

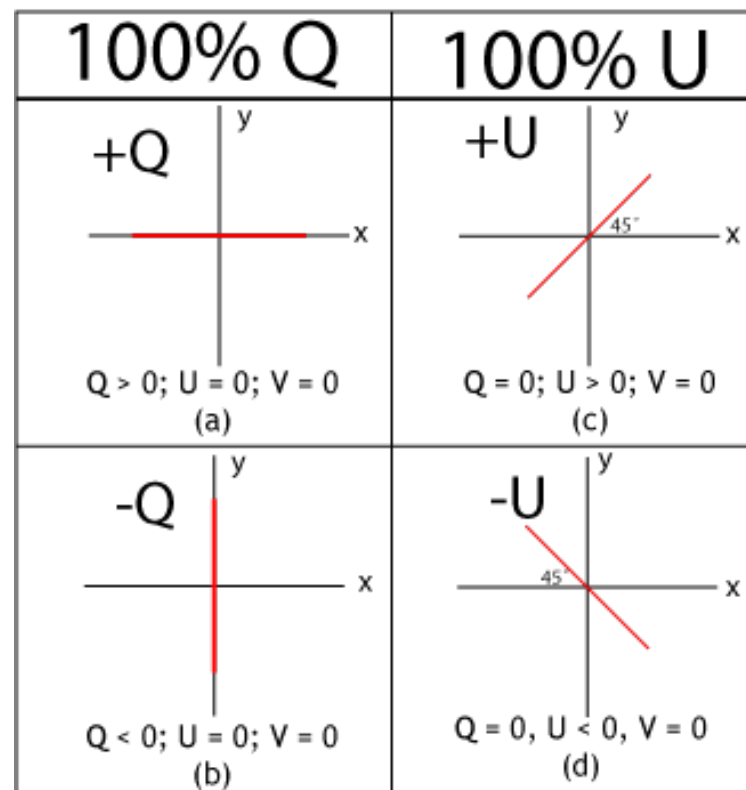
The parity-odd intrinsic CMB -bispectrum

“Non-primordial-, non scalar- non-Gaussianity”

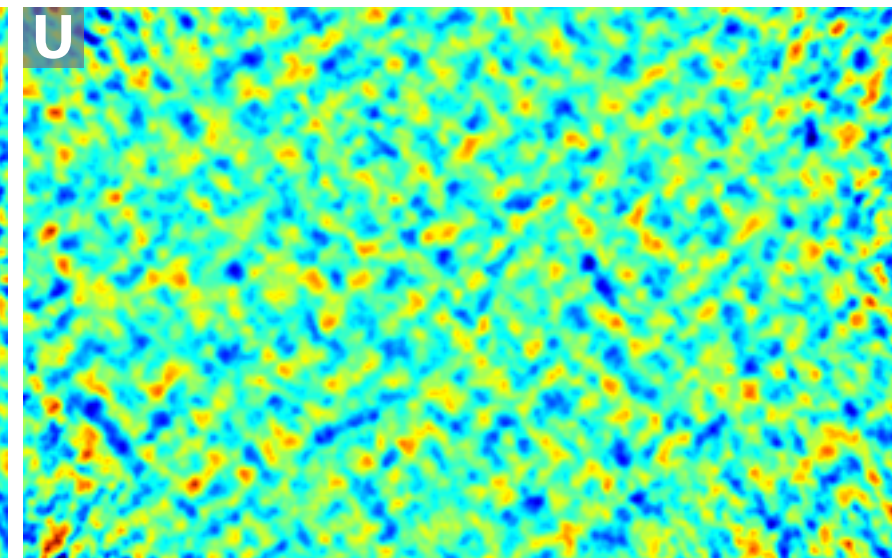
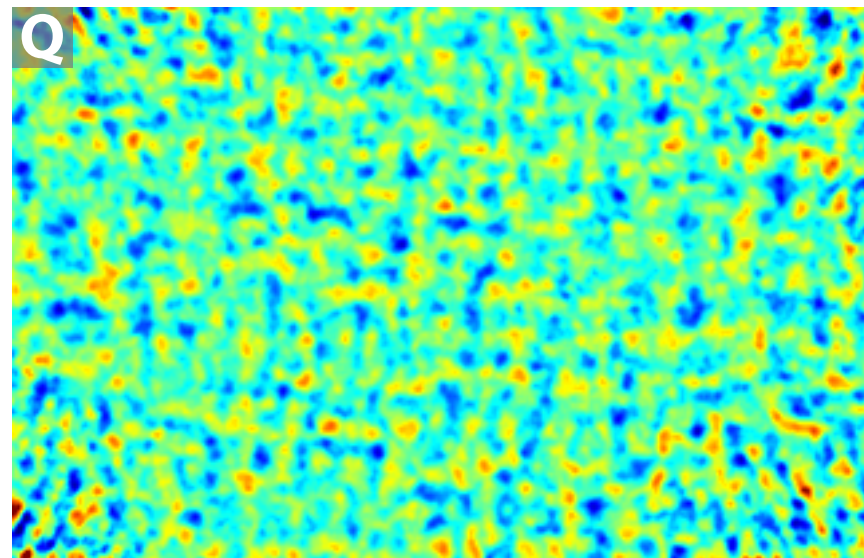
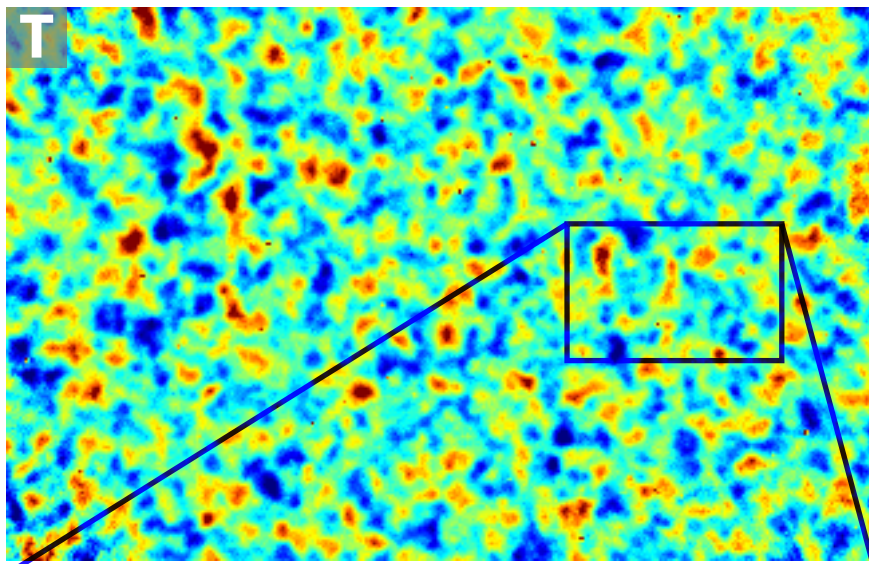
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Cosmology from anisotropies



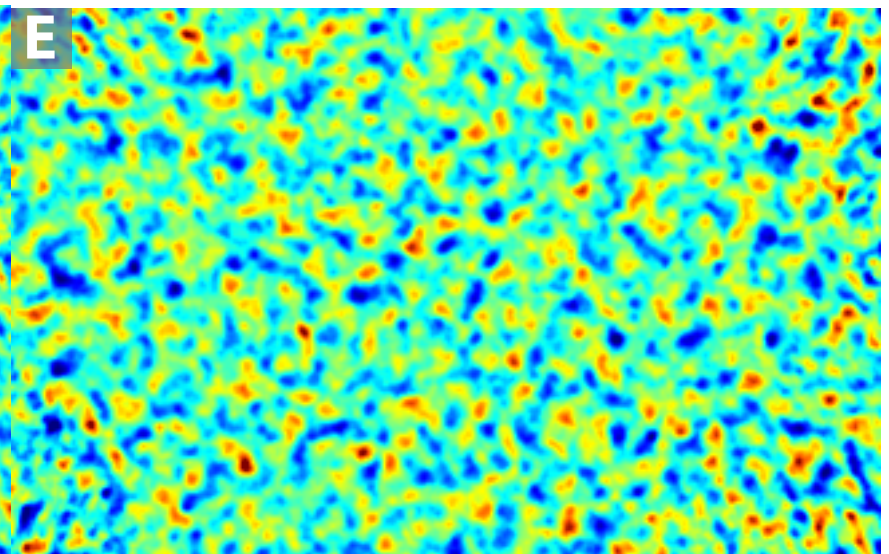
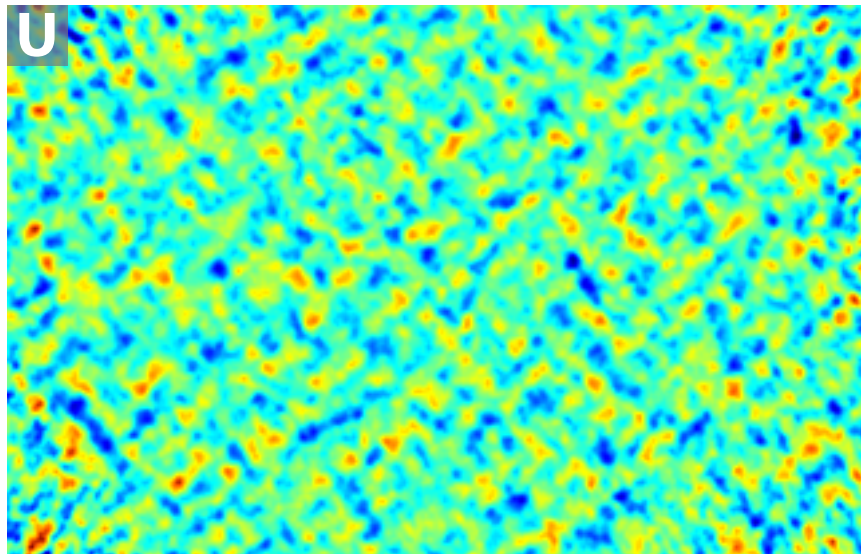
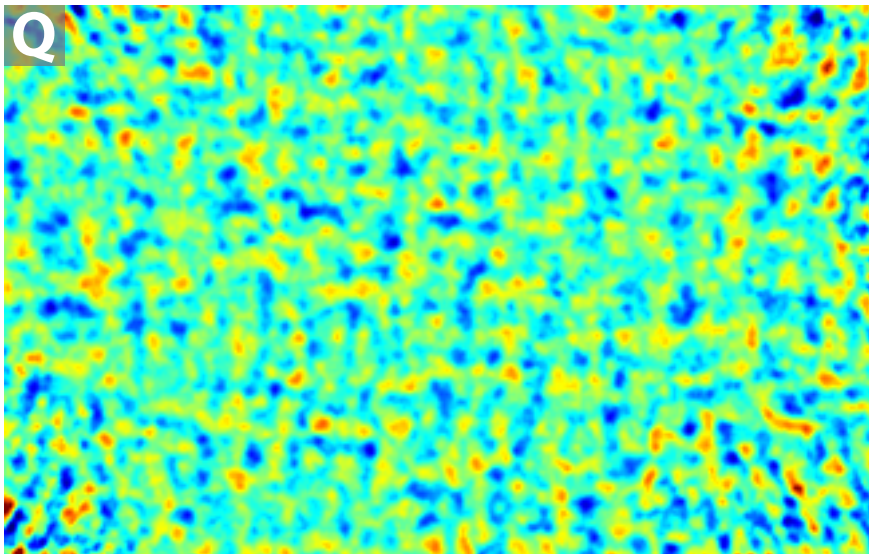
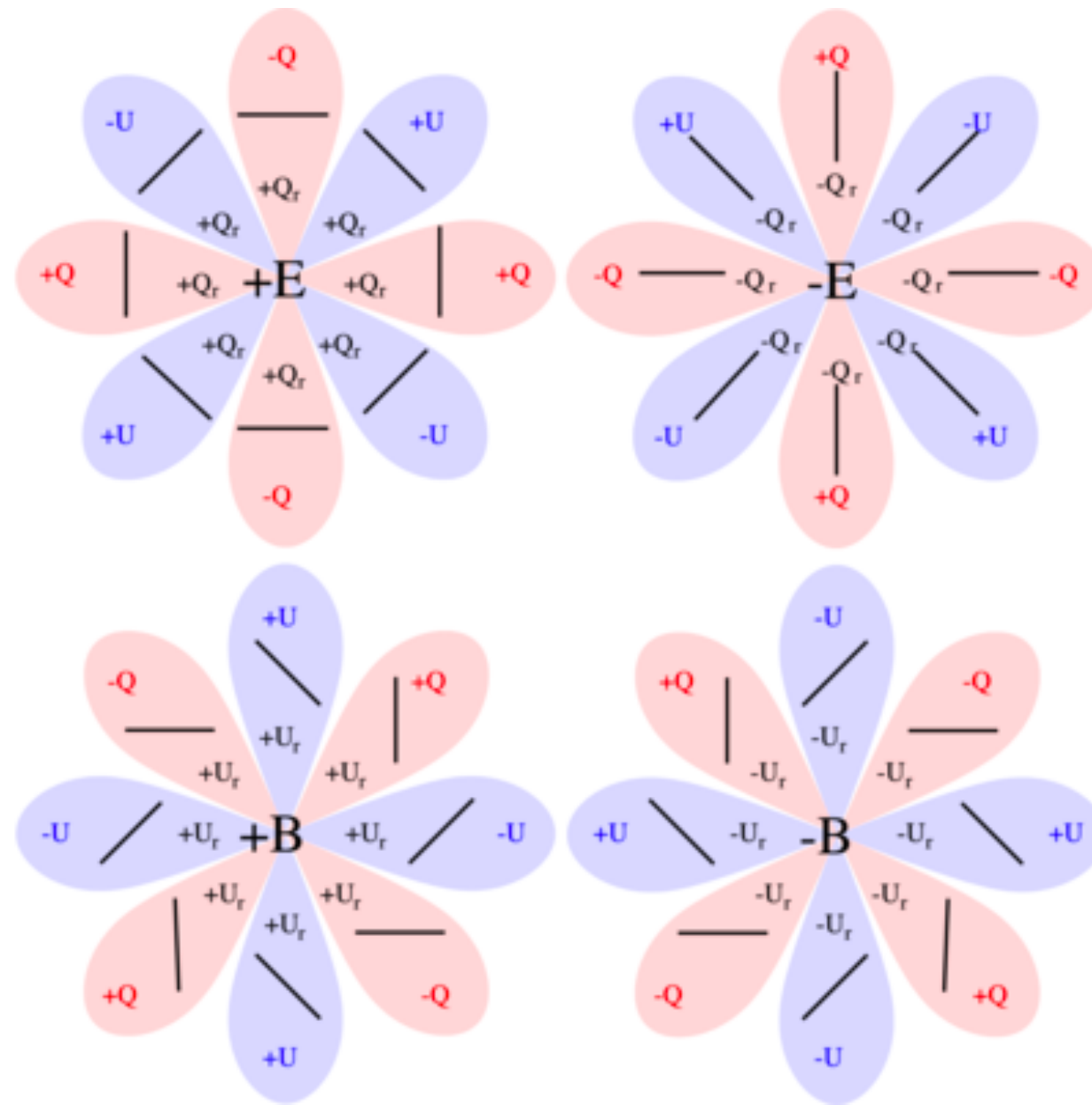
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Naess et al (2014)

E modes and B modes

Credit: Sigurd Naess



What is bispectrum?

$$\frac{\Delta T(\vec{n})}{T} = \sum_{\ell, m} a_{\ell, m} Y_{\ell, m}(\vec{n})$$

- If CMB is purely Gaussian then the fluctuations can be fully described by the power-spectrum C_ℓ
- The bispectrum is the harmonic equivalent of the three point function
- For a homogeneous and isotropic universe it has the form:
$$\langle a_{\ell_1, m_1} a_{\ell_2, m_2} a_{\ell_3, m_3} \rangle = \mathcal{G}_{\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3}^{m_1, m_2, m_3} b_{\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3}$$
- Vanishes for Gaussian fluctuations

Komatsu (2002)
Spergel and Goldberg (1999)

CMB anisotropies at a high level

- The evolution of primordial fluctuations to CMB anisotropies is described by the Boltzmann equations.
- The solution to the linearized Boltzmann equation can be written schematically

$$a_{\ell m}^X \sim \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} T_\ell^X(k, \eta_0) \Phi(\mathbf{k}, t = 0)$$

where $T_\ell^X(k, \eta_0)$ - transfer functions that encode physics of evolution
 $\Phi(k, t = 0)$ - primordial perturbation

- Linear relation: Gaussian initial conditions, Gaussian anisotropies
- No mode mixing: Primordial scalars can only source temperature and E mode polarization patterns - B modes must come from primordial tensors

Beyond leading order

- Given primordial fluctuations are small we expect the bispectrum will be the most powerful tool to probe these effects
- Heuristically $\delta T \sim \Phi^{(1)} + \Phi^{(1)}\Phi^{(1)}$ will lead to a bispectrum as:

$$\langle \delta T \delta T \delta T \rangle \sim \langle \Phi^{(1)} \Phi^{(1)} \Phi^{(1)} \Phi^{(1)} \rangle$$

- Then we can expect:

$$B^{\text{2nd-order}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) \sim P_\Phi(k_1)P_\Phi(k_2) + \dots$$

- This could be similar size to $f_{NL} \sim 1$
- At second order:
 - CMB non-Gaussianity can arise from Gaussian initial conditions
- Do we have the sensitivity to probe this?

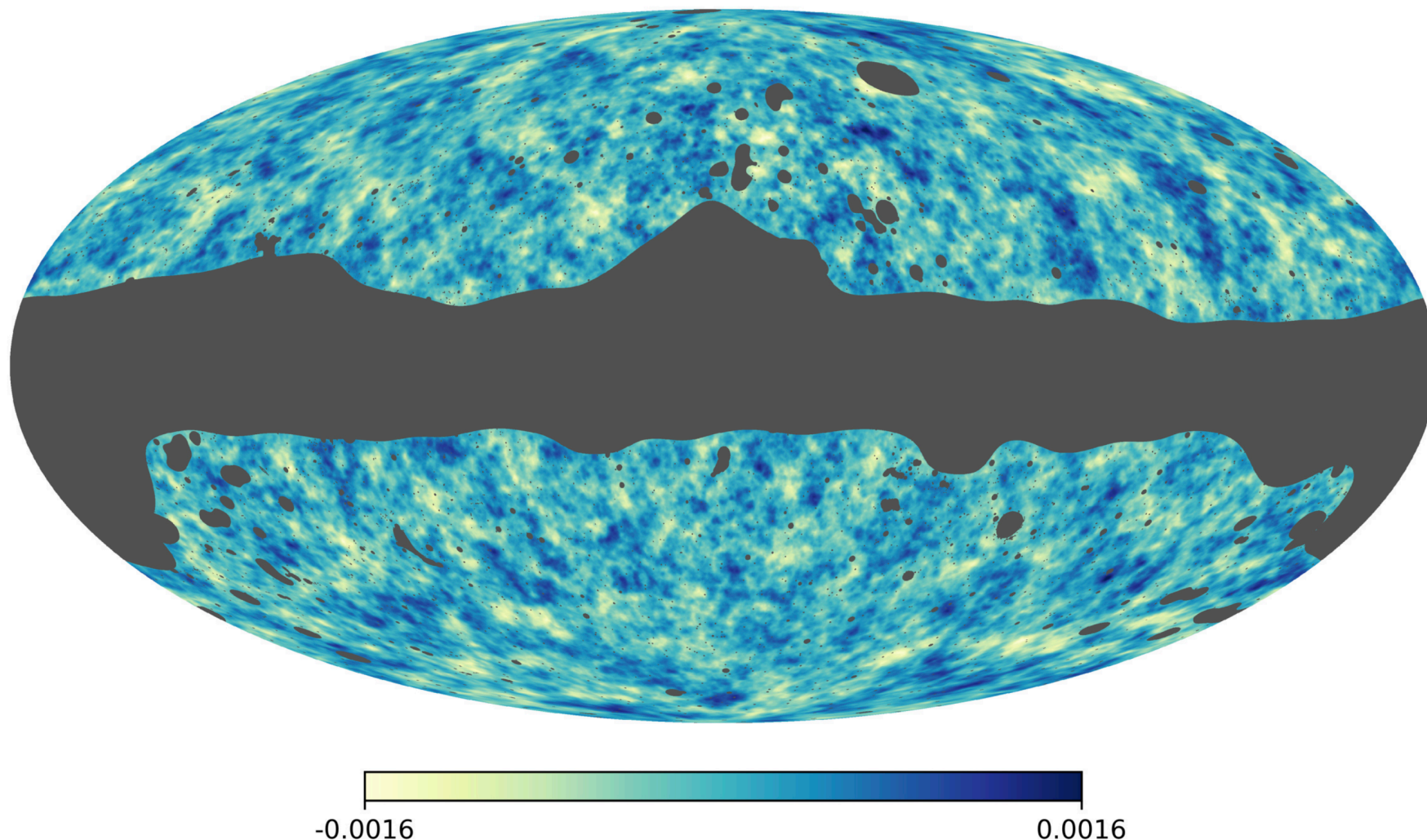
Second order effects: Lensing

- Gravitational lensing!

$$T(\mathbf{n}) = \tilde{T}(\mathbf{n} + \nabla \phi) \simeq \tilde{T}(\mathbf{n}) + \nabla \tilde{T} \cdot \nabla \phi$$

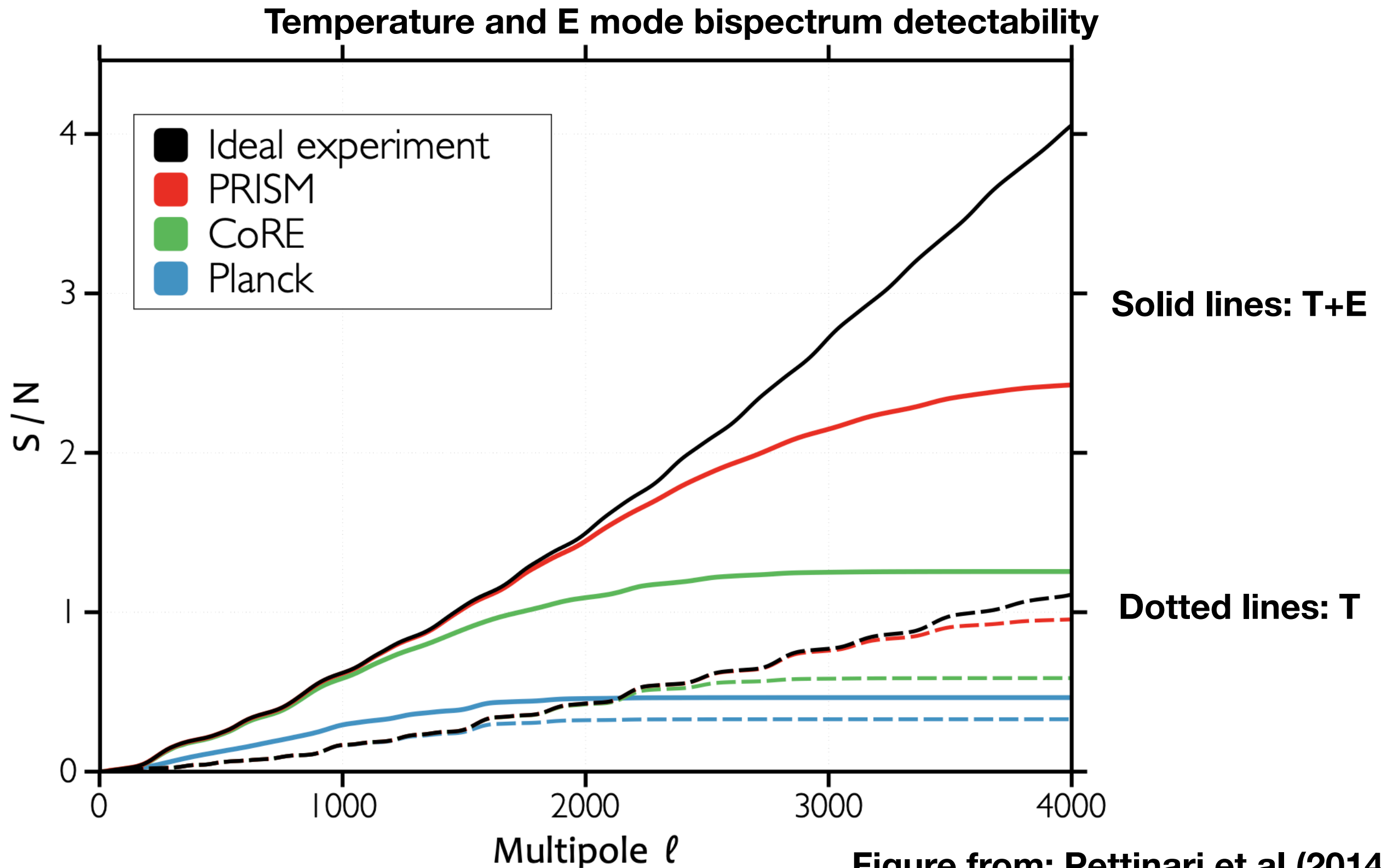
- Generates a non-zero trispectrum:

$$\langle TTTT \rangle \propto \nabla \tilde{T} \cdot \nabla \phi \nabla \tilde{T} \cdot \nabla \phi \tilde{T} \tilde{T} \propto C^{\phi\phi} C^{TT} C^{TT}$$



Seljak 1995, Hu and Okamoto (2001), Planck 2018 VIII.

Intrinsic Bispectrum



End of the story?

- All second order sources generates B modes!

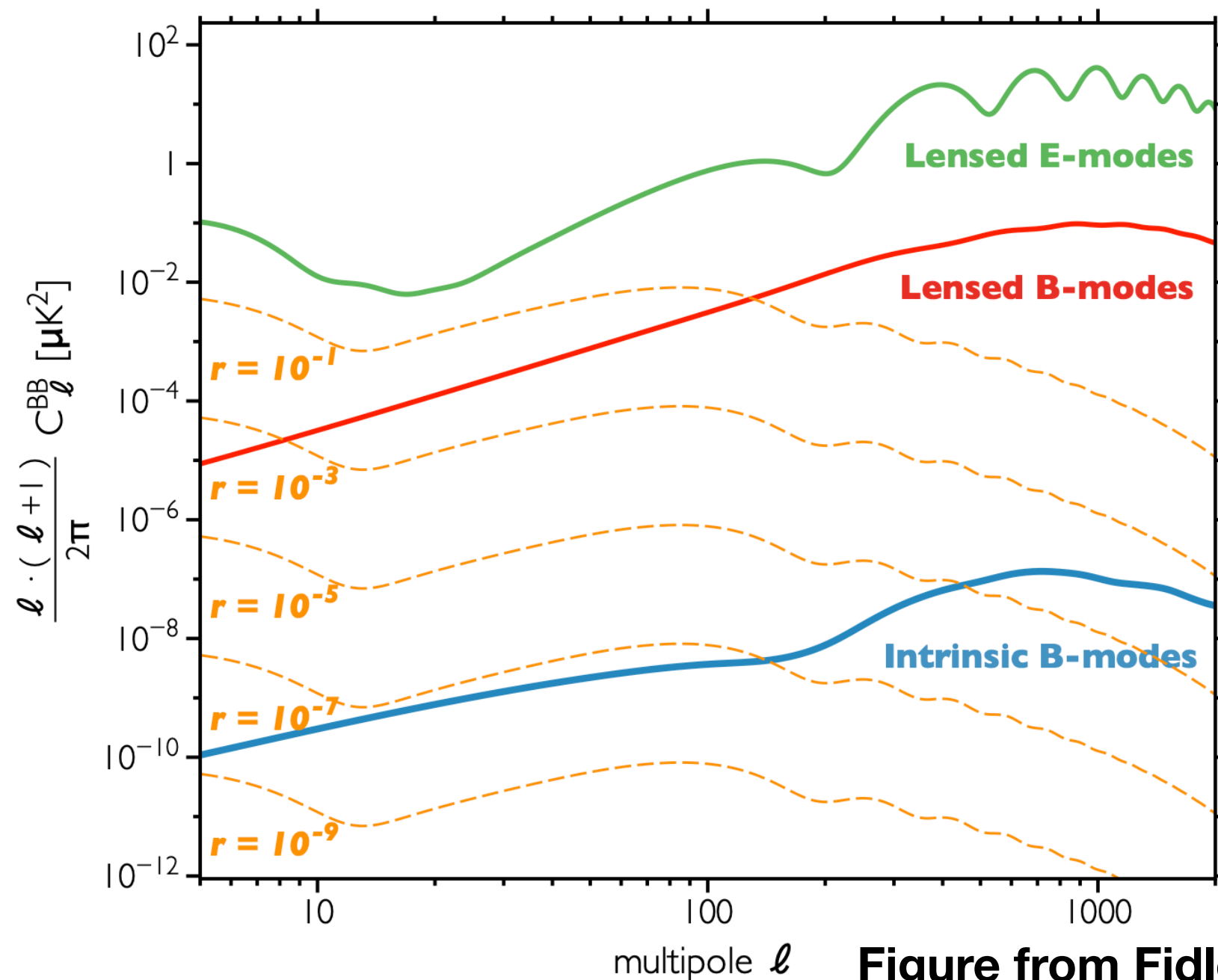
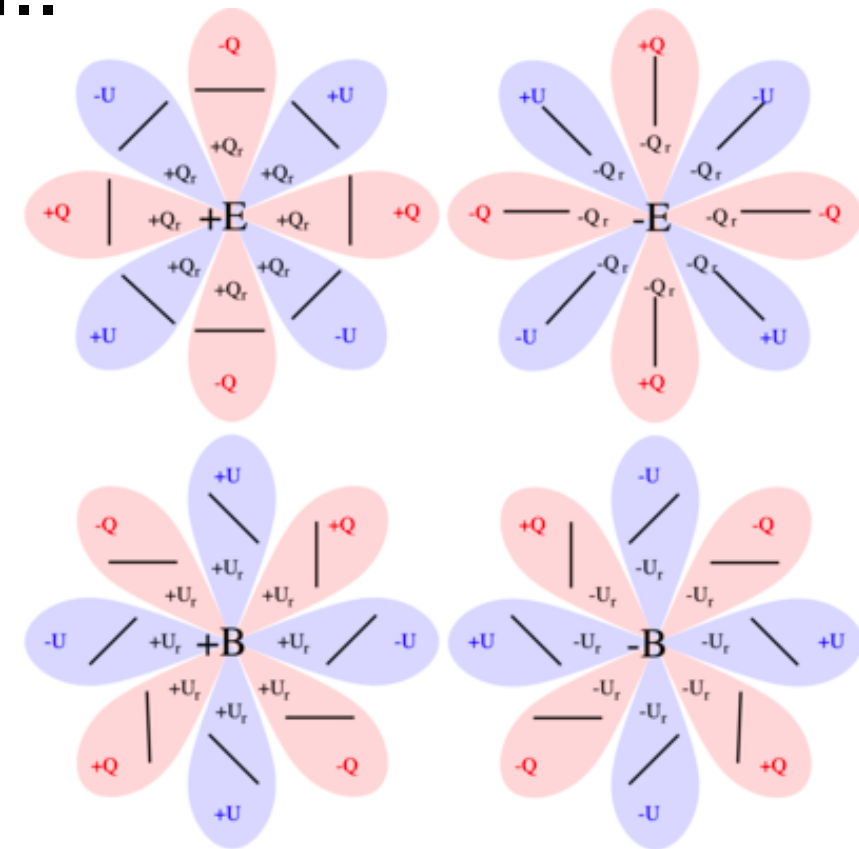
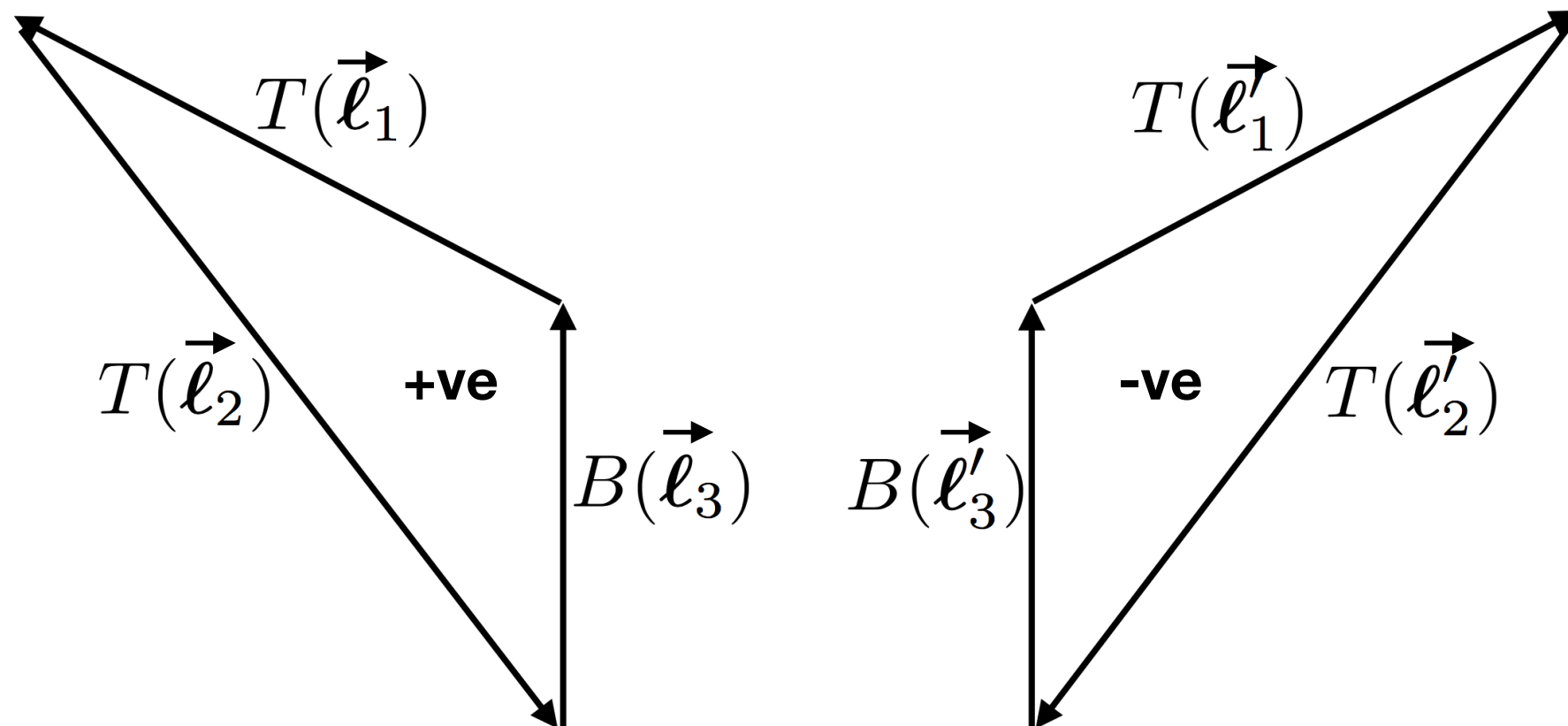


Figure from Fidler et al (2015)

Benke et al (2010,2011) Fidler et al (2015)

Parity-odd Intrinsic Bispectrum

- TB and EB power spectra vanish.
- What about BTT, BTE.. bispectra?
- Not zero!! But need a different estimator..



Meerberg et al (2016)

Parity-odd Intrinsic Bispectrum

- These B modes will be correlated with the scalars. I.e:
 - $\langle BTT \rangle, \langle BET \rangle, \langle BEE \rangle \neq 0$
- Bispectrum same order as power spectrum!
- Boltzmann eqs. B modes are only sourced by vector and tensor sources!
- Non lensing contributions to these bispectra probe tensor and vector modes!
- SNR will increase as lensing B modes are removed!

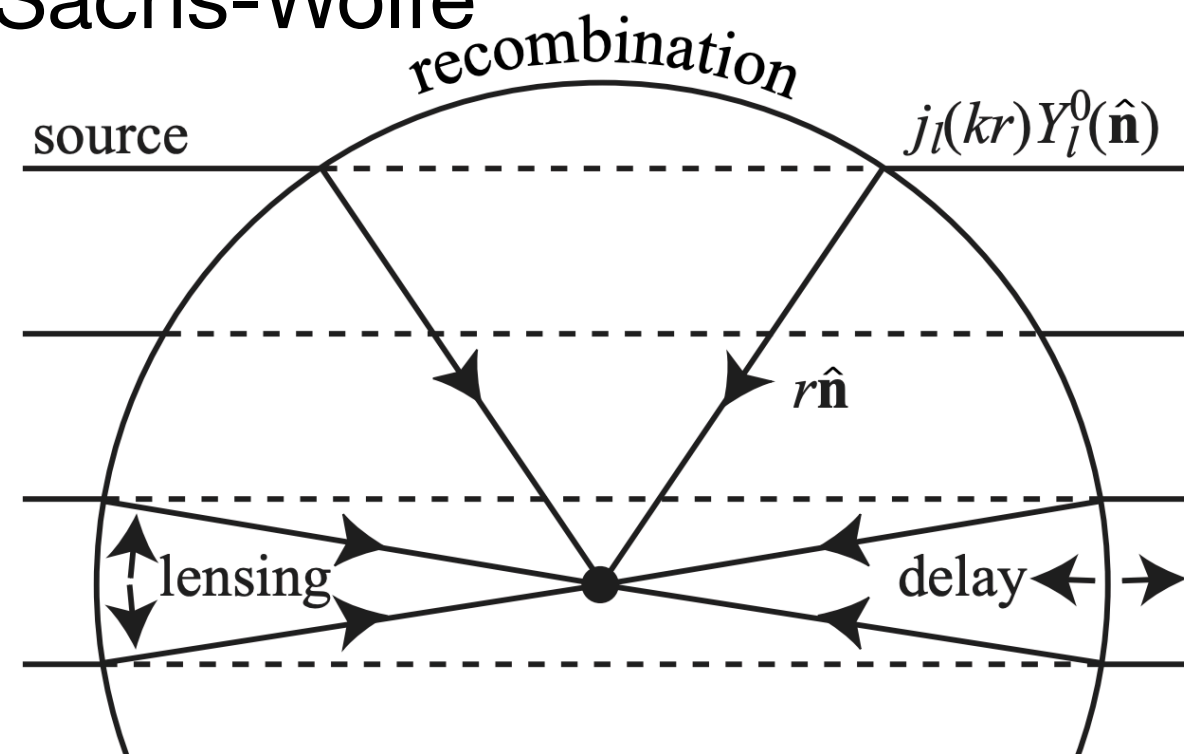
Sources at second order: Lensing-like

- We will be focusing on sources at recombination.
- However will have to contend with late-time sources:
$$\langle TTT \rangle \propto \langle T \nabla \tilde{T} \rangle \cdot \langle \nabla \phi T \rangle$$
- Any contribution that is correlated to lensing potential in lensing maps sources a bispectrum

- E.g. Lensing-Integrated Sachs-Wolfe

- Additional lensing effects:

- Time delay
 - Emission angle



Goldberg and Spergel 1999, Hu and Cooray (2000), Lewis et al (2017)

Sources at second order: Quadratic

- Through the Boltzmann equations we evolve moments of the distribution function (the brightness)

$$\delta + \Delta(\eta, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) = \frac{\int dpp^3 f(\eta, \mathbf{x}, p\mathbf{n})}{\int dpp^3 f^0}$$

- Brightness is related to the temperature perturbation as:

$$\frac{1 + \Delta}{\Delta_0} = \left(\frac{1 + \delta T}{T} \right)^4 = 1 + 4\delta T + 6\delta T\delta T + \dots$$

- Thus there are contributions to the observed temperature fluctuations of the form:

$$\delta T^{(2)} = \frac{1}{4}\Delta^{(2)} - \frac{3}{32}\Delta^{(1)}\Delta^{(1)}$$

- Additionally gravitational redshifting of the CMB introduces an identical term

Sources at second order: Evolution and Scattering

- Gravitational evolution of initial perturbations
 - Is non-linear and couples the independent modes
 - Evolution generates non-scalar modes:
Vorticity and tensor perturbations
- Second order scattering effects. E.g:
 - Linear order: over-dense regions are potential wells-> CMB cold spot
 - Second order: additionally the scattering rate is also increased - marginally hotter spot!
- These processes encode new information from recombination era!

CMB Sources at second order: Evolution and Scattering at a high level

- To compute these terms we need to solve the second order Boltzmann equations
- Now we have (schematically)

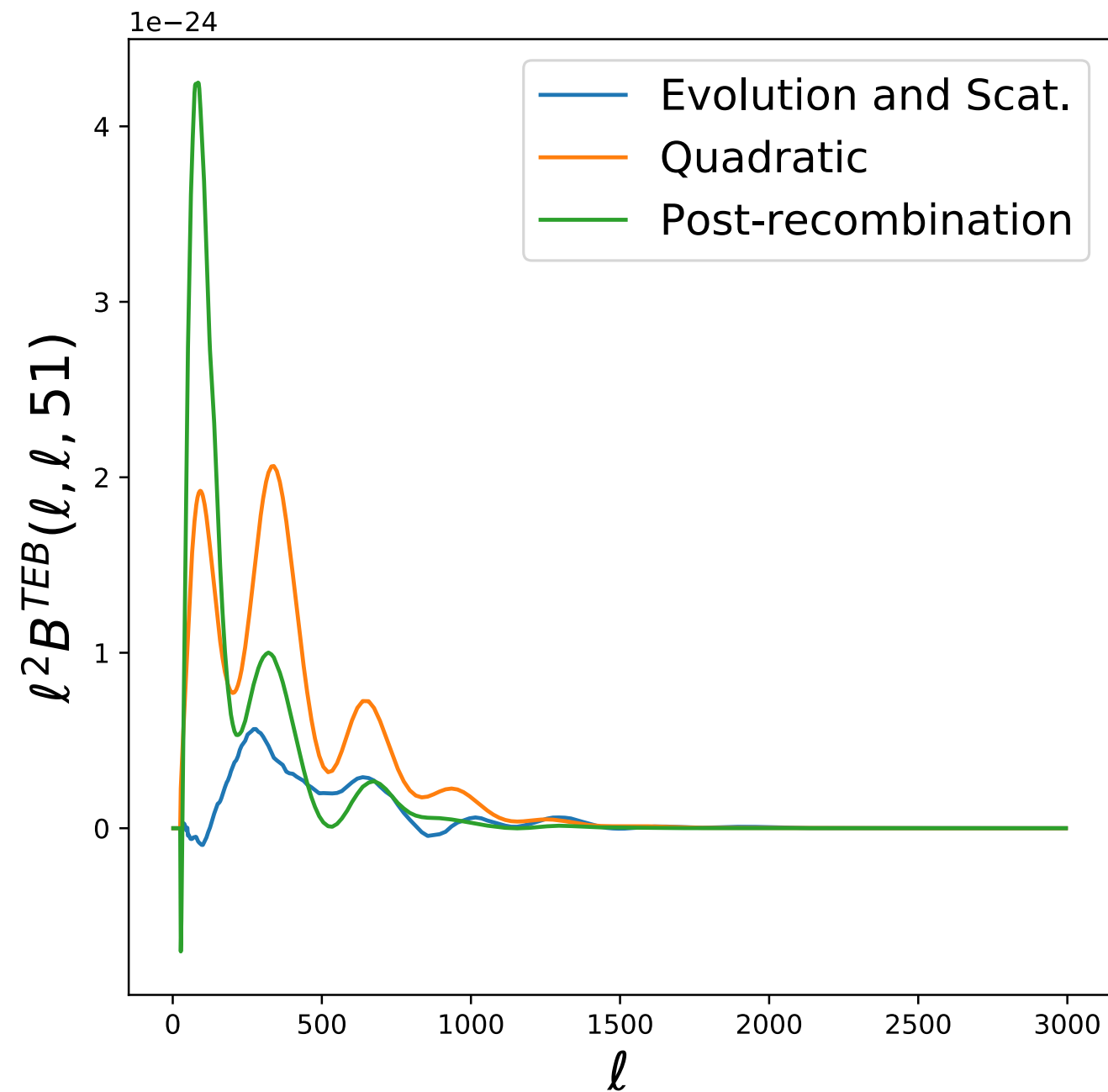
$$a_{\ell m}^{(2)X} \sim \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}_1 d^3\mathbf{k}_2}{(2\pi)^6} T_{\ell}^{(2)X}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \Phi(\mathbf{k}_1) \Phi(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2)$$

where $T_{\ell}^{(2)X}(k, \eta_0)$ - are second order transfer functions
- encode physics of evolution

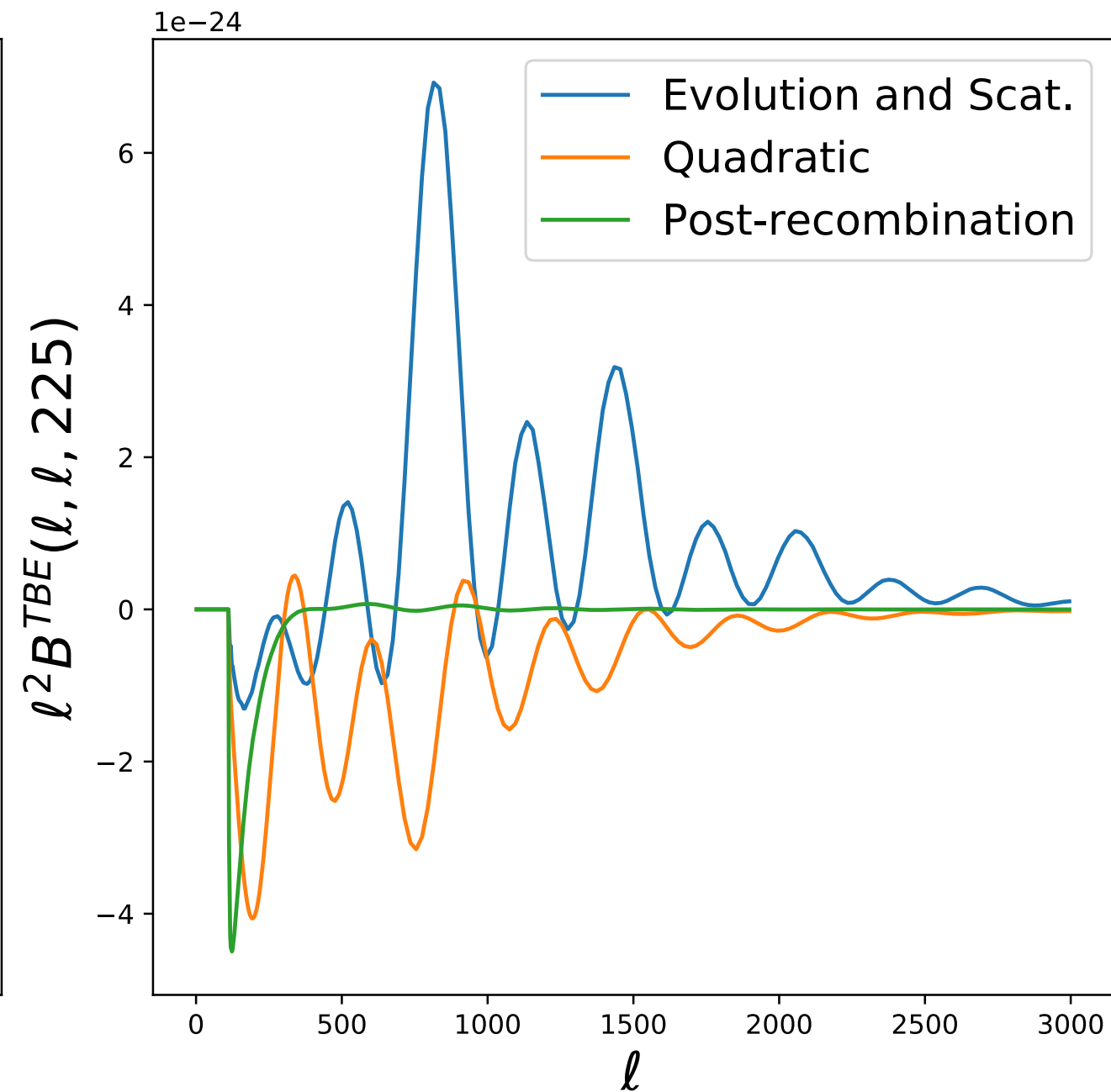
- We compute these by numerically solving the Boltzmann equation at second order
 - Use the public code: SONG
- Compute our observable: $\langle a_{\ell_1 m_1}^{(2)X} a_{\ell_2 m_2}^{(1)Y} a_{\ell_3 m_3}^{(1)Z} \rangle$

The bispectrum

Squeezed bispectrum slice



Equilateral bispectrum slice

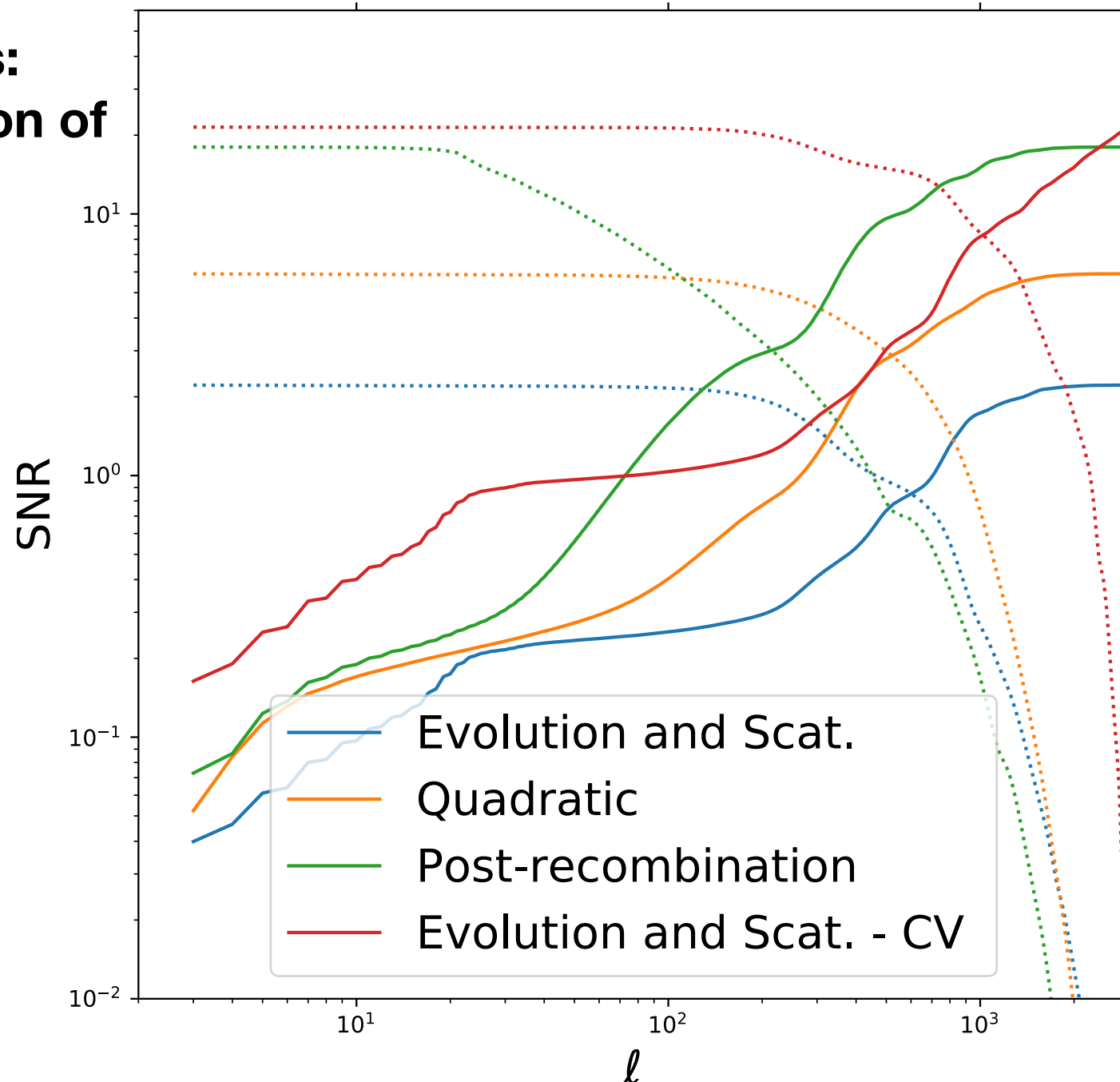


What are contributes to this bispectrum?

Parity odd SNR for a PICO like experiment
(assuming 90% of lensing B modes removed)

Dotted Lines:
SNR as a function of
Minimum ℓ

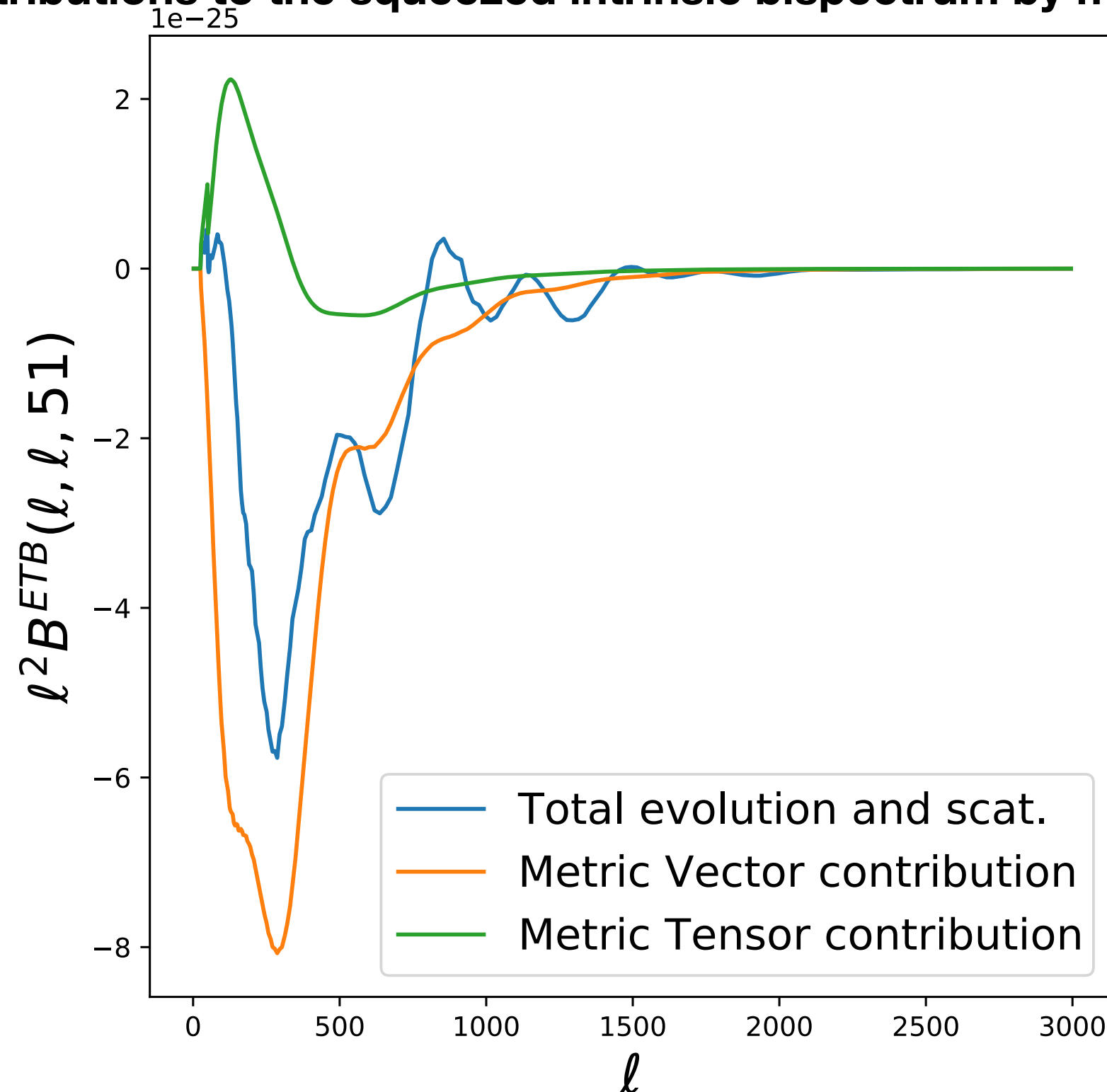
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CV assumes 99% delensing Coulton (2103.08614)

The intrinsic bispectrum components

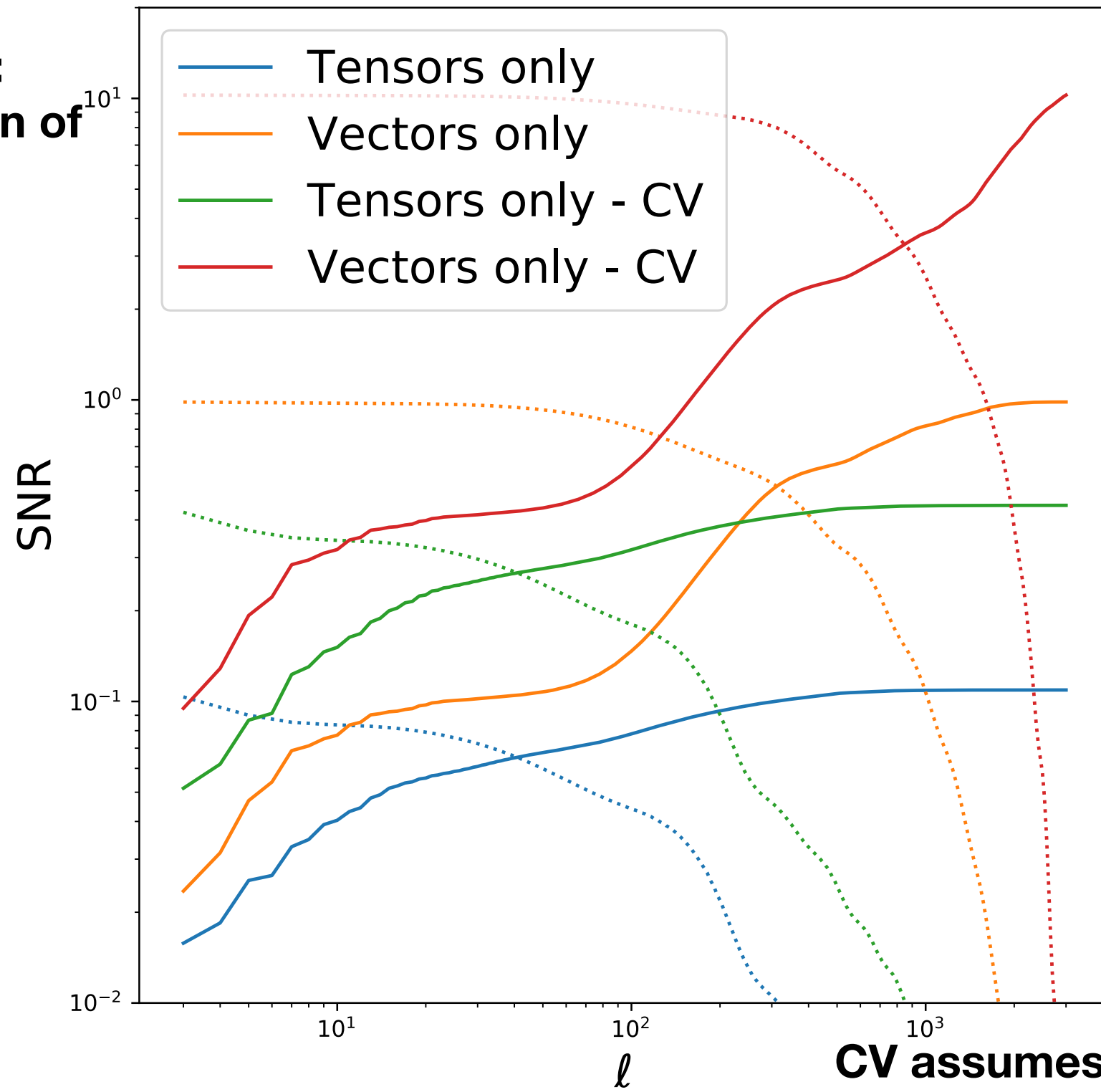
Contributions to the squeezed intrinsic bispectrum by mode type



How well could these non-scalar modes be measured?

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Conclusions

- Upcoming experiments will provide unprecedented precision
- An opportunity to measure new physical effects in the CMB
 - We get these effects for free!!
- Probe the cosmological model with both increased power and from new angles
 - Non-scalar sources at recombination?

Thanks!