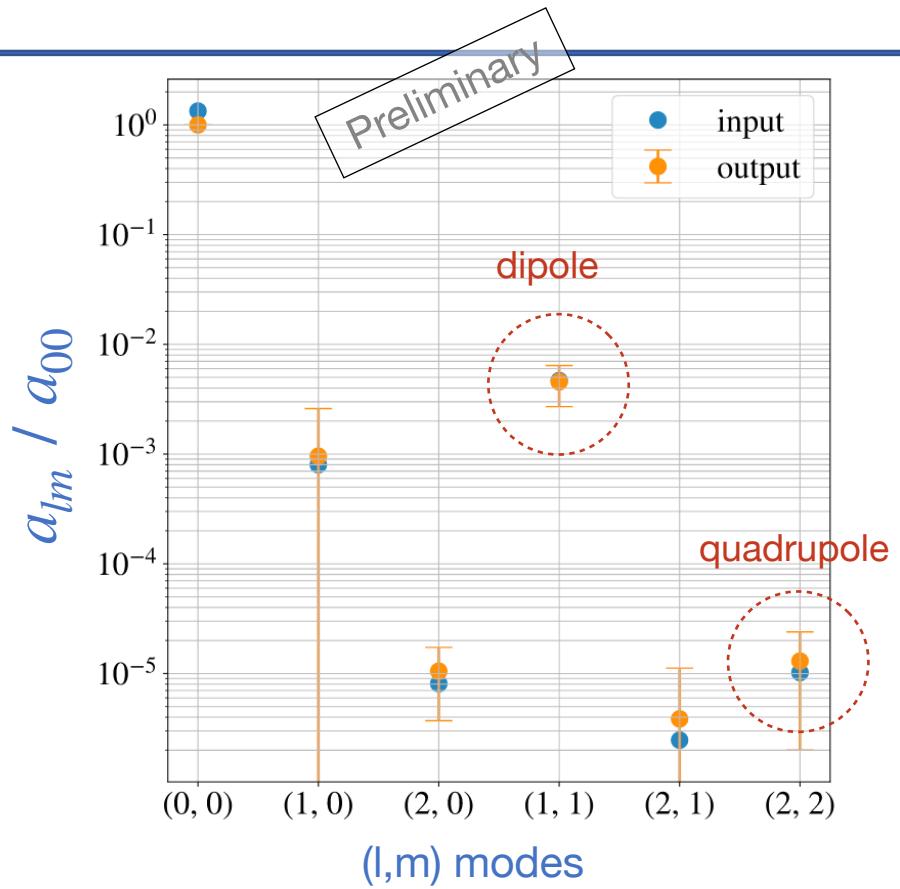
$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{1 - \beta^2}{1 - \beta \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}} \quad \text{Fitting for } \vec{\beta}$$

$$\Omega'_{GW}(f_0 = 1\text{mHz})$$

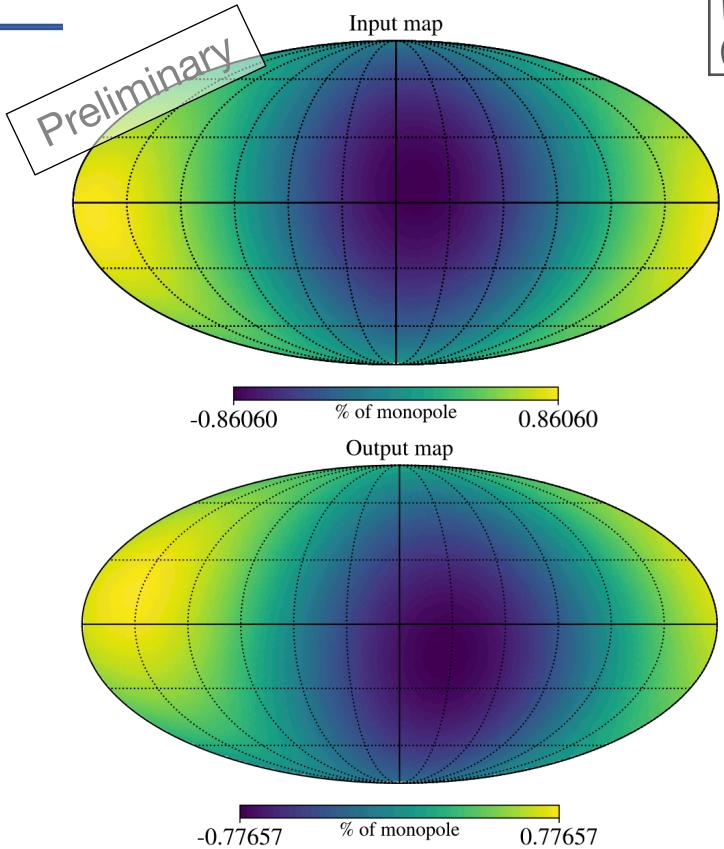
Could also Taylor expand in power of  $\beta$ :

$$\Omega_{GW}(f, \mathbf{n}) = \Omega'_{GW}(f) \left[ 1 + M(f) + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} D(f) + ((\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})^2 + \frac{1}{3} Q(f)) \right]$$

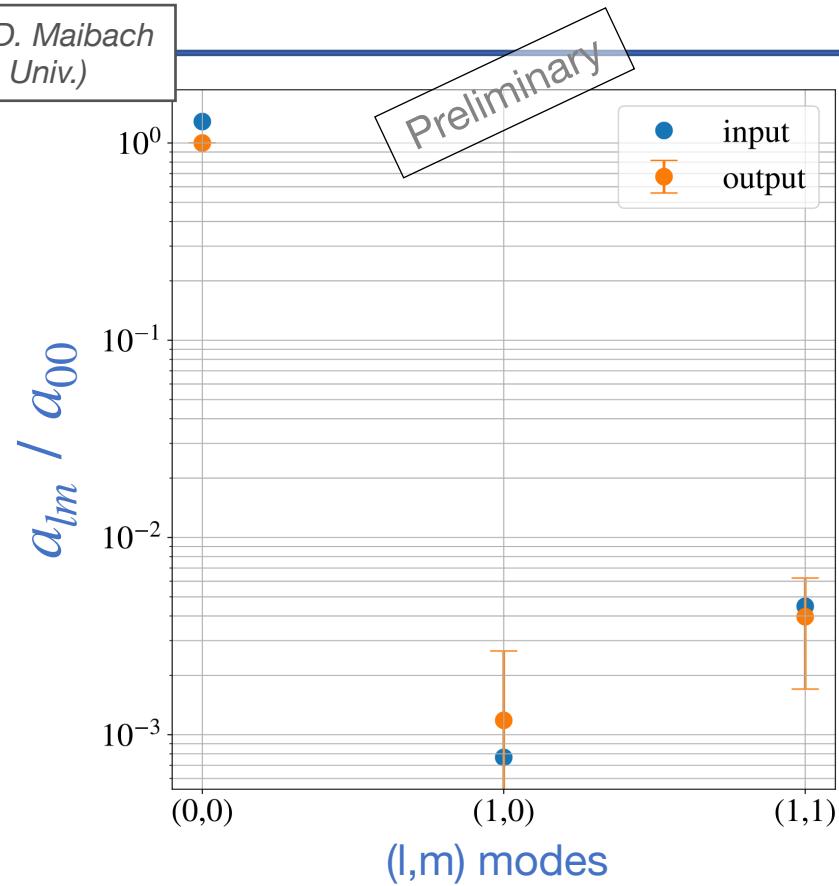
# MCMC sampling the velocity: recovered angular spectrum



# MCMC sampling the alms: recovered sky maps



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# Conclusion & Perspectives

- End-to-end simulation and analysis of an anisotropic GW sky with LISA.
- With up-to-date and most complete simulation tools of the consortium to date (LISA GWResponse, LISA Instrument, PyTDI)
- Validation of the method to recover kinematic anisotropy, induced on scale-free SGWB signal (spectral index  $\alpha = 0$ ), **for noiseless instrument**.
- What's next ?
  1. Apply the method to SGWB with **richer spectrum profiles** (broken power laws, peaks)  
**Sharp spectrum transition, breaks, peaks...**  
→ **can boost the SNR a lot (dipole AND quadrupole)**
  2. Apply the method to **the mapping of the galactic foreground** (on LDC data!)

$$D(f) = \beta(4 - n_\Omega),$$
$$Q(f) = \beta^2 \left( 10 - \frac{9n_\Omega}{2} + \frac{n_\Omega^2}{2} + \frac{\alpha_\Omega}{2} \right),$$

# Back slides

# LISA response

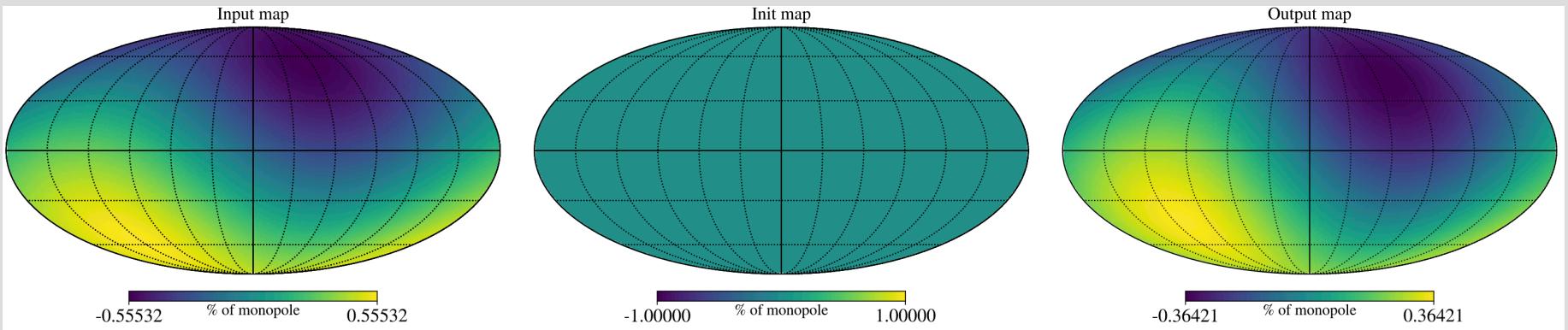
$$G_{lm,p}(f', t, \hat{\mathbf{k}}) = \frac{\xi_p(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k, \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{lm})}{2(1 - \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{lm}(t))} \left[ e^{-\frac{2\pi i f'}{c} (L_{lm}(t) + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{x}_m(t))} - e^{-\frac{2\pi i f'}{c} \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{x}_l(t)} \right]. \quad (\text{B.5})$$

From [Baghi et al. 2023](#)

$$\begin{aligned} X_2 = & X_1 + \mathbf{D}_{13121}y_{12} + \mathbf{D}_{131212}y_{21} + \mathbf{D}_{1312121}y_{13} + \mathbf{D}_{13121213}y_{31} \\ & - [\mathbf{D}_{12131}y_{13} + \mathbf{D}_{121313}y_{31} + \mathbf{D}_{1213131}y_{12} + \mathbf{D}_{12131312}y_{21}], \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{ij}\tilde{x}(f) \approx \tilde{x}(f)e^{-2\pi i f L_{ij}}.$$

# MCMC sampling the alms: artificially rotated input - Sanity check



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