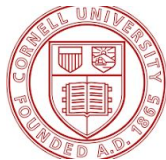
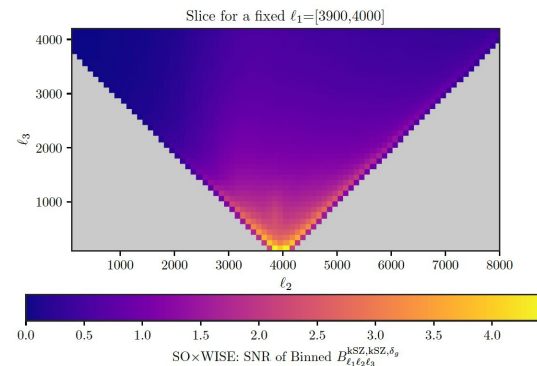


A Novel Bispectrum extracting the Kinematic SZ effect using Projected Fields

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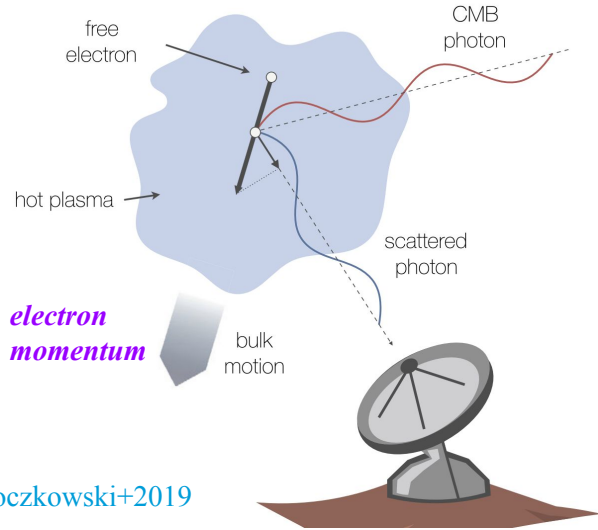
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Why study the kSZ effect?



Source: Mroczkowski+2019

$$\Theta^{\text{kSZ}}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = -\sigma_{\text{T}} \int \frac{d\eta}{1+z} e^{-\tau} n_e(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \eta) \mathbf{v}_e(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \eta) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}.$$

Astrophysics (gas density) $\times$ **Cosmology** (velocity)

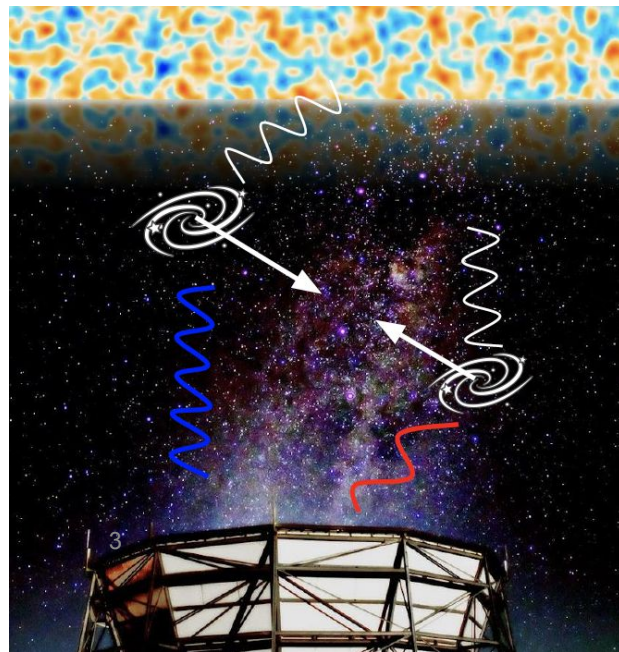
- *Abundance* of baryons (z)
- *Distribution* of baryons: density profile:
How extended? feedback?



- Peculiar velocities – probe *large* scales!
→ trace total matter density $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k}) = i \frac{f a H \delta(\mathbf{k})}{k} \hat{\mathbf{k}},$
→ growth rate of LSS
- *Neutrino masses, dark energy, gravity, f_{NL} !*

Detecting the kSZ: (how to) use LSS data?

- High-resolution CMB maps: ACT, SPT, $\rightarrow$ SO
- Cannot isolate: by ILC alone; +reionization kSZ
- Different kSZ estimators: 3D ‘**tomography**’ type:
 1. Pairwise kSZ:
 - ACT DR6 + SDSS, SPT + DES
 2. Velocity-weighted stacking:
 - ACT DR6 + DESI
 3. Velocity reconstruction:
 - ACT DR6 + DESI-LRGs, SDSS



Sources: e.g. Hand+12, Soergel+22,
Vavagiakis+21, Schaan+21, Hadzhiyska+24,
McCarthy+24, Lague+24

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1.

Mathematically equivalent to:

$$\langle \mathbf{T} \mathbf{g} \mathbf{g} \rangle$$

2.

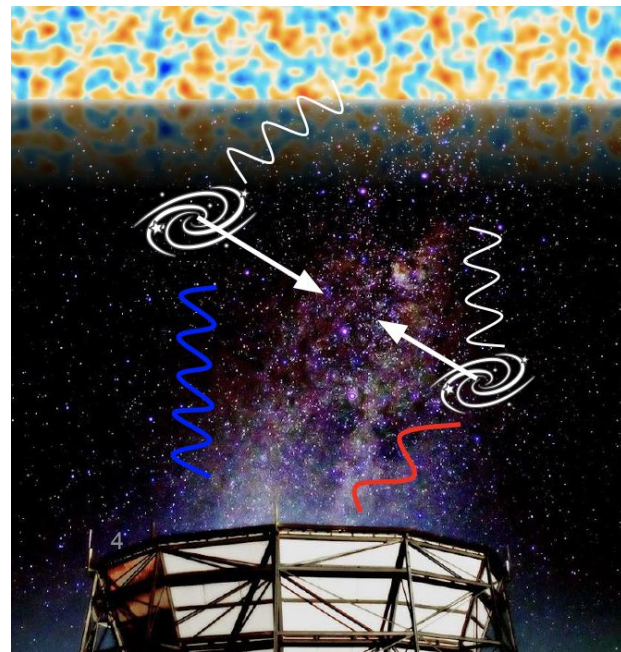
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3.

Key:

*Require estimates of individual redshifts
of galaxies*



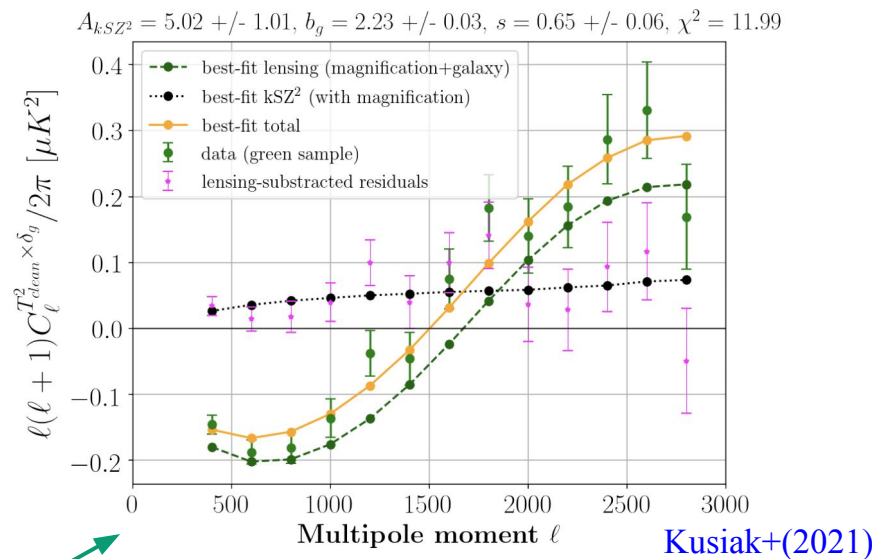
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Instead: use *Projected-Fields* of LSS tracers?

$$\delta_g(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \int_0^{\eta_{\max}} d\eta W^g(\eta) \delta_m(\eta\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \eta).$$

- without requiring redshifts of individual LSS tracers $\rightarrow$ **only need a rough dn/dz**
- **Applicable to:**
 - Photometric galaxies - with large photo-z errors (e.g. (un)WISE, Rubin)
 - CMB/galaxy lensing convergence, quasars, 21-cm
- **But:** $\langle \text{kSZ} \times \delta_g \rangle \approx 0$
- **Solution?** So far:

$$\langle \text{kSZ}^2 \times \delta_g \rangle$$



→ A New $\langle \text{kSZ} \times \text{kSZ} \times \delta_g \rangle$ Bispectrum

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Take a *cleaned* CMB map

→ Take a full **3-point** cross-correlation
in **harmonic space: $\langle \text{TTg} \rangle$**

2 CMB maps with 1 projected-field (LSS)

- Previous kSZ^2 estimator: **compression & convolution** across triangle shapes
- **Binned bispectrum** => **richer info, better scale separation** across ‘triangle *modes*’
- **Better control**: modeling uncertainties

$$B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{\text{kSZ}, \text{kSZ}, \delta_g} = b(\ell_1) b(\ell_2) \int_0^{\eta_{\max}} \frac{d\eta}{\eta^4} W^g(\eta) g^2(\eta) B_{p_{\hat{n}} p_{\hat{n}} \delta} \left(\frac{\ell_1}{\eta}, \frac{\ell_2}{\eta}, \frac{\ell_3}{\eta} \right)$$

3D Binning
in harmonic
space

Why?

$$B_{abc}^{\text{kSZ}, \text{kSZ}, \delta_g} = \frac{\sum_{\substack{\ell_1 \in \Delta_a \\ \ell_2 \in \Delta_b \\ \ell_3 \in \Delta_c}} \left(N_{\Delta}^{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3} B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{\text{kSZ}, \text{kSZ}, \delta_g} \right)}{N_{abc}}$$

Bucher+2016, Coulton & Spergel 2019

Theoretical model & Analysis choices

Patki, Battaglia, & Ferraro:
arXiv:2306.03127

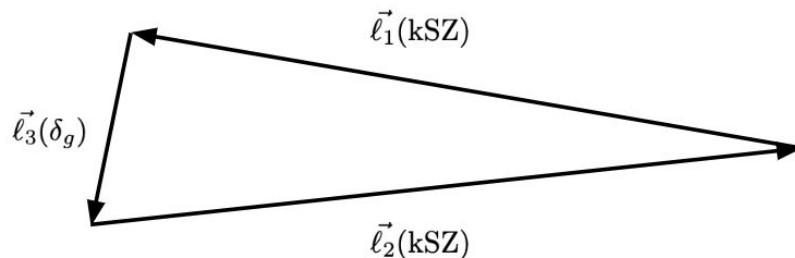
- **Improved model** for underlying $B_{p_n p_n \delta}$
→ accurate across **all shapes**:
- Faster computation: fitting fn for matter bispectrum, build emulators
- Forecasts: **SO and CMB-S4** - realistic post-ILC noise

$$\ell_{\max} \sim 8000$$

- **WISE galaxies** - $z < 1$; ~ 50 mil
- For constraints: choose to restrict galaxy modes to linear scales $\ell_{\max} \sim 700$

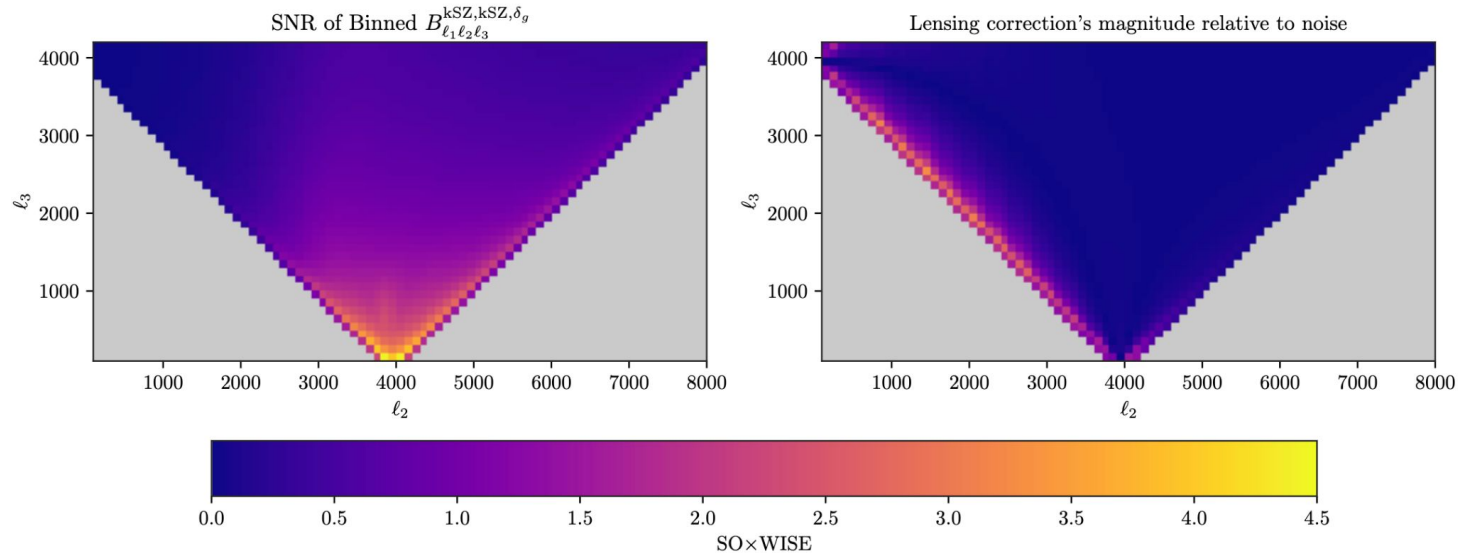
Terms	Geometric scaling
$\langle v^i(\mathbf{k}) v^j(\mathbf{k}') \rangle \langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}) \delta(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}') \delta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle$	1
$\langle v^i(\mathbf{k}) \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}) \rangle \langle v^j(\mathbf{k}') \delta(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}') \delta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle$	0
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$\langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}') v^j(\mathbf{k}') \rangle \langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}) v^i(\mathbf{k}) \delta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle$	0
$\langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}) v^j(\mathbf{k}') \rangle \langle v^i(\mathbf{k}) \delta(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}') \delta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle$	k/k_1
$\langle v^i(\mathbf{k}) \delta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle \langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}) \delta(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}') v^j(\mathbf{k}') \rangle$	0
$\langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_3) v^j(\mathbf{k}') \rangle \langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}) \delta(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}') v^i(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$	0
$\langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}) \delta(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}') \rangle \langle v^i(\mathbf{k}) v^j(\mathbf{k}') \delta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle$	$[-k + (k_1 \text{ or } k_2)]/k_3$
$\langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}') \delta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle \langle v^i(\mathbf{k}) v^j(\mathbf{k}') \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}) \rangle$	0
$\langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}) \delta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle \langle v^i(\mathbf{k}) v^j(\mathbf{k}') \delta(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}') \rangle$	0

TABLE I. The ten terms in the Wick contraction of $\langle p_{\perp} p_{\perp} \delta \rangle \sim \langle \delta \mathbf{v} \delta \mathbf{v} \delta \rangle$ which contribute to $B_{p_{\hat{n}} p_{\hat{n}} \delta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3)$,



Extended regime: SNR and Lensing Correction

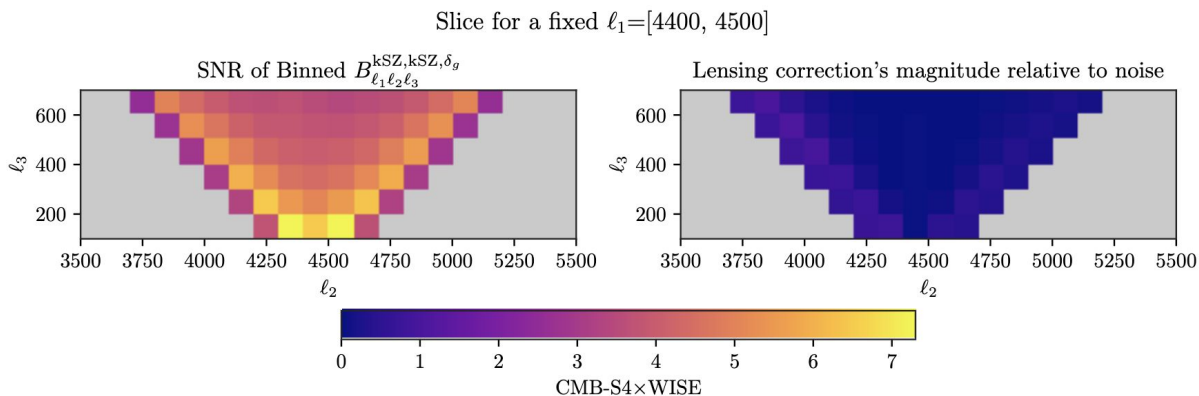
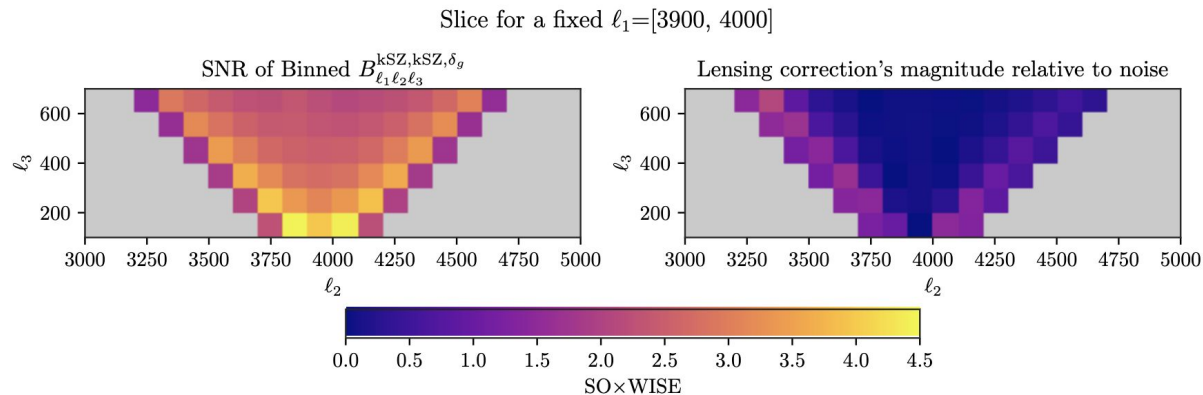
Slice for a fixed $\ell_1=[3900,4000]$: Extended Regime ($\ell_3 \leq 4200$)



- Estimating covariance matrix analytically under weak non-Gaussianity,
=> SNR peaks for squeezed triangles: short LSS mode, 2 long CMB modes
- Correction due to CMB lensing: relatively small, peaks for different triangle shapes

Forecasts across shapes:

- No convolution => no mixing of scales/info
- Restricting LSS modes to linear regime retains highest SNR modes
- Lensing correction: small relative to signal for squeezed triangles



Detection Significance + *improvement*:

	$B^{\text{kSZ}, \text{kSZ}, \delta_g}$ (default)		$B^{\text{kSZ}, \text{kSZ}, \delta_g}$ (extended)		$C_\ell^{\text{kSZ}^2 \times \delta_g}$ [8]	
ℓ_{max} of $\delta_g =$	700		4200		8000	
SNR_{tot}	SO $\times$ WISE	CMB-S4 $\times$ WISE	SO $\times$ WISE	CMB-S4 $\times$ WISE	SO $\times$ WISE	CMB-S4 $\times$ WISE
	106	200	221	418	113	127

- **Cumulative SNR** across bins: comparable/higher than kSZ^2 method
- $\Rightarrow$ **Robust to HOD, nonlinear bias uncertainties**
- No need to assume a theory template to detect
- **Potential future applications:**

Constrain baryon abundance &/or density profile of baryons

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{tot}} = \sqrt{\sum_{a,b,c} \frac{\left(B_{abc}^{\text{kSZ}, \text{kSZ}, \delta_g}\right)^2}{V_{abc}^{\text{kSZ}, \text{kSZ}, \delta_g}}}.$$

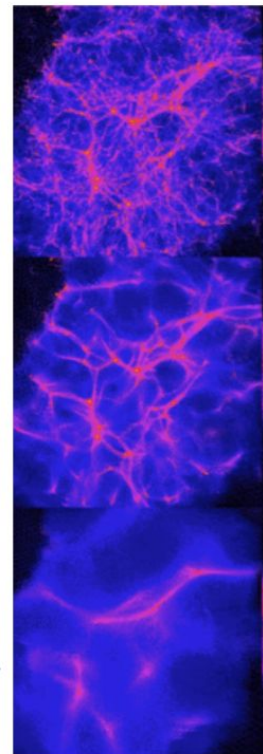
Probing Cosmology + ‘New Physics’!

- **Degeneracy** limits inference: baryon astrophysics $\longleftrightarrow$ cosmology

Q: Can we probe scale-dependent signatures at quasilinear scales?

- Include: free astrophysical amplitude: $A \propto \tau^2$
- Initial Fisher forecasts: Λ CDM + Σm_ν + A + linear galaxy bias
- **Neutrinos imprint the kSZ:**
scale-dependent growth rate, and suppression of clustering
- Assuming an external prior on Λ CDM from primary CMB only:

Σm_ν increasing



Source: Ben Moore

	kSZ + <i>Planck</i> prior				kSZ + (SO or S4 + LiteBIRD) prior	
	$B^{\text{kSZ}, \text{kSZ}, \delta_g}$		$C_\ell^{\text{kSZ}^2 \times \delta_g}$ [14]		$B^{\text{kSZ}, \text{kSZ}, \delta_g}$	
$\sigma(\Sigma m_\nu)$ [meV]	SO $\times$ WISE	CMB-S4 $\times$ WISE	SO $\times$ WISE	CMB-S4 $\times$ WISE	SO $\times$ WISE	CMB-S4 $\times$ WISE
	159	129	168	100	97	82

Conclusions and Future Outlook

- **Novel** projected-fields **kSZ bispectrum**: w/o individual LSS redshifts
- Improves upon existing ‘kSZ² estimator’: $\langle \text{kSZ} \times \text{kSZ} \times \delta_g \rangle$
→ Richer information content, better scale separation
- High SNR (esp squeezed triangles); **100-200 σ** for SO, CMB-S4 with WISE
- Potential new, complementary **probe of beyond- Λ CDM cosmology - or baryons!**
- **Next: model dependence on baryon density profile** via Halo Model, tests on simulations → measurements with upcoming data!

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Backup Slides

Projected-fields ‘ $\langle kSZ^2 \times \delta_g \rangle$ ’ estimator:

Existing
estimator:

Take a *cleaned* CMB map
→ *Wiener filter* (f) to select scales
→ *square* it in real space
→ cross-correlate with projected-field (LSS)

$$C_{\ell}^{kSZ^2 \times \delta_g} =$$

BUT, *drawbacks* -
Convolution (mixes scales)
&
Compresses across all ‘triangles’
(loss of info)

$$f(|\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{q}| \eta) B_{p_{\hat{n}} p_{\hat{n}}} \delta(\mathbf{q}, -\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{j}).$$

Key statistic

+ Picks up a significant contribution from CMB **lensing** → must be accounted for