Measuring the Small-Scale Matter Power Spectrum with Ultra-High-Resolution CMB Lensing

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A technique that relies on lensing avoids complications of baryonic tracers.



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First Measurement of CMB Lensing on Halo Scales Madhavacheril, NS, for the ACT Collaboration PRL, 114, 2015

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Contrast between CDM and DM models that wash out small-scale structure is larger at higher redshifts

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Potential Ability to Distinguish Between Dark Matter Models




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 - Use shear-only estimator which is insensitive to foregrounds with isotropic 2D power spectra (Schaan and Ferraro - 1804.06403)

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- Organizing workshop this fall at CCA to explore science case and instrumental feasibility for ultra high-res, low-noise CMB lensing survey - email me if you are interested