

NILC results for PICO

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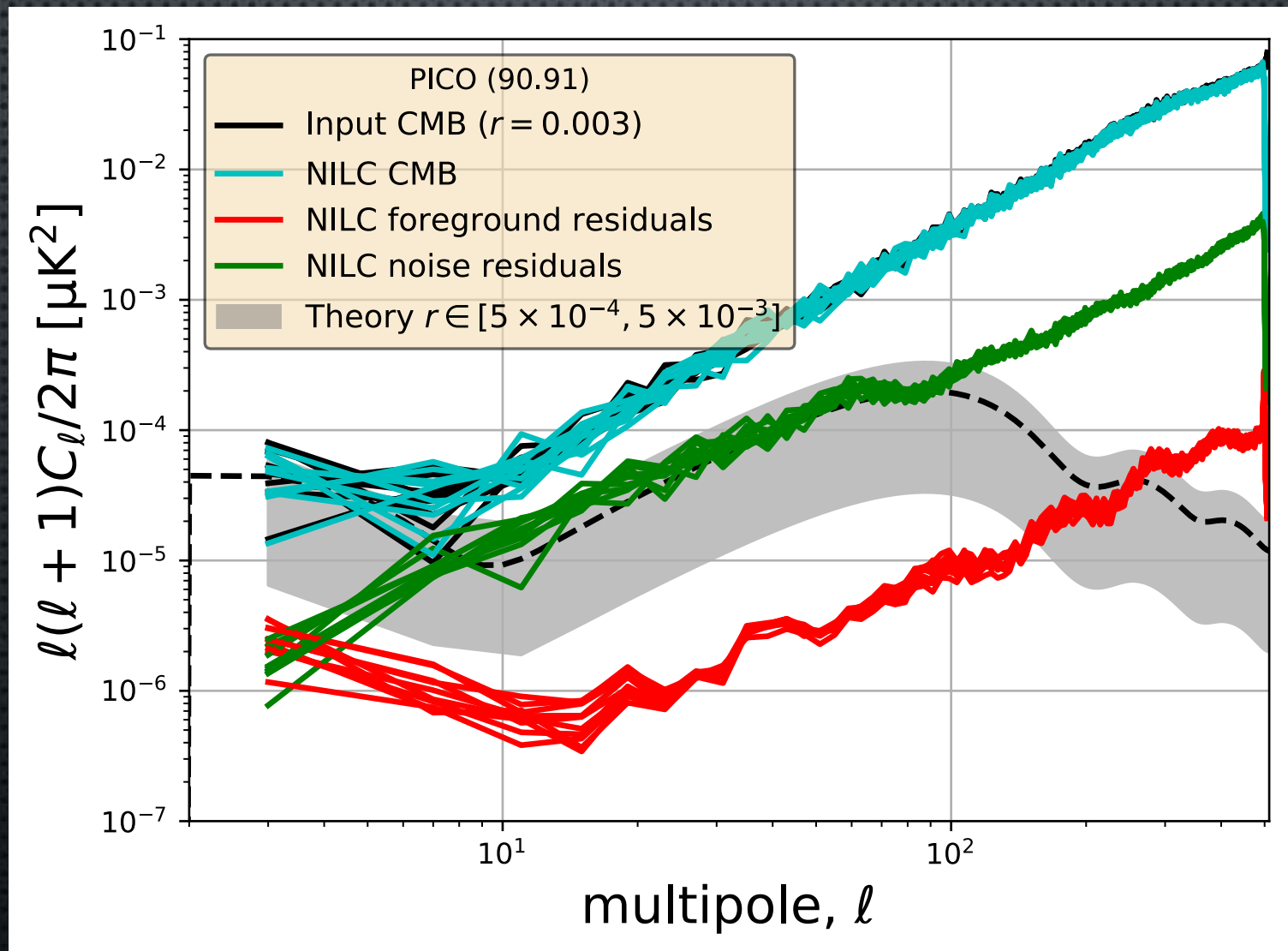
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Model 91, $r = 0.003$

NILC



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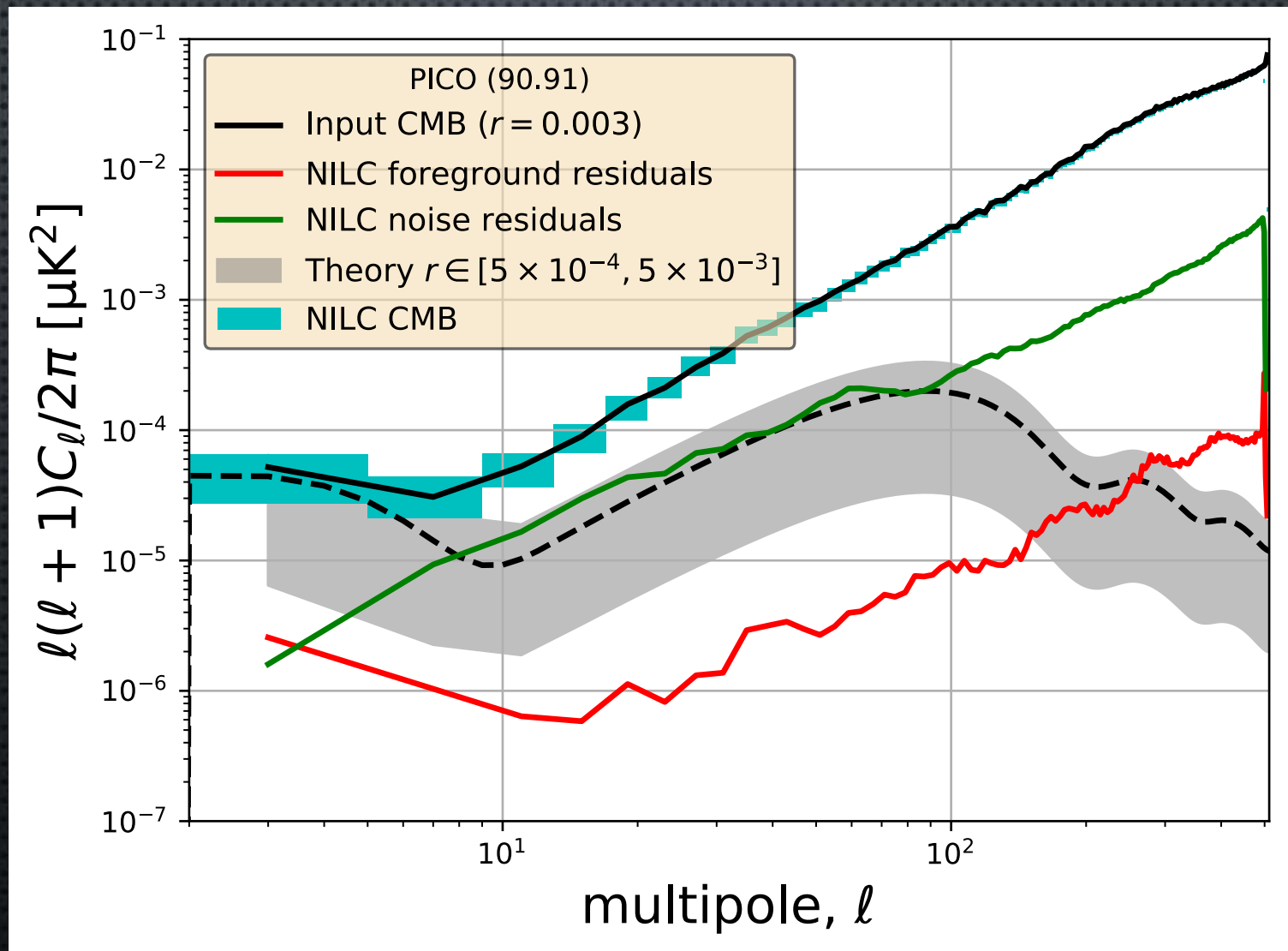
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Foreground residuals
10 times lower
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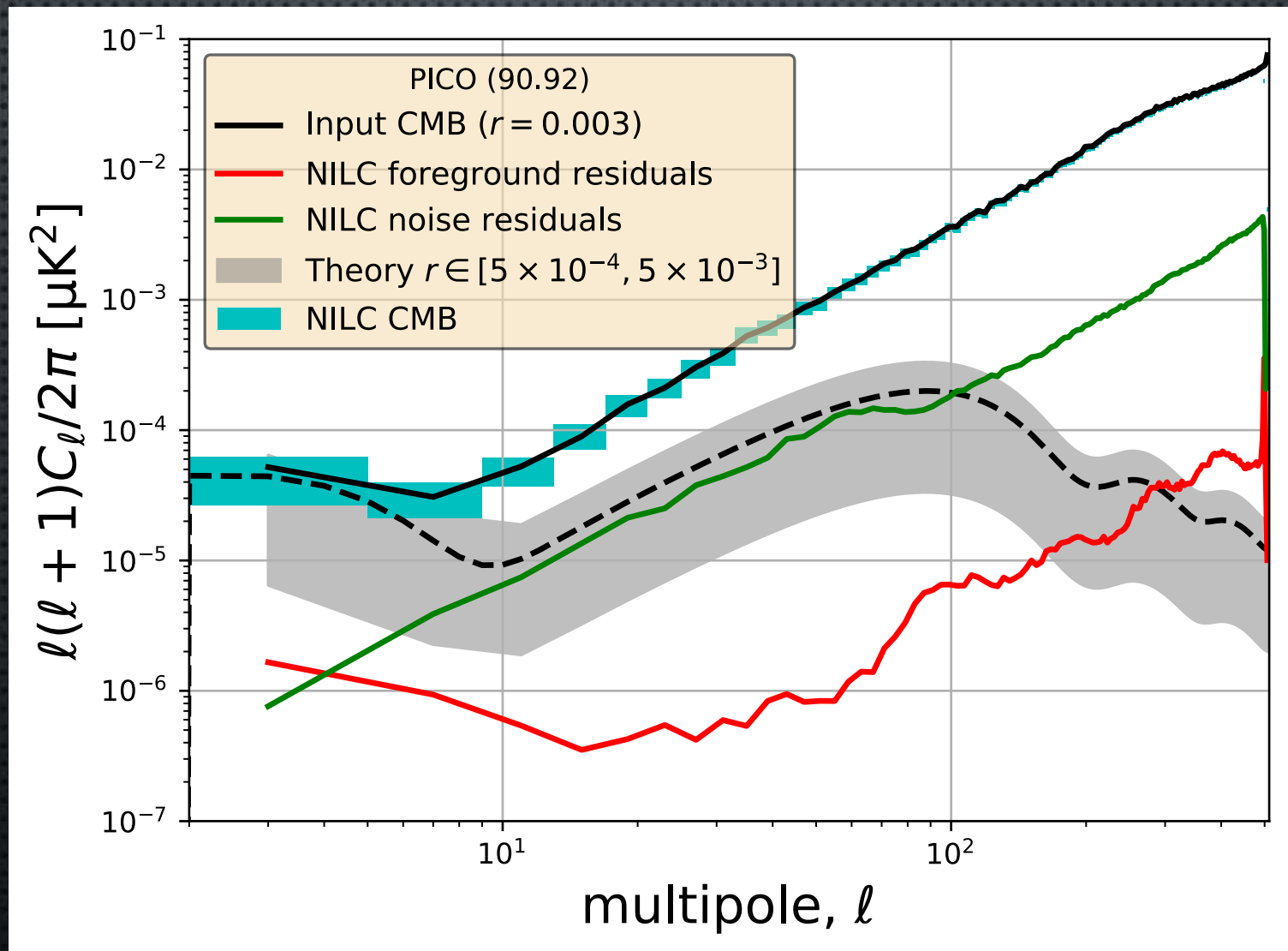
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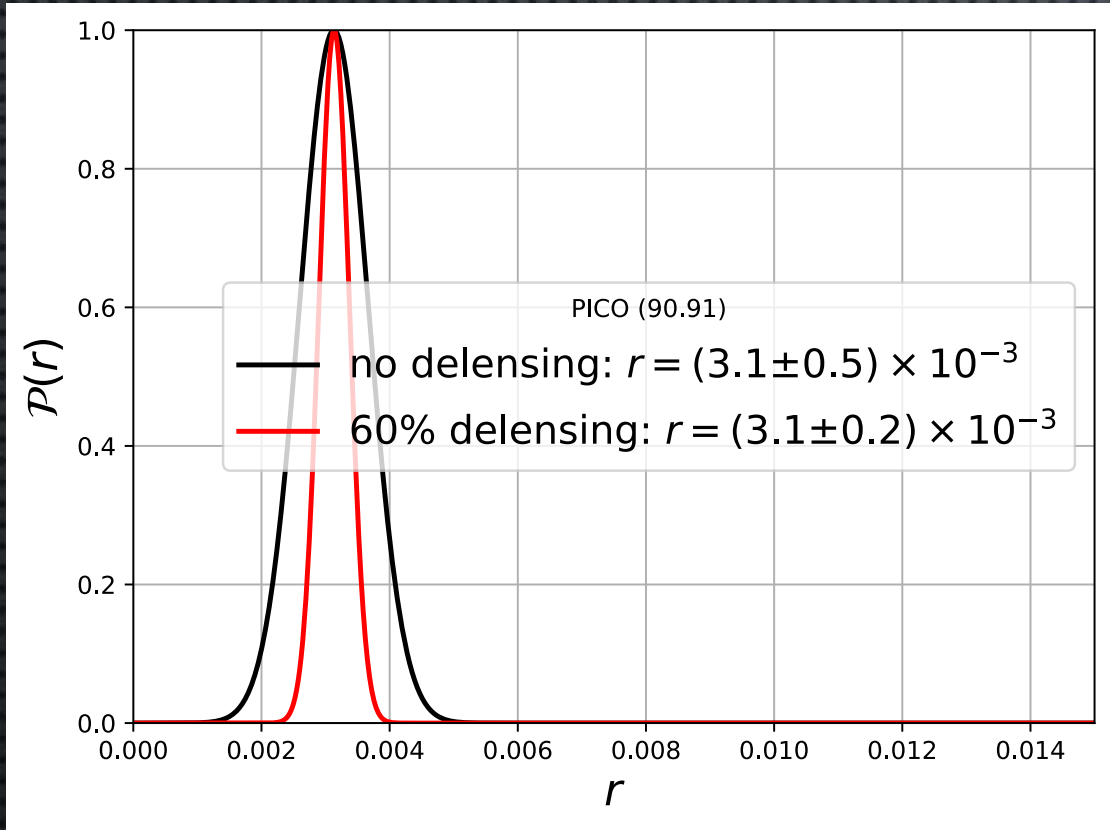
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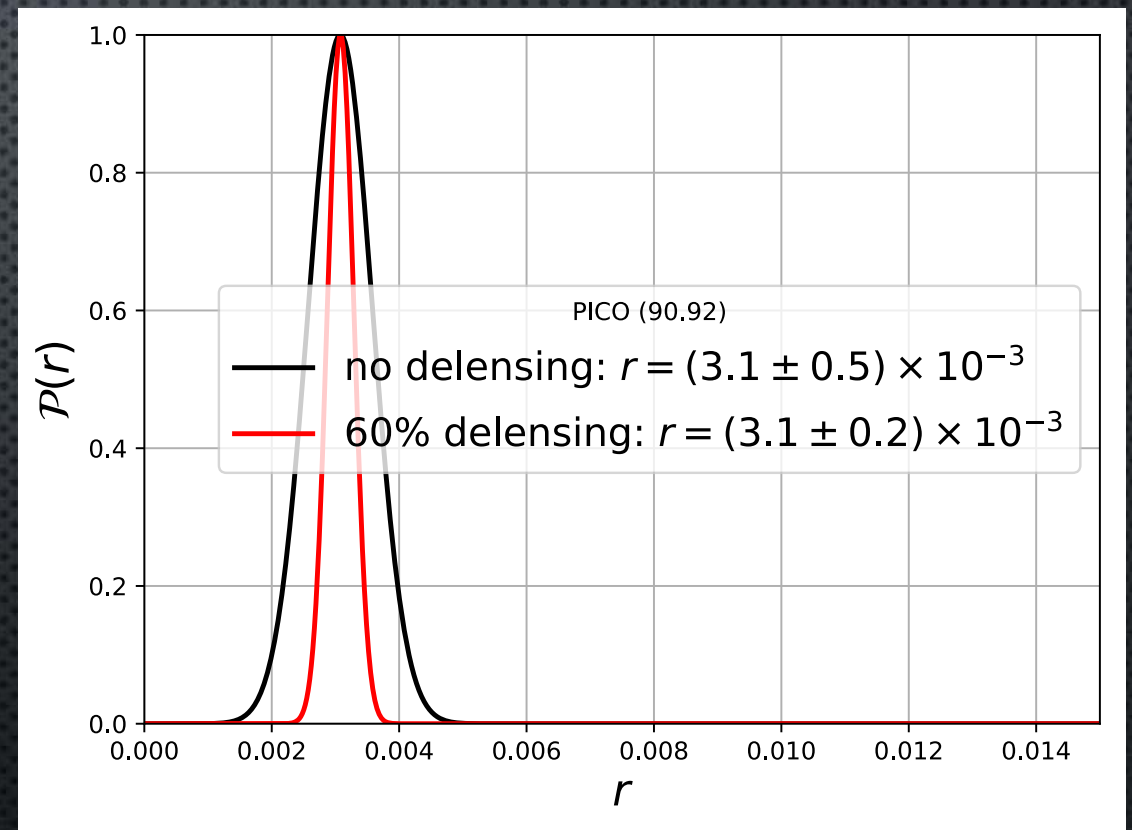
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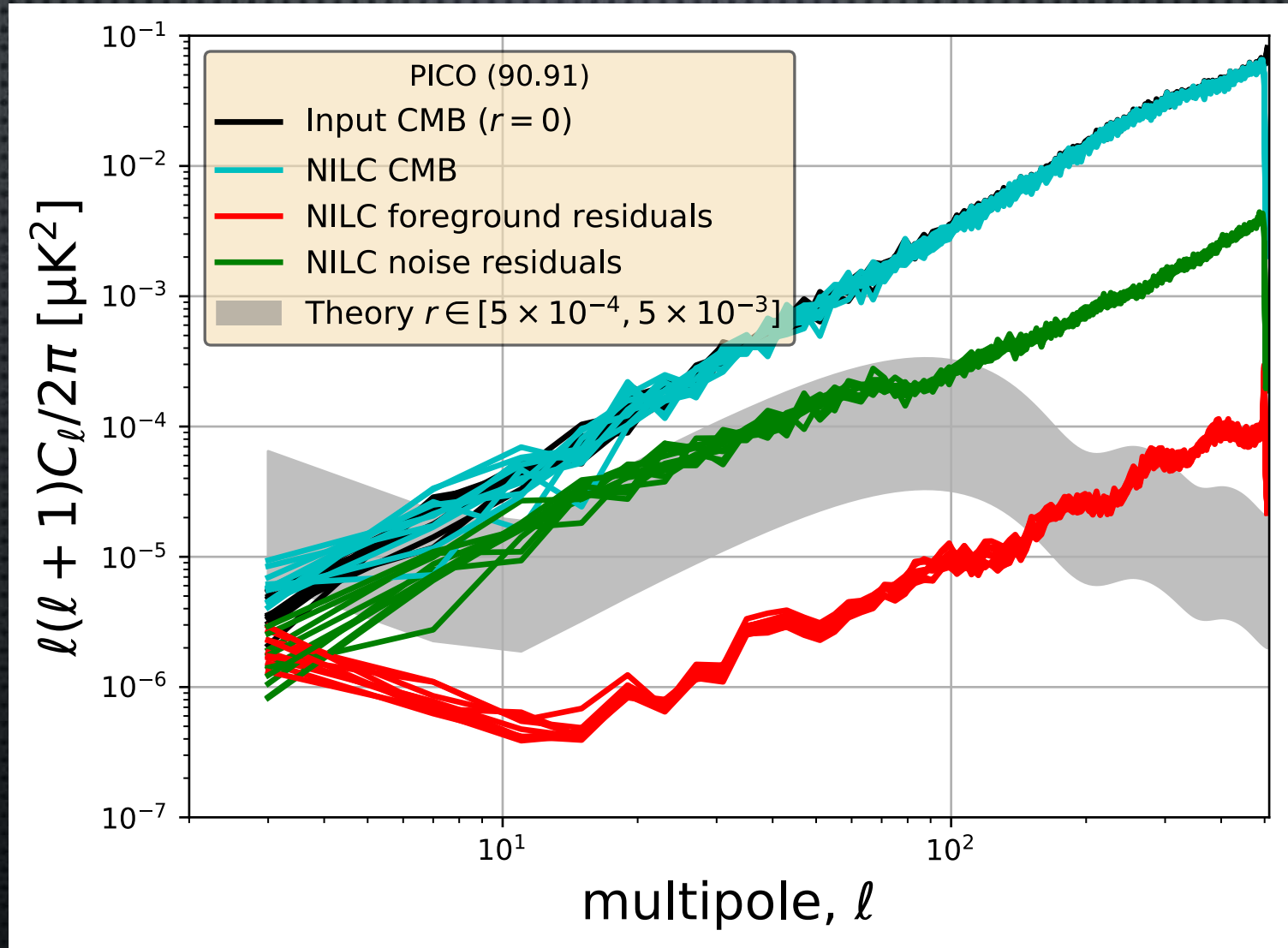


Robust recovery of the tensor-to-scalar ratio:
10 sigma detection for both sky models

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Model 91, $r = 0$

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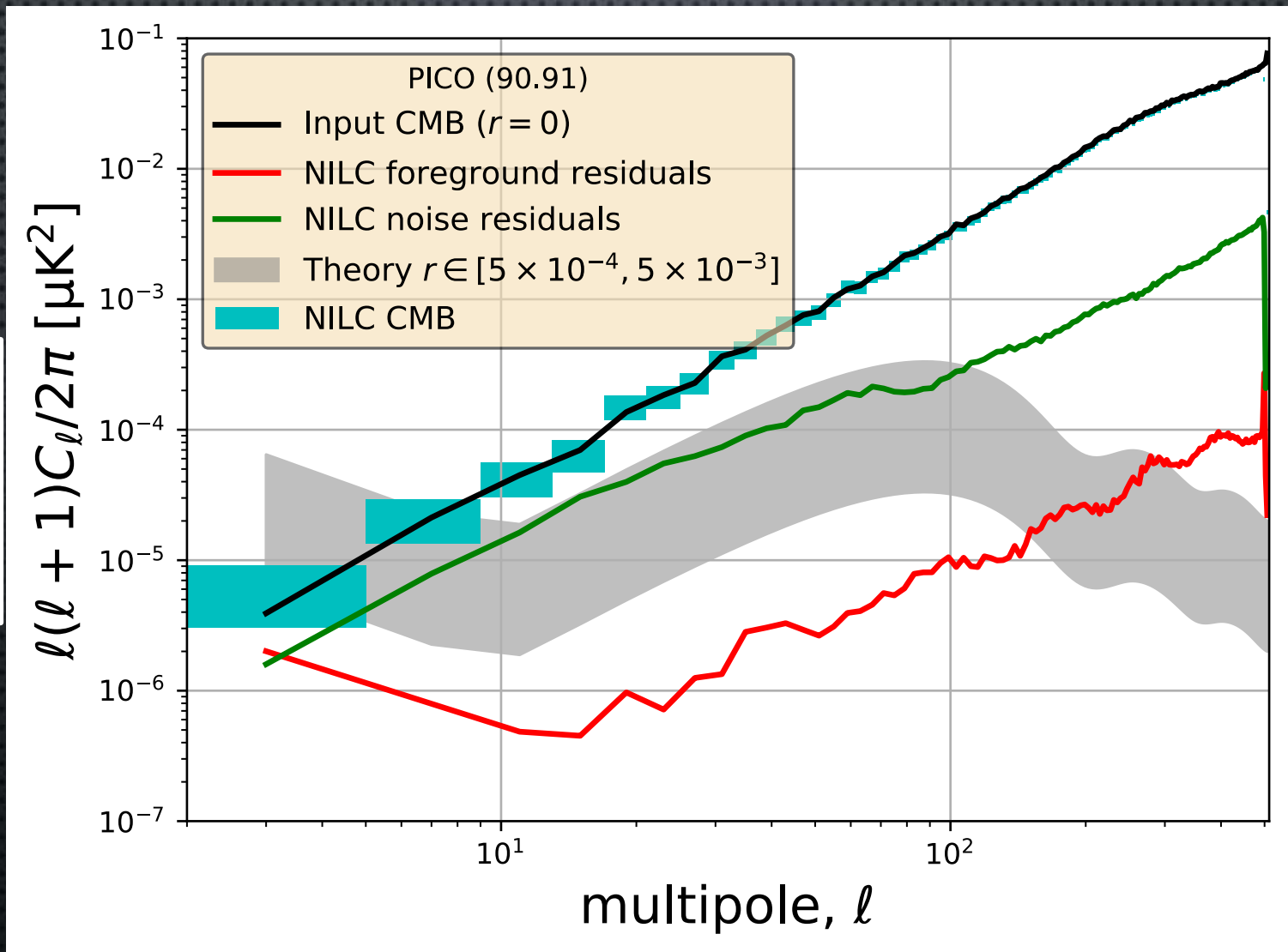
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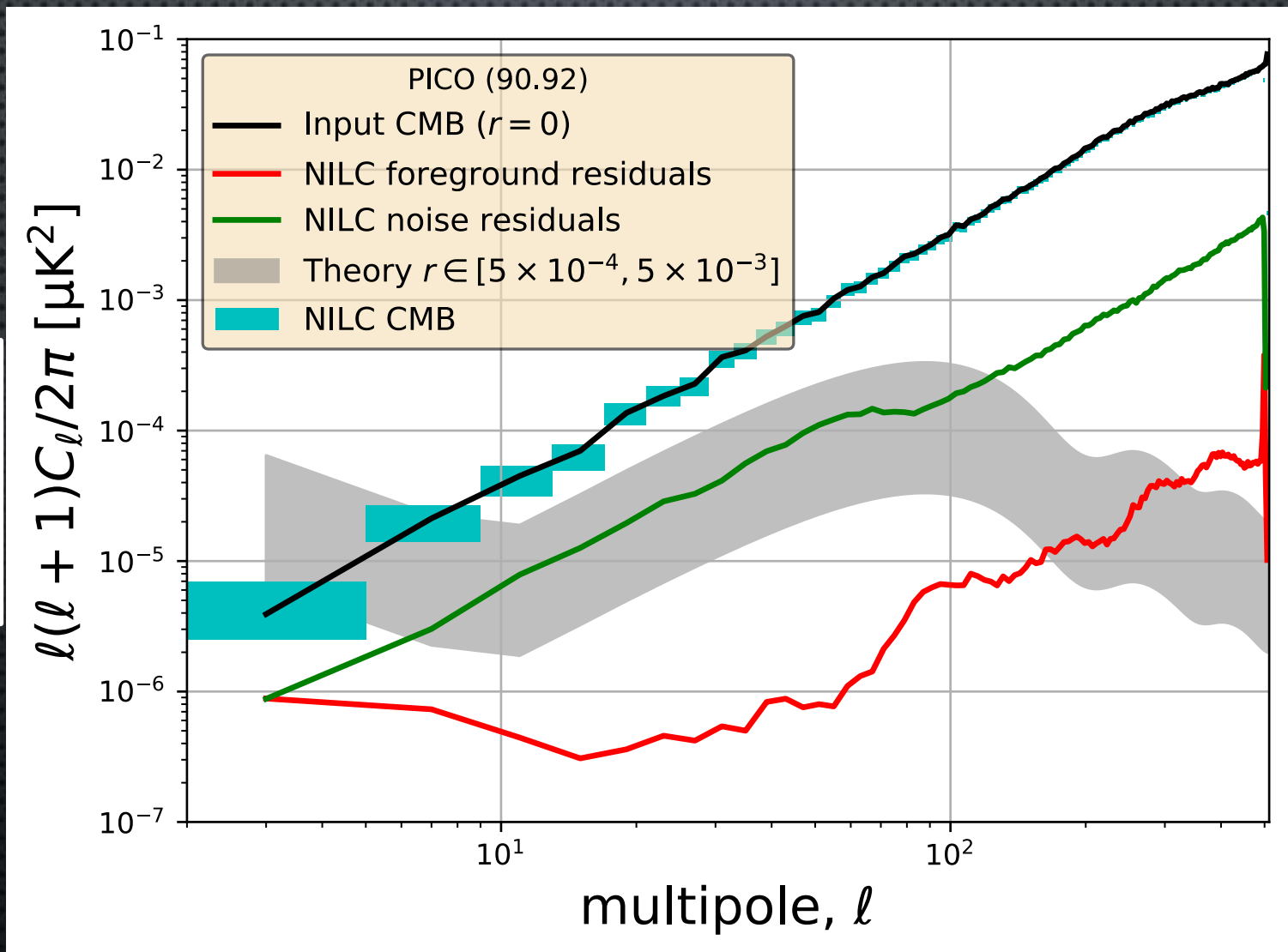
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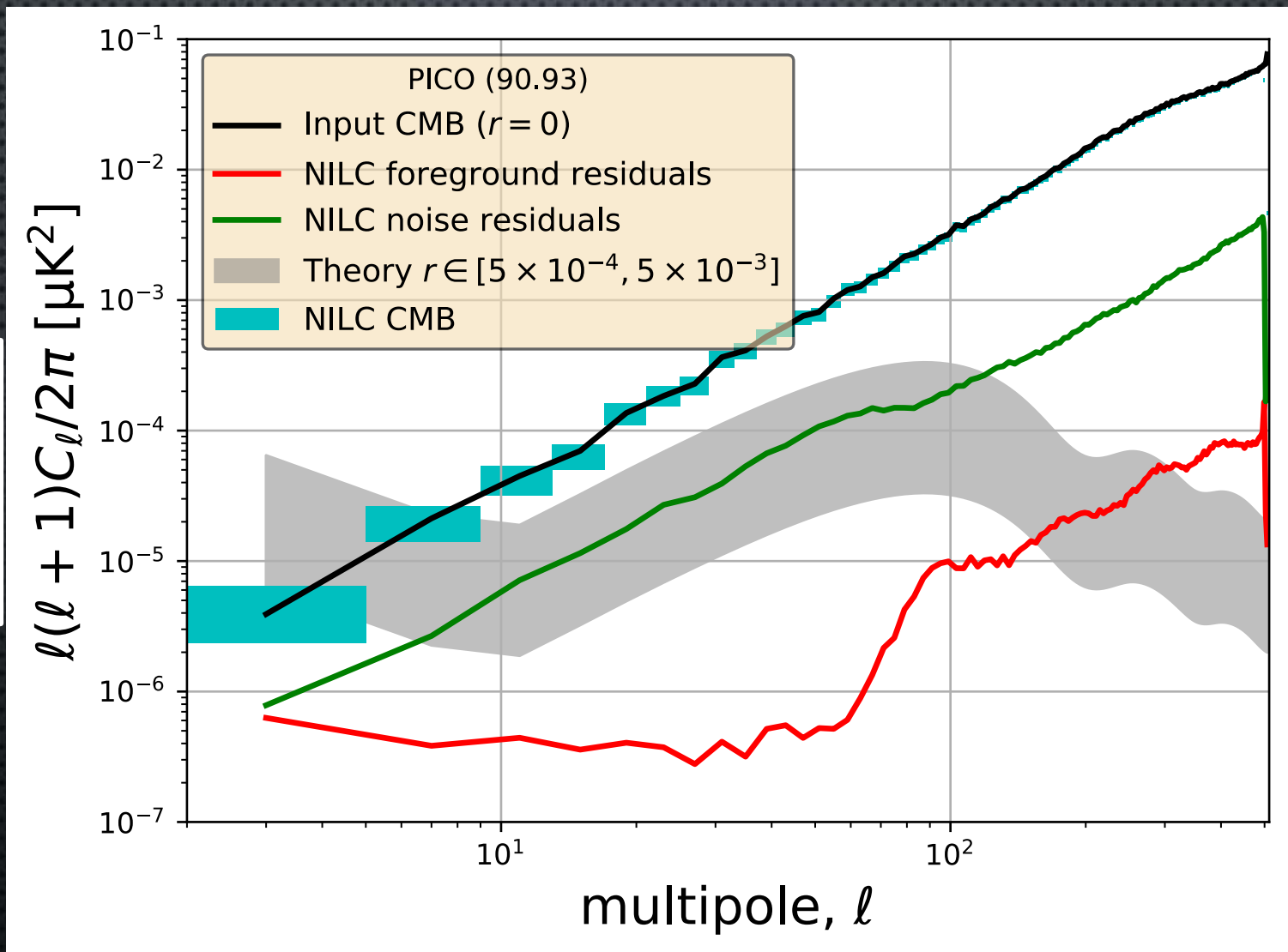
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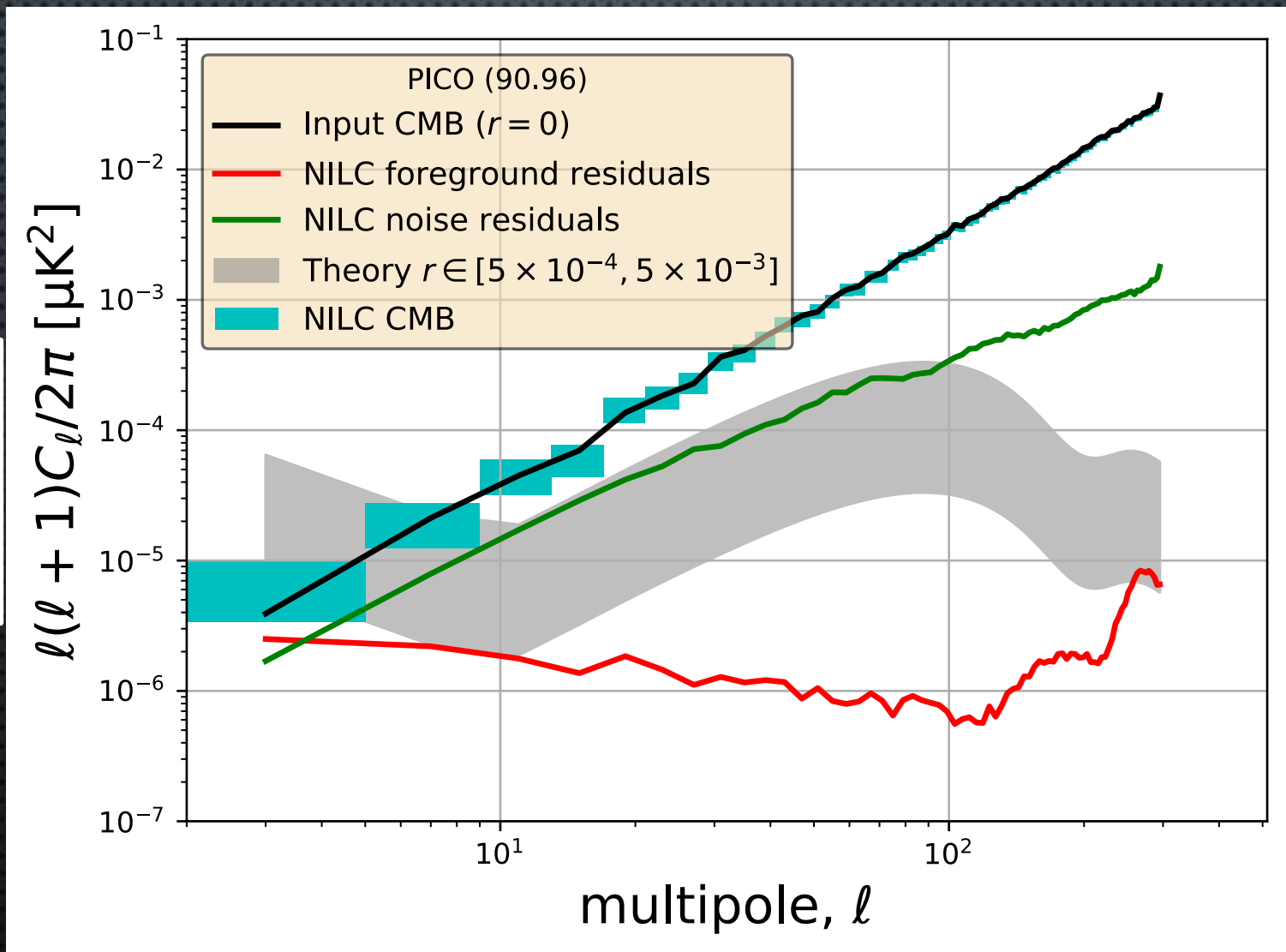
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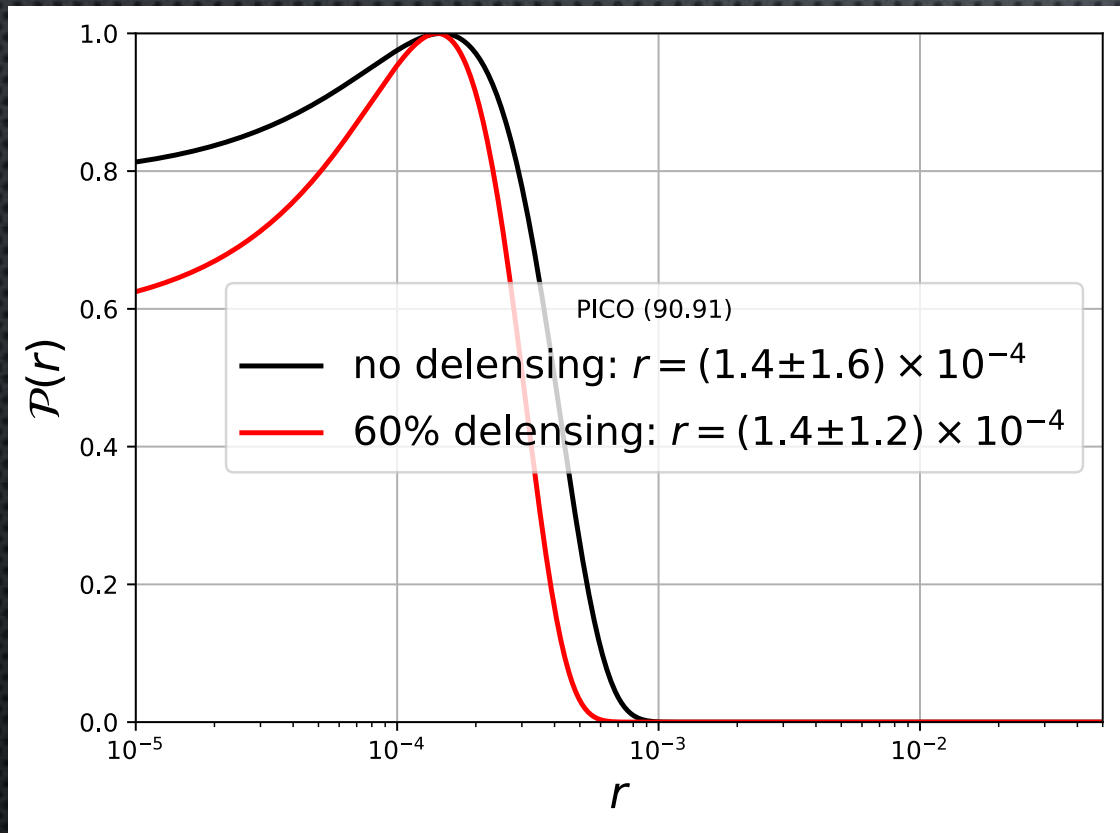
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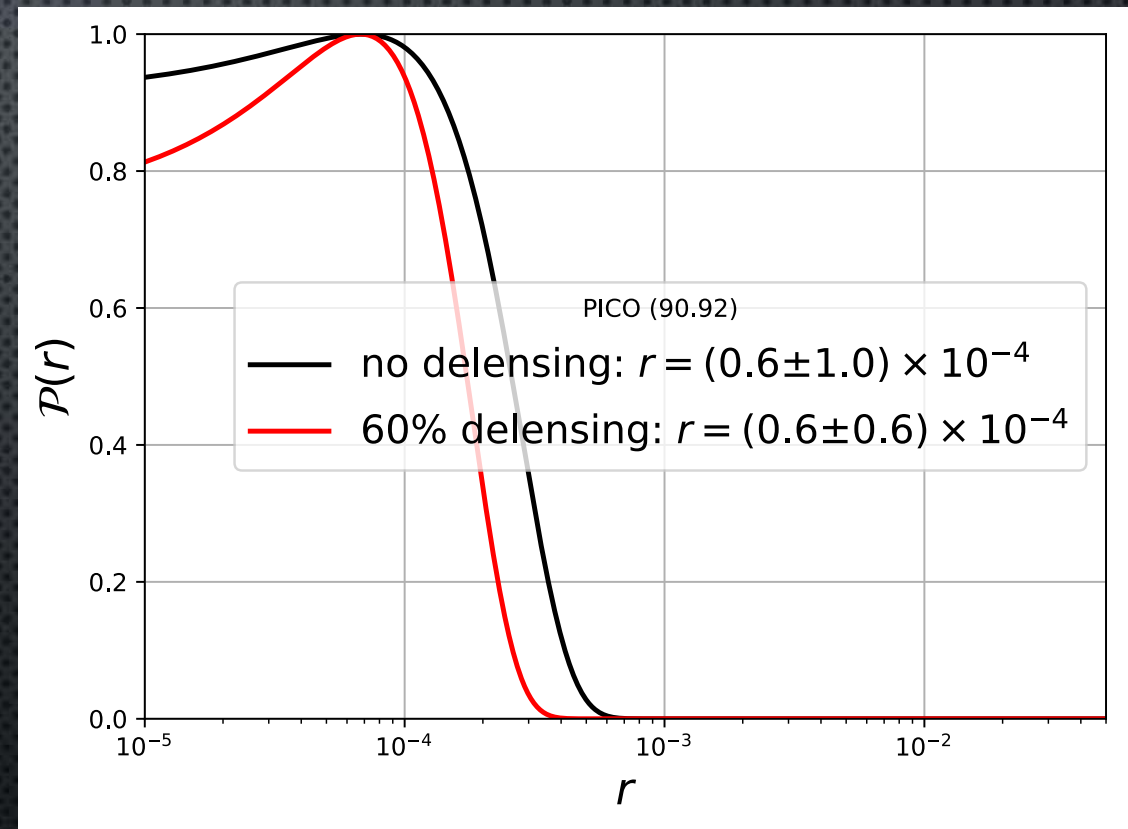
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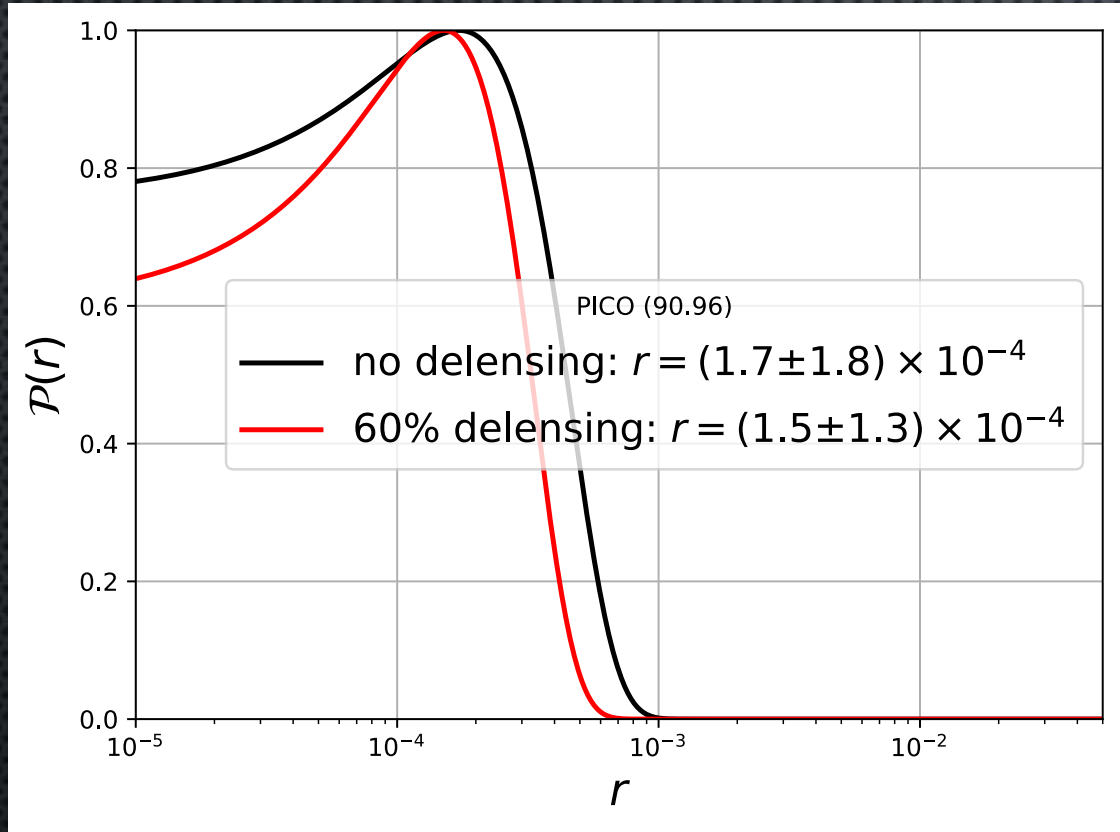


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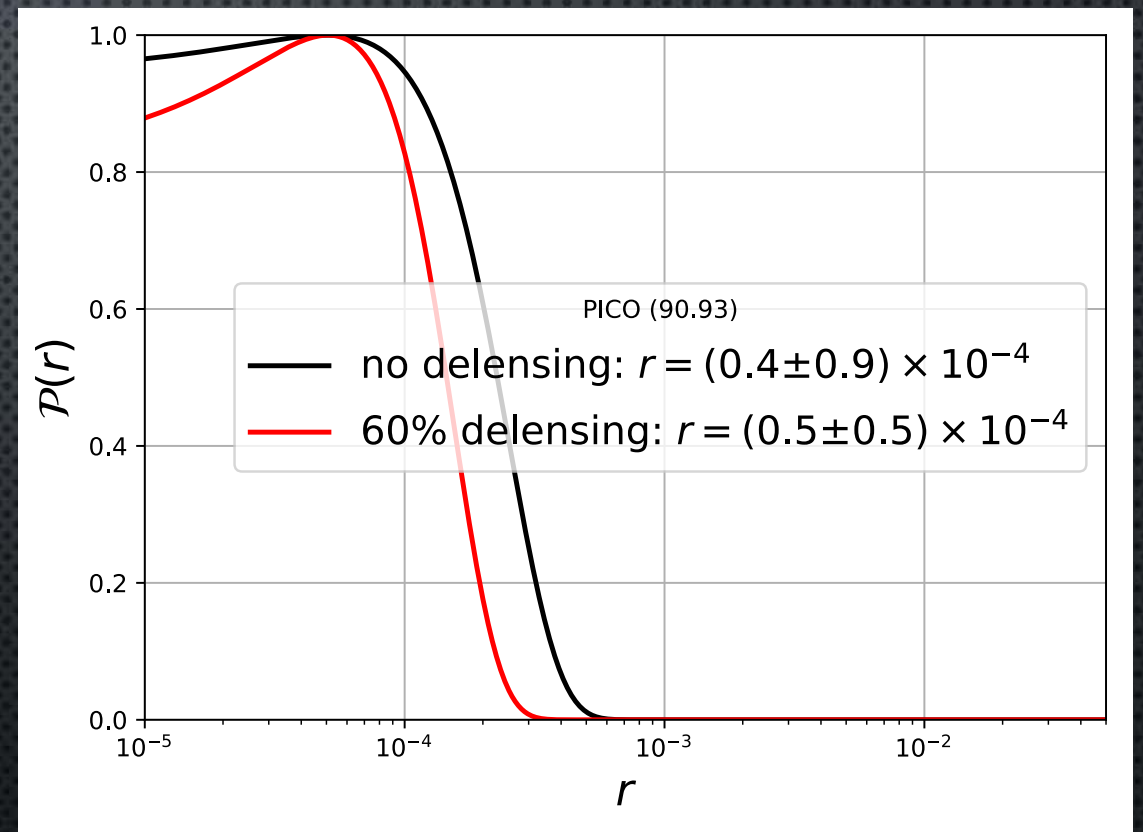
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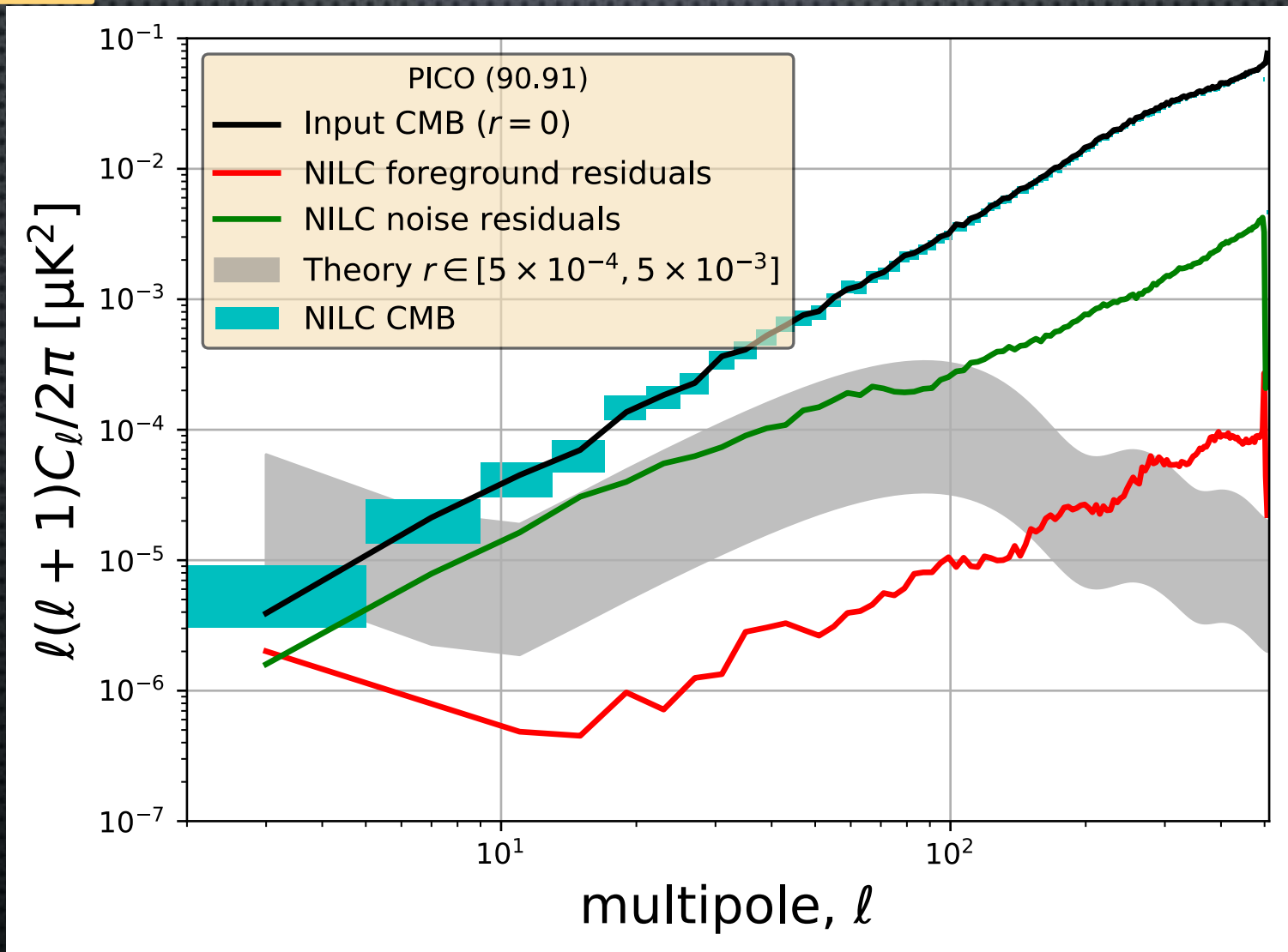
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Importance of high/low frequency channels

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21 - 800 GHz

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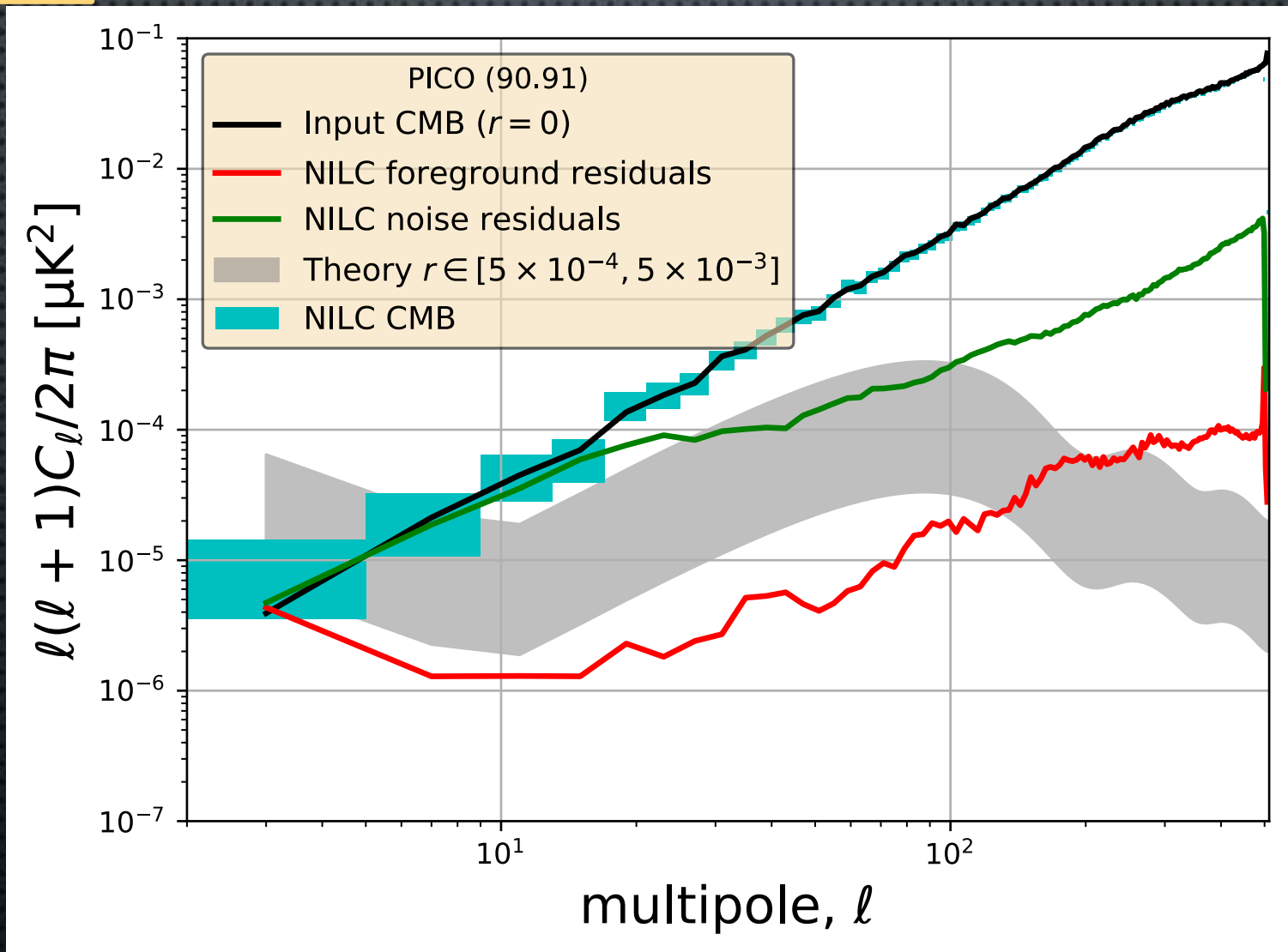
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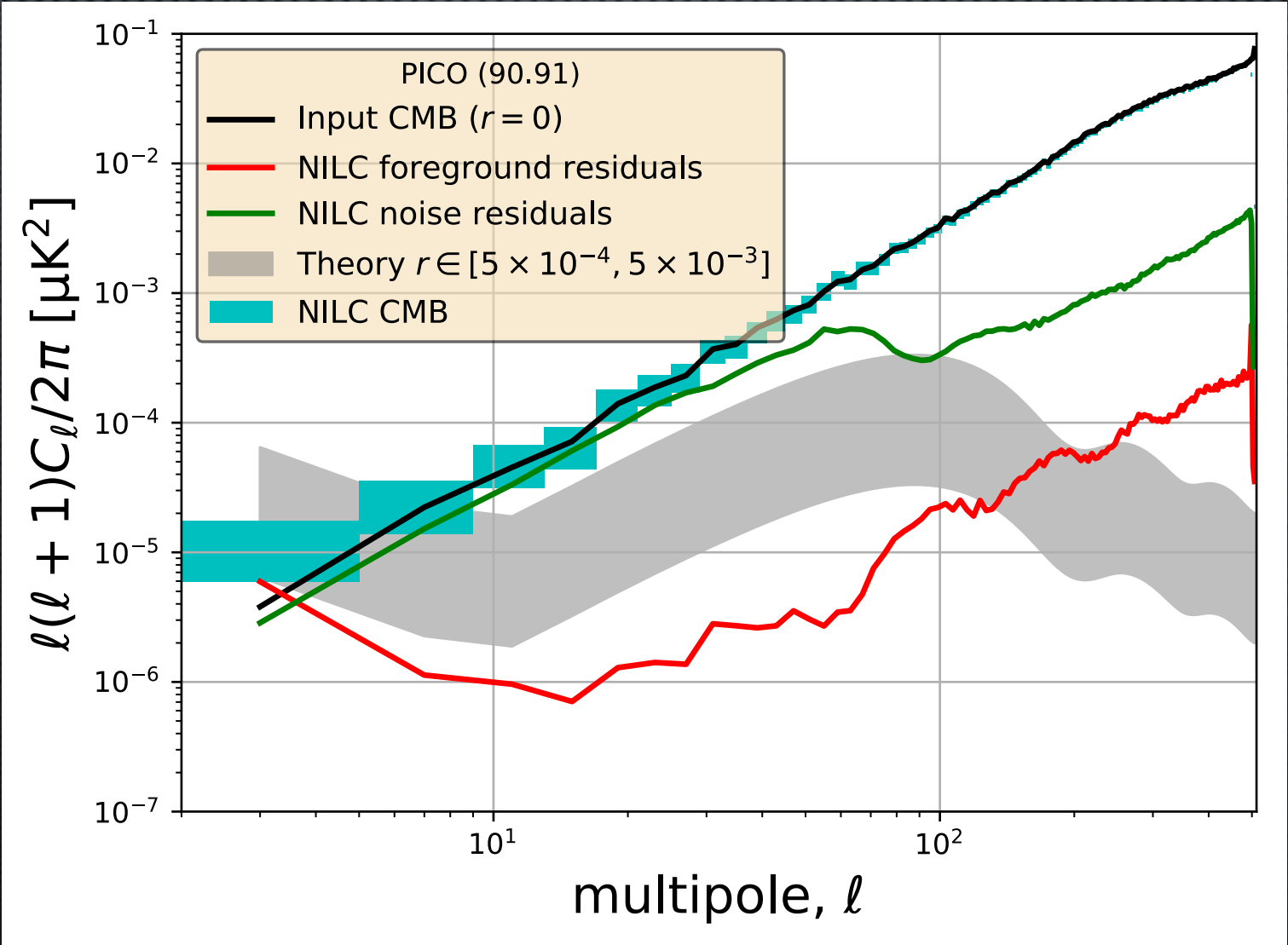
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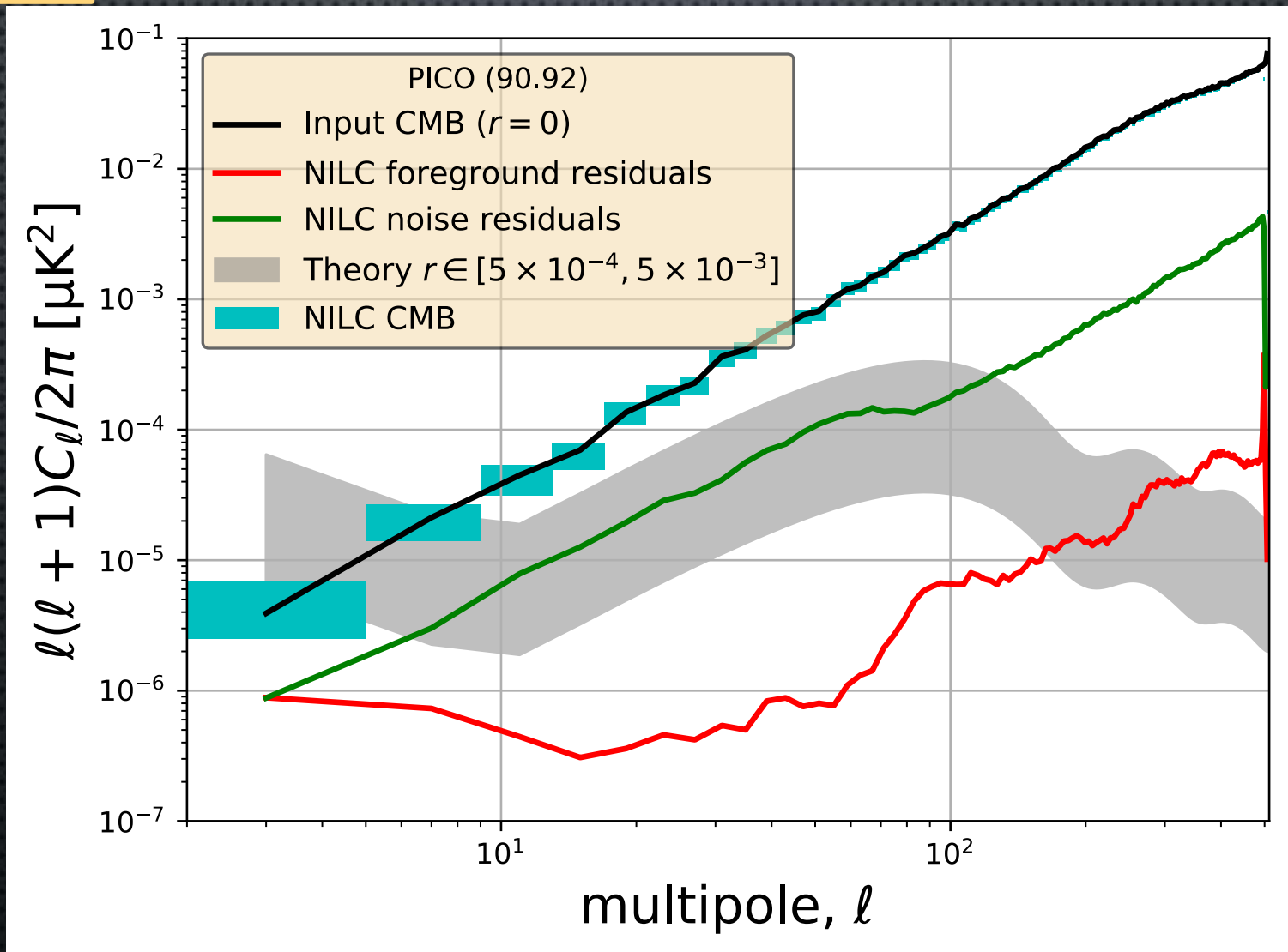
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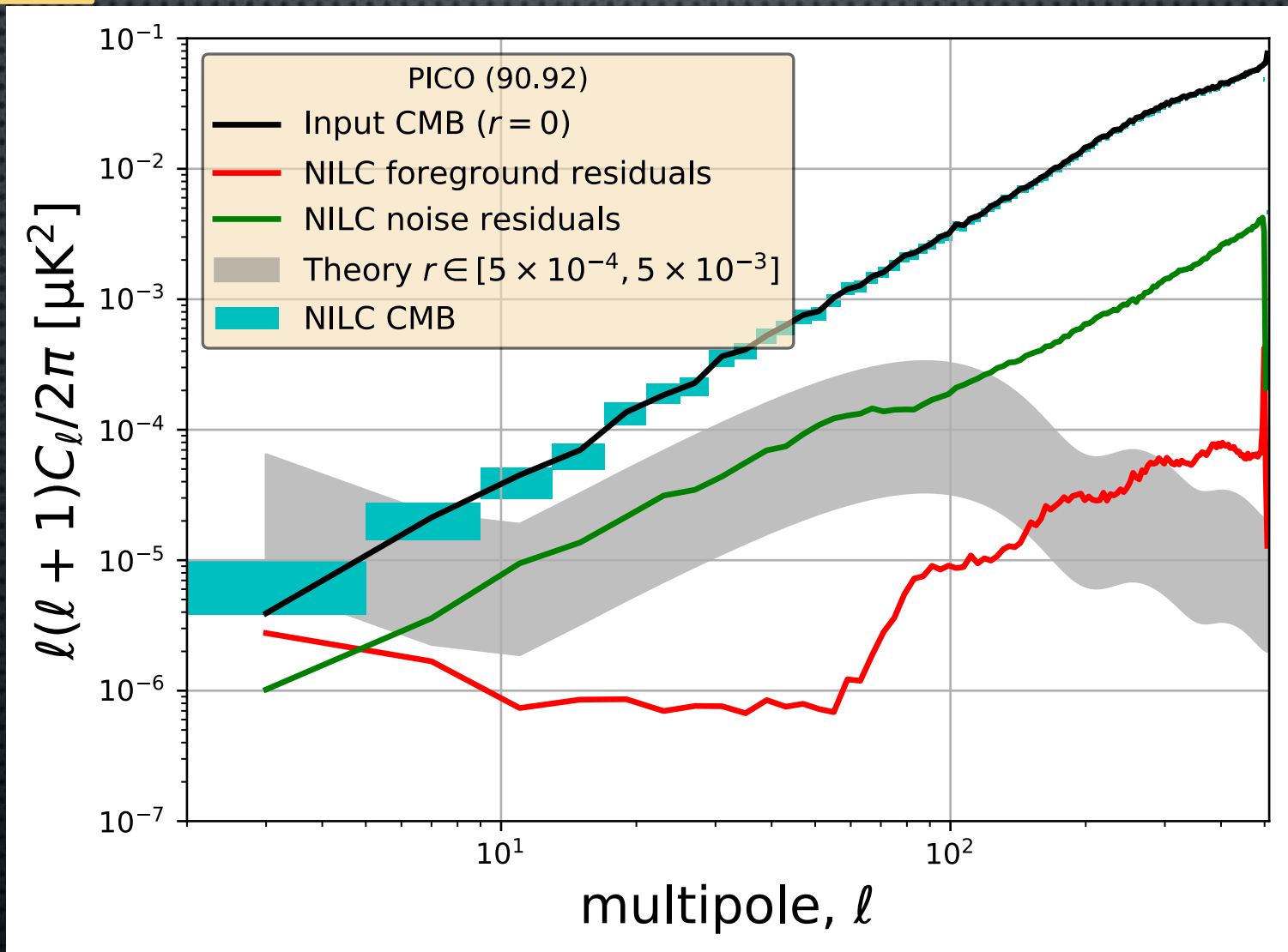
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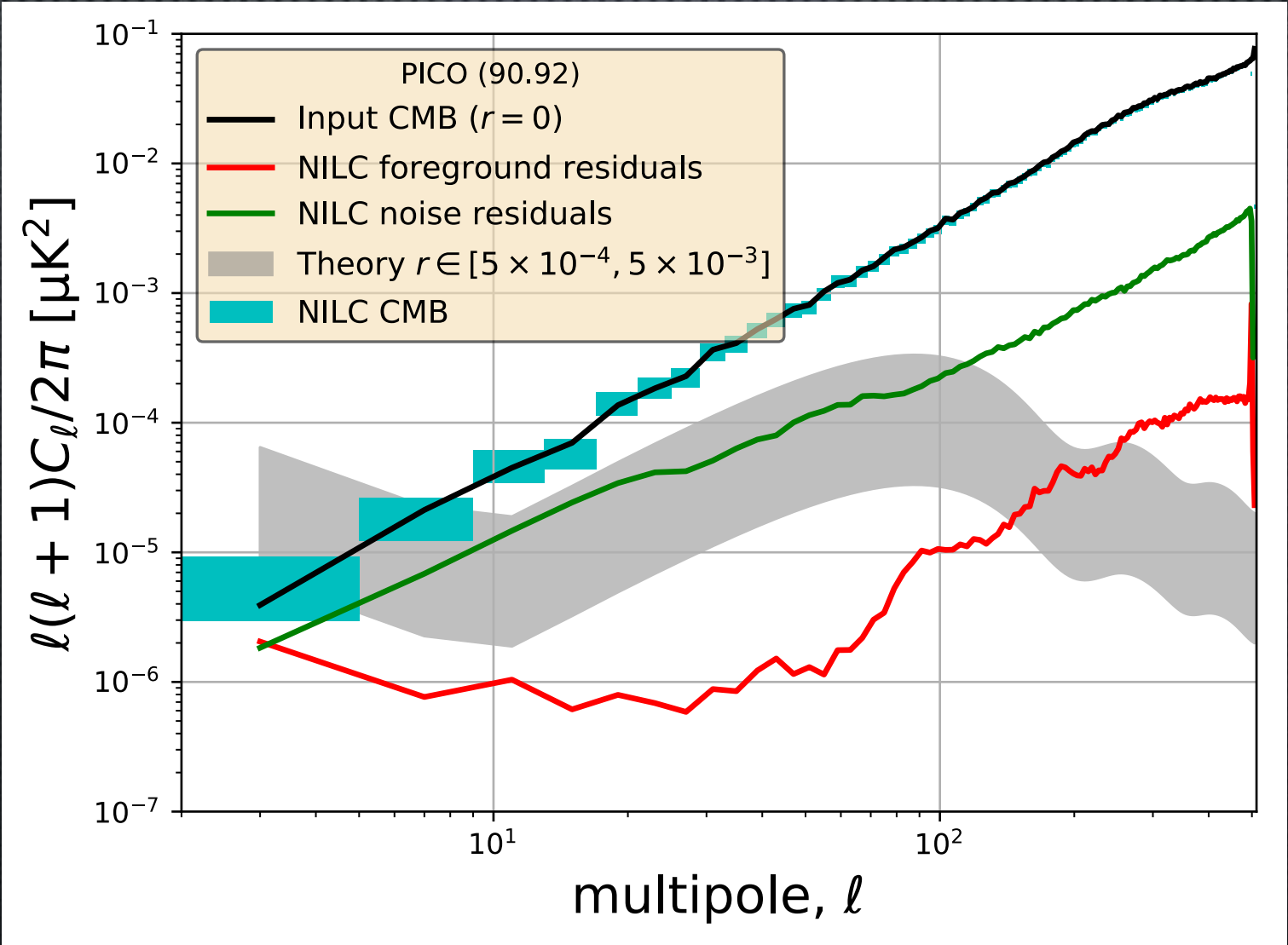
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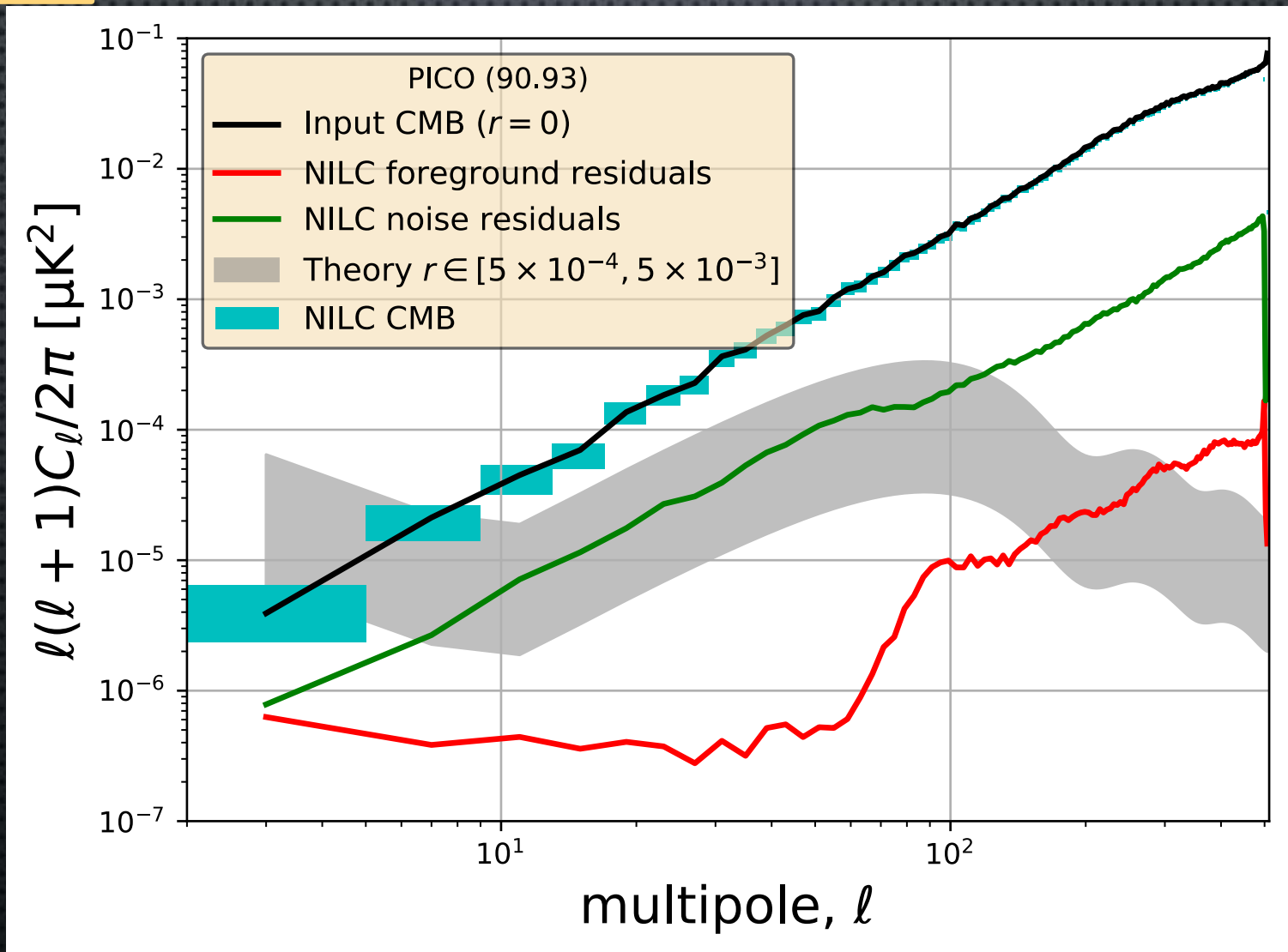
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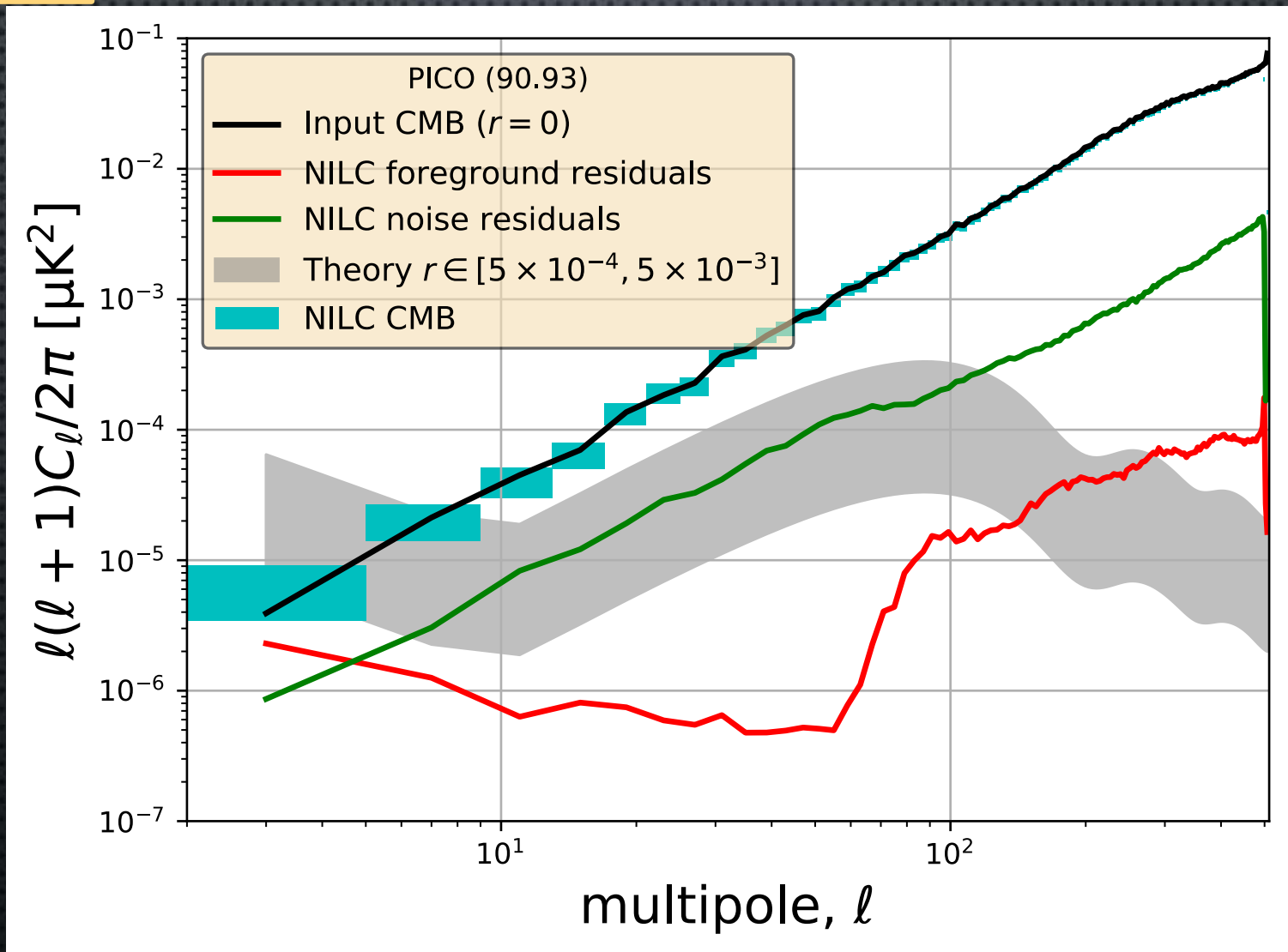
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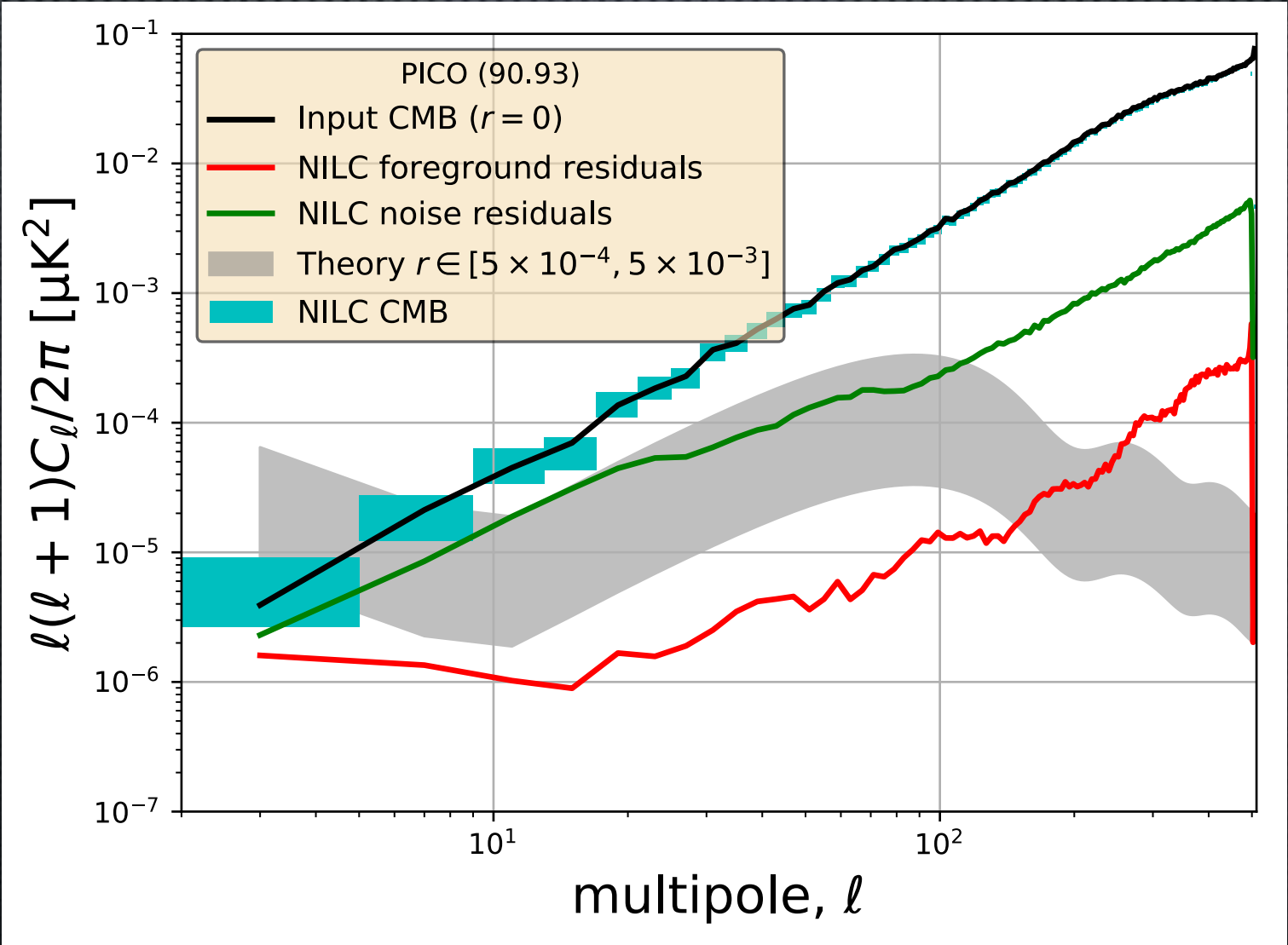
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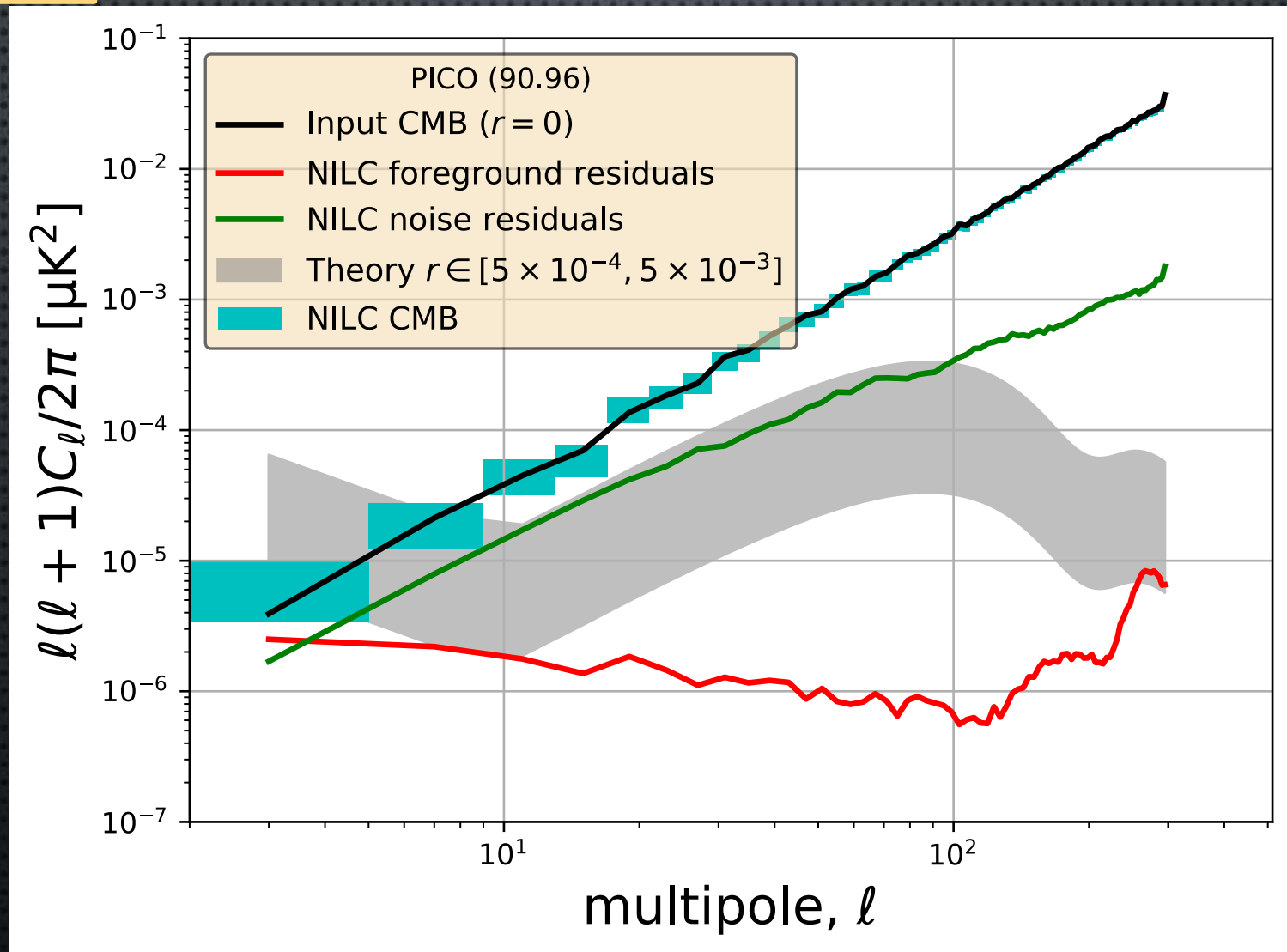
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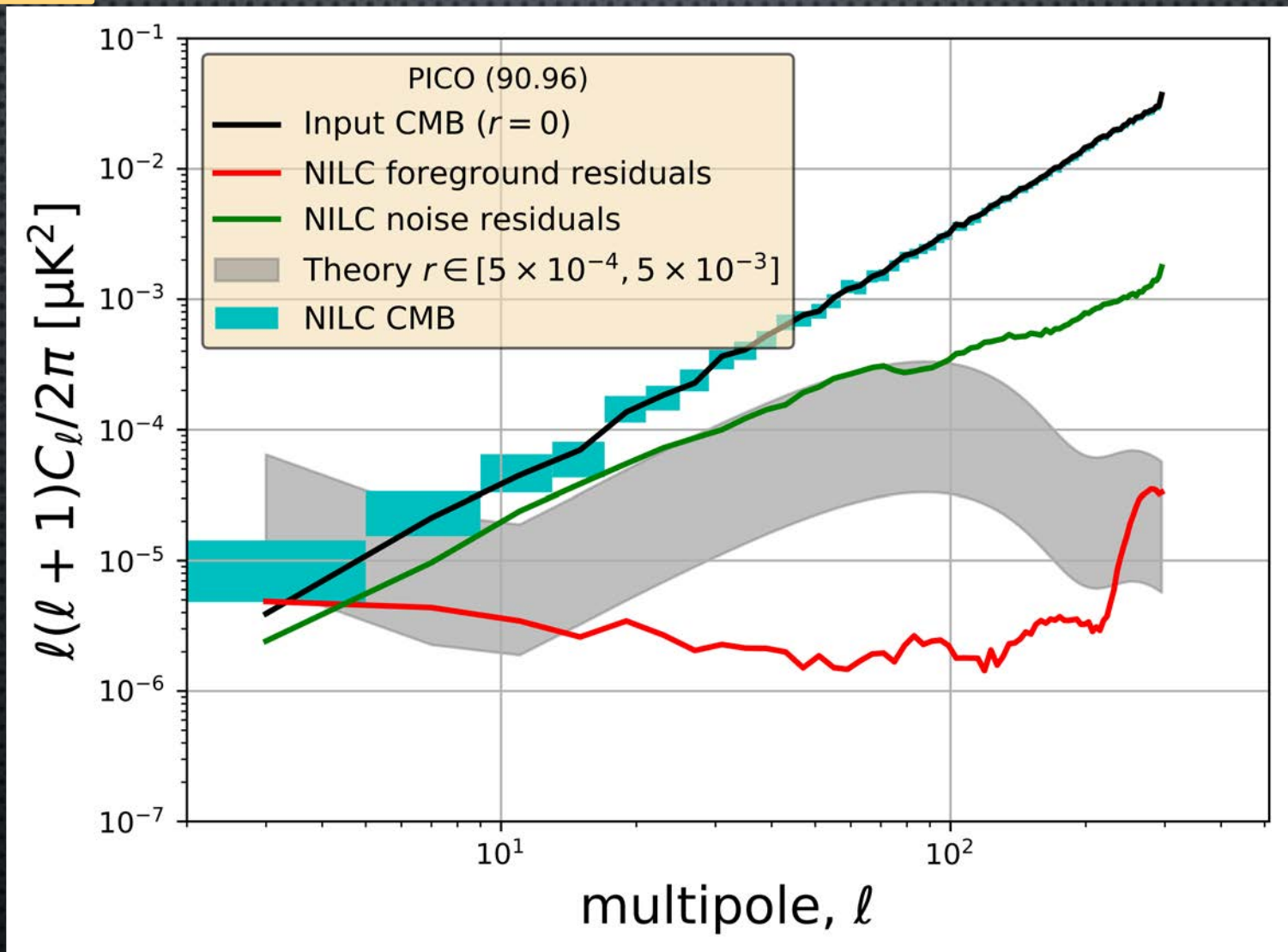
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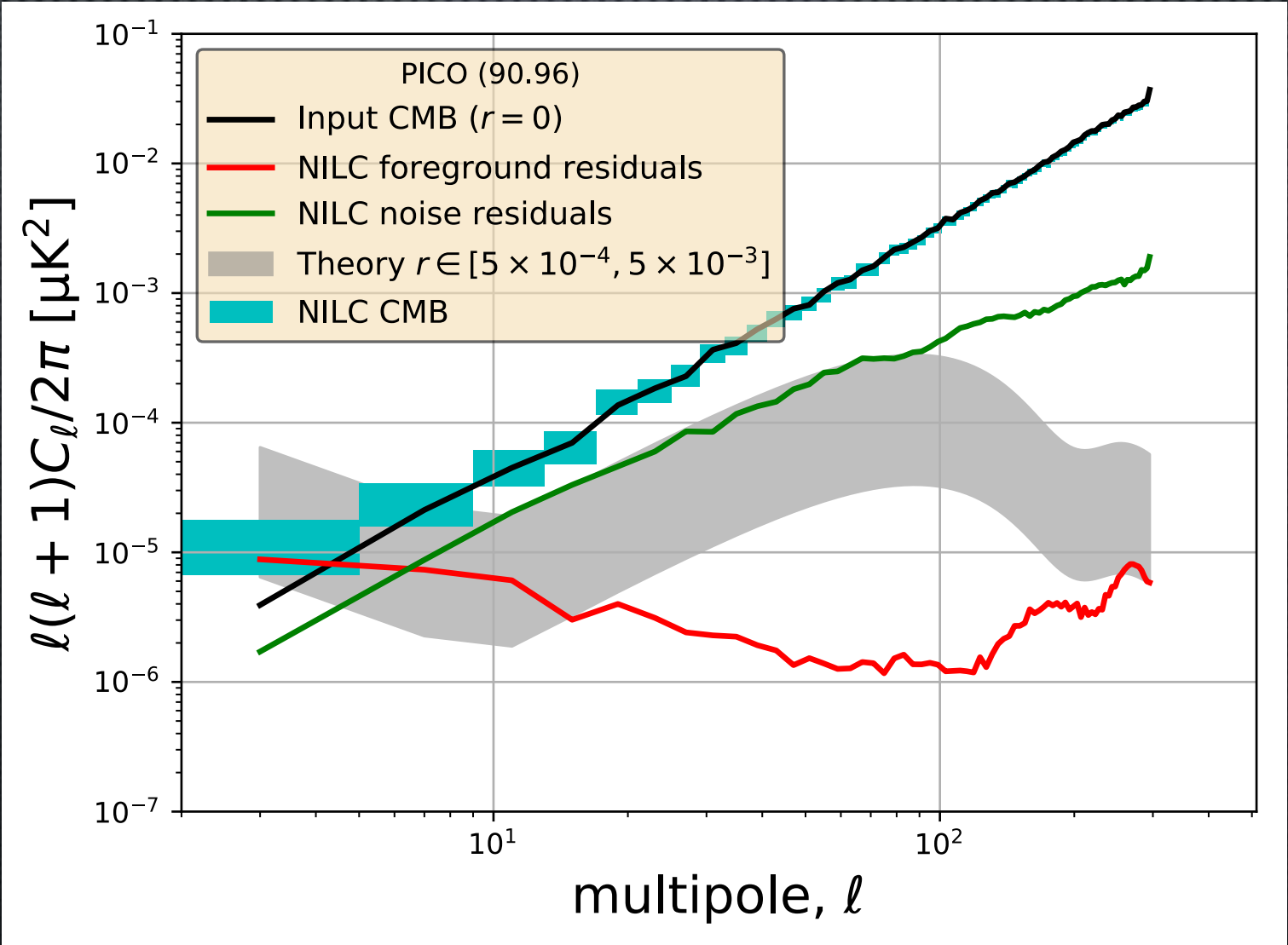
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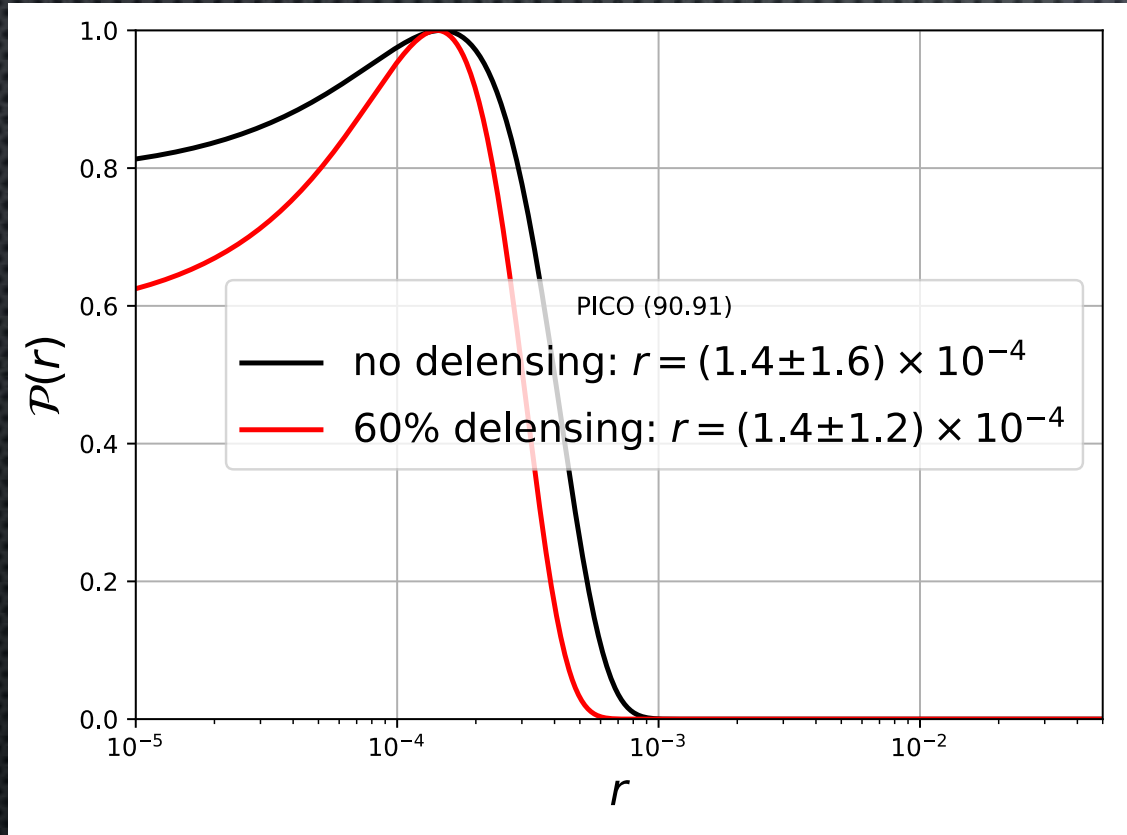
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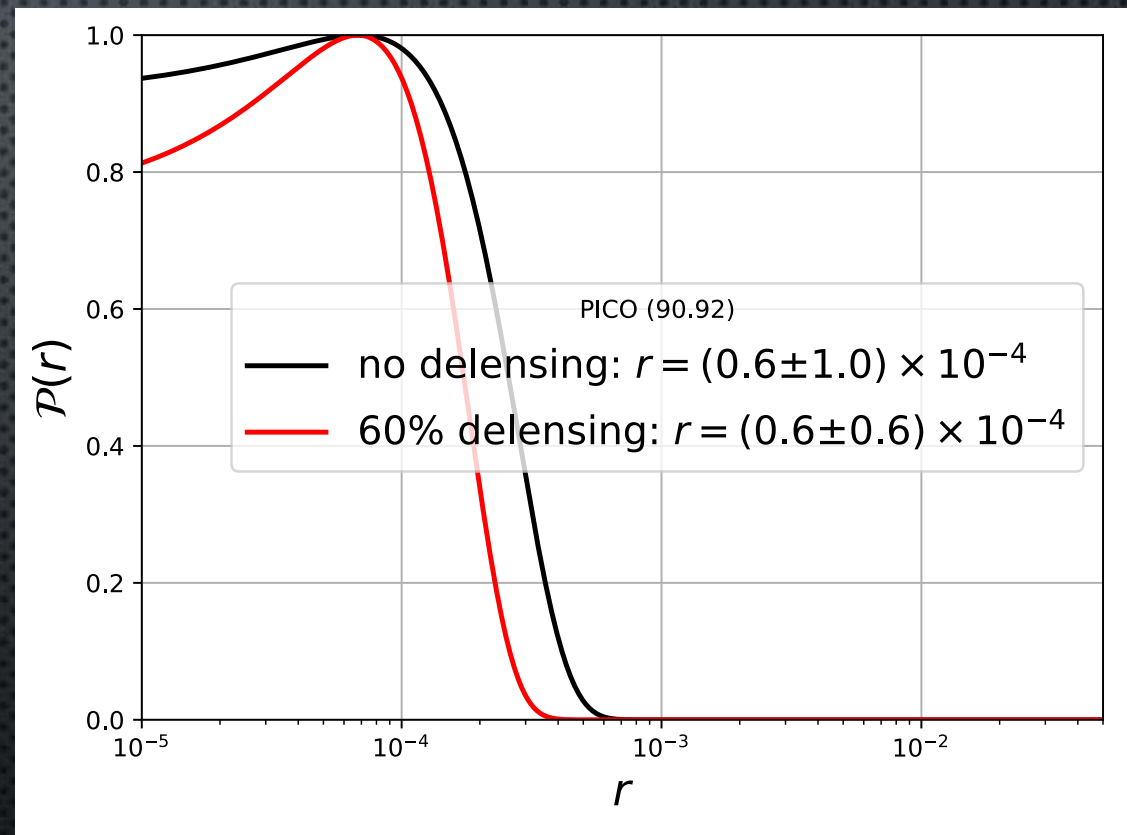
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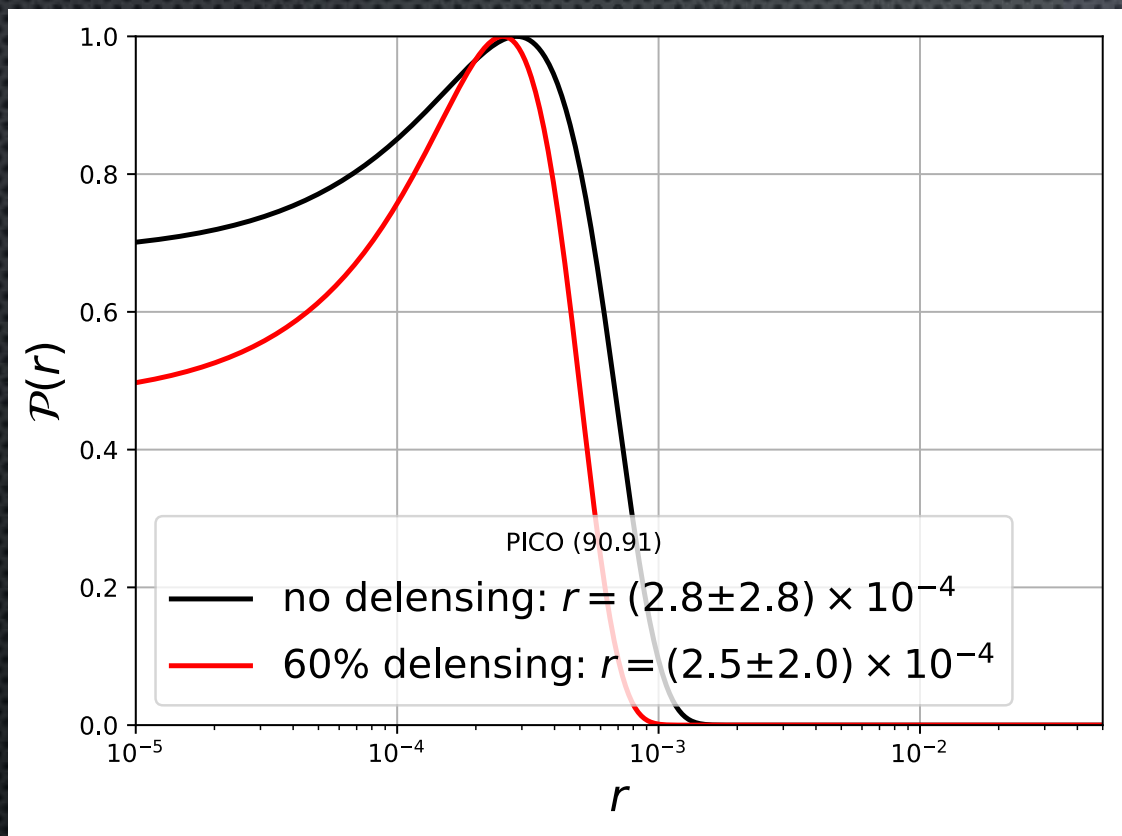


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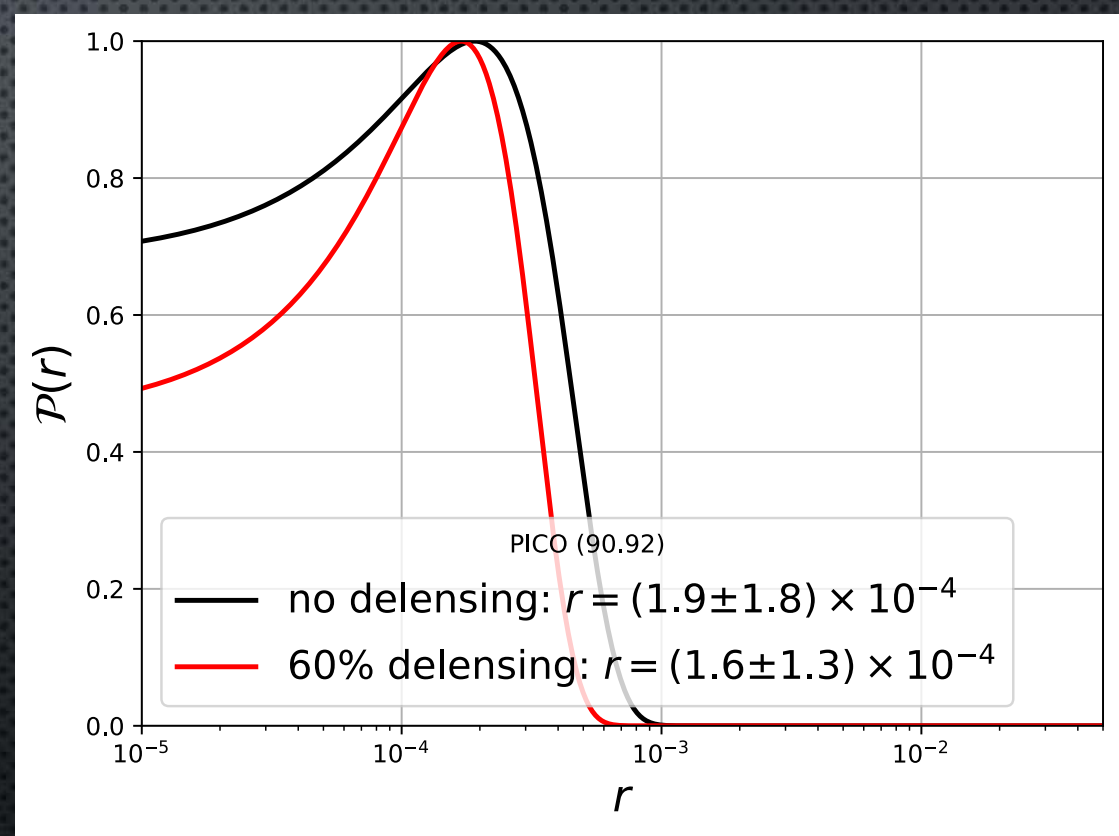
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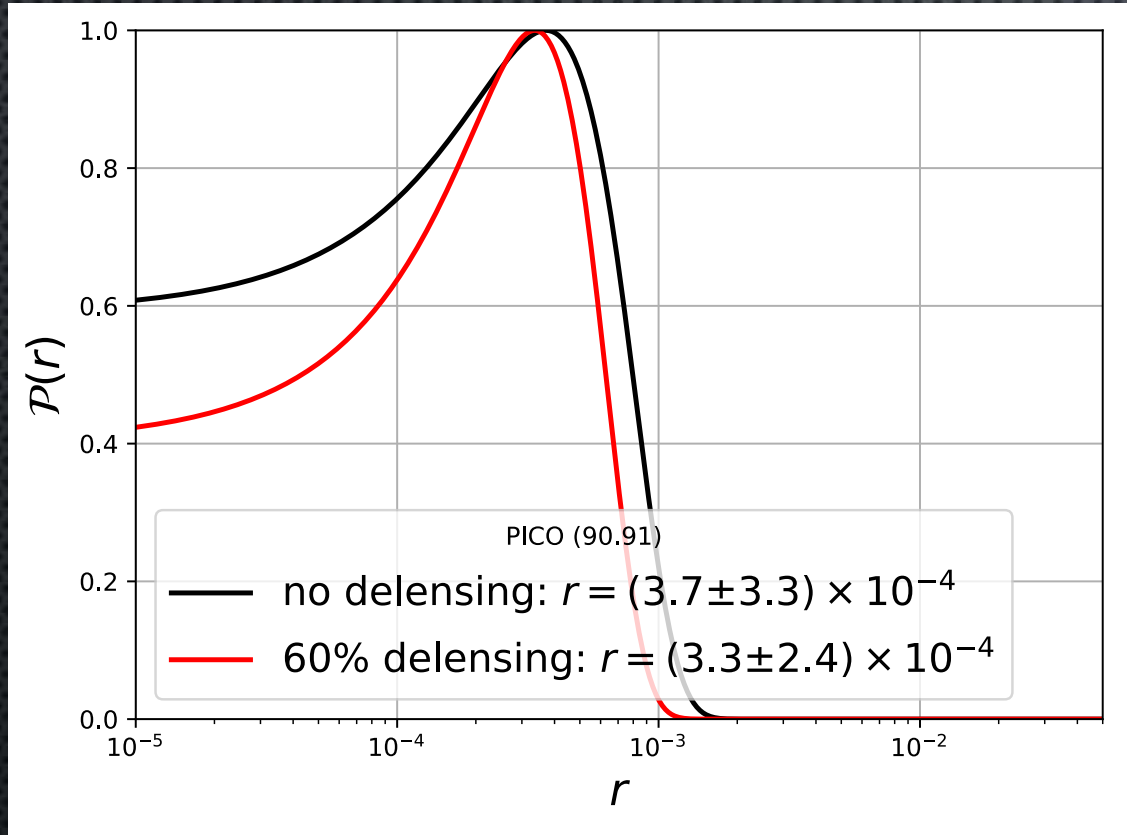


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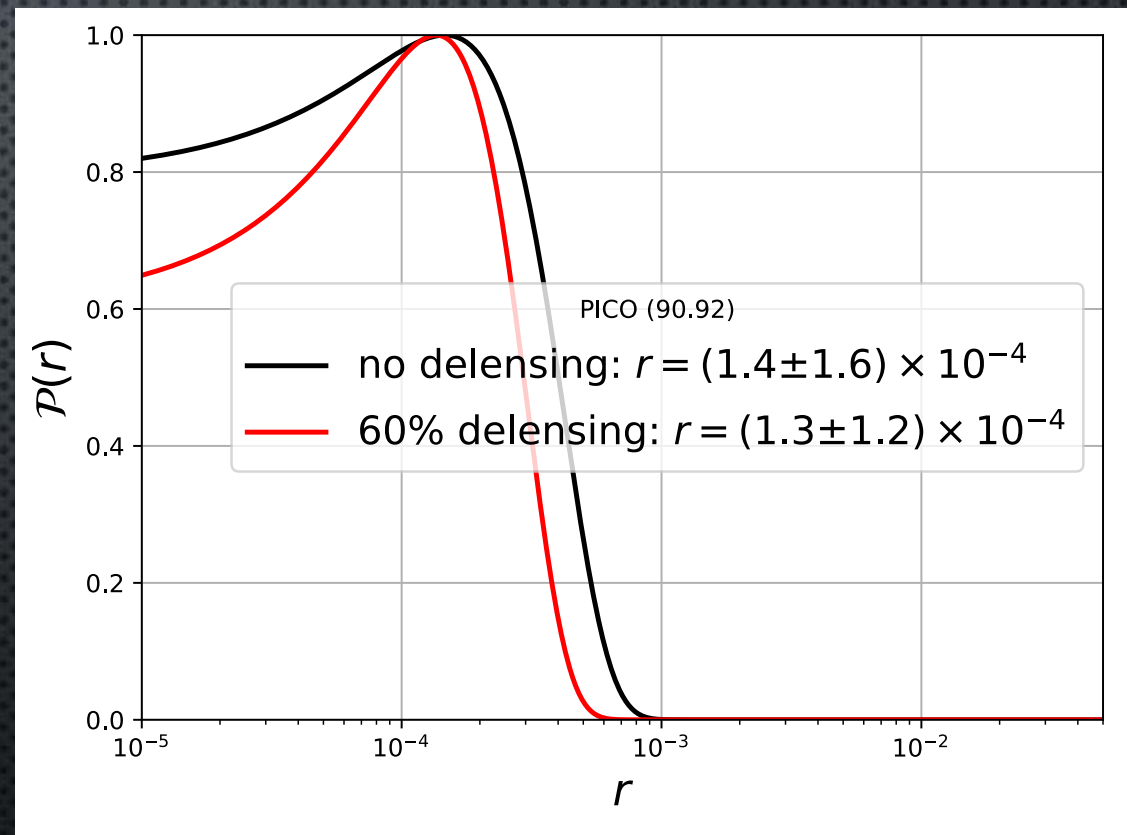
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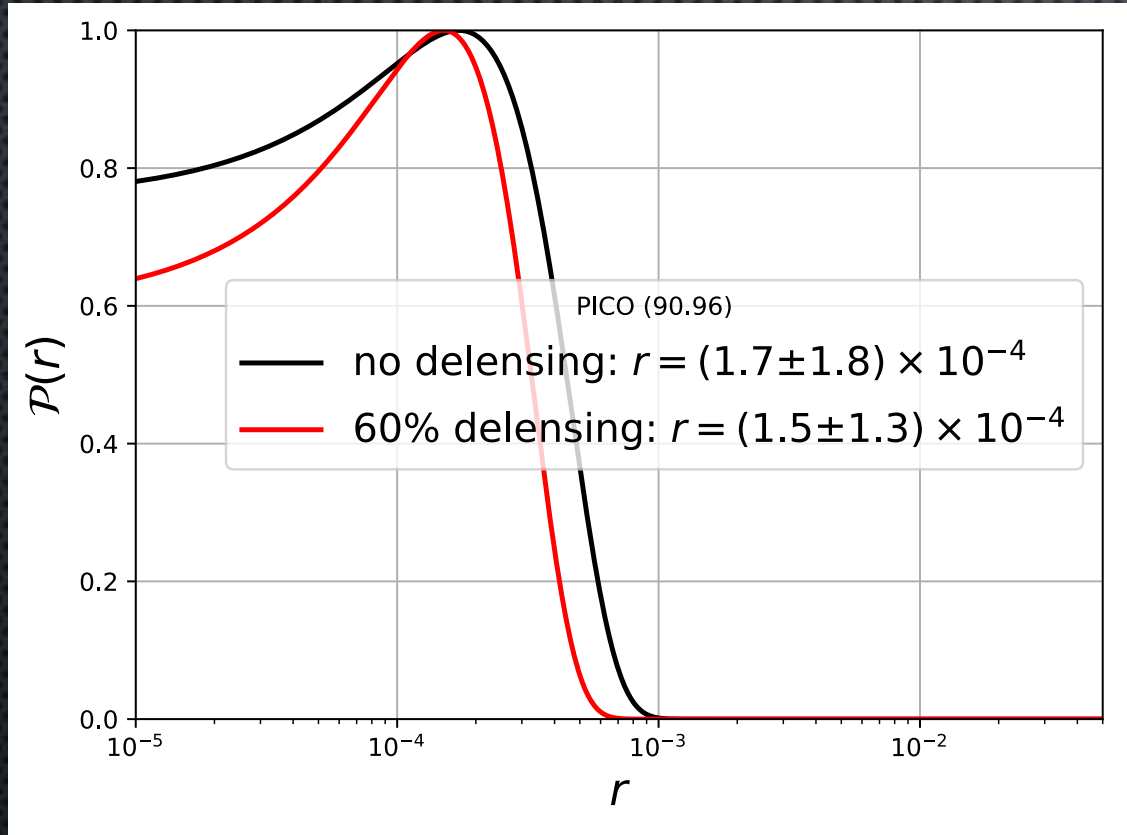


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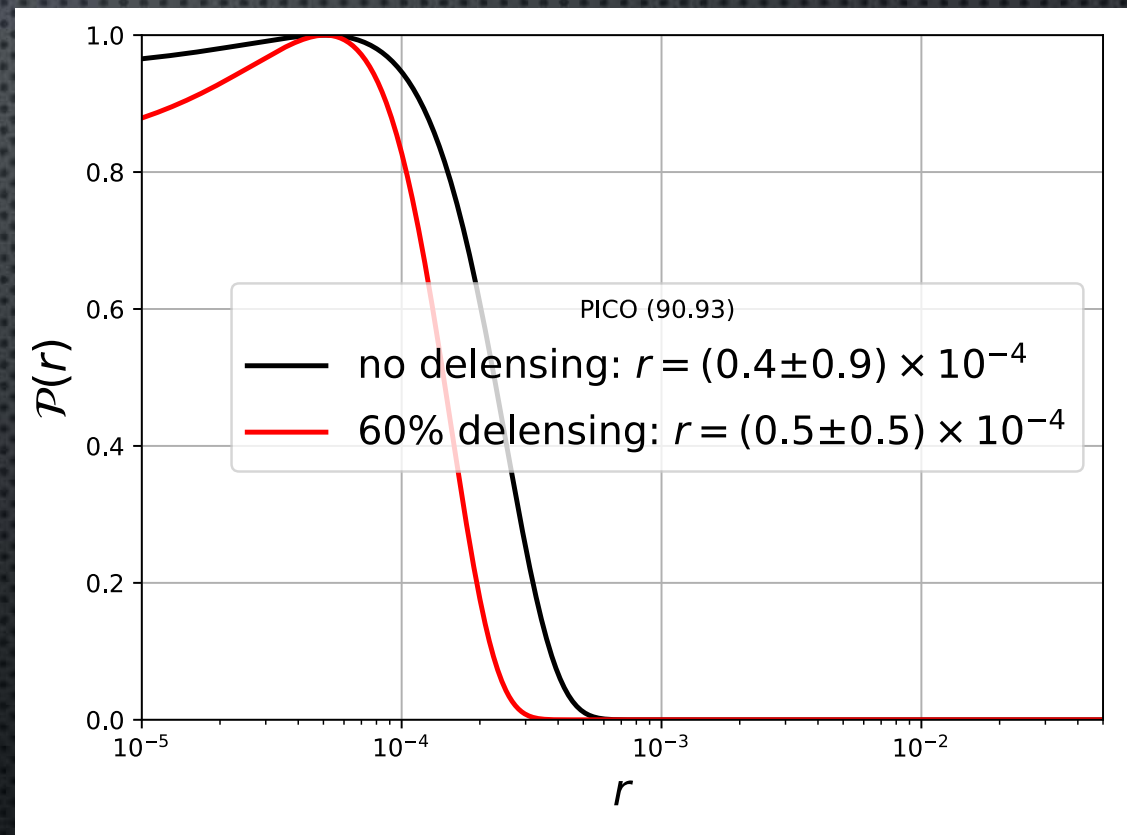
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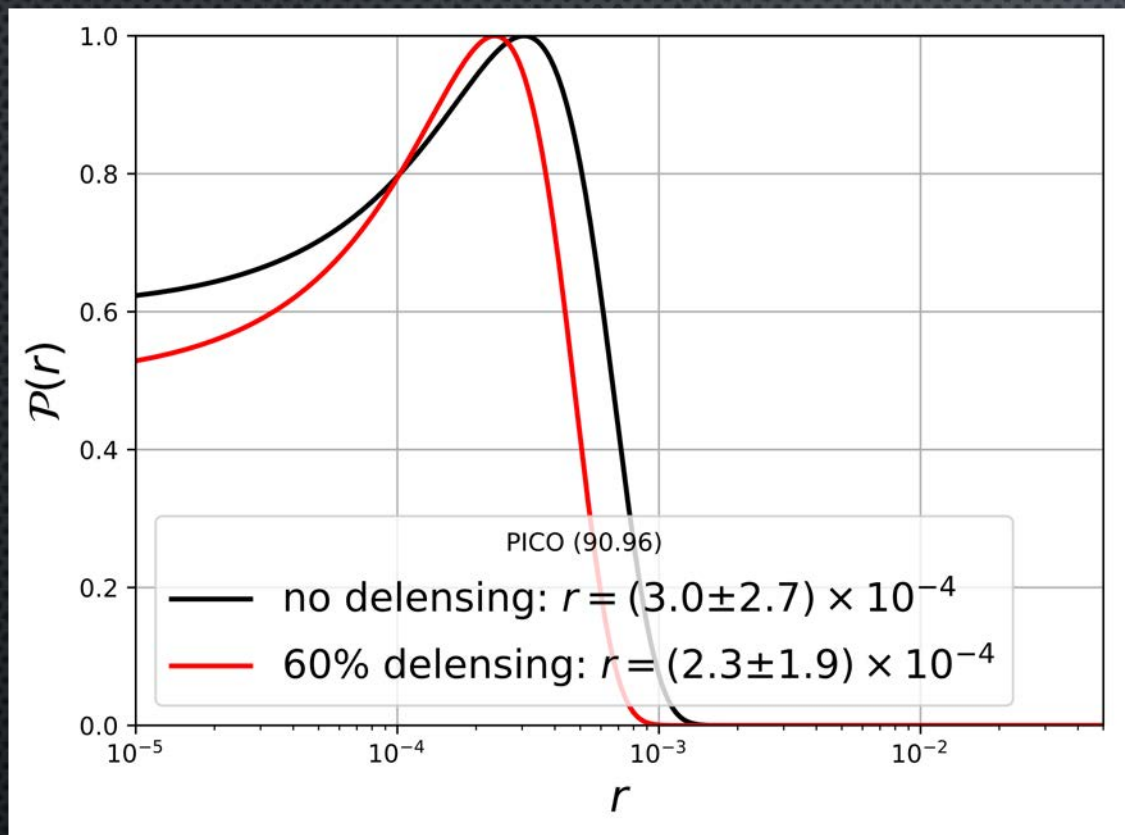


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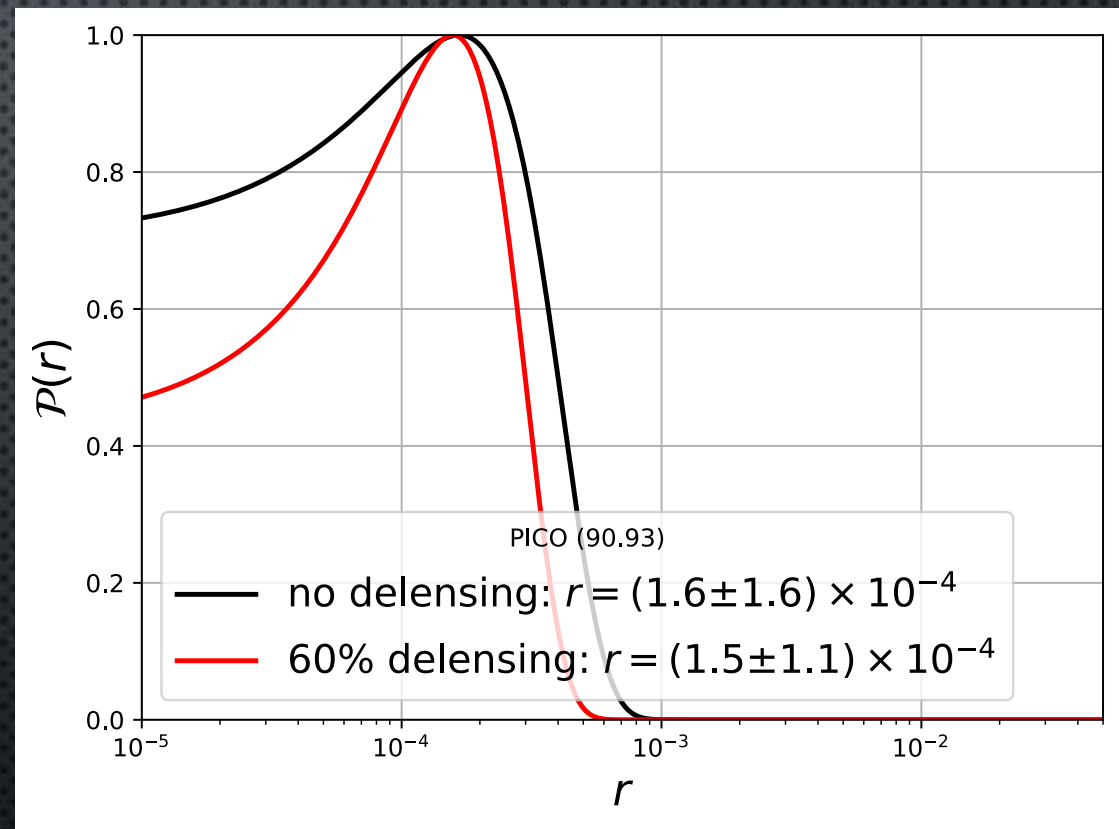
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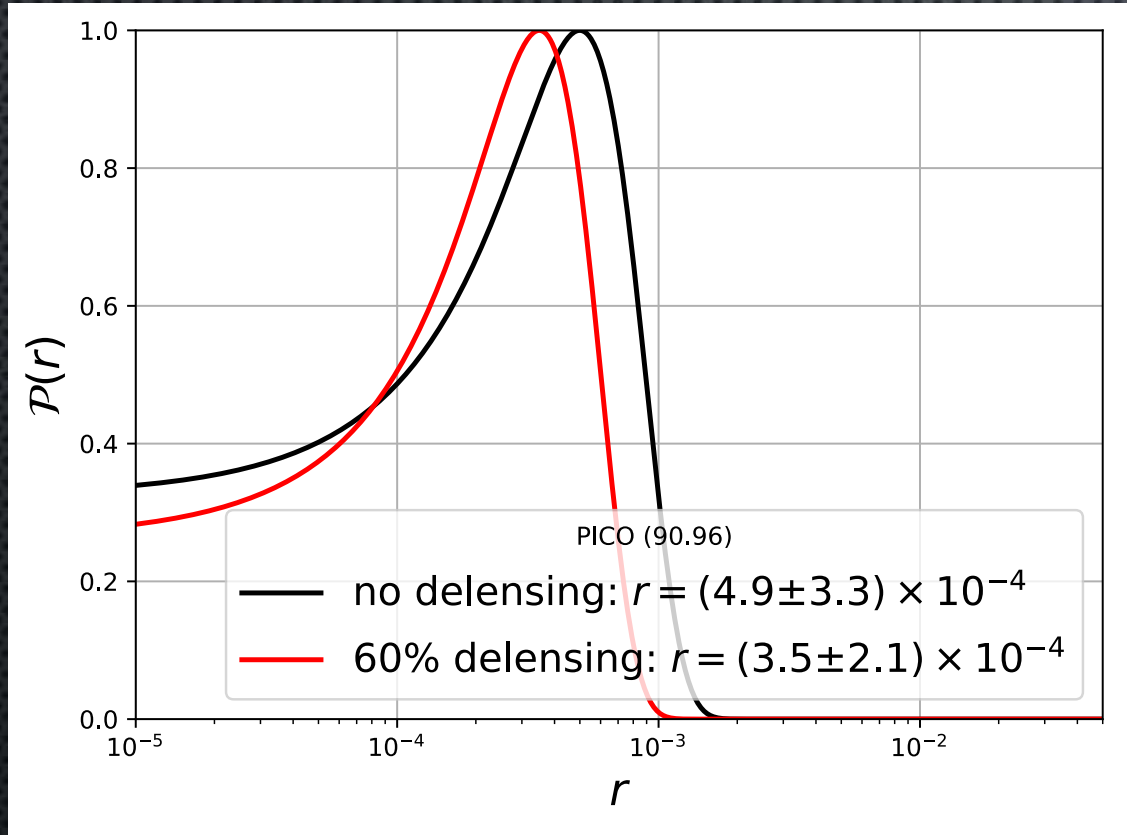


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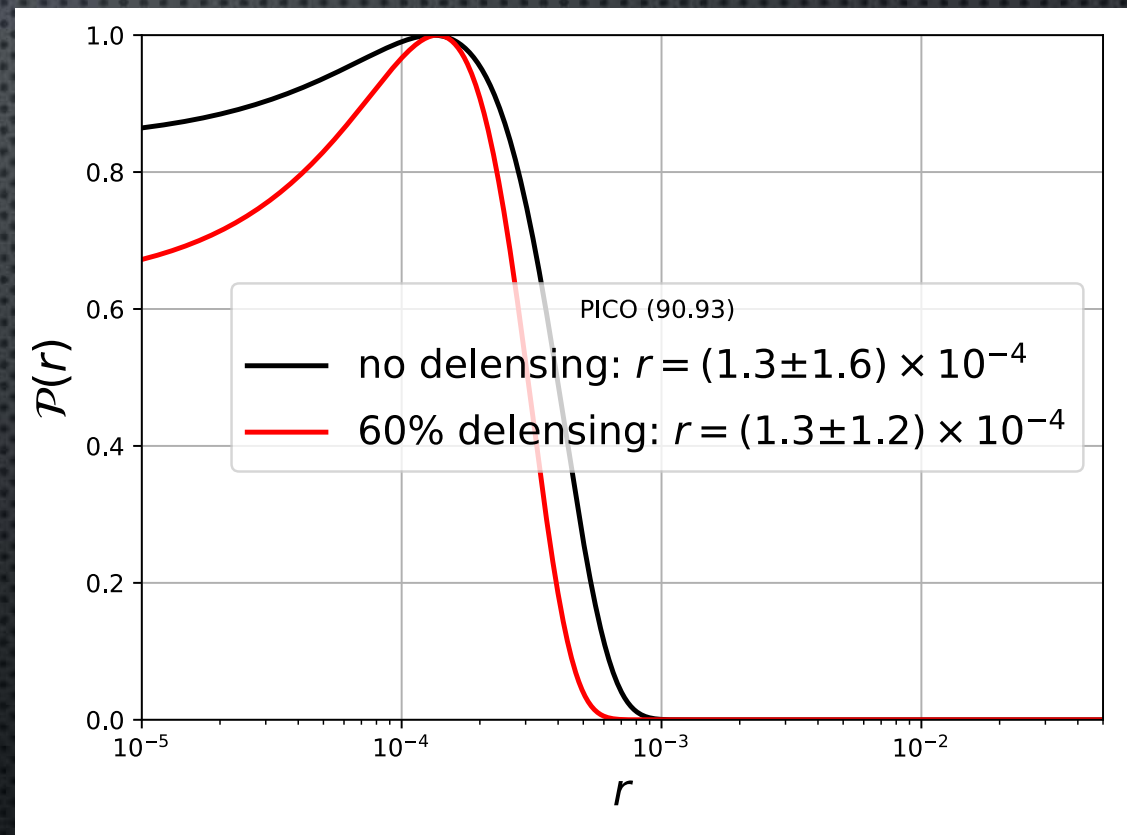
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More than one-sigma bias without high frequencies
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Summary

- ❖ PICO allows to control foreground contamination below $r = 5 \times 10^{-4}$
- ❖ Robustness of NILC results irrespective of foreground sky complexity
- ❖ Importance of PICO's high/low frequencies to mitigate residual foregrounds

NILC results forthcoming on other foreground skies!

3D multi-layer dust (model 98/MKD)

Next steps (ongoing activities)

- ❖ Importance of high frequencies to inform on false detections of r ?
 - *Break spectral degeneracies over different dust models*
 - *Provide chi-square evidence for incorrect dust models*
- ❖ Importance of low frequencies? Do we need high-resolution at low frequency ?
 - *Non-gaussian small scales of synchrotron emission may distort baseline SED models at larger angular scale (higher-order moments / effective curvatures)*
- ❖ Which of increased number of detectors or extended frequency coverage provides more leverage ?
- ❖ Parametric results forthcoming from Commander (Ragnhild Aurlien / Oslo team)

Why PICO, Why Now

- Further progress with CMB requires leaps in sensitivity, foreground characterization, and systematic control.
- PICO is the only instrument with the combination of sky coverage, resolution, frequency bands, and sensitivity to achieve these leaps with one platform.
Figure: R. Flauger
- Analysis of foreground removal efficacy ongoing.

Dark Matter

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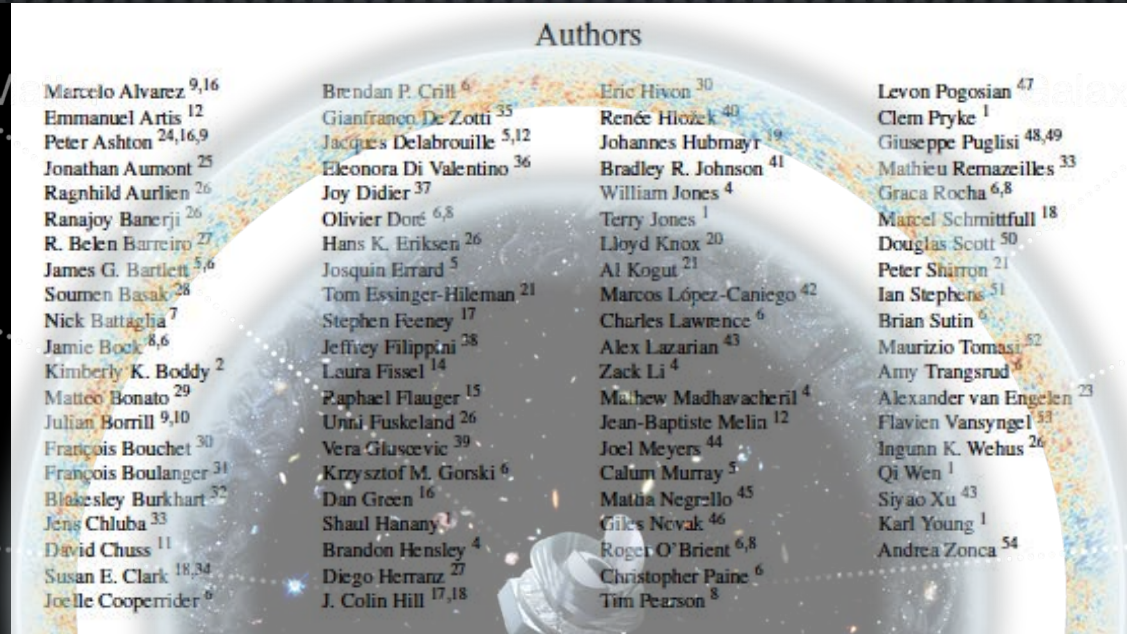
213 Authors and Endorsers

Relativistic Species

Quantum Gravity

Cluster Evolution

Dark Energy



Interstellar Dust

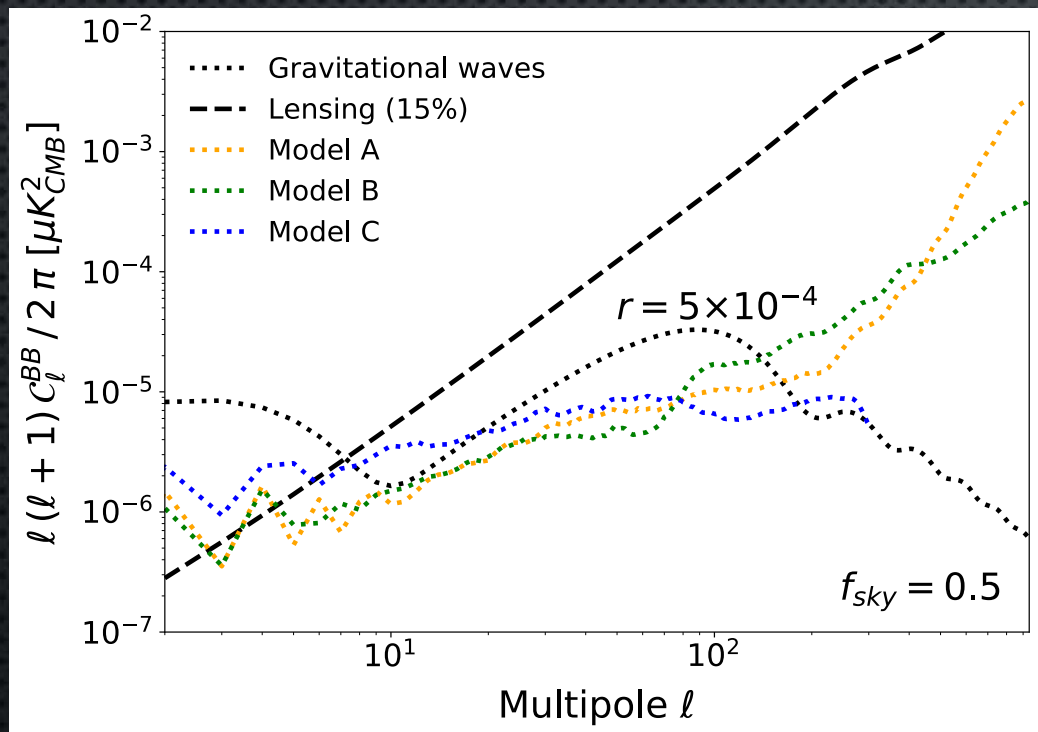
Cosmic Birefringence

Backup

Two years ago...

Probe class mission study submitted to
NASA and Astro2020 Decadal Panel

[arXiv:1902.10541](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.10541)



GNILC

- 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/92) ; Non-MBB physical dust (model B/93) ; MHD with line-of-sight MBBs (model C/96)