Cross-correlation between Subaru Hyper Suprime-Cam Galaxy Weak Lensing and Planck Cosmic Microwave Background Lensing

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Abstract

Cross-correlations between galaxy weak lensing (WL) and cosmic microwave background (CMB) lensing are powerful tools to probe matter fluctuations at intermediate redshifts and to detect residual systematics in either probe. In this paper, we study the cross-correlation of galaxy WL from the Hyper Suprime-Cam Subaru Strategic Program (HSC) first data release and CMB lensing from the final Planck data release, for HSC source galaxies at $0.3 < z < 1.5$. HSC is the deepest Stage-III galaxy WL survey, and provides a great opportunity to study the high-redshift universe. It also presents new challenges related to its exceptionally high source density, such as source blending. The cross-correlation signal is measured at a significance level of $3.1\sigma$. The amplitude of our best-fit model with respect to the best-fit 2018 Planck cosmology is $A = 0.81 \pm 0.25$, consistent with $A = 1$. Our result is also consistent with previous CMB lensing and galaxy WL cross-correlation studies using different surveys. We perform tests with respect to the WL B-modes, the point-spread-function, photometric redshift errors, and thermal Sunyaev–Zel’dovich leakage, and find no significant evidence of residual systematics.

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1. Introduction

The gravitational potential of large-scale structure deflects the path of photons as they traverse the universe—an effect known as weak gravitational lensing (WL). Weak lensing of the cosmic microwave background (hereafter CMB lensing) has matured from early detection to a standard cosmological probe in the past 15 yr (Hirata et al. 2004; Smith et al. 2007; Sherwin et al. 2012; Ade et al. 2014; Das et al. 2014; Aghanim et al. 2020). Using photons from the last scattering surface as a back light, CMB lensing measures the matter distribution early in the history of structure growth. Weak lensing of galaxies (hereafter galaxy WL) using galaxies instead as the source, has also achieved competitive constraints on cosmology in recent years by multiple experiments (Heymans et al. 2012; de Jong et al. 2013; Erben et al. 2013; Shan et al. 2014; Becker et al. 2016; Hildebrandt et al. 2016; Jee et al. 2016; Zuntz et al. 2018). With the galaxies distributed at a wide range of redshifts, galaxy WL is a powerful tool to build a tomographic model of the growth of structure.

We expect the signals from CMB lensing and galaxy WL to be correlated when the same patch of sky is observed, as their lensing kernels overlap in redshift. The cross-correlation of CMB lensing and galaxy WL is sensitive to the underlying matter distribution and therefore can be used to constrain cosmological parameters, such as the mass fluctuation amplitude $\sigma_8$ and the matter density $\Omega_m$. In addition, because CMB and galaxy surveys have uncorrelated noise, the correlation also provides a consistency check of systematic residuals in individual surveys, such as the shear multiplicative bias and photometric redshift (photo-$z$) errors in galaxy WL surveys, and foreground contamination from dust, the cosmic infrared background, or the Sunyaev–Zel’dovich effects in CMB lensing maps.

The CMB lensing and galaxy WL cross-correlation has been studied with many surveys over the past several years, using CMB lensing data from the Planck mission, the Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT), and the South Pole Telescope (SPT) and galaxy WL data from the CFHT Stripe 82 Survey (CS82), Canada–France–Hawaii Telescope Lensing Survey (CFHTLenS), Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS), Red Cluster Sequence Lensing Survey (RCSLenS), Kilo Degree Survey (KiDS), and Dark Energy Survey (DES) (Hand et al. 2015; Liu & Hill 2015; Harnois-Dérap et al. 2016; Kirk et al. 2016; Harnois-Dérap et al. 2017; Singh et al. 2017; Omori et al. 2019). To date, CMB lensing maps used in such analyses are typically reconstructed using CMB temperature anisotropy data, or that jointly with CMB polarization data. Recently, the first detection of such cross-correlation using CMB lensing maps reconstructed exclusively from CMB polarization data has been reported by the Polarbear experiment and the HSC Collaboration (Namikawa et al. 2019).

In this work, we study the cross-correlation between Planck 2018 CMB lensing data (Aghanim et al. 2020) and the six galaxy WL fields from the HSC first-year shear catalog (Mandelbaum et al. 2018; Oguri et al. 2018). As the deepest Stage-III galaxy WL survey, HSC can be considered a pathfinder for the upcoming Vera Rubin Observatory (Chiu et al. 2020; Hikage et al. 2019; Makiya et al. 2020; Nicola et al. 2020; Osato et al. 2020). As HSC can observe galaxies at higher redshift, this cross-correlation is sensitive to structure growth earlier in time ($z \approx 1$) than probed in previous works. The high number density achieved by HSC also presents new challenges to galaxy WL analysis, such as source blending and masking. In addition, cross-correlating the HSC galaxy WL data with CMB lensing provides a possibility to probe residual systematics and biases present in galaxy weak lensing, effects
that are difficult to model through autocorrelation analysis (Vallinotto 2012). It is also important to check our results against previous works, in particular works using Planck data.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we review the theoretical background. We then describe the data used in our analysis in Section 3 and the method to measure the cross-correlation in Section 4. We present our results in Section 5 and null tests in Section 6. Finally, we conclude in Section 7.

2. Formalism

Weak lensing signals are detected as distortions in galaxy shapes (“shear”) in galaxy WL (Bartelmann & Schneider 2001; Refregier 2003; Mandelbaum 2018) or an isotropy violation in the CMB temperature and polarization maps in CMB lensing (Lewis & Challinor 2006; Hanson et al. 2010). Under the Born approximation, where photons travel along the unperturbed path, and assuming a flat universe, the lensing potential is the line-of-sight integral over the Weyl potential $\Psi$,

$$\Phi(\theta, \chi) = \frac{2}{c^2} \int_0^\chi \frac{\chi_s - \chi_i}{\chi_s \chi_i} \psi(\chi_i; \theta, \chi_i),$$

where $\theta$ is the angular coordinate, $c$ is the speed of light, and $\chi_s$ and $\chi_i$ are the comoving radial distances to the source and the lens, respectively.

The lensing signal is typically quantified as a convergence field $\kappa$ for CMB lensing and as a complex shear field $\gamma = \gamma_1 + i\gamma_2$ for galaxy WL. However, $\kappa$ and $\gamma$ are not independent. They are both related to the second derivatives of the lensing potential,

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 \Phi,$$

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_1 \partial_1 - \partial_2 \partial_2) \Phi,$$

$$\gamma_2 = \partial_1 \partial_2 \Phi,$$

where the partial derivatives $\partial_1$, $\partial_2$ are with respect to the plane-of-sky coordinates. The shear field can be decomposed into its divergence (E-mode) and curl (B-mode) components, using, e.g., the Kaiser and Squires inversion method (Kaiser & Squires 1993). Since gravitational potentials can only generate E-mode signals, a nonzero B-mode signal can point to systematic effects in the data (Krause & Hirata 2010).

To quantify the correlation between CMB lensing and galaxy WL, we use the angular cross-power spectrum between the CMB convergence map $\kappa_{\text{cmb}}$ and the spin-2 shear field $\gamma_E$. Under the Limber approximation (Limber 1953),

$$C_\ell^{\kappa_{\text{cmb}} \gamma_E} = \int_0^{\chi_s} d\chi W^{\kappa_{\text{cmb}}}(\chi) W^{\gamma_E}(\chi) P(k, z),$$

where $P(k, z)$ is the nonlinear matter power spectrum at wavenumber $k = (\ell + 1/2)/\chi$ and redshift $z = z(\chi)$. $\chi_s$ is the comoving distance to the last scattering surface, and $W^{\kappa_{\text{cmb}}}$ and $W^{\gamma_E}$ are the galaxy WL and the CMB lensing window functions, respectively.

$$W^{\gamma_E}(\chi) = \frac{3 \Omega_m H_0^2}{2 \pi^2} \frac{\chi}{a(\chi)} \frac{d}{d\chi} p_s(\chi') \frac{\chi'}{\chi'},$$

$$W^{\kappa_{\text{cmb}}}(\chi) = \frac{3 \Omega_m H_0^2}{2 \pi^2} \frac{\chi}{a(\chi)} \frac{d}{d\chi} p_s(\chi') \frac{\chi'}{\chi'},$$

where $\Omega_m$ is the present-day matter density, $H_0$ is the Hubble constant, $a(\chi)$ is the scale factor, and $p_s(\chi')$ is the redshift distribution of source galaxies normalized such that $\int d\chi' p_s(\chi') = 1$.

If we assume both fields are Gaussian, the theoretical variance on the cross-power spectrum is

$$(\sigma_\ell^{\kappa_{\text{cmb}} \gamma_E})^2 = \frac{1}{(2\ell + 1)f_{\text{sky}} \Delta \ell} \times [C_\ell^{\kappa_{\text{cmb}} \gamma_E} + C_\ell^{\gamma_E \kappa_{\text{cmb}}}],$$

where $\Delta \ell$ is the bin width, $f_{\text{sky}}$ is the sky fraction of the overlapping area of the surveys, $C_\ell^{\kappa_{\text{cmb}} \gamma_E}$ and $C_\ell^{\gamma_E \kappa_{\text{cmb}}}$ are the autospectra of the galaxy WL and CMB lensing, respectively.

In our analysis, we use simulated maps to estimate the full covariance and only use Equation (8) to validate our results.

We calculate $P(k, z)$ using the the Halofit model (Smith et al. 2003; Takahashi et al. 2012) implemented in the Boltzmann code CAMB\footnote{https://camb.info/} (Lewis & Challinor 2000). Through-out the paper, we assume the best-fit Planck 2018 cosmology ($\Omega_M, \Omega_b, \Omega_k, \tau, n_s, h$) = {0.0223, 0.1200, 0.3153, 0.054, 0.964, 2.1 x 10^{-5}, 0.673}.

3. Data

3.1. HSC Galaxy Weak Lensing

We use the HSC first-year shear catalog (Mandelbaum et al. 2018b, hereafter S16A), covering a 136.9 deg$^2$ sky region with a limiting magnitude $i_{\text{lim}} = 24.5$. The galaxy shapes are measured from high-quality $i$-band images with a median point-spread function (PSF) FWHM $\approx 0.75$ (Bosch et al. 2018). The total shear catalog contains more than 12 million galaxies in six disjoint regions: XMM, GAMA9,H, WIDE12H, GAMA15H, VVDS, and HECTOMAP. The shape $e = (e_1, e_2)$ of the galaxies is estimated on the coadded $i$-band images using the re-Gaussianization PSF correction method (Hirata & Seljak 2003). In addition, the catalog provides the additive biases $b = (b_1, b_2)$, multiplicative bias $m$, the intrinsic shape rms per component $\sigma_{\text{rms}}$, and the weight $w$, defined as the inverse variance of the shape noise

$$w = (\sigma_e^2 + \sigma_{\text{rms}}^2)^{-1},$$

where $\sigma_e^2$ represents the shape measurement error for each galaxy. The smoothed shear map $\tilde{\gamma}_\alpha$ ($\alpha = 1, 2$) can be constructed using

$$\tilde{\gamma}_\alpha(\theta) = \sum_i w_i [\gamma_\alpha(\theta_i) - c_{\alpha, i}] W_G(\theta - \theta_i),$$

where $i$ runs over all galaxies, and $W_G$ is a Gaussian smoothing kernel

$$W_G(\theta) = \frac{1}{\pi\theta^2} \exp \left( -\frac{\theta^2}{\theta_s^2} \right).$$
with a smoothing scale $\theta_s = 1\arcmin$. The shear $\gamma_s$ is related to the shape measurement $e_s$ through a shear responsivity $R_s$,

$$\gamma_s(\theta_i) = \frac{e_s(\theta_i)}{2R_s},$$

$$R_s = 1 - \frac{\sum_i w_i e_{\text{EM,i}}^2}{\sum_i w_i}.$$  

Given the small size of each HSC field, we adopt a flat-sky approximation. Our pixelated map has a 0′88 resolution, following Hikage et al. (2019). The mask for each field is constructed by setting pixels with nonzero weights to 1 and 0 otherwise, where the weight in each pixel is the sum of weights of galaxies within that pixel. In addition, following Oguri et al. (2018), we construct a smoothed number density map using the same $W_G$ kernel and remove pixels with a number density smaller than half of the mean number density. This removes regions corresponding to edges, low-density pixels, and regions that are affected by bright objects such as stars.

To estimate the theoretical cross-power spectrum, we need the redshift distribution of the source galaxies. The photometric redshifts of the HSC galaxies are measured using several photo-z algorithms, namely, MLZ, Ephor, Ephor AB, Mizuki, NNPZ, Frankenz, and DEmP (see Tanaka et al. 2018 for details). Figure 1 shows the stacked photo-z probability distribution function (PDF) from each algorithm. Throughout our analysis, we use the stacked photo-z PDF estimated from Ephor AB, following the HSC cosmic shear autopower spectra analysis (Hikage et al. 2019). We test our pipeline using other photo-z algorithms and verify in Section 6 that this choice does not significantly impact our results.

We restrict the source redshift range to $0.3 < z_{\text{best}} < 1.5$, where $z_{\text{best}}$ is the best-fit photometric redshift determined by Ephor AB (see Section 4.2 of Tanaka et al. 2018). The final shape catalog contains $\sim 9$ million galaxies after this cut in redshift, with a mean redshift of $\sim 0.8$. The stacked photo-z PDFs shown in Figure 1 show tails that extend beyond our redshift cut, because of the photo-z uncertainties. We also show the galaxy WL kernel (only shown for Ephor AB for clarity) and the CMB lensing kernel in Figure 1. The galaxy WL kernel peaks at a redshift of 0.4 for the current data selection, while the CMB lensing kernel peaks at a redshift $\sim 2$. The cross-correlation allows us to probe the large-scale structure at an intermediate redshift since the joint kernel peaks at a redshift $\sim 0.8$.

We summarize in Table 1 the area, number of galaxies, and the effective number density for each smoothed, masked HSC field. The effective number density as defined by Heymans et al. (2012) is

$$n_{\text{gal}}^\text{eff} = \frac{1}{\Omega_{\text{sky}}} \left( \sum_i w_i \right)^2,$$

where $\Omega_{\text{sky}}$ is the sky area. We use a joint HSC and Planck mask (see below).

### 3.2. Planck CMB Lensing

We use the public 2018 Planck lensing potential maps (Aghanim et al. 2020) constructed using quadratic estimators (Okamoto & Hu 2003). In our main analysis, we use the COM\_Lensing\_4096\_R3.00 map, obtained from a minimum-variance (MV) combination of the multifrequency, foreground-reduced SMICA temperature and polarization maps (Akrani et al. 2020). The lensing maps are released in

![Figure 1](https://pla.esac.esa.int/)

**Figure 1.** Left panel: HSC galaxy redshift distribution obtained from stacking the photo-z PDFs using different photo-z codes: MLZ, Ephor, Ephor AB, Mizuki, NNPZ, Frankenz, and DEmP (Tanaka et al. 2018). We adopt the Ephor AB in our baseline analysis. We apply a redshift cut $0.3 < z_{\text{best}} < 1.5$, where $z_{\text{best}}$ is the best-fit photometric redshift. Right panel: the galaxy weak lensing kernel from Ephor AB (blue line, Equation (6)) and the CMB lensing kernel (black line, Equation (7)).

### Table 1

The Total Area, Total Number of Source Galaxies, and the Effective Number Density of Each HSC Field

| HSC Field     | Area (deg$^2$) | $N_{\text{total}}$ | $n_{\text{gal}}^\text{eff}$ (arcmin$^{-2}$) |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| WIDE12H       | 12.82         | 714,058            | 19.96                                       |
| HECTOMAP      | 10.68         | 565,615            | 19.12                                       |
| GAMA09H       | 35.00         | 1,640,415          | 17.23                                       |
| GAMA15H       | 25.47         | 1,384,267          | 23.24                                       |
| VVDS          | 19.24         | 1,022,618          | 19.42                                       |
| XMM           | 26.60         | 1,438,848          | 18.06                                       |

**Note.** The maps are smoothed with a 1′ Gaussian window. Joint HSC and Planck masks are applied.

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harmonic space, with coefficients up to $\ell_{\text{max}} = 4096$. However, because the map is noise dominated at the higher multipoles (smaller scales), we limit our analysis to $\ell_{\text{max}} = 2048$. The map is generated using the HEALPix pixelization scheme (Gorski et al. 2005), with resolution parameter $N_{\text{side}} = 4096$.

We apply the associated lensing mask in order to attenuate the foreground contamination, leaving a total unmasked sky fraction of $f_{\text{sky}} = 0.671$. However, small systematic biases due to residual foregrounds may still affect the lensing maps even after applying this mask (and the SMICA cleaning), such as those due to the kinetic Sunyaev–Zel’dovich (kSZ) effect, thermal Sunyaev–Zel’dovich (tSZ) effect, and cosmic infrared background (CIB) (Osborne et al. 2014; Van Engelen et al. 2014; Hojjati et al. 2017; Madhavacheril & Hill 2018; Baxter et al. 2019; Schaan & Ferraro 2019). At the sensitivity level of Planck, the kSZ contamination is expected to be subdominant and therefore statistically negligible in our analysis (Ferraro & Hill 2018). However, the tSZ signal could be directly correlated with the lensing potential and with the large-scale structure tracers. To assess the possible impact of the tSZ effect, we repeat our analysis using the COM_Lensing-Szdeproj_4096_R3.00 map, reconstructed from the tSZ-deprojected SMICA temperature map, and confirm that our main results are unaffected (Section 6). At the same time, this test gives us further confidence that there is no significant CIB contamination since the expected CIB-induced biases are considerably different in the tSZ-deprojected SMICA weighting, as shown in Figure 23 in Aghanim et al. (2020).

We select the HSC regions on the HEALPix CMB lensing map and project it onto the cylindrical equal-area coordinates using the flipper software8. We then combine the Planck and HSC masks and we apodize the total mask, following the procedure for smooth apodization using NaMaster9 code. This method set to zero all pixels inside a radius of 2.5 times the apodization scale, $\theta_m$, of a masked pixel. Then, the mask is smoothed with a Gaussian kernel with a standard deviation equal to $\theta_m$, and the pixels originally masked are set to zero again. Consequently, the original masked regions will remain the same, while their edges will have a smooth transition from zero to one. We considered an apodization scale of $\theta_m = 0.3'$ and apply the obtained mask to all data sets. Figure 2 shows the reconstructed Planck CMB lensing map and the footprints of the six HSC fields.

4. Methods

4.1. Power Spectrum Estimation

We estimate the cross-power spectra using the pseudo-$C_\ell$ approach with the NaMaster code (Alonso et al. 2019). We first measure the cross-power spectra directly from observation,

$$C^{\text{obs}, \gamma_{\text{cmb}}}_\ell = \langle \kappa_{\text{cmb}}(\ell) \gamma_{\text{cmb}}(\ell) \rangle_\ell,$$

where $\gamma_{\text{cmb}}(\ell)$ and $\kappa_{\text{cmb}}(\ell)$ are the observed and masked galaxy WL and CMB lensing maps in Fourier space, respectively, and $\ell = |\ell|$. The observed cross-power spectrum is related to the underlying true power spectrum ($C^{\gamma_{\text{cmb}}}_\ell$) through

$$C^{\text{obs}, \gamma_{\text{cmb}}}_\ell = \sum_\ell M^\ell \cdot C^{\gamma_{\text{cmb}}}_\ell,$$

The matrix $M^\ell$ describes the mode-coupling introduced by the survey masks and can be computed analytically (Hivon et al. 2002). We invert $M^\ell$ to obtain the true cross-power spectra. We compute the cross-power spectrum for each of the six HSC fields, between the multipole range $2 < \ell < 2400$. However, due to the limited area covered by the HSC and the noise in the Planck CMB lensing map, we limit our analysis for five linearly spaced bins between $100 < \ell < 1900$. Although we did not use the lower ($\ell < 100$) and the higher multipoles ($\ell > 1900$) in the analysis, we include these bins to perform the inversion of the binned coupling matrix to prevent the bias from these scales.

4.2. Covariance Matrix

The CMB lensing map from Planck is noise dominated on most scales (Aghanim et al. 2020). In comparison with the other components in Equation (8), the CMB lensing autopower

\[ C^{\text{obs}, \kappa_{\text{cmb}}}_\ell = \sum_\ell M^\ell \cdot C^{\kappa_{\text{cmb}}}_\ell. \]
spectrum and its noise should dominate the variance of the cross-power spectrum. We evaluate the covariance matrix from the cross-correlation measurements between the real HSC fields and a set that accurately reflects the CMB lensing signal and noise properties, also available from Planck collaboration (Aghanim et al. 2020). We measure the cross-power spectra between 300 simulated Planck lensing maps and the real HSC galaxy WL fields, carrying out the same approach as the performed for the data.

This choice ignores the cross-term in Equation (8), which we expect to be negligible compared to the noise contribution from the Planck lensing autopower spectrum. To test this assumption we calculate the Gaussian prediction by inserting the observed power spectrum of each component in Equation (8), so that these predictions naturally take into account the statistical noise and the effect of masks. We found a very good agreement between the diagonal components of our covariance matrix and the theoretical variance, within 10% over the angular scales of interest for all six fields. We also estimate the covariance using a data-based jackknife method, where data are resampled from 50 equal-area regions. The diagonal components estimated from this method are on average ~15% larger than those of our simulation-based covariance. Given that the jackknife method is known to overestimate errors (Norberg et al. 2009; Friedrich et al. 2016), this result provides a reference for the upper bound of the true covariance and is consistent with our simulation-based method.

The covariance matrix is dominated by its diagonal components. The values of off-diagonal components are <10% of the diagonal components. Nevertheless, we use the full covariance in our analysis.

5. Results

We show the angular cross-power spectra between Planck CMB lensing and the six HSC galaxy WL maps in Figure 3. The theoretical prediction assuming Planck 2018 cosmology is also shown (solid black line). The error bars are obtained from the diagonal components of the covariance matrix (Section 4.2). We fit a best model to our data using an amplitude parameter $A$ by minimizing

$$\chi^2 = (d - At)^T \operatorname{Cov}^{-1}(d - At),$$

where $d$ is the data vector, $t$ is theoretical prediction assuming Planck 2018 cosmology with the same binning applied, and $\operatorname{Cov}^{-1}$ is the inverse covariance matrix. We apply a prefactor $(N_{\text{sim}} - N_{\text{bin}} - 2)/(N_{\text{sim}} - 1)$ to $\operatorname{Cov}^{-1}$ to correct for biases introduced by the limited number of simulations (Hartlap et al. 2007), where $N_{\text{sim}} = 300$ is the number of simulations used and $N_{\text{bin}} = 30$ is the number of bins ($5 \times 6$ HSC fields). If the data match the model, then $A = 1$.

Our best-fit amplitude is $A = 0.81 \pm 0.25$, with $\chi^2_{\min} = 31.2$ for 29 degrees of freedom (DOF), corresponding to a probability-to-exceed (PTE) = 35.3%. We found the significance of the detection signal-to-noise ratio $(S/N) = \sqrt{\chi^2_{\text{null}} - \chi^2_{\min}} = 3.1$, where $\chi^2_{\text{null}}$ is computed by setting $A = 0$. The best-fit model is also shown in Figure 3 (dashed line) with the corresponding 1$\sigma$ errors (gray shaded region). The blue boxes represent the inverse-variance weighted sum of the six fields.

Our best-fit amplitude is consistent with Planck 2018 cosmology ($A = 1$), and in general agreement with all previous CMB lensing and galaxy WL cross-correlation measurements. We compare our results with previous works in Figure 4, with corresponding 1$\sigma$ errors: between POLARBEAR and HSC WIDE12H WL field (Namikawa et al. 2019), SPT +Planck and DES Y1 (Omori et al. 2019), Planck and KiDS-450 (Harnois-Déraps et al. 2017), Planck and CFHTLenS (Liu & Hill 2015; Harnois-Déraps et al. 2016), Planck and RCSLenS (Harnois-Déraps et al. 2016), Planck and SDSS (Singh et al. 2017), SPT and DES-SV (Kirk et al. 2016), and ACT and CS82 (Hand et al. 2015). Previously, Namikawa et al. (2019) studied the cross-correlation between one of the HSC fields, WIDE12H, and CMB lensing from the polarization data of POLARBEAR. Their best-fit $A (1.70 \pm 0.48)$ is higher than our finding by ~1.2$\sigma$ (statistical errors only). For a direct comparison, we estimate the amplitude for WIDE12H field only and found $A^{W12} = 1.05 \pm 0.67$ and $S/N = 1.5$, with $\chi^2_{\min} = 4.3$ for DOF = 4 (PTE = 36.6%). Our test result is consistent within 1$\sigma$ sigma with Namikawa et al. (2019) as well as Planck 2018. The large errors prevent a more precise comparison at present. However, the constraints will be significantly improved with future data from HSC, which is expected to cover 1400 deg$^2$ of sky in total (Aihara et al. 2018).

6. Systematic and Null Tests

We perform several consistency checks to test for systematic residuals and to verify our results. Our results are summarized in Table 2 and Figure 5.

6.1. HSC Lensing B-mode

Because gravitational lensing can only generate E-modes (to lowest order), a nonvanishing B-mode signal is a diagnostic for systematics in the measurements. B-mode maps can be generated by taking the imaginary part of the Kaiser & Squires (1993) inversion. We then follow the same masking and smoothing procedure to obtain the B-mode cross-correlations. We cross-correlate the B-mode WL map with 300 simulated
Planck CMB lensing maps to obtain the B-mode covariance matrix.

We show the B-mode signal in the upper-left panel of Figure 5. We find the best-fit amplitude to be $A_B = -0.24 \pm 0.33$, consistent with 0. A similar test can be done by randomly rotating the galaxies in the HSC catalog. This effectively removes the lensing signal in galaxy WL maps. We repeat this procedure 300 times, i.e., 300 realizations of random rotations. The signal from the average of the 300 cross-power spectra is also consistent with zero. These test results are summarized in Table 2.

### 6.2. HSC PSF

We test for PSF leakage and PSF residuals following Bosch et al. (2018) and Osato et al. (2020). For PSF leakage, we build the maps using the estimated PSF ($e_p$), instead of galaxy ellipticities, at the position of source galaxies. For PSF residuals, we build the maps using the differences of estimated PSFs and the PSFs measured from stars (the “true” PSF), $e_{\text{residual}} = e_p - e_{\text{star}}$. To construct these maps, we adopt equal weights since all stars and the PSFs have similar signal to noise. To estimate the errors, we randomly rotate the PSFs and PSF residuals and generate 300 realizations each.

The results are shown in the upper-right panel of Figure 5 and summarized in Table 2. The signals from both tests are consistent with zero, validating that there is negligible impact from either the PSF or the PSF residuals.

### 6.3. Planck tSZ

The tSZ effect in the CMB is due to inverse-Compton scattering of CMB photons off free electrons that are primarily located in the hot intracluster medium of galaxy clusters. If the tSZ signal is not properly removed, it can bias CMB lensing reconstruction due to its non-Gaussianity and its correlation with large-scale structure (Osborne et al. 2014; Van Engelen et al. 2014; Novaes et al. 2016; Hojati et al. 2017; Madhavacheril & Hill 2018; Schaan & Ferraro 2019). We test for effects due to tSZ contamination in the Planck MV lensing potential maps using the COM_Lensing-Szdeproj_4096_R3.00 map from Planck, reconstructed from the tSZ-deprojected SMICA temperature map (Aghanim et al. 2020).

The deviation of the cross-power spectrum obtained using the tSZ-deprojected Planck lensing map from that using the Planck MV lensing map (as done in our main analysis) is shown in the lower-left panel of Figure 3, in units of the standard deviation of the latter. The two measurements are consistent within 0.5 standard deviation in all multipole bins, confirming that tSZ contamination to our measurements is negligible.

### 6.4. HSC Photo-z

A biased photo-$z$ distribution can impact the theoretically predicted cross-power spectrum. HSC adopts seven photo-$z$ algorithms: MLz, Ephor, Ephor AB, Mizuki, NNPZ, Frankenz, and DEmP. The estimated $p_z$ from each code is shown in Figure 1. We estimate the impact of photo-$z$ error by comparing the theoretical model predicted by each photo-$z$ code to that used in our baseline analysis (Ephor AB).

We show our results in the lower-right panel of Figure 5. Most algorithms produce small differences with respect to our baseline model ($\lesssim 3\%$), with an exception of the MLz and Mizuki code (up to ~8%). Taking these two cases, we repeat our analysis and we obtain $A = 0.86 \pm 0.28$ for MLz ($S/N = 3.1$, $\chi^2_{\text{null}} = 31.3$, PTE = 34.4%) and $A = 0.87 \pm 0.27$ for Mizuki ($S/N = 3.1$, $\chi^2_{\text{null}} = 31.3$, PTE = 34.9%). Both

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**Table 2**

| Null Test          | $\chi^2_{\text{null}}$/DOF | PTE (%) |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| B-mode             | 0.7                         | 77.2    |
| Rotation           | 0.7                         | 82.3    |
| PSF leakage        | 0.9                         | 56.6    |
| PSF residual       | 1.0                         | 47.1    |

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**Figure 4.** Best-fit amplitudes $A$ with 1$\sigma$ confidence intervals from this work (red) and recent works studying cross-correlations between CMB lensing and galaxy weak lensing (black).
are consistent with our main analysis results. Therefore, we conclude that the choice of photo-z algorithm does not significantly impact our conclusion.

We further test the impact of photometric outliers—galaxies falsely assigned much higher or lower redshifts than their actual redshifts. Outliers are expected to occur more frequently at high redshift where it is harder to obtain features of the UV continuum and to deal with Lyman break degeneracy. This will inevitably impact the cross-correlations as the WL and CMB lensing kernels overlap the most in the high-redshift tails of \( p_z \) (as shown in Figure 1). To test the potential impact of photo-z outliers, we manually reassign a fraction of galaxies as outliers and modify the \( p_z \rightarrow (1 - f_{\text{out}})p_z + f_{\text{out}}p_{\text{out}} \), where \( f_{\text{out}} \) is the outlier fraction and \( p_{\text{out}} \) is taken to be the stacked photo-z PDF of all \( z_{\text{best}} > 1.5 \) galaxies. Tanaka et al. (2018) estimated approximately 15% outliers for HSC galaxies at \( t_{\text{lim}} = 25 \) and 8% at \( t_{\text{lim}} = 24 \). With our magnitude cut of \( i_{\text{lim}} = 24.5 \), we consider three scenarios, \( f_{\text{out}} = 15\% \) (pessimistic), 8% (realistic), and 5% (optimistic). We compute the theoretical model for each case and find that the best-fit amplitude \( A \) decreases by 21%, 12%, and 7% for the pessimistic, realistic, and optimistic cases, respectively. In all cases, the bias due to photo-z outliers is subdominant compared to our statistical uncertainty and therefore is unlikely to significantly affect our results. We must also mention that while the photo-z uncertainties are subdominant for our analysis, this will change with the upcoming surveys and therefore must be well understood to achieve the scientific goals of Stage-IV galaxy WL surveys.

6.5. HSC Multiplicative Bias

Similar to the photo-z measurements, the precision of multiplicative biases in shape measurements also decreases at higher redshift. Mandelbaum et al. (2018b) tested extensively and controlled the multiplicative bias at the 1% level. However, any small fluctuation at high redshift might become significant in the cross-correlation signal. Therefore, the galaxy WL-CMB lensing cross-correlation allows us to calibrate these systematics as the parameter \( A \) also absorbs this information (Vallinotto 2012; Das et al. 2013; Liu et al. 2016). Given the precision of our current measurements, we expect this type of calibration to be noisy compared to the amplitude of these systematics. Nevertheless, it is important to perform this consistency check as it will become crucial with upcoming data. In addition, this is a complementary test of the photo-z bias discussed in Section 6.4.

To calibrate the joint multiplicative and photo-z biases at high redshift, we repeat the same analysis but on galaxies with \( z_{\text{best}} > 1.5 \). The signal for this high-\( z \) sample is measured at \( S/N = 5.8 \) and the best-fit amplitude is \( A_{\text{high}} = 1.21 \pm 0.20 \), with PTE = 34.8%. We also carry out a B-mode null test, finding the signal consistent with zero, with \( \chi^2_{\text{null}}/\text{DOF} = 1.1 \) and PTE = 30.8%. Following Harnois-Déras et al. (2017), we model the shift in the amplitude due to the additional multiplicative shear bias \( \delta_m \) and the photo-z bias \( \delta_z \) as

\[
(1 + \delta_m)(1 + \delta_z) = A_{\text{high}}/A_{\text{main}} \]

where \( A_{\text{main}} \) is the amplitude measured from our main analysis with redshift cuts \( 0.3 < z_{\text{best}} < 1.5 \). We assume wide flat priors for the two...
parameters. We show the constraints on $\delta_m$ and $\delta_z$ in Figure 6. $\delta_m$ and $\delta_z$ are consistent with 0 within 95% CL.

While our current measurements do not put stringent constraints on the multiplicative and photo-z biases, Schaan et al. (2017) forecasted such analysis for future surveys and found a joint analysis of Stage-IV galaxy WL surveys and CMB-S4 can calibrate the shear bias at a subpercent level and hence is a complementary tool to the WL image simulations that have been typically done to date.

6.6. Intrinsic Alignments

The intrinsic alignment (IA) due to tidal interactions of foreground galaxies also correlates with the CMB lensing field, generating a secondary signal in our measured correlation:

$$C_{\ell}^{\text{cmb-IA}} = C_{\ell}^{\text{cmb}} + C_{\ell}^{\text{cinIA}}.$$  \hfill (18)

Here, the additional term $C_{\ell}^{\text{cinIA}}$ represents the cross-correlation between the IA of galaxies and the CMB lensing field.

The IA contribution has been estimated to reduce the cross-correlation amplitude by 5%–20%, depending on the redshift distribution and the type of galaxy (Chisari et al. 2015; Joachimi et al. 2015; Troxel & Ishak 2015; Kirk et al. 2016; Larsen & Challinor 2016). This is because galaxies tend to align radially from the gravitational potential, opposite of the lensing signal.

We adopt a nonlinear alignment model (NLA; Hirata & Seljak 2004; Bridle & King 2007) to examine the potential contamination by IA in our results. In this model, the $C_{\ell}^{\text{cinIA}}$ term can be calculated by replacing the galaxy lensing kernel in Equation (6) with

$$W_{\text{IA}}(\chi) = -\frac{G\rho_{\text{crit}}\Omega_m}{D(z)} p_\ell(z) \frac{dz}{d\chi},$$  \hfill (19)

where $\rho_{\text{crit}}$ is the critical density at $z = 0$ and $D(z)$ is the linear growth function, normalized to unity at $z = 0$. The normalization factor $C_1$ is fixed at $5 \times 10^{-14} h^2 M_{\odot}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^3$, based on the SuperCOSMOS measurement at low redshift (Brown et al. 2002). We make simple assumptions of no redshift evolution and no galaxy-morphology dependence, as limited by the level of signal in our measurements.

With the inclusion of the additional IA term, we obtain a best-fit amplitude $A = 0.89 \pm 0.27$ (compared with $A = 0.81 \pm 0.25$ in our main analysis) and the significance of the detection remains unchanged at 3.1$\sigma$. We conclude that, within our current observational constraints and galaxy alignment model, our results are unaffected. We will need to include an accurate IA model in analysis of future data.

6.7. Other Systematics

There are other potential sources of contamination, such as the kSZ effect and baryonic processes. The kSZ effect originates from the Doppler shift of CMB photons induced by Compton scattering off electrons in bulk motion. Because it preserves the blackbody spectrum of the CMB, it cannot be removed by the multifrequency foreground separation technique as typically done to separate the tSZ signal. Ferraro & Hill (2018) forecasted that the kSZ bias in a cross-correlation of Planck CMB lensing and Rubin Observatory galaxy WL would be $\approx$5% for CMB lensing reconstruction using modes up to $\ell_{\text{max}} = 3000$. At the noise levels of the data used in our analysis, the contamination is at the $\lesssim$1% level and is negligible compared to our errors.

Baryonic processes such as black hole accretion, radiative cooling, star formation, and supernova feedback redistribute the gas inside a halo and hence reshape the gravitational potential. From a combination of observations and hydrodynamic simulations, we expect that the matter power is suppressed by $\approx$10% at scales $k \gtrsim 1 h \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ (Hellwing et al. 2016; Chisari et al. 2018; Springel et al. 2018). Consequently, baryonic processes can impact the galaxy lensing–CMB lensing cross-correlation, causing a decrease of the measured signal. However, for the main redshift range we are probing ($z \approx 1$), $k \gtrsim 1 h \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ corresponds to $\ell \gtrsim 5000$, which is already excluded by our scale cut of $\ell_{\text{max}} = 1900$. It is worth mentioning that to estimate the baryonic impact, Harnois-Défraps et al. (2016, 2017) considered a model built from the OWLS hydrodynamical simulations (Schaye et al. 2010; van Daalen et al. 2011) and found the suppression in the matter power spectrum to be 10%–20% at $\ell = 1000–2000$. Even with this scenario, the suppression in our analysis due to baryons remains well within our errors, but such effects must be included in more accurate future measurements.

7. Conclusions

In this work, we study the cross-correlations between Planck CMB lensing and HSC galaxy weak lensing maps, with a total unmasked overlapping sky coverage of $\approx$131 deg$^2$. With source galaxies between redshift 0.3 and 1.5, this measurement allows us to probe gravitational potentials at redshift $z \approx 0.8$.

The cross-correlation signal is measured at 3.1$\sigma$. We model the signal as an amplitude $A$ with respect to the Planck 2018 cosmology, obtaining $A = 0.81 \pm 0.25$. Our results are fully consistent with Planck cosmology ($A = 1$) as well as previous cross-correlation analyses using Planck CMB lensing maps and other galaxy weak lensing surveys (Hand et al. 2015; Liu & Hill 2015; Harnois-Défraps et al. 2016, 2017; Kirk et al. 2016; Singh et al. 2017; Namikawa et al. 2019; Omori et al. 2019).

We perform various systematic tests, including weak lensing B-modes, rotated galaxy ellipticities, PSF leakage, PSF
residual, photometric redshift errors and outliers, tSZ leakage, multiplicative shear bias, and intrinsic alignments. We find no significant systematic residuals, and our measurement is robust to these effects.

The CMB lensing and galaxy weak lensing cross-correlation offers an excellent opportunity to constrain cosmology, test gravity, and calibrate systematics across a wide range of redshifts. It is a complementary probe to the autocorrelation analyses. Together with previous works, we demonstrate the feasibility and robustness of this technique. Current studies are analyses. Together with previous works, we demonstrate the redshifts. It is a complementary probe to the autocorrelation

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