

Forecasts on foreground removal and CMB B-mode recovery with PICO

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- Millimeter/submillimeter-wave, polarimetric survey of the entire sky
- 21 bands between 20 GHz and 800 GHz
- 1.4 m aperture telescope
- Diffraction limited resolution: 38' to 1'
- 13,000 transition edge sensor bolometers
- 5 year survey from L2
- 0.87 $\mu\text{K} \cdot \text{arcmin}$ requirement; 0.61 $\mu\text{K} \cdot \text{arcmin}$ goal (=CBE)



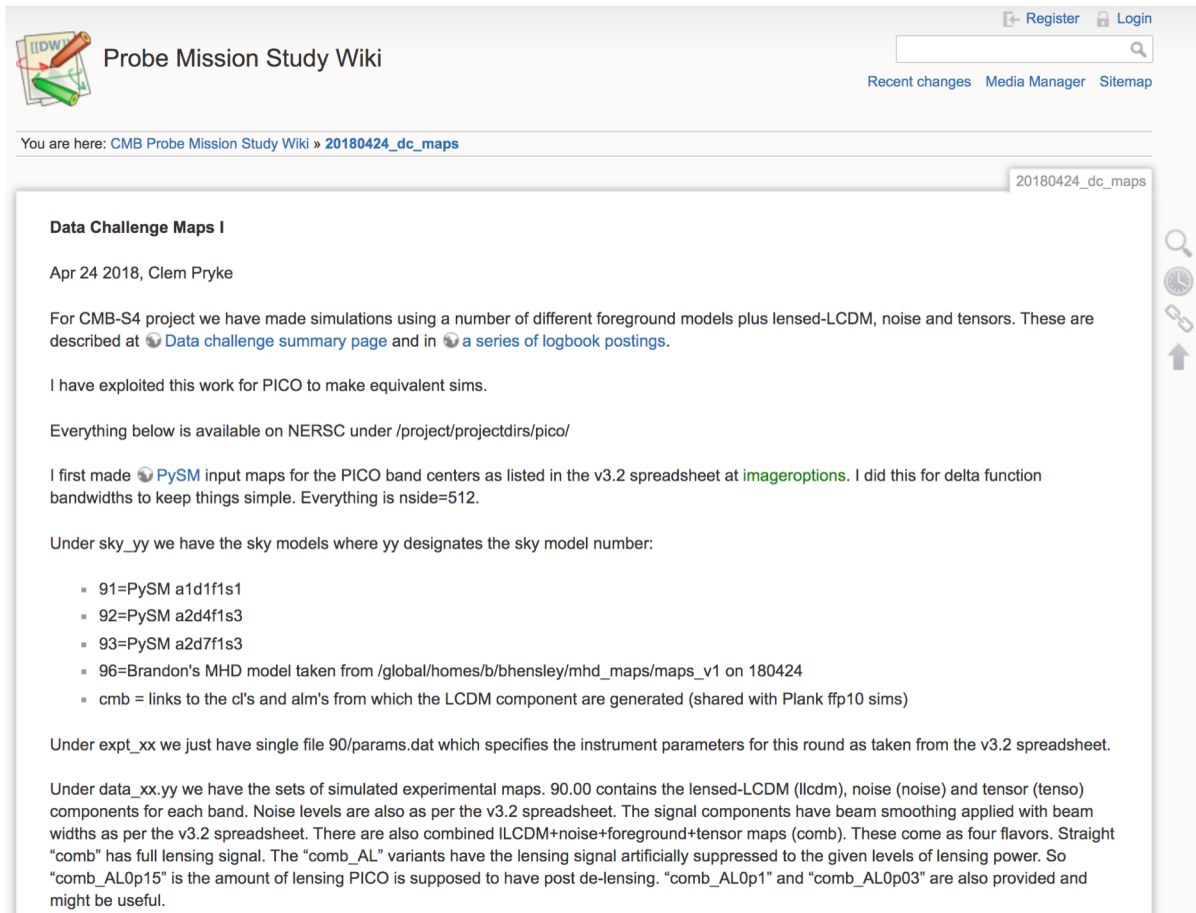
PICO in brief

- ❖ 3 × more frequency bands than *Planck* for polarization channels
- ❖ Extends *Planck* frequency range by more than a factor of 2
- ❖ 5 frequency bands above *Planck* 353 GHz channel for dust polarization
- ❖ 60 × *Planck* sensitivity: 3300 *Planck* missions

PICO data challenge: public sky map simulations

https://zzz.physics.umn.edu/ipsig/20180424_dc_maps

NERSC: /project/projectdirs/pico/data_xx.yy/



Probe Mission Study Wiki

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Data Challenge Maps I

Apr 24 2018, Clem Pryke

For CMB-S4 project we have made simulations using a number of different foreground models plus lensed-LCDM, noise and tensors. These are described at [Data challenge summary page](#) and in [a series of logbook postings](#).

I have exploited this work for PICO to make equivalent sims.

Everything below is available on NERSC under </project/projectdirs/pico/>

I first made [PySM](#) input maps for the PICO band centers as listed in the v3.2 spreadsheet at [imageroptions](#). I did this for delta function bandwidths to keep things simple. Everything is `nside=512`.

Under `sky_yy` we have the sky models where `yy` designates the sky model number:

- 91=PySM a1d1f1s1
- 92=PySM a2d4f1s3
- 93=PySM a2d7f1s3
- 96=Brandon's MHD model taken from `/global/homes/b/bhensley/mhd_maps/maps_v1` on 180424
- cmb = links to the cl's and alm's from which the LCDM component are generated (shared with Planck ffp10 sims)

Under `expt_xx` we just have single file `90/params.dat` which specifies the instrument parameters for this round as taken from the v3.2 spreadsheet.

Under `data_xx.yy` we have the sets of simulated experimental maps. `90.00` contains the lensed-LCDM (l_lcdm), noise (noise) and tensor (tenso) components for each band. Noise levels are also as per the v3.2 spreadsheet. The signal components have beam smoothing applied with beam widths as per the v3.2 spreadsheet. There are also combined `llcdm+noise+foreground+tensor` maps (comb). These come as four flavors. Straight "comb" has full lensing signal. The "comb_AL" variants have the lensing signal artificially suppressed to the given levels of lensing power. So "comb_AL0p15" is the amount of lensing PICO is supposed to have post de-lensing. "comb_AL0p1" and "comb_AL0p3" are also provided and might be useful.

Band#	nu (GHz)	nu_low (GHz)	nu_high (GHz)	del nu (GHz)	FWHM (arcmin)	PolWeight (uK*arcmin)
1	21	18.2	23.4	5.2	38.4	16.9
2	25	21.9	28.1	6.3	32.0	11.8
3	30	26.3	33.8	7.5	28.3	8.1
4	36.0	31.5	40.5	9.0	23.6	5.7
5	43.2	37.8	48.6	10.8	22.2	5.8
6	51.8	45.4	58.3	13.0	18.4	4.1
7	62.2	54.4	70.0	15.6	12.8	3.8
8	74.6	65.3	84.0	18.7	10.7	2.9
9	89.6	78.4	100.8	22.4	9.5	2.0
10	107.5	94.1	120.9	26.9	7.9	1.6
11	129.0	112.9	145.1	32.3	7.4	1.6
12	154.8	135.4	174.1	38.7	6.2	1.3
13	185.8	162.5	209.0	46.5	4.3	2.6
14	222.9	195.0	250.8	55.7	3.6	3.0
15	267.5	234.0	300.9	66.9	3.2	2.1
16	321.0	280.9	361.1	80.3	2.6	2.9
17	385.2	337.0	433.3	96.3	2.5	3.5
18	462.2	404.4	520.0	115.6	2.1	7.4
19	554.7	485.3	624.0	138.7	1.5	34.6
20	665.6	582.4	748.8	166.4	1.3	143.7
21	798.7	698.9	898.5	199.7	1.1	896.4

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Model 91: Planck state-of-the-art

PySM a1d1s1

- dust: one modified blackbody with variable β, T
- synchrotron: power-law with variable β

Model 92: Finkbeiner, Davis, Schlegel, ApJ 1999

PySM a2d4s3

- dust: two modified blackbodies with uniform β_1, β_2 and variable T_1, T_2
- synchrotron: power-law + curvature with variable β
- AME: 2% polarization

Model 93: Hensley's PhD 2015

PySM a2d7s3

- dust: Hensley & Draine physical model
- synchrotron: power-law + curvature with variable β
- AME: 2% polarization

Model 96: MHD simulation

- dust & synchrotron derived from MHD simulation
- multiple modified blackbodies along the line-of-sight (decorrelation)

Two independent component separation methods

❖ COMMANDER (parametric)

Joint Bayesian fitting of CMB and foregrounds with Gibbs sampling

$$\begin{cases} s_{\text{CMB}}^{(i+1)} \leftarrow P \left(s_{\text{CMB}} \mid C_{\ell}^{(i)}, \beta^{(i)}, d \right) \\ C_{\ell}^{(i+1)} \leftarrow P \left(C_{\ell} \mid s_{\text{CMB}}^{(i)} \right) \\ \beta^{(i+1)} \leftarrow P \left(\beta \mid s_{\text{CMB}}^{(i+1)}, d \right) \end{cases}$$

❖ NILC (blind)

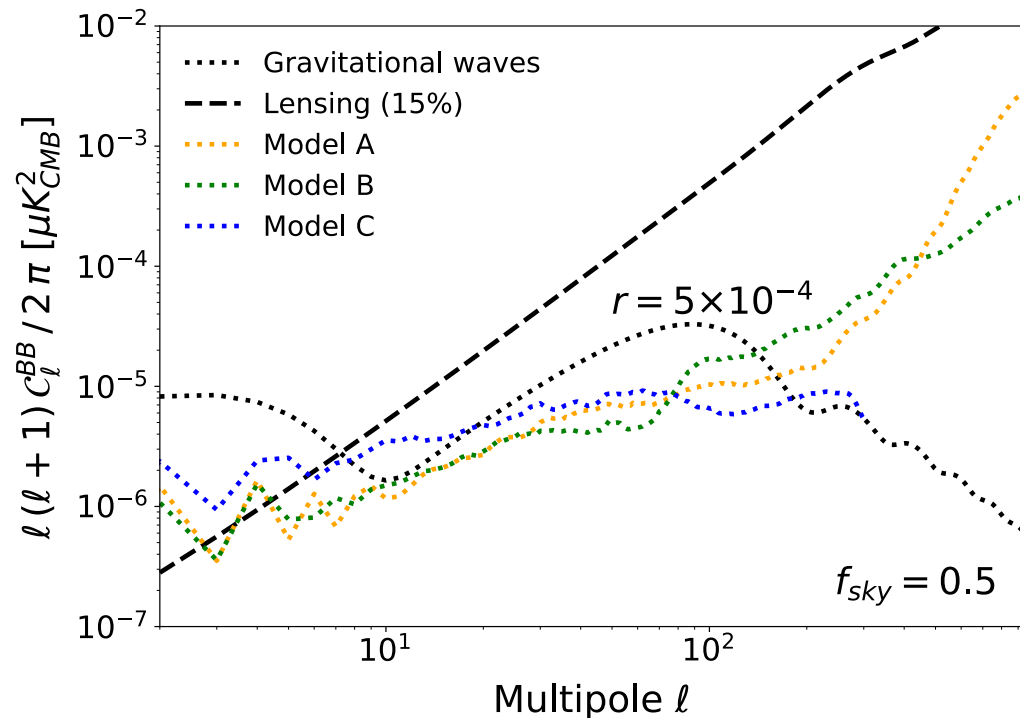
Blind minimum-variance ILC projection in needlet space

$$s_{\text{CMB}} = (a^t C^{-1} a)^{-1} a^t C^{-1} d$$

Two years ago...

Probe class mission study submitted to
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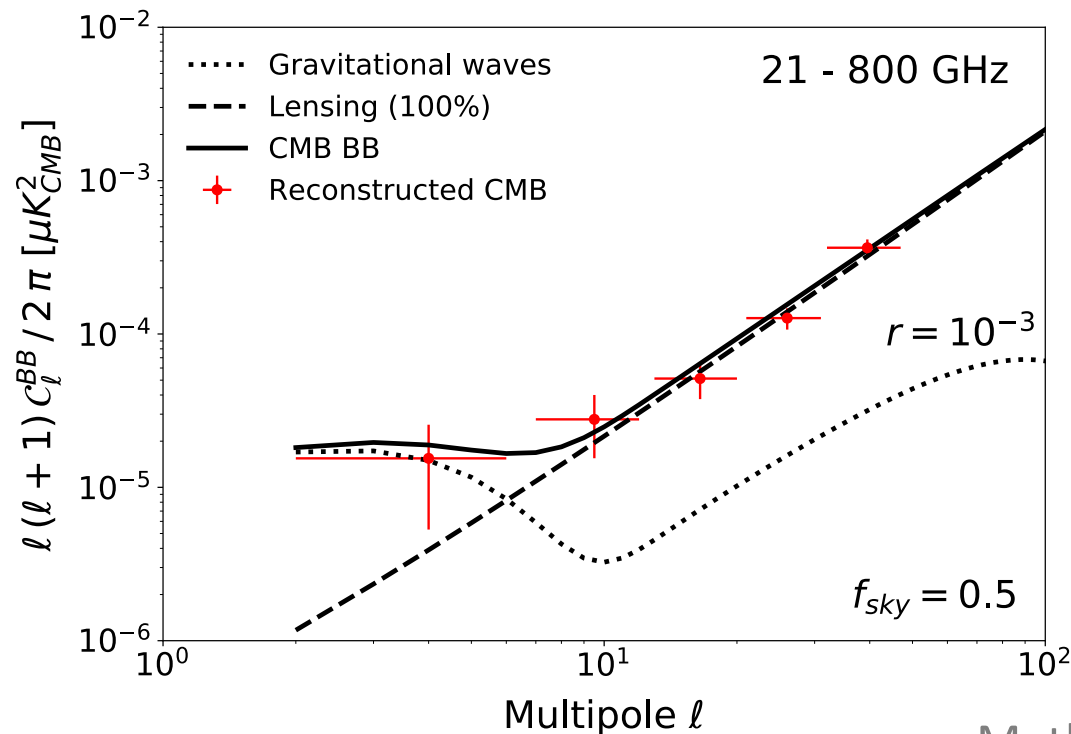
(G)NILC

- Foreground residuals controlled below $r = 5 \times 10^{-4}$ over the whole range of multipoles $2 \leq \ell \leq 200$
- Irrespective of the complexity of the foregrounds *Two dust MBBs (model A), non-MBB physical dust (model B), MHD with line-of-sight MBBs (model C)*

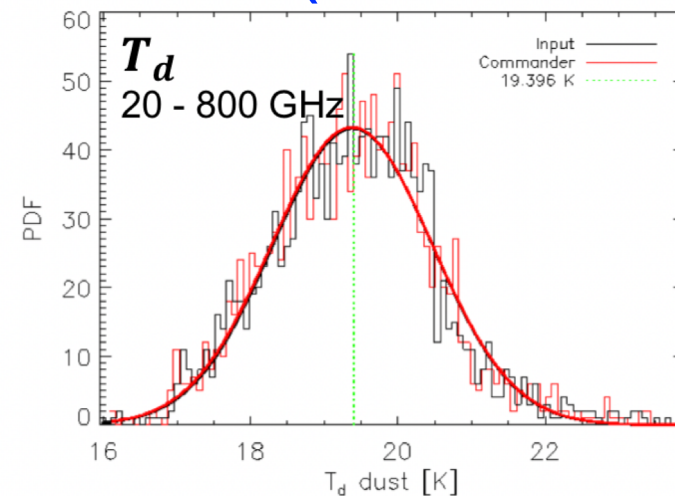
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COMMANDER (21 - 800 GHz)

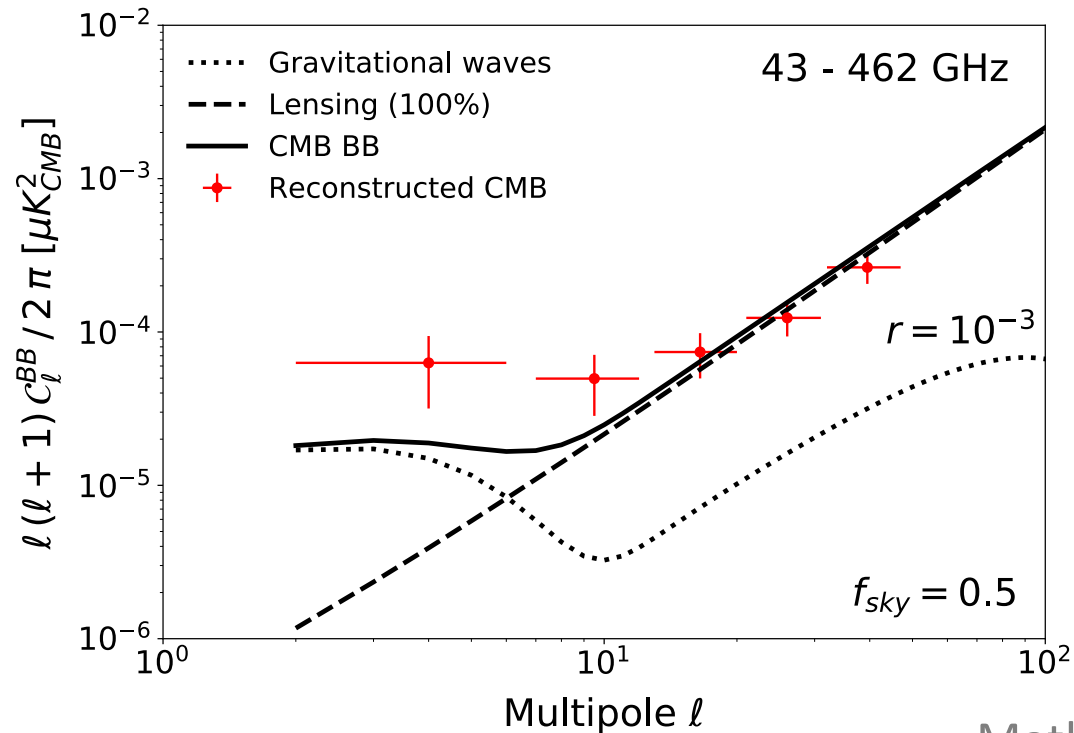


*Recovered distribution
of dust temperature*

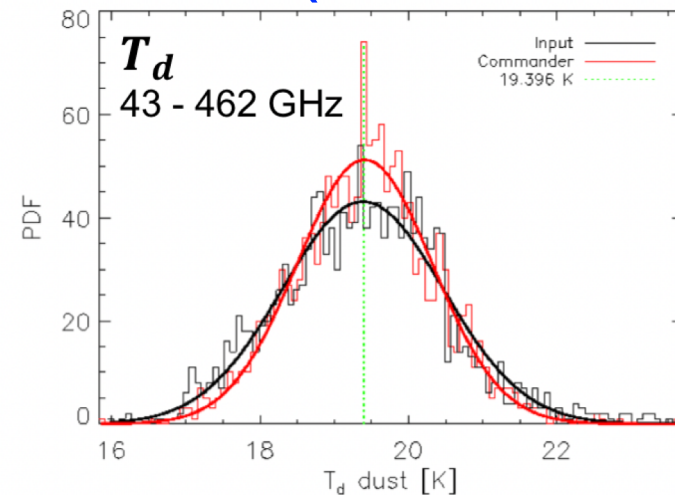
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COMMANDER (43 - 462 GHz)



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of dust temperature*

Today

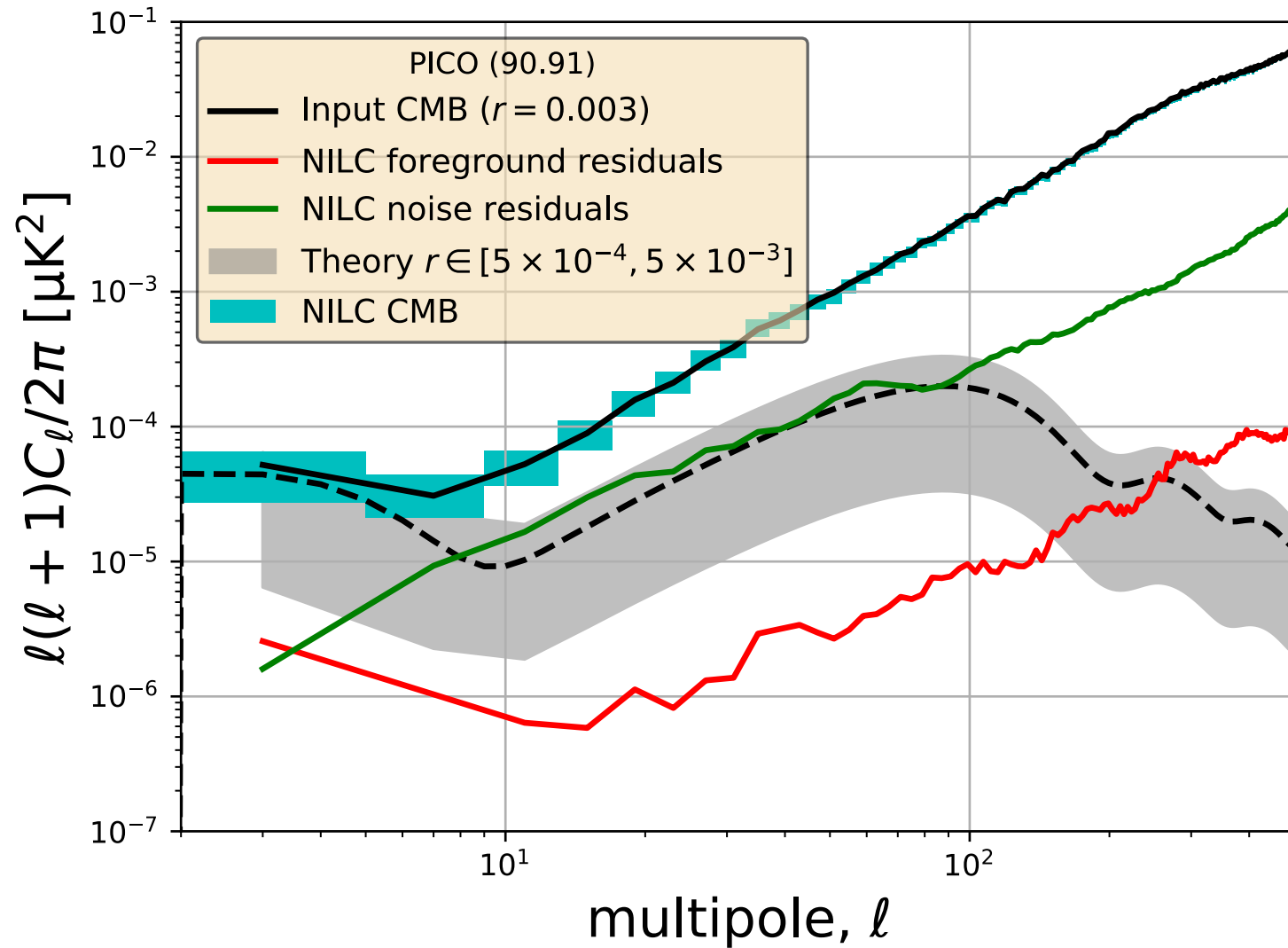
PICO follow-up activities on foregrounds

- ❖ Results from NILC by Mathieu Remazeilles: today's focus
- ❖ Results from COMMANDER by Ragnhild Aurlien: forthcoming

$$r = 0.003$$

Model 91, $r = 0.003$

NILC

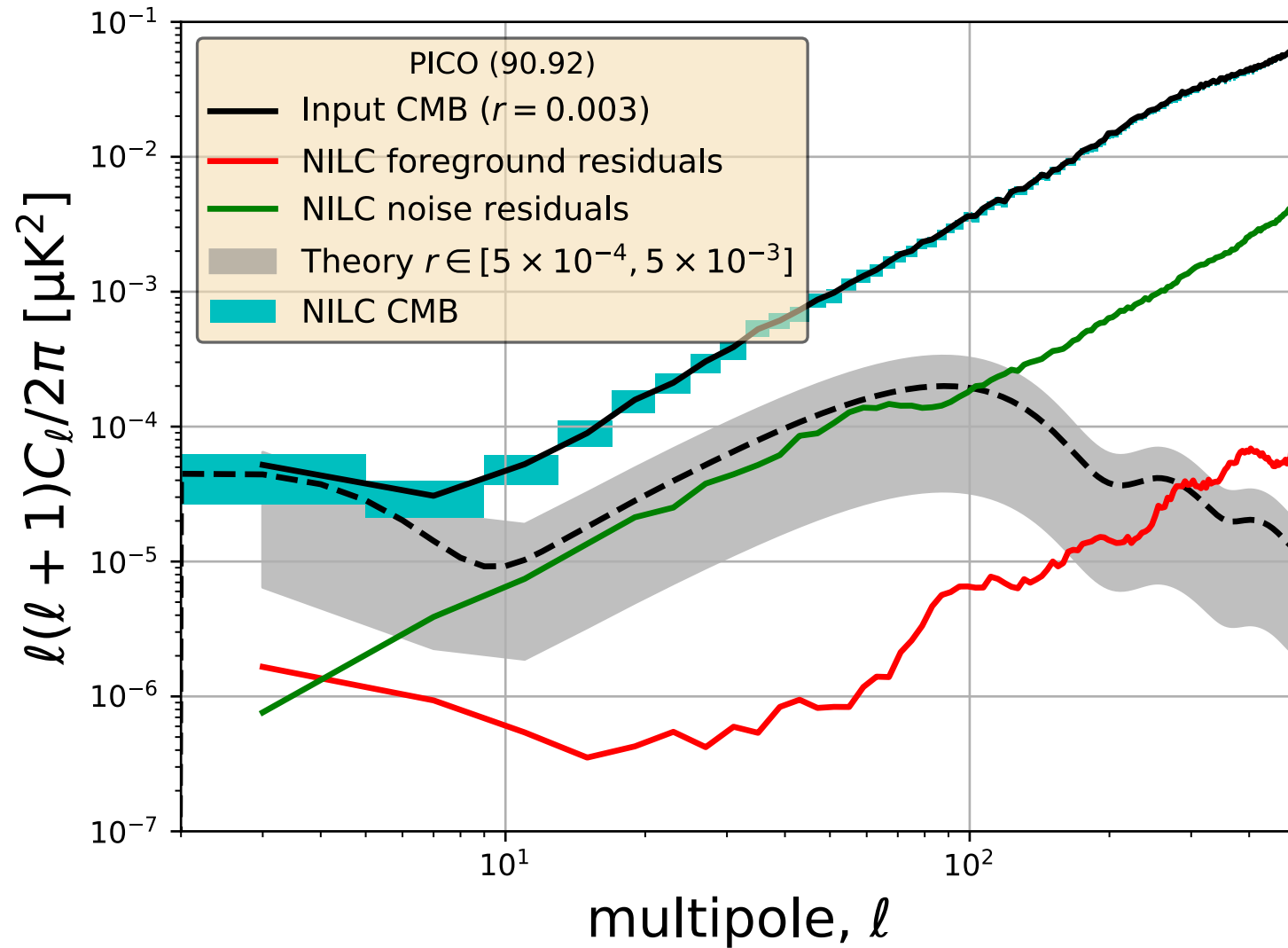


10 realizations

MASTER
 $f_{\text{sky}} = 50\%$
Binning: $\Delta\ell = 4$

Model 92, $r = 0.003$

NILC



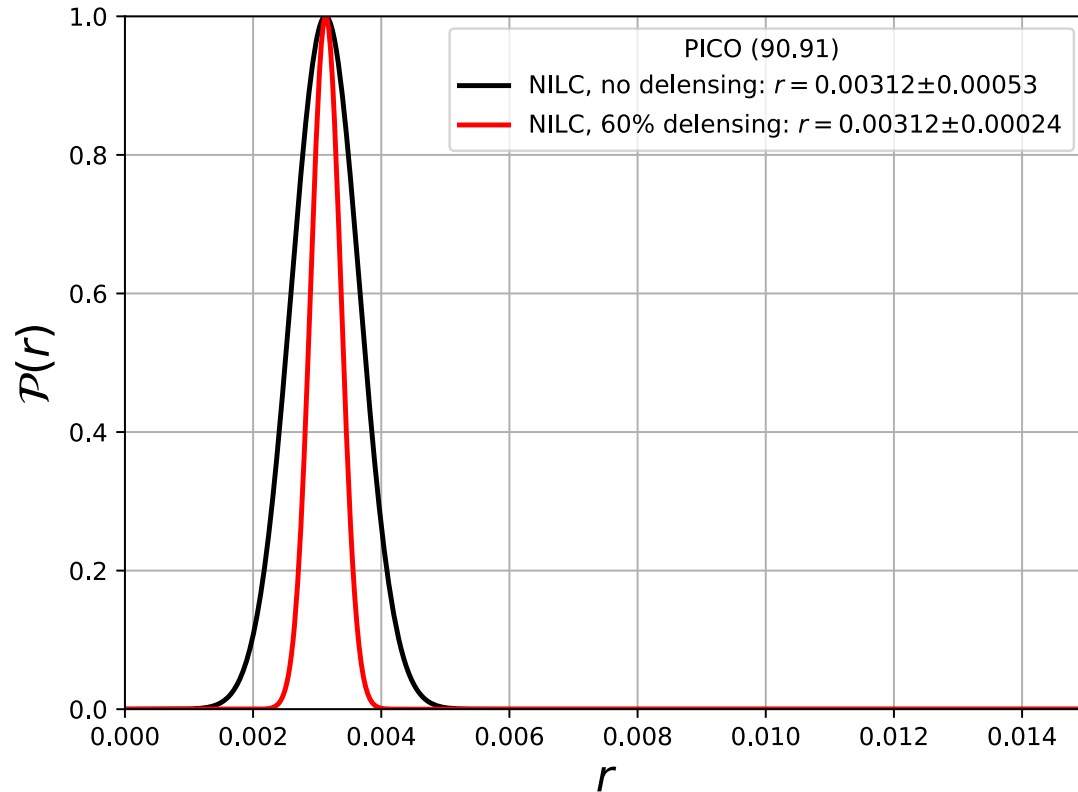
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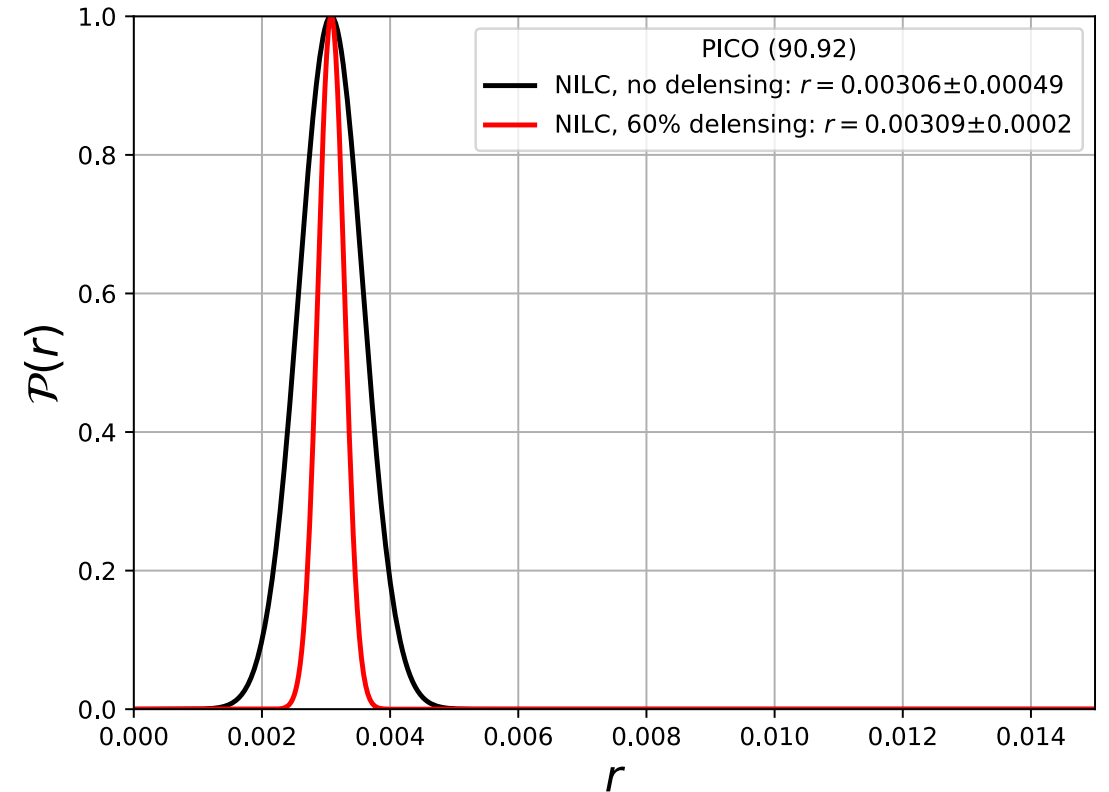
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NILC

Model 91



Model 92

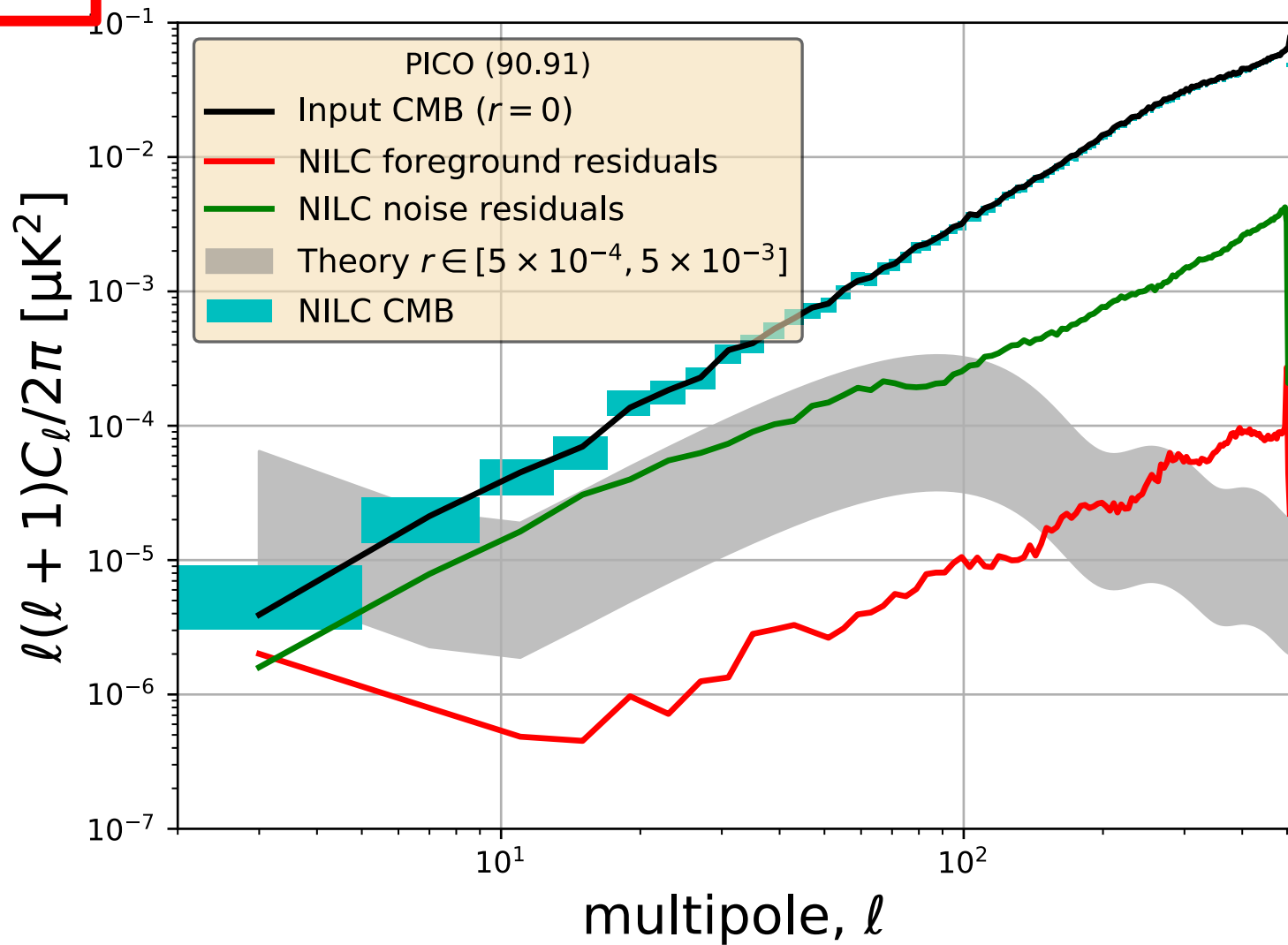


Robust recovery of the tensor-to-scalar ratio irrespective of the foregrounds complexity

$$r = 0$$

Baseline
21-800 GHz

Model 91, $r = 0$
NILC



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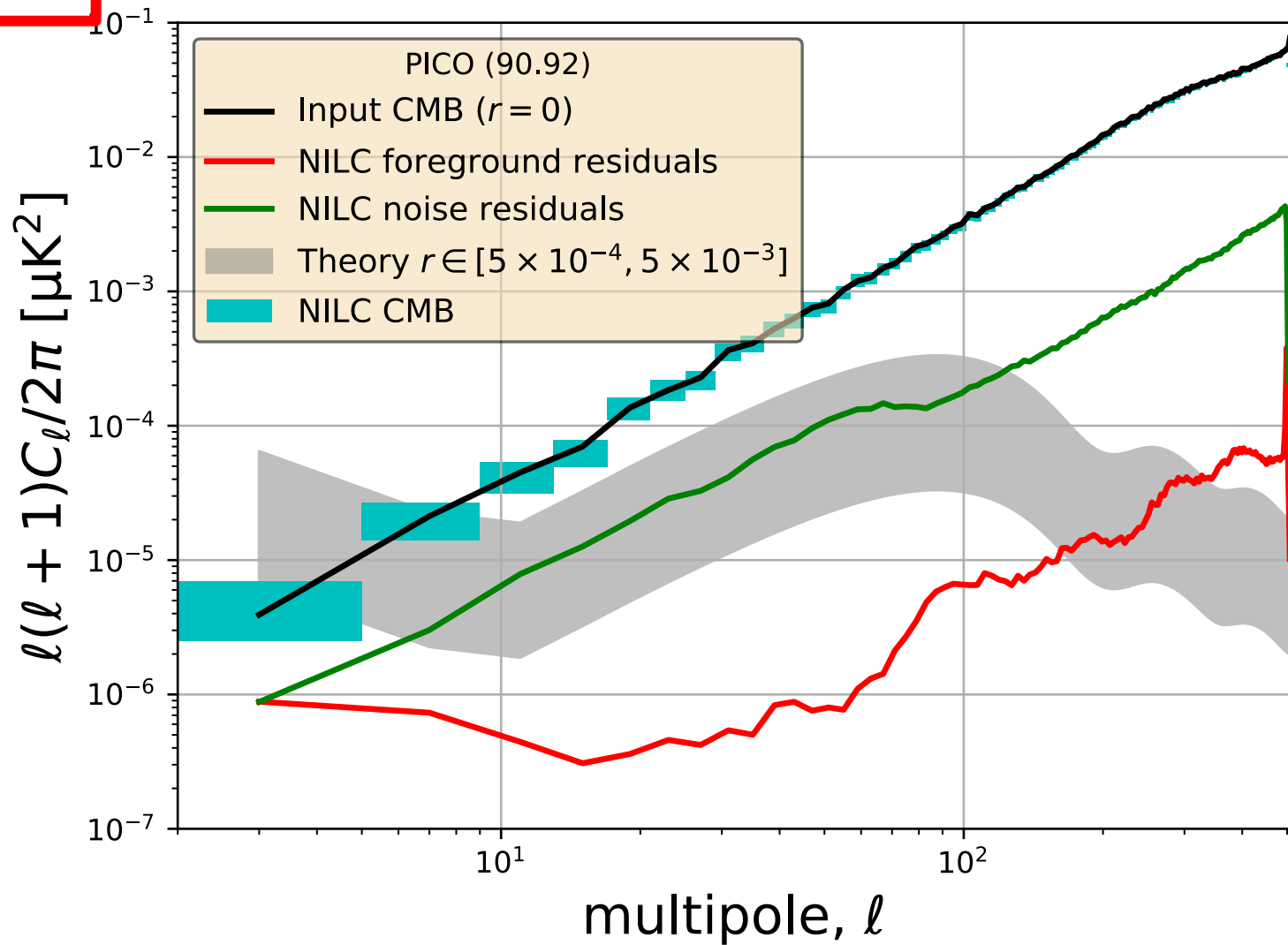
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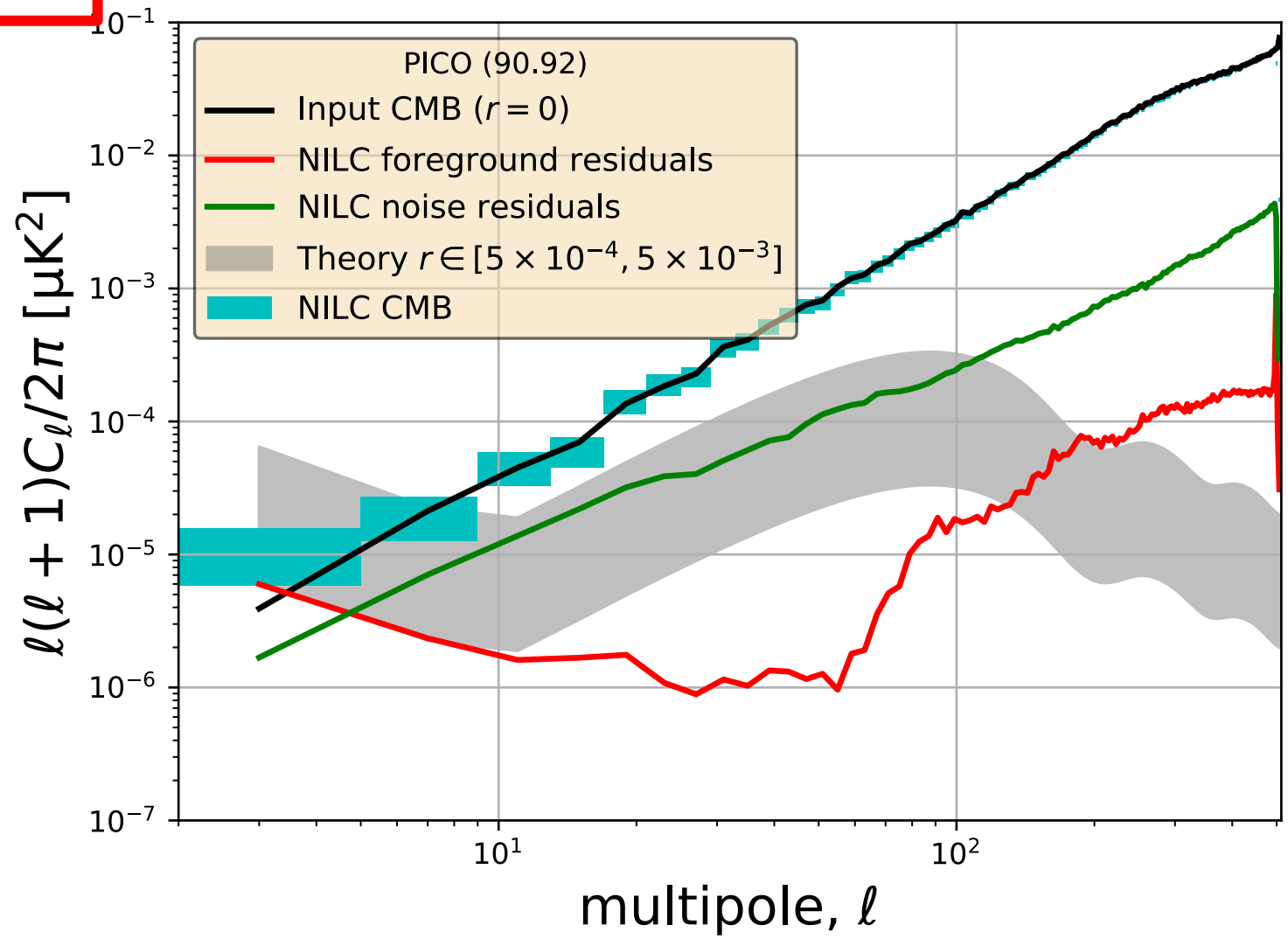
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43-462 GHz

Model 92, $r = 0$
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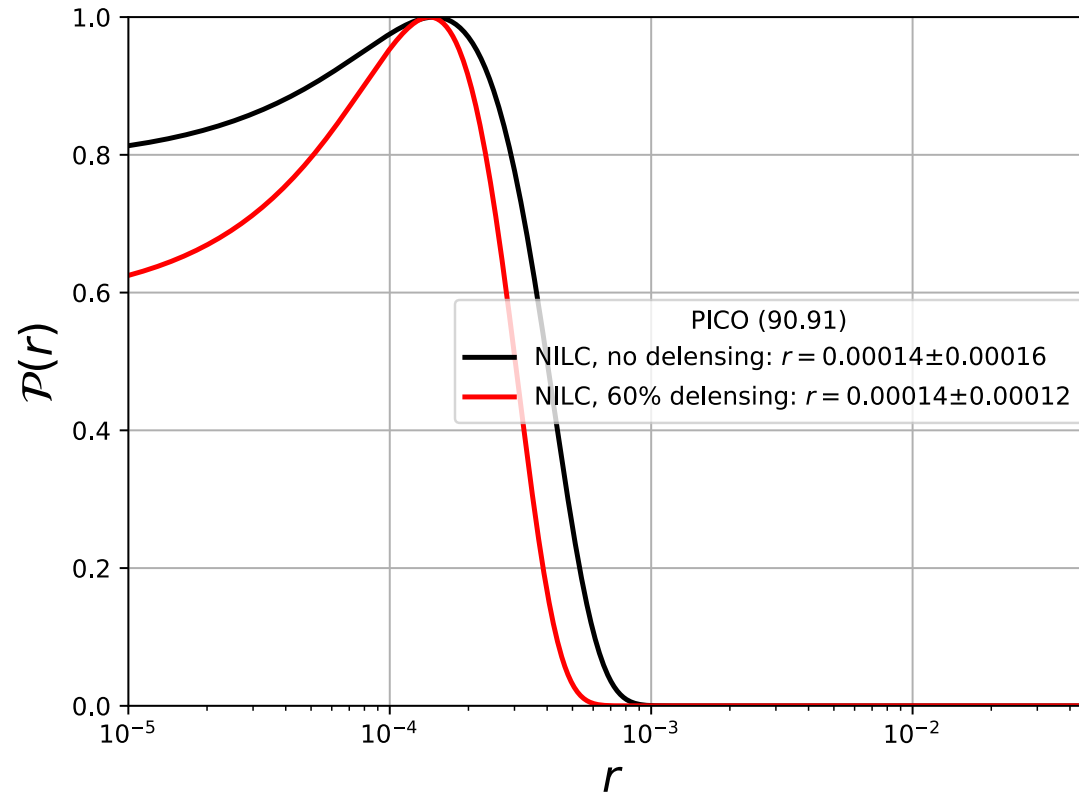


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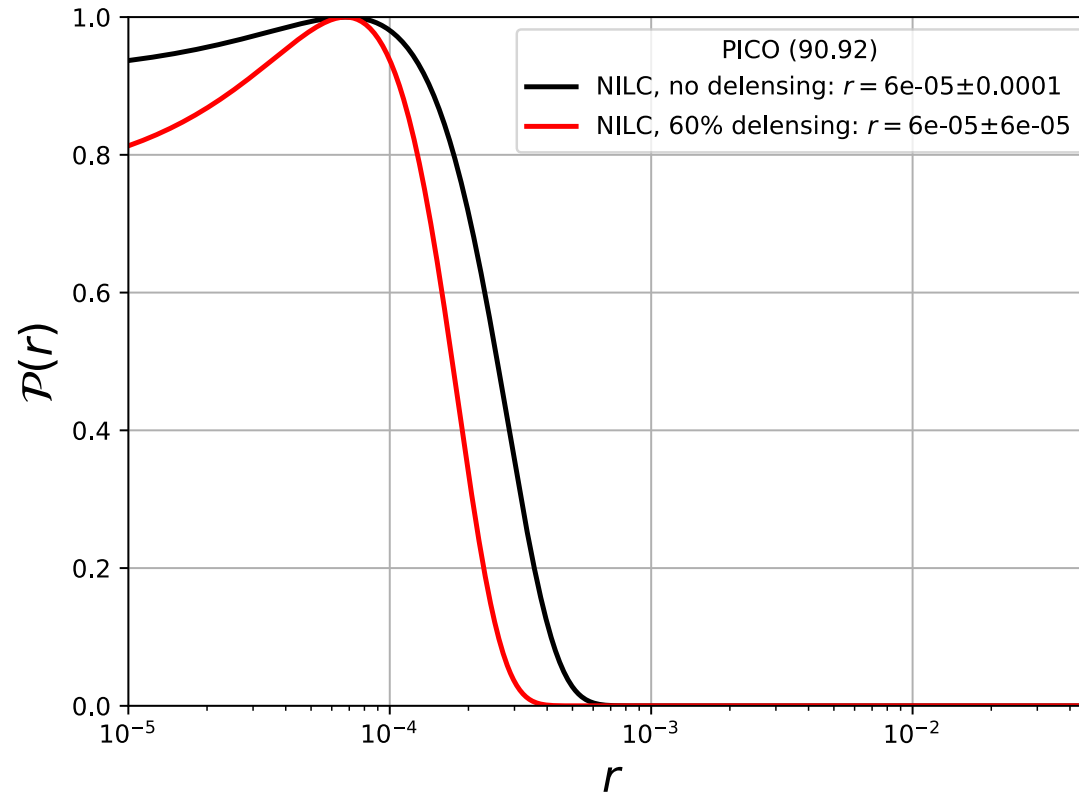
Model 91, $r = 0$
NILC



Unbiased estimation of the
tensor-to-scalar ratio
consistent with $r = 0$

Baseline
21-800 GHz

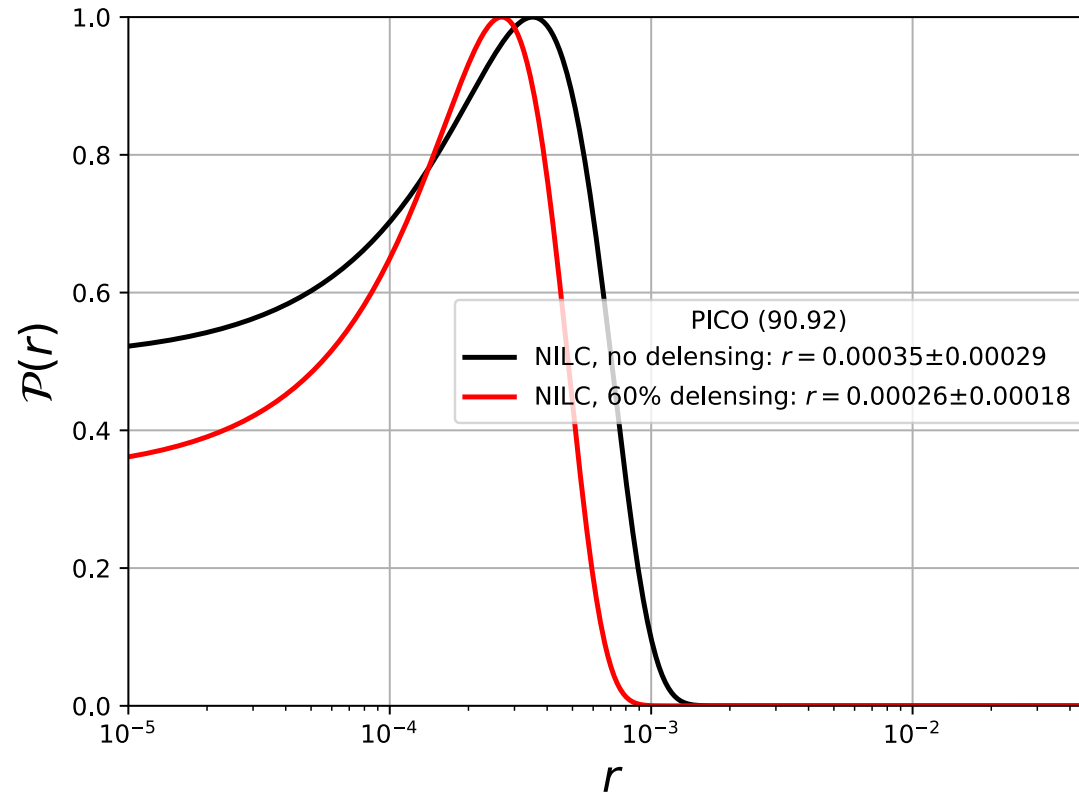
Model 92, $r = 0$
NILC



Unbiased estimation of the
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43-462 GHz

Model 92, $r = 0$
NILC



Discarding low / high frequencies
tends to bias the tensor-to-scalar
ratio by more than one sigma

❖ Summary

- ❑ PICO allows to control foreground contamination below $r = 5 \times 10^{-4}$
- ❑ Robustness of PICO results irrespective of different foreground skies
- ❑ Importance of PICO high frequencies to help foreground cleaning

❖ Next steps (ongoing activities)

- ❑ Importance of PICO high frequencies to inform on dust mismodelling and false detection of r ?
Breaking foreground model degeneracies
Chi-square evidence for mismodelling
- ❑ Need for high-resolution synchrotron observations at low frequency ?
Non-gaussian small-scale fluctuations of synchrotron may distort spectral models at large angular scales
(higher-order moments / effective curvature)
- ❑ Results forthcoming from COMMANDER by Ragnhild Aurlen and the Oslo team!