CMB Lensing Overview

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Weak lensing of the CMB



Lensing order of magnitudes



General Relativity: $\beta = 4 \Psi$ ($\beta << 1$)

Potentials linear and approx Gaussian: $\Psi \sim 2 \times 10^{-5} \Rightarrow \beta \sim 10^{-4}$

Potentials scale-invariant on large scales, decay on scales smaller than matter-power spectrum turnover:

 \Rightarrow most abundant efficient lenses have size ~ peak of matter power spectrum ~ 300Mpc

Comoving distance to last scattering surface ~ 14000 MPc



Why lensing is important

• 2arcmin deflections: $l \sim 3000$

- On small scales CMB is very smooth so lensing dominates the linear signal at high *l*

- Deflection angles coherent over $300/(14000/2) \sim 2^{\circ}$
 - comparable to CMB scales
 - expect 2arcmin/60arcmin ~ 3% effect on main CMB acoustic peaks
- Non-linear: observed CMB is non-Gaussian
 - more information
 - potential confusion with primordial non-Gaussian signals
- Does not preserve E/B decomposition of polarization: e.g. $E \rightarrow B$
 - Confusion for primordial B modes ("r-modes")
 - No primordial $B \Rightarrow B$ modes clean probe of lensing

Deflection angle power spectrum

Clean physics: potentials nearly linear \Rightarrow lensing potential nearly Gaussian

 $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \nabla \psi$

(also central limit theorem on small less-linear scales - lots of small lenses)



Deflections O(10⁻³), but coherent on degree scales

Probes matter distribution at roughly 0.5 < z < 6 depending on *l* Non-linear structure growth effects not a major headache

Note: lensing is *not* a larger effect at low z because of growth of structure: deflections depend on Newtonian potential which is *constant* in matter domination, and actually decaying at low redshift.

Simulated full sky lensing potential and (englarged) deflection angle fields



Easily simulated assuming Gaussian fields

- just re-map points using Gaussian realisations of CMB and potential



Important, but accurately modelled (e.g. CAMB); only limited additional information

Lensing of polarization

- Polarization not rotated w.r.t. parallel transport (vacuum is not birefringent)
- Q and U Stokes parameters simply re-mapped by the lensing deflection field



Polarization lensing: C_l^X and C_l^{EE}



Polarization lensing: C_l^{BB}



Nearly white BB spectrum on large scales

$$\begin{split} \tilde{C}_{l}^{B} &\sim \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}\mathbf{l}'}{(2\pi)^{2}} \, l'^{4} C_{l'}^{\psi} \, C_{l'}^{E} \sin^{2} 2(\phi_{\mathbf{l}'} - \phi_{\mathbf{l}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}l'}{l'} \, l'^{4} C_{l'}^{\psi} \, l'^{2} C_{l'}^{E}, \end{split}$$

- originates from wide range of deflection angle and E modes

On very small scales little unlensed power $\Rightarrow C_{I}^{BB} \sim C_{I}^{EE} \propto C_{I}^{\alpha}$

Polarization power spectra

Current 95% indirect limits for LCDM given WMAP+2dF+HST (bit old)



Non-Gaussianity/statistical anisotropy Reconstructing the lensing field

Marginalized over (unobservable) lensing field:

$$T \sim \int P(T,\psi)d\psi$$

- Non-Gaussian statistically isotropic temperature distribution

- Large-scale squeezed bispectrum + significant connected 4-point function

For a given lensing field :

$$T \sim P(T|\psi)$$

- Anisotropic Gaussian temperature distribution
- Different parts of the sky magnified or demagnified and sheared

Fractional magnification ~ convergence $\kappa = -\nabla \cdot \alpha/2$



+ shear (shape) modulation [c.f. Bucher et al.]



Variance in each C_l measurement $\propto 1/N_{\text{modes}}$

 $N_{\rm modes} \propto l_{\rm max}^2$ - dominated by smallest scales

 \Rightarrow measurement of angular scale in each box nearly independent \Rightarrow Uncorrelated variance on estimate of magnificantion κ in each box \Rightarrow Nearly white 'reconstruction noise' $N_l^{(0)}$ on κ , with $N_l^{(0)} \propto 1/l_{\text{max}}^2$



Lensing reconstruction information mostly in the *smallest scales* observed

- Want high resolution and sensitivity
- Almost totally insensitive to large-scale TQU (so only *small-scale* foregrounds an issue)

Potential problems due to other effects that look partly like spatially varying magnification and shear, e.g.

- Beam asymmetries (quadrupole moment ~ shear, can be modelled)
- Boundaries and holes in observed region (can be modelled well, but degrade S/N)
- Anisotropic noise, other systematics and foregrounds
- Other 2nd-order physical effects (thought to be very small, but no full calculation)

Lensing reconstruction

- Maths and algorithm sketch

For a given (fixed) modulation field X,
$$T \sim P(T|X)$$
:

X here is lensing potential, deflection angle, or κ

Anisotropic Gaussian temperature distribution

Flat sky approximation: modes correlated for $\mathbf{k}_2 \neq \mathbf{k}_3$ First-order series expansion in the lensing field:

$$\begin{split} \langle \tilde{T}(\mathbf{k}_{2})\tilde{T}(\mathbf{k}_{3})\rangle_{P(\tilde{T}|X)} \approx \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{K}X(\mathbf{K})^{*} \left\langle \frac{\delta}{\delta X(\mathbf{K})^{*}} \left(\tilde{T}(\mathbf{k}_{2})\tilde{T}(\mathbf{k}_{3})\right) \right\rangle \approx \mathcal{A}(K,k_{2},k_{3}) X(\mathbf{K})^{*}|_{\mathbf{K}=-\mathbf{k}_{2}-\mathbf{k}_{3}} \\ \mathcal{A}(K,k_{2},k_{3})\delta(K+k_{2}+k_{3}) \\ \uparrow \\ \text{function easy to calculate for } X(\mathbf{K}) = 0 \\ \mathcal{A}(L,l_{1},l_{2}) \sim (\mathbf{l}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{L}\tilde{C}_{l_{1}} + \mathbf{l}_{2} \cdot \mathbf{L}\tilde{C}_{l_{2}}) \end{split}$$
 Can reconstruct the modulation field X

For small *X* can construct "optimal" quadratic (QML) estimator $\hat{X}(K)$ by summing filtered fields appropriately over k_2, k_3

 $\hat{X}(K) \sim N[\sum_{\mathbf{k}_2,\mathbf{k}_3} A(K,k_2,k_3) \overline{T}(\mathbf{k}_2)\overline{T}(\mathbf{k}_3) - (\text{Monte carlo for zero signal})]$

Zaldarriaga, Hu, Hanson, etc..

Can also re-write in as fast real-space estimator

$$\hat{\alpha}_{LM} \propto (F_1 \nabla F_2)_{LM}$$
 $F_1 = (S+N)^{-1}T$ $F_2 = S(S+N)^{-1}T$

- Similar estimators for polarization (but more complicated tensor fields)

True (simulated)

Reconstructed (Planck noise, Wiener filtered)



(Credit: Duncan Hanson)

Reconstructed ψ map

⇒ can correlate with other lensing or density probes (CIB, galaxy lensing, galaxy counts, 21cm...) ⇒ estimate $C_l^{T\psi}$ - probe of ISW and dark energy, but only on large scales ($l < \sim 100$), $< 7\sigma$ ⇒ estimate $C_l^{\psi\psi}$

What does an estimate of $C_l^{\psi\psi}$ do for us?

Probe $0.5 \le z \le 6$: depends on geometry and matter power spectrum break degeneracies in the linear CMB power spectrum

- Better constraints on neutrino mass, dark energy, Ω_K , ...



Engelen et al, 1202.0546

Neutrino mass talk to come..

Reconstruction with polarization

- Expect *no* primordial small-scale B modes (r-modes only large scales $l < \sim 300$)
- All small-scale B-mode signal is lensing: *no* cosmic variance confusion with primordial signal as for E and T, in principle only limited by noise
- Ideally perfect B-mode observation ⇒ perfect lensing reconstruction (Hirata & Seljak)
- Polarization data does *much* better than temperature if sufficiently good S/N (mainly EB estimator).

ACTpol, POLAR-1, etc.

Note: simple quadratic estimator suboptimal – need maximum likelihood or iterative scheme



CMB lensing summary

- changes power spectra at several per cent
- introduces non-Gaussian signal
- reconstruct lensing potential (0.5 <~ z <~ 7): Quadratic estimator: signal almost all in *small-scale* modes Iterative/max-likelihood estimators needed with high S/N polarization
- C_l^{ψ} : integrated probe of total matter and geometry; break parameter degeneracies
- generates large-scale B modes with white spectrum (known amplitude) potential confusion with primordial gravitational waves for r <~ 10⁻³ contributes to effective r-mode noise unless actual *realization* can be subtracted
- If *large-scale* r-modes *« large-scale* lensing B:
- use small-scale B to reconstruct ψ
 - use ψ and E to de-lens large-scale B: extract r-modes (lensing cleaning) Required for $r \ll 10^{-3}$
 - Required for $r \ll 10^{-3}$ BUT needs very high sensitivity and quite high resolution over large f_{sky} ultimate limit unclear