

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](#page-2-0)

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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

Radiation: $\rho_r \propto a^{-3}$. Matter: $\rho_m \propto a^{-4}$. Dark Energy: $\rho_{\Lambda} = \text{const.}$

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, $f=f^{\left(0\right)}$, 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](#page-9-0)

a more refined picture

image credit: [NASA](map.gsfc.nasa.gov/m_ig/030644/030644.html)

The spherical harmonics $Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\bf n})$ 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

 $\mathcal{D}_{\ell} \equiv \ell(\ell + 1)C_{\ell}/2\pi$ 6000 5000 4000 $\mathcal{D}_{\ell}^{TT}\left[\mu \mathrm{K}^{2}\right]$ 3000 2000 1000 $\mathbf 0$ 600 60 300 $\Delta \mathcal{D}_\ell^{TT}$ 30 $\mathbf 0$ Ω -300 -30 -60 -600 \overline{c} 10 30 500 1000 1500 2000 2500

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

[understanding anisotropies](#page-13-0)

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

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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](#page-40-0)

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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

image credit: Yuto Minami.

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CMB anisotropies

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

image credit: Jonathan Aumont

backup

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\beta = 0.35 \pm 0.14 \text{ (68%CL)}
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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}_{\cdot} so that $\mathbf{S}' = \mathcal{M} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\cdot}$

For an ideal HWP, $M_{ideal} = diag(1, 1, -1, -1)$, 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.

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[simulations](#page-61-0)

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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,](https://github.com/AdriJD/beamconv) [A. Duivenvoorden et al "2012.10437",](https://arxiv.org/abs/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 $n_{\text{side}} = 512$ from best-fit 2018 Planck power spectra;

scanning strategy

The pipeline can read or calculate pointings. We implemented some functionali-

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.

In the paper: HWP is assumed to be ideal in the first simulation run (ideal TOD) and realistic in the second (nonideal 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?](#page-81-0)

How beamconv computes the TOD:

$$
d_t = \sum_{s\ell m} \left[B_{\ell s}^I \, a_{\ell m}^I + \frac{1}{2} \left({}_{-2} B_{\ell s}^P \, {}_{2} a_{\ell m}^P + {}_{2} B_{\ell s}^P \, {}_{-2} a_{\ell m}^P \right) + B_{\ell s}^V \, a_{\ell m}^V \right] \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} e^{-i s \psi_t} {}_{s} Y_{\ell m}(\theta_t, \phi_t) \,,
$$

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

(minimal) TOD: signal detected by 4 detectors. map-maker: bin-averaging assuming ideal HWP. estimated output maps: linear combination of $\{I, Q, U\}_{\text{in}}$.

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

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

$$
\hat{I} = m_{ii}I_{\rm in} + (m_{iq}Q_{\rm in} + m_{iu}U_{\rm in})\cos(2\alpha) + (m_{iq}U_{\rm in} - m_{iu}Q_{\rm in})\sin(2\alpha),
$$

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$$
\hat{Q} = \frac{1}{2}\Big\{(m_{qq} - m_{uu})Q_{\rm in} + (m_{qu} + m_{uq})U_{\rm in} + 2m_{qi}I_{\rm in}\cos(2\alpha) + 2m_{ui}I_{\rm in}\sin(2\alpha) + [(m_{qq} + m_{uu})Q_{\rm in} + (m_{qu} - m_{uq})U_{\rm in}] \cos(4\alpha) + [-(m_{qu} - m_{uq})Q_{\rm in} + (m_{qq} + m_{uu})U_{\rm in}] \sin(4\alpha)\Big\},\
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\hat{U} = \frac{1}{2}\Big\{(m_{qq} - m_{uu})U_{\rm in} - (m_{qu} + m_{uq})Q_{\rm in} - 2m_{ui}I_{\rm in}\cos(2\alpha) + 2m_{qi}I_{\rm in}\sin(2\alpha) + [-(m_{qq} + m_{uu})U_{\rm in} + (m_{qu} - m_{uq})Q_{\rm in}] \cos(4\alpha) + [(m_{qu} - m_{uq})U_{\rm in} + (m_{qq} + m_{uu})Q_{\rm in}] \sin(4\alpha)\Big\},\
$$

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

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

Expanding \widehat{S} in spherical harmonics:

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

analytical vs non-ideal output spectra

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

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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} .

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

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

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

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

instrument miscalibration

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?

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how does the map-model change

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

\n**With HWP:** $\begin{pmatrix} I_j \\ Q_j \\ U_j \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{\lambda} \begin{pmatrix} g_{\lambda}^{ii} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g_{\lambda}^{qq-uu} & g_{\lambda}^{qu+uq} \\ 0 & g_{\lambda}^{qu+uq} & g_{\lambda}^{qq-uu} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_{\lambda} \\ Q_{\lambda} \\ U_{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} + n,$
\nwhere $g_{\lambda} = \frac{\int d\nu G(\nu) S_{\lambda}(\nu)}{\int d\nu G(\nu)}, \quad g_{\lambda}^{ii} = \frac{\int d\nu G(\nu) m_{ii}(\nu) S_{\lambda}(\nu)}{\int d\nu G(\nu)},$ and so on.

HWP non-idealities contribute to gain, polarization-eciency and cross-polarization leakage.

effective SEDs

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

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

An imprecise calibration of 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.