

The Cosmic Microwave Background as a window on the Early Universe

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(accidental) discovery of the CMB

in the 60s, Penzias and Wilson were trying to remove all recognizable interference from their radio antenna, but were left with a residual **noise**.



from noise to cosmological signature

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cosmic dynamics



Pressure

Radiation $(\gamma + \nu)$: $p_r = \rho_r/3$. Matter (ordinary + CDM): $p_m = 0$. Dark Energy: $p_{\Lambda} = -\rho_{\Lambda}$.

Energy density

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Radiation:} \ \rho_r \propto a^{-3}. \\ \mbox{Matter:} \ \rho_m \propto a^{-4}. \\ \mbox{Dark Energy:} \ \rho_\Lambda = {\rm const.} \end{array}$

the behaviour of a(t) can only be modeled if we know $\Omega_i = \rho_i / \rho_{\rm crit}$.

decoupling of a species

as we go back in time, the Universe was denser and warmer: early enough, all species were in *thermal equilibrium* and their distribution function $f^{(0)}$ was determined by statistics only.

a species is said to *decouple* when all its interactions proceed slower than the Universe's expansion, i.e. when $\Gamma < H = \dot{a}/a$.

afterwards, $f = f^{(0)}$, but T behaves differently.

For photons:

$$f^{(0)} = \frac{1}{\exp(\nu/T) - 1},$$

with $T \propto a^{-1}$ before and after decoupling.

photon decoupling



Recombination: as the Universe expanded, photons became less and less energetic, until they couldn't keep electrons and protons from combining into hydrogen atoms via $e^- + p \rightarrow H + \gamma$.

Photon decoupling: the drop of the number of free electrons, made it very unlikely for $e^- + \gamma \rightarrow e^- + \gamma$ scatterings to happen.

CMB: after decoupling, the photons travelled almost freely through space, characterized by a black-body spectrum.

observational evidence

the CMB appears to be a perfect **black-body** at $\overline{T} = 2.725$ K.





the temperature appears to be isotropic all over the sky.

good agreement between theoretical predictions for a FRW Universe and observations!

beyond isotropy

a more refined picture



image credit: NASA

The spherical harmonics $Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$ are eigenfunctions of the Laplace operator on the sphere.

They can be used to write
$$\Theta(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$$
, with coefficients $a_{\ell m} \equiv \int d^2 n \, \Theta(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$.

If T is an isotropic random field, $\langle a_{\ell m} a^*_{\ell' m'} \rangle = \delta_{\ell \ell'} \delta_{m m'} C_{\ell}$.

$$C_{\ell} = \frac{1}{2\ell + 1} \sum_{m = -\ell}^{\ell} a_{\ell m} a_{\ell m}^{*}.$$



Planck's angular power spectrum



a lot of physical information is encoded in the power spectrum.

understanding anisotropies

in order to work with δT or, equivalently, $\Theta \equiv \delta T/\overline{T}$, we need to abandon the isotropic and homogeneous description.

FRW metric: $ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2 \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j$ perturbed: $ds^2 = -(1+2\Phi)dt^2 + a^2 [(1-2\Psi)\delta_{ij} + h_{ij}] dx^i dx^j$.

cosmic fluids are also allowed to have perturbations: $\rho = \bar{\rho} + \delta \rho$.

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ISW effect: photons can gain more energy that they loose (or viceversa) if Φ depends on time.



initial conditions from inflation



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different photons decouple at slightly different times, leading to a suppression on small scales.





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best-fit Planck cosmological parameters



polarization











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polarization from last-scattering



polarization can only be produced if the temperature distribution around the electron at decoupling has a quadrupole patter.

quadrupole from scalar vs tensor modes



both scalar and tensor modes can have a quadrupole pattern, however, scalar modes can only generate *E*-modes.

searching *B*-modes from inflation

Expectation: inflation-sourced perturbations leave traces on the CMB polarization.

Large scale *B*-modes can probe inflation.

Unprecedented sensitivity requirements!



a side effect: measuring cosmic birefringence



to sum up

CMB anisotropies



ongoing efforts to refine the detection of CMB polarization: potential probe of inflation and cosmic birefringence.

image credit: Jonathan Aumont

backup

trying to constrain β

$$\begin{cases} C_{\ell,\text{obs}}^{TT} = C_{\ell}^{TT}, \\ C_{\ell,\text{obs}}^{EE} = \cos^2(2\beta)C_{\ell}^{EE} + \sin^2(2\beta)C_{\ell}^{BB} - \sin(4\beta)C_{\ell}^{EB}, \\ C_{\ell,\text{obs}}^{BB} = \cos^2(2\beta)C_{\ell}^{BB} + \sin^2(2\beta)C_{\ell}^{EE} + \sin(4\beta)C_{\ell}^{EB}, \\ C_{\ell,\text{obs}}^{TE} = \cos(2\beta)C_{\ell}^{TE} - \sin(2\beta)C_{\ell}^{TB}, \\ C_{\ell,\text{obs}}^{EB} = \sin(4\beta)(C_{\ell}^{EE} - C_{\ell}^{BB})/2 + \cos(4\beta)C_{\ell}^{EB}, \\ C_{\ell,\text{obs}}^{TB} = \sin(2\beta)C_{\ell}^{TE} + \cos(2\beta)C_{\ell}^{TB}. \end{cases}$$

 $\longrightarrow C_{\ell,\mathsf{obs}}^{EB} = \tan(4\beta)(C_{\ell,\mathsf{obs}}^{EE} - C_{\ell,\mathsf{obs}}^{BB})/2.$

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$$eta = 0.35 \pm 0.14$$
 (68%CL)

Minami and Komatsu (2020) Phys. Rev. Lett. 125

To extract this kind of information from CMB systematics have to be kept under control.

the HWP: reducing systematics



A rotating half-wave plate (HWP) as first optical element:

modulates the signal to $4f_{\rm HWP}$, allowing to "escape" 1/f noise; makes possible for a single detector to measure polarization, reducing pair-differencing systematics.

the HWP: inducing systematics

Mueller calculus: radiation described as S = (I, Q, U, V), effect of polarizationaltering devices parametrized by \mathcal{M} : so that $\mathbf{S}' = \mathcal{M} \cdot \mathbf{S}$.

For an ideal HWP, $\mathcal{M}_{ideal} = diag(1, 1, -1, -1)$, but let's look at a realistic case:



how does this affect the observed maps?

work on a simulation pipeline for a LiteBIRD-like mission; simulate observed maps in presence of non-ideal HWP;

derive analytical formulae to interpret the output.

PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION TO JCAP Impact of half-wave plate systematics on the measurement of cosmic birefringence from CMB Marta Monelli," Eiichiro Komatsu, ab Alexandre Adler, Matteo polarization marta monent, ⊂ucniro komarsu, – Alexanore Adria. Billi d≪J Paolo Campeti, ≪J Nadia Dachlythra, Eddraan பார், எல்ல கோற்சபு, அவர்க் பகரைபாகு, Adriaan Duivenvoorden, Jon Gudmundsson, and Martin Reinecke.a

Monelli et al. submitted to JCAP, eprint: arXiv:2211.05685

simulations





image credit: Planck collaboration





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Simulating TOD is crucial in the planning of any CMB experiment: helps studying potential systematic effects.

image credit: Planck collaboration

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beamconv: convolution code simulating TOD for CMB experiments with realistic polarized beams, scanning strategies and HWP.

DUCC: collection of basic programming tools for numerical computation: fft, sht, healpix, totalconvolve...



github.com/AdriJD/beamconv, A. Duivenvoorden et al "2012.10437", gitlab.mpcdf.mpg.de/mtr/ducc

To focus on the impact of **HWP non-idealities**, we consider a simplified problem:

no noise, single frequency, CMB-only, simple beams, HWP aligned to the detector line of sight.

input maps



The pipeline can be fed with arbitrary input maps: CMB, foregrounds, or both.

In the paper: I, Q and U input maps with $n_{side} = 512$ from best-fit 2018 Planck power spectra;

scanning strategy



The pipeline can read or calculate pointings. We implemented some functionalities of pyScan in beamconv to deal with satellite missions.

https://github.com/tmatsumu/LB_SYSPL_v4.2

focal plane specifics



The pipeline can read from the Instrument Model Database (IMO):

```
{'name': 'M02_030_QA_140T',
'wafer': 'M02',
'pixel': 30,
'pixtype': 'MP1',
[...]
'pol': 'T',
'orient': 'Q',
'quat': [1, 0, 0, 0]}
```

In the paper: 160 dets from M1-140.

specs.	values
$f_{\sf samp}$	19 Hz
HWP rpm	39
FWHM	30.8 arcmin
offset quats.	[]


In the paper: HWP is assumed to be ideal in the **first** simulation run (ideal TOD) and realistic in the **second** (non-ideal TOD).

Realistic HWP Mueller matrix elements as shown previously:



equency [GHz]

Both ideal and non-ideal TOD processed by ideal bin-averaging map-maker.





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how can we understand this?

How beamconv computes the TOD:

$$d_t = \sum_{s\ell m} \left[B^I_{\ell s} \, a^J_{\ell m} + \frac{1}{2} \left({}_{-2} B^P_{\ell s} \, {}_{2} a^P_{\ell m} + {}_{2} B^P_{\ell s} \, {}_{-2} a^P_{\ell m} \right) + B^V_{\ell s} \, a^V_{\ell m} \right] \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell + 1}} e^{-is\psi_t} {}_{s} Y_{\ell m}(\theta_t, \phi_t) \,,$$

beam coefficients (or combinations of them if HWP non-ideal).



$$\begin{pmatrix} d^{(0)} \\ d^{(90)} \\ d^{(45)} \\ d^{(135)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (1\ 0\ 0) \cdot \mathcal{M}_{\mathsf{det}} \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{0}-\phi} \mathcal{M}_{\mathsf{HWP}} \mathcal{R}_{\phi+\psi} \\ (1\ 0\ 0) \cdot \mathcal{M}_{\mathsf{det}} \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{45}-\phi} \mathcal{M}_{\mathsf{HWP}} \mathcal{R}_{\phi+\psi} \\ (1\ 0\ 0) \cdot \mathcal{M}_{\mathsf{det}} \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{135}-\phi} \mathcal{M}_{\mathsf{HWP}} \mathcal{R}_{\phi+\psi} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} I_{\mathsf{in}} \\ Q_{\mathsf{in}} \\ U_{\mathsf{in}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Being *ideal*, map-making amounts to apply $(\widehat{A}^T \widehat{A})^{-1} \widehat{A}^T$ to the TOD: $\widehat{S} = (\widehat{A}^T \widehat{A})^{-1} \widehat{A}^T A \cdot S.$

estimated ouput maps

$$\begin{split} \hat{I} &= m_{ii}I_{\rm in} + (m_{iq}Q_{\rm in} + m_{iu}U_{\rm in})\cos(2\alpha) + (m_{iq}U_{\rm in} - m_{iu}Q_{\rm in})\sin(2\alpha) \,, \\ \hat{Q} &= \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ (m_{qq} - m_{uu})Q_{\rm in} + (m_{qu} + m_{uq})U_{\rm in} + 2m_{qi}I_{\rm in}\cos(2\alpha) + 2m_{ui}I_{\rm in}\sin(2\alpha) \\ &\quad + \left[(m_{qq} + m_{uu})Q_{\rm in} + (m_{qu} - m_{uq})U_{\rm in} \right]\cos(4\alpha) \\ &\quad + \left[-(m_{qu} - m_{uq})Q_{\rm in} + (m_{qq} + m_{uu})U_{\rm in} \right]\sin(4\alpha) \Big\} \,, \\ \hat{U} &= \frac{1}{2} \Big\{ (m_{qq} - m_{uu})U_{\rm in} - (m_{qu} + m_{uq})Q_{\rm in} - 2m_{ui}I_{\rm in}\cos(2\alpha) + 2m_{qi}I_{\rm in}\sin(2\alpha) \\ &\quad + \left[-(m_{qq} + m_{uu})U_{\rm in} + (m_{qq} - m_{uq})Q_{\rm in} \right]\cos(4\alpha) \\ &\quad + \left[(m_{qu} - m_{uq})U_{\rm in} + (m_{qq} - m_{uq})Q_{\rm in} \right]\cos(4\alpha) \\ &\quad + \left[(m_{qu} - m_{uq})U_{\rm in} + (m_{qq} - m_{uu})Q_{\rm in} \right]\sin(4\alpha) \Big\} \,, \end{split}$$

where $\alpha = \phi + \psi$. For good coverage and rapidly spinning HWP:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{S}} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} m_{ii} I_{in} \\ [(m_{qq} - m_{uu})Q_{in} + (m_{qu} + m_{uq})U_{in}]/2 \\ [-(m_{qu} + m_{uq})Q_{in} + (m_{qq} - m_{uu})U_{in}]/2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Expanding \widehat{S} in spherical harmonics:

$$\begin{split} \widehat{C}_{\ell}^{TT} &\simeq m_{ii}^2 C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{TT}, \\ \widehat{C}_{\ell}^{EE} &\simeq \frac{(m_{qq} - m_{uu})^2}{4} C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{EE} + \frac{(m_{qu} + m_{uq})^2}{4} C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{BB} + \frac{(m_{qq} - m_{uu})(m_{qu} + m_{uq})}{2} C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{EB}, \\ \widehat{C}_{\ell}^{BB} &\simeq \frac{(m_{qq} - m_{uu})^2}{4} C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{BB} + \frac{(m_{qu} + m_{uq})^2}{4} C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{EE} - \frac{(m_{qq} - m_{uu})(m_{qu} + m_{uq})}{2} C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{EB}, \\ \widehat{C}_{\ell}^{TE} &\simeq \frac{m_{ii}(m_{qq} - m_{uu})}{2} C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{TE} + \frac{m_{ii}(m_{qu} + m_{uq})}{2} C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{EB}, \\ \widehat{C}_{\ell}^{EB} &\simeq \frac{(m_{qq} - m_{uu})^2 - (m_{qu} + m_{uq})^2}{4} C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{EB} - \frac{(m_{qq} - m_{uu})(m_{qu} + m_{uq})}{2} (C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{EE} - C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{BB}), \\ \widehat{C}_{\ell}^{TB} &\simeq \frac{m_{ii}(m_{qq} - m_{uu})}{2} C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{TB} - \frac{m_{ii}(m_{qu} + m_{uq})}{2} C_{\ell,\text{in}}^{TE}. \end{split}$$

analytical vs non-ideal output spectra



impact on cosmic birefringence

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Analytic } \widehat{C}_\ell \text{s satisfy the relations:} \\ \left\{ \begin{aligned} \widehat{C}_\ell^{EB} \simeq \tan(4\widehat{\theta}) \left[\widehat{C}_\ell^{EE} - \widehat{C}_\ell^{BB} \right] / 2 \\ \widehat{C}_\ell^{TB} \simeq \tan(2\widehat{\theta}) \widehat{C}_\ell^{TE} \end{aligned} \right. \end{array}$

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This doesn't mean that the HWP will keep us from measuring β , but it shows how important it is to carefully calibrate \mathcal{M}_{HWP} .

simple generalizations

How does $d = (1 \ 0 \ 0) \cdot \mathcal{M}_{det} \mathcal{R}_{\xi-\phi} \mathcal{M}_{HWP} \mathcal{R}_{\phi+\psi} \cdot \mathbf{S}$ change when the **frequency dependence** of \mathcal{M}_{HWP} and signal is taken into account?

$$d = (1 \ 0 \ 0) \cdot \mathcal{M}_{\det} \mathcal{R}_{\xi-\phi} \int \mathrm{d}\nu \ \mathcal{M}_{\mathsf{HWP}}(\nu) \mathcal{R}_{\phi+\psi} \cdot \mathbf{S}(\nu)$$

Assuming an ideal map-maker and retracing the same steps as before:

$$\widehat{\theta} = -\frac{1}{2} \arctan \frac{\langle m_{qu} + m_{uq} \rangle}{\langle m_{qq} - m_{uu} \rangle}, \qquad \text{where } \langle \cdot \rangle = \int \mathsf{d}\nu \cdot (\nu) S(\nu).$$

instrument miscalibration



So far, we assumed
$$\begin{cases} \widehat{\psi} \equiv \psi, \\ \widehat{\phi} \equiv \phi, \\ \widehat{\xi} \equiv \xi, \end{cases} \text{ but more generally } \begin{cases} \widehat{\psi} \equiv \psi + \delta \phi, \\ \widehat{\phi} \equiv \phi + \delta \psi, \\ \widehat{\xi} \equiv \xi + \delta \xi. \end{cases}$$

Taking such (frequency-independent) deviations into account:

$$\widehat{\theta} = -\frac{1}{2} \arctan \frac{\langle m_{qu} + m_{uq} \rangle}{\langle m_{qq} - m_{uu} \rangle} + \delta\theta, \quad \text{where } \delta\theta \equiv \delta\xi - \delta\psi - 2\delta\phi.$$

Even more general generalizations worth exploring:

including a realistic band pass,

allowing for miscalibrations to depend on ν .

For how long can we push the analytical formulae?

the importance of calibration

how does the map-model change

Without HWP:
$$\begin{pmatrix} I_j \\ Q_j \\ U_j \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{\lambda} g_{\lambda} \begin{pmatrix} I_{\lambda} \\ Q_{\lambda} \\ U_{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} + n,$$

With HWP: $\begin{pmatrix} I_j \\ Q_j \\ U_j \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{\lambda} \begin{pmatrix} g_{\lambda}^{ii} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g_{\lambda}^{qq-uu} & g_{\lambda}^{qu+uq} \\ 0 & g_{\lambda}^{qq-uu} & g_{\lambda}^{qq-uu} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_{\lambda} \\ Q_{\lambda} \\ U_{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} + n,$

where
$$g_{\lambda} = \frac{\int \mathrm{d}\nu \, G(\nu) S_{\lambda}(\nu)}{\int \mathrm{d}\nu \, G(\nu)}, \quad g_{\lambda}^{ii} = \frac{\int \mathrm{d}\nu \, G(\nu) m_{ii}(\nu) S_{\lambda}(\nu)}{\int \mathrm{d}\nu \, G(\nu)}, \quad \text{and so on.}$$

effective SEDs



$$\sum_{\lambda} \begin{pmatrix} g_{\lambda}^{ii} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & g_{\lambda}^{qq-uu} & g_{\lambda}^{qu+uq}\\ 0 & g_{\lambda}^{qu+uq} & g_{\lambda}^{qq-uu} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_{\lambda}\\ Q_{\lambda}\\ U_{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} + n,$$

Since all these effects are frequency dependent, they affect each component differently,

An imprecise calibration of \mathcal{M}_{HWP} can lead to complications in the component separation step.

we are now provided with a simulation pipeline that can be easily adapted to study more complex problems (adding noise, more realistic beams...);

the analytical formulae represent an alternative tool to study the same problems more effectively (but approximately);

obvious application: exploiting the analytical formulae to derive calibration requirements for the HWP Mueller matrix elements, so that they don't prevent us from detecting *B*-modes, measuring cosmic birefringence, nor spoil the foreground cleaning procedure.