Novel results and methods for kSZ velocity reconstruction

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- Primordial non-Gaussianity $f_{\rm NL} \rightarrow$ scale dependent bias
- Large-scale radial velocity field v_r
 - Lower noise level on large scale
 - Difficult to probe
- Kinetic Sunyeav-Zeldovich (kSZ) effect
 - Secondary CMB anisotropy
 - CMB-LSS cross-correlation \rightarrow estimates \hat{v}_r



Figure from Münchmeyer et. al., 1810.13424

Pixel-space, tomographic 2D Quadratic estimator :

(Smith et al., 1810.13423, McCarthy et al., 2410.06229, Bloch & Johnson 2405.00809)





 $\hat{v}_r^{\alpha}(\hat{n}) = -N \tilde{T}(\hat{n}) \,\tilde{\delta}_g^{\alpha}(\hat{n})$

ACT DR6: 90 GHz and 150 GHz Naess et. al., 2503.14451

Zhou et. al., 2208.08515

DESI-LS LRG: z = 0.4-1.1, 20 bins

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• Standard approach: Pseudo- C_{ℓ}



• but it is sub-optimal

• Quadratic Maximum Likelihood (QML) (Tegmark, arxiv 9611174, Bilbao-Ahedo, 2104.08528)



• A (2+1)D, pixel-space estimator

• Quadratic Maximum Likelihood (QML), at what cost?



• Highly optimized to ~ 1 hr on single node for $N_{side} = 32$, 20+20 fields

 $l(l+1)/2\pi C_l^{VV}$

 $l(l+1)/2\pi lC_l^{gg}$

10-2

10⁻³

10

1e-4

1.0

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

0.0

10

30

30

40

40

20

20

 $\alpha = 18$

50

50

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- Bottom: Galaxy autopowers $\hat{C}_{\ell}^{gg,\alpha}$
- Bandpower for every 6 modes between $\ell = 7$ and $\ell = 60$
- Fiducials (blue curve) are calculated with PyCCL

Excess on large-scale galaxy power from DESI-LS

- Velocity-galaxy crosspowers $\hat{C}_{\ell}^{\nu^{\alpha}g^{\beta}}$
- Signal resides on crosspowers with close redshift bin separation
- Becomes noisier and consistent to zero as the separation grows/becomes zero



- Constrain the kSZ amplitude A, such that A = 1 implies a perfect agreement with the Battaglia electron profile (Battaglia, 1607.02442)
- We measured A \sim 0.4 at a level of 11.7 σ

• Same input data with pseudo- C_{ℓ} pipeline: $A \sim 0.5$ at a level of 6.1 σ



Final remarks

- We measured the kSZ amplitude $A \sim 0.4$ at a level of 11.7 σ
 - Achieved with the first attempt in applying QML to the (2+1)D kSZ analysis
 - 20 coadded velocity field (ACT) × 20 galaxy overdensity field (DESI-LS)
 - With highly-optimized pipeline, full estimator can be obtained in \sim 1hr
 - CMB×Photo. survey is competitive to CMB×Spec. survey
- What's next?
 - Constraints on $f_{\rm NL}$
 - Improve the quality/calibration of the data
 - We get $A \sim 0.4$, can we learn a better profile ? (i.e. with ML, see Kvasiuk et.al., 2411.02496)