

# Decoding the Early Universe: Machine Learning Applications in CMB Analysis

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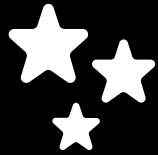
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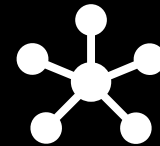
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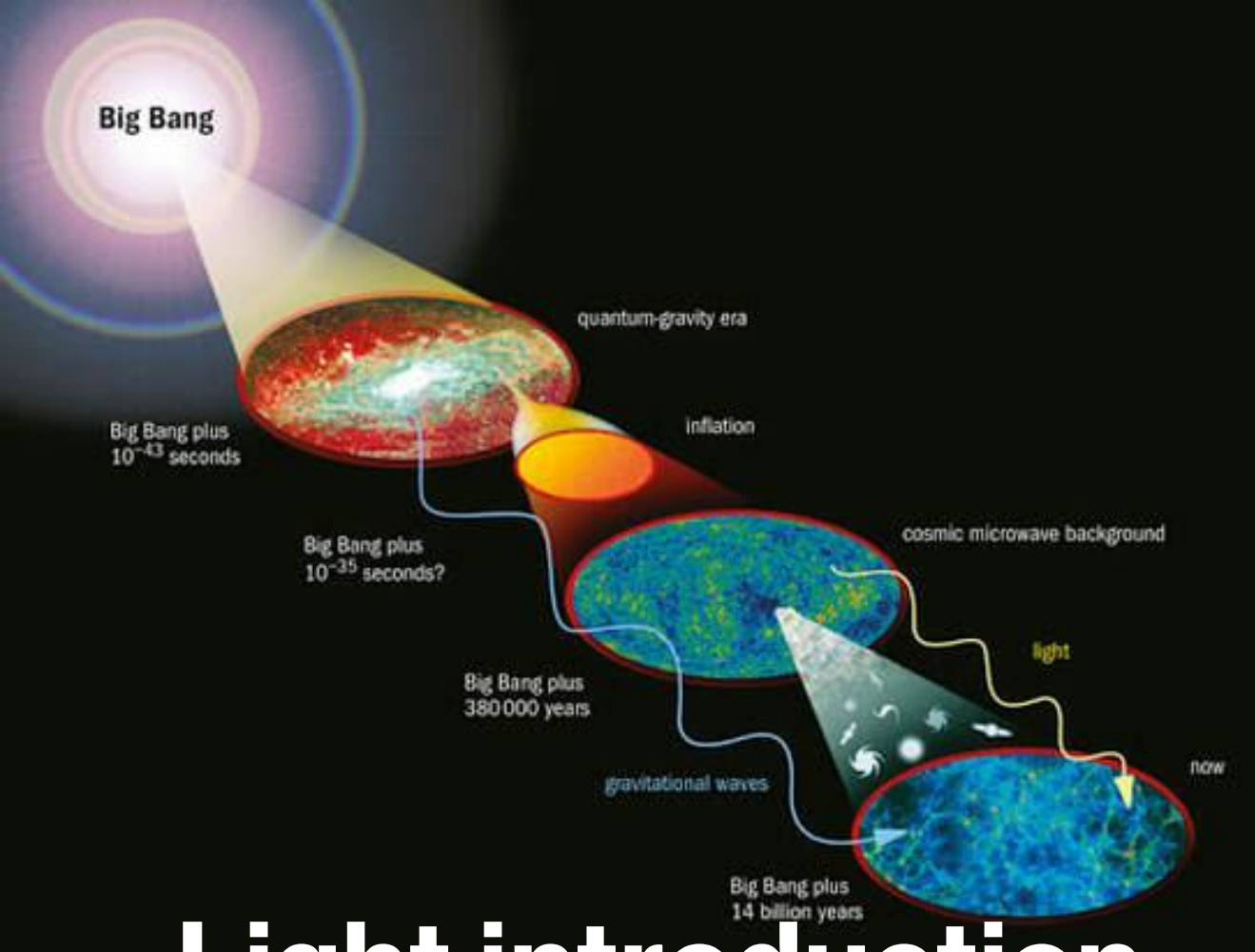
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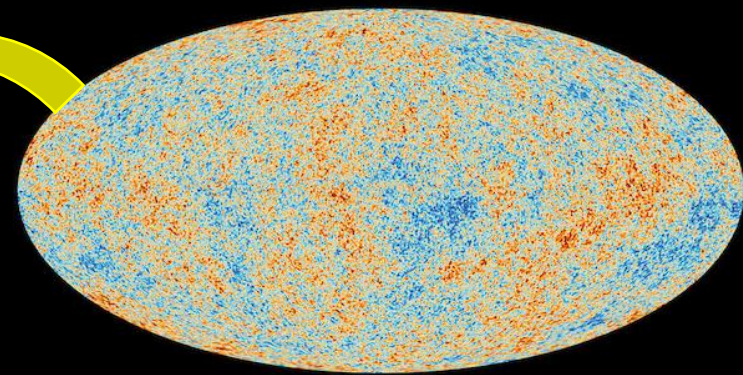




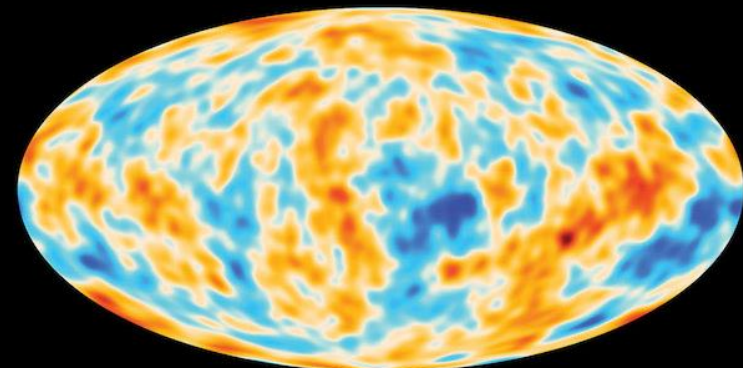
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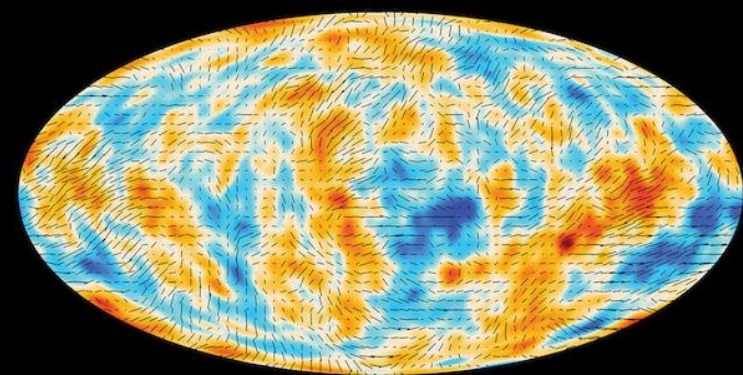
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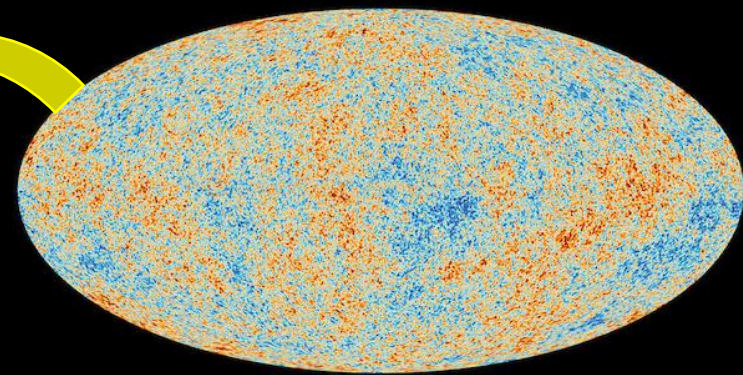
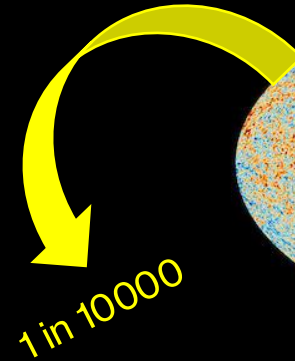
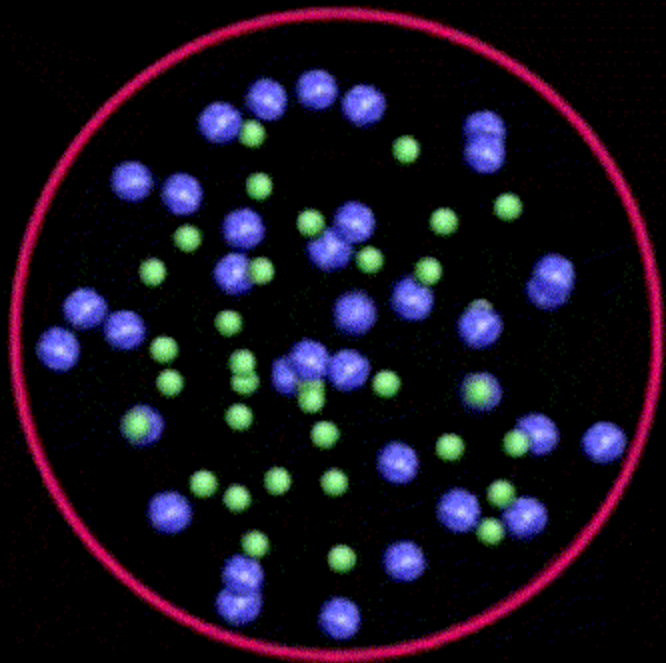


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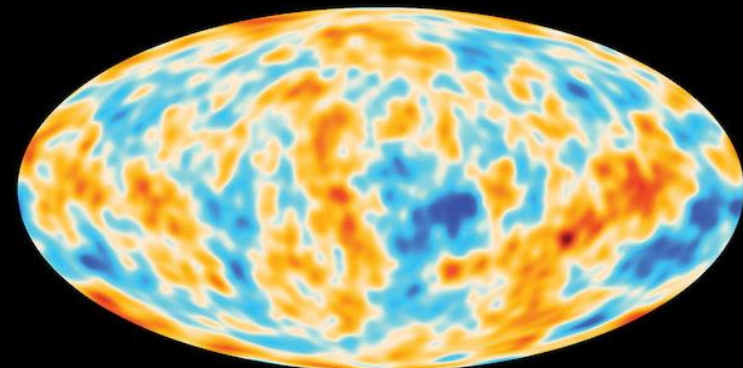


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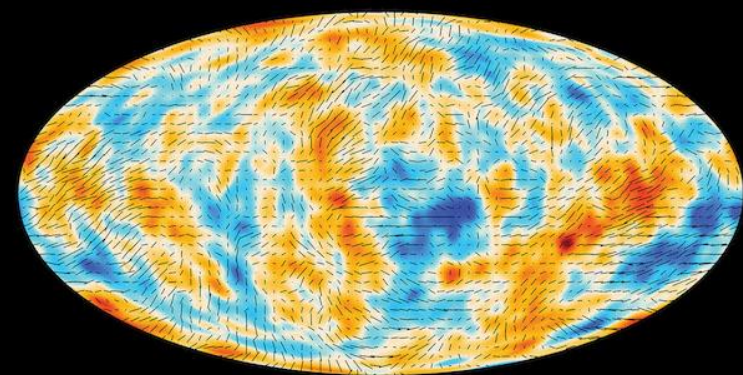
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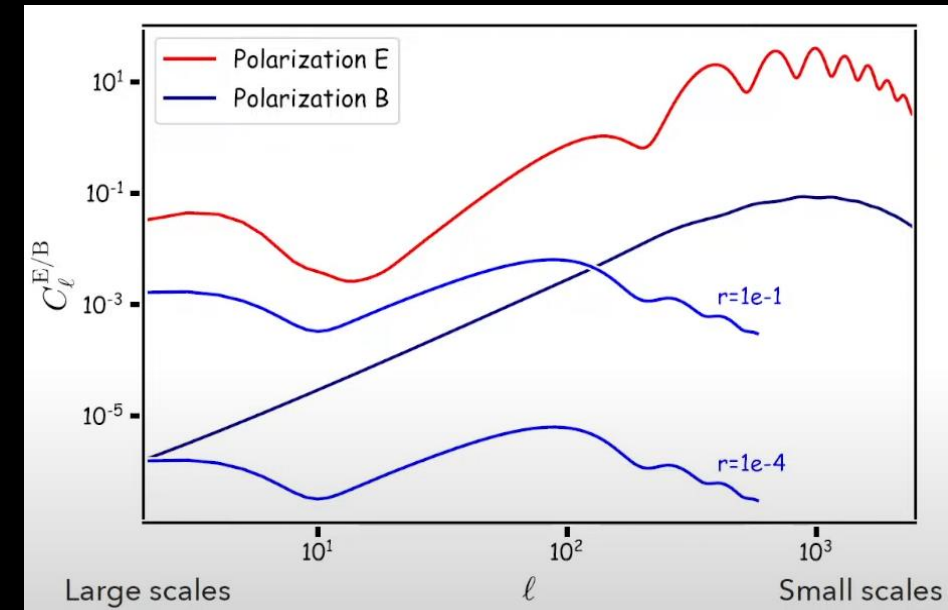
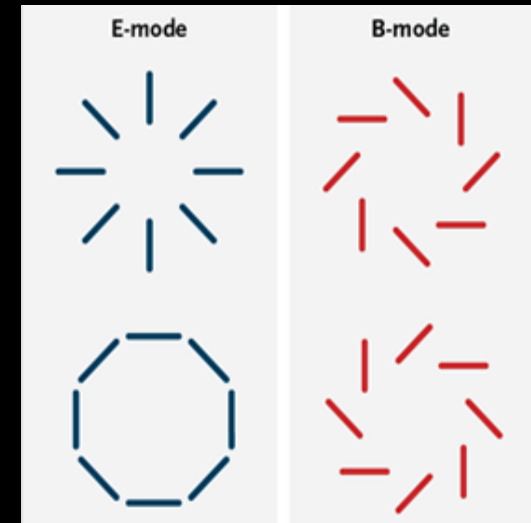
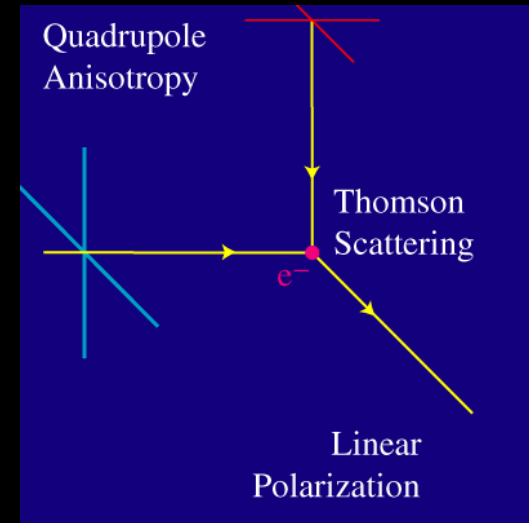


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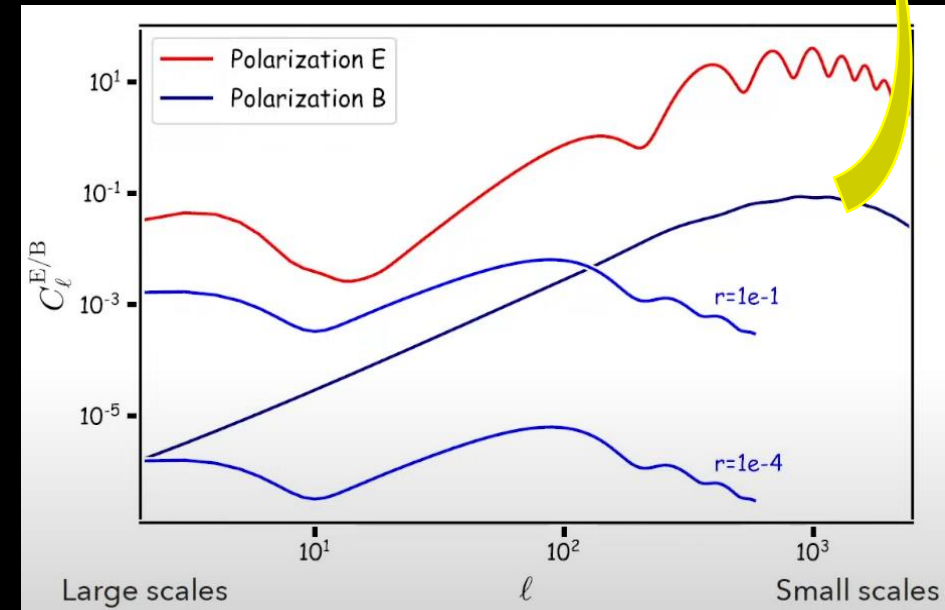
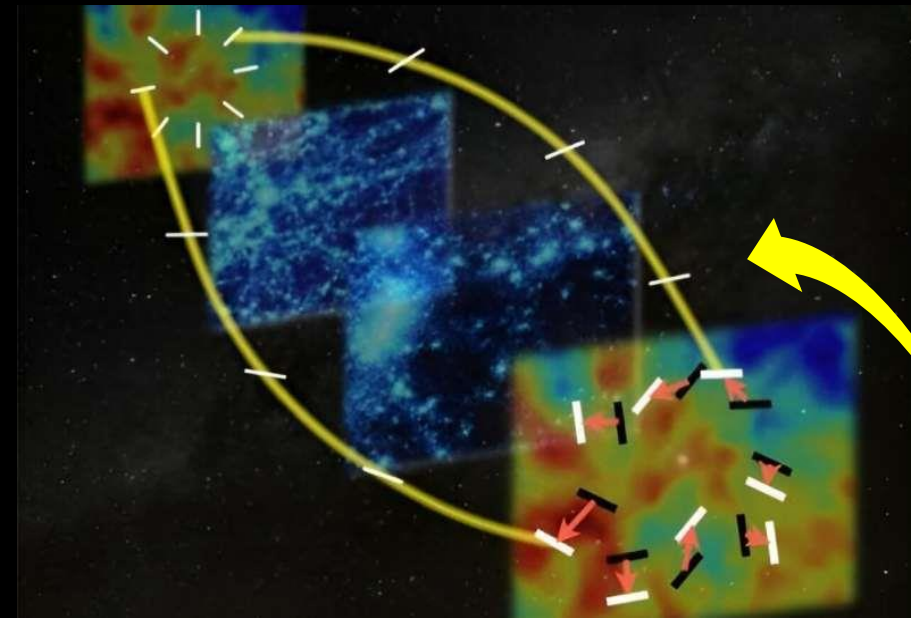
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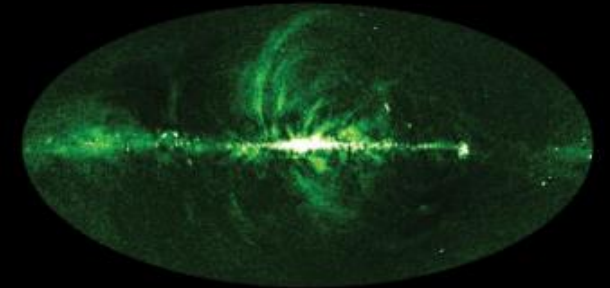


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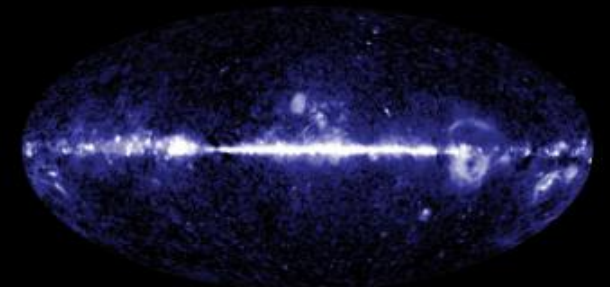
- The **signal is extremely weak**, requiring precise instruments and data analysis techniques
- **Galactic Foregrounds:**
  - **Synchrotron Radiation:** Emitted by relativistic electrons spiraling in the Galactic magnetic field, this radiation is dominant at low frequencies (~10-100 GHz).
  - **Thermal Dust Emission:** Dust grains heated by starlight emit radiation, dominant at high frequencies (~100-1000 GHz). This emission can mimic or overshadow the CMB signal.
  - **Free-Free Emission:** Electrons interacting with ions emit this radiation, adding to the contamination, especially at low frequencies.



Polarised dust emission



Polarised synchrotron emission



Line radiation from carbon monoxide gas

Image credit: ESA and the Planck Collaboration

# Challenges in CMB analysis

- **Foreground components vary with frequency**, necessitating observations at multiple frequencies to disentangle the CMB from foregrounds.
- **Instrumental Noise and Systematics:**
  - + **Photon Noise:** arising from the quantized nature of light. The noise is inherent to signal due to the random arrival times of photons. Photon noise is especially significant in the low signal regime of the CMB, where the photon count is low, making it a critical factor in the overall noise determination.
  - + **Detector Noise:** This noise comes from the instrument's detectors themselves, including thermal noise, electronic noise, and other internal sources.
- **Atmosphere**



# QUBIC

The Q & U Bolometric Interferometer  
for Cosmology



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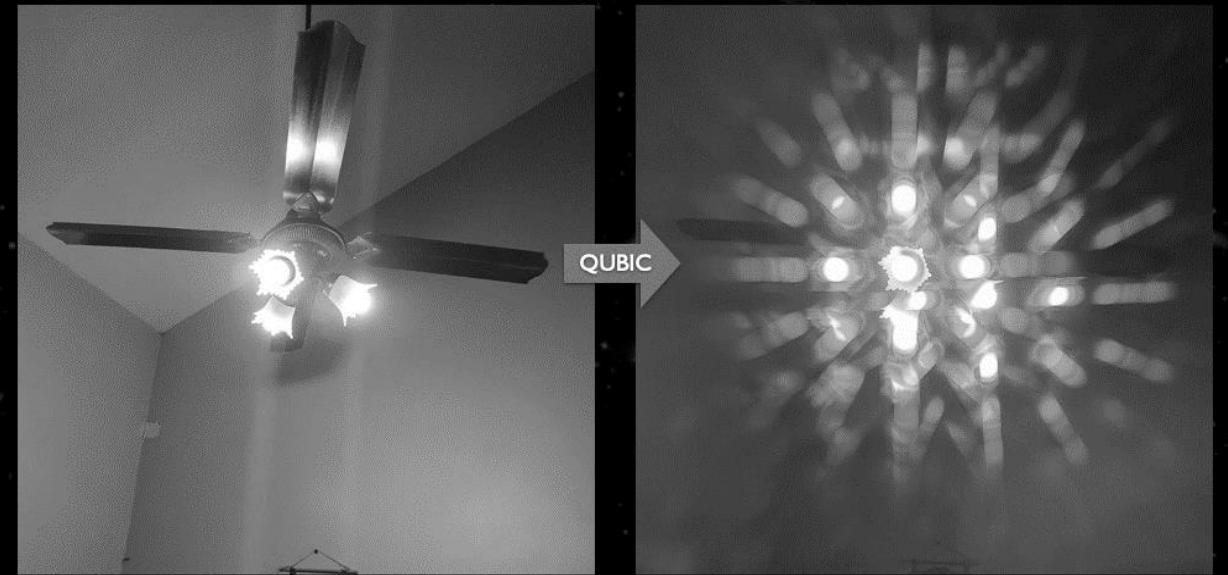
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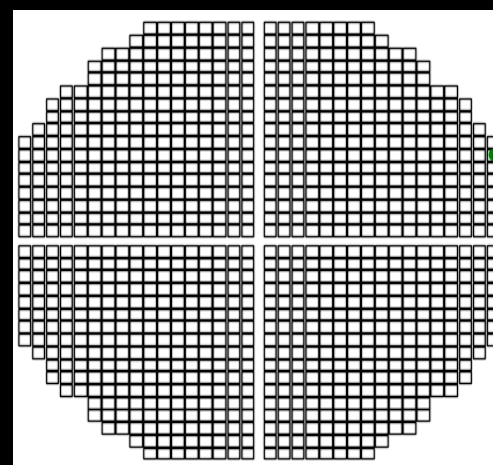
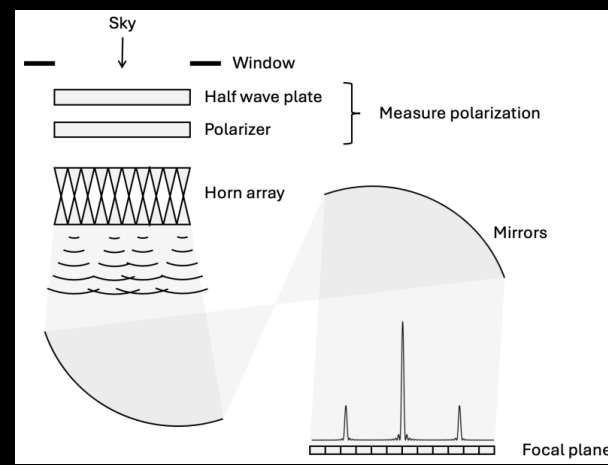


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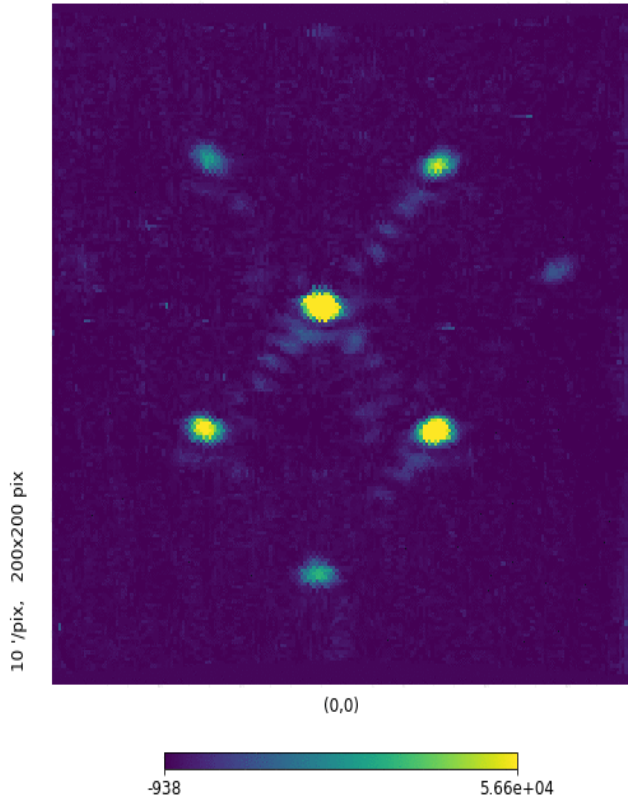


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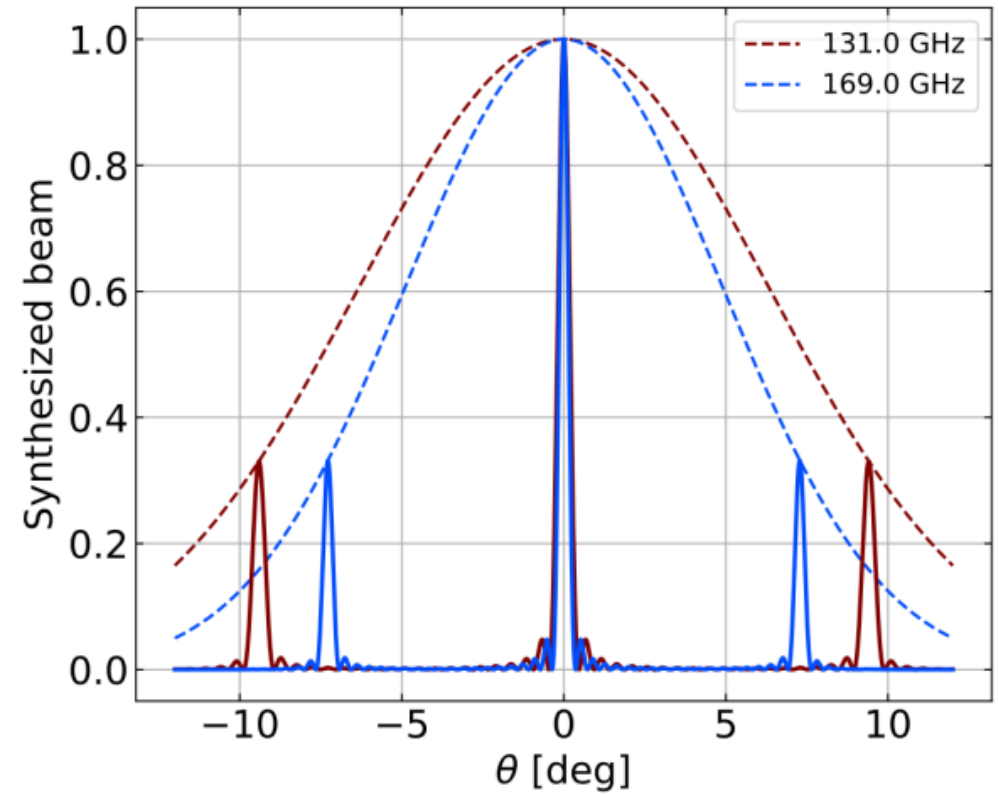
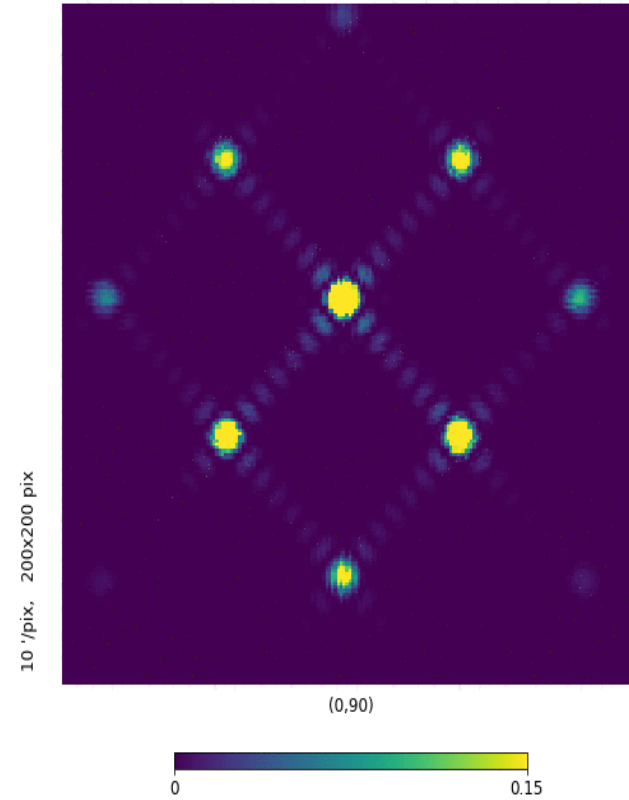


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<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10909-020-02370-0>

Frequency: 130 GHz - Data



Frequency = 130 GHz - Theory



# Neural Networks in CMB Analysis

- Choosing appropriate layers (e.g., convolutional, recurrent, graph-based) depending on the data structure
- Using layers that incorporate physical knowledge (e.g., known operators)
- Operators like rotation, scaling, and convolution should be well-understood and correctly implemented based on problem specifics and used structures
- Proper architecture design ensures that the network can learn complex relationships without overfitting (due to unnecessary complexity) or underfitting (due to improper introduction of known operators)



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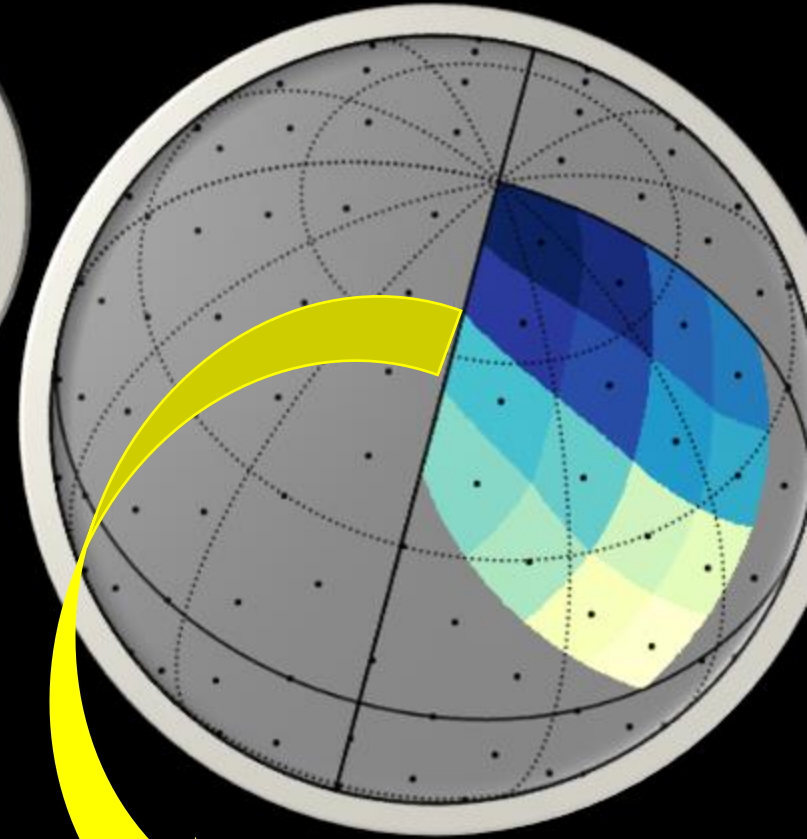
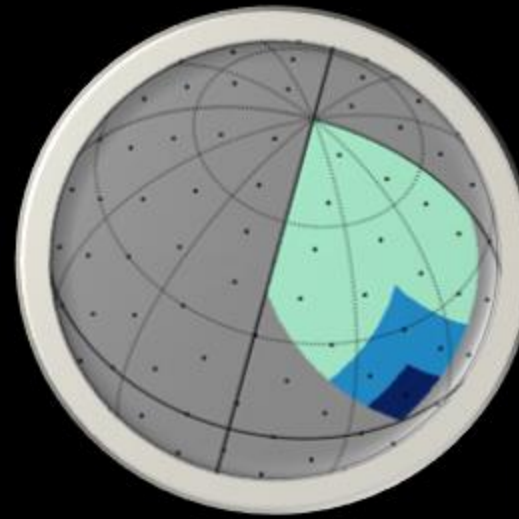
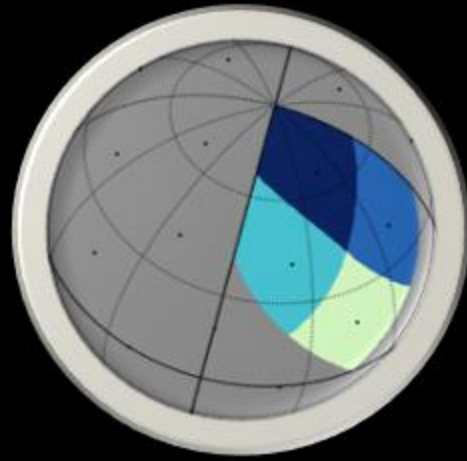
Case-specific issues:

**Rotational Invariance:** CMB data is inherently spherical, so the analysis must be invariant to rotations on the sphere

**Handling Sparsity: Both the data and applied operators can be sparse!** CMB observations often cover only parts of the sky, while operators are represented with sparse matrices (e.g. detector beam)

**Particularities of the detector:** Different instrument process data in different manners. The network has to represent the complex process inside QUBIC.

# Adaptation



- Conventional layers need to be adapted for to the complexity of the data to maintain accuracy.
- Layers should respect the Healpix geometry!

The heart of any layer is the aggregation function

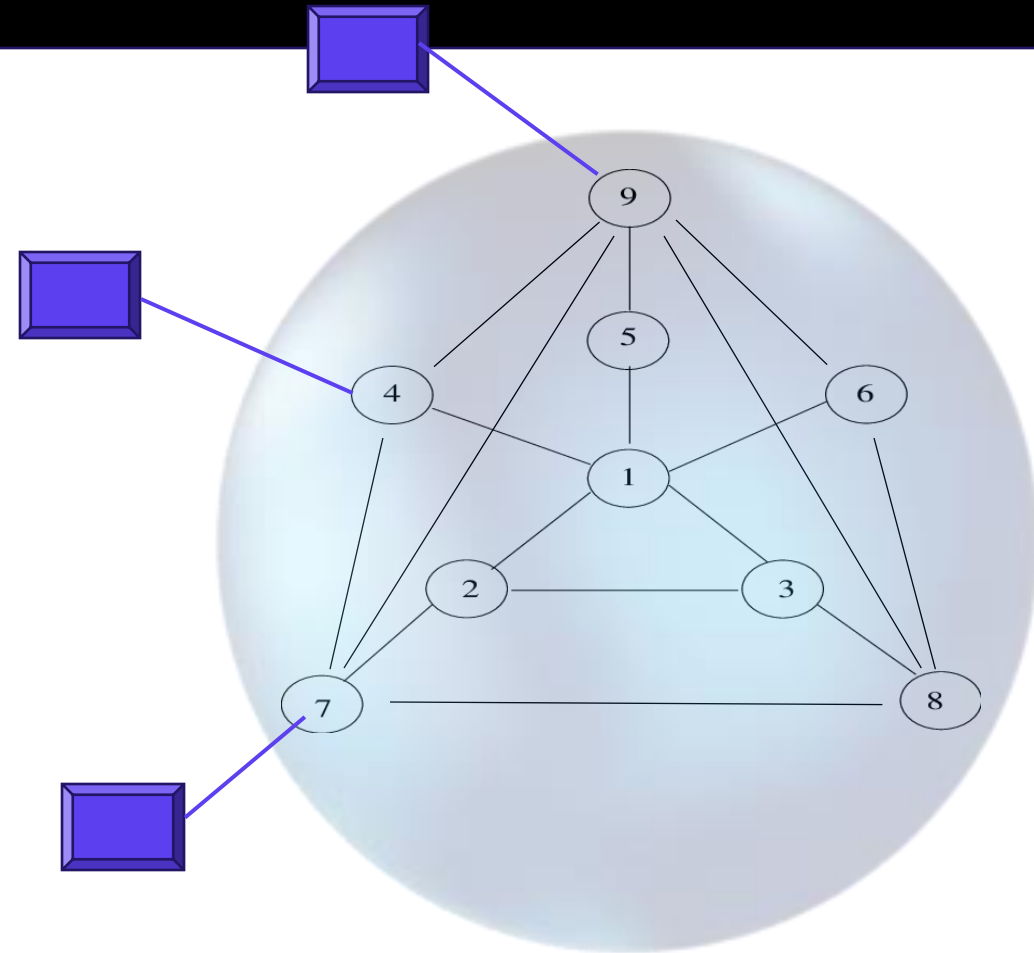
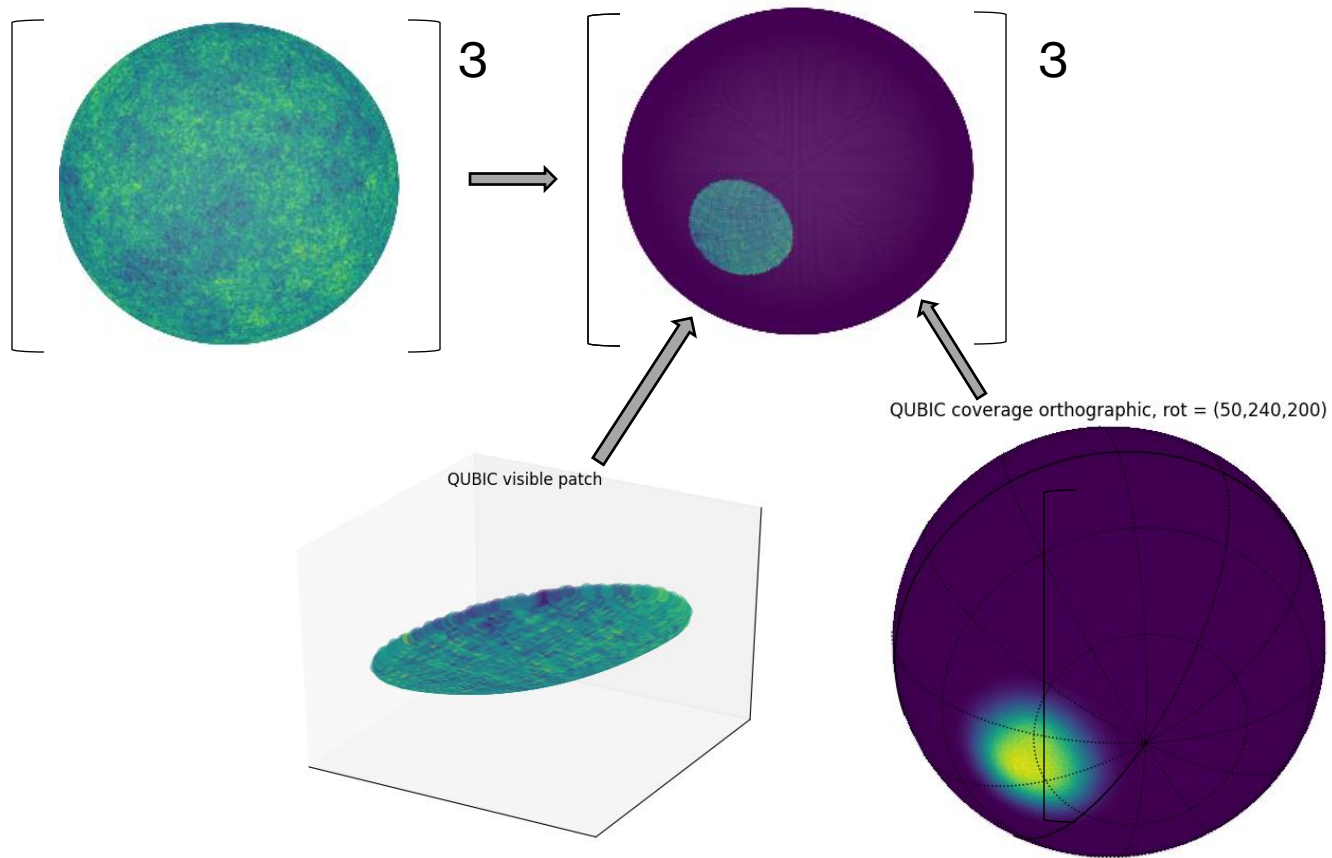
Calls for proper integration of neighbourhood. – How can we know what is proper?

The analysts choose this based on the specifics of the attempted solution!

The aggregation function determines the operation, but will treat patches as Euclidian in default!!

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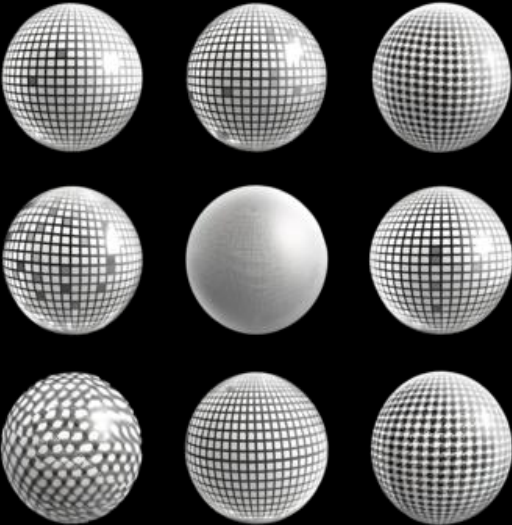
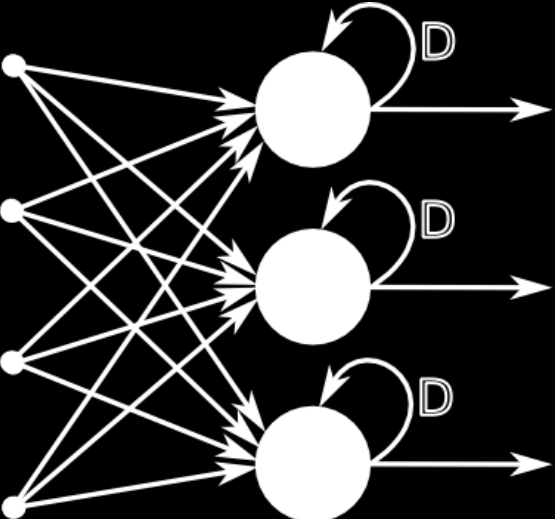


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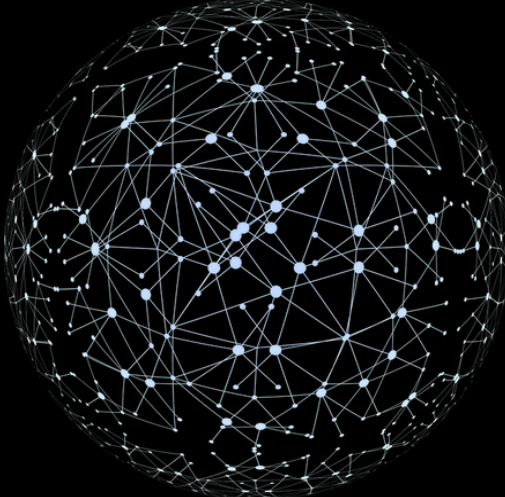
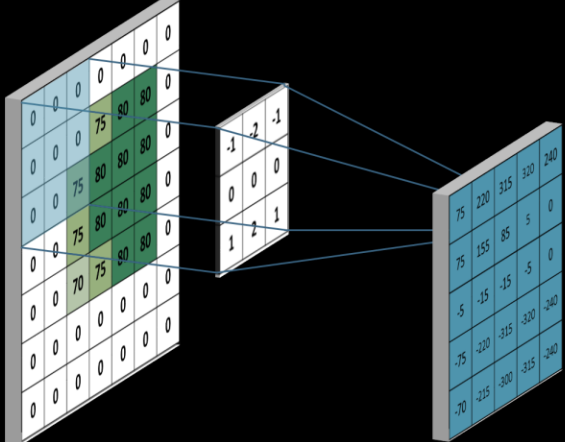
Dana type: temporal, sequential  
Used for: processing of TOD, frequency dependance



## Spherical NN

Dana type: spherical maps  
Used for: processing intensity maps

**Convolution NN**  
Dana type: 2D projections of maps  
Used for: finding structure in small areas, local feature extraction



## Graph CN

Dana type: spherical maps with additional features and relationships  
Used for: complex and complete studies of maps

# The problem

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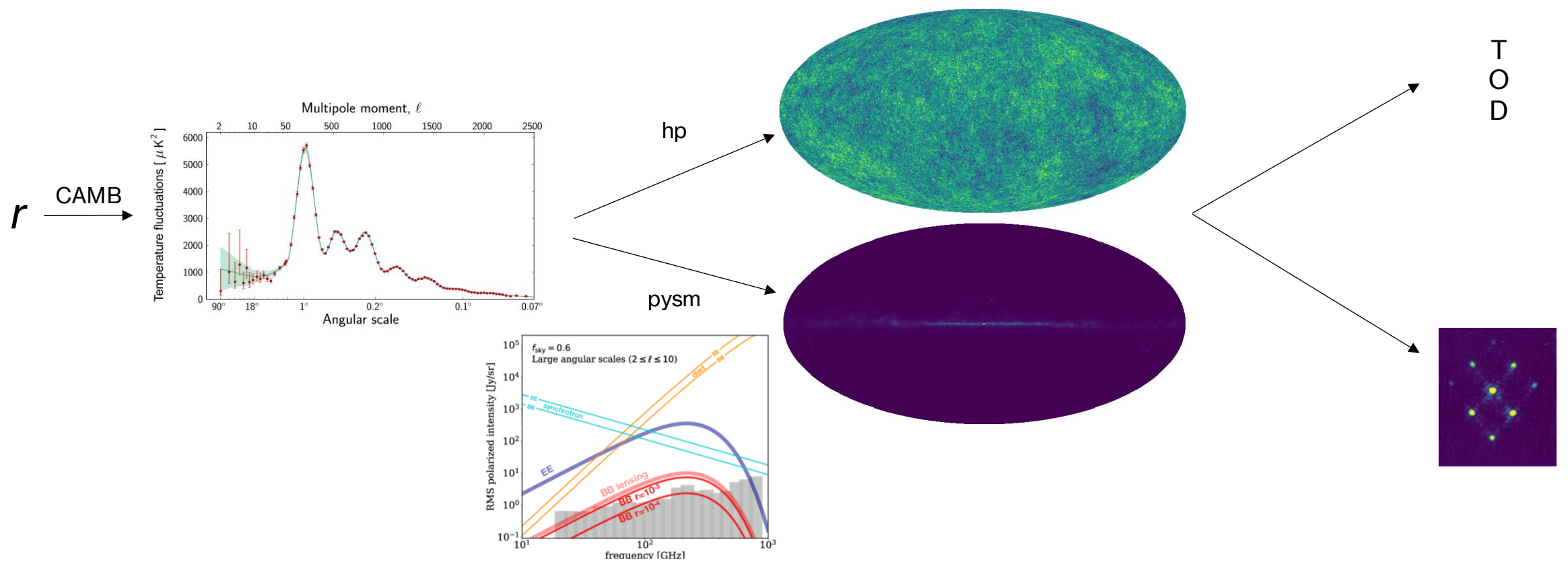


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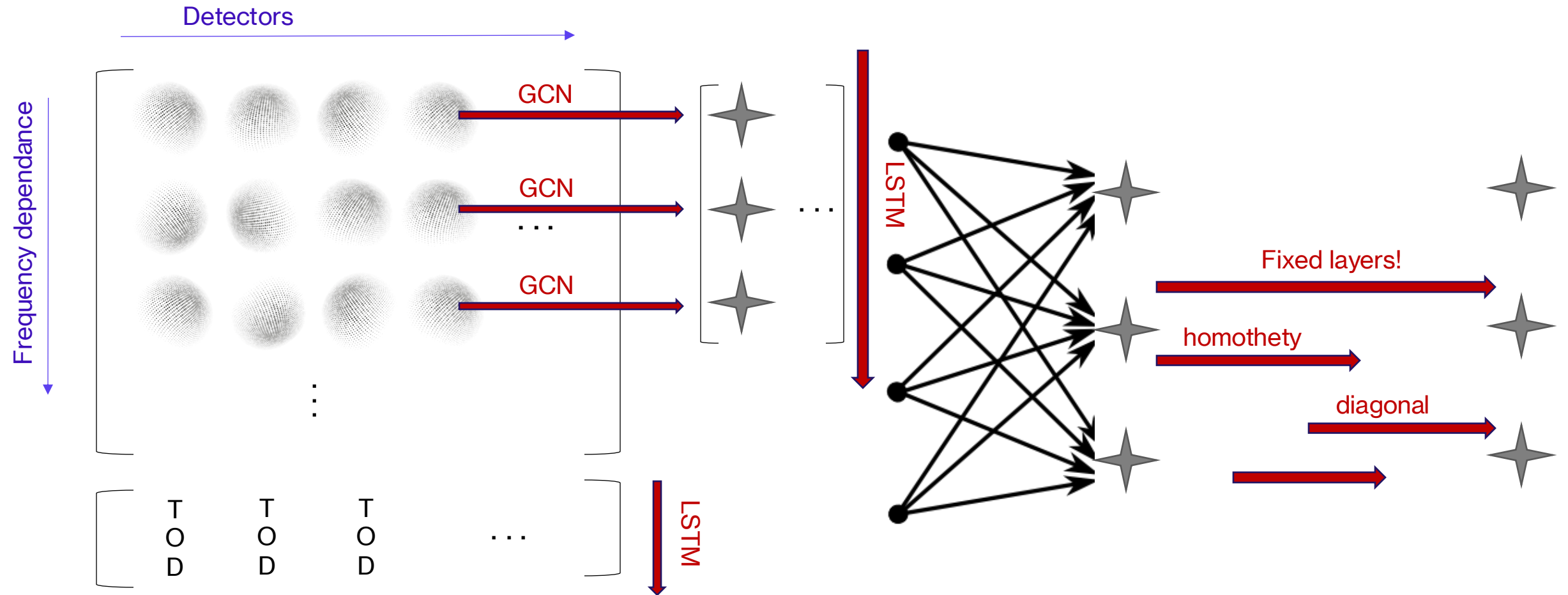
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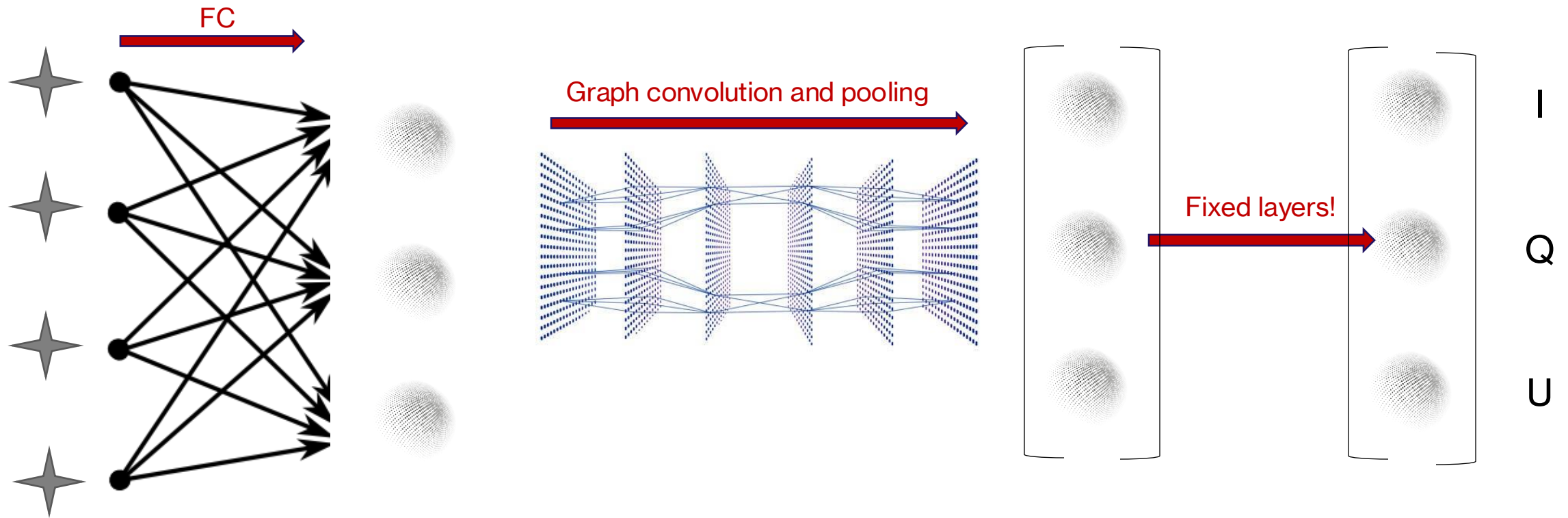
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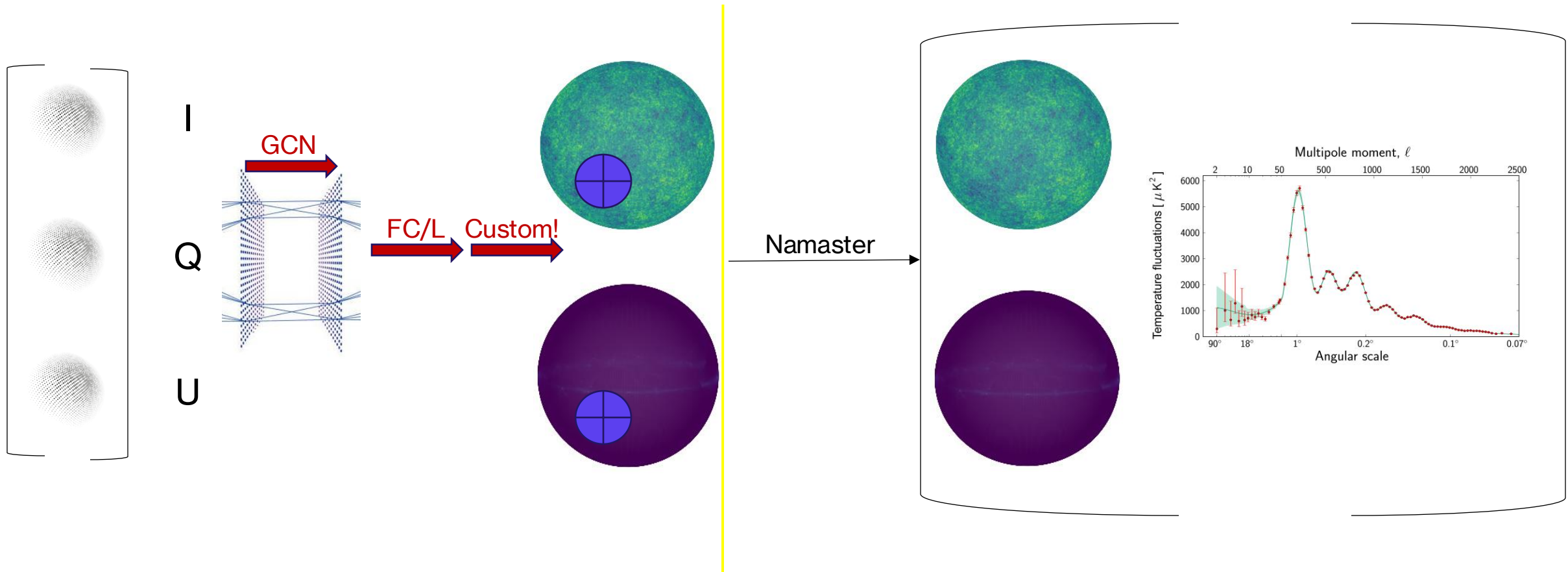
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# PINNs

- integrating domain knowledge directly into the learning process.

Always ensure that the network's predictions align with known physical principles.

In CMB this can be...

- spectral characteristics of different components (e.g., CMB, dust, synchrotron).
- following the physical properties of polarization (example: Q and U stokes!).
- any response function from the instrument.

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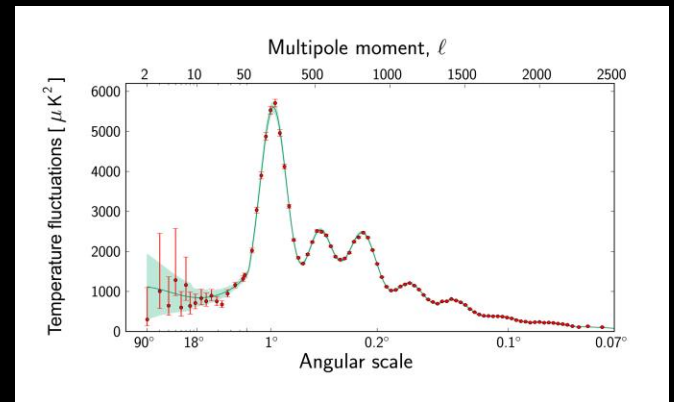
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Planck 2013 results. XI. All-sky model of thermal dust emission  
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$$I_\nu = \tau_{\nu_0} B_\nu(T_{\text{obs}}) \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu_0} \right)^{\beta_{\text{obs}}}$$



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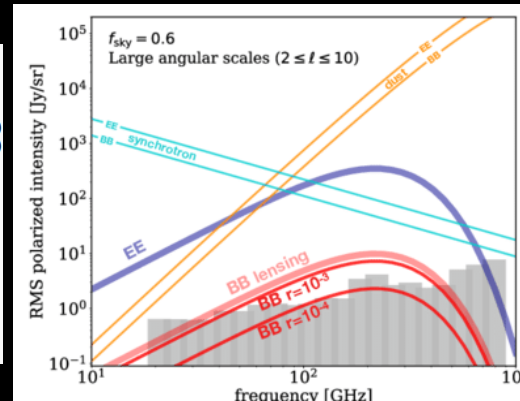
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        super(ModifiedBlackBodyLayer, self).__init__()
        self.nu_0 = nu_0
        self.temp = nn.Parameter(torch.tensor(initial_temp, dtype=torch.float32))
        self.beta = nn.Parameter(torch.tensor(initial_beta, dtype=torch.float32))
        self.amplitude = nn.Parameter(torch.tensor(1.0, dtype=torch.float32))

    def forward(self, nu):
        h = 6.626e-34
        k = 1.381e-23
        c = 3.0e8
        exponent = h * nu / (k * (self.temp))
        black_body = (nu**3) / (torch.exp(exponent) - 1)
        power_law = (nu / self.nu_0) ** self.beta
        return self.amplitude * power_law * black_body
```



*In conclusion...*

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A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of dark matter filaments and galaxy clusters. The filaments are thin, glowing lines in shades of blue and orange, connecting various nodes. The nodes are represented by bright, multi-colored spheres (yellow, blue, orange) that serve as hubs for the network. The background is a deep black, making the glowing structures stand out prominently.

*Thank you for your  
attention!*