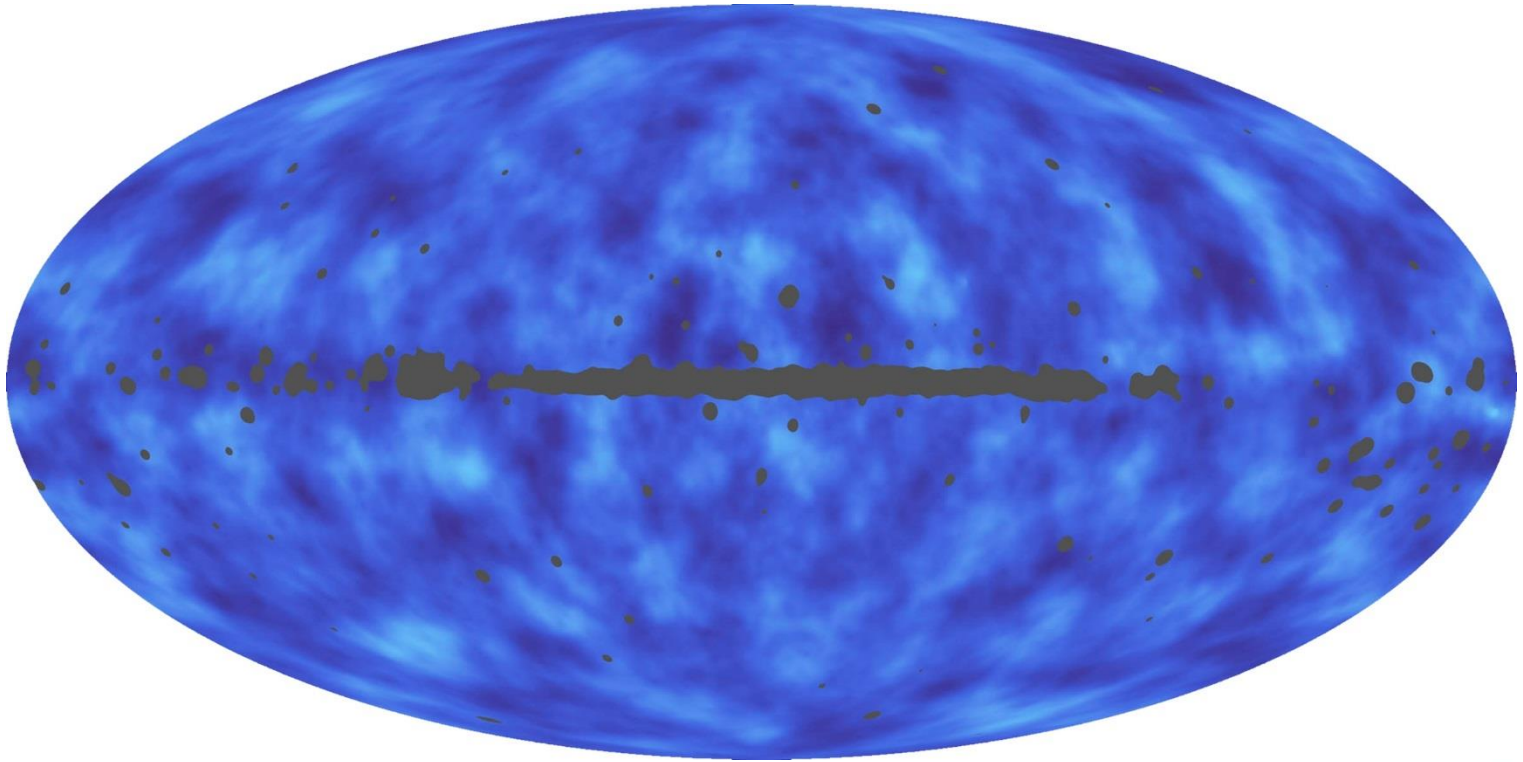


# Delensing in practice and in principle

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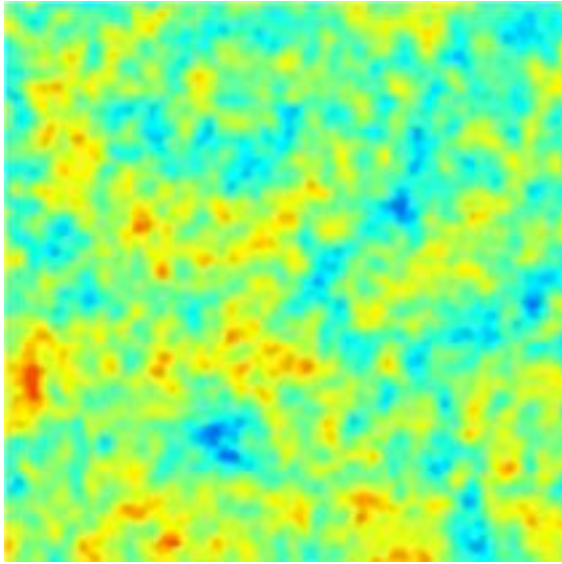
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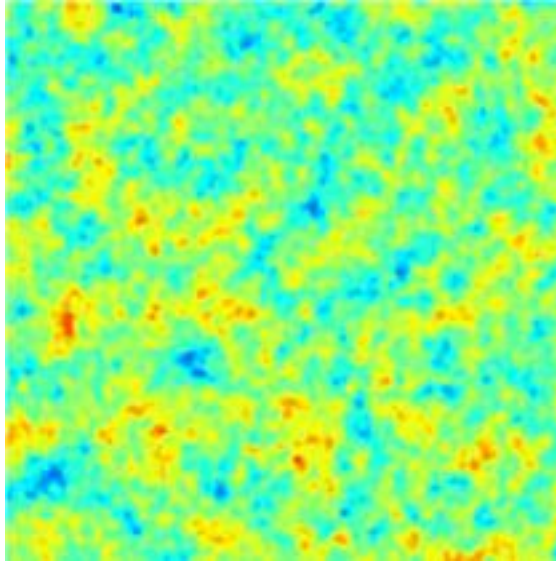
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# Local effect of lensing on the power spectrum

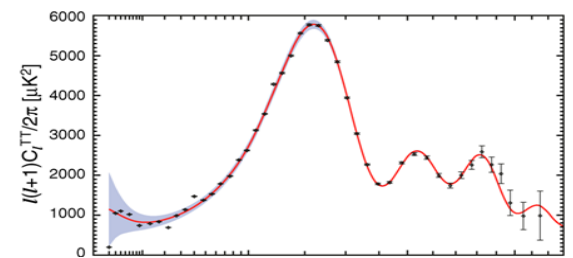
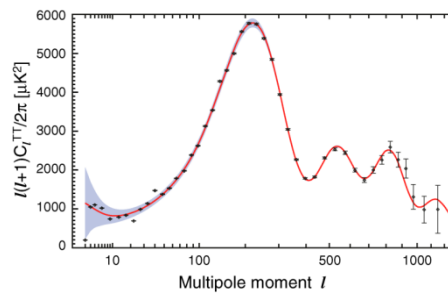
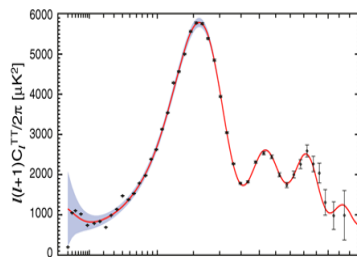
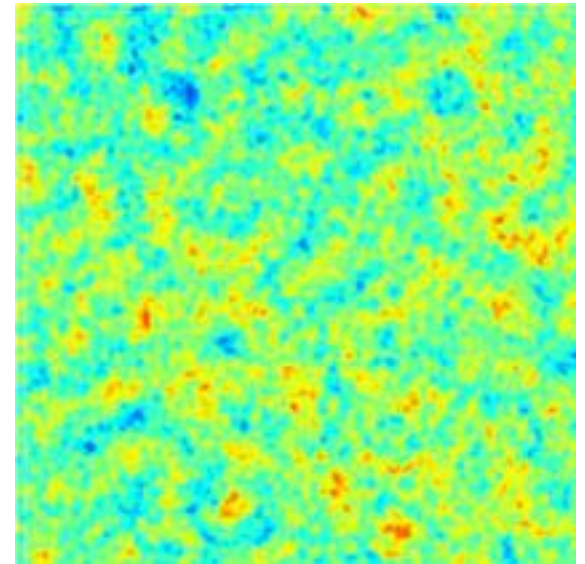
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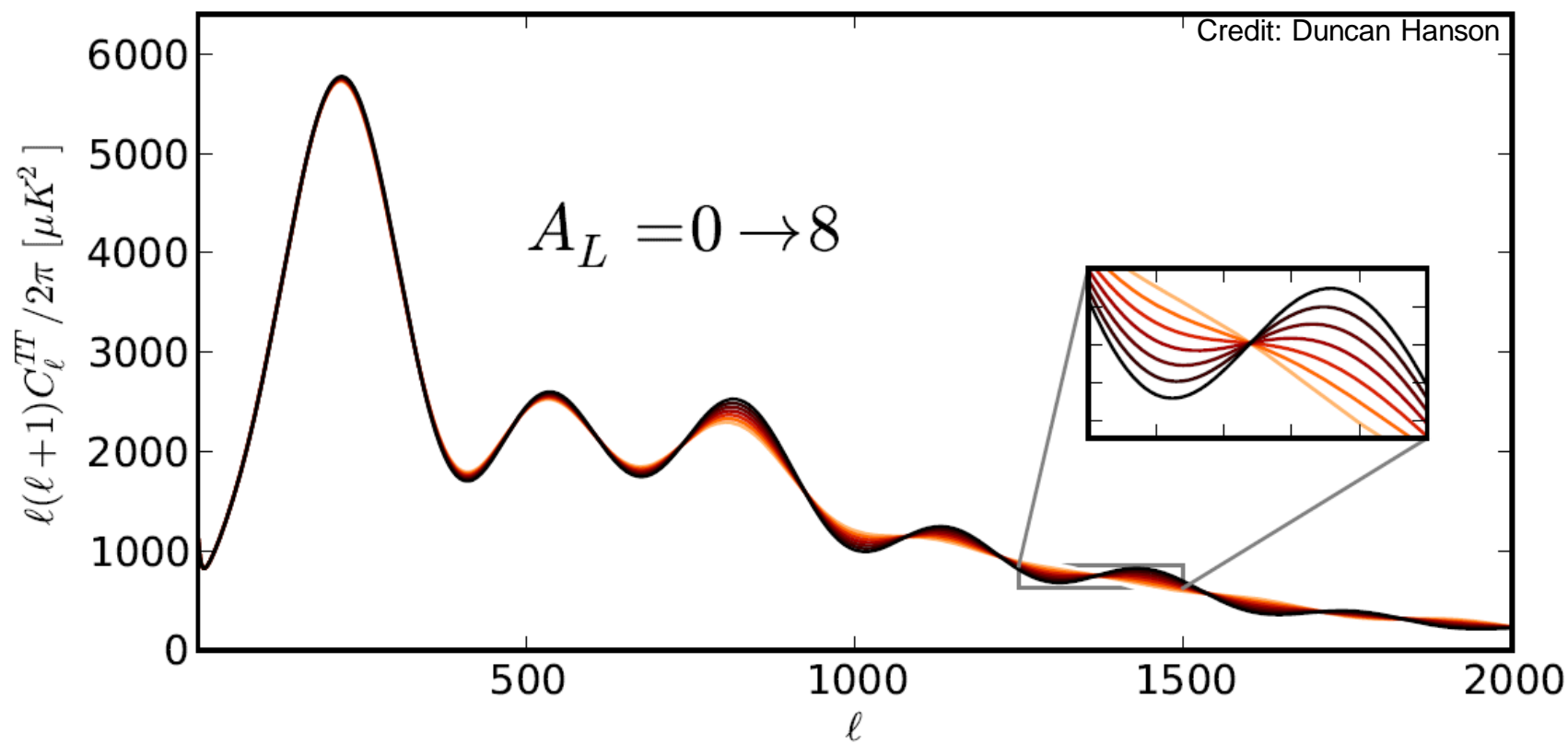
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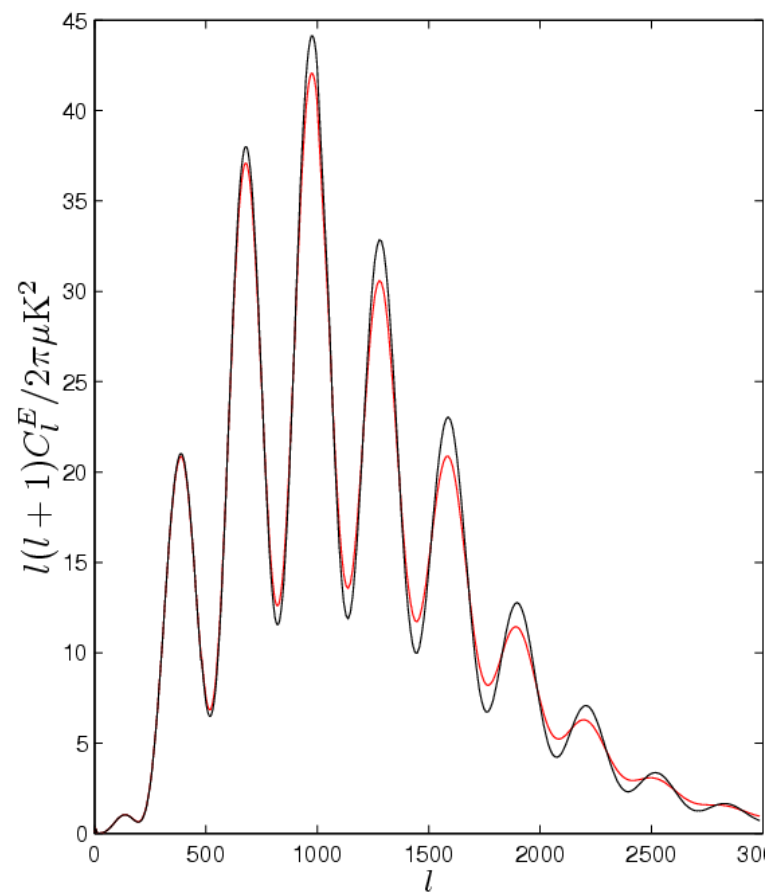
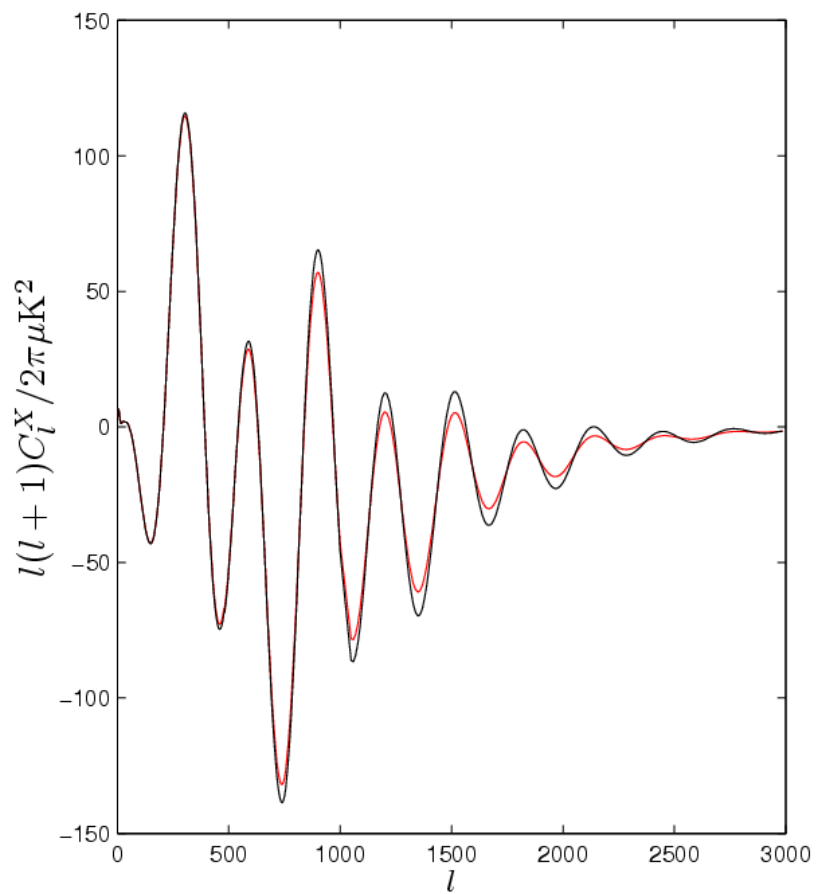
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Averaged over the sky, lensing smooths out the power spectrum



## Effect on TE and EE polarization spectra



# Delensing

$$X^{\text{len}}(n) = X^{\text{unl}}(n + \alpha(n)) \quad \text{find } \beta \text{ such that} \quad X^{\text{unl}}(n) = X^{\text{len}}(n + \beta(n))$$

1. Use external tracer of matter, e.g. CIB. ([Larsen et al. 2016](#))
2. Use the Planck 2015 lensing reconstruction

a. Use best-estimate lensing field

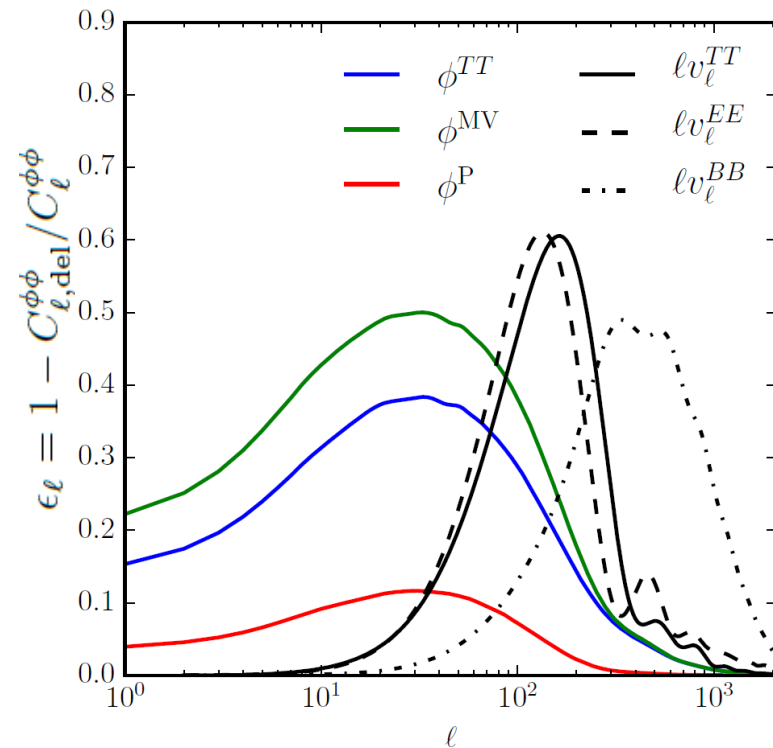
$$\hat{\phi}_{\mathcal{W},\ell m} = \mathcal{W}_\ell \hat{\phi}_{\ell m} \quad \mathcal{W}_\ell = \frac{C_\ell^{\text{fid},\phi\phi}}{C_\ell^{\text{fid},\phi\phi} + N_{\ell,0}}$$

b. Approximate  $\beta \approx -\alpha$  where  $\alpha = \nabla\phi$

c. Remap points using estimated  $\alpha$  to get delensed map

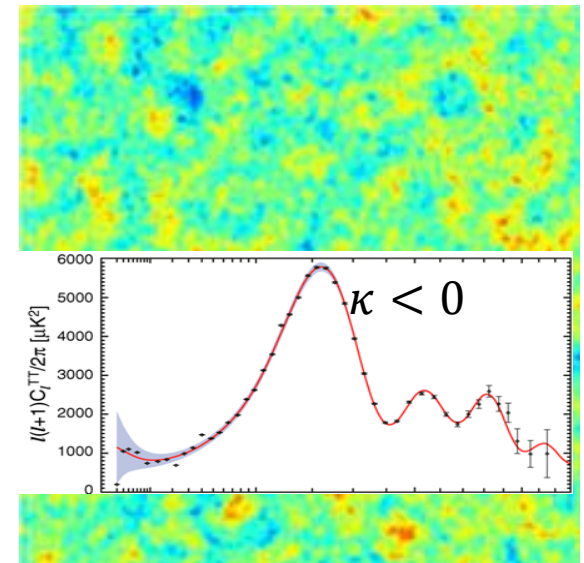
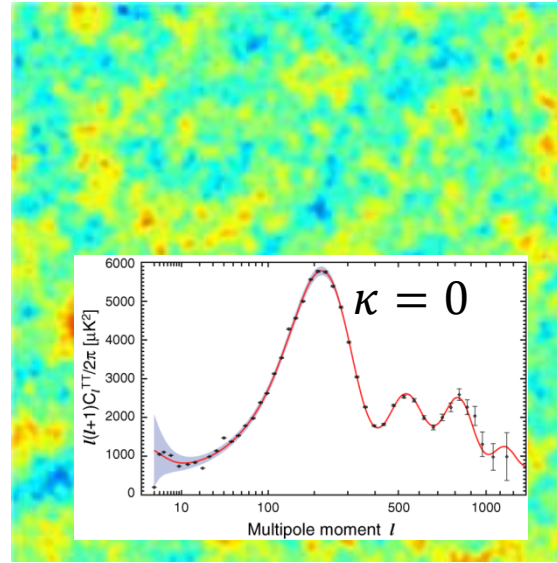
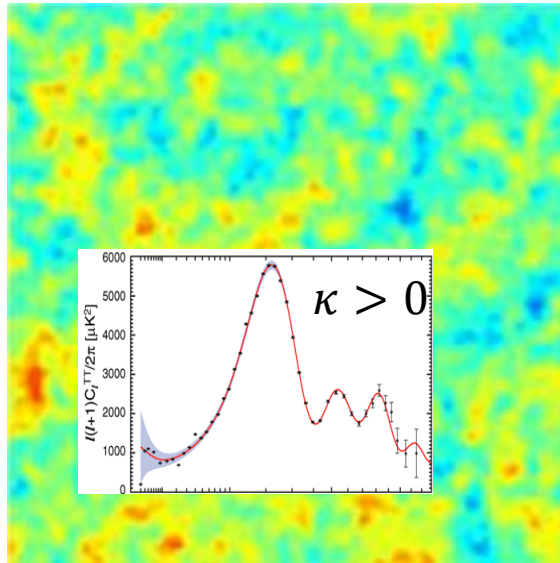
$$X^{\text{del}} \equiv X^{\text{dat}}(n - \hat{\alpha}_{\mathcal{W}}(n))$$

Expected Planck internal delensing efficiencies

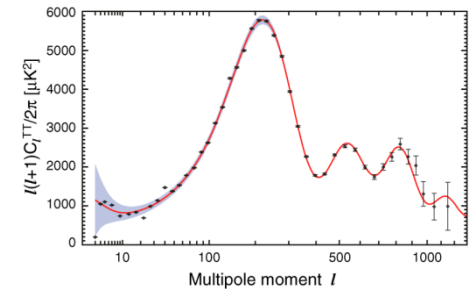
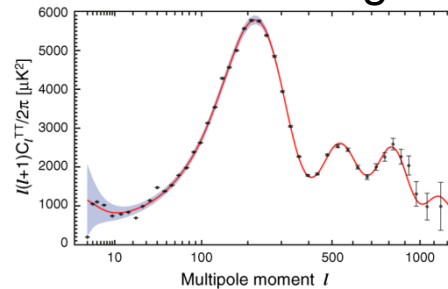
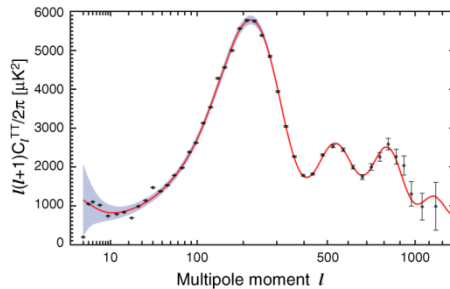




## BUT: Internal delensing causes biases



After Delensing:



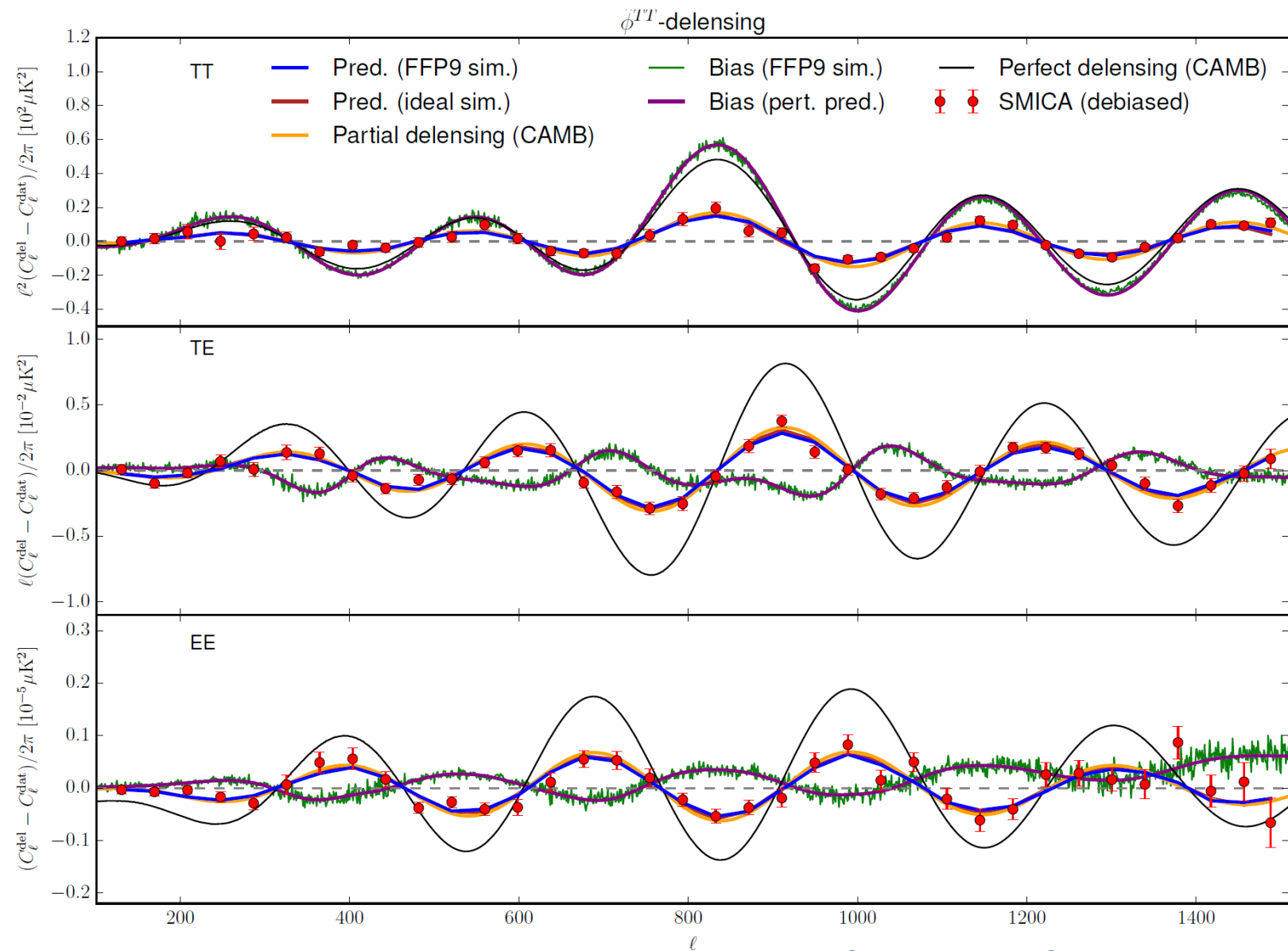
BUT: fluctuation in scale could also just be random cosmic variance

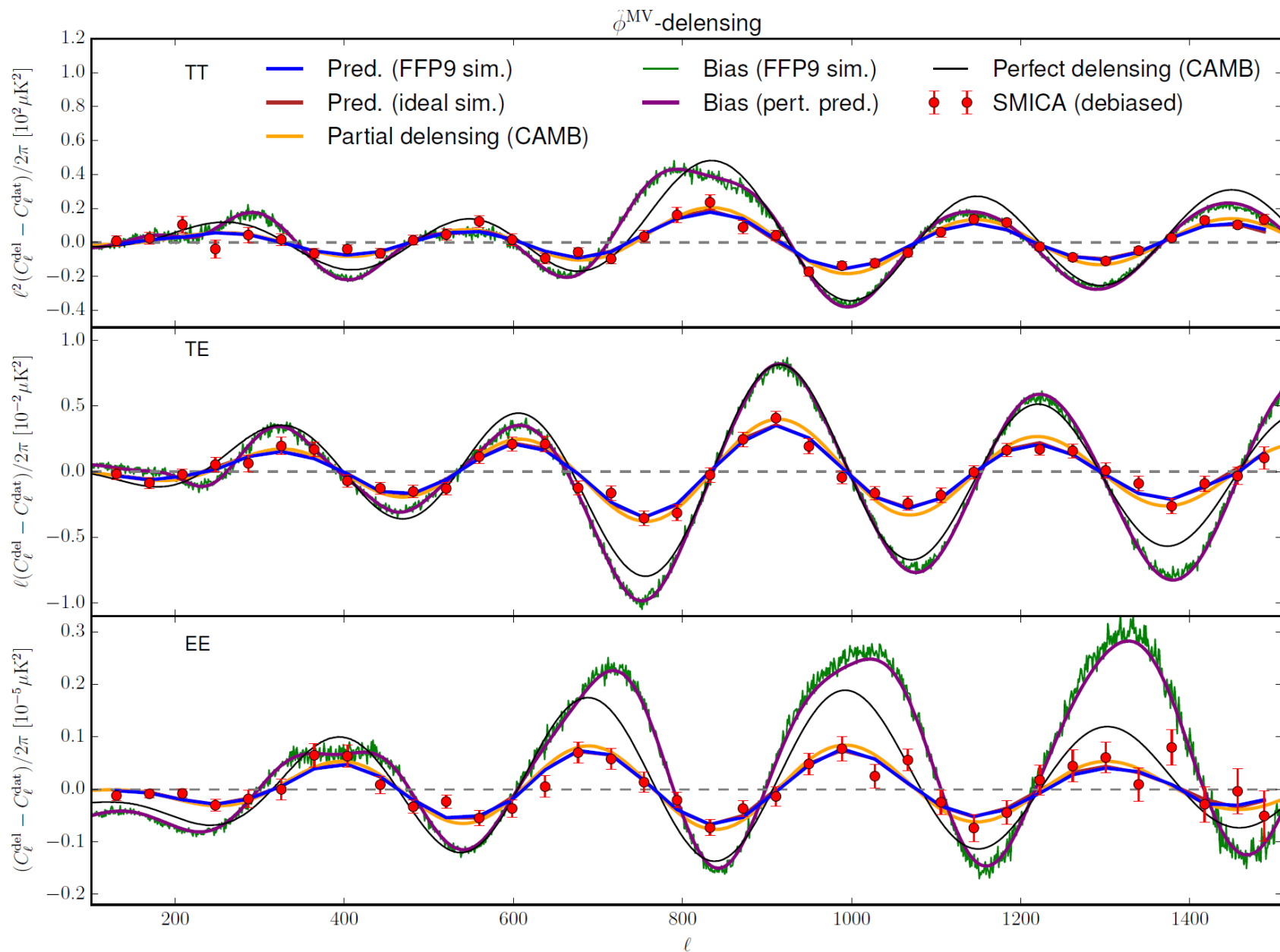
⇒ Delensing removes random fluctuations in peak location

⇒ Delensing *artificially* sharpens the peaks, even with no actual lensing!

⇒ Must subtract bias expected even if no lensing

# Detection of peak sharpening after delensing $\mathcal{C}_l^{\text{delensed}} - \mathcal{C}_l^{\text{dat}}$

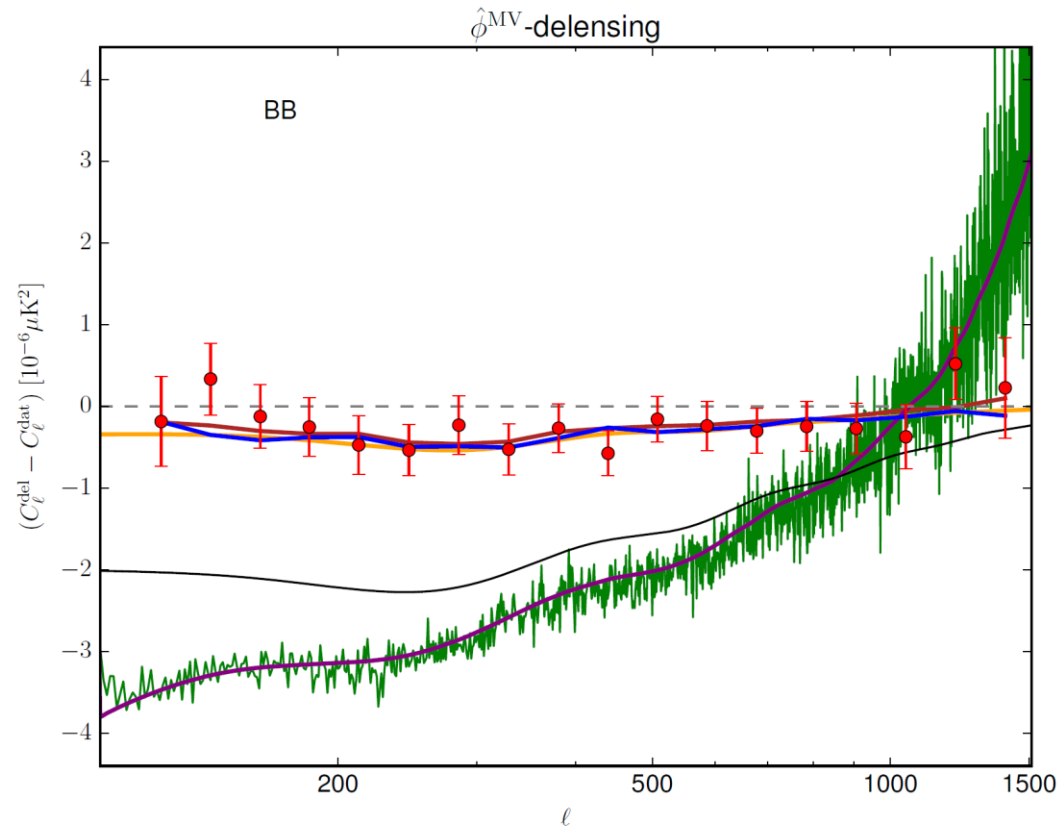




$\sim 25\sigma$  detection of TT delensing,  $20\sigma$  of polarization delensing; consistent with expectations



## Planck: first detection of delensing of B-mode polarization



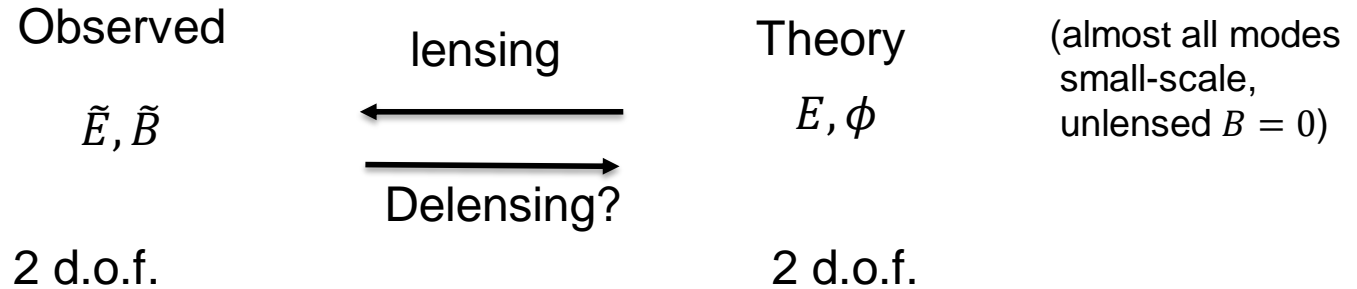
Detection of 7% reduction in B-mode lensing power at  $4.5 \sigma$

(but noise high, so does not yet help with tensor  $r$  constraint)

# How well can we delens in principle?

Standard lensing remapping approximation:

$$\tilde{P}_{ab}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = P_{ab}(\hat{\mathbf{n}} + \nabla\phi)$$



Perfect lensing reconstruction, hence delensing(?), if only 2 d.o.f.

Hirata & Seljak 2003

Can we construct an “optimal” lensing reconstruction algorithm?

YES, in sense of maximum a posteriori estimators:

- Hirata & Seljak 2003: iterative estimator for idealized full-sky ([astro-ph/0306354](#))  
(with some approximations)
- Carron & Lewis 2017: public code that can be used in practice ([1704.08230](#))  
(efficient handling of anisotropic noise, beams, sky cuts..)

LensIt:

<https://github.com/carronj/LensIt> (Julien Carron)

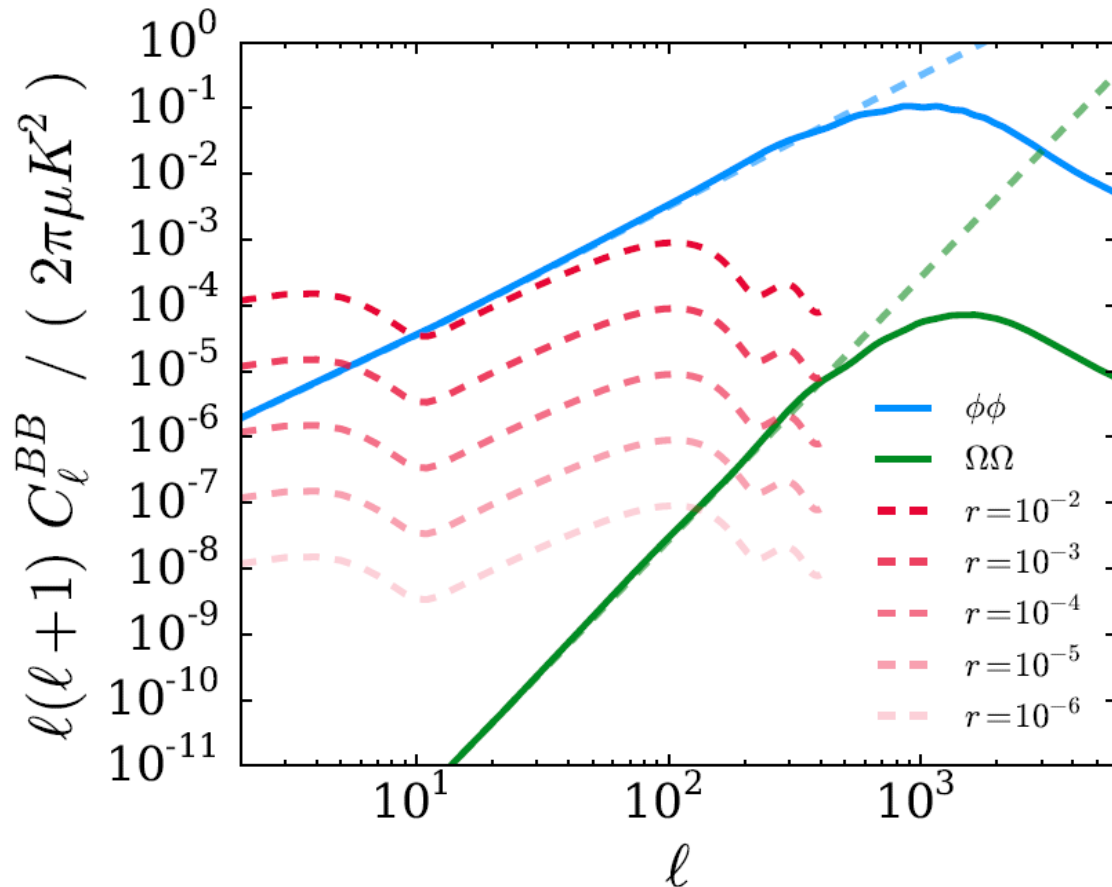
(see Marius’ talk for joint  $\phi, TQU$  MAP estimation/sampling)

What limits delensing in principle?

(in practice: see foregrounds talk tomorrow)

# 1. Deflection not pure gradient: field rotation/curl shear

## B-mode signal from field rotation

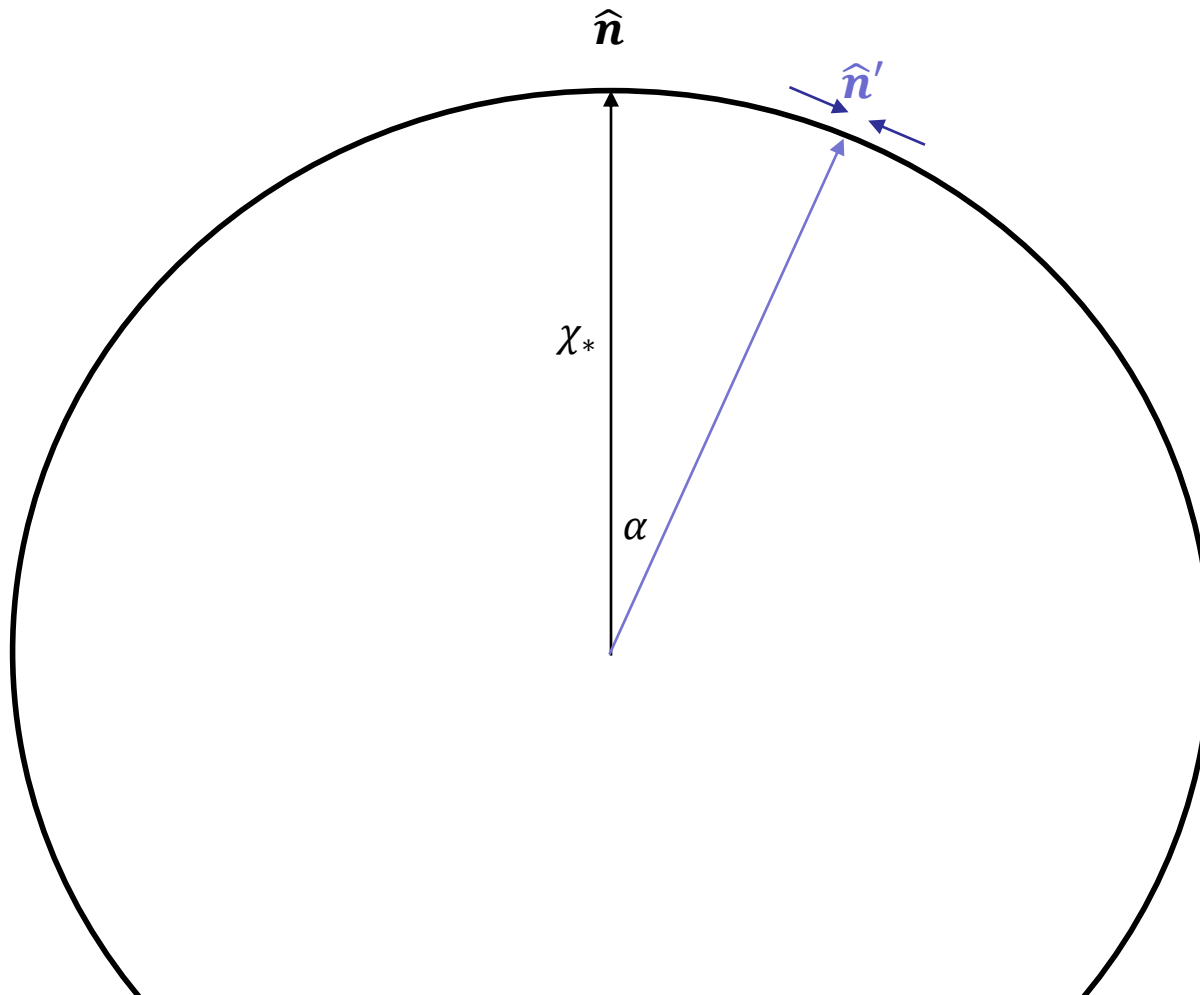


~2.5% of B mode amplitude from rotation



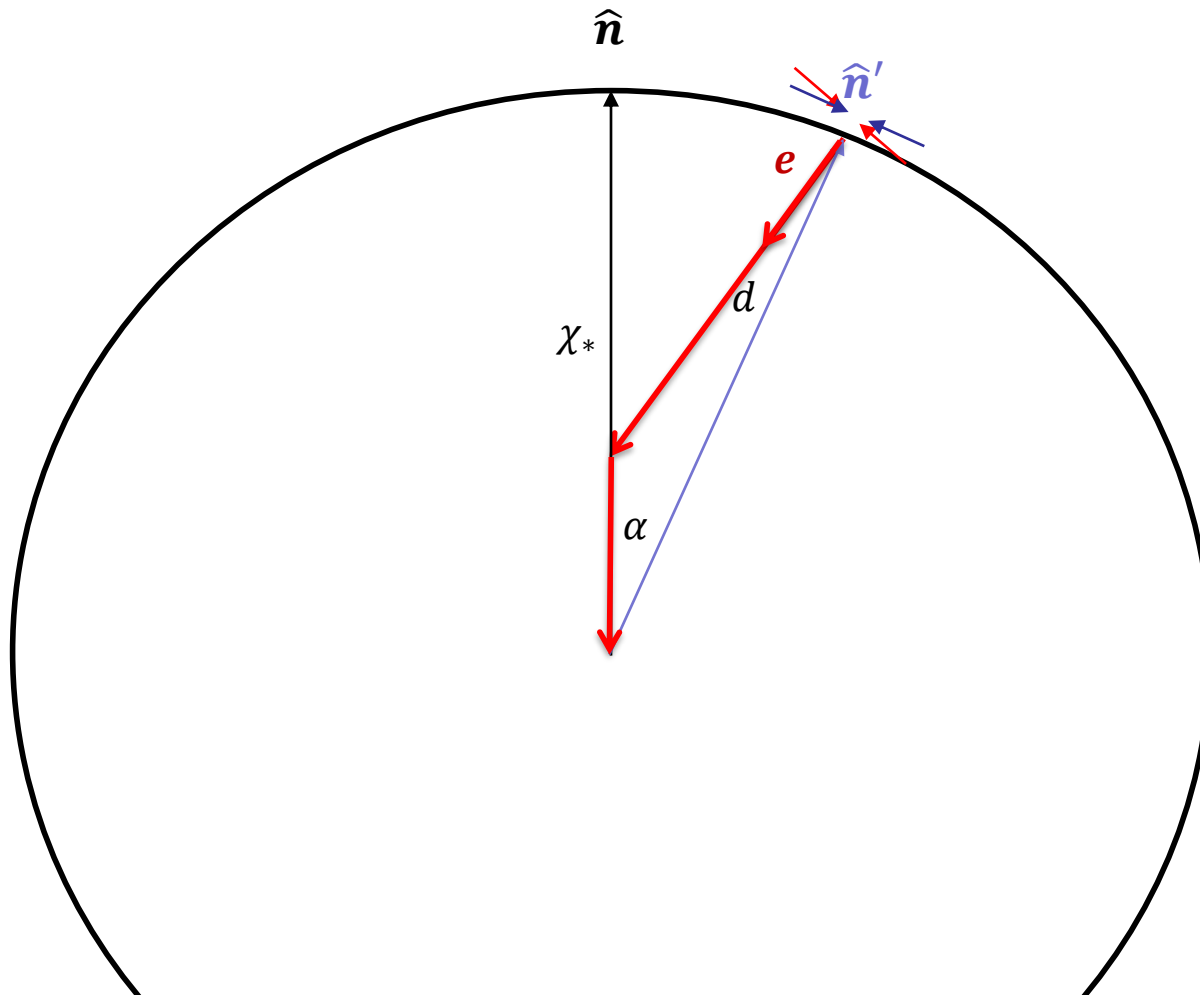
## 2. Differences between unlensed and lensed last scattering

Lensed quadrupole: remapping approximation



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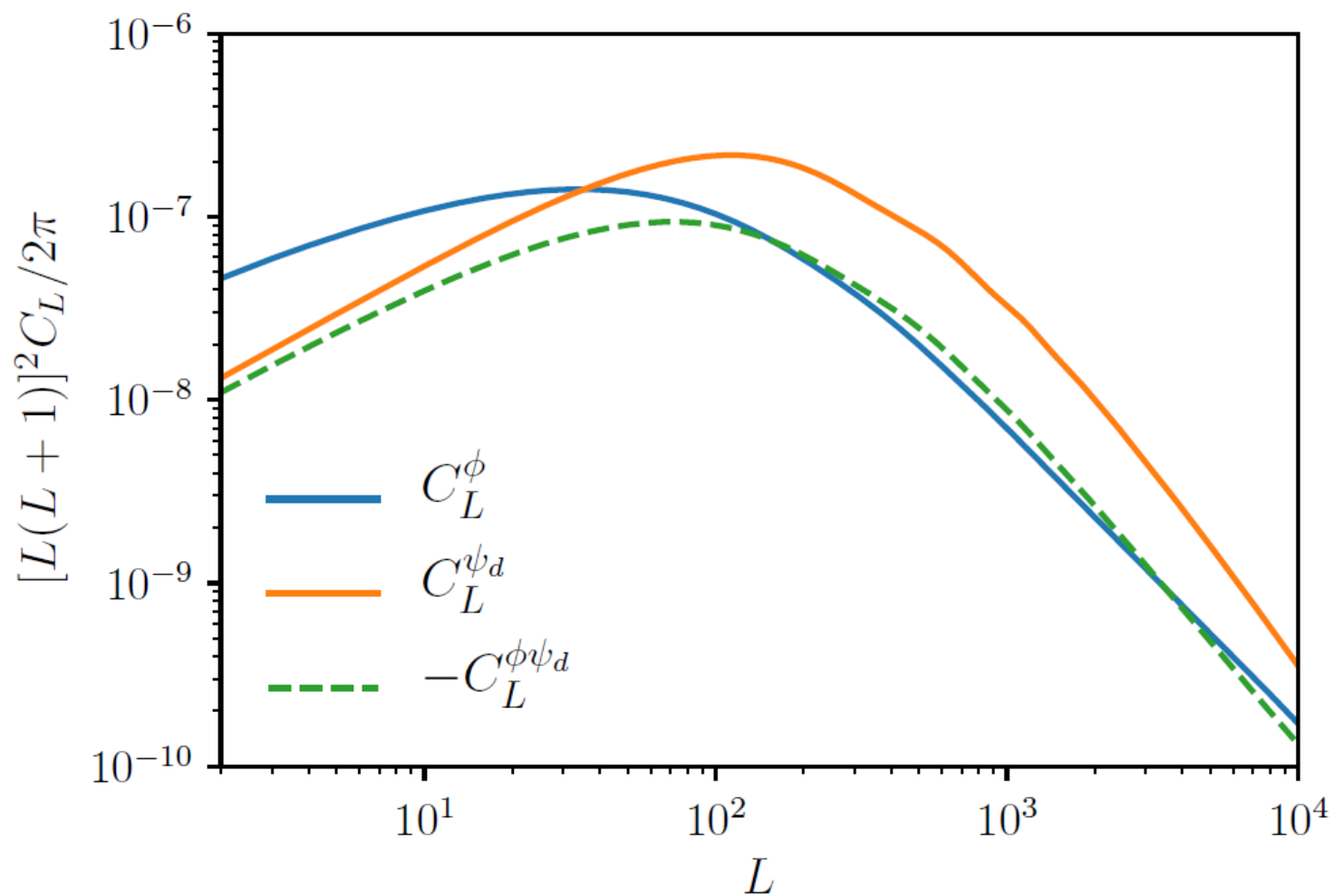
Lensed quadrupole: with emission angle  $d$   
*not* the same as the unlensed CMB quadrupole: observe new modes



# Emission angle and deflection angle power spectra

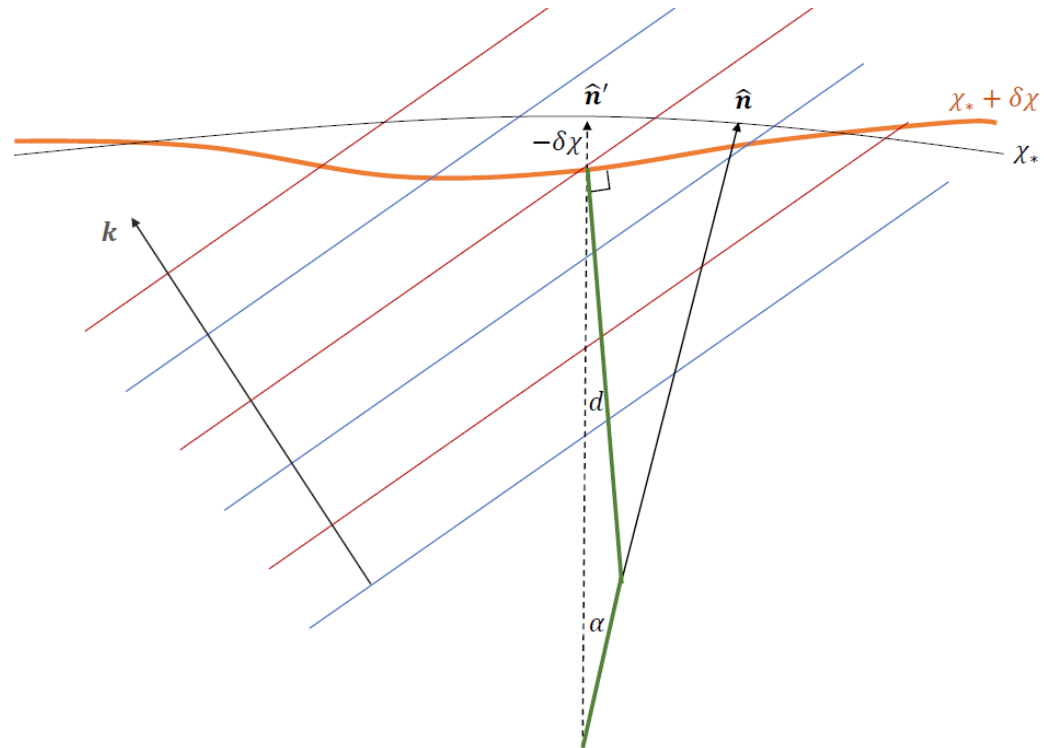
$$d = \nabla \psi_d$$

$$\alpha = \nabla \phi$$

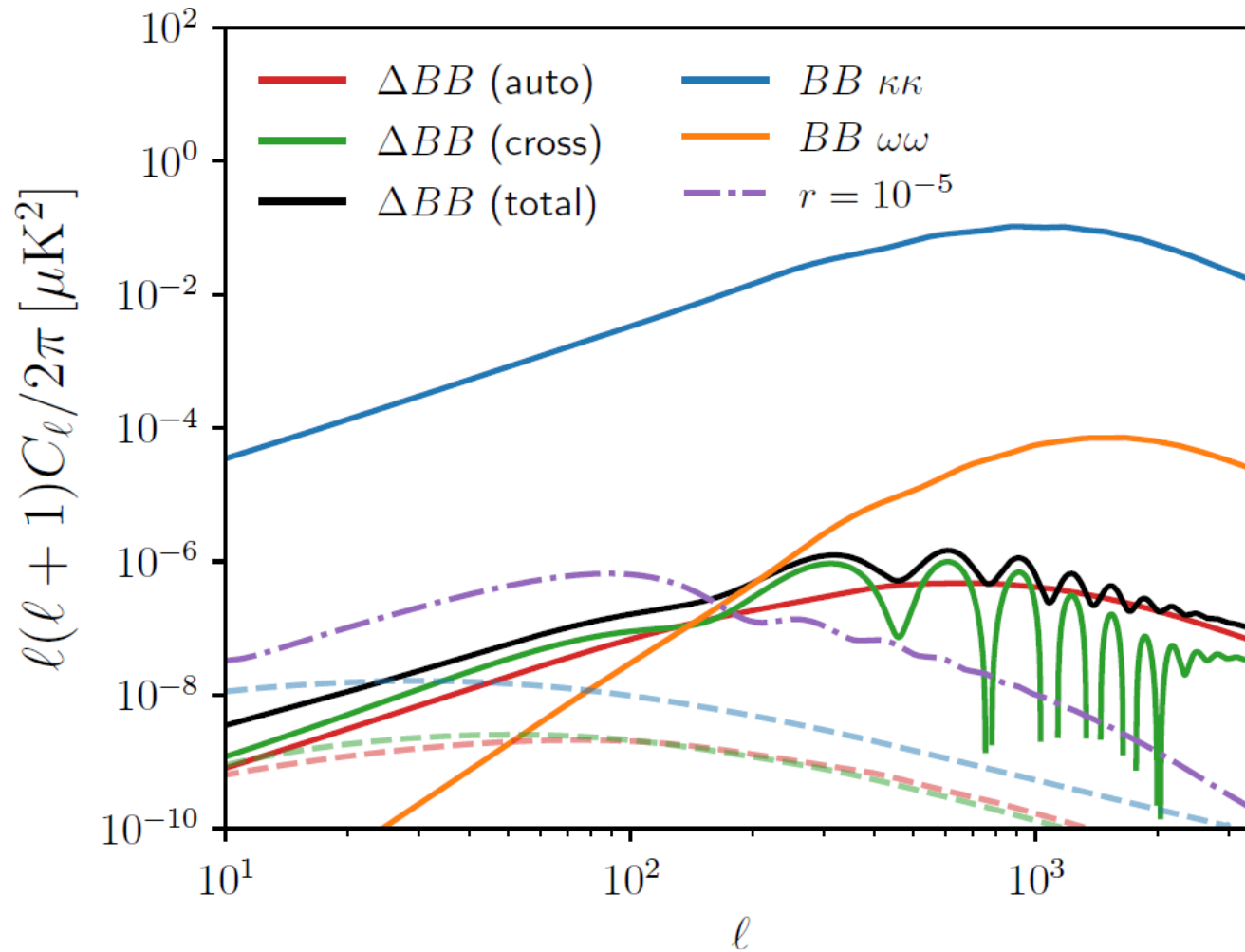


Fermat's principle: perturbed emission angle orthogonal to perturbed last scattering surface

➡ Must also account for time delay perturbing last scattering



Total emission+time delay effect dominates on large scales







$$r = r_{\min} (=3 \times 10^{-6})$$

# Conclusions

- Delensing works! Planck 2015 internal delensing:
  - High significance detection of peak sharpening (T/E)  
*(but: internal delensing of T/E requires careful modelling of biases)*
  - First detection of B-mode delensing
- Low noise → can delens nearly perfectly (Hirata and Seljak)
- Optimal and practical iterative method for lensing reconstruction now exists (LensIt code).
- In principle limit? Emission angle+time delay:  $\Delta r \sim 2 \times 10^{-6}$ 
  - no problems for foreseeable future  
*(potentially much larger problems in practice - foregrounds etc)*

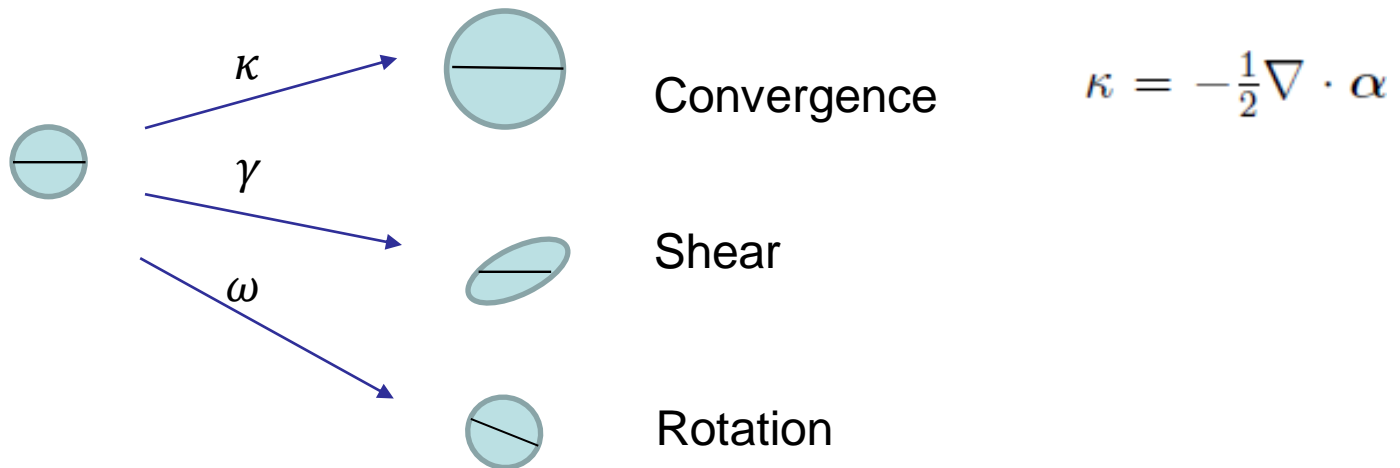
$$P_{ab}^{\text{emit}}(\boldsymbol{e}) = [(\delta_{ac} - e_a e_c)(\delta_{bd} - e_b e_d) \mathcal{S}_{cd}(\chi_* \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}', \eta_*)]^{\text{TT}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-\tau} \Gamma_{-\hat{\boldsymbol{n}}'}^{-\hat{\boldsymbol{n}}} \Gamma_{\boldsymbol{e}}^{-\hat{\boldsymbol{n}}'} P_{ab}^{\text{emit}}(\boldsymbol{e}; \chi_* \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}') &= \tilde{P}_{ab}^{\text{std}}(-\hat{\boldsymbol{n}}) \\ &+ 2e^{-\tau} d_{\langle a} \left[ \mathcal{S}_{b\rangle}^{(1)} + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} \mathcal{S}_{b\rangle}^{(1)} \right] - d_{\langle a} P_{b\rangle c}(-\hat{\boldsymbol{n}}) d^c \\ &+ \frac{3}{2} e^{-\tau} d_{\langle a} d_{b\rangle} \hat{n}^c \hat{n}^d \mathcal{S}_{cd} + \cdots, \quad (4.13) \end{aligned}$$

Deflection angle  $\alpha$ , shear  $\gamma_i$ , convergence  $\kappa$ , and rotation  $\omega$

$$X^{\text{len}}(\boldsymbol{n}) = X^{\text{unl}}(\boldsymbol{n} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{n}))$$

$$A_{ij} \equiv \delta_{ij} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \alpha_j = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \kappa - \gamma_1 & -\gamma_2 + \omega \\ -\gamma_2 - \omega & 1 - \kappa + \gamma_1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Rotation  $\omega = 0$  from scalar perturbations in linear perturbation theory

$$\omega = 0 \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\alpha} = \nabla \psi$$