

# ACT DR6: Testing structure growth with new CMB lensing measurements

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# Outline

- ACT Data Release 6: Data and Science Overview
- Progress on new CMB lensing spectra from AdvACT DR6 and implications for structure growth
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# Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT)



- Arcminute resolution CMB telescope at 5200m in the Chilean Atacama desert, with arrays of sensitive (TES bolometer) detectors



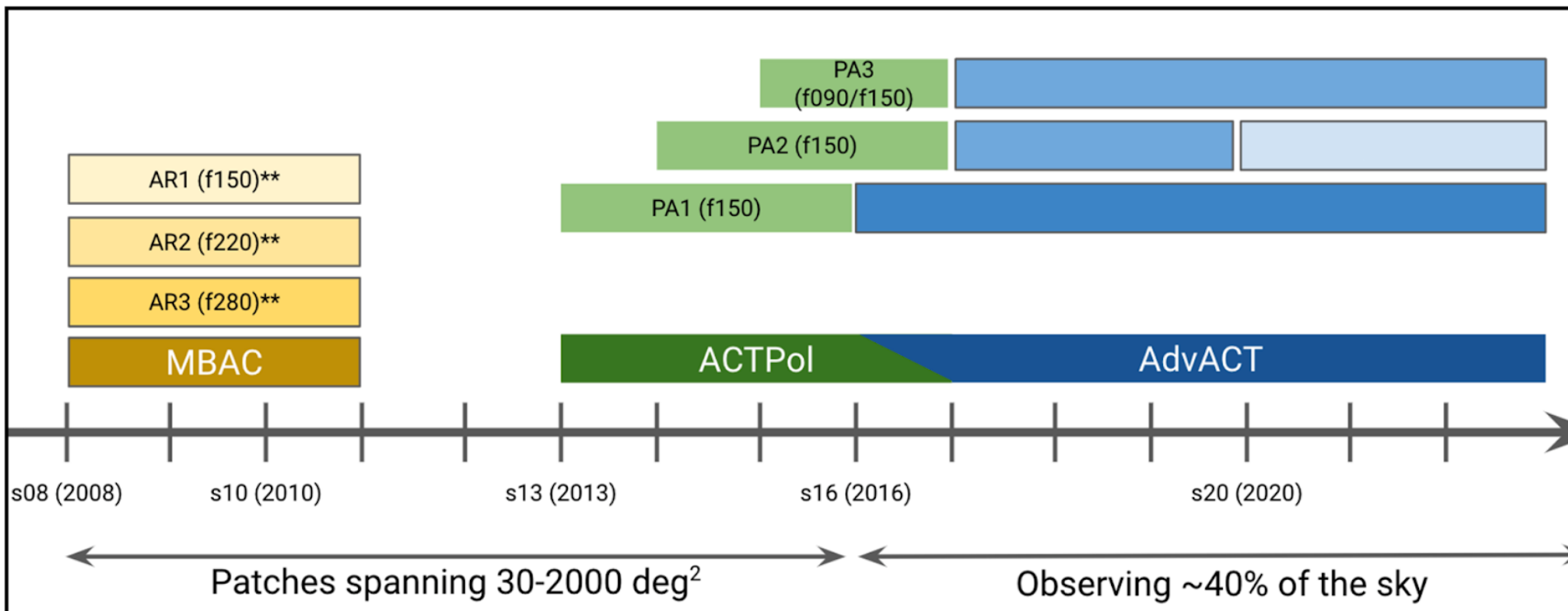
# RIP – Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT)



- Telescope being dismantled. ACT is now just collaboration, but two more powerful data releases to go!



# Atacama Cosmology Telescope Observations: Overview



# Atacama Cosmology Telescope: DR4

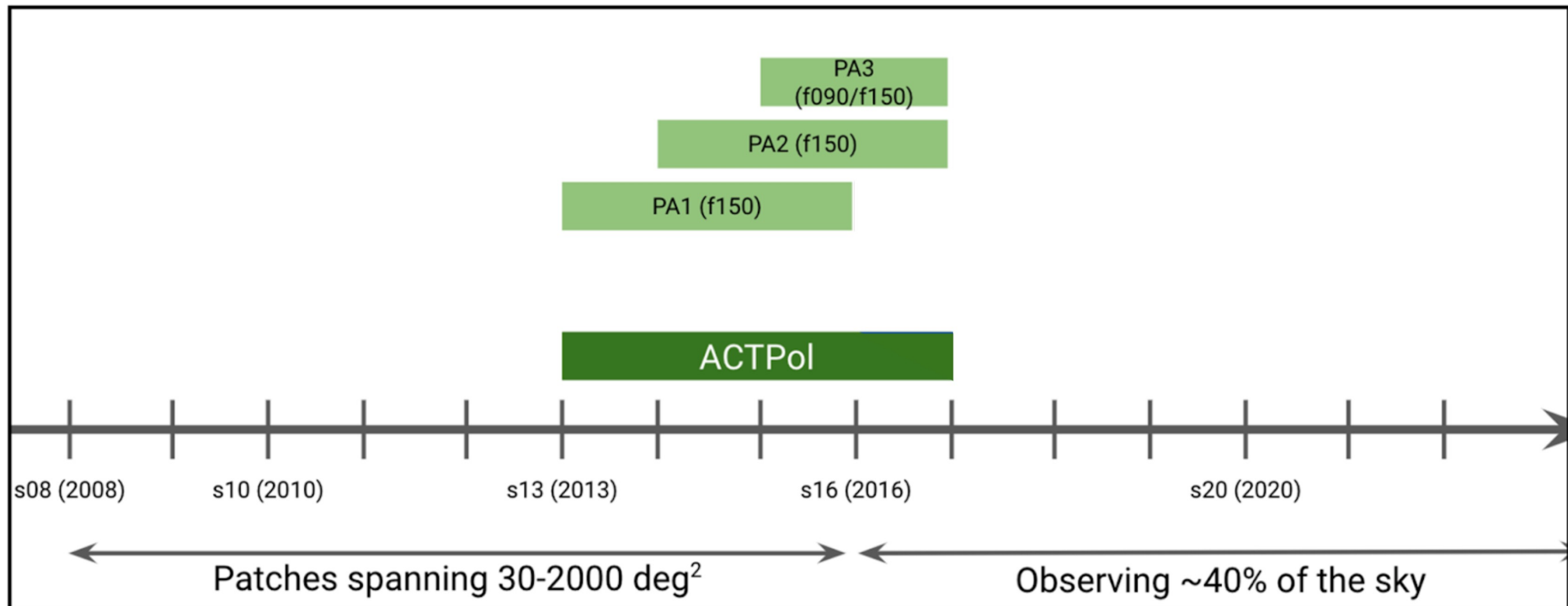
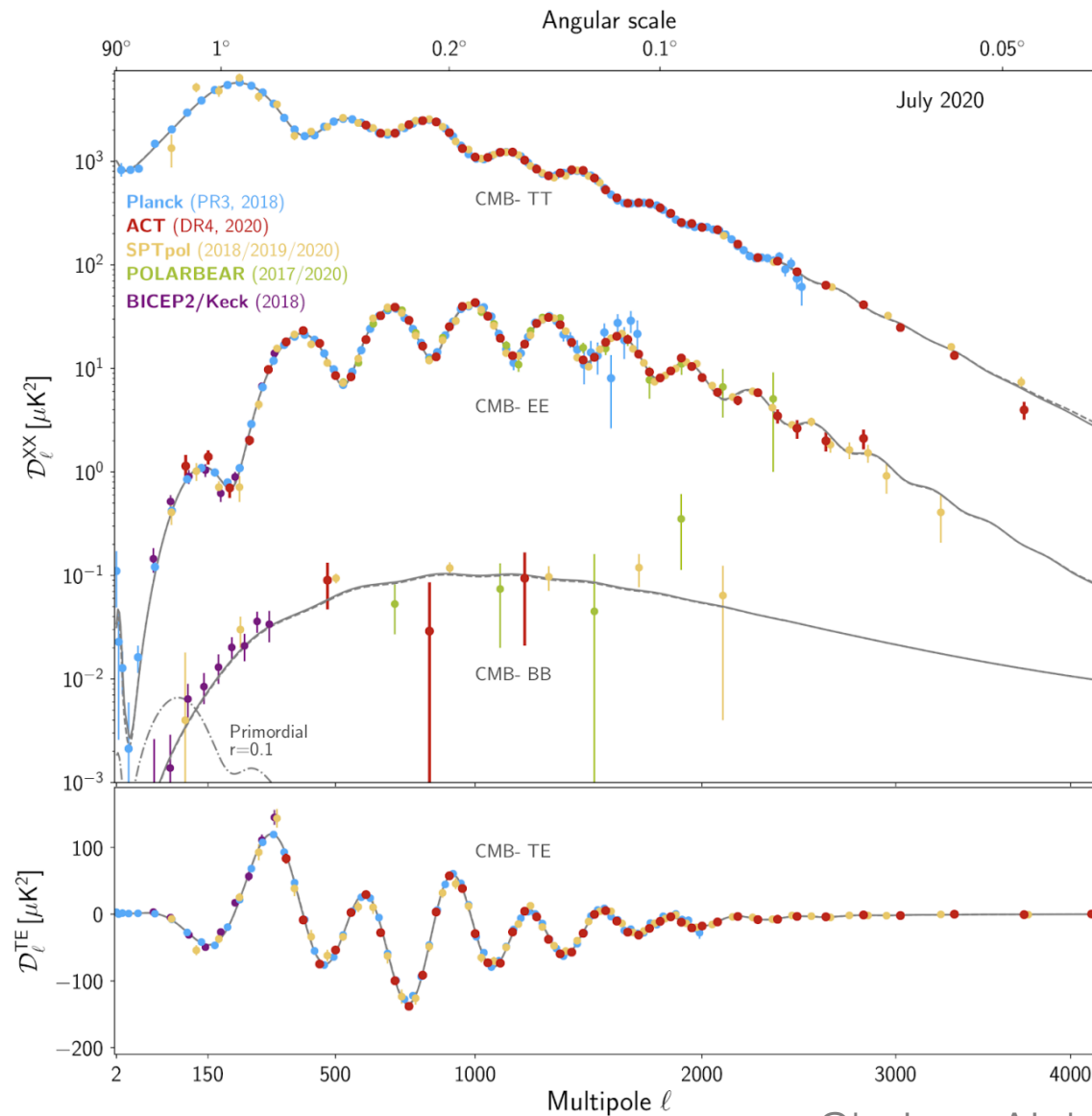


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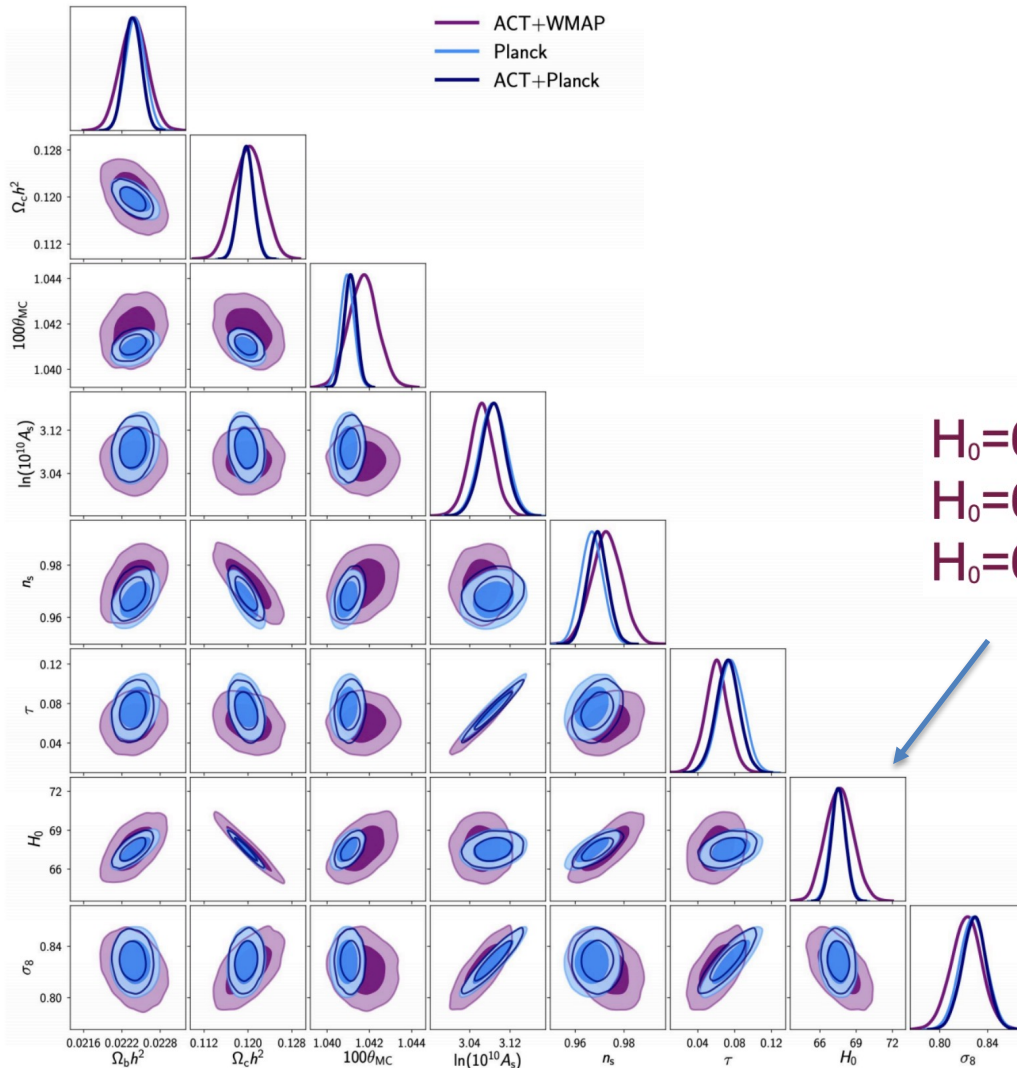
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- ACT+WMAP: good agreement with Planck in  $\Lambda$ CDM. Indep. test of params, e.g.  $H_0$ ! Tension not from Planck systematics



$H_0 = 67.6 \pm 1.1$  km/s/Mpc *ACT+WMAP*  
 $H_0 = 67.9 \pm 1.5$  km/s/Mpc *ACT*  
 $H_0 = 67.5 \pm 0.6$  km/s/Mpc *Planck*

# Next Cosmology Release: Atacama Cosmology Telescope DR6

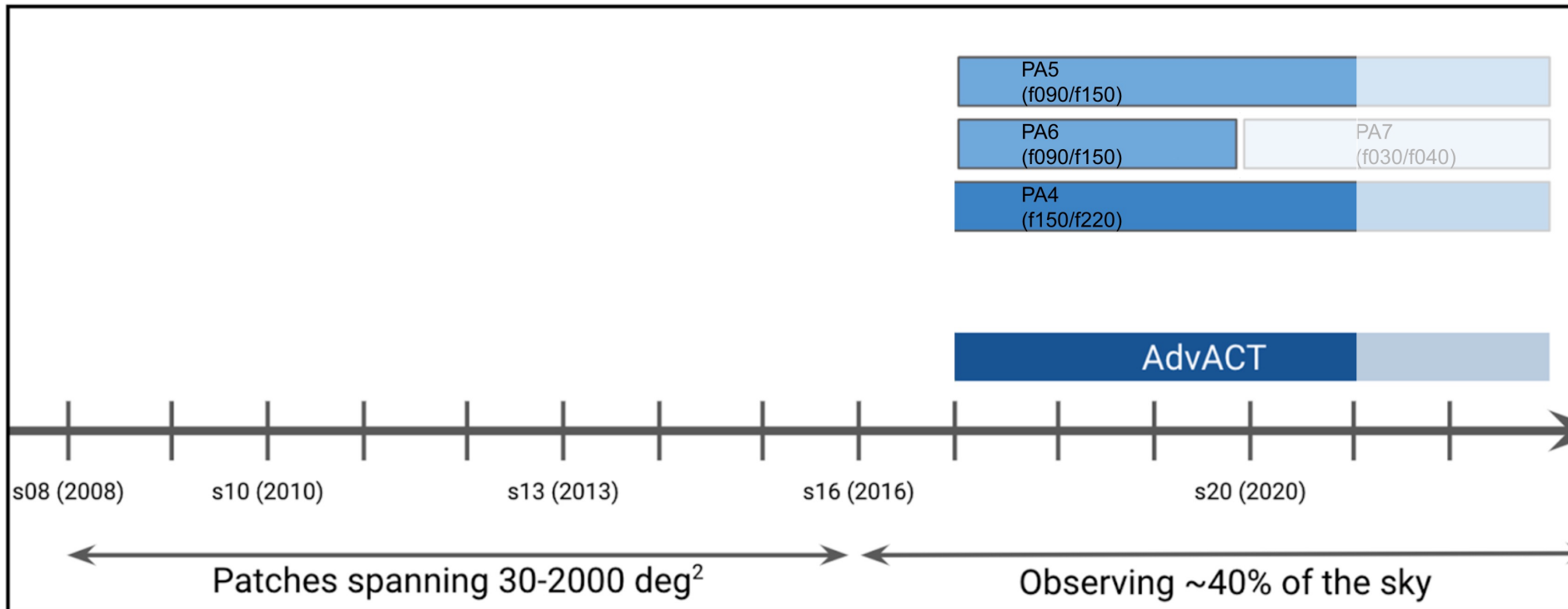


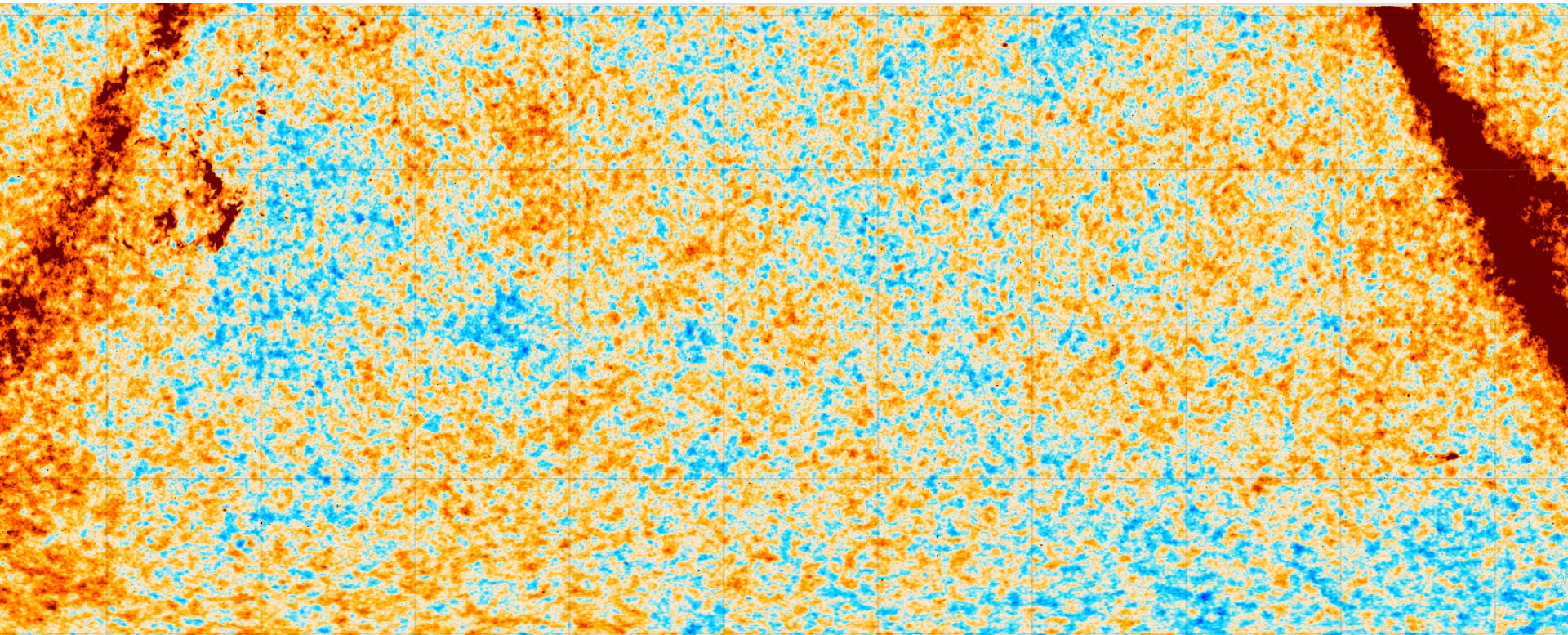
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- Observations on 40% sky at 90, 150, 220 GHz from 2017-2021
- ~10 x more data volume than DR4!



# ACT DR6: new, state of the art CMB maps

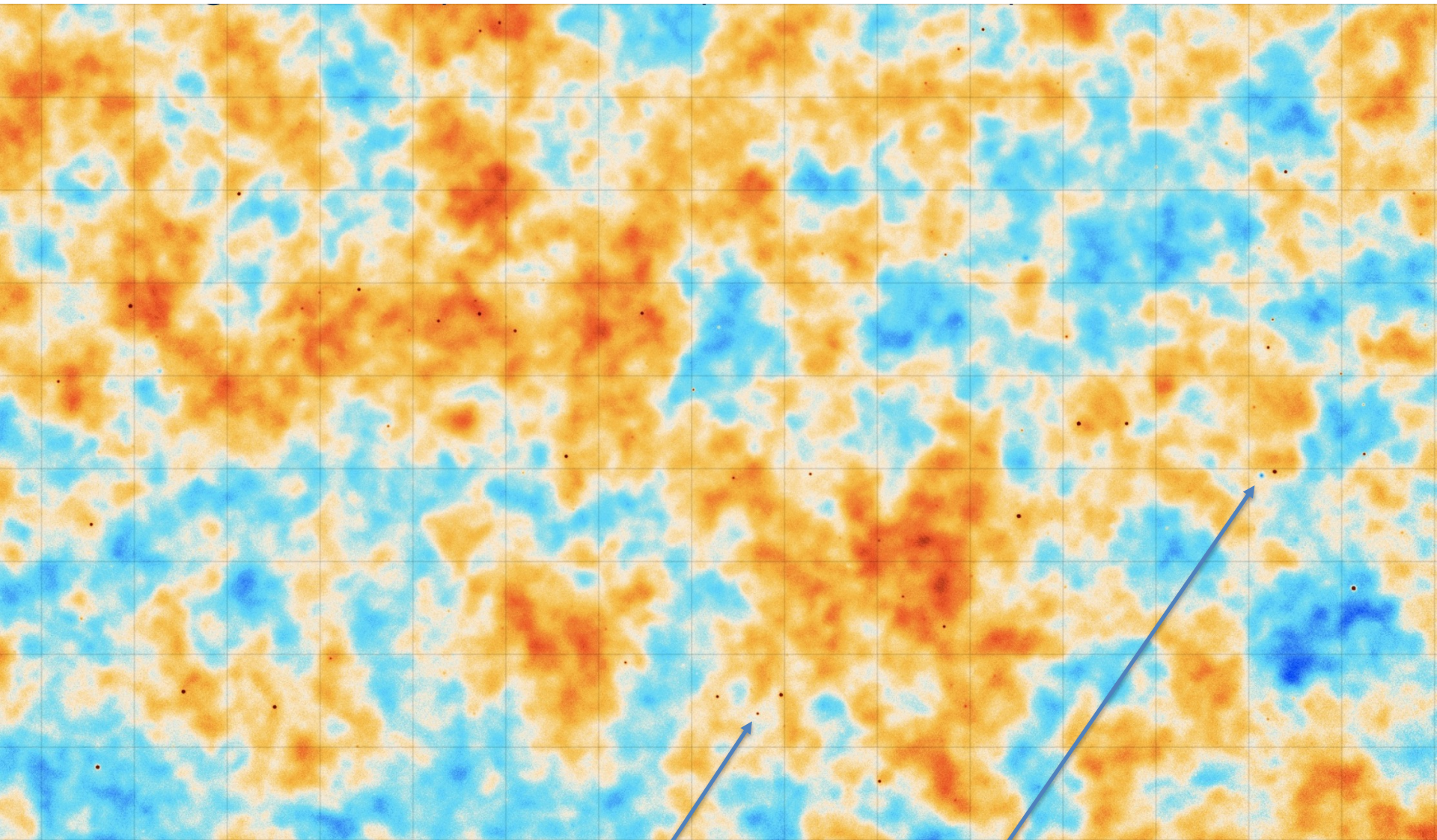
AdvACT CMB map



- New AdvACT polarized data through 2021: low noise ( $<15\mu\text{K}'$ ) CMB maps ([link](#)) on  $16000\text{ deg}^2$  at high resolution.



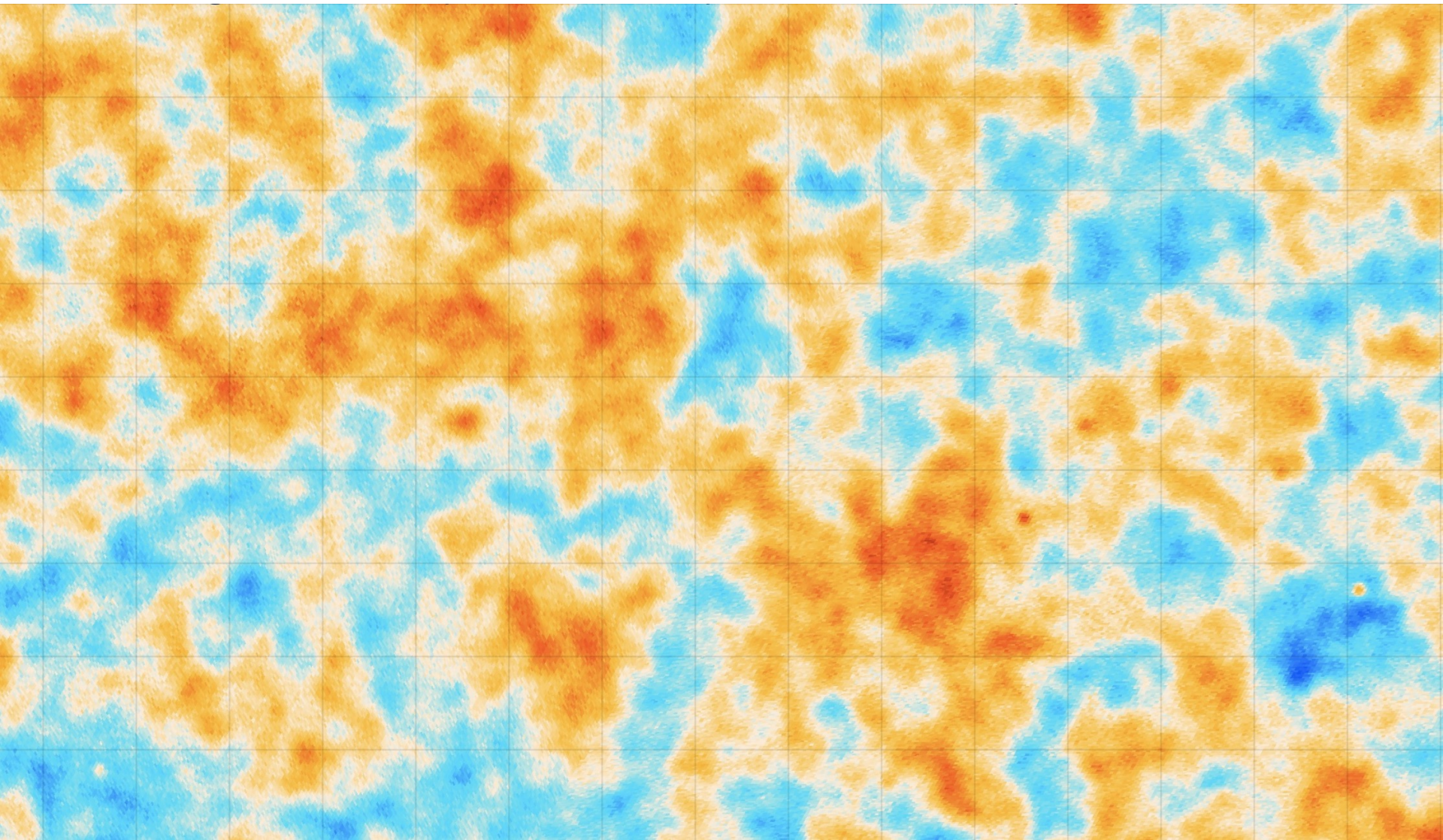
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- High resolution, low noise (Radio/IR sources and SZ clusters visible by eye) <sup>11</sup>

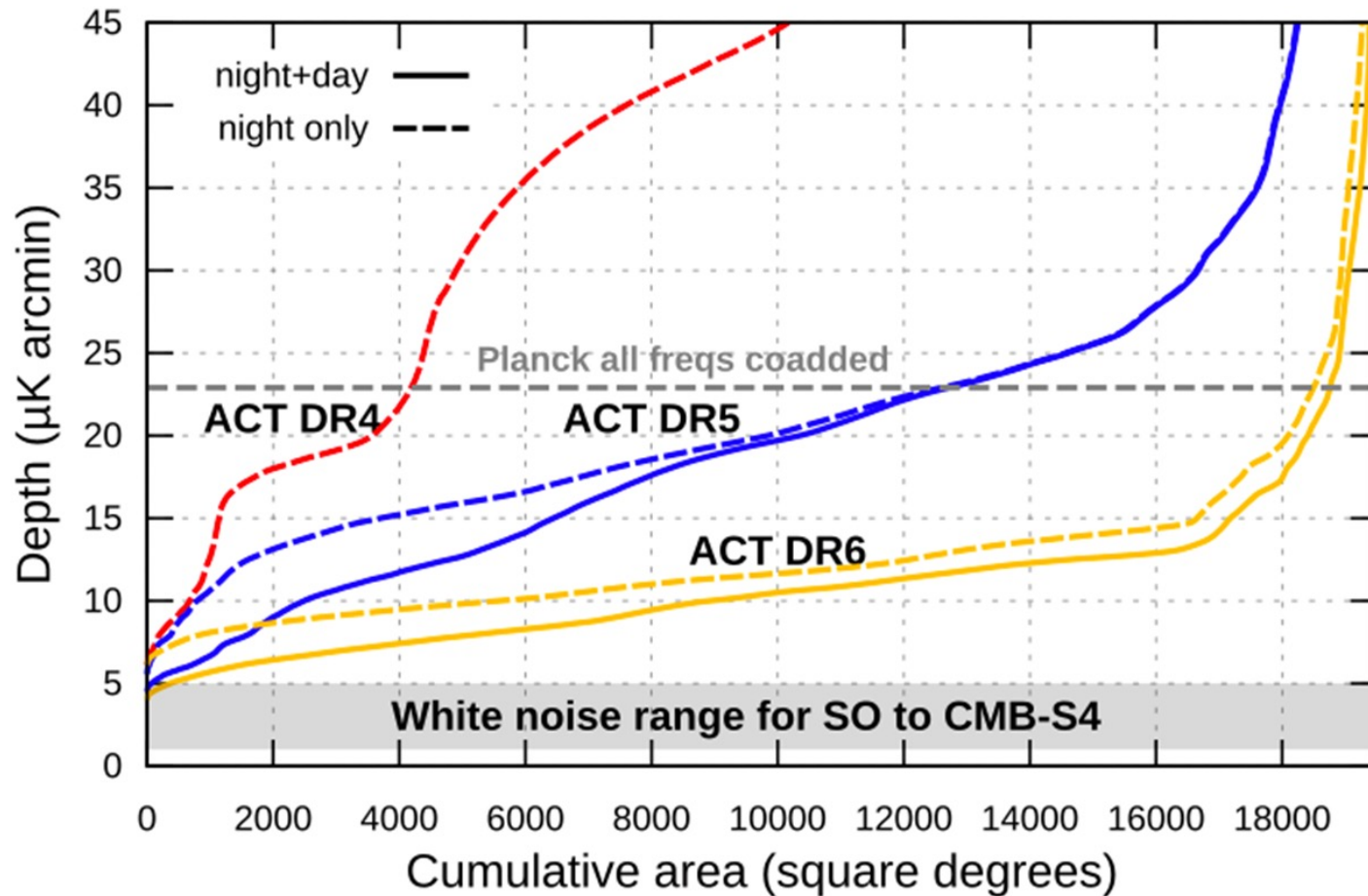


Compare with Planck maps:



# AdvACT DR6: map noise levels

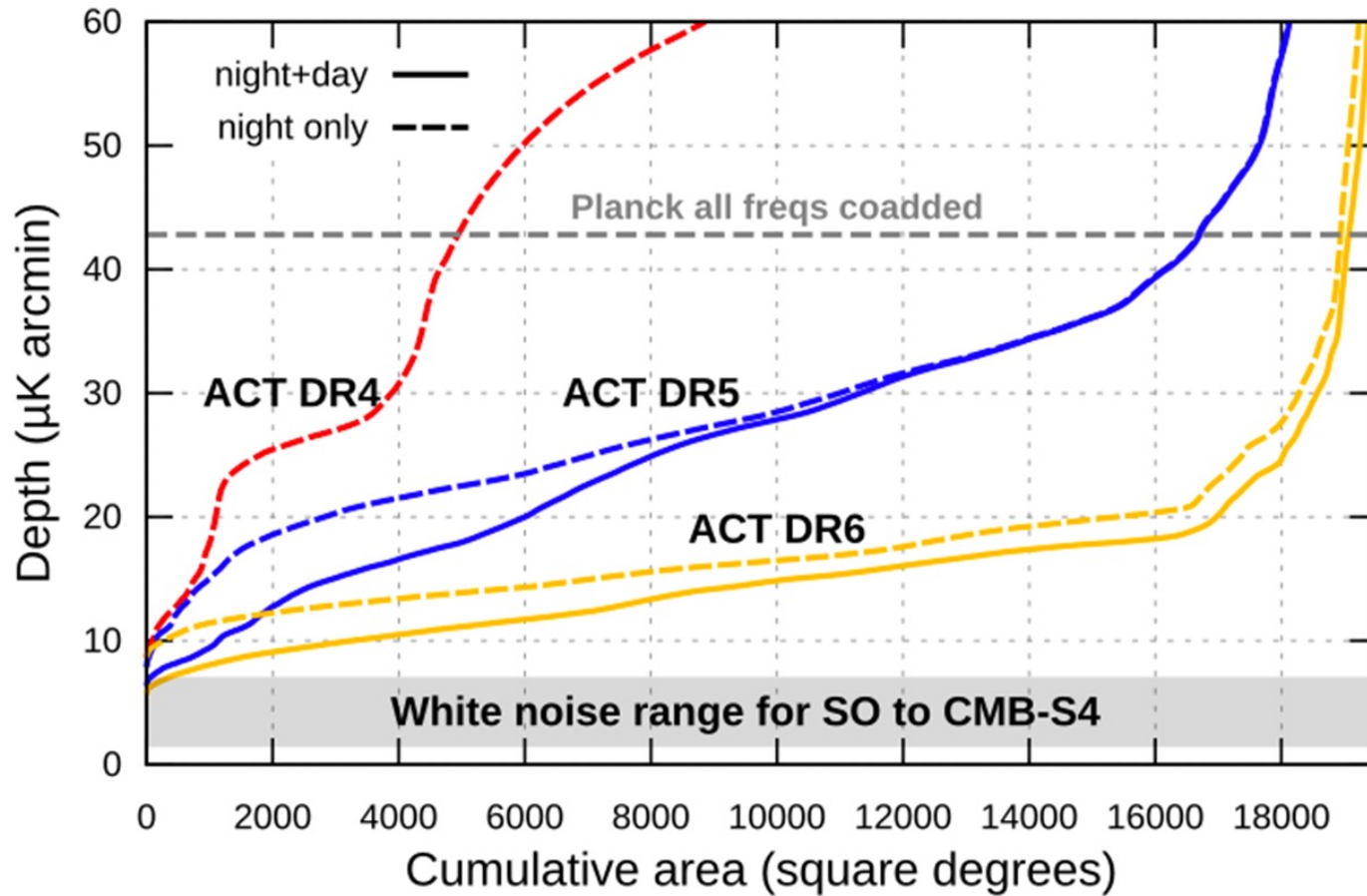
Temperature depth [figures: S. Naess]





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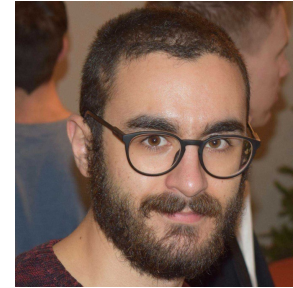


# Main Science Cases

- CMB power spectra →

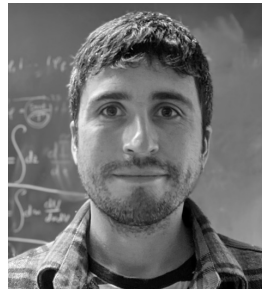


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Adrien La Posta

- SZ science →

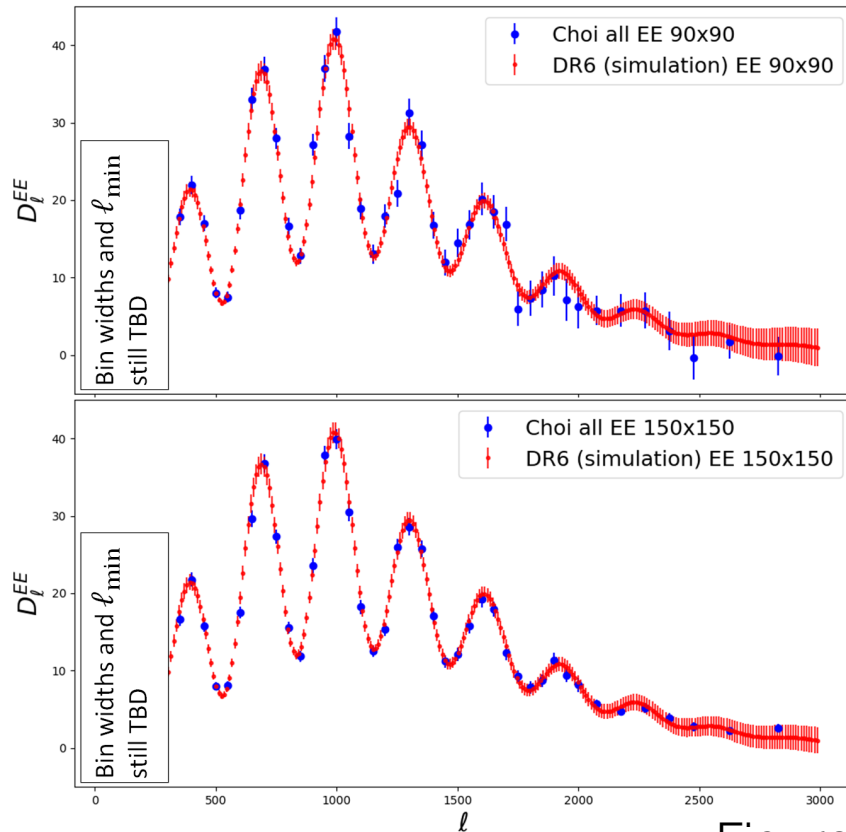


Boris Bolliet

- Lensing science

- Transients +...

# Science Case 1: ACT DR6 Spectra + Parameters



	ACT DR4	ACT DR4 + WMAP	Planck	Planck + ACT DR6
$\sigma(H_0)$	1.5	1.1	0.5	0.4
$\sigma(n_s)$	0.015	0.006	0.004	0.003
$\sigma(N_{\text{eff}})$	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1

Forecast

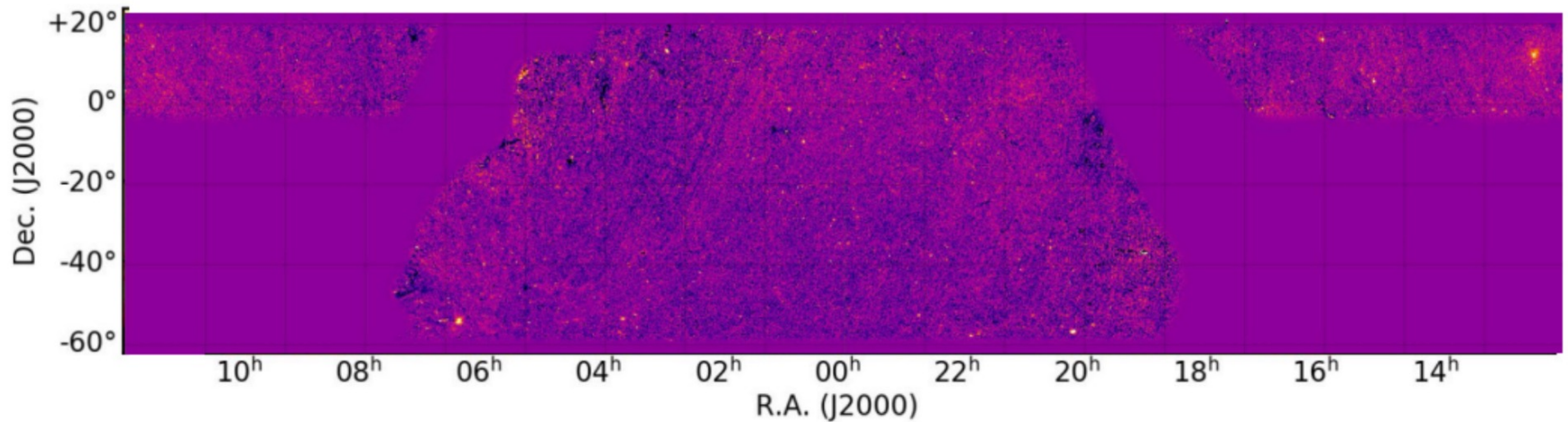
Figure: Thibaut Louis

- High-precision polarized spectra will lead to significant improvements to  $N_{\text{eff}}$  and Hubble

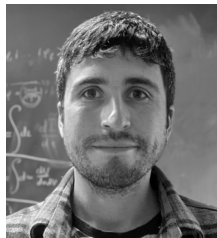


# Science Case 2: SZ Science

Preliminary new ACT y-map



- Wealth of information about both cosmology and baryonic physics from tSZ and kSZ
- See Boris Bolliet's talk!



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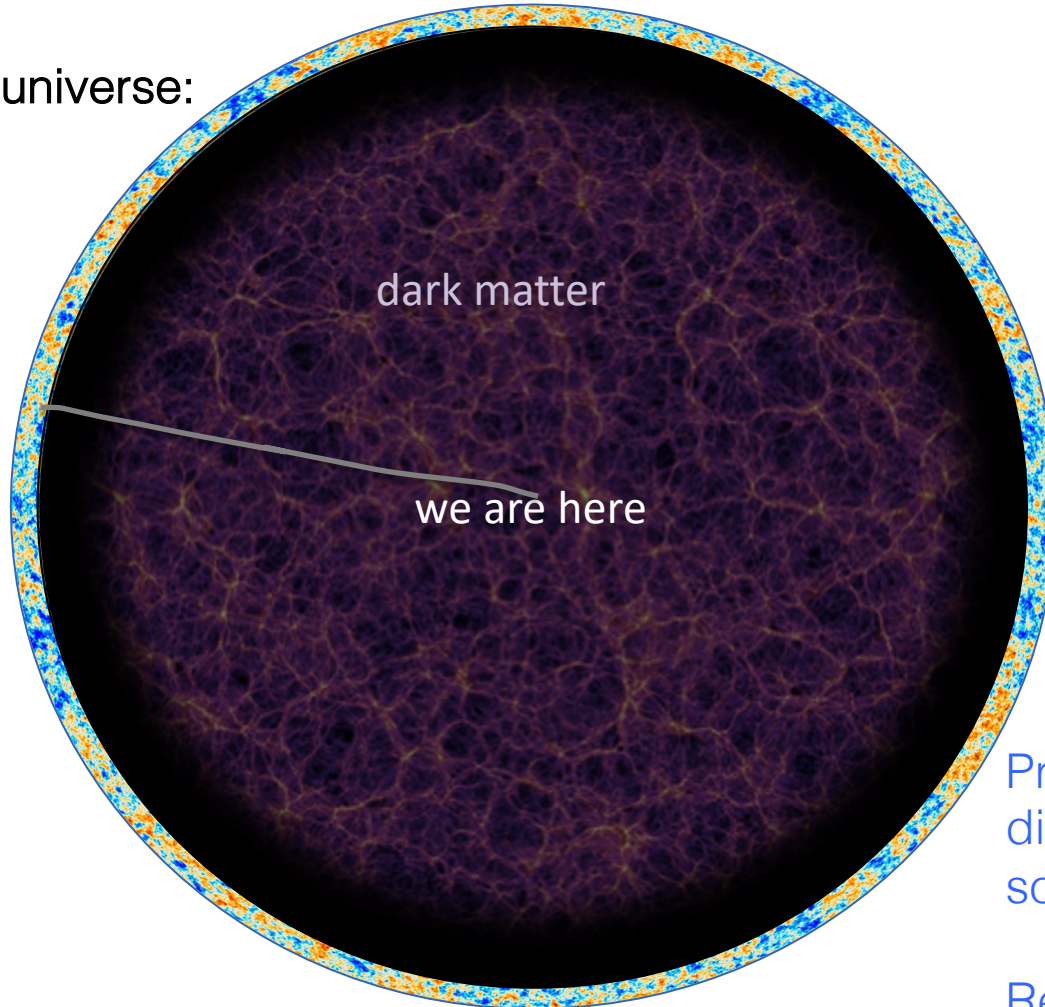
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+ Niall MacCrann, Mat Madhavacheril, Dongwon Han

[Qu, Sherwin++ in prep., MacCrann, Sherwin++ in prep.  
Madhavacheril, Qu, Sherwin in prep.]

# CMB: A Unique Source for Gravitational Lensing

The observable universe:

CMB photon  
path

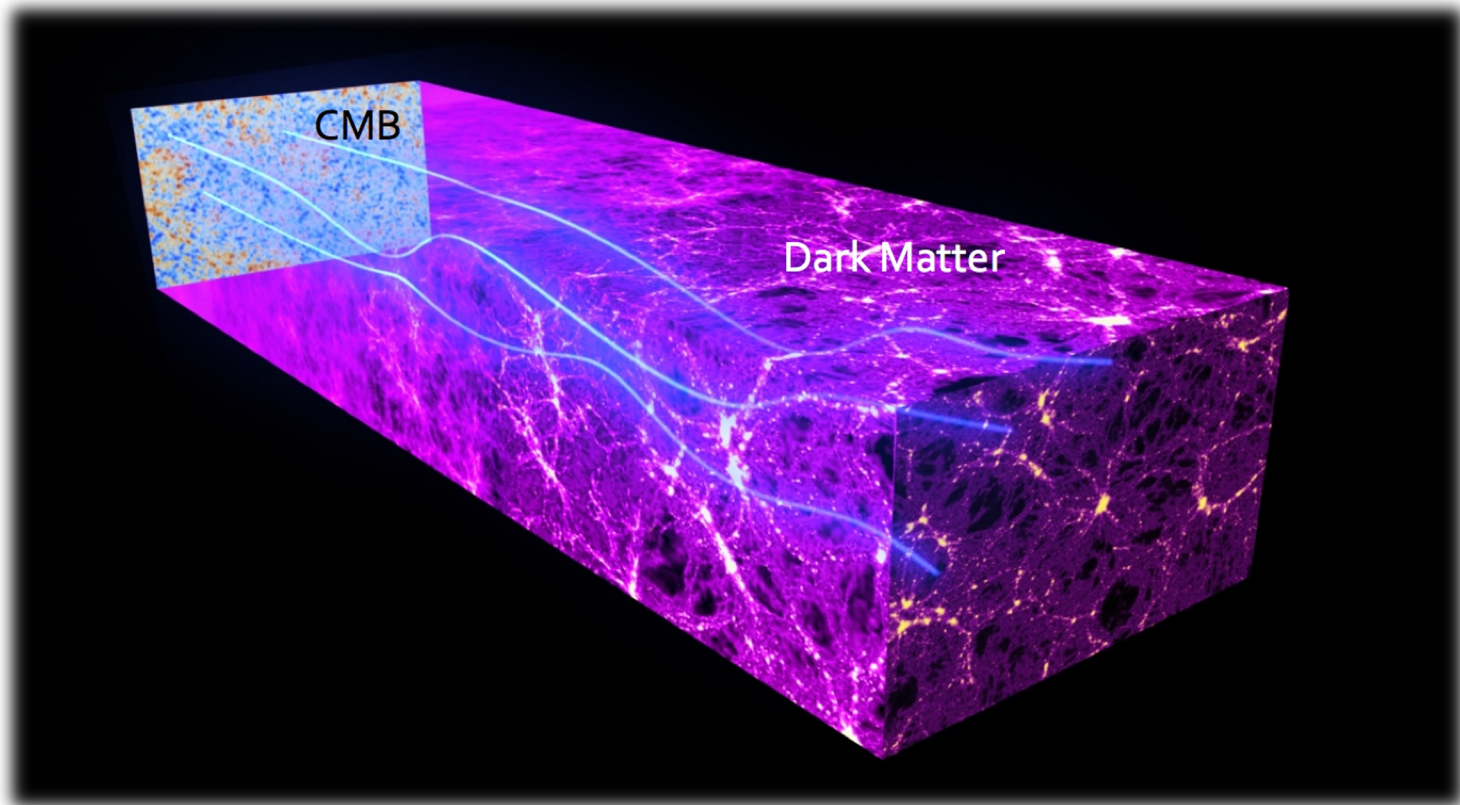


Primordial CMB (most  
distant and oldest  
source of radiation)

Redshift and CMB  
source well known,  
matter mildly nonlinear

# CMB Gravitational Lensing

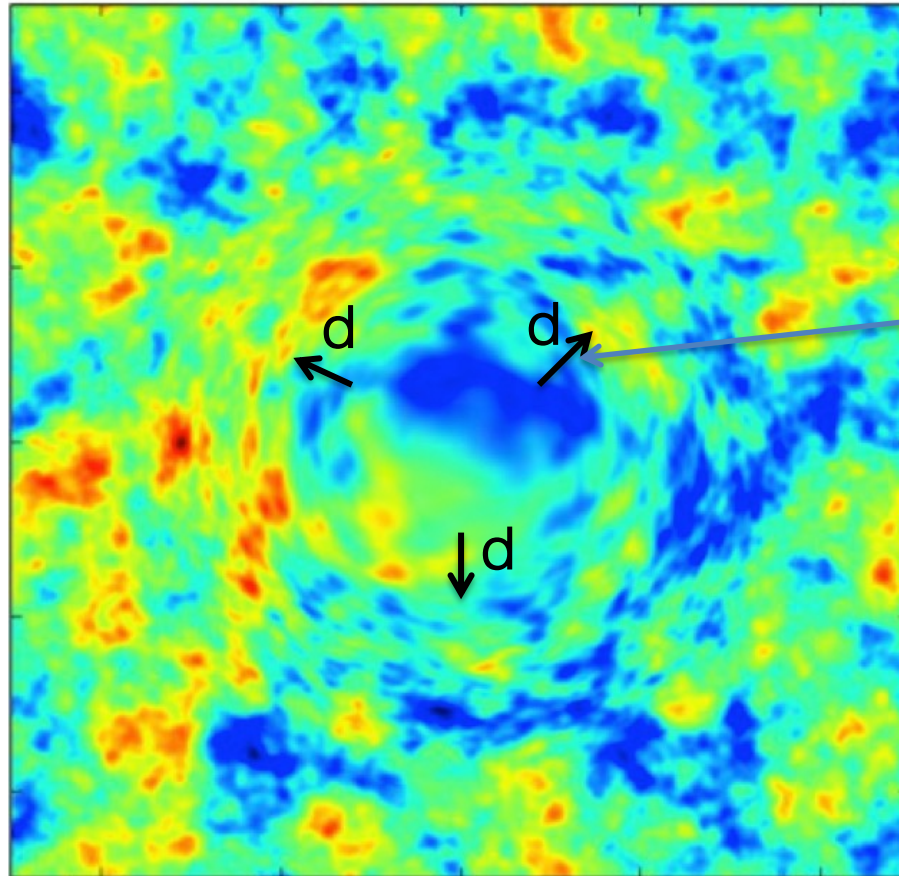
- Distribution of dark matter deflects CMB light that passes through





# CMB Lensing: An Approximate Picture

$$T^{lensed}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = T^0(\hat{\mathbf{n}} + \mathbf{d})$$



described by  
lensing  
deflection  
field:  $\mathbf{d}$

(very small:  
here  
exaggerated  
by  $x \sim 100$ ,  
actually a  
few arcmins)

- Dark matter causes lensing magnification feature in the CMB

## Aside: Lensing Reconstruction Details

- From translation invariance (of 2-point correlation function),  
$$\langle T^0(\mathbf{l}) T^{0*}(\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{L}) \rangle = 0$$

T: temperature (Fourier mode)  
l: wavenumber

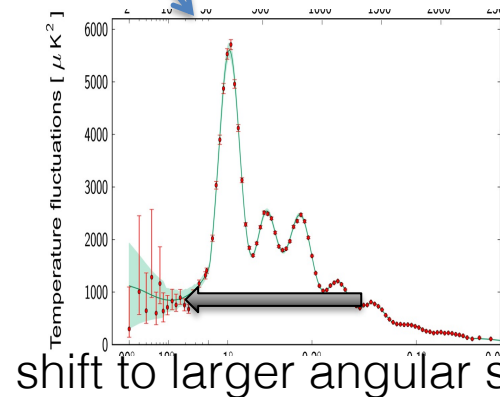
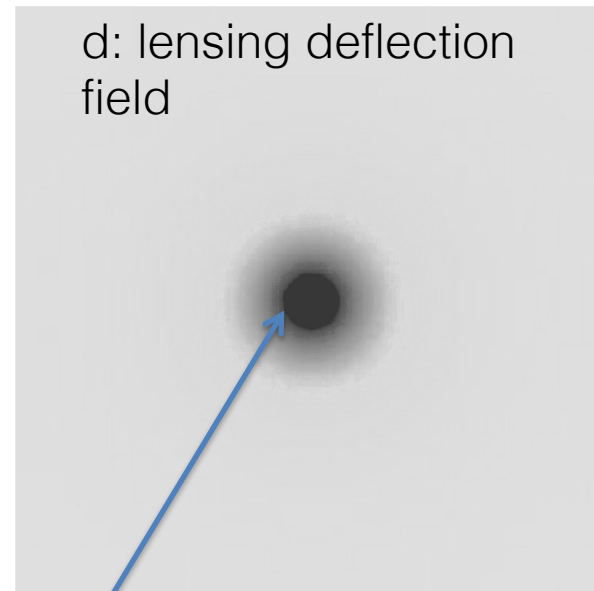
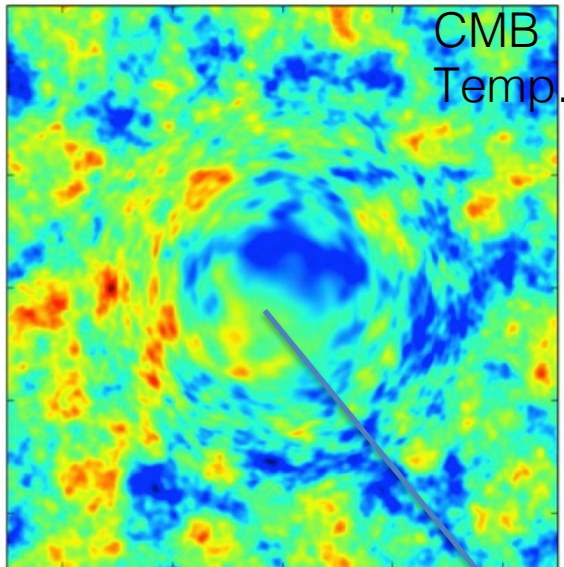
- **Lensing breaks translation invariance** => new correlations

$$\langle T(\mathbf{l}) T^*(\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{L}) \rangle \sim d(\mathbf{L})$$

- So: measure lensing by looking for these new correlations in the CMB two-point function

$$\hat{d}(\mathbf{L}) \sim \int d^2\mathbf{l} T(\mathbf{l}) T^*(\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{L})$$

# CMB Lensing Measurement: An Approximate Picture



Infer lensing from stretching/shearing of the local CMB power spectrum

# Key Observable: CMB Lensing Power Spectrum $C_l^{dd}$

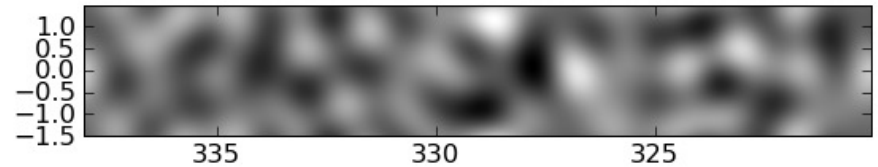
- Lensing probes projected matter

$$\kappa(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \sim \nabla \cdot \mathbf{d}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \int_0^{r_{\text{CMB}}} dr W(r) \delta(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, r)$$

- Lensing power spectrum: projection over matter power spectrum

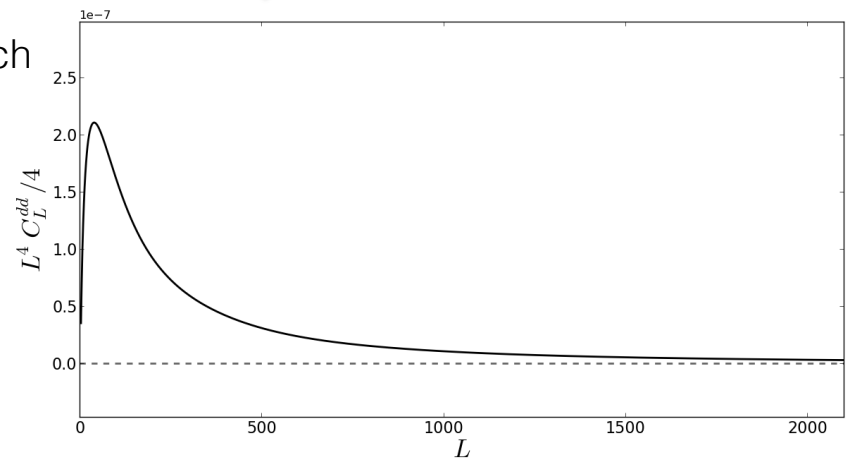
- Constrains parameter combination  $\sim \sigma_8 \Omega_m^{0.25}$

[Das, Sherwin++ 2011, Sherwin++ 2011]



brightness  $\sim$  density

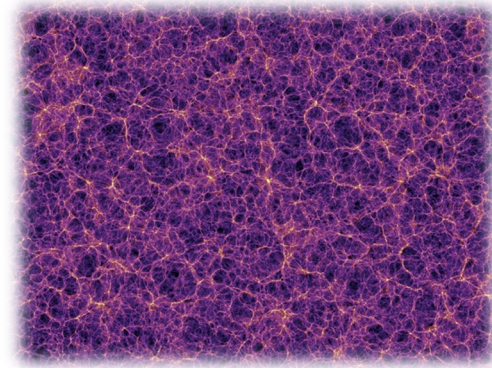
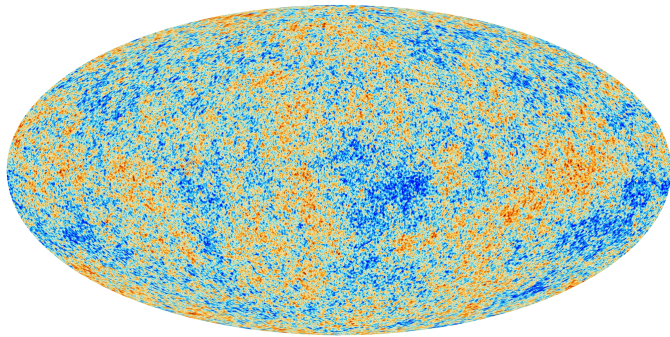
Y axis: "How much lensing ...."



X axis: "for a lens of this angular scale?"

# Motivation 1: lensing spectra as tests of structure growth

- Do observations match predictions of standard structure growth (dark matter,  $w=-1$  dark energy, GR)? One test:



Fit standard cosmological model to CMB at early times,  $t=0.004$  Gyr

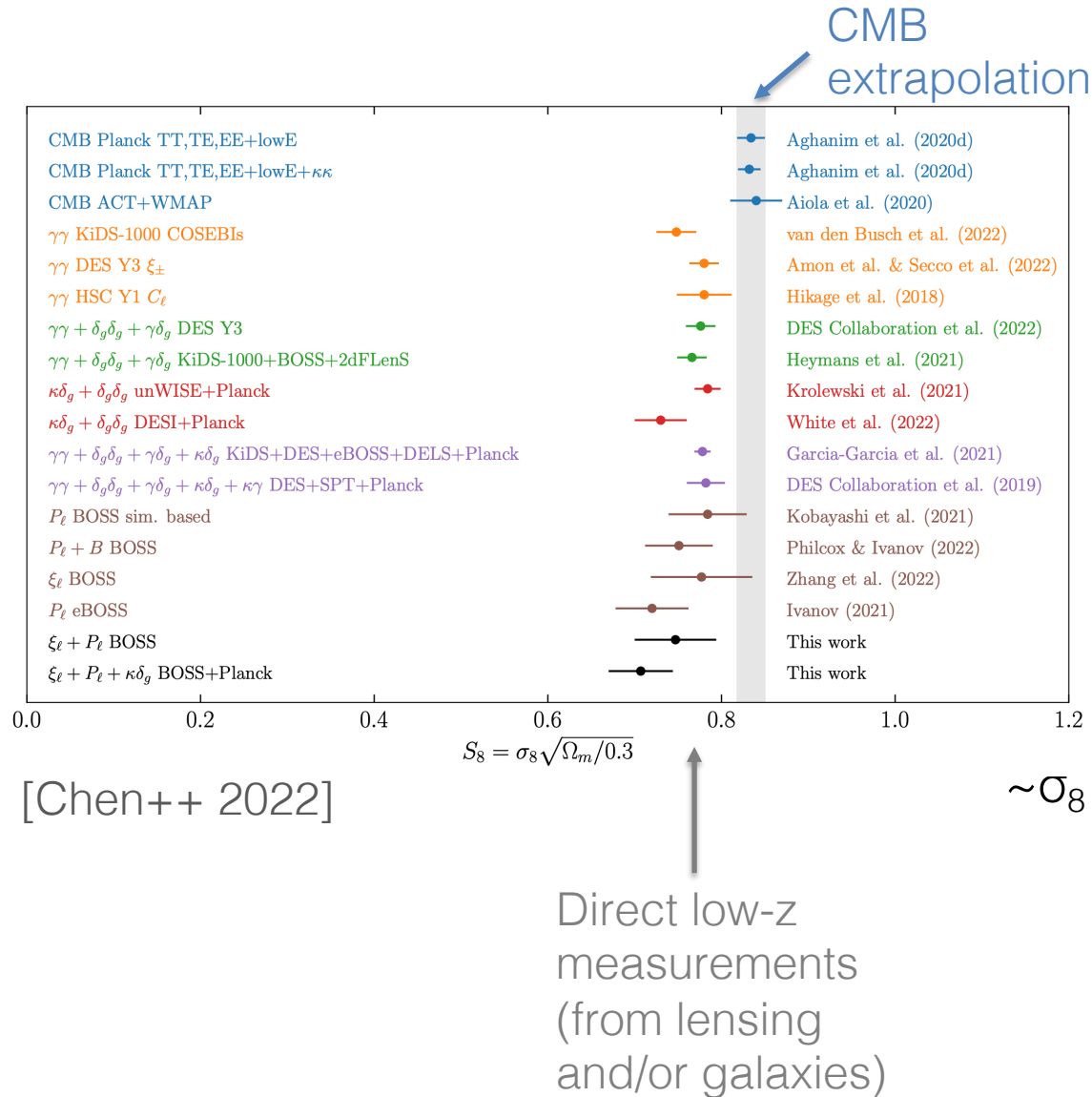
Predict amplitude of structure formed at late times ( $t > 1$  Gyr) + compare with observations

- Parametrize structure size today with  $\sigma_8$ , RMS matter density fluctuation smoothed on scale of 8 Mpc/h



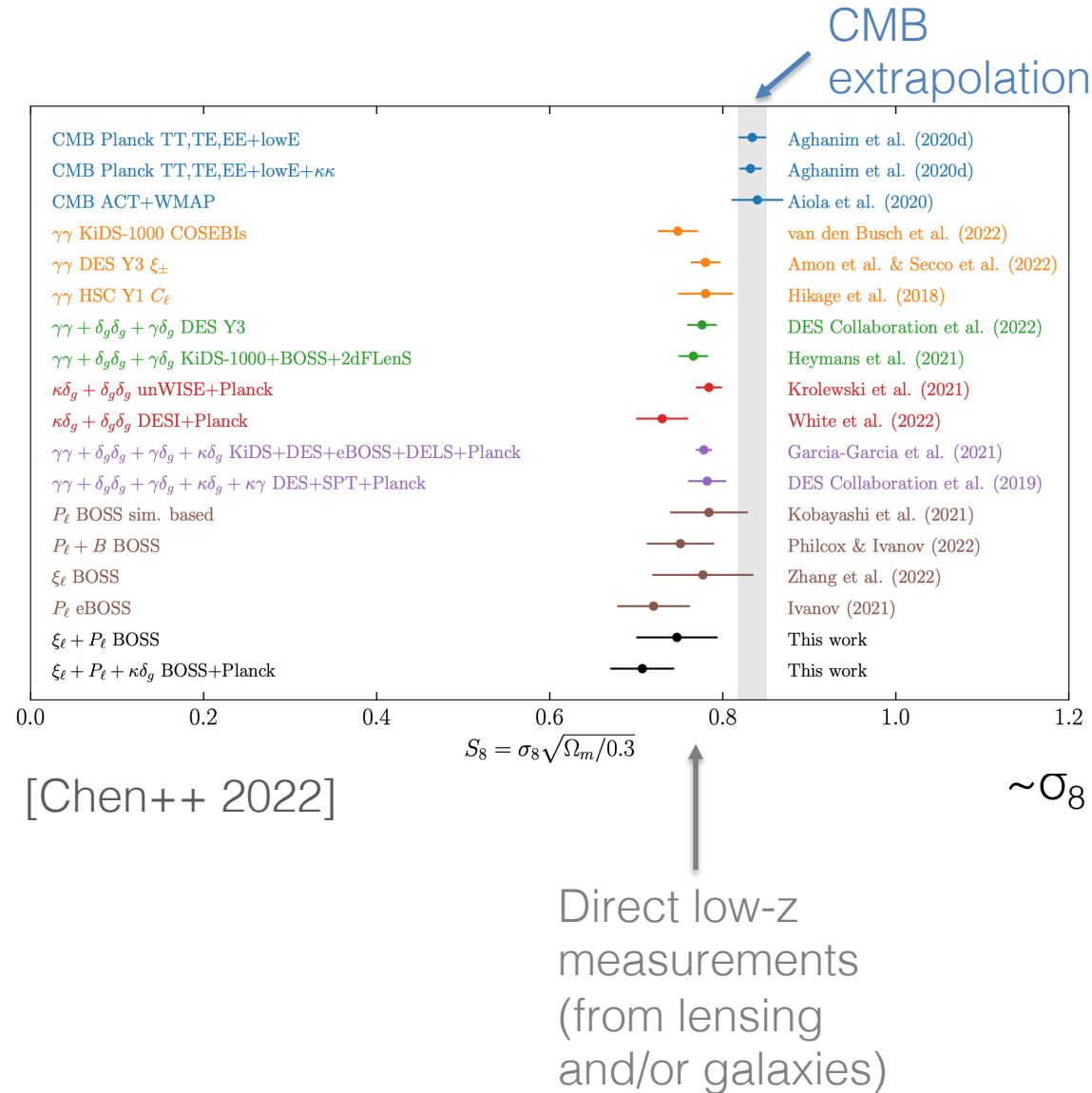
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- $S_8 \sim \sigma_8 \Omega_m^{0.5}$  at low- $z$  appears low in several probes vs. prediction from early-time CMB
- New measurements with different systematics crucial: Do we also find a low  $S_8$ ?

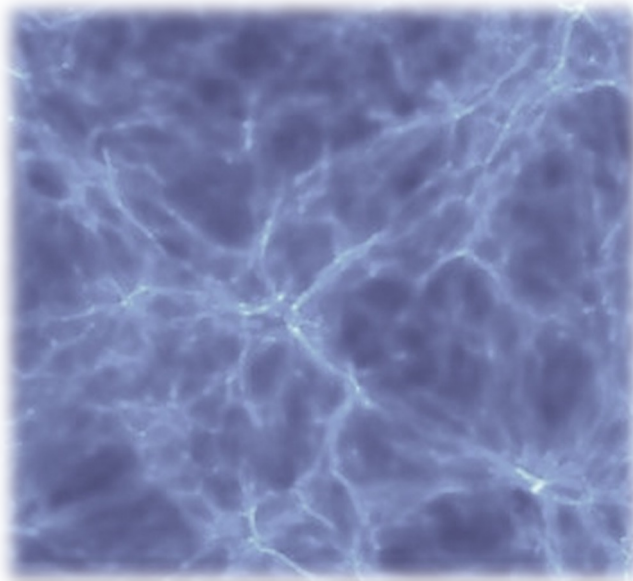


# Motivation 2: Measuring Neutrino Mass w. Lensing

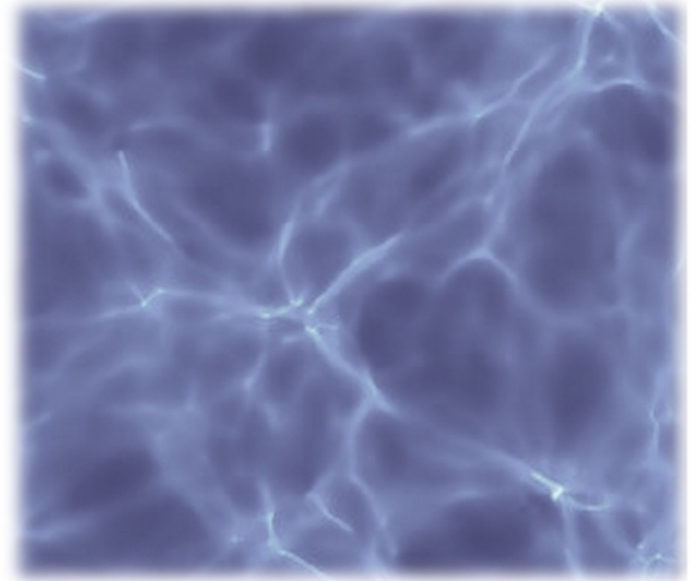
- Neutrino mass affects structure growth: the more massive neutrinos are, the more small-scale growth is suppressed.

Large-scale  
mass  
distribution:

Image:  
Viel++  
2013



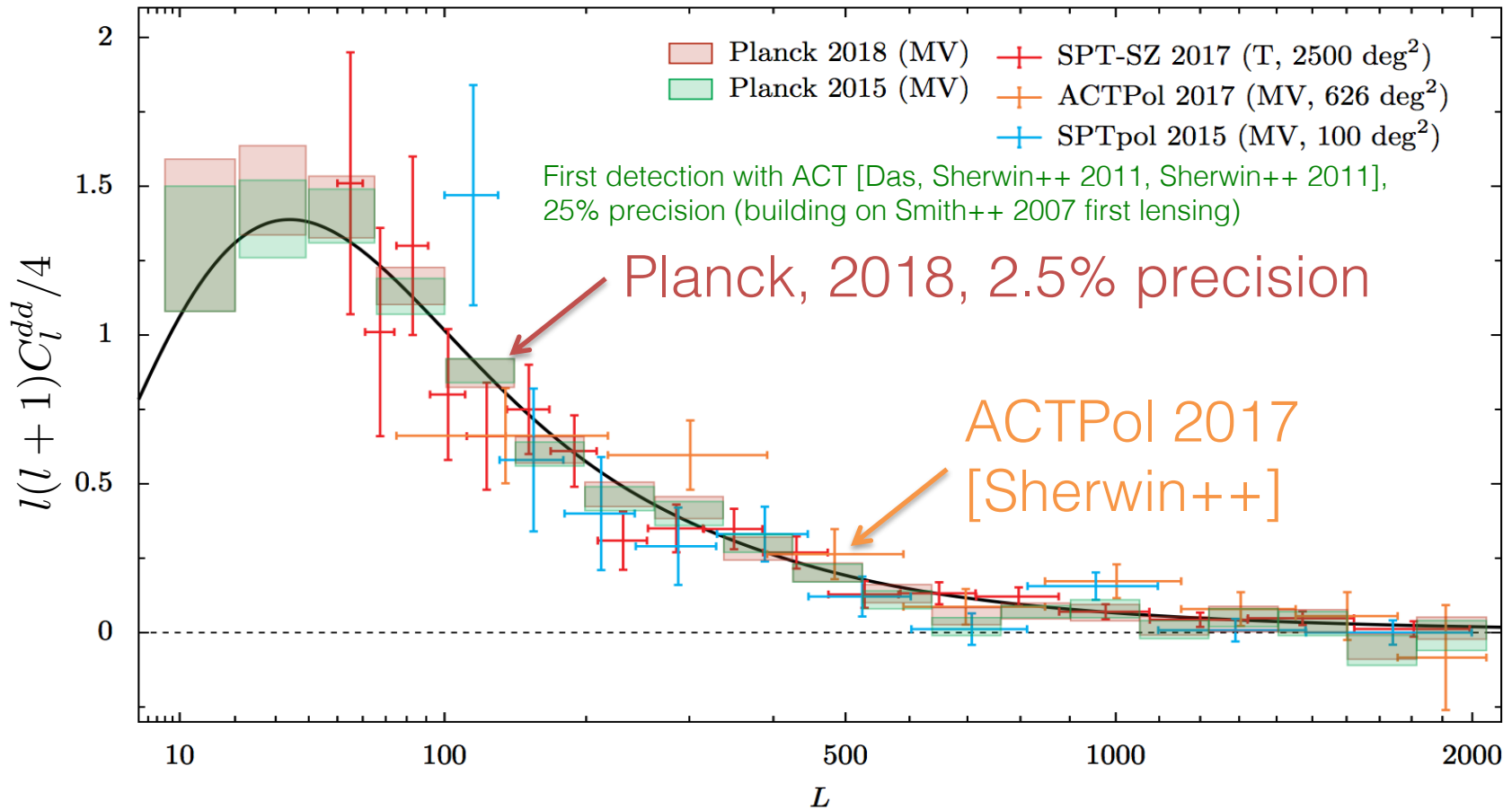
Neutrino Mass Negligible



Neutrino Mass Really Large  
(qualitative)

- Probes approaching 60meV lower limit. Measurement would be significant contribution to neutrino physics program.

# CMB Lensing Power Spectra: From First Measurements...to a Precise Probe

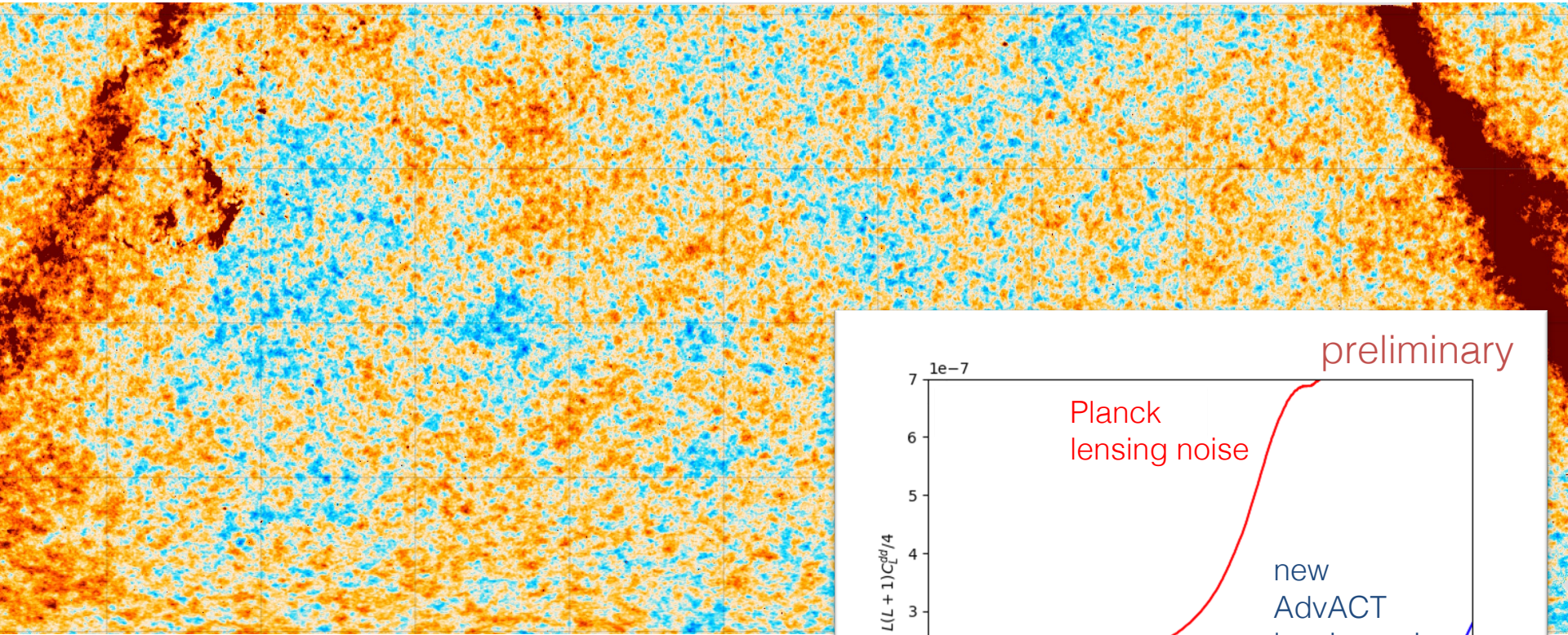


- Rapid progress – but only just beginning. New ground-based experiments such as AdvACT!

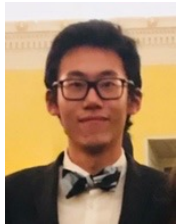
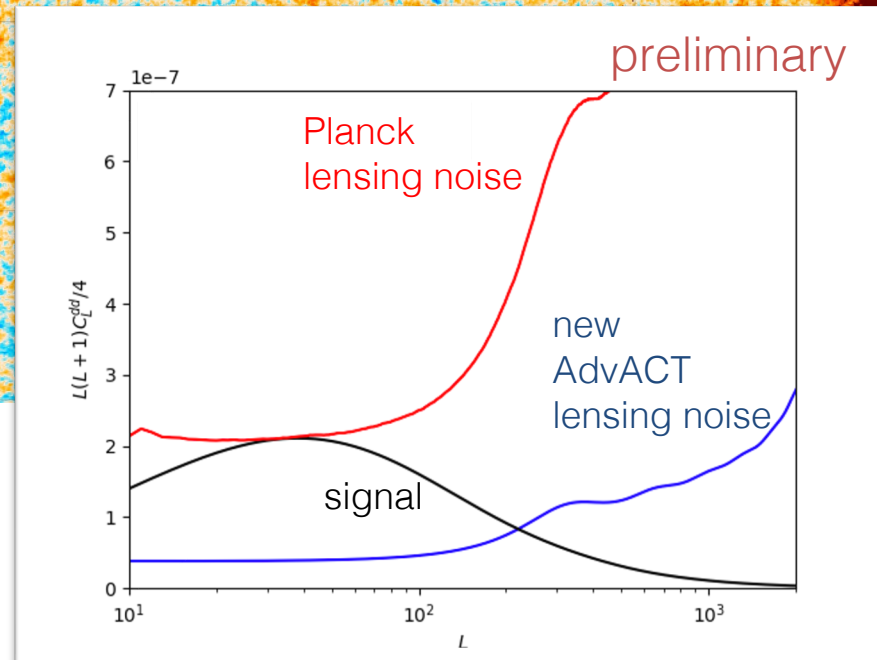


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AdvACT CMB map



- Gives powerful lensing map! ([link](#))

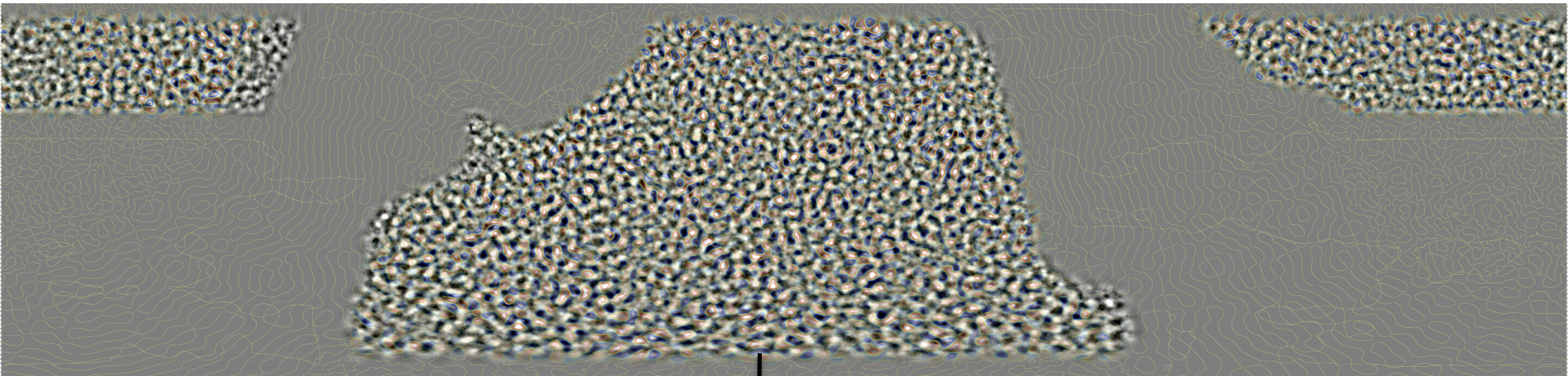


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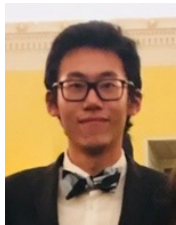


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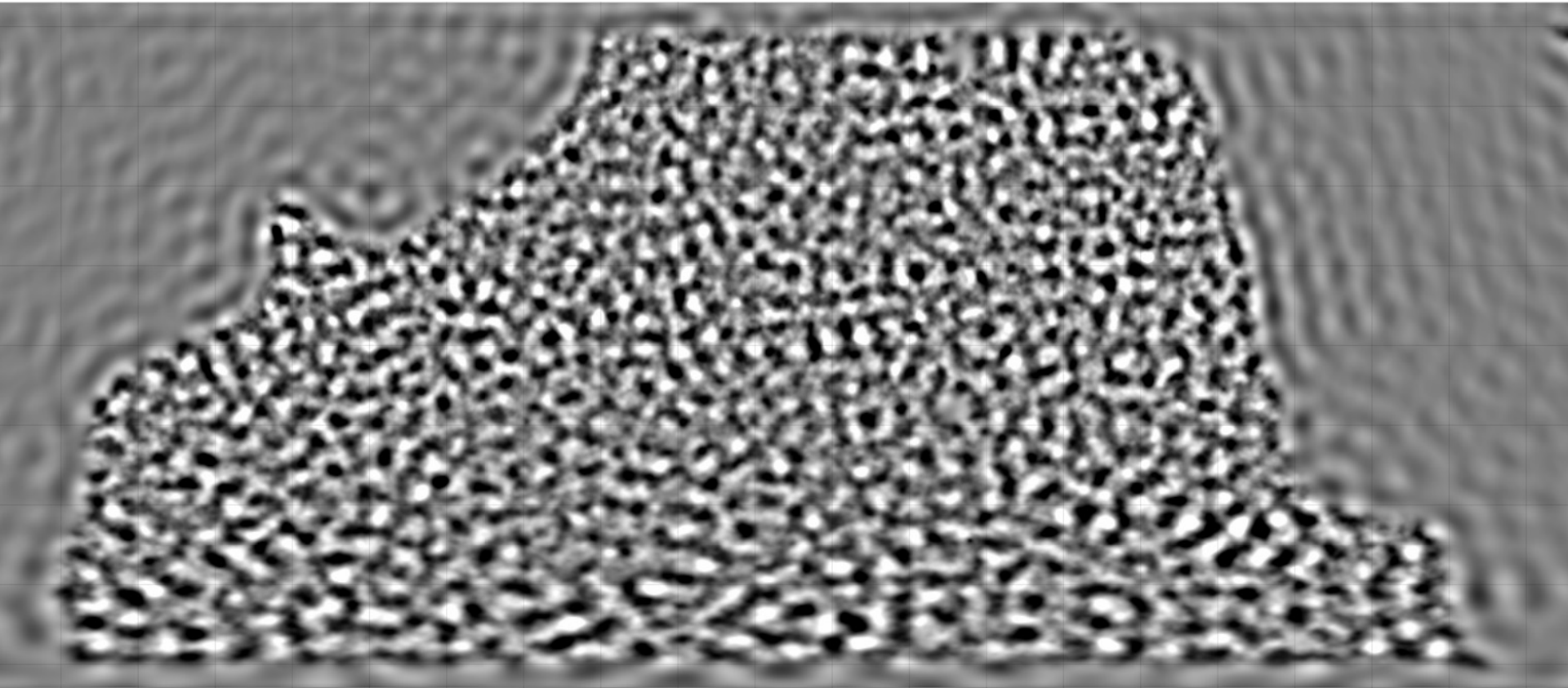
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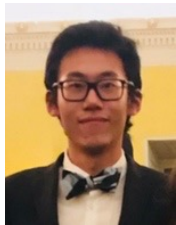
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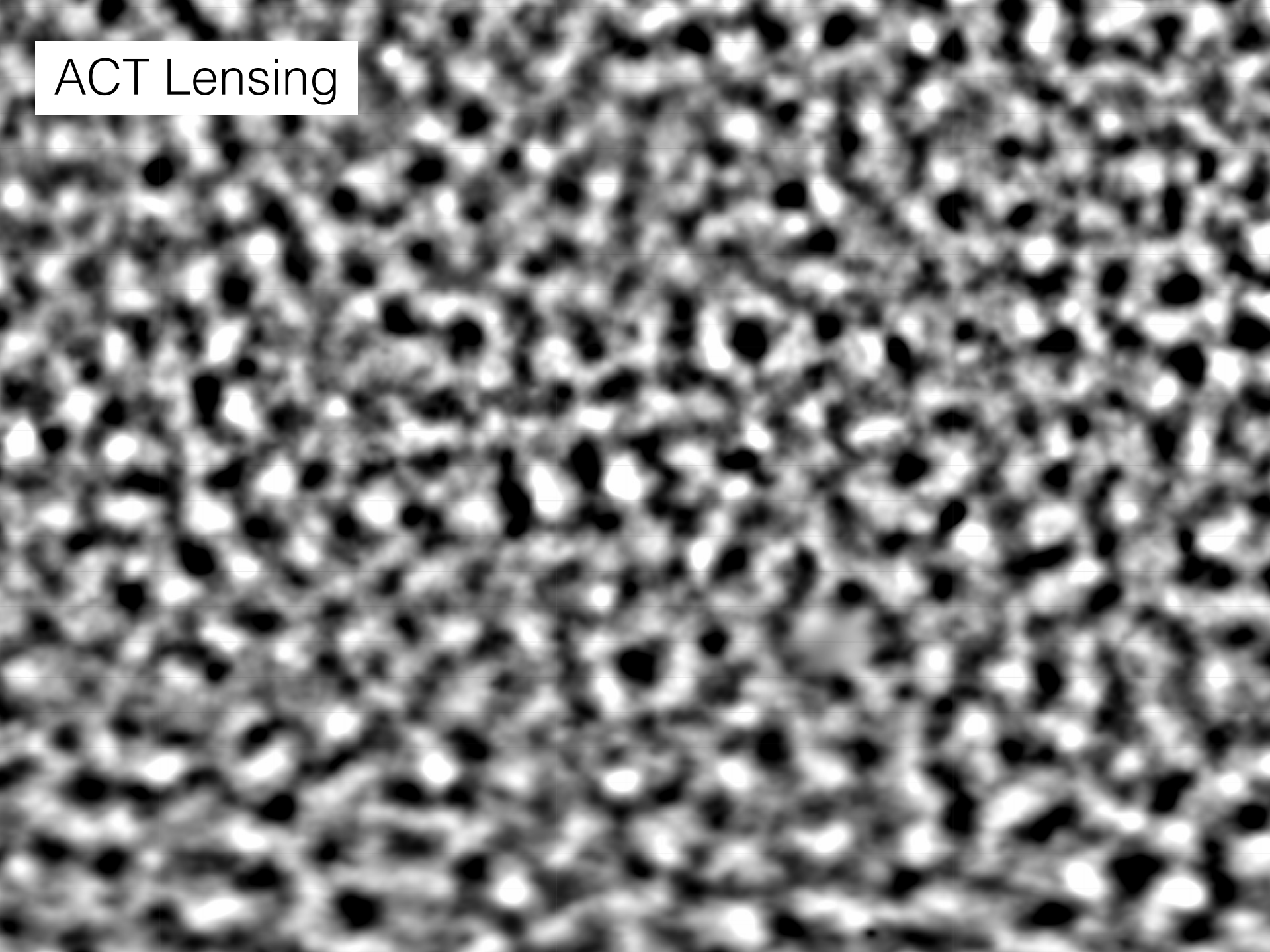
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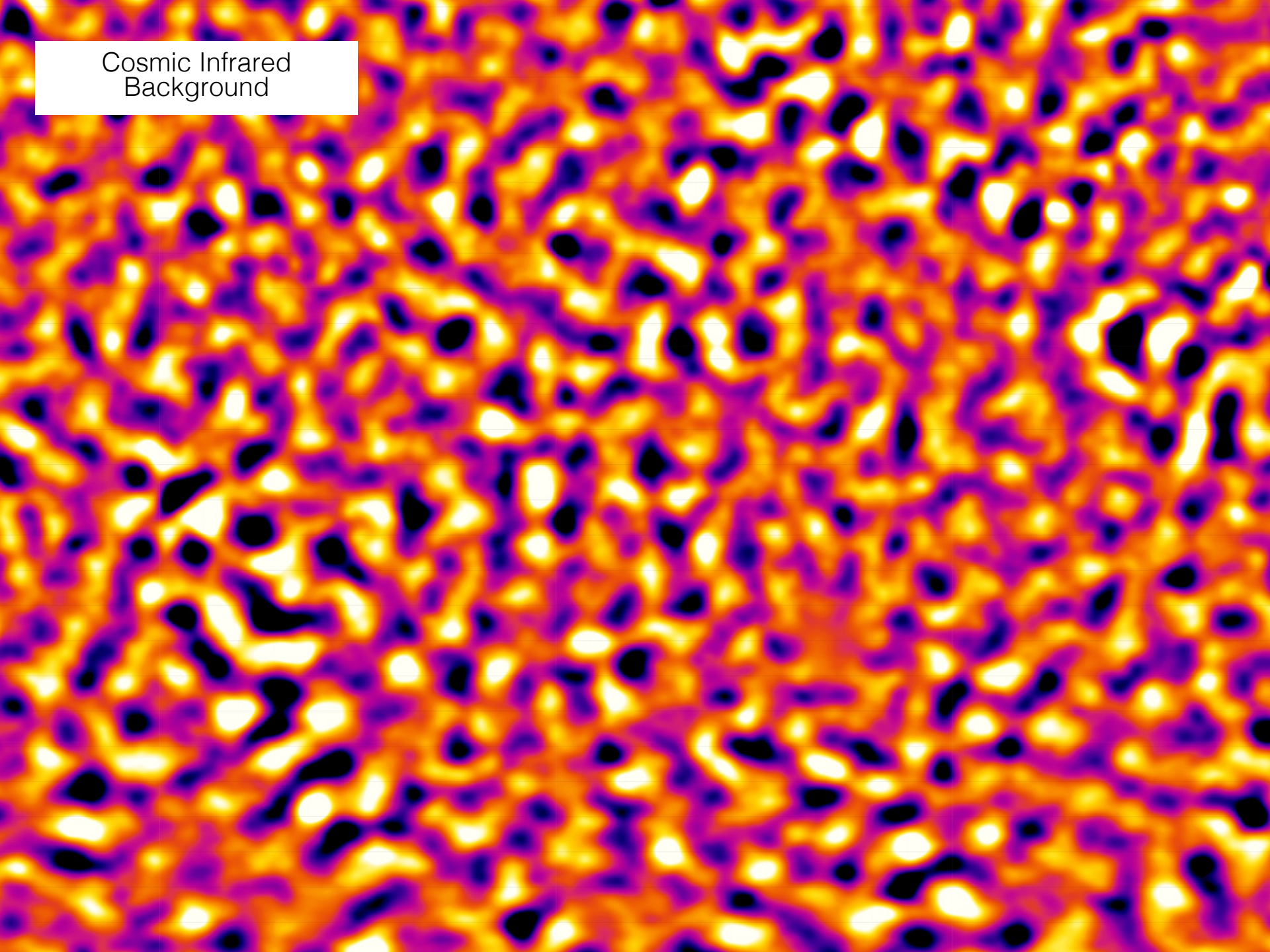


ACT Lensing



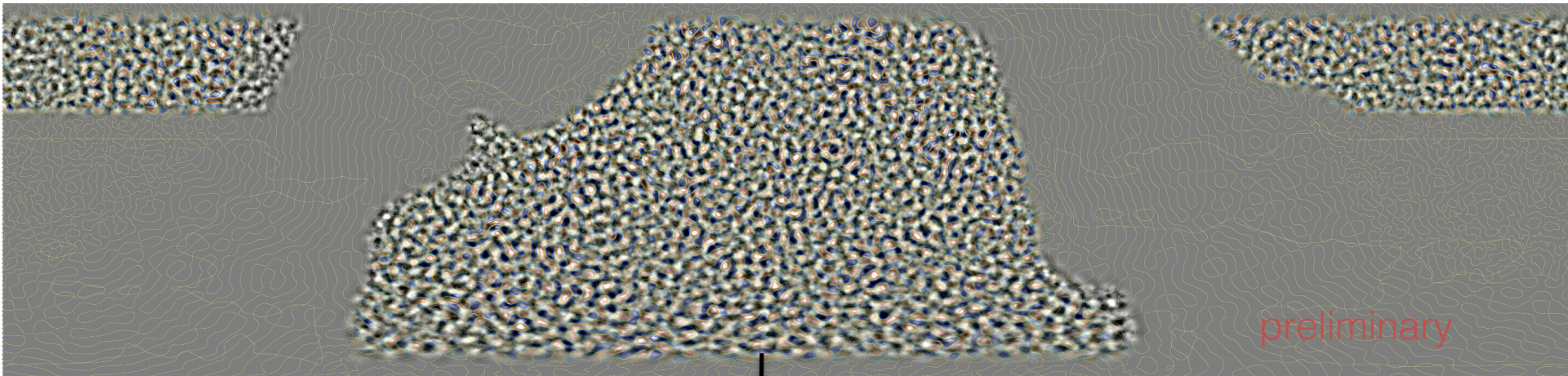


Cosmic Infrared  
Background

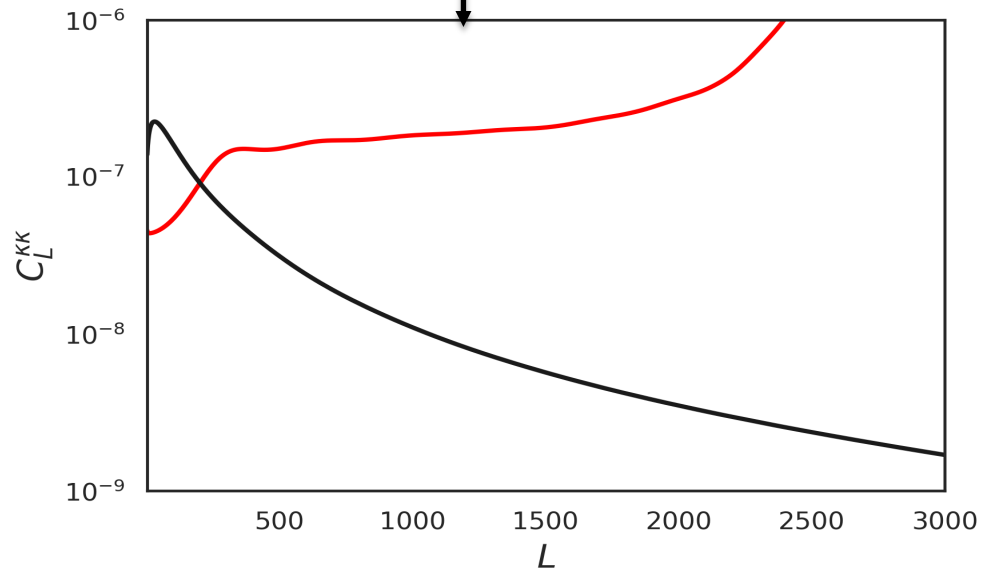




# Measuring the CMB Lensing Power Spectrum



$$C_L^{dd} \sim \langle \hat{d}_L^* \hat{d}_L \rangle - \text{biases} \sim \langle TTTT \rangle - \langle TT \rangle \langle TT \rangle_{\text{gauss}} - \dots$$

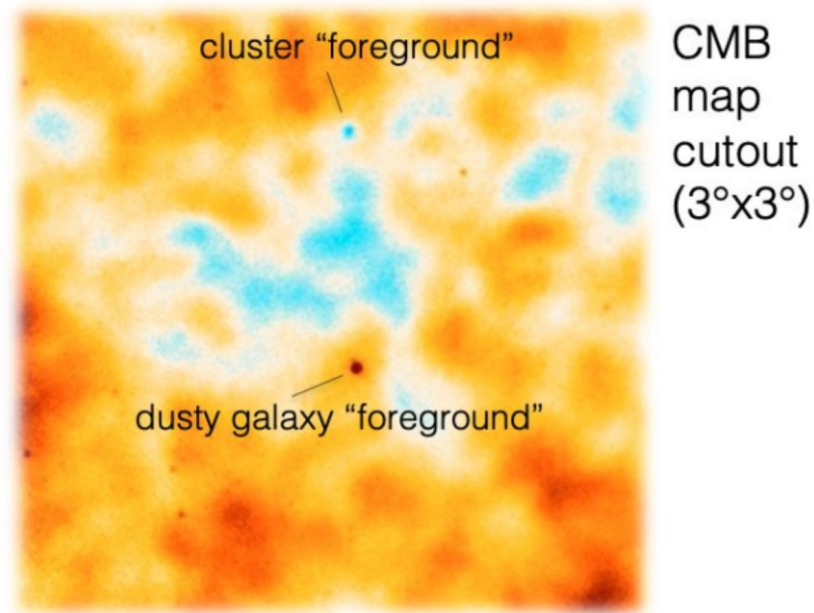


[Qu++ in prep.]



# Key challenge: foreground mitigation

- Lensing power estimated via trispectrum, but foregrounds also contribute: biases!  
[N.B. our  $l_{\max}=3000$ ]
- Foregrounds  $F$  include: CIB, SZ, radio sources..., correlated with lensing.
- How to mitigate?



$$T(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = T^{CMB}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) + F(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$$

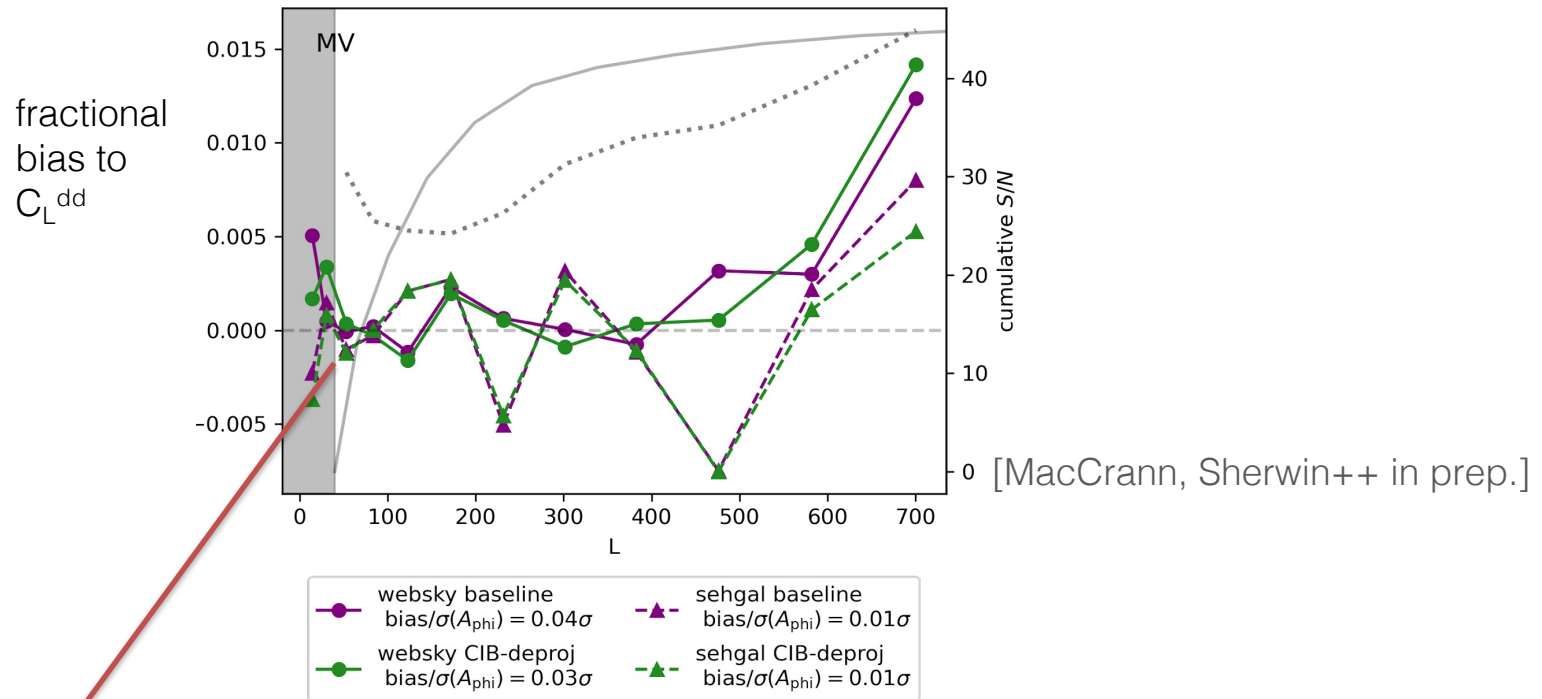
$$\hat{C}_L^{dd} \sim \langle Q[TT]Q[TT] \rangle$$

$$\sim C_L^{dd} + \langle Q[FF]Q[FF] \rangle + 2\langle Q[FF] d \rangle + \dots$$

# Mitigation I: Simulate Bias Estimates

- AdvACT lensing: two primary mitigation methods
  - Geometric method: profile-bias-hardening
  - Multifrequency: CIB deprojection + above

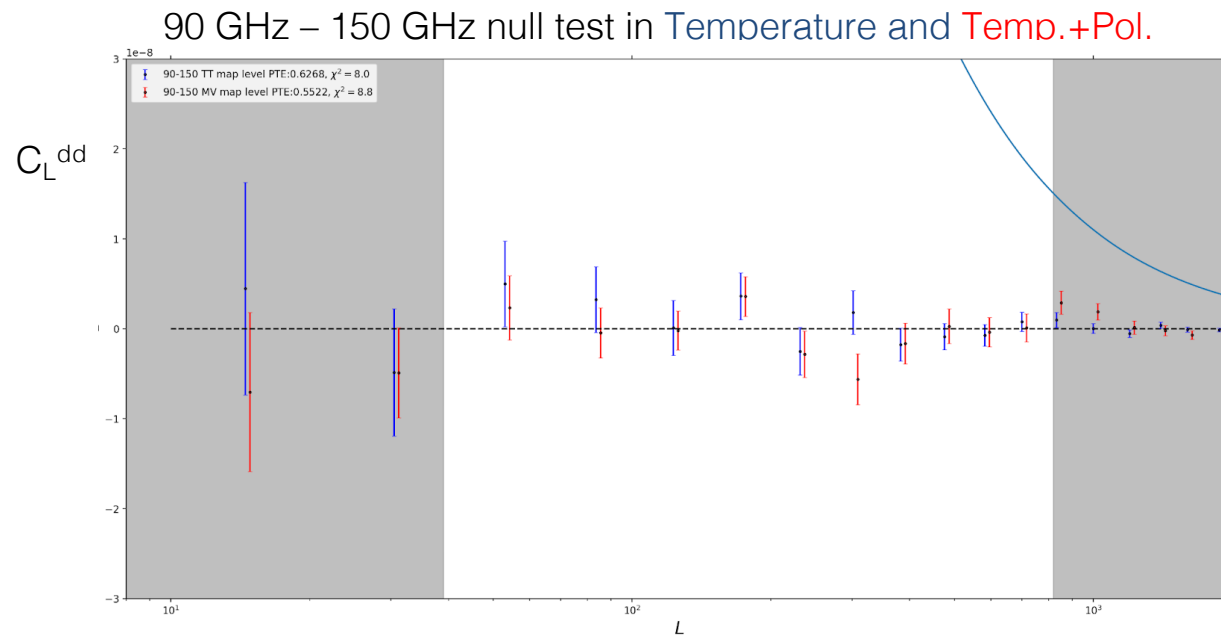
[Namikawa++2011, Osborne++2012, Sailor++2022; Darwish, Madhavacheril, Sherwin++2021, Darwish, Sherwin++2022...]



→ Simulated biases negligible in both methods (2 different sims)

# Mitigation II: Tests in Data

- Cross-check lensing spectrum between methods
- Check consistency of lensing in 90 and 150 GHz maps



[MacCrann, Sherwin++ in prep.]

→ Consistent power spectra for all mitigation methods and frequencies

# Null and systematic test suite

High precision so need to be careful. Null tests and systematics checks needed!

Main worries: beams, noise sim issues, foregrounds.

Array  
difference

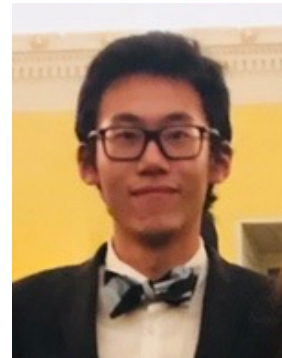
Temperature  
vs polarization

Frequency  
difference

Curl  
deflection

Sky region  
difference

Noise only  
map



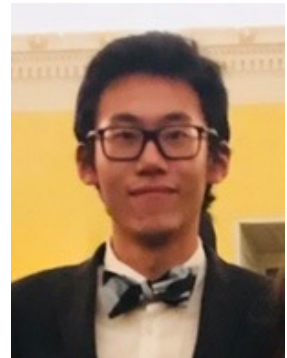
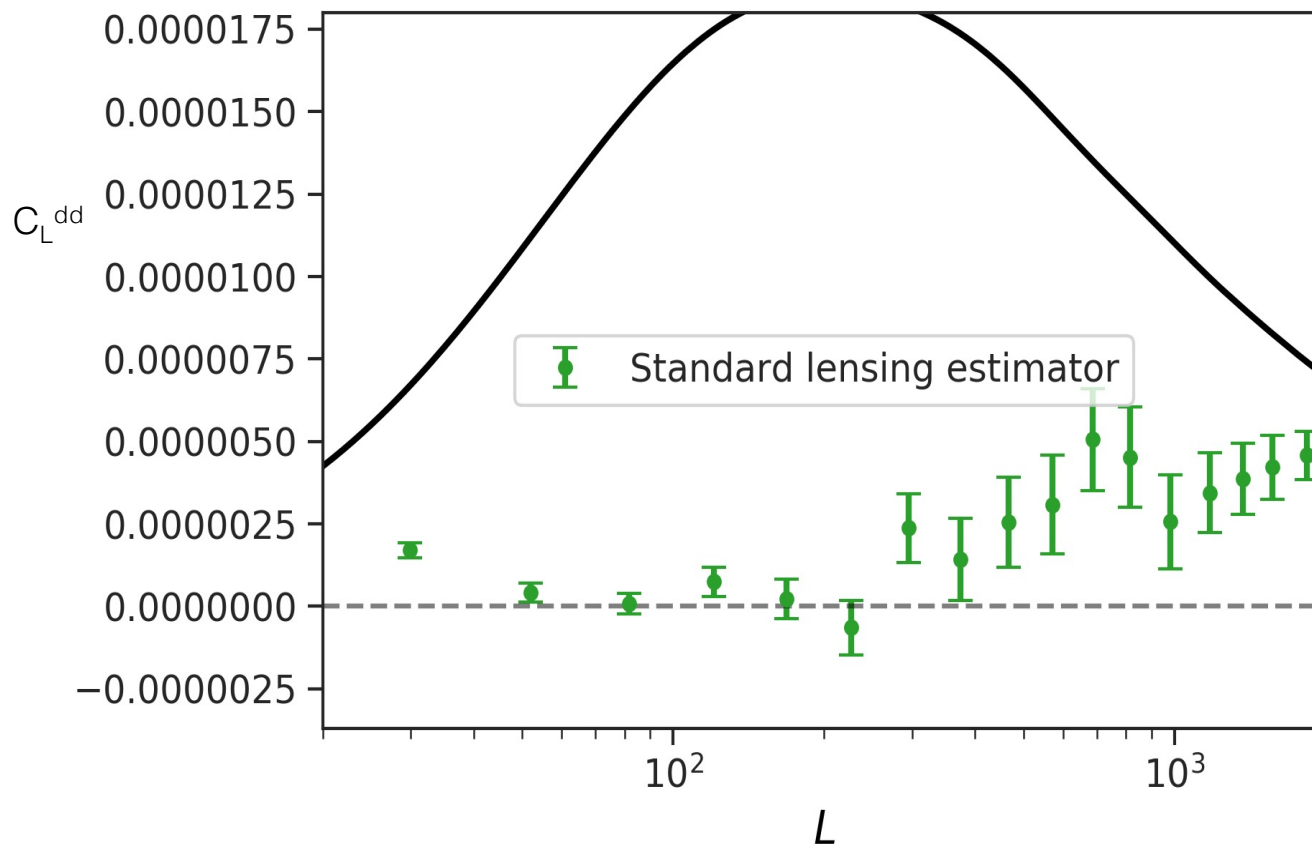
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... (200+ tests)



# Null test problems...

- Problem: getting biased results from even basic null with data noise, despite advanced methods??

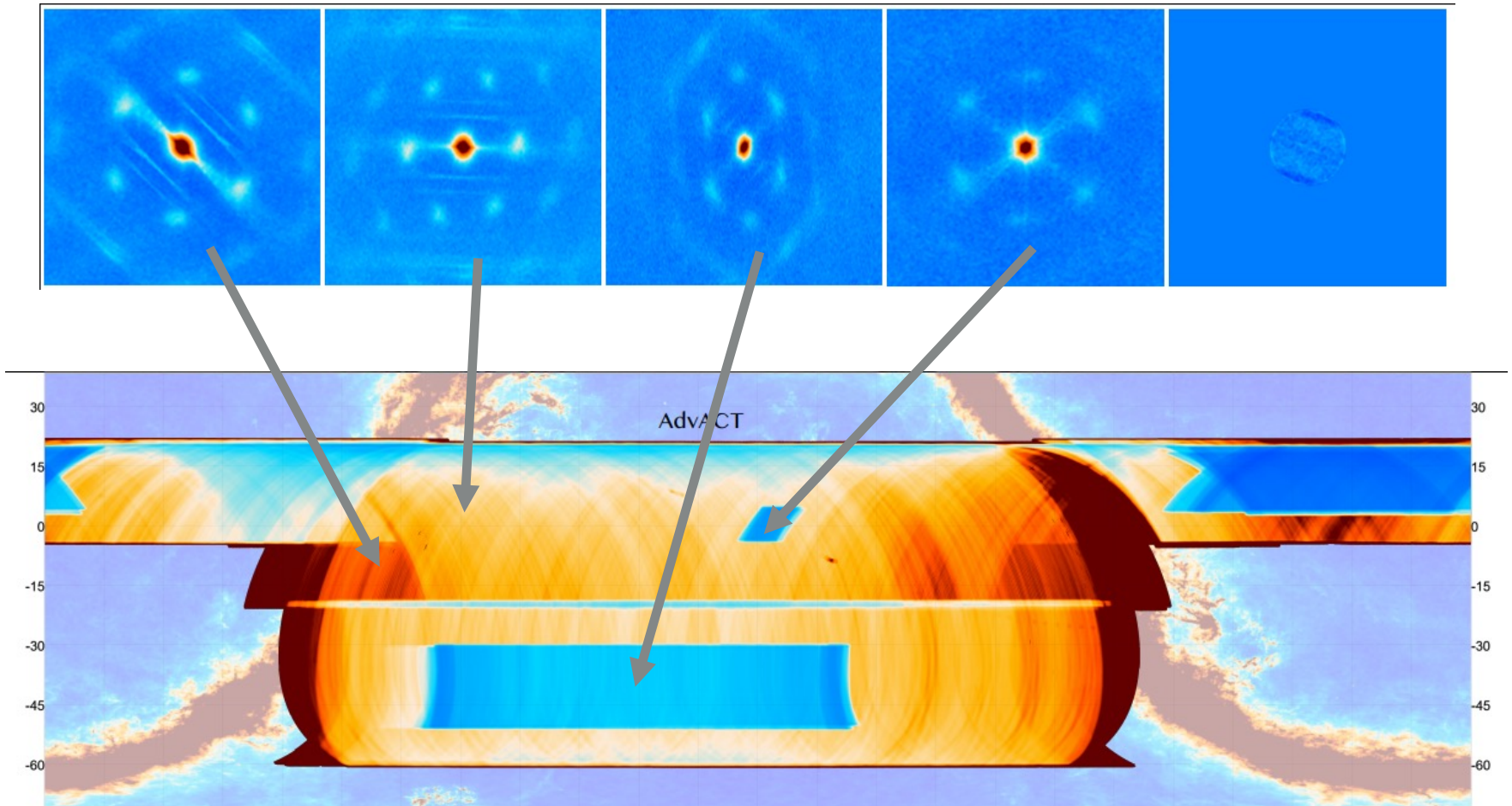


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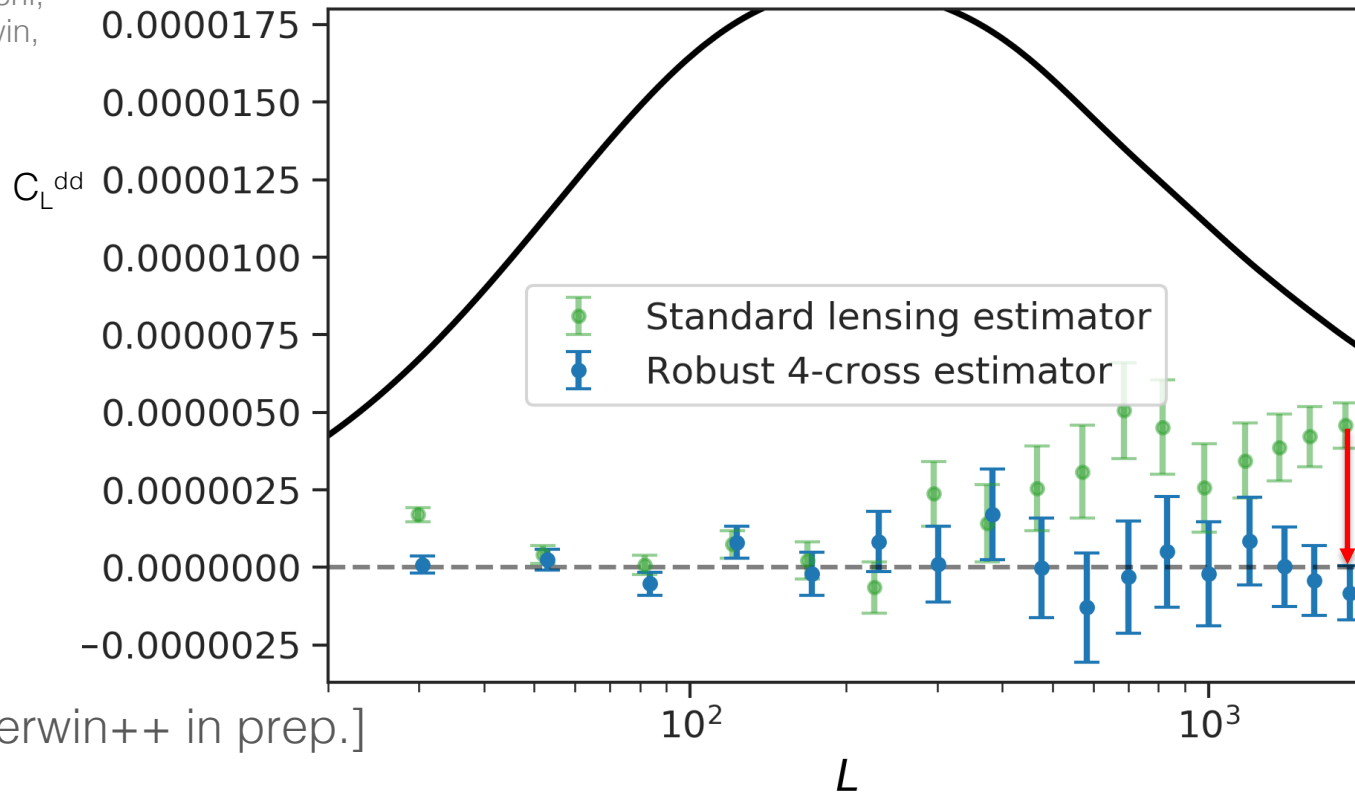
- Ground-based noise is very complicated to model



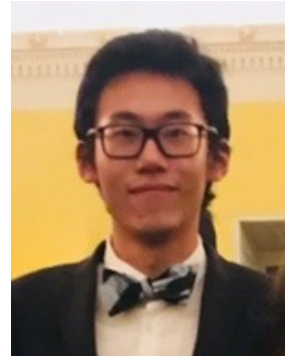
# and solutions

- Solution: new cross-estimator method. Divide data into independent splits, use only different crosses (combinatorics non-trivial).  $C_L^{dd} \sim \langle T_1 T_2 T_3 T_4 \rangle$

[Madhavacheril,  
Smith, Sherwin,  
Naess 20]



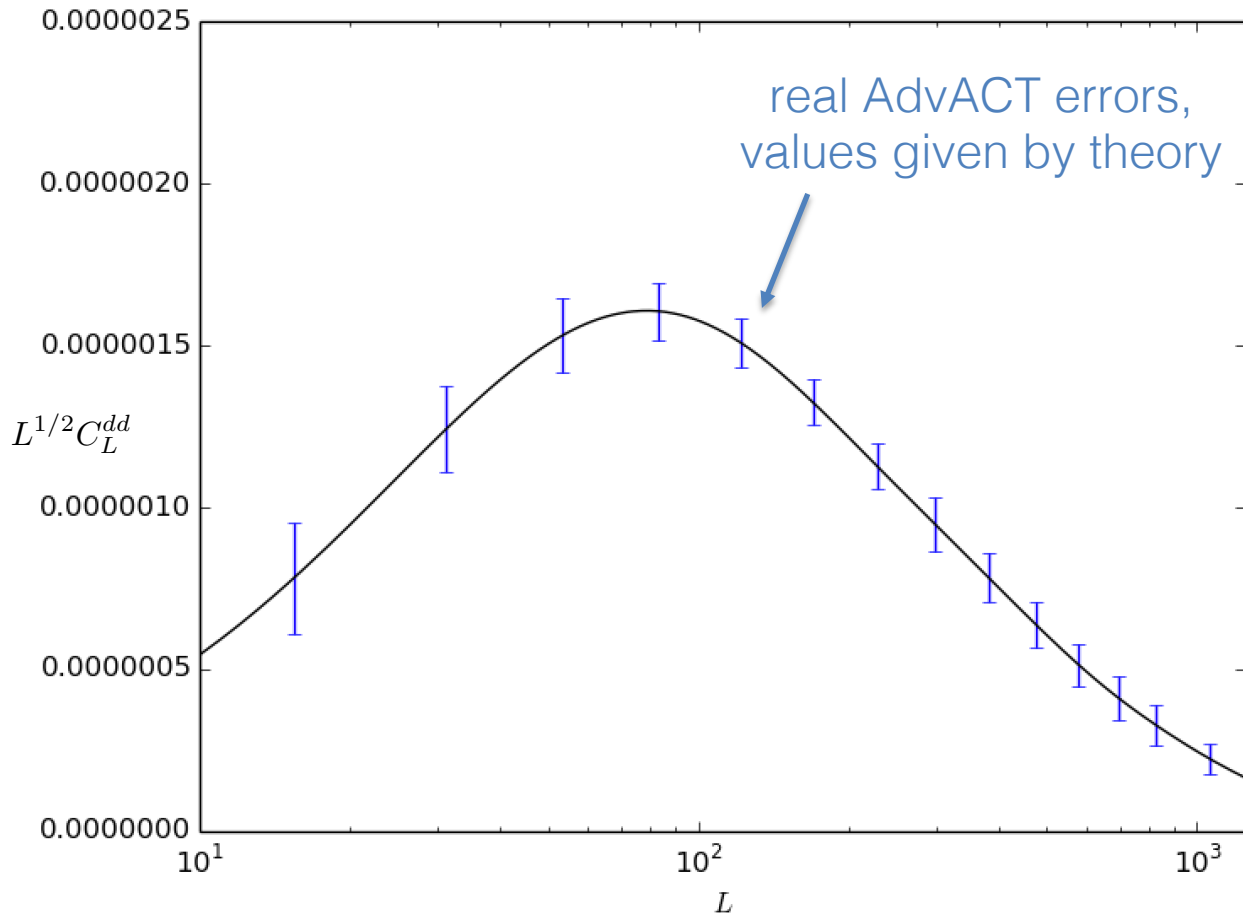
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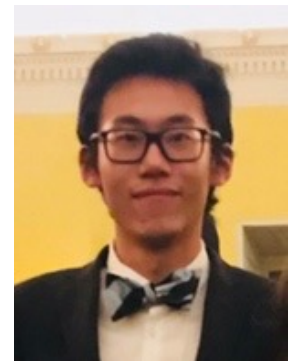
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- Suite of 200+ null tests now (finally) all looking good!

# New AdvACT lensing power spectrum errors



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preliminary

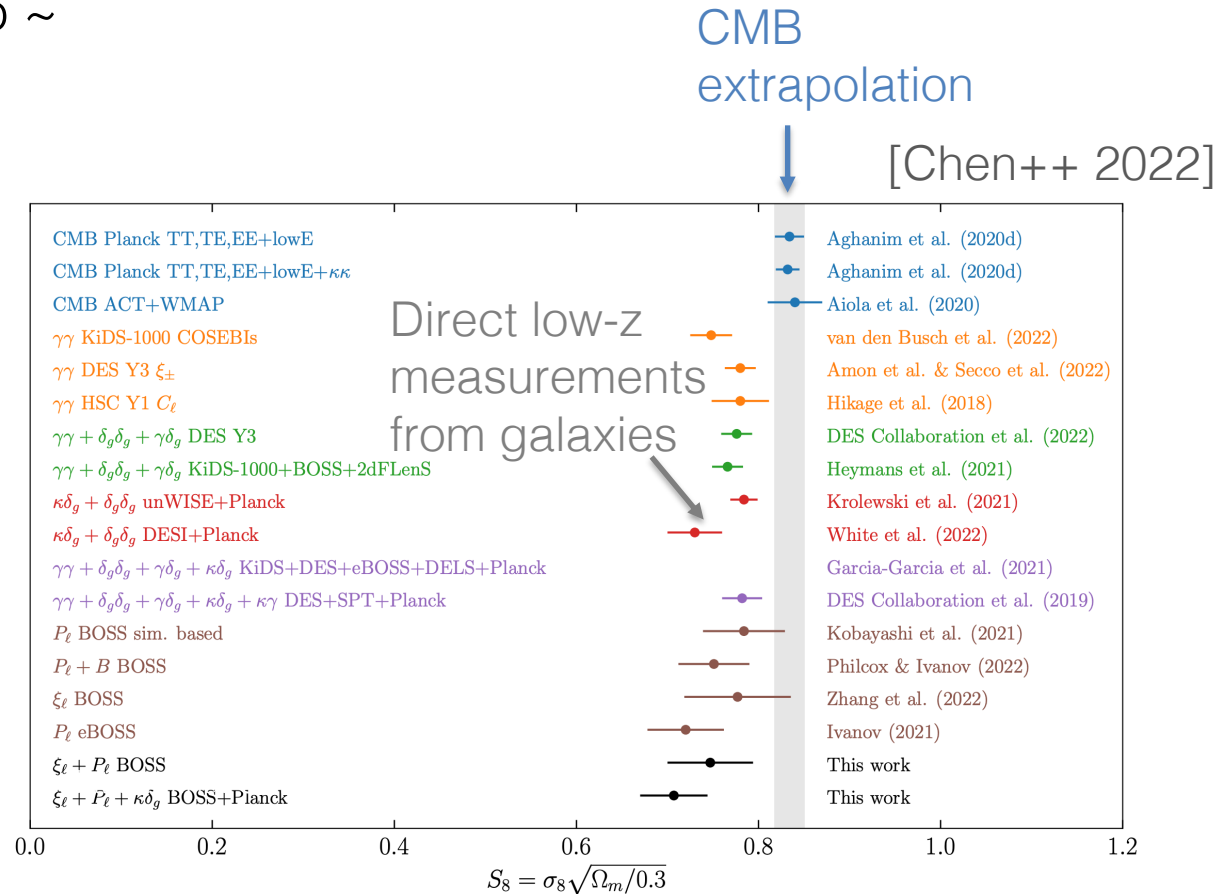
- SNR  $\sim 42-44$  (state of the art)

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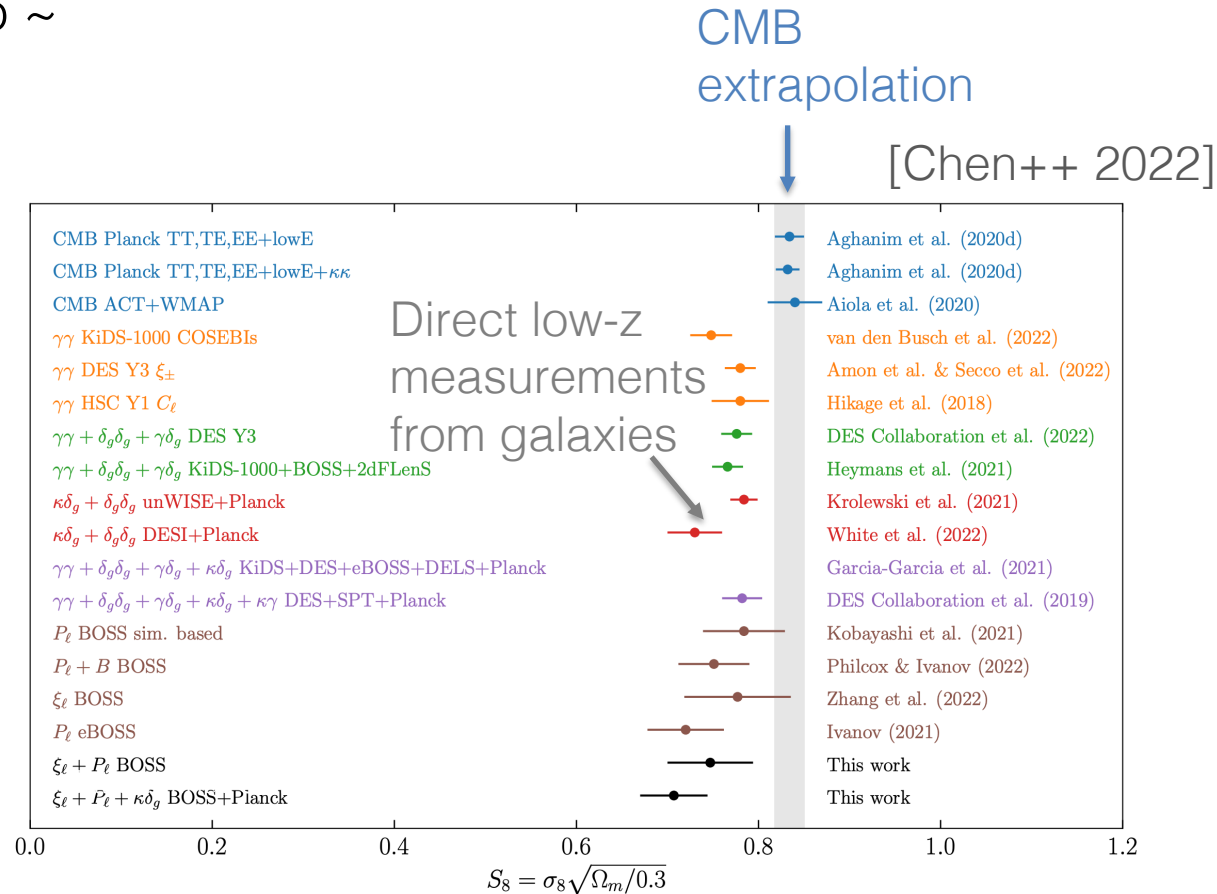
- Constraints:  $\sigma_8 \left( \frac{\Omega_m}{0.3} \right)^{0.25}$  to  $\sim$
- ACT+BAO  $\sigma_8$  to  $\sim$



- Further insight into  $\sigma_8$  tension very soon with new ACT results!

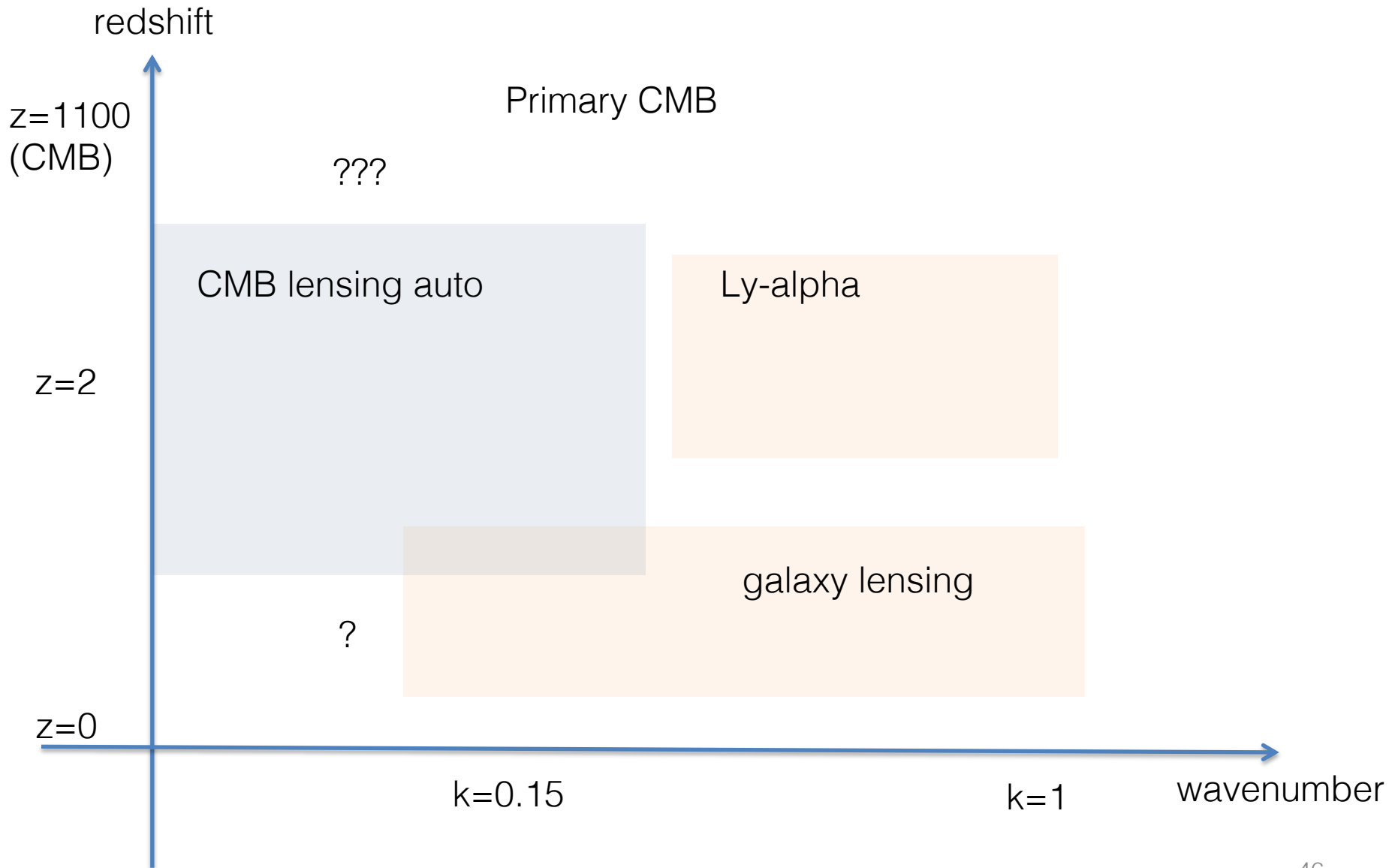
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- And: new, tightest (?) constraints on neutrino mass of 70 meV (with BOSS BAO) or 40 meV (with DESI BAO.) C.f. minimum 60 meV

# Probing structure growth vs. redshift and scale



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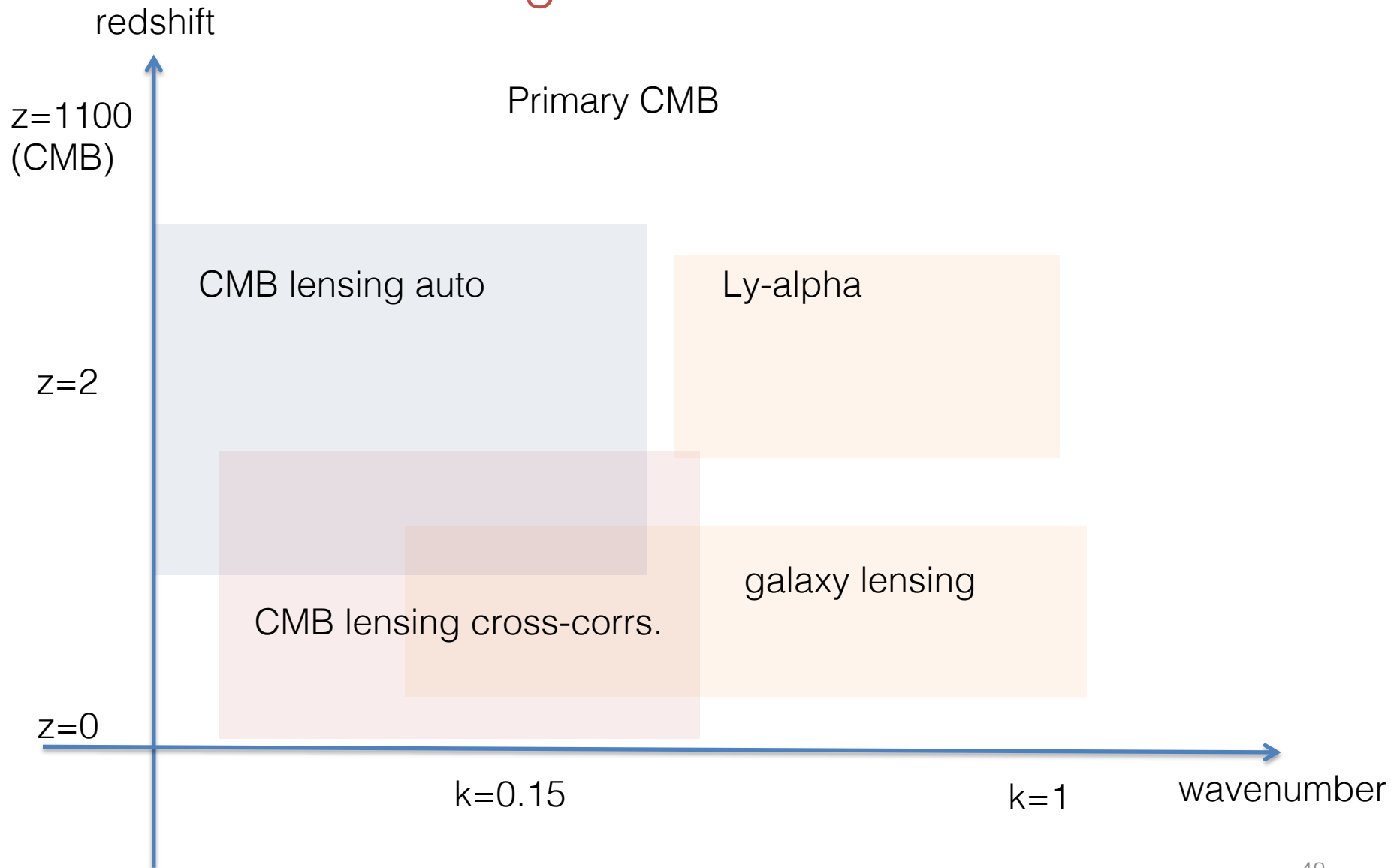
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With Gerrit Farren, Frank Qu, Alex Krolewski, Simone Ferraro++

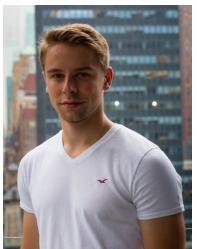


# Testing for new physics in structure formation at both high and low redshifts



# Low-redshift structure growth with cross-correlations

- Lensing tomography:  $C_L^{dg} \propto b\sigma_8(z)^2$ ;  $C_L^{gg} \propto b^2\sigma_8(z)^2$ ;  $\rightarrow \sigma_8(z)$   
[Farren++ in prep.]



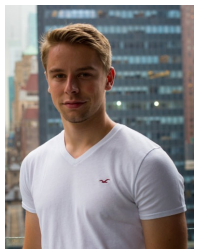
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# Low-redshift structure growth with cross-correlations

- E.g., UnWISE x AdvACT lensing cross-correlation data:

[Farren++ in prep.]

- Comparable constraints but from  $z \sim 0.6-1$ , S8 to  $\sim \pm$  . Soon!



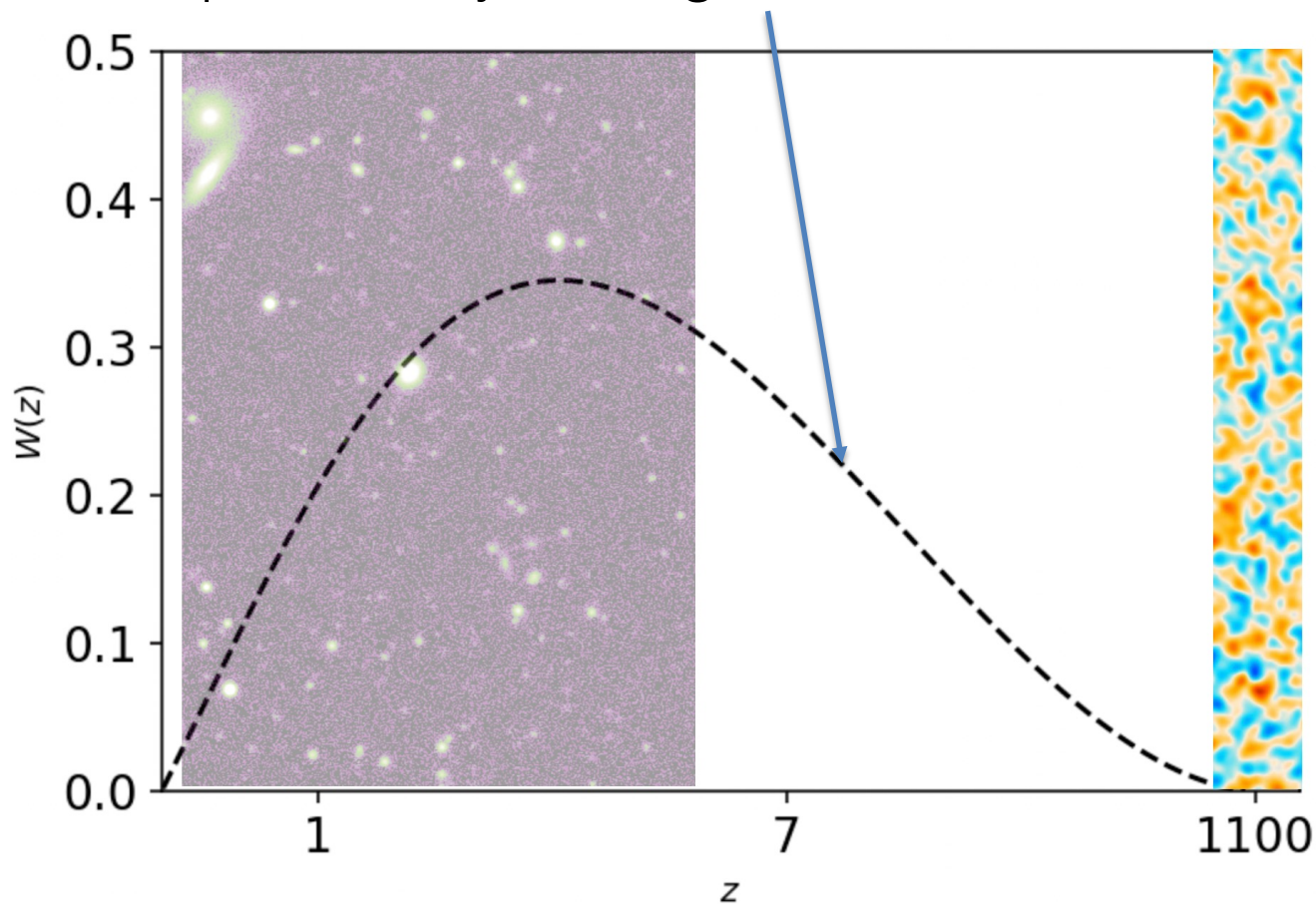
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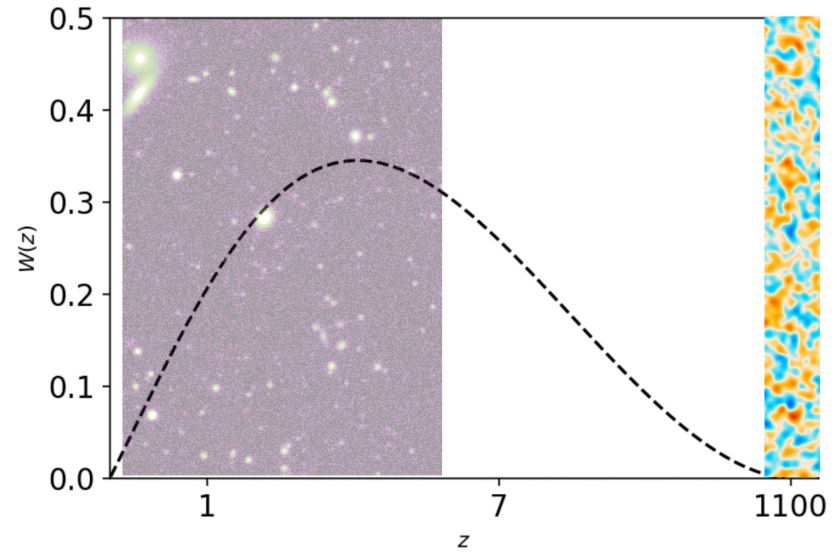
# Forecasting opportunities at high- $z$

- Lensing maps probe matter density, projected over a wide redshift range peaking at  $z \sim 2$ . Unique  $z > 5$  reach!
- How can I probe only the high- $z$  structure?



# Towards high-z only mass maps

- Galaxy surveys will span a broad redshift range
- Idea: subtract suitably scaled low-z galaxy maps to remove low-z contribution to lensing



$$\hat{\kappa}_{\mathbf{L}}^{clean} = \hat{\kappa}_{\mathbf{L}} - c(\mathbf{L}) \hat{X}_{\mathbf{L}}$$

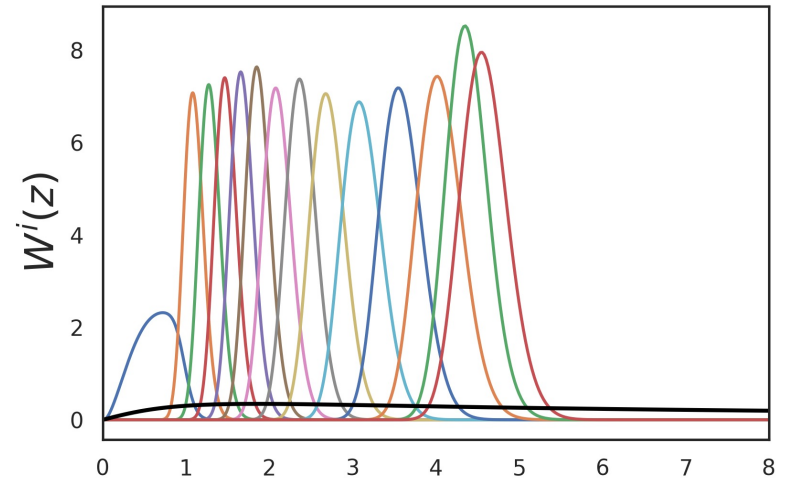
Filter     Galaxy tracer

$$c(\mathbf{L}) = \frac{C_L^{\kappa X}}{C_L^{XX}}$$

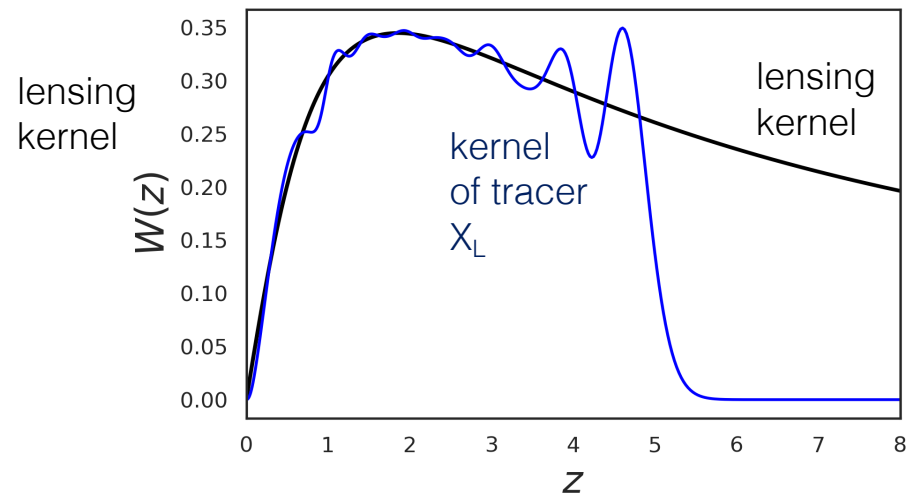
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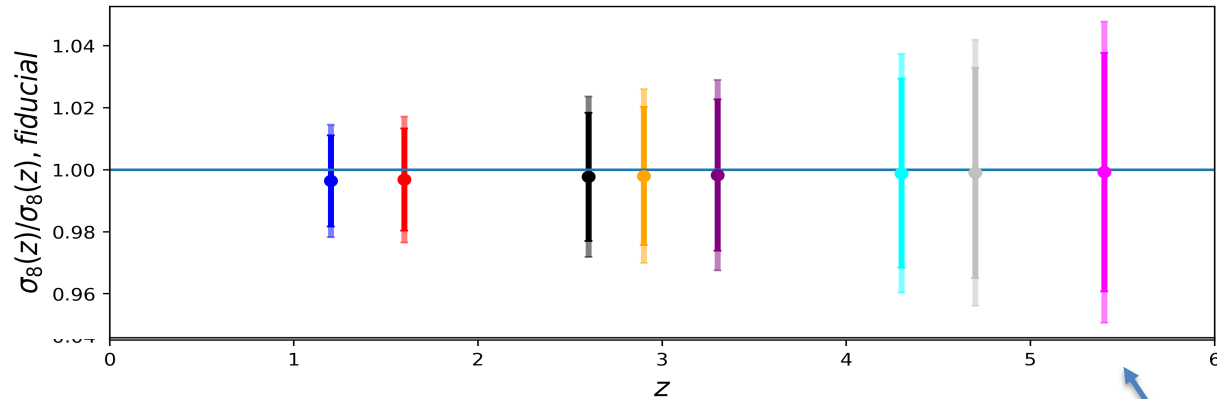
- Construct tracer field by combining LSS tracers in narrow  $z$  bins
- Weights to match low- $z$  lensing can be obtained empirically from spectra



$z$   
Weights  
From all  
Spectra



# Tracking structure growth from high to low $z$ with CMB lensing (forecast)

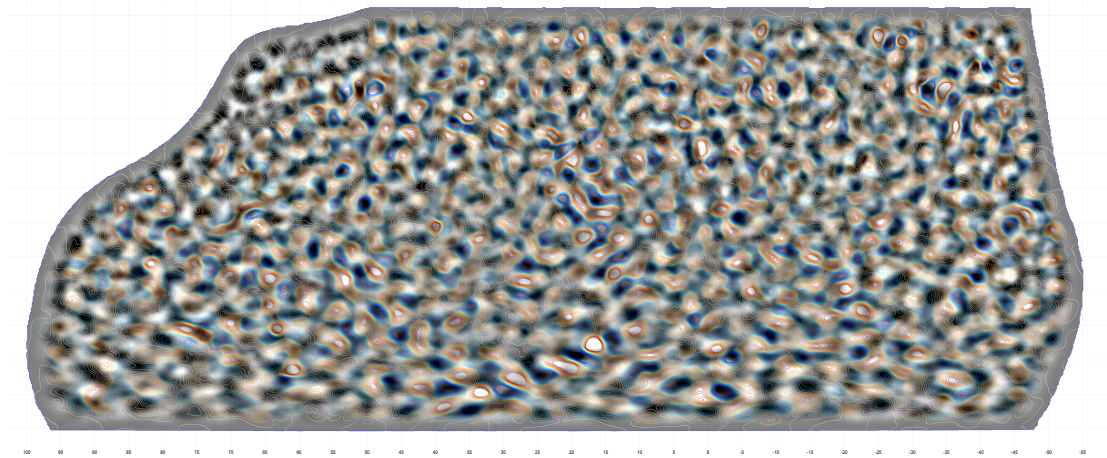


- Cleaned lensing kernels have negligible support at low- $z$ . Can measure direct high- $z$  lensing spectrum
- Demonstration planned with ACT. Forecast 4% measurement of  $S_8$  at  $z \sim 5$  with CMB-S4 and LSST



# Summary

- ACT DR6 will be an exciting release with 10x more data than DR4
- From DR6 we have new lensing maps and spectra, powerful probes of structure growth in auto- and cross-correlation
- Stay tuned for state-of-the-art  $S8(z)$  + neutrino masses in next months!

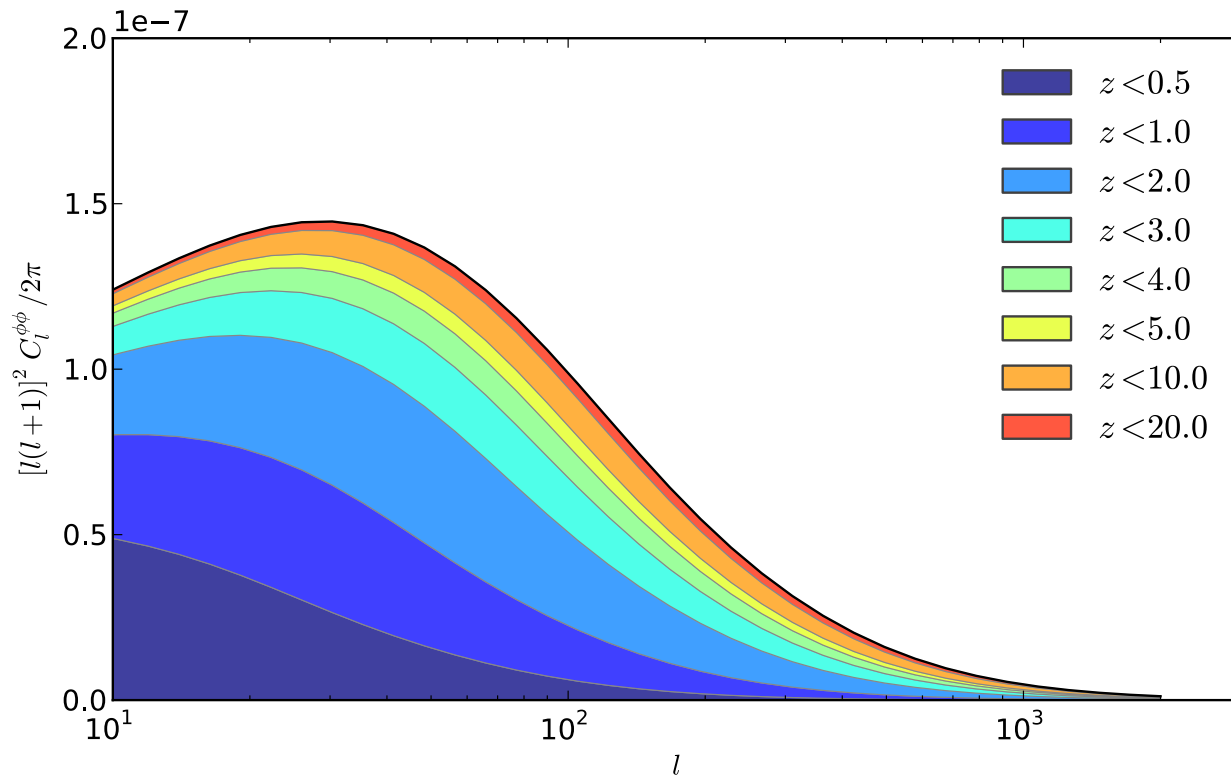


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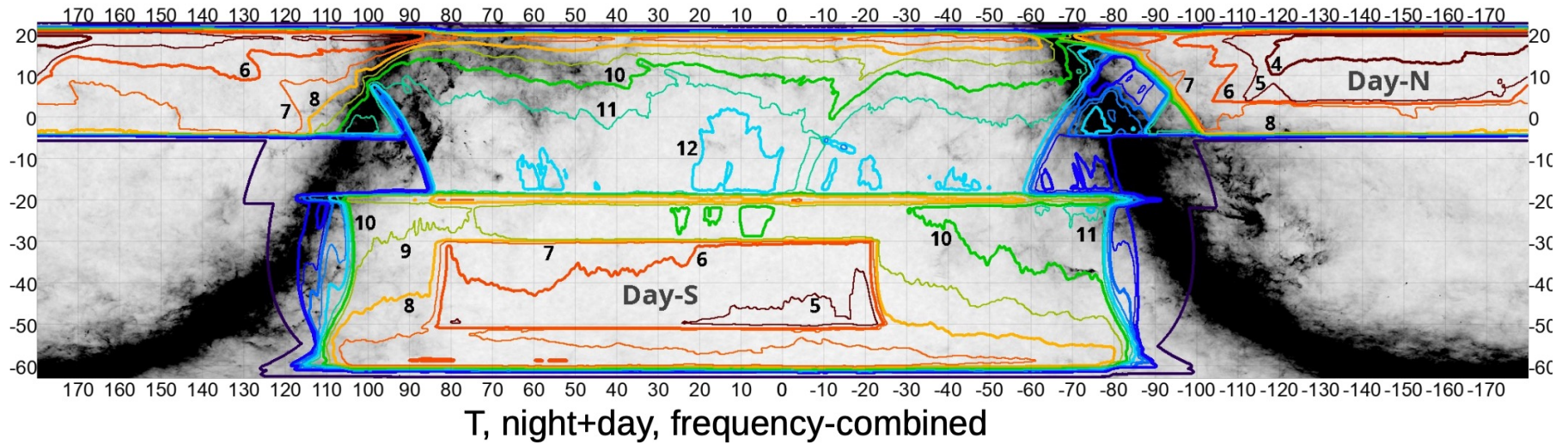
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# Redshift Distribution

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- Some tomography vs. scale possible!

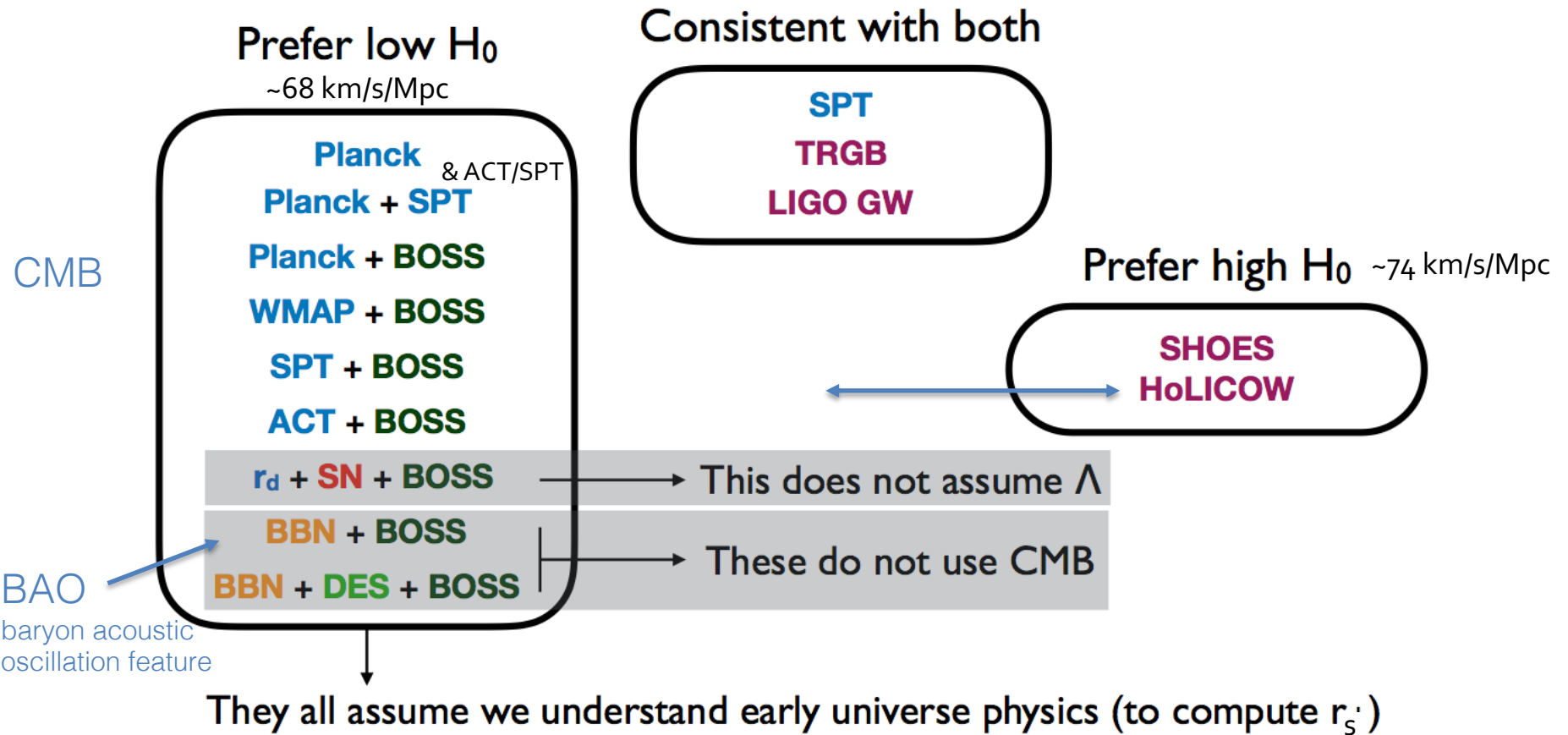


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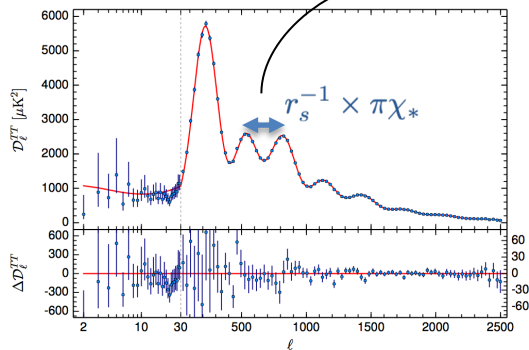
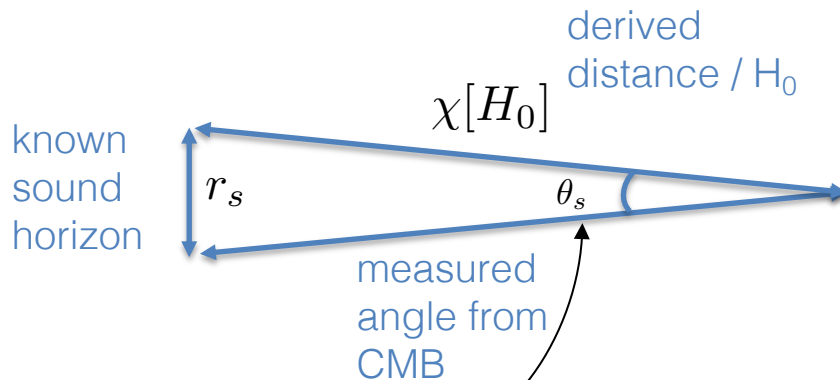
# Hubble tension: not just one probe (?)

Figure credit: A. Font-Ribera





# Measuring Hubble with CMB: Sound Horizon Importance



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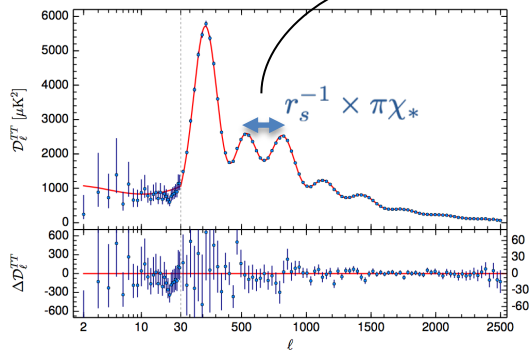
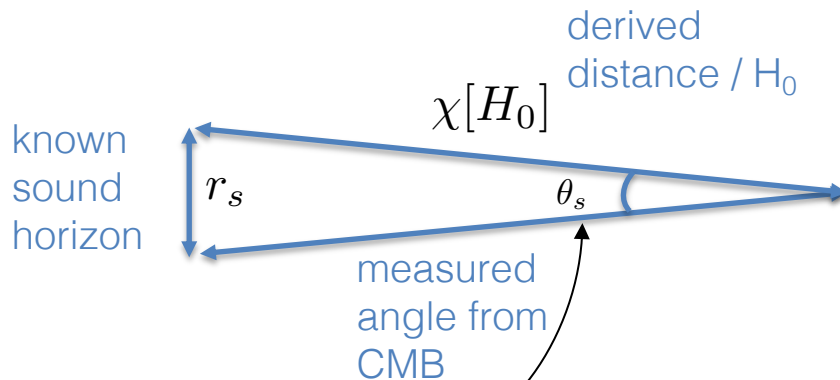
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sound speed
- Measure angle  $\theta_s$  and infer distance  $\chi[H_0] \sim r_s/\theta_s$ 

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- Distance[ $H_0$ ]  
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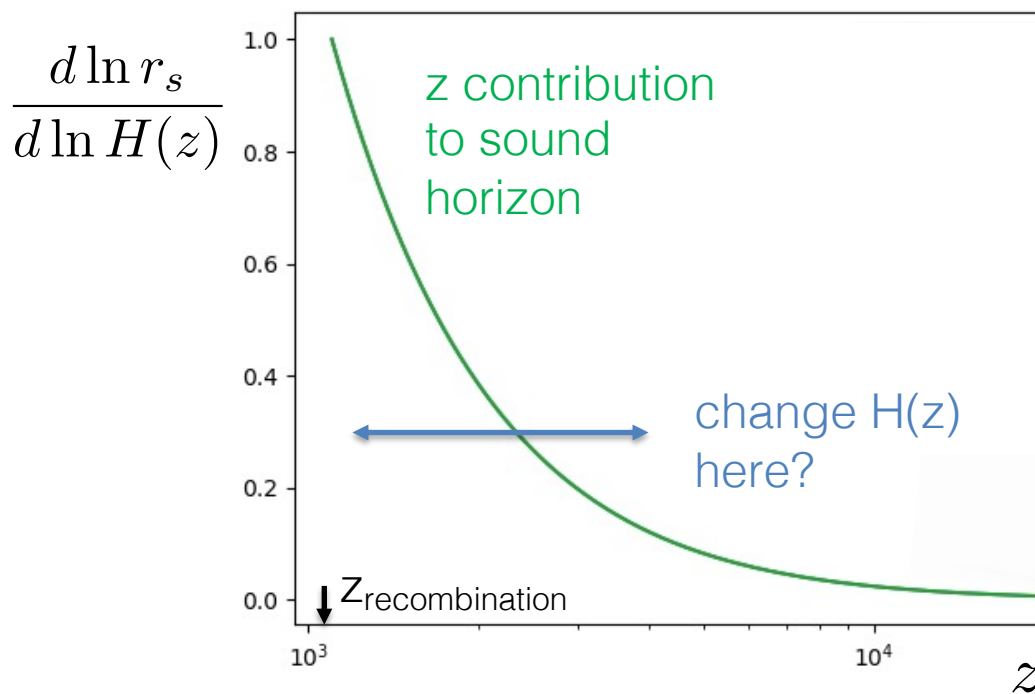
Idea for resolving tension: is new physics changing  $r_s$  ?

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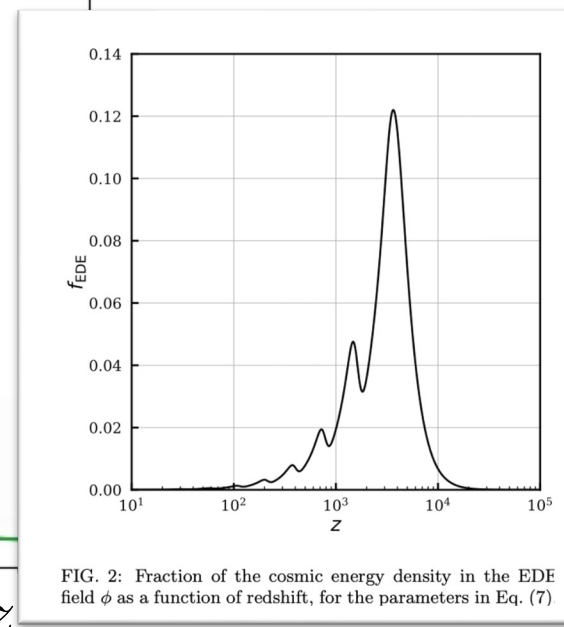
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[Knox + Millea 2019]



e.g. early dark energy...

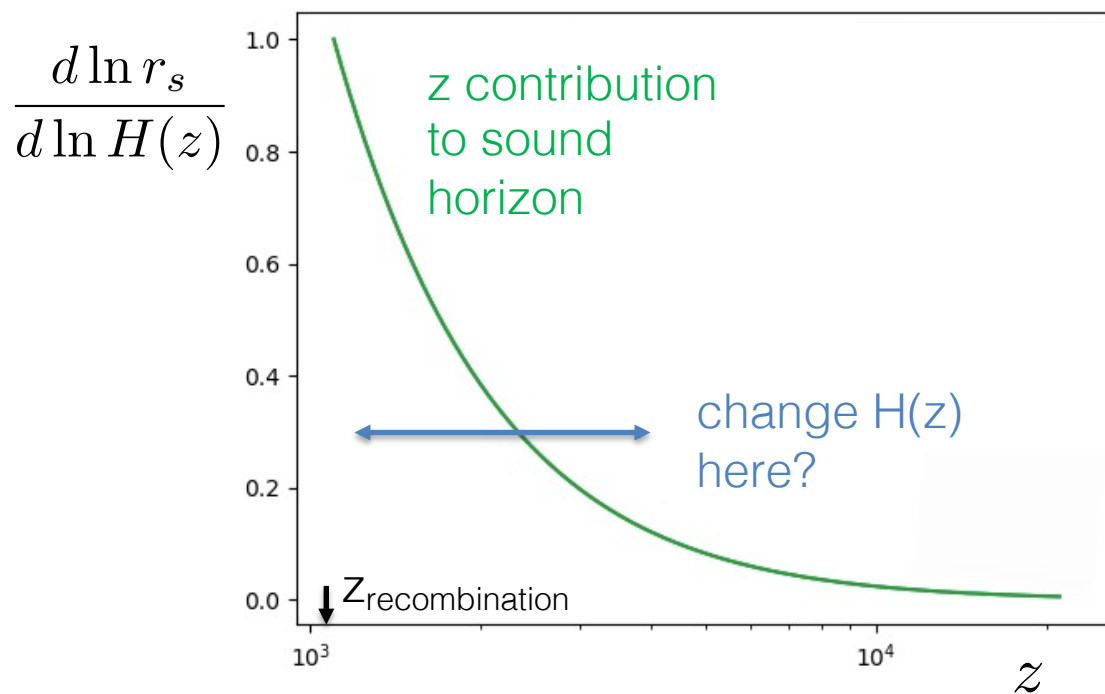


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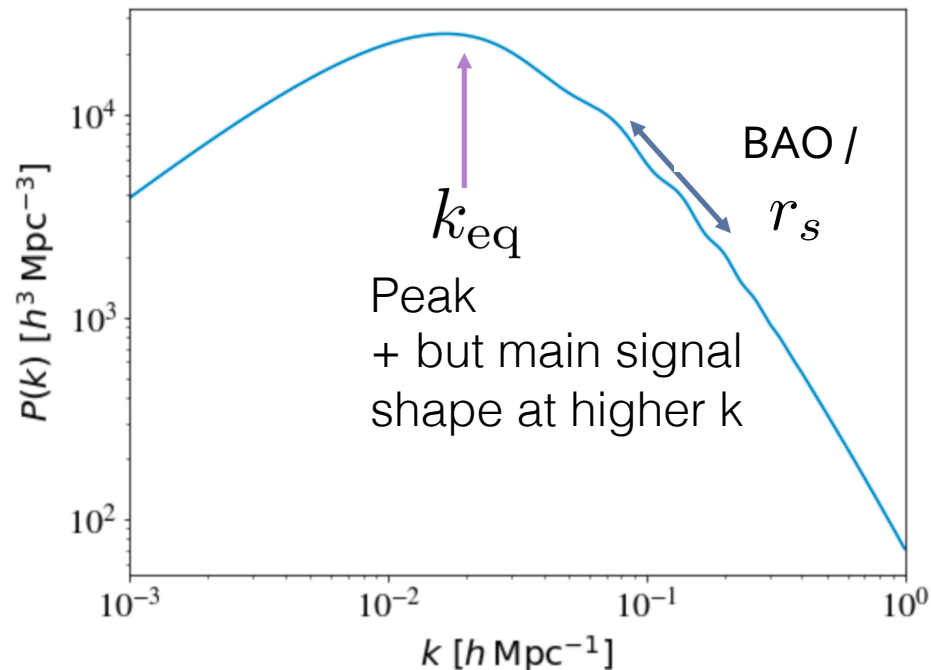
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problem: many models

Q: how to test these kinds of modifications generically?



# Idea: Use $k_{\text{eq}}$ to get $H_0$ without the sound horizon

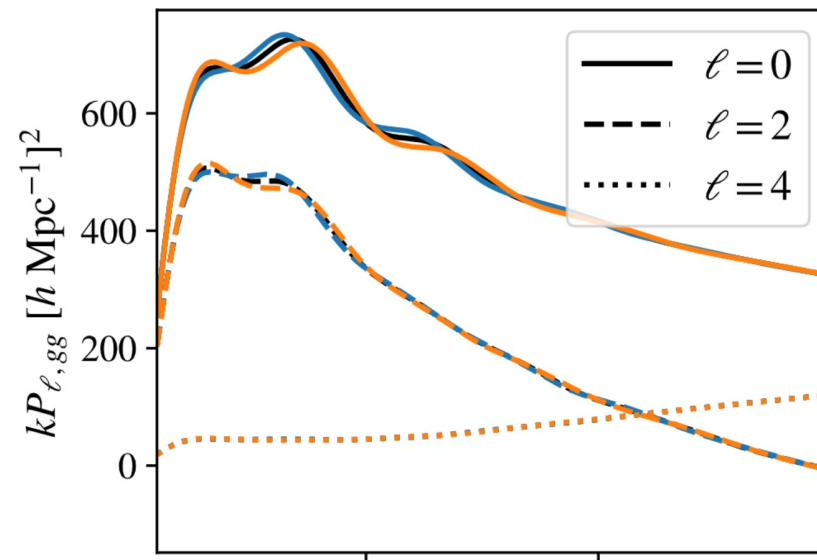
- Matter radiation equality scale  $k_{\text{eq}}$ : alternate standard ruler to get  $H_0$ . Different redshift/new physics sensitivity!
- Details: get  $k_{\text{eq}} / H_0 \sim \Omega_m H_0$ . Then just need a probe of  $\Omega_m$  and solve for  $H_0$ . Different  $z$  + sensitivity to new physics?



# Galaxy power, marginalizing over $r_s$

- How to avoid  $r_s$  information? Idea: marginalize sound horizon value to isolate  $k_{\text{eq}}$  information.
- Can only be approximate ( $r_s$  not fundamental) but new way of measuring  $H_0$  + consistency test. Marginalization procedure:

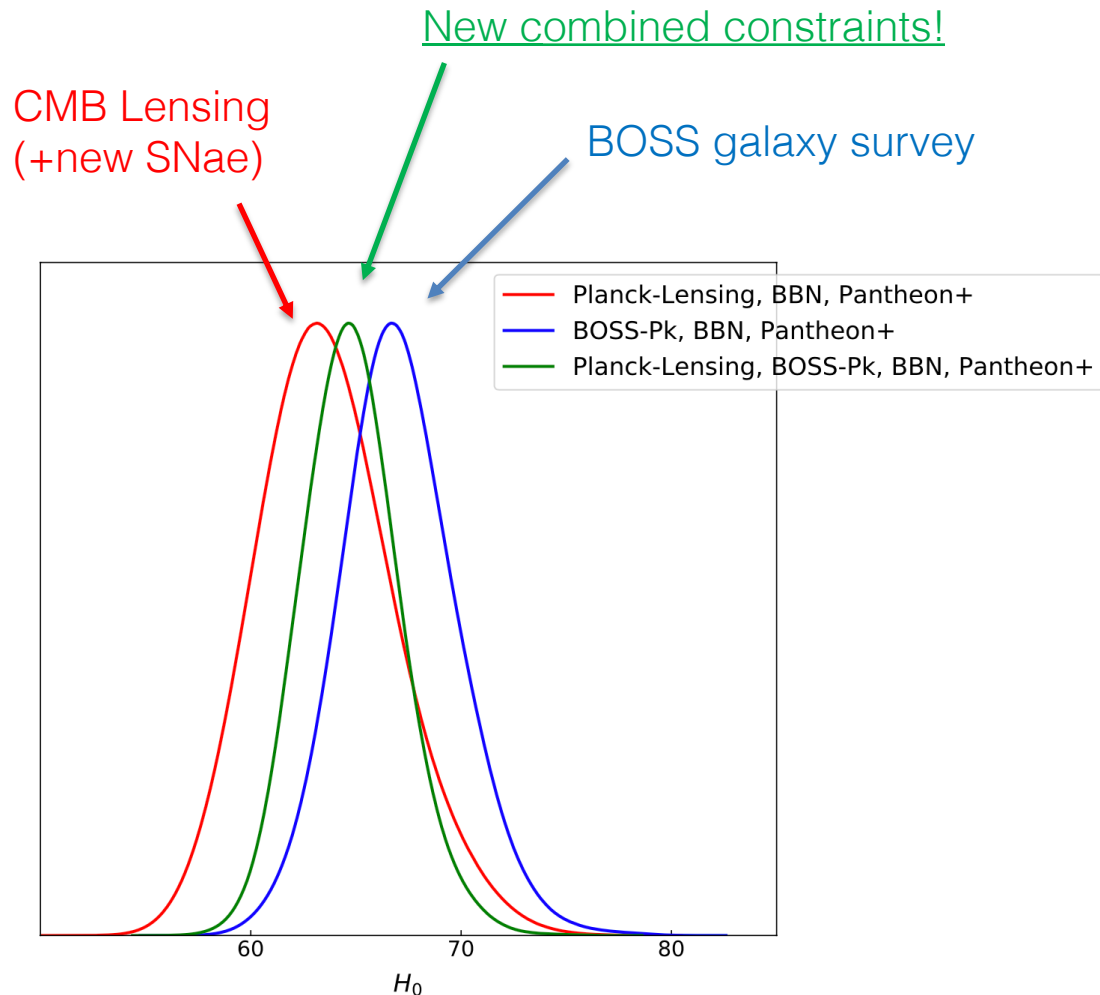
$$P^{\text{lin}}(k) \rightarrow P^{\text{lin}}(k, \alpha_{r_s}) \equiv P_{\text{nw}}^{\text{lin}}(k) + P_{\text{w}}^{\text{lin}}(\alpha_{r_s} k).$$



Rescale “wiggly” part of power spectrum by  $\alpha_{r_s}$

- + broadband  $r_s$  marginalization; + lots of tests that  $r_s$  info killed!

# New results – BOSS galaxy power with $r_s$ marginalization + CMB lensing



[Philcox, Farren, Sherwin++ 2022]

- New measurement without sound horizon info! (Prelim.)

$$H_0 = 64.8^{+2.2}_{-2.5} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

- Now in 3 sigma tension with SH0ES distance ladder  $H_0$ .
- Any new physics must give same “wrong answer” for both scales – difficult? Differences in early tests.
- For future surveys, great performance: Euclid  $H_0$  within +/- 0.72 km/s/Mpc!

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