Optimal filters for the moving lens effect

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We assess the prospects for detecting the moving lens effect using cosmological surveys. The bulk motion of cosmological structure induces a small-scale dipolar temperature anisotropy of the cosmic microwave radiation (CMB), centered around halos and oriented along the transverse velocity field. We introduce a set of optimal filters for this signal, and forecast that a high significance detection can be made with upcoming experiments. We discuss the prospects for reconstructing the bulk transverse velocity field on large scales using matched filters, finding good agreement with previous work using quadratic estimators.

I. INTRODUCTION

Observations of the cosmic microwave background (CMB) with the upcoming Simons Observatory (SO) 1 and CMB-S4 2 experiments, along with galaxy surveys such as LSST (Vera C. Rubin Observatory) 3, will open new windows of opportunity for cosmological inference. In particular, there is evidence that the measurement of small-scale secondary anisotropies that are imprinted on the CMB by cosmological structures between our telescopes and the surface of last scattering will provide strong constrains on a multitude of cosmological signatures (see e.g. [4–10]). The statistics of these secondaries and their cross-correlations with large-scale structure (LSS) surveys carry information about cosmological fluctuations on large scales. Utilizing this information will be instrumental in future tests of the standard $\Lambda$CDM paradigm. These secondary effects include weak gravitational lensing by large-scale structure; the integrated Sachs-Wolfe (ISW) and Rees-Sciama effects, which describe the redshifting of CMB photons due to evolving gravitational potentials along the line of sight; and the Sunyaev-Zel’dovich (SZ) effect where CMB photons scatter with free electrons in galaxy clusters and the intergalactic medium. In this work, we study the moving lens effect: temperature anisotropies in the CMB due to the peculiar velocity of cosmological structure transverse to the line of sight [11]. It has recently been shown (see e.g. [12, 13]) that this effect can in principle be detected at high-significance for the first time with upcoming surveys.

A major goal of the scientific program of measuring secondaries is constraining fundamental physics. Large-scale cosmological perturbations leave unique imprints on the small-scale intensity and polarization anisotropies of the CMB. The study of these statistical anisotropies provide new information about the largest scales in the Universe. Large-scale observables are in turn valuable for cosmological inference as they are often protected from local and non-linear late time effects under the equivalence principle. 1 This makes large-scale observables a powerful probe of the initial conditions that source the large-scale fluctuations in the Universe. Understanding how large-scale fluctuations in the Universe compare to the predictions of $\Lambda$CDM provide insight on the details of the primordial Universe.

Measuring velocities on large scales is particularly valuable. For example, in many cases the noise associated with the reconstructed velocity fields is constant, making it possible to infer the matter power spectrum with a noise that scales like $k^2$ (see e.g. [14]). Since the matter power spectrum can be inferred from galaxies only up to a constant shot noise, this advantage of velocity reconstruction is most important on the largest scales. Of course, inferences on cosmological parameters are still limited by the small number of modes on large scales (cosmic variance). However, one can compare a reconstruction with a galaxy survey to measure bias parameters with arbitrary accuracy; this was proposed in Ref. [6] as a means for detecting primordial non-gaussianity through scale dependent galaxy bias. The moving lens effect provides a measurement of the transverse velocity fields of matter, and has been recently suggested as a tool for cosmological inference in Ref. [12], where the authors introduced a quadratic estimator for the detection of the moving lens effect and reconstruction of transverse velocity fields. An unambiguous detection of the moving lens effect, however, will further benefit from utilizing different methods, including using pairwise-velocities [13].

Another method for detecting the moving lens effect is using a matched filter in real space, oriented along the large-scale cosmological bulk velocity. In this work we introduce this method and forecast the detection and reconstruction prospects for the moving lens effect, using a matched filter. This paper is organised as follows: In

1 Equivalence principle dictates that local interactions produce density fluctuations that scale with the Fourier wavenumber $k$ like the Laplacian (or the time derivative) of the gravitational potential $\nabla^2 \Phi$ (or $\dot{\Phi}$) and have vanishing influence on large scales as $k \to 0$ compared to curvature fluctuations.
Section II we briefly introduce the moving lens effect and the shape of the temperature modulation due to bulk velocities of halos. We calculate the optimal real-space matched filter in Section III. We model the halo and galaxy distribution in Section IV and follow up with a reconstruction technique for the components of the transverse velocity field in Section V. We discuss the detection prospects for the moving lens effect using these matched filters and halo model in Section VI. We conclude with discussion in Section VII.

II. THE MOVING LENS EFFECT

Gravitational potentials that evolve in time induce a temperature modulation on the CMB known as the integrated Sachs-Wolfe (ISW) effect which has the form

$$\Theta(\hat{n}) = -\frac{2}{c^2} \int d\chi \Phi(\chi \hat{n}), \quad (1)$$

where $\Phi(\chi \hat{n})$ is the gravitational potential along the line of sight $\hat{n}$, $\chi$ is the comoving distance, $\Theta = \Delta T(\hat{n})/T$ is the fractional CMB temperature fluctuation and we define the integral from the emission of the photon to the observer, unless shown otherwise. One contribution to the ISW effect in the non-linear regime is the temperature anisotropy due to the peculiar velocity of collapsed structures. This is known as the moving lens effect, and has the form

$$\Theta(\hat{n}) = -\frac{2}{c^2} \int d\chi \nabla \Phi(\chi \hat{n}) \cdot \frac{\vec{v}(\chi \hat{n})}{c}, \quad (2)$$

where $\vec{v}(\chi \hat{n})$ is the peculiar (comoving) velocity. We approximate the gravitational potential near a halo to be spherically symmetric around the halo center and write, $\nabla \Phi(r) = \hat{\chi} \Phi'(r)$, and $\Phi'(r) = \partial \Phi(r)/\partial r$, where using Figure 1, we define the unit vector $\hat{r} = (\chi_h - \chi)/|\chi_h - \chi|$ and $r = |\chi_h - \chi|$. The temperature modulation can then be written as,

$$\Theta(\hat{n}) \simeq -\frac{2}{c^2} \int d\chi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \Phi'(r) [\hat{r} \cdot \vec{v}(\chi \hat{n})], \quad (3)$$

where the comoving distance depends on $r$ and the distance to the halo.

We write $d\chi = dr (r^2 - r_\perp^2)^{-1/2}$, where $r_\perp = |\vec{r}_\perp|$ and $\vec{r}_\perp$ is the component of $\vec{r}$ orthogonal to the line of sight. The temperature modulation due to moving lens effect takes the form,

$$\Theta(\hat{n}) = -\frac{2}{c^2} \left( \vec{v}_b \cdot \hat{r} \right) \int dr \frac{\Phi'(r)}{\sqrt{r^2 - r_\perp^2}}, \quad (4)$$

where $\chi_h \gg r_\perp$ and we approximate the velocity field to be constant within the range of the radial integral, defining a long-wavelength (center of mass) bulk-velocity fluctuation as $\vec{v}_b$, which is the observable we are interested in. There are nevertheless other non-linear ISW temperature modulations such as the Rees-Sciama effect, for example, due to the component of the velocity sourced by non-linear growth inside virialized structures (such as clusters), that is uncorrelated with the large-scale bulk flow. While these non-linear contributions add to the noise of the velocity measurement on small-scales, we assume they are subdominant on large-scales. Note also that the contribution to the moving lens effect from the radial component of the bulk 3-velocity sees $v/c$ relativistic correction when boosted into the CMB frame and is hence sub-dominant, leaving moving lens effect sensitive to the transverse velocities instead.

We approximate the functional form of the gravitational potential by using the NFW profile for a spherically symmetric halo with a single parameter, the mass of the halo $M$ in Solar mass units, i.e. $M_\odot \simeq 1.989 \times 10^{30}$ kg. We fix the virial radius as

$$r_{\text{vir}}(M, z) := \left( \frac{G M_\odot M}{100 H_0^2} \right)^{1/3}, \quad (5)$$

and assume halos have truncated mass at their virial radius satisfying,

$$M = \int_0^{r_{\text{vir}}} dR 4\pi R^2 \rho(R|M, z), \quad (6)$$

where $\rho(R|M, z)$ is the halo profile. The concentration parameter,

$$c = A \left( \frac{M}{2 \times 10^{12} h^{-1}} \right)^{\alpha} (1 + z)^\beta, \quad (7)$$

relates the scale radius, $r_s(M, z)$, to the virial radius of a halo via $c = r_{\text{vir}}/r_s$, and we omit showing redshift and mass dependence in what follows. Note that both scale radius and virial radius are physical distances. For the model parameters $\{A, \alpha, \beta\}$, we use appropriate values from literature, $\{7.85, -0.081, -0.71\}$. We assume NFW profile for the density of the halo [15],

$$\rho(x|M, z) = \frac{\rho_s}{x(1 + x)^2}, \quad (8)$$

where the source density $\rho_s$ is the density at $x = y/z$, which is the comoving distance to the CMB photon. The comoving distance to the CMB photon is $\chi = |\vec{v}_b|$. Vector $\vec{r}$ connects the halo center to the CMB photon and $\vec{r}_\perp$ is the transverse distance from the halo center to the trajectory of the observed CMB photon.
We filter our data, \( \Theta^{\text{obs}}(\vec{r}) \), to get the unbiased and minimum variance estimate for the norm of our bulk transverse velocity signal \( \hat{v}_{b,\perp} \), which we define as

\[
\hat{v}_{b,\perp} := \frac{c^3}{8\pi G\rho_s r_s^2} \int d^2\vec{r} \Psi(\vec{r}) \Theta^{\text{obs}}(\vec{r}),
\]

Here, we have assumed that the filter is oriented along the transverse velocity vector. We relax this assumption below. The transverse velocity amplitude is degenerate with the density and the scale radius of the halo, which are determined by halo mass and redshift. We comment on these degeneracies in the following sections.

The observed fractional intensity maps satisfy

\[
(\hat{\Theta}(\hat{r})) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (\hat{\Theta}(\hat{r})\hat{\Theta}(\hat{r}')) = (2\pi)^2 \delta(\hat{r} + \hat{r}') C_{TT}^T,
\]

where \( C_{TT}^T \) is the CMB spectra including noise and foregrounds, excluding the moving lens effect. We define the matched filter such that the estimator recovers the true velocity, and define the parameter \( b := (\hat{v}_{b,\perp} - v_{b,\perp})^2 \), where

\[
b := \int d^2\vec{r} \Psi(\vec{r}) \mathcal{M}(\vec{r}) - 1, \tag{18}
\]

and

\[
N_{\text{rec}} = \int \frac{d^2\ell}{(2\pi)^2} \left| \Psi(\hat{\ell}) \right|^2 C_{TT}^T. \tag{19}
\]

We now wish to minimize the variance of our filter under the condition that the bias vanishes. We do this by defining \( \mathcal{L} := N_{\text{rec}} + \lambda b \) where \( \lambda \) is now a Lagrange multiplier and

\[
\mathcal{L} = \int \frac{d^2\ell}{(2\pi)^2} \tilde{\Psi}^*(\hat{\ell}) \left[ \tilde{\Psi}(\hat{\ell}) C_{TT}^T + \lambda \mathcal{M}(\hat{\ell}) \right] - \lambda. \tag{20}
\]

The optimal filter that minimizes \( \mathcal{L} \) can be written as

\[
\tilde{\Psi}(\hat{\ell}) = \left[ \int \frac{d^2\ell}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{|\mathcal{M}(\hat{\ell})|^2}{C_{TT}^T} \right]^{-1} \frac{\mathcal{M}(\hat{\ell})}{C_{TT}^T}, \tag{21}
\]
or equivalently,

\[
\tilde{\Psi}(\hat{\ell}) = \frac{N_{\text{rec}} \mathcal{M}(\hat{\ell})}{C_{TT}^T}. \tag{22}
\]

Note that the optimal estimator is most sensitive to the signal on small scales, where the inverse of the estimator variance is large and the primary CMB signal (which is much larger and acts as a confusion) is small. Lastly, we convolve the moving lens signal with a beam that matches the experimental specifications described below. When applying the matched filter we assume a Gaussian beam satisfying \( B(\hat{\ell}) = \exp\left[-(\theta_{\text{fwhm}}/2\sqrt{\ln 2})^2\ell(\ell + 1)\right] \), where \( \theta_{\text{fwhm}} \) is the full beam-width at half-maximum. In what follows we discuss results with this beam applied to the moving lens template, i.e. \( \mathcal{M}(\hat{\ell}) \rightarrow B(\hat{\ell})\mathcal{M}(\hat{\ell}) \).

IV. HALOS, GALAXIES AND THE \( \hat{v}_{b,\perp} \) SNR

The estimated signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) for the velocity amplitude per object with mass \( M \) at redshift \( z \) is \( \hat{v}_{b,\perp} / \sqrt{N_{\text{rec}}(M, z)} \); the number of such objects needed for total SNR to equal to 1 is \( N_{\text{rec}}(M, z)/\hat{v}_{b,\perp} \). While upcoming surveys will not be able to reconstruct the transverse velocity for each halo, the average transverse velocity can be measured over a sufficiently large patch of the sky.
Surveys of large-scale structure observe galaxies that occupy DM halos. The relation between galaxies and the host DM halos depend on a multitude of effects and mechanisms, including rates of star formation and galaxy mergers, and needs to be modelled and tested against data. The number and spatial distribution of the DM halos can be described by the halo model (see for review e.g. [16]). The distribution of galaxies inside DM halos can be described with a halo occupation distribution (HOD) model (see e.g. [17]) where every DM halo is assumed to have at most 1 central galaxy, as well as additional satellite galaxies whose number can be large for massive halos. The average observable central (satellite) galaxy number count of a DM halo with mass \( M \) and at redshift \( z \) is parametrised with \( \tilde{N}_c(m_*, z) \) [with \( \tilde{N}_c(m_*, z) \) where \( m_* \) is the threshold stellar mass determined by the galaxy survey and details of the model can be found in e.g. [17–19]. For calculating the mass and redshift dependence of halo density we assume a Sheth-Tormen collapse fraction [20].

We use the matched filter introduced above and the halo mass function with a normalisation appropriate for a given LSS survey and approximate the expected total SNR for the velocity magnitude from inside a redshift bin and a given patch of size \( f_{\text{patch}} \) on the sky, as

\[
\text{SNR}^2 = 4\pi f_{\text{sky}} \int dz \int dM \tilde{N}_c(m_*, z) \frac{v_{\text{b,l}}(z)^2}{N_{\text{rec}}(M, z)} \chi^2 \frac{d\chi}{dz} n(M, z).
\]

Note that we use only the count of central galaxies, since the bulk transverse velocity is sourced by the center of mass of the halo. We find \( \text{SNR}^2 \approx 10^4 f_{\text{sky}} \) for a redshift bin centred at \( z = 1 \) and of size \( \Delta z = 1 \), with perfect knowledge of halo mass, location and redshift as well as the transverse velocity direction, using Vera. C. Rubin Observatory and CMB-S4 experimental specifications using the analytic approximation for the galaxy number density satisfying \( dn/dz \propto (z/z_0)^\alpha \exp((-z/z_0)^\beta) \) arcmin\(^{-2} \) with \( \{z_0, \alpha, \beta, n_\text{tot}[\text{arcmin}\,^2]\} \) set equal to \( \{0.3, 2, 1, 40\} \), and the CMB temperature noise \( N_T^2 = (\Delta_T/T)^2 \exp[(\ell + 1)\theta_{\text{fwhm}}^2/(8\log(2))] \) where we set \( \{\Delta_T, \theta_{\text{fwhm}}\} \) to \( \{1.0, 1.4\} \). We use lensed \( C_p^{\text{th}} \), approximate the kSZ contribution as a constant \( 3 \mu K^2 \) in \( \ell (\ell + 1)/(2\pi)^2 C_p^{\text{th}} \) and assume perfect removal of foregrounds such as the cosmic infrared background and tSZ from the CMB. Note that individual halo masses are expected to be measured with error around 40 percent in \( \ln M \), from combinations of lensing and SZ measurements and redshift measurements are subject to photo-z errors [9, 21, 22]. We discuss these in Section VI, before forecasting on the transverse velocity amplitude reconstruction fidelity of the upcoming surveys in cross correlations of CMB and galaxy measurements.

\[
\Psi(\mathbf{r}) := \int d^2 \mathbf{r}_i \Psi_i(\mathbf{r}) \Theta^\text{obs}(\mathbf{R}_i + \mathbf{r})
\]

where \( \Theta^\text{obs}(\mathbf{R}_i + \mathbf{r}) \) is the observed CMB around the halo at \( \mathbf{R}_i \) (in polar coordinates) from the patch center \( \mathbf{R}_0 = (0, 0) \). The matched filter centered on the halo, \( \Psi_i(\mathbf{r}) \), depends on the halo mass and redshift as well as the orientation of the transverse velocity field, which we assumed known in the previous section. In this section we evaluate the prospects for reconstructing the components of the transverse velocity from the CMB and halo locations from a galaxy survey.

We are interested in finding the the angle \( \hat{\phi}_0 \) that best approximates the true average angle of the transverse velocity vector field with respect to a reference vector in a patch of size \( 4\pi f_{\text{sky}} \), where we set \( \hat{\phi}_{0,i} = \hat{\phi}_{0,j} = \hat{\phi}_0 \) equal for all filters \( \{i, j\} \) inside the patch. This is the \( \hat{\phi}_0 \) that satisfies\(^2\),

\[
\int d^2 \mathbf{r}_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_0} \sum_{i, \text{halos}} \Psi_i(\mathbf{r}) \Theta^\text{obs}(\mathbf{R}_i + \mathbf{r}) = 0,
\]

where for each filter in the sum, the coordinates are chosen so that the halo is at the center of the template. The CMB acts as noise on the stacked patch, and that the \( \hat{\phi}_0 \) which maximizes the residual response approximates the true direction of the transverse velocity vector direction on 2-sphere, given sufficient SNR.

\(^2\) We assume the maxima can be distinguished from the minima from the filter response and accounted for with a sign change, with no additional error to the estimator.
Due to the simple angular dependence of the signal profile, we find the equality in Eqn. (25) satisfies,
\[
\tan(\hat{\varphi}_0, z) = \frac{\int d^2\hat{r} \sin \varphi \sum_i \Psi_{i,u}(r) \Theta_{\text{obs}}(\vec{R}_i + \hat{r})}{\int d^2\hat{r} \cos \varphi \sum_i \Psi_{i,u}(r) \Theta_{\text{obs}}(\vec{R}_i + \hat{r})},
\]
where we define \(\Psi_i(r) = \cos(\varphi - \hat{\varphi}_0)\Psi_{i,u}(r)\), \(\mu := \hat{\alpha}/\beta = \tan \hat{\varphi}_0\) (omitting showing the redshift dependence for now); where \(\alpha\) and \(\beta\) are the numerator and denominator on the right-hand-side of Eq. (25), respectively. The error on the measurement can be written in the form
\[
\sigma_{\mu}/|\mu| = \sqrt{\sigma_\alpha^2/\alpha^2 + \sigma_\beta^2/\beta^2}.
\]
We assume the contribution to the signal from all else except moving lens effect vanish for a large enough patch with sufficiently many halos. With this assumption, we write
\[
\alpha = \int d^2\hat{r} \sin \varphi \sum_{i,\text{halos}} \Psi_{i,u}(r) \Theta_{\text{ml}}(\vec{r}),
\]
where we define \(\Theta_{\text{ml}}(\vec{r}) := A(M,z) \mathcal{M}_u(r) \cos(\varphi - \hat{\varphi}_0)\), \(\mathcal{M}_u(r)\) is the radial shape of the moving lens effect on the CMB around a halo where \(r\) is the radial distance to the halo center, and we defined the (polar) integral over the patch as equal to the surface area of the patch on 2-sphere, as \(\int_{\text{patch}} d^2\hat{r} \approx \int_{\text{patch}} d^2\hat{R} := 4\pi f_{\text{sky}}\) for small patches. A more detailed derivation can be found in Appendix A. Errors are calculated using a relation similar to Eq. (26), with the CMB component without the moving lens effect vanishes for a large enough patch and performing the average over the realisations of the CMB as e.g.\(^3\),
\[
\sigma_\alpha^2 = \int d^2\hat{r} \sin \varphi \sum_{i,\text{halos}} \Psi_{i,u}(r) \Theta_{\text{ml}}(\vec{r}) \times \sum_{i,j,\text{halos}} \Psi_{j,u}(r) \Psi^*_{j,u}(r') (\hat{\Theta}(\vec{R}_i + \hat{r}) \hat{\Theta}^*(\vec{R}_j + \hat{r}')).
\]
For compactness of our expressions we define a signal parameter \(I_{\text{patch}} := \alpha/\pi \sin \varphi_0 = \beta/\pi \cos \varphi_0\) which satisfy,
\[
\begin{align*}
I_{\text{patch}} &= \frac{\int_{\text{patch}} d^2\hat{r} \sum_{i,\text{halos}} \Psi_{i,u}(r) \Theta_{\text{obs}}(\vec{R}_i + \hat{r})}{\int_{\text{patch}} d^2\hat{r} \sum_{i,\text{halos}} \Theta_{\text{obs}}(\vec{R}_i + \hat{r})},
\end{align*}
\]
where we set the integral over the patch in Eq. (28) as \(\int_{\text{patch}} d^2\hat{R} := 4\pi f_{\text{sky}}\) and like before, we promote the sum over halos to an integral over halo masses and the halo locations over the patch. The error on \(I_{\text{patch}}\) takes the form,
\[
\sigma_{I_{\text{patch}}}^2 = \int_{r_{\min}}^{r_{\max}} dr' dr' \Lambda(r, r') F_{\text{sky}}(r) F'_{\text{sky}}(r'),
\]
where we defined
\[
F_{\text{sky}}(r) := \int dz \int dM \tilde{N}_c(m_*, z) \chi^2(z) \frac{d\chi}{dz} n(M, z) \Psi_u(r),
\]
\(\Lambda(r, r') := 16\pi^4 \int L^{-1} \frac{dL}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-L \hat{\alpha}} J_1(Lr) J_1(Lr')\)
\[
\times [R_{\text{max}} J_1(R_{\text{max}}) - R_{\text{min}} J_1(R_{\text{min}})]^2,
\]
where \(r_{\max}\) satisfies the inequality \(r_{\max} \ll R_{\text{max}}\). We set \(\{r_{\min}, r_{\max}, R_{\text{min}}\}\) equal to \(\{5\text{arcmin}, 1.4\text{arcmin}, r_{\max}\}\) and find \(\Lambda(r, r') \approx \mathcal{A} \rho r'\), where \(\mathcal{A} \approx 2.3 \times 10^{-11}\) for \(R_{\text{max}} = 2 \times 10^{-2}\) radians and \(\mathcal{A}\) depends on \(R_{\text{max}}\) non-trivially due to the scale dependence of the CMB. This term can be understood as the r.m.s. contribution of the CMB on the noise estimate for a given patch, and is independent from the CMB noise to a good approximation for current and upcoming CMB experiments with the sufficiently large \(r_{\min}\) choice we make above. Generally the integral limits \(\{r_{\min}, r_{\max}\}\) can be chosen as halo mass dependent to maximize the SNR. Using these relations we get
\[
\sigma_{I_{\text{patch}}}^2 \approx \mathcal{A} \int_{\text{catalog}} dM \chi(M, z) \tilde{F}'(\ell)(\ell) \int_{\text{catalog}} dM \chi(M, z) \tilde{F}'(\ell)(\ell) \int_{\text{catalog}} dM \chi(M, z) \tilde{F}'(\ell)(\ell),
\]
where
\[
\tilde{F}(\ell) := \int r^2 dr \exp(-i\ell r),
\]
and \(\tilde{F}(\ell) := d\tilde{F}(\ell)/dM\) where \(\tilde{F}(\ell)\) is the (1D) Fourier transform of \(F(r)\). Note it is straight-forward to show from equations above that \(I_{\text{patch}}\) satisfies the equality,
\[
\sigma_{\mu}/|\mu| = \sqrt{2 \sigma_{I_{\text{patch}}}^2 / |I_{\text{patch}}|},
\]
in the perfect knowledge of the moving-lens amplitude \(A\).\(^4\)

We evaluate the detection significance of the direction component \(\mu\) (ignoring the uncertainty on the amplitude)
\[
\sigma_{\mu}/\mu = 2(\sigma_{I_{\text{patch}}}^2 / I_{\text{patch}}^2 + \sigma_\beta^2/\beta^2).
\]
\(^3\) Similarly equality holds for \(\beta\), with azimuthal angular integral over \(\cos \varphi\) in place of \(\sin \varphi\).
\(^4\) Note that the error on the amplitude \(A\) can be added to give
\[
\sigma_{\mu}/\mu = 2(\sigma_{I_{\text{patch}}}^2 / I_{\text{patch}}^2 + \sigma_\beta^2/\beta^2).
using our parameter choices, for a Rubin-like halo catalog and 6 (uncorrelated) boxes equally spaced in redshift in the range \( z \in [0.1, 3] \) with same surface area on the sky. We find \( \text{SNR} \approx 4 \) for a patch with surface area of \( \sim 8 \) square degrees, and \( \text{SNR} \approx 3 \) for a patch with surface area of \( \sim 45 \) square degrees. Next, we follow with a more involved SNR forecast and discussion.

VI. RECONSTRUCTION, CROSS-CORRELATIONS AND FORECASTS

We evaluate the detection SNR on the moving lens effect for a given patch and a redshift range as the sum of the SNR on the two transverse velocity components we reconstruct from the velocity amplitude and the angle as

\[
\vec{v}_{b, \perp} := \{v_1, v_2\} = \{v_{b, \perp} \cos \varphi_0, v_{b, \perp} \sin \varphi_0\}
\]  

and the total SNR per patch as sum SNR of the components, \( \text{SNR}^2 := \text{SNR}_1^2 + \text{SNR}_2^2 \), where

\[
\text{SNR}_1^{-2} = \text{SNR}_2^{-2} = \sigma^2_{v_{b, \perp}}/\mu^2 + \sigma_{v_{b, \perp}}/v_{b, \perp}^2,
\]  

and \( \sigma^2_{v_{b, \perp}}/\mu^2 = 2(\sigma_{v_{b, \perp}}^2/\mu^2 + \sigma_{v_{b, \perp}}^2/A^2) \) due to the angular dependence of the signal template. When estimating the total detection SNR from the full sky we assume no correlation between patches and set \( \text{SNR}_{\text{total}} = \text{SNR}_{\text{sky}}/\mu_{\text{sky}} \text{SNR} \) where \( \text{SNR}_{\text{sky}} \) is the full sky coverage of the cosmological survey. We calculate the SNR in volumes of redshift depth \( \Delta z = 0.5 \) in the range \( z \in [0.1, 3] \) and surface area corresponding to the patch size.

We display the forecasts for total SNR for moving lens effect detection in Figure 3. Our calculation suggest the upcoming surveys of LSS and measurements of CMB may detect the moving lens signal to high significance, where combinations of CMB-S4 and Vera C. Rubin Observatory will achieve SNR of over 20 and combinations of CMB-S4 and Vera C. Rubin Observatory will achieve SNR of above 8. These results are consistent with the results obtained using the quadratic estimator of Ref. [12].

In reality the velocity measurement from the moving lens effect is a biased estimate of the true velocity field, satisfying \( \sigma_{\vec{v}_{b, \perp}} = b_{ml} \sigma_{\vec{v}_{b, \perp}} \). This arises due to an imperfect knowledge of the background cosmology, halo mass and halo redshift, which the individual moving lens templates depend on. This is analogous to the optical depth degeneracy encountered when attempting to reconstruct the radial velocity field using kinetic Sunyaev Zel’dovich (kSZ) tomography (see Ref. [14] for a discussion).

One potential source of bias is the halo mass. Imperfect knowledge of the halo mass effects the fidelity of the velocity measurement due both to a reduced filter response and the intrinsic degeneracy between the halo mass and true velocity amplitude. The velocity estimator is proportional to \( (M/M_\odot)^{-0.6} \), as defined in Eq. (16). In order to evaluate the unambiguous detection and reconstruction significance of the upcoming experiments on the transverse velocity amplitude, we have to incorporate the error in halo masses in the velocity SNR calculation. The error on halo mass is expected to satisfy (per halo) \( \sigma_M/M_\odot \approx 0.4 \), using mass-richness measurements from weak lensing and SZ surveys [21, 22]. Note that this mass error is already significantly more optimistic than the moving lens SNR per halo; which satisfy (per halo) \( \sigma_A/|A| > 1 \) for all of the observable redshift and halo mass ranges. Hence we find that the error induced on the velocity SNR due to halo mass degeneracy to be over \( O(10) \) smaller than the error on the moving lens amplitude \( A \). In order to evaluate the reduction in SNR due to mass errors on the template, we calculated moving-lens temperature maps \( \Theta_{ml}(\vec{n}) \), as defined above, using Websky\(^5\) halo catalog [23] with the true and erroneous halo masses, with the latter having random halo masses sampled from a Gaussian distribution with \( \sigma_M/M_\odot \approx 0.4 \). We find the cross-correlation coefficient of the moving-lens temperature maps remains near 1 for the multipole ranges relevant to this study (\( \ell \lesssim 100 \)) – suggesting the errors induced by the inaccurate template are small on large scales, and furthermore, that the cross-correlations with an external tracer of the density field may be used to potentially boost the SNR.

Another important parameter that can penalize the SNR is the halo redshift, since the velocity reconstruction from galaxy-surveys suffer from known effects of redshift space distortions (RSDs) as well as photometric redshift (photo-z) errors for photometric surveys such as the Vera C. Rubin Observatory, the latter satisfying \( \sigma_z = 0.03(1+z) \). Similar to the uncertainty on halo masses, we find the contribution to the error on the ve-

\(^5\) Stein et.al. [23] Websky halo catalog covers the full sky up-to redshift \( z \sim 4.5 \), using a mass resolution of \( \sim 1.3 \times 10^{12}M_\odot \).

FIG. 3. The total transverse-velocity detection SNR from the measurement of the moving lens effect, for 1.4- and 0.1-arcminute beams for various CMB rms noise levels. Plotted curves show SNR values for halo counts matching with the expected central galaxies from LSST survey (a.k.a Vera C. Rubin Observatory) and a sky fraction of \( f_{\text{sky}} = 0.4 \).
velocity measurement due to the redshift degeneracy (induced by dependence of the signal on the scale-radius) to be small, especially since we use large ($\Delta z \sim 0.5$) redshift bins. In order to evaluate the significance of photo-z errors and RSDs on matched filter, we sample from the same halo catalog, a smaller set of halos with halo number count matching the expected central galaxies from the Vera C. Rubin Observatory. We compare the true velocity fields with and without taking into account the photo-z errors and RSDs. We capture the effect of photo-z’s by redistributing the halo positions in redshift space randomly with the photo-z error. For RSDs, we add the velocity dependent RSD correction in redshift space, as discussed above. We parametrise the combined effect of RSDs and photo-z with the cross-correlation coefficient $\varrho = C_{\ell}^{xy} / \sqrt{C_{\ell}^{xx} C_{\ell}^{yy}}$ as a function or redshift, where \( \{x, y\} = \{\text{true, obs}\} \), which we find remains larger than 90 percent for $\ell \lesssim 100$ – showing (similarly to the mass errors) that the redshift errors do not degrade the SNR from the moving lens measurement and that the velocity field measured from the templates is well correlated with the underlying velocity field.

We leave a more detailed analysis of possible contribution to noise and biases from other effects including other CMB secondaries to an upcoming work.

Note that the transverse velocity fields vary more rapidly along their projected direction and a similar phenomenon is also true for the radial velocities, i.e. they vary more rapidly on the radial direction. This suggests that the typical transverse velocity modes vary slower in the radial direction, implying the relative SNR penalty from larger redshift bins (necessitated by the large photo-z errors from photometric surveys) is lower than compared to radial velocity reconstruction for the kSZ effect, for example, motivating the use of photometric surveys for the purpose of moving lens effect detection and velocity reconstruction. Note however that the cross-correlation coefficient suffers due to low number of galaxies in the near Universe ($z < 0.3$) suggesting potential benefits of using different types of observations (such as spectroscopic surveys and other tracers) for the purpose of moving lens effect detection. We leave a more involved analysis on these lines to future work.

VII. DISCUSSION

In this paper, we have shown that the dipolar pattern in the CMB temperature fluctuations around moving DM halos due to the moving lens effect can potentially be detected in the near future using a matched filter in real space. These real space filtering techniques can potentially be used to reconstruct the bulk velocity fields in the Universe. We calculated the form of the optimal matched filter, which is imagined to be centered on DM halos inferred from galaxy surveys, and aligned with the cosmological bulk transverse velocities. We discuss the distribution and the detection prospects of halos from galaxy surveys, as well as the effect of photo-z errors and redshift-space distortions on the bulk velocities inferred from a halo catalog. We calculate estimates for the SNR with the upcoming experiments using analytic expressions we derive. We find that a statistically significant detection will be possible with the Simons Observatory, upon cross-correlation with Rubin galaxy survey, for example.

The maximum residual signal resulting from stacking a large number of halos inside volumes of size around the correlation length of the cosmological velocity field can potentially be used to estimate the direction and amplitude of the bulk velocity at a given region. Using the known functional form of the moving lens effect could potentially increase the accuracy of reconstruction by fitting the template calculated Eqn. (14). In this study, we introduce a velocity reconstruction technique from applying a real-space matched filter and oriented CMB stacking. Measurements of large-scale velocity fields provide an effective probe of the early Universe signatures such as non-Gaussianity (e.g. [6]) as well as the absolute growth rate, which can be constraining for studies of dark energy models, modified gravity and effects of neutrino mass. Once detected, transverse velocity fields reconstructed from measurement of the moving lens effect can potentially be useful for studying variety of interesting signatures and models.

Transverse velocity modes also provide a rare window into measuring the profile of DM halos and can afford constraining power on various halo model parameters upon cross-correlating with other tracers of large-scale structure such as weak gravitational lensing. We leave a more detailed study on the prospects of testing halo models with the moving lens effect to a future work.

In the next years, measurements of secondaries will become observationally significant for the first time as CMB and LSS surveys will achieve the necessary precision. Precision measurement of small scale CMB fluctuations will open new windows of opportunities for cosmological inference. In this work we discussed the prospects of moving lens effect detection from upcoming surveys with a real-space matched filter. Complementary to quadratic estimator technique introduced in [12], the real-space analysis provides a useful alternative which will allow high SNR detection of the moving lens effect in the near future.

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Appendix A: Angular Reconstruction

The numerator of the signal \( \tan \varphi \) can be written as

\[
\alpha = \int \frac{d^2 \vec{r} \sin \varphi \sum_{i, \text{halos}} \Psi_{u,i}(r) \Theta_{\text{ml}}(r)}{\text{template}} \int d^2 \vec{R} \int dz \int dM = \int \frac{d^2 \vec{r} \sin \varphi \cos(\varphi - \varphi_0)}{\text{patch}} \int dz \int dM \left( \frac{N_e(m_z, z)}{\chi^2} \frac{dz}{dx} n(M, z) A(M, z) \Psi_{u,i}(r) M_u(r) \right). \tag{A1}
\]

The denominator differs by a cosine

\[
\beta = \int \frac{d^2 \vec{r} \cos \varphi \sum_{i, \text{halos}} \Psi_{u,i}(r) \Theta_{\text{ml}}(r)}{\text{template}} \int d^2 \vec{R} \int dz \int dM \left( \frac{N_e(m_z, z)}{\chi^2} \frac{dz}{dx} n(M, z) A(M, z) \Psi_{u,i}(r) M_u(r) \right). \tag{A2}
\]

Errors can be calculated using a relation similar to Eq. (28), with the CMB component without the moving lens effect instead, and performing the average over the
realisations of the CMB as,
\[
\sigma^2_\alpha = \int d^2\vec{r} \sin \varphi \, d^2\vec{r}' \sin \varphi' 
\times \sum_{i,j,\text{halos}} \Psi_{i,u}(r) \Psi_{j,u}^*(r') \langle \hat{\Theta}(\vec{R}_i + \vec{r}) \hat{\Theta}^*(\vec{R}_j + \vec{r}') \rangle 
= \int d^2\vec{r} \sin \varphi \, d^2\vec{r}' \sin \varphi' \sum_{i,j,\text{halos}} \Psi_{i,u}(r) \Psi_{j,u}^*(r') 
\times \left[ \int \frac{d^2\vec{L}}{(2\pi)^2} C_L \hat{\Theta} \hat{\Theta}^* e^{-i\vec{L} \cdot (\vec{R}_i + \vec{r} - \vec{R}_j - \vec{r}')} \right] 
\times \int d\varphi d\varphi' e^{-irL \cos(\varphi - \varphi_0) + i\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{L}' \cos(\varphi' - \varphi_0)} 
= \int d\varphi d\varphi' e^{-irL \cos(\varphi - \varphi_0) + i\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{L}'} \left[ (2\pi \sin \varphi_0)^2 J_1(Lr) J_1(Lr') \right], 
\]

and use the equality,
\[
\int d^2\vec{R}_i d^2\vec{R}_j e^{-i\vec{L} \cdot (\vec{R}_i - \vec{R}_j)} 
= 4\pi^2 \int R_i R_j dR_i dR_j J_0(LR_i) J_0(LR_j) 
= \frac{4\pi^2}{L^2} [R_{\max} J_1(R_{\max} L) - R_{\min} J_1(R_{\min} L)], 
\]

in Eqs.(A3) and (A4) to get Eqs. (32-34).

and the error on $\beta$ differs by a cosine and take the form,
\[
\sigma^2_\beta = \int d^2\vec{r} \cos \varphi \, d^2\vec{r}' \cos \varphi' 
\times \sum_{i,j,\text{halos}} \Psi_{i,u}(r) \Psi_{j,u}^*(r') \langle \hat{\Theta}(\vec{R}_i + \vec{r}) \hat{\Theta}^*(\vec{R}_j + \vec{r}') \rangle 
= \int d\varphi d\varphi' \sum_{i,j,\text{halos}} \Psi_{i,u}(r) \Psi_{j,u}^*(r') \left[ (2\pi \cos \varphi_0)^2 J_1(Lr) J_1(Lr') \right], 
\]

where we defined $L = |\vec{L}|$ where $\vec{L}$ is conjugate to the radial displacement on the patch. We write the sum over the halos as,
\[
\sum_{i,j,\text{halos}} \Psi_{i,u}(r) \Psi_{j,u}^*(r') 
= \int_{\text{z-bin}} \chi^2 \chi' d\chi d\chi' \int dMdM' n(M, \chi) n(M', \chi') \int d^2\vec{R}_i d^2\vec{R}_j 
\times \left[ \Psi_u(r, M, \chi) \Psi_u^*(r', M', \chi') \int d^2\vec{R}_i d^2\vec{R}_j \right], 
\]

(A5)