Cosmological parameters and constraints on inflation from Planck

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The Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

- A snapshot of the early universe from the time of "last scattering", 380,000 years after the big bang
- The universe is very simple this young, so any lumps seen then must have been there at the Big Bang (unless there are cosmic strings; see paper XXV...)

Simplified description of the Universe often suffices...

- We have distributions of:
 - Matter (Normal and "dark")
 - Radiation (set by $T_{\rm CMB}$)
 - Dark Energy
- "Optical depth *t*, due to reionization"
 I.e. how much CMB gets "lost" on its way to us
- Initial gaussian, adiabatic, "growing" perturbations described by
 - Amplitude
 - Scale dependence ("spectral index", n_s)

Planck







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Planck CMB map



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Actually, what we really see is...



Planck 2013 results. I. Overview of products and scientific results









How to analyze?

- Low-I (multipoles 2<=/<=49)
 - Use a "Gibbs sampler" on low-res maps
 - More or less equivalent to a pixel-based approach, also handles foregrounds and is faster to use
 - Uses 91% of the sky
- High-I (multipoles 50<=/<=2500)

At high-/ we have to deal with unresolved foregrounds...

"Point Sources"

– Synchroton and dust emission from galaxies

- SZ (Sunyaev-Zeldovich) Effect

 Hot gas in clusters of galaxies interacts with CMB on its way to us
- CIB (Cosmic Infrared Background)
 Structured Emission from dusty galaxies

...and instrumental systematics

- Relative calibration factors
- Beam errors

In fact we use the just cleanest channels and apply big masks...



We use "pseudo" power spectra...



But these don't come from the frequency maps!

- One would see the noise contribution
 - And have to model it just right to trust subtracting it out!



Planck actually makes multiple maps at each frequency...



We can make many "fine-grained" cross spectra, e.g. ...



And take weighted averages of them...



Left with four effective spectra...

- 100x100: 50<=/<=1200
- 143x143: 50<=/<=2000
- 217x217: 500<=/<=2500
- 143x217: 500<=/<=2500

Unresolved components

- Model them at the power spectrum level
 Simple templates in /
 - Various coefficients to describe amplitudes and (cross-) correlations



Beam errors

• We parameterize uncertainties in our understanding of the beams with "beam



- Different theories lead to different predictions about what the CMB map should statistically look like
- Gives us a way to figure out what the universe is like

Compare theories to data using Bayes' Theorem:

$P(\text{theory}|\text{data}) = \frac{P(\text{data}|\text{theory}) P(\text{theory})}{P(\text{data})}$



Planck alone

- Seven peaks give us the acoustic scale really well:
 - $-\theta_* = (1.04148 \pm 0.00066) \times 10^{-2}$ = 0.596724° ± 0.00038°.
- Turns out the following is also really well constrained:

 $-\Omega_{\rm m}h^3 = 0.0959 \pm 0.0006$

• 2% constraint on H_0 :

 $-H_0 = (67.4 \pm 1.4) \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

Also add in other data sets

- CMB
 - WMAP polarization data (helps for tau)
 - High-I experiments, ACT & SPT, looking at small regions of the sky at high-resolution
- Non-CMB

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- Planck lensing map (DM distribution deduced from CMB deflections)
- BAO ("baryon acoustic oscillation") measurements

- wiggles in the matter power spectrum

- (SN and HST)

Planck Lensing (1)



Planck Lensing (2)



Get nice parameter constraints,

e.g.:



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BAO



z

HST



But what of plausible extensions? Nothing!

 Curvature, neutrino masses, varying number of neutrinos...



 Helium fraction, running, tensors, dark energy...



Illustration of effects of tensions on extended models:



- Check out our full "grid" of models and data combinations online:
 - http://www.sciops.esa.int/index.php?project= planck&page=Planck_Legacy_Archive

Still questions about LCDM...

- What is the dark matter?
- What is the dark energy?

 Why is the Universe neither totally chaotic nor perfectly uniform? (The Horizon Problem...)

Therefore, inflation! (perhaps...)





 And quantum fluctuations stretch and grow into the "primordial" fluctuations in the hot big bang epoch

Details of the inflaton potential affect the perturbations...

• Puts pressure on large-field models



Nb. more complicated scenarios are possible

- Multifield inflation,
- non-canonical kinetic terms,
- non-standard vacuum,

There are some "curiosities"...

- Features in the power spectra
 - low-l dip
 - High-I dip
- Power asymmetries

Low-I dip...



High-I dip...



Some constraints on modelinspired modified power spectra...

Model	$-2\Delta \ln \mathcal{L}_{max}$	$\ln B_{0X}$	Parameter	Best fit value
			$lpha_{ m w}$	0.0294
Wiggles	-9.0	1.5	ω	28.90
			φ	0.075π
Step-inflation	-11.7	0.3	$\mathcal{A}_{\rm f}$ ln ($\eta_{\rm f}/{ m Mpc}$) ln $x_{\rm d}$	0.102 8.214 4.47
Cutoff	-2.9	0.3	$\ln \left(k_{\rm c} / {\rm Mpc}^{-1} \right) \lambda_{\rm c}$	-8.493 0.474

Power-spectrum reconstruction...



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What's coming...

- Full temperature data, more aggressive analysis
 - Should help understand the power spectra features
- Polarization maps
 - At high-I, complement the temperature power spectra; not much foreground contamination!

"Teaser" plot...



- Moreover, tensor fluctuations imprint a distinct "B-mode" pattern into the polarization maps at low-l
- Hard to disentangle from systematics but if convincingly found or bounded will rule in or out many inflationary and other models

Conclusions

- Six-parameter LCDM fits the high-I data as well as any other plausible model
- Some "curiosities" that merit further investigation
- Stay tuned!