Bayesian Data Analysis for REACH

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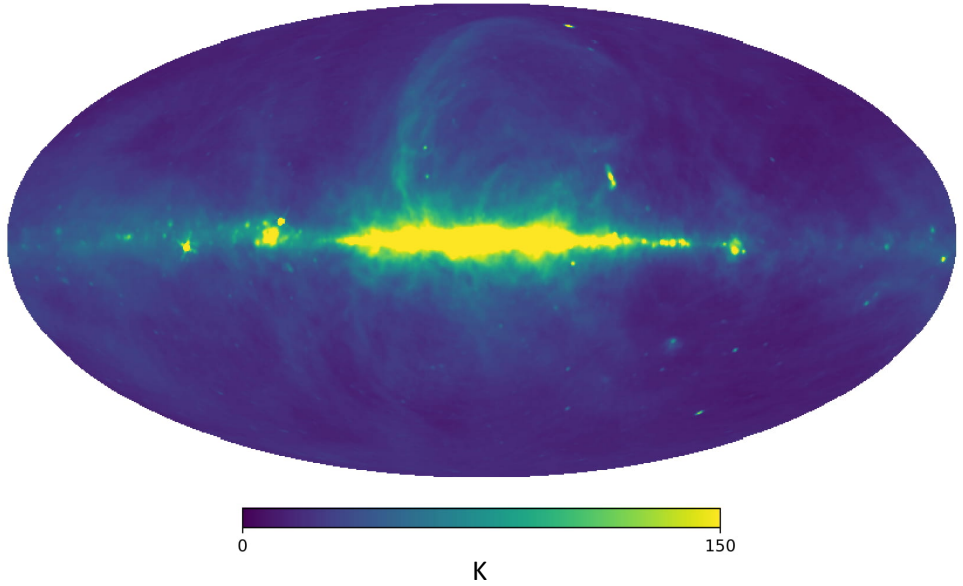
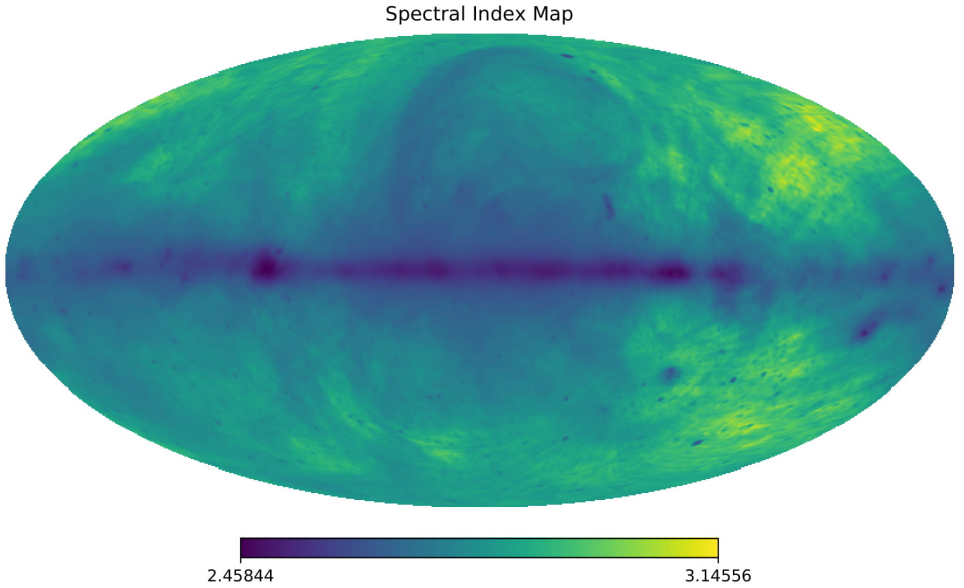
Bayesian Analysis

PolyChord – Bayesian Nested Sampling Algorithm (Handley, Hobson & Lasenby 2015)

- Model comparison through Bayesian Evidence
- Ranking parameter evaluation speeds

Varying B sky model





$$\ln(T_{foreground}(\nu)) = \sum_{i=0}^{4} a_i \left(\ln\left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_0}\right) \right)^i$$

- Remazeilles et al. 2015
- de Oliveira-Costa et al 2008

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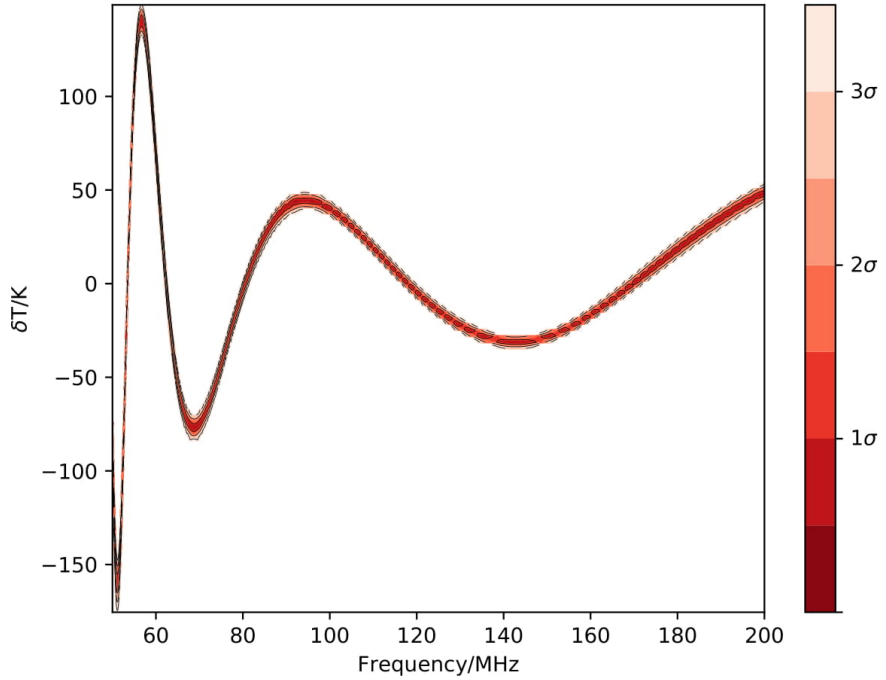

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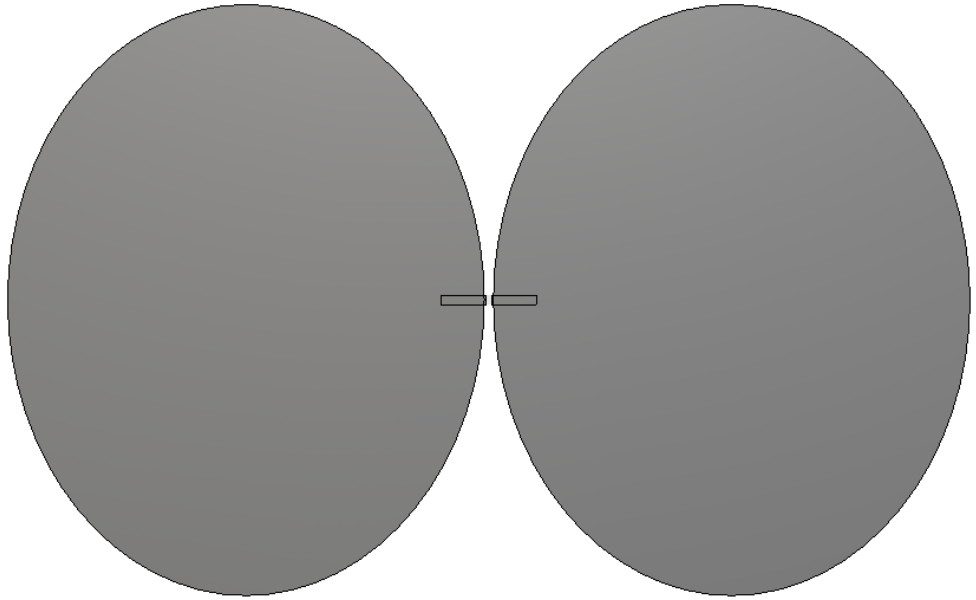

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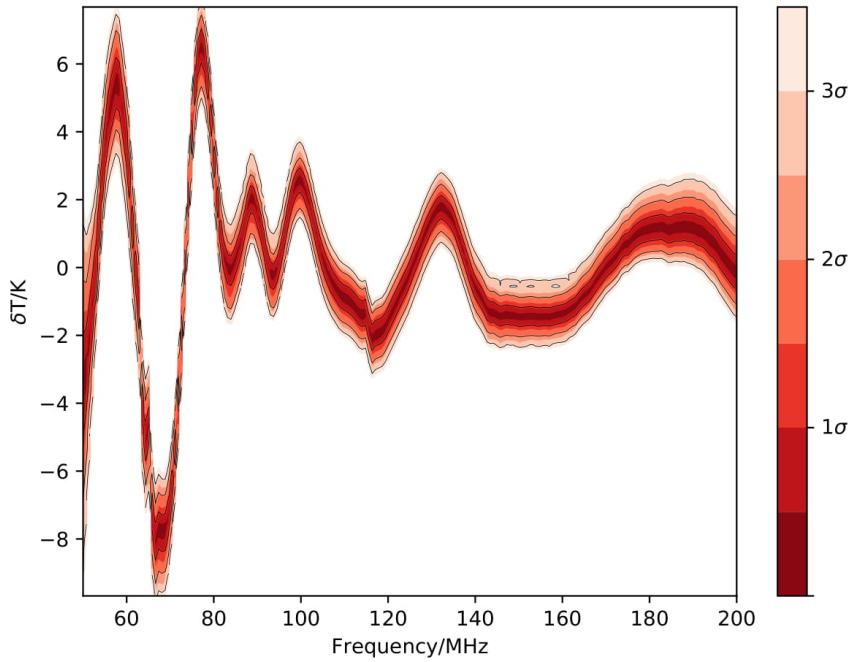

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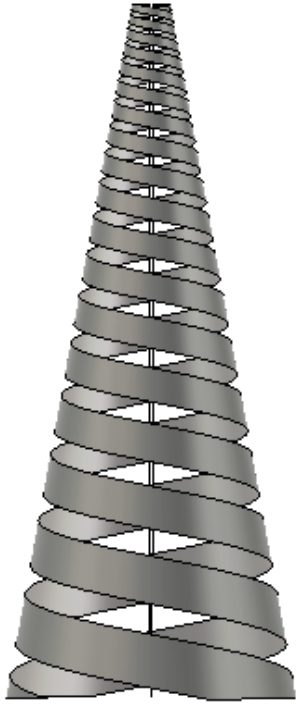

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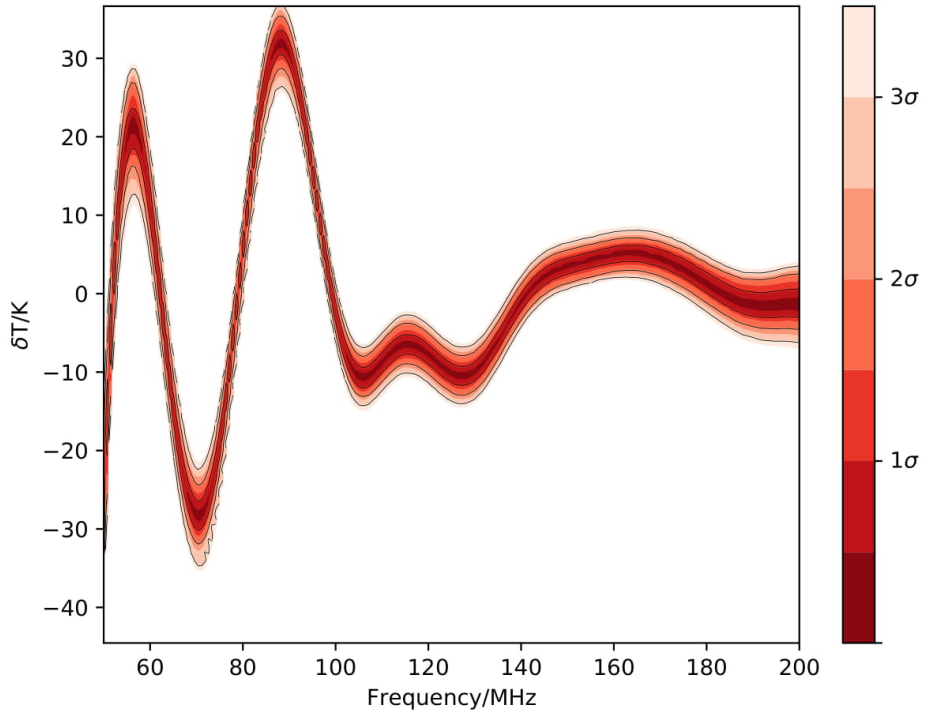

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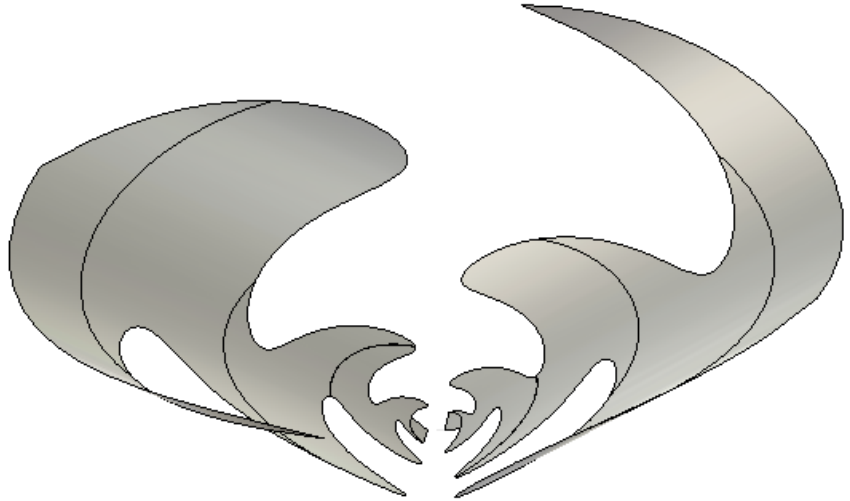

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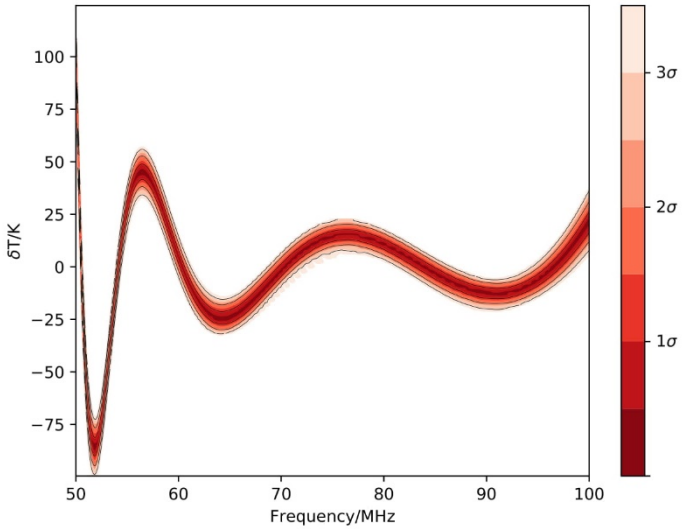
Narrow Frequency Band



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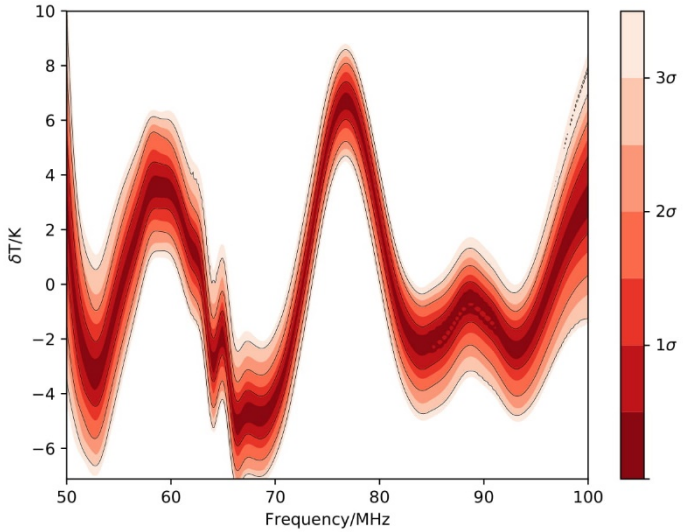

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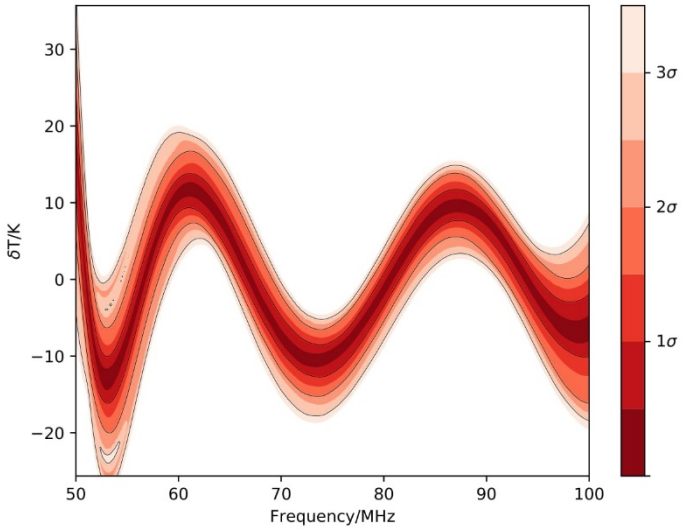

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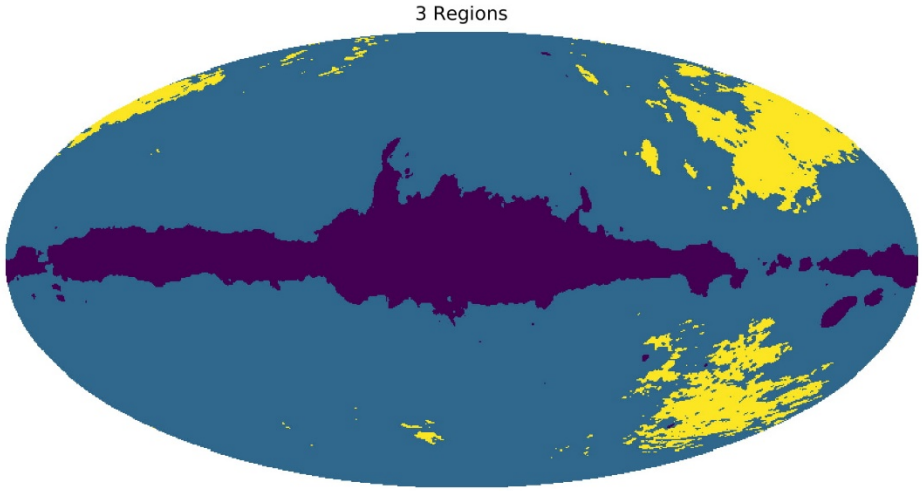
General Modelling Protocol

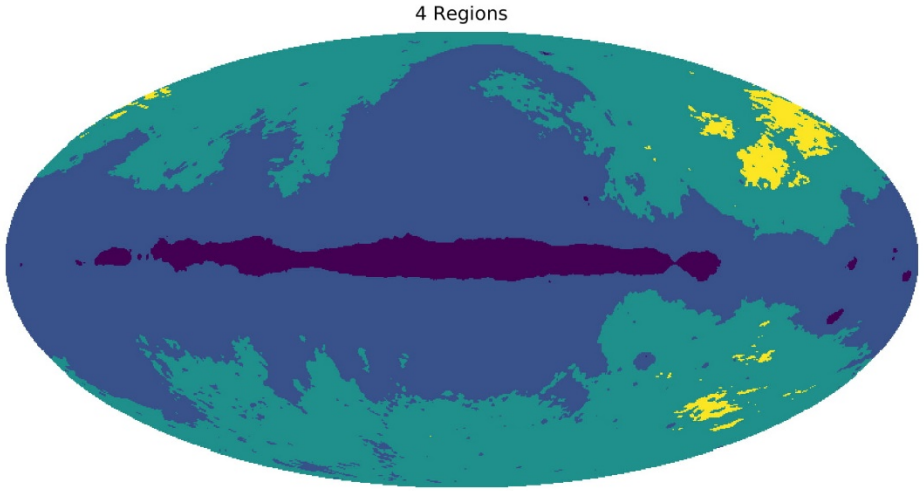
- Generate a parameterised model of the entire sky across the whole frequency range

- Generate a parameterised model of the antenna pattern

- Fit a foreground model of the convolution of the pattern model with the sky model

Sky Division





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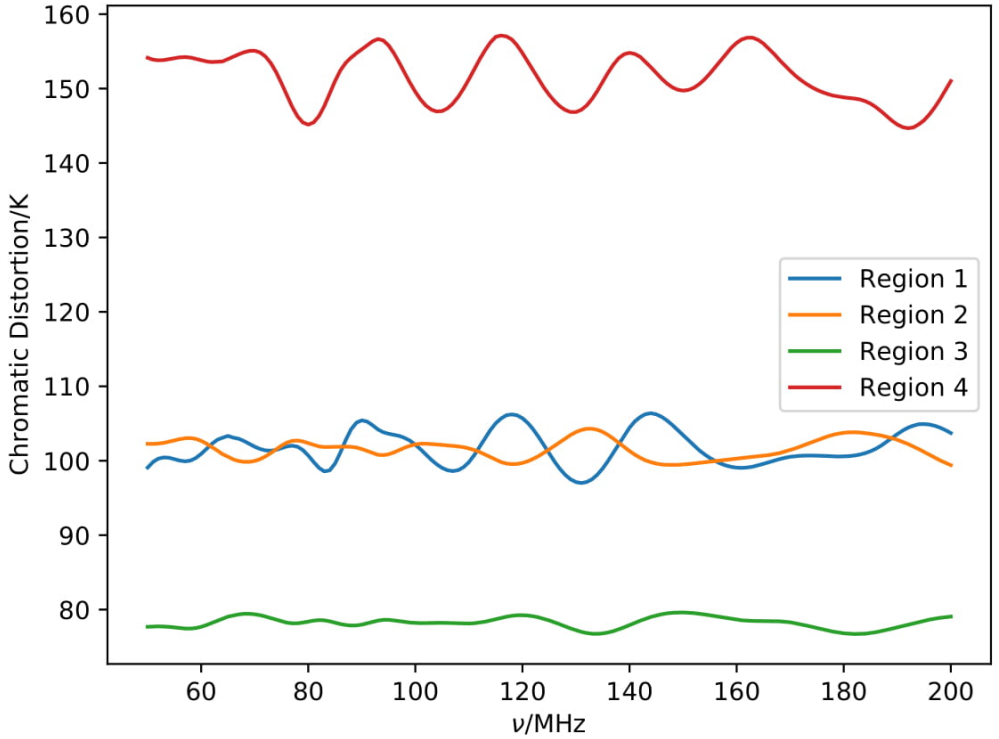
Chromatic Functions



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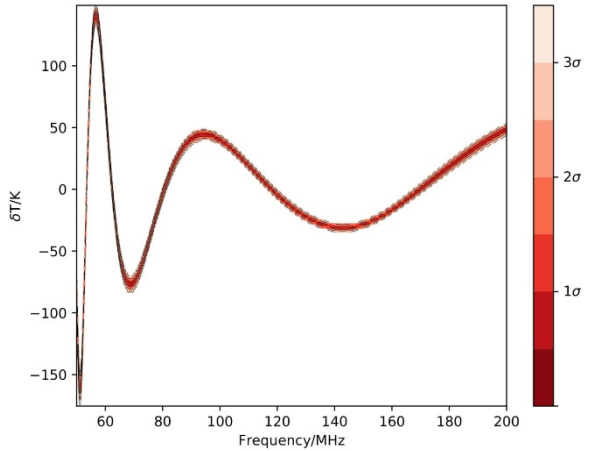

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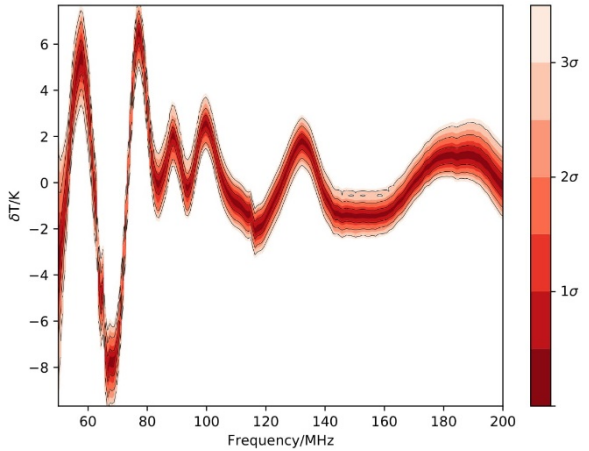

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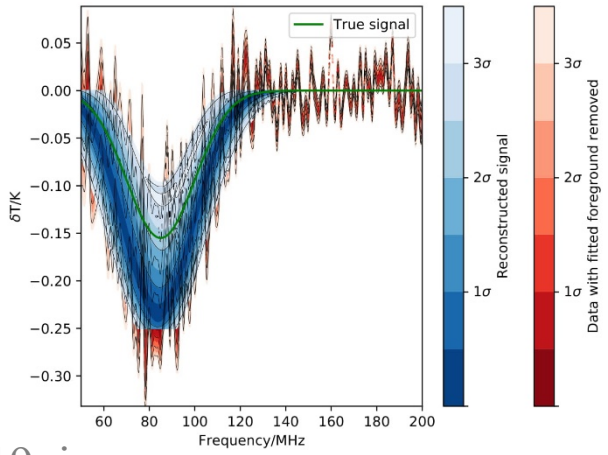

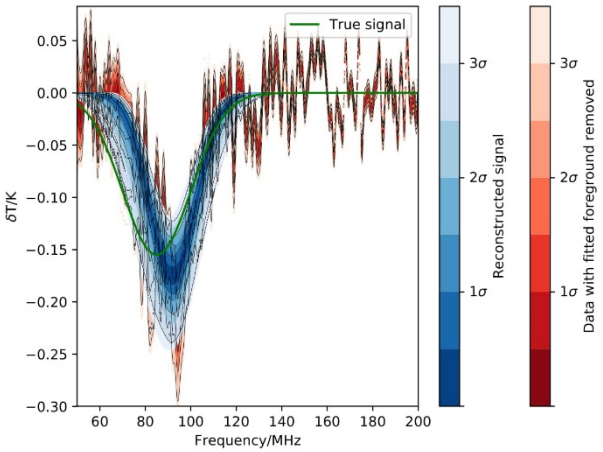

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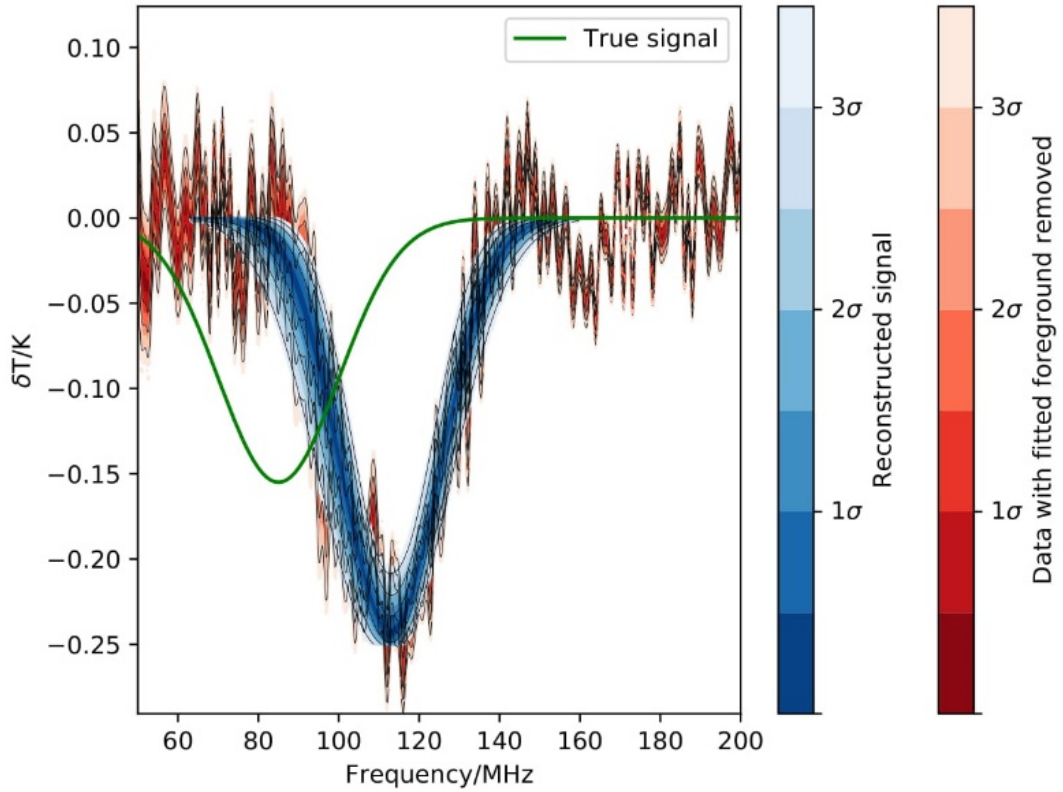

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Numbers of sky regions

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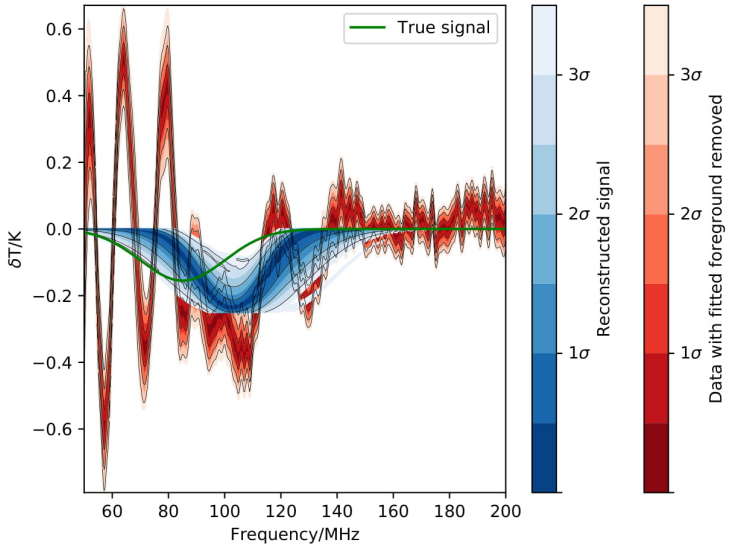

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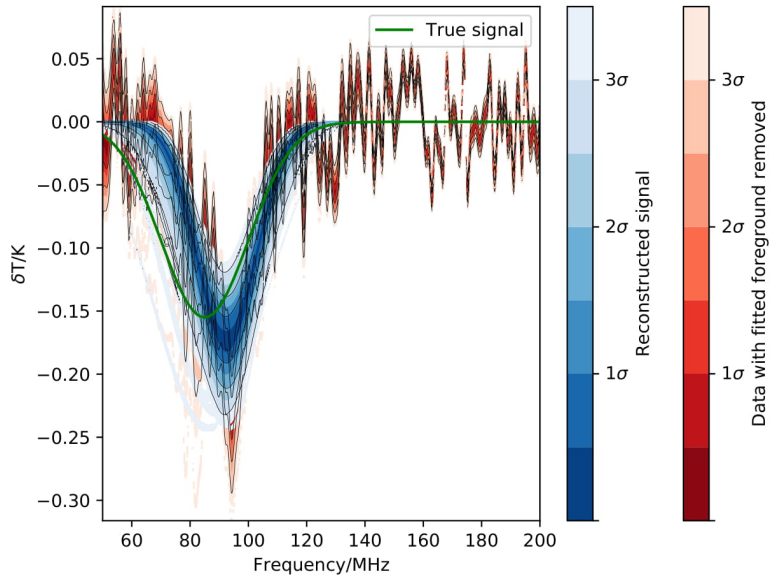

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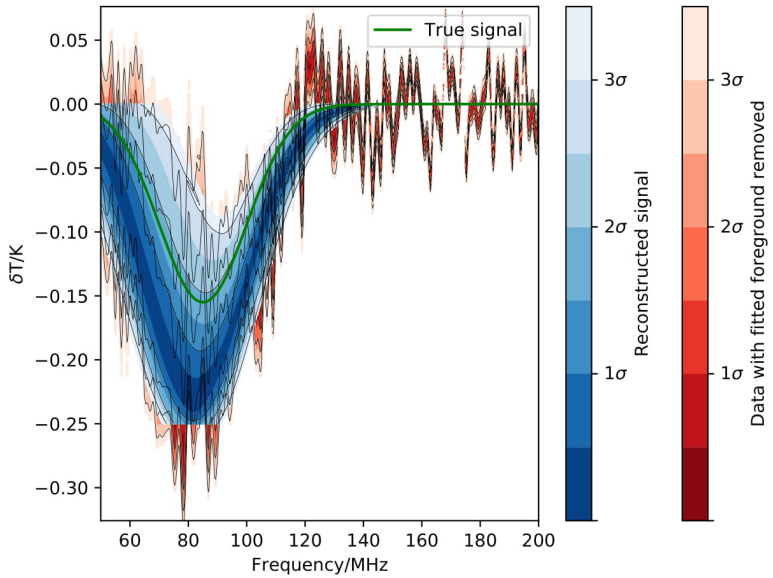

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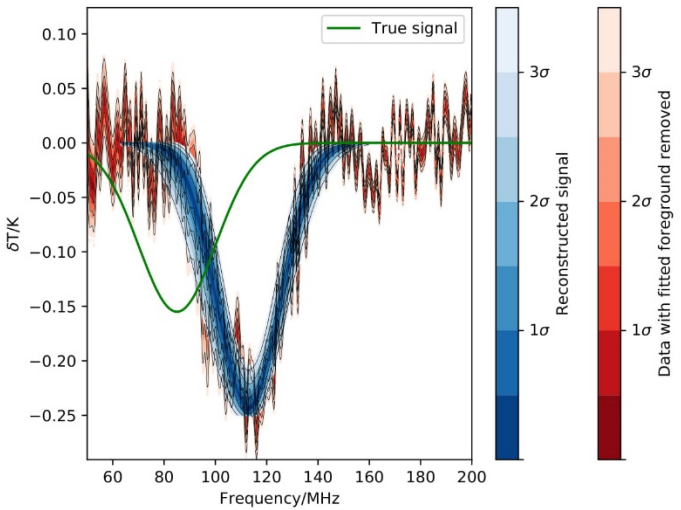

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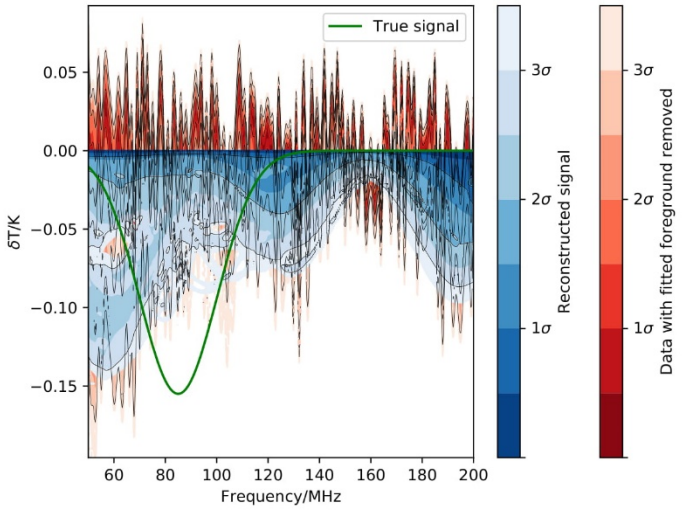

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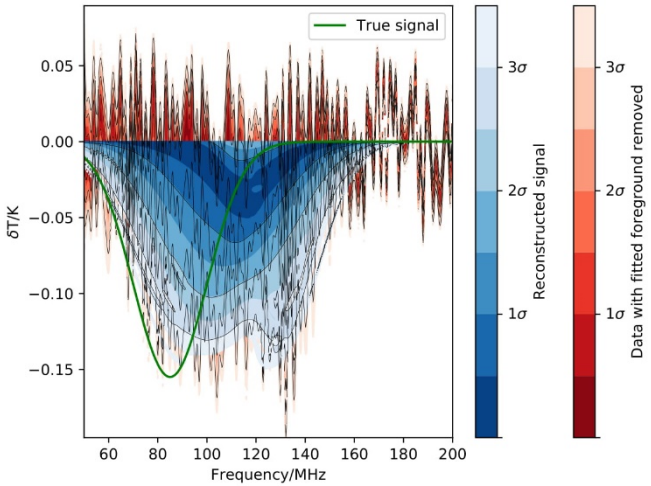

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Summary

- Even smooth, simple antennae produce enough chromatic distortion to conceal the 21cm signal when the spectral index varies

- The proposed method of fitting the foregrounds via modelling can correct for this distortion sufficiently for the 21cm signal to be identified, provided the antenna is quite smooth.

- Increasing the number of regions the sky model is divided into improves the quality of the chromaticity correction

- The distortion cannot be accurately modelled if too few regions are used

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