Key future science goals for the CMB



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The Planck satellite



Initial conditions



Scalars: described by two variables: amplitude and slope of power spectrum

- No departure from power law $dn/dlnk = -0.005 \pm 0.007$, Planck
- No departure from adiabatic Variance in CMB < 2%, Planck
- No departure from Gaussian $f_{NL-Local} = -1 \pm 5$, Planck
 - -> compatible with single-field inflation

Initial conditions



Tensors: no sign yet of gravitational waves from $\sim 10^{16}$ GeV scales, with rapidly improving limits

 $r = P_T/P_S < 0.036 (95\% CL)$ BICEP/Keck 202 I (<0.056 Planck PR4 Tristram et al)



Ingredients & geometry



Fig from WMAP, updated with Planck estimates

Described by three variables: density in baryons, dark matter and cosmological constant. Also includes: photons, 3 light neutrino species

- No sign of extra light particles $N_{eff} = 3.0 \pm 0.2$, Planck
- No non-zero neutrino mass $\Sigma m_v < 0.13 \text{ eV}$ (95%) Planck+BAO
- No departure from flatness $\Omega_{\rm K} = 0.001 \pm 0.002$, Planck+BAO, Alam et al 2021
- No departure from cosmological constant $w_0 = -0.98 \pm 0.03$, SN+Planck, Pantheon+ Brout et al 2022



From Choi et al 2020

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Consistent story without Planck, and even without primary CMB

Curiosity 1: expected local expansion rate, $H_{0,}$ is 5 σ lower than Cepheid-derived estimate (Riess et al 2022)

From Colin Hill

Planck TT/TE/EE + CMB Lens. (2018) Indirect (assuming ΛCDM) **KiDS** ACT DR4 + WMAP9 TT/TE/EE (2021) HSC DES SPT-3G TE/EE (2021) eBOSS/BOSS BAO + BBN (2020)SH0ES calibration of SNIa (2022) 0.71 Direct TRGB calibration of SNIa (2021) 70 72 66 7468

 $H_0 \,[\mathrm{km/s/Mpc}]$

Curiosity 2: expected amplitude of clustering of matter is $2-3\sigma$ higher than gravitationally lensed galaxies estimate



- If these differences persist, what part of Λ CDM is wrong?
- What physics describes the initial expansion of space (~10¹⁶ GeV)? Did inflation happen and how, and what about other scenarios?
- What is the physics of the dark sector? Are there new light relics/dark radiation? What are the masses of the neutrino particles; do they behave as expected?
- How did galaxies form and evolve?
 Where is the gas? What role does feedback play?
- How did the universe reionize?
 How long did the process take, and when?

Many of these use CMB secondaries: lensing, thermal and kinematic SZ effects

Early universe: primary spectrum and spectral distortions





E-modes: CMB polarization tracks velocity of photon-baryon plasma.

B-modes: gravitational waves generate both E/B types.

Continued search for tensor fluctuations

(And see Anthony Challinor's talk)



Now $\sigma(r) \sim 0.01$, many inflationary models are ruled out; leaving various models with r>0.01. Other non-inflation models don't predict observable tensors (Ijjas & Steinhardt 2019).

Current projects targeting $\sigma(r) \sim 0.002-0.004$ Future projects target $\sigma(r) \sim 0.0005$

Continued characterization of scalar fluctuations



Power-law behavior can be pushed to smaller scales with anisotropy, but bigger lever arm with spectral distortions (see Aditya Rotti's talk)



From Will Coulton, Adri Duivenvoorden



Searching for light relics/dark radiation

The earlier a particle froze-out, the smaller a contribution it makes to the radiation density.

E-modes can also be used to search for models that could increase H0 (e.g Early Dark Energy, self-interacting neutrinos, other dark radiation models)

(And see Massimiliano Lattanzi's talk)



From CMB lensing and cluster counts: mass of neutrinos

Part of the web of dark matter is made of neutrinos; fraction scales with neutrino mass sum. Must be at least 0.5% of total dark matter from oscillation expts (current limits are <2%)



Lower contrast in high-neutrino-mass universe.

Need to measure total amount of dark matter, and suppression of growth due to neutrinos



Less pronounced features in CMB lensing —> higher neutrino mass sum. Combined with SDSS galaxy positions gives current limit:

 $\Sigma m_v < 0.13 \text{ eV}$ (95% CL, Planck + eBOSS)

Future CMB+DESI: σ =0.03 eV (0.015eV with CV-limited τ).

Or, N(M,z) for clusters also comparable prospects; with estimation of masses using optical shear.



Background **galaxies** are tangentially sheared by **cluster**

From kinematic and thermal Sunyaev Zel'dovich effects: *measuring the baryon distribution*



From large-scale EE and kSZ: global reionization properties



Planck: τ =0.051-0.063 ± 0006 (SRoll/NPIPE maps) Mid-point at z~8 Goal: cosmic variance limit $\sigma(\tau)$ = 0.002 Reichardt et al 2021 (SPT), $\Delta z < 3-5$ (95% CL) Future goal: $\sigma(\Delta z) \sim 0.25$

The mm sky seen by CMB experiments is also very interesting!

- Variable AGN
- Transient mm sources
- Search for Solar System bodies Is there a Planet 9?
- Dusty star-forming galaxies
- Galactic science [see Brandon Hensley's talk]
 What is composition of dust?
 What is distribution of magnetic fields in the Galaxy?

Variable AGN: are they source of high-energy neutrinos



Hovatta et al 2021, OVRO + Metsahovi w IceCube



New wide-field high-resolution 'CMB' data (with regular cadence) will be able to track 1000s - 10000s of AGN on day/week/month timescales; can correlate with neutrino expts.

Planck v ACT, Naess et al 2020

Transient mm sources: new discovery space

Transient sources now seen by ACT & SPT (Naess et al 2021, Guns et al 2021)







Gamma-ray burst afterglows with and without triggers Tidal disruption events Stellar flares + more

So much still to learn from the CMB, and its mm sky-maps

Using CMB primary polarization we hope to shed light on the inflation/ early universe mechanism, the dark sector, or reveal something new.

Using CMB lensing, tSZ & kSZ we know that a non-zero neutrino mass is a concrete target, as well as measuring baryons and reionization.

We can do a wealth of new science from the mm maps ('for free'): time domain astrophysics, Galactic science, planet hunting...