

Correlations between the Cosmic Microwave Background and Infrared Galaxies

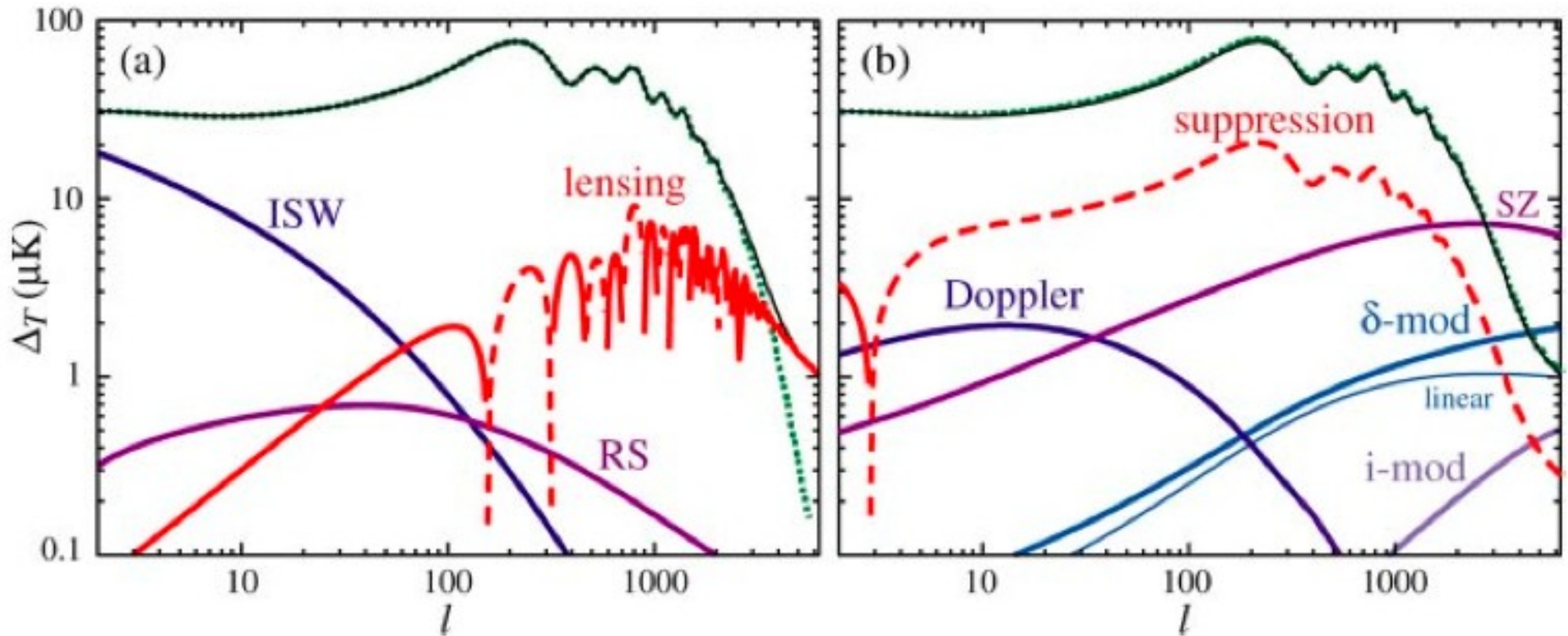
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Based on work by Goto, Szapudi and Granett (2012)
<http://cdsads.u-strasbg.fr/abs/2012MNRAS.422L..77G>

The Cosmic Microwave Background

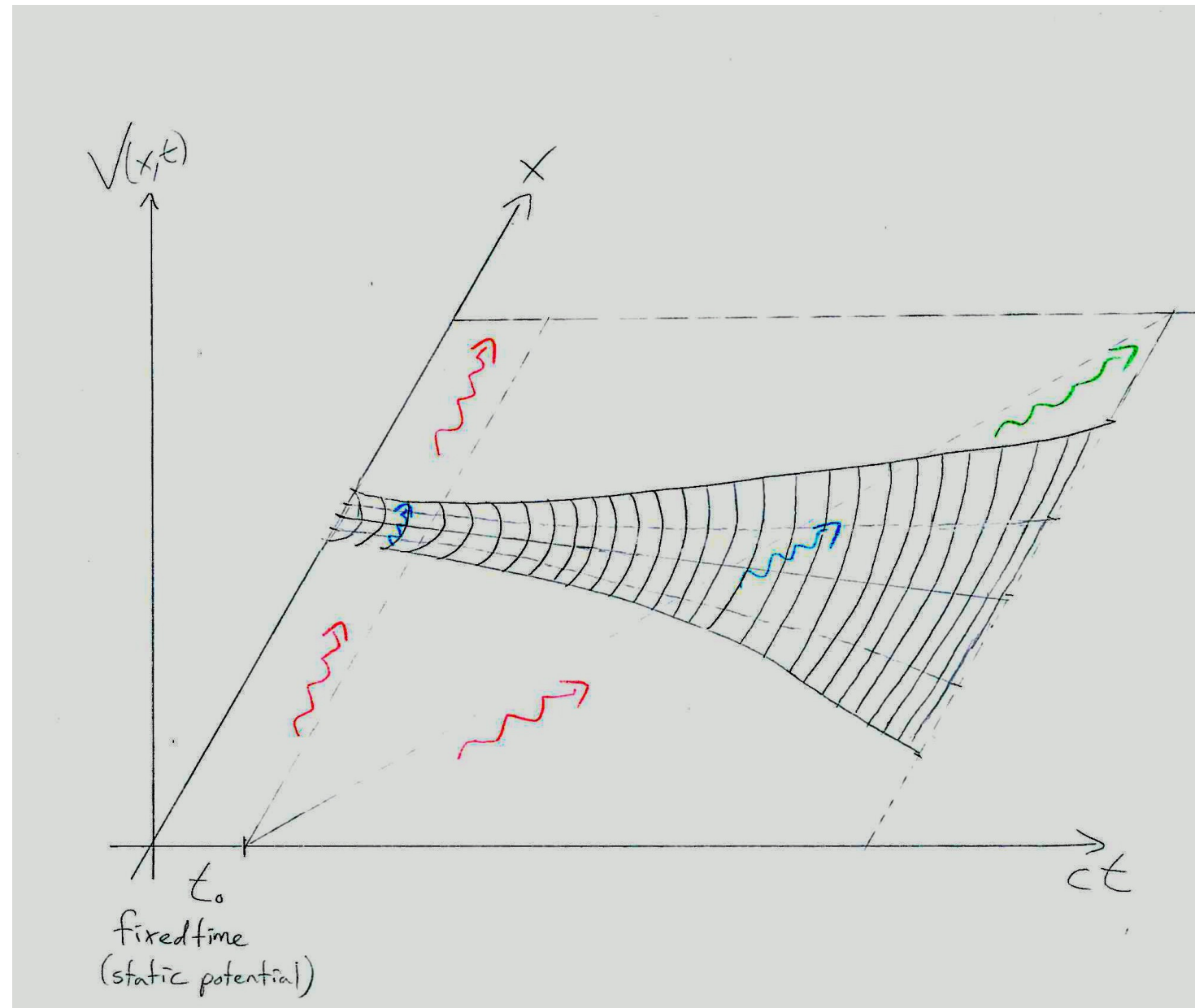
- Universe is homogeneous & isotropic on very large scales only
 - Galaxy clusters
 - CMB fluctuations
- Size of fluctuations are small ($\sim 1^\circ$) at $z \sim 1100$
 - Hubble radius & sound horizon of photon-baryon fluid
- Mass distribution with small irregularities at time of decoupling
 - Gravity takes over – baryonic matter clumps together
 - Larger scale structure formation at later times
- Later processes can distort initial anisotropies
 - Affects the CMB we actually observe
 - The Integrated Sachs-Wolfe Effect

The Cosmic Microwave Background



The Integrated Sachs-Wolfe (ISW) Effect

- Frozen potential wells in flat, Λ -free Universe
- Universe becomes Λ -dominated at $z \sim 0.5$
- Accelerated expansion causes potential decay



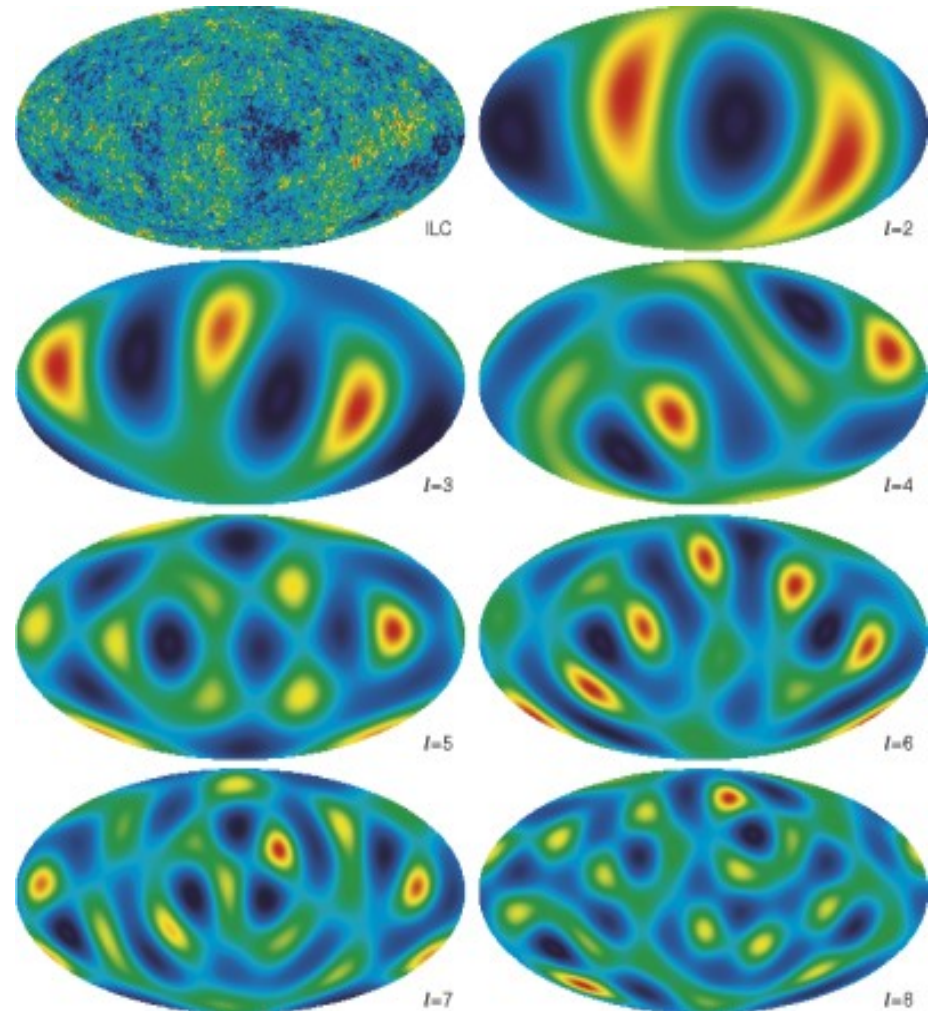
The Integrated Sachs-Wolfe (ISW) Effect

- WISE galaxy counts trace mass distribution
- Probe at different redshifts by studying galaxy distributions seen in different sky surveys
- Also has been done for SDSS, 2MASS, NVSS, HEAO and APM optical galaxies
- Another way to constrain Λ – effect will be more pronounced for lower Λ -dominated redshifts

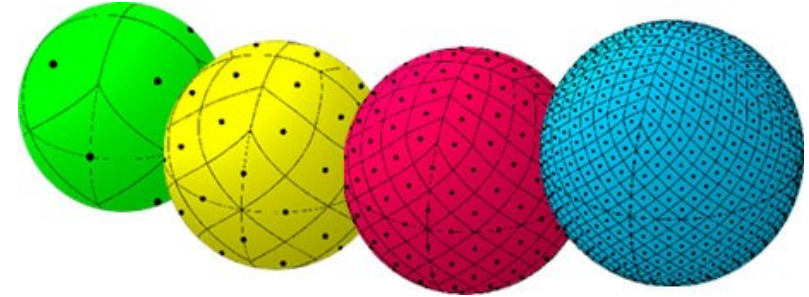
CMB Temperature Anisotropies

- How much power in temperature fluctuations is due to large scale structure?
- Decompose into spherical harmonics - both CMB temperature & WISE galaxy number density maps are on a sphere
- Cross-correlate map of WISE relative galaxy number density with CMB temperature anisotropies
- $\ell \sim 180^\circ / \theta$

$$\frac{T(\theta, \phi) - \bar{T}}{\bar{T}} = \sum_{\ell=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$



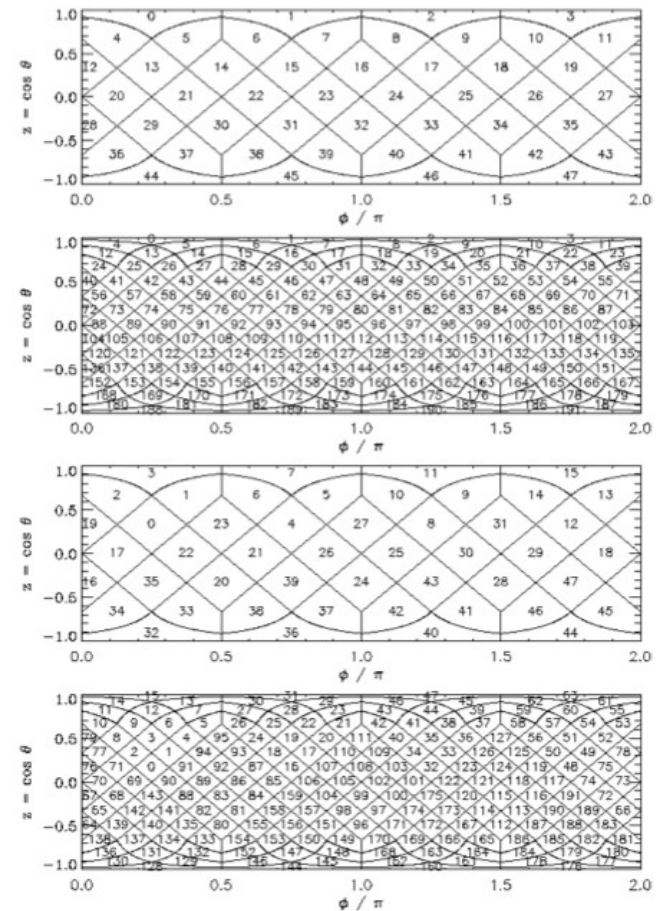
HEALPIX



- Defines pixels as equal area tessellations on sphere
- Number of pixels in terms of resolution parameter N_{side} .

$$N_{pix} = 12 \times N_{side}^2$$

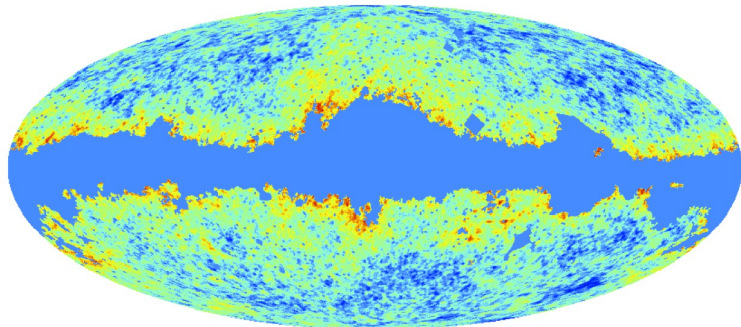
- Pixels placed on $4 \times N_{side} - 1$ rings of constant latitude
- Resolution, or angular size, of each pixel can be easily changed from one value of N_{side} to another.



WMAP

K-band (22 GHz)

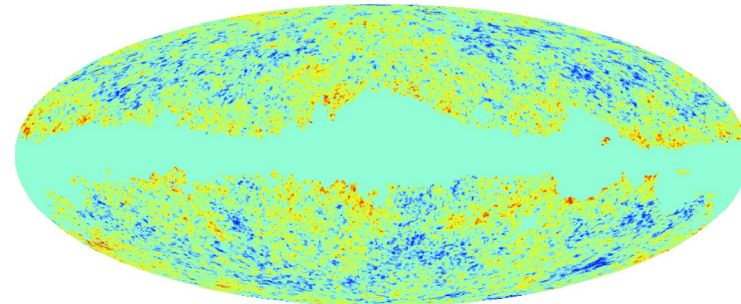
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Ka-band (30 GHz)

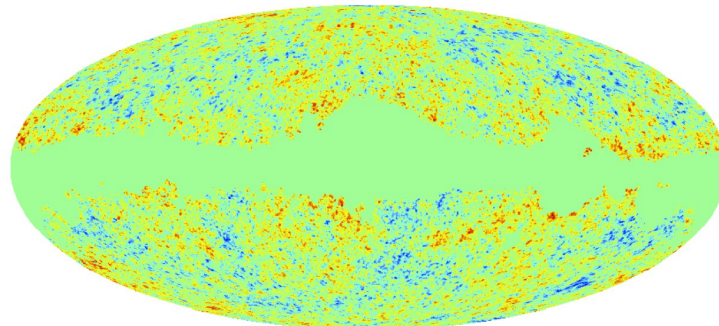
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-4.3133 5.42056

Q-band (40 GHz)

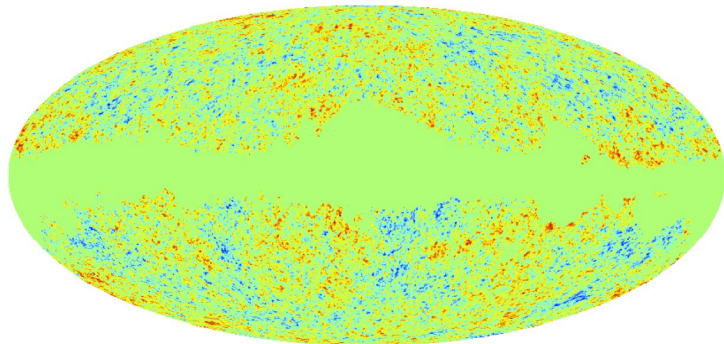
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-4.98528 4.977

V-band (60 GHz)

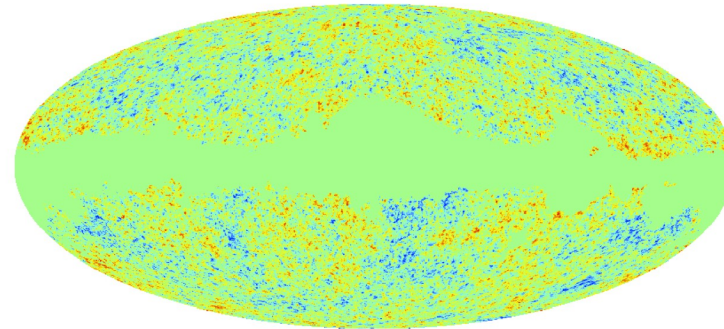
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-5.14821 4.7564

W-band (90 GHz)

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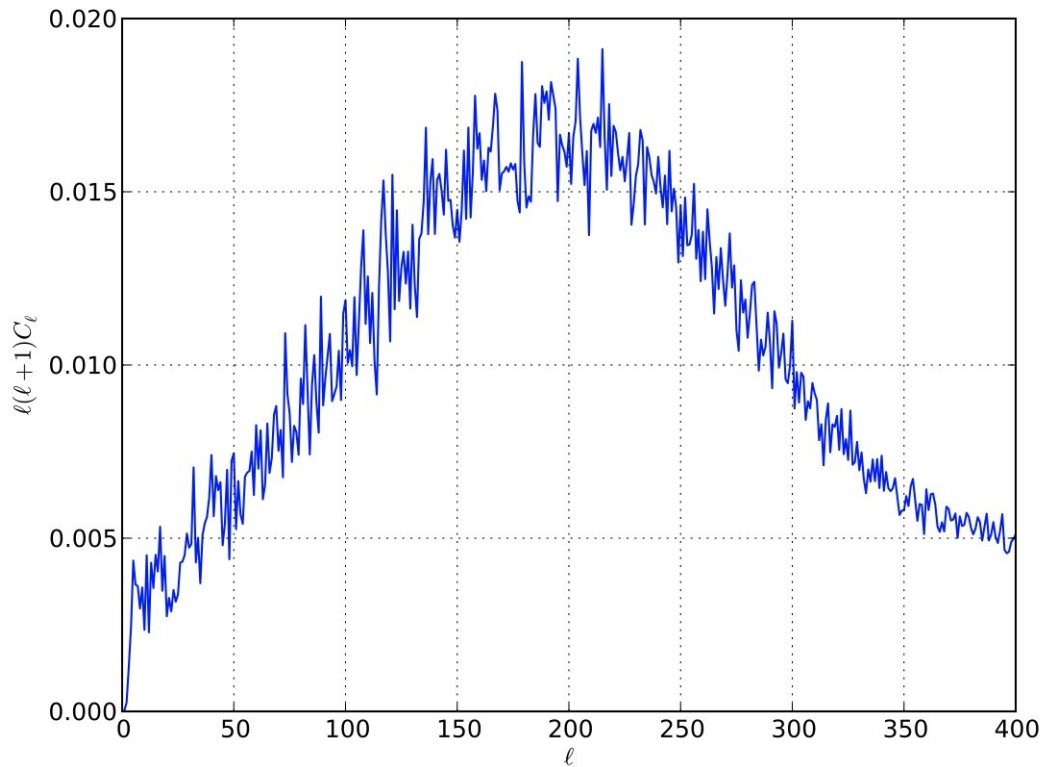


-5.12287 5.25546

CMB Power Spectrum

$$(2\ell + 1)C_\ell^{TT} = \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} a_{\ell m} a_{\ell m}^*$$

- Peak $\ell \sim 200$ – Hubble radius, sound horizon
- Expect ISW effect contribution for $\ell < 100$



WISE Galaxy Selection

- Want to consider only galaxy distribution for cross-correlation
- Foreground stars removed with $(3.4-4.6\mu\text{m}) > 0.2$
- More stars removed at expense of some galaxies with $(4.6-12\mu\text{m}) > 2.9$
- Because WISE is deeper near poles, cutoff $3.4\mu\text{m} < 15.2$ mag for a more uniform galaxy sample
- ~2.5 million objects from WISE

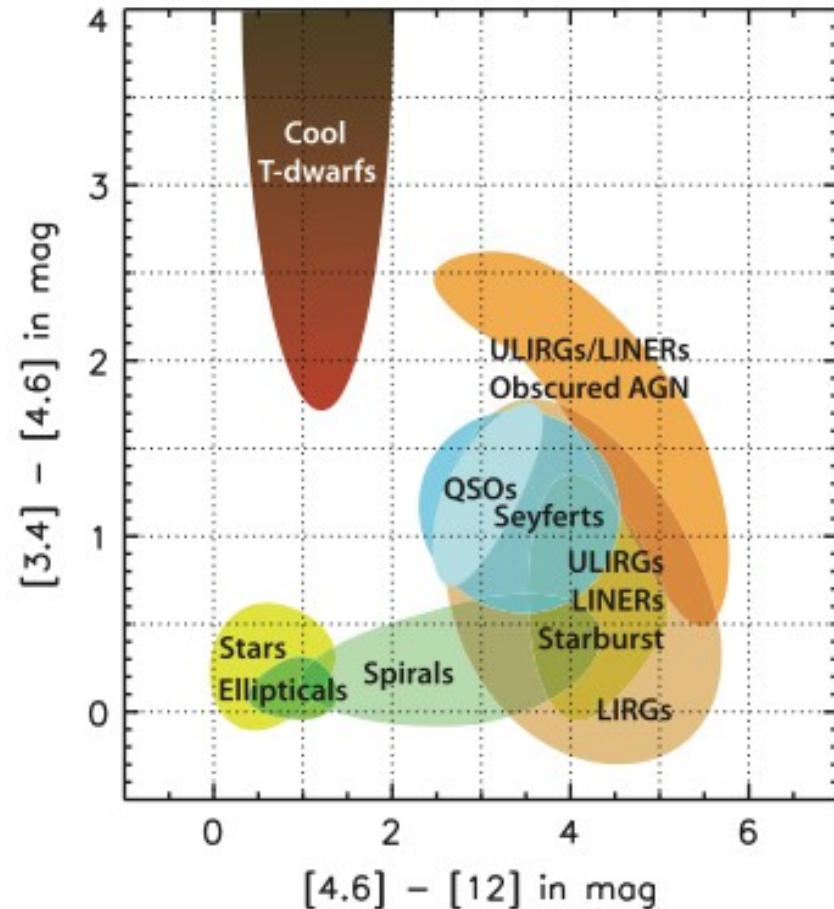
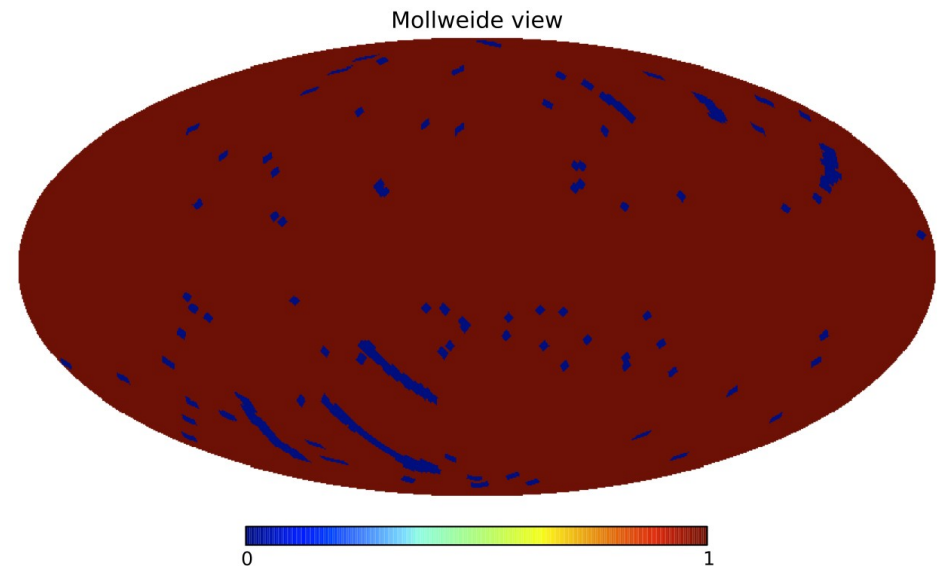
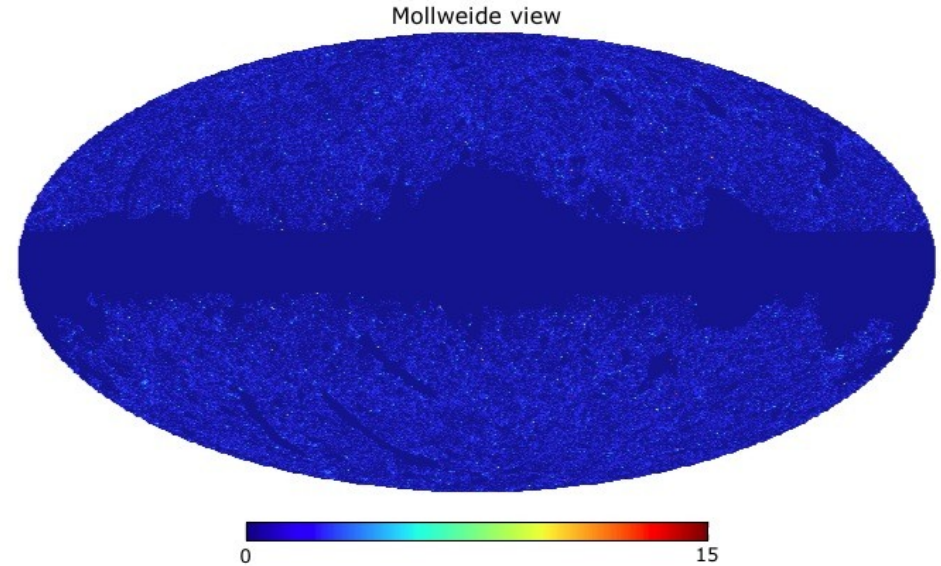


Figure 12. Color-color diagram showing the locations of interesting classes of objects. Stars and early-type galaxies have colors near zero, while brown dwarfs are very red in $W1-W2$, spiral galaxies are red in $W2-W3$, and ULIRGS tend to be red in both colors.

Wright et al. ApJ 140:1868–1881 (2010)

WISE Galaxy Density

- Binned galaxy counts on sky in equal area pixels on a sphere with HEALPIX
- Zone of avoidance removed, WMAP mask applied
- Non-uniform nearby structure masked manually by retrieving coordinates from DEXTER
- Resolution sensitivity to multipole $l \sim 256$



Probing the ISW Effect at $z=0.148$

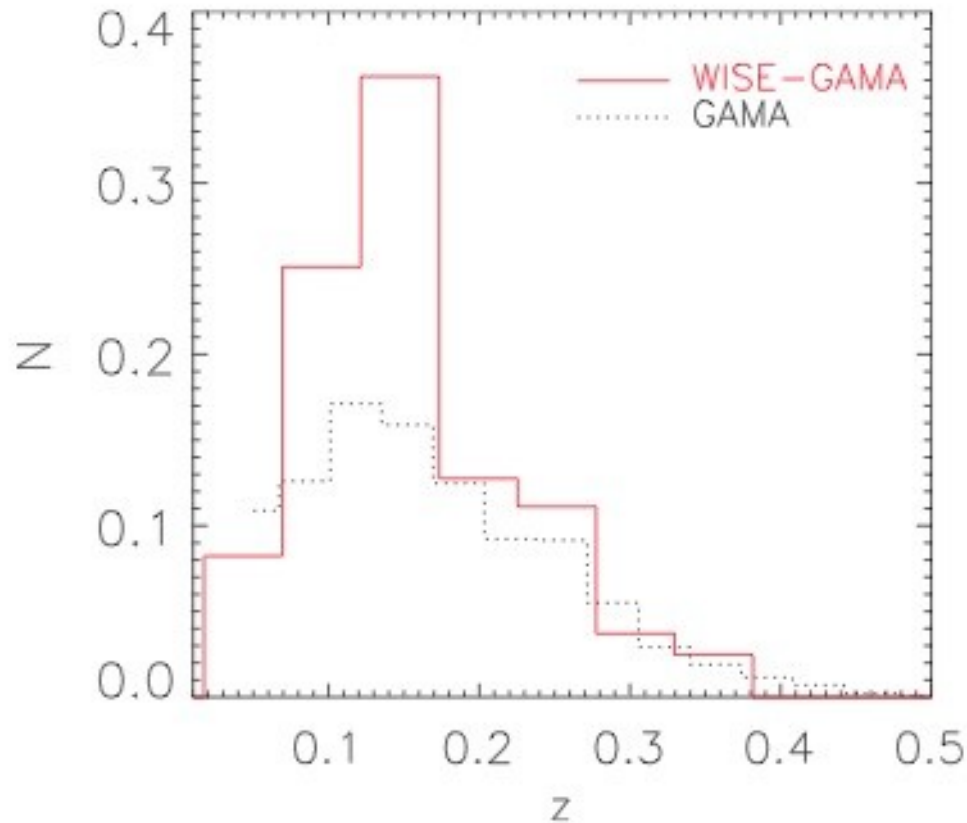
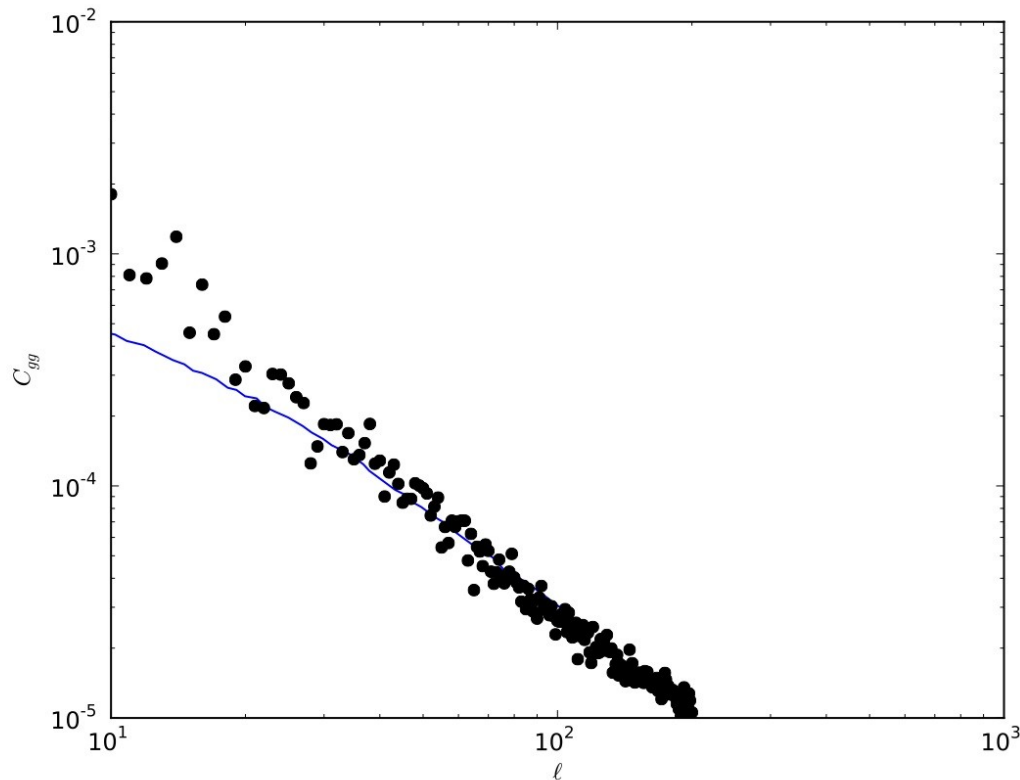


Figure 3. The normalized redshift distributions of the *WISE* galaxy sample (red solid line) and the GAMA spectroscopic sample (black dotted line).

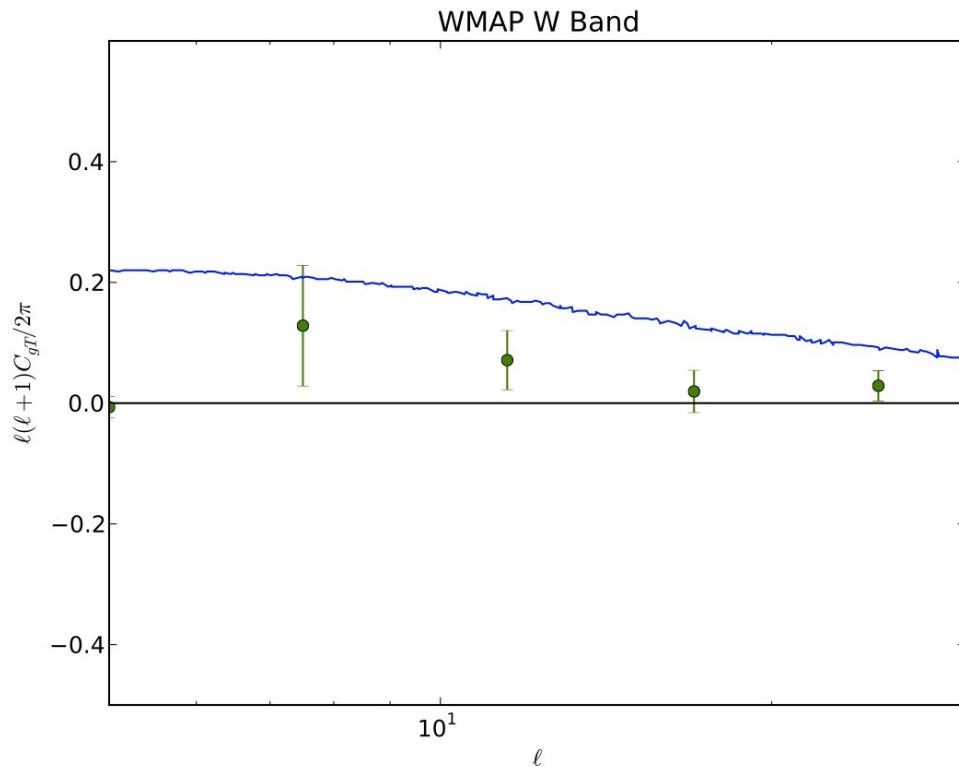
- Universe becomes Λ -dominated at $z \sim 0.5$
- GAMA: Galaxy And Mass Assembly
- Spectroscopic redshift survey
- Goto et al. 2012 crossed matched WISE & GAMA to find median redshift

Galaxy Number Density Power Spectrum



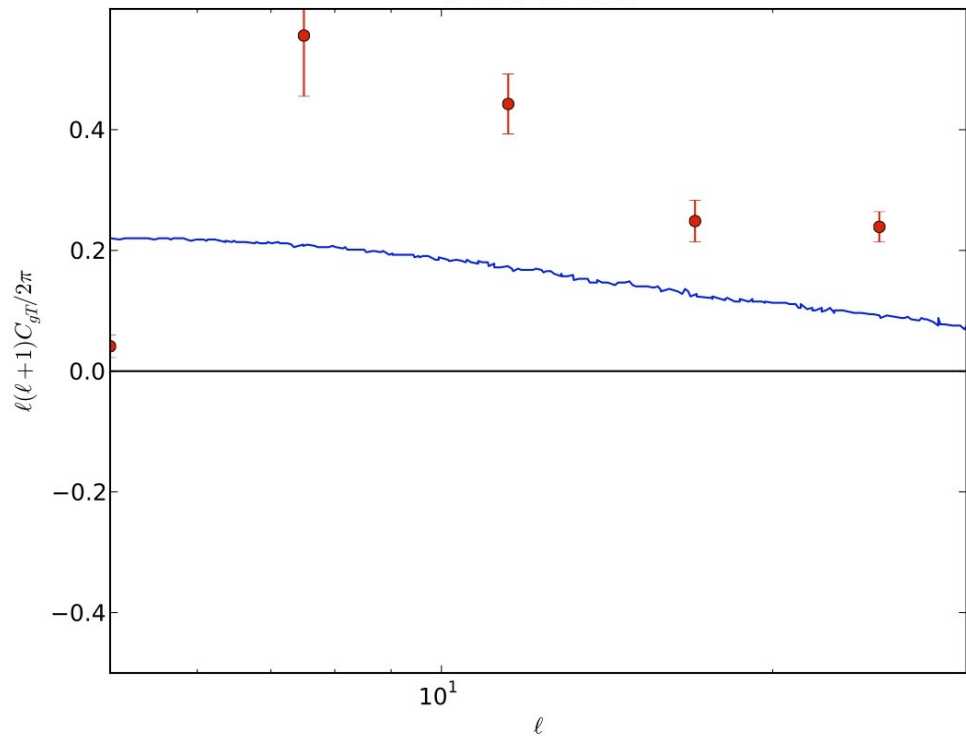
- Theory curve from Goto et. al. was fit to our data to determine the galaxy bias.
- Galaxy bias determines how well galaxies trace dark matter distribution
- We find a galaxy bias of 1.38

CMB-Galaxy Cross-Correlation

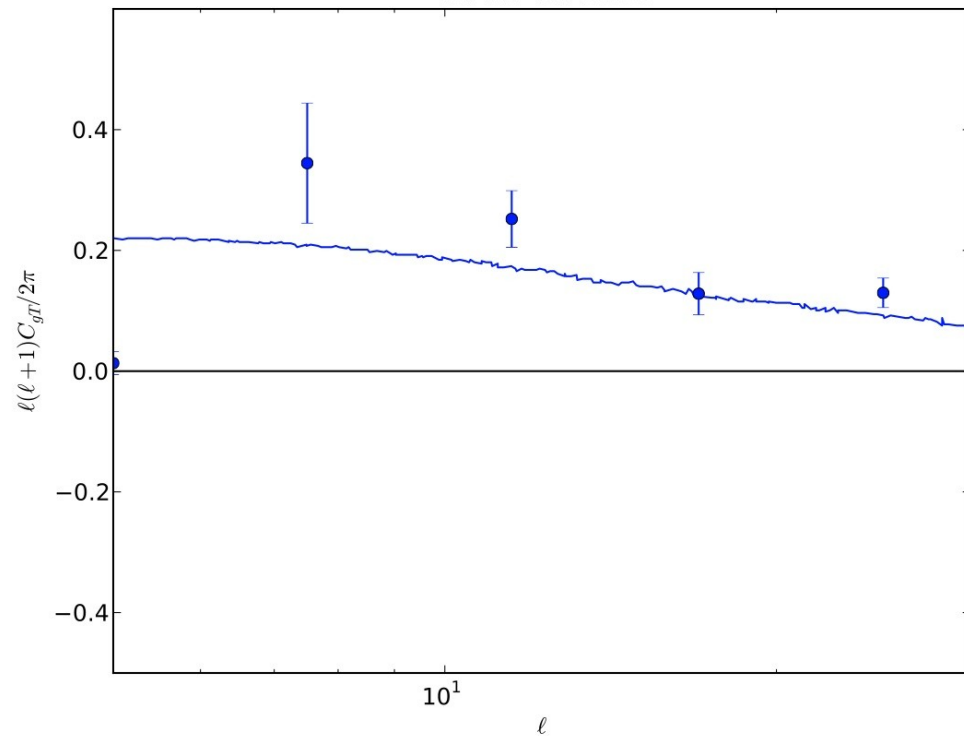


- HEALPIX algorithm
- Logarithmic binning to better see signal
- Start at $\ell=5$ – size of WMAP mask affects smaller multipoles
- Used bin boundaries $\ell=5, 7, 10, 15, 21, 30, 43, 60$ and 86
- ISW effect should contribute to lower multipoles

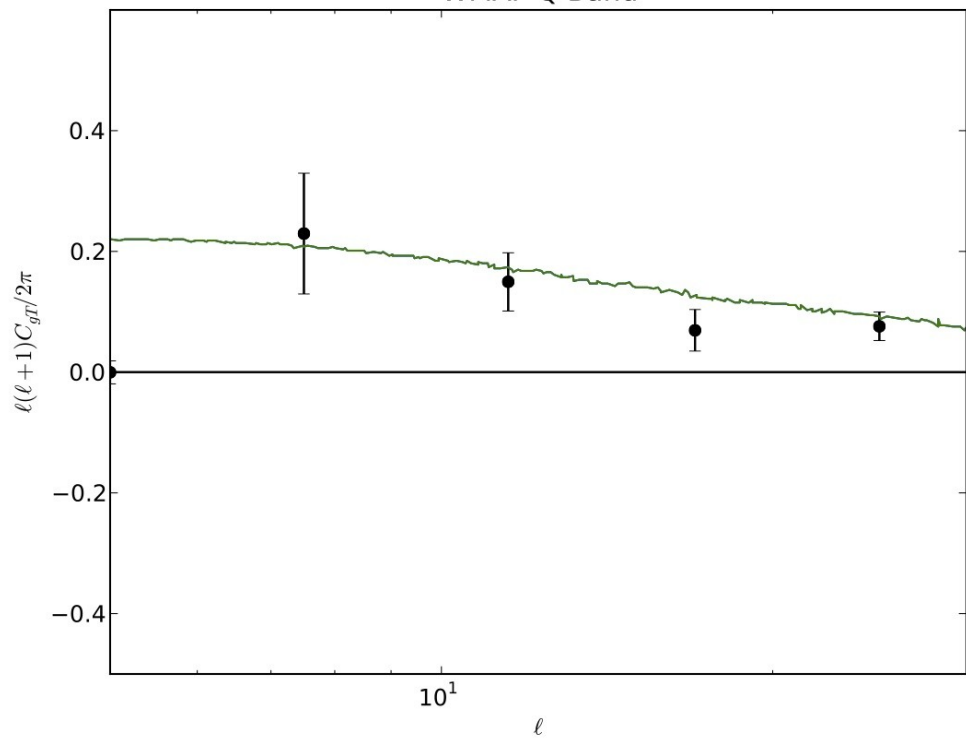
WMAP K Band



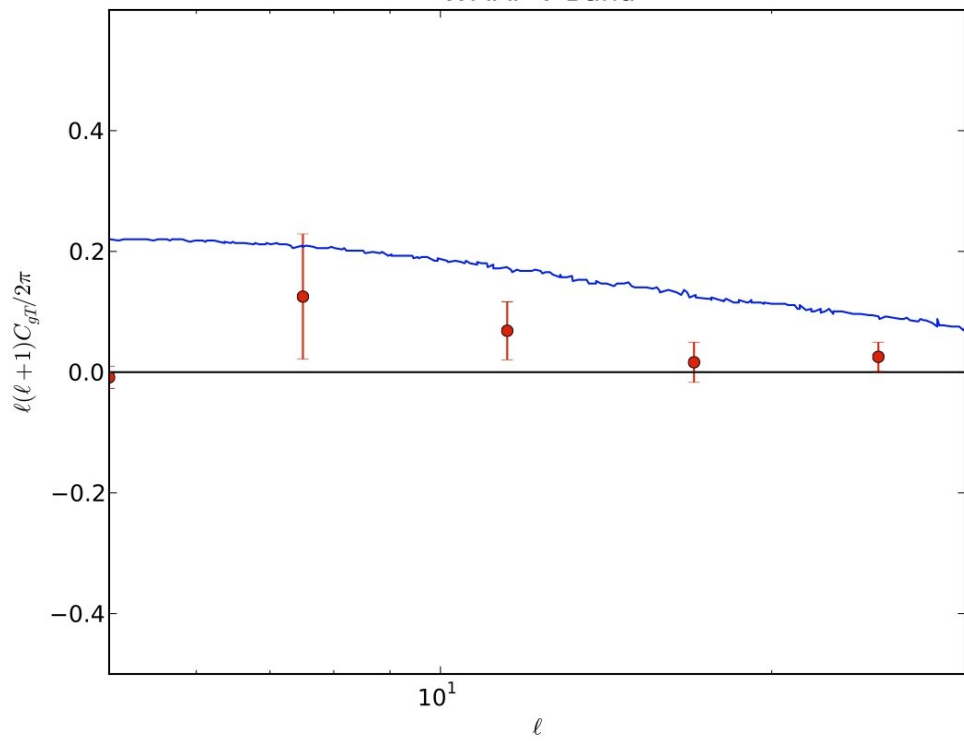
WMAP Ka Band



WMAP Q Band

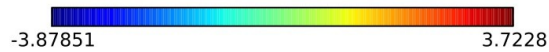
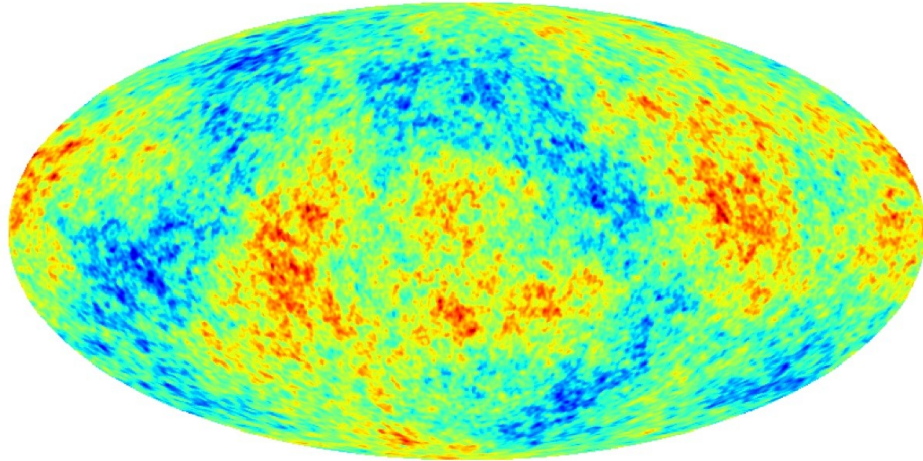


WMAP V Band

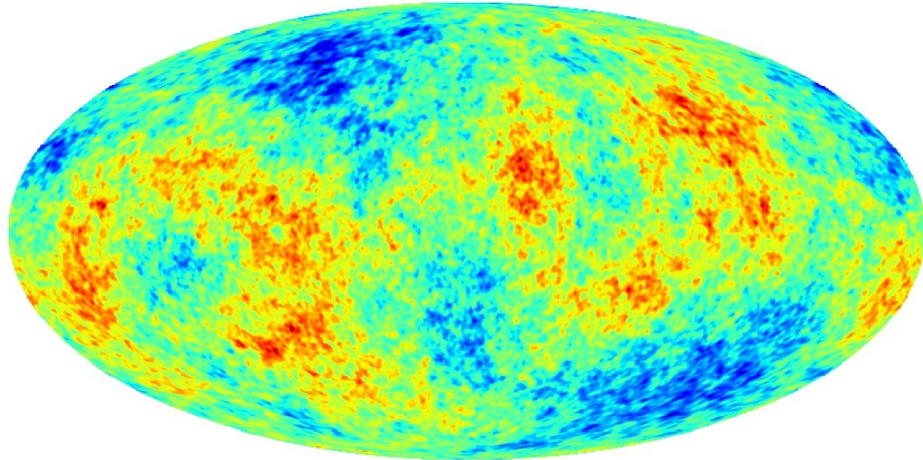


Error Analysis

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- Used SYNFAST to produce 1000 statistically equivalent random CMB maps
- Spatial phase information not preserved in correlations
- Performed cross-correlation with WISE for each
- Error bars given by standard deviation

Conclusions

- ISW effect detected in the range $7 < l < 15$ at 1.7, 1.8, 3.4, 5.5 and 8.9 sigma in the WMAP V, W, Q, Ka, and K bands.
- Considered larger portion of the sky than Goto et al.
- K & Ka bands contaminated by foreground emission – correlation appears stronger.
- V & W bands are consistent with each other, evidence for some source contamination in Q-band.
- Universe must have been dark energy dominated by $Z=0.148$ in agreement with Λ CDM.
- Another piece of evidence for the accelerated expansion of the Universe.