A distorted view of the CMB?

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Lensing of the CMB



- O(50) deflections by O(100) Mpc scale lenses
 - Peak efficiency around z=2

- Predicts 2.5 arcmin r.m.s. deflections coherent over several degrees

CMB lensing power spectrum

• Deflection field $d = \nabla \varphi$ in linear theory



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$\mathbf{B}(\hat{n}) \ (\pm 2.5 \mu K)$

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- Smooths out acoustic peaks in TT, TE, and EE power
- Generates power at arcmin scales in TT, TE, and EE
- Generates *B*-modes from *E-modes* with almost white noise power
- Introduces non-Gaussianity
 - 4-point function proportional to $C_L^{\phi\phi}$
 - 3-point function with LSS tracers correlated with ϕ

Lensing adds information...



• Geometric degeneracy in CMB power spectra broken by different amounts of lensing in models with same $d_A(z_*)$

- Access to curvature, sub-eV neutrino masses, dark energy etc. from CMB alone

... but also hides it



• Additional cosmic variance from lensing B-modes obstacle for instrument noise better than 5 μ Karcmin

Lensing peak smoothing



- Smoothing effect in TT detected at 10σ with Planck
- Contains information on a single (eigen)mode of $C_{l}^{\phi\phi}$

Lens reconstruction

• Fixed lenses introduce statistically-anisotropic correlations:

$$\Delta \langle X_{l_1 m_1} Y_{l_2 m_2} \rangle_{\rm CMB} = \sum_{LM} (-1)^M \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & L \\ m_1 & m_2 & -M \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{W}_{l_1 l_2 L}^{XY} \phi_{LM}$$

• Noisy lensing estimates from quadratic CMB combinations:



Reconstruction is noisy

• Chance correlations in noisy CMB introduce statistical noise in reconstruction (like shape noise in galaxy lensing)



Planck reconstruction noise levels



Almost white noise on $L(L+I)\phi_{LM}$ on large scales

Recent lens reconstructions





Planck Collaboration 2016

Omori+ 2017: 2500 deg² SPT+Planck



Sherwin+ 2016: 500 deg² two-season ACTPol

Lensing power measurements



Constraining curvature



Planck Collaboration 2016

Growth of structure



Giannantonio+ 2016

Direct BB measurements



Louis+ 2017

Delensing B-modes



Implications for inflation constraints



Which scales matter for BB?



Internal delensing currently inefficient



Carron, Lewis & AC 2017

Delensing with CIB

Planck 545 GHz



Mak, AC+ 2016; see also Planck XLVII 2016

Larsen, AC, Sherwin & Mak 2016

Undoing peak smoothing: TT



Larsen, AC, Sherwin & Mak 2016

• See Carron, Lewis & AC 2017 for internal recon. and pol.

Proof-of-concept B-mode delensing



- 7σ detection of change in BB from delensing SPT with CIB
- Planck too noisy to detect BB directly at high significance but 10% change from internal delensing detected at 4σ

The future: towards EB dominance



EB particularly helpful for pol. noise < 5 μK arcmin

 Polarization reconstructions less susceptible to extragalactic contamintion (e.g., tSZ)

Prospects for internal delensing



AC+CORE Collaboration 2017

Opportunities



• Large-area reconstructions with S/N>1 to L~1000

- Excellent prospects for cross-correlation science with Euclid/DESI/ LSST etc. (few × 10⁵ resolved CMB lensing modes)

– Summed neutrino mass to 15 meV with future BAO (contingent on τ)